



The Magazine

*Williamsburg Chapter - Virginia
Society
Sons of the American Revolution*



Vol. XXXIX

Number 21

November 2024

President's Message

Compatriots,

The Chapter's meeting this month is the last one this year. It is an important one in that we will vote on the Chapter's 2025 slate of officers. We will also hold our end of year awards ceremony during the meeting. As you know, our Chapter was quite busy this year. We supported district level and state level conferences, identified and conducted new commemorative events, established a presence on some local 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution committees, and participated in ceremonies associated with the Bicentennial of Lafayette's 1824-1825 visit to the United States. Our Eagle Scout, ROTC awards, Flag certificate, public affairs, and chaplaincy outreach programs were all active and successful.

This November, we have a few new additions to our Chapter's schedule. In addition to our annual Veterans Day commemoration with Colonial Williamsburg, our Color Guard will be participating in Yorktown VA 250th Committee's 250th Anniversary of the Yorktown Tea Party. The ceremony is scheduled for 10:00 AM on 7 November at the Yorktown Water Front. We will also support the Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR grave marking ceremony at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Williamsburg on 17 November at 2:30 PM. A week later, on Sunday, 24 November at 11:00 AM, our last event for the month takes place at Freedom Park. We will be commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the 25 November 1774 establishment of James City County's Committee of Observation. Your presence at these commemorations is important, so please attend them if you can do so.

Respectfully,

John Lynch - President, Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR



Calendar

***In Memoriam: Compatriot
Robert Schmidt***

Monday Nov. 4, 2024
7:00pm BOM meeting by ZOOM



Saturday Nov. 9, 2024
Chapter Lunch Meeting
11:30 pm Social
Colonial Heritage
Williamsburg

Content Wanted for *The Magazine!*

Do you have announcements, photos, patriot biographies, or articles that you would like to see published in upcoming issues *The Magazine*? Then please contact newsletter editor Sean Heuvel (sheuvel@cnu.edu) for further information and for instructions on how to submit them. We look forward to hearing from you!

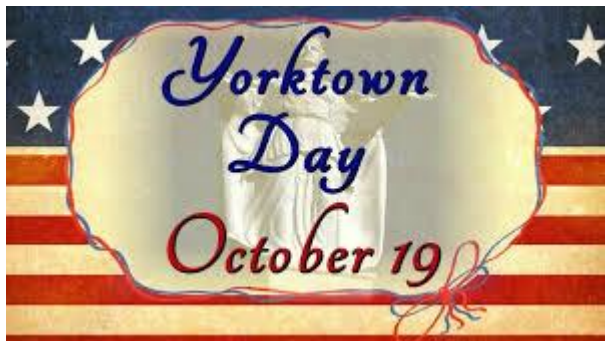
Chapter News



Williamsburg Chapter SAR Vice President Ron Adolphi presented the chapter's wreath on 22 October 2024 during the commemoration of the bicentennial of Lafayette's visit to the Battle of Green Spring site (photo courtesy of Bruce Laubach).



Yorktown Day!



L to R – Compatriots Ron Adolphi, Mike Doucette, and Sean Heuvel; Chapter President John Lynch, and VASSAR President Bill Greaf with SAR President General Darryl Addington

Challenge Coin!

An Official Williamsburg Chapter Challenge Coin!

Recently, the Board of Managers decided to create an official challenge coin for the Williamsburg Chapter. After exploring several options, the BOM decided to feature the Colonial Williamsburg Powder Magazine on the coin's obverse, as it is an iconic Williamsburg landmark with a close association to the American Revolution. With cooperation and permission from The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the BOM also secured an image of the Powder Magazine (currently undergoing restoration) that accurately depicts what it looked like in the 18th century based on the most current historical and archeological research.

Our new challenge coin costs **\$20 per coin** and will be available for sale at our chapter luncheon chapter meetings. Be sure to buy one (or more) while supplies last!

Side A



Side B





UPCOMING EVENTS!

7 November: Yorktown 250th Celebration of Yorktown Tea Party – Yorktown Waterfront

11 November: Veteran's Day Commemoration – Colonial Williamsburg

17 November: DAR Grave Marking Ceremony – Cedar Grove Cemetery, Williamsburg

24 November: 250th JCC Committee of Observation Commemoration – Freedom Park

*You are cordially invited to the
124th Annual Great Bridge Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
And the
14th Annual National Society Sons of the American Revolution Great Bridge Chapter
Commemoration of the 249th Anniversary of*

The Battle of Great Bridge



*11AM, Saturday, December 7, 2024
Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Museum
1775 Historic Way, Chesapeake, Virginia*



*Follow [this link](#) to complete and submit your Registration no later than November 18th
All others not presenting wreaths are encouraged to register as well.*

Inclement Weather Plan: Chesapeake Municipal Center, Council Chambers, 306 Cedar Rd.

*DAR: Cindy Bruce (meandbobb@hotmail.com) or SAR: Steve Rowe
(steve.rowes.mail@gmail.com)*



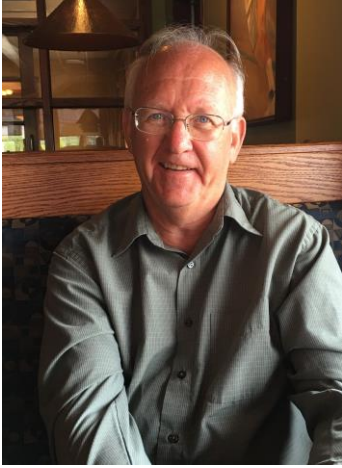
The George Wythe Society CAR met on Sunday, 13 October and had a wonderful tour of James City County Fire station #3. The highlight for all was the ladder truck that they got to watch in action and the ambulance before it had to leave on a call. Members then signed cards provided by the Williamsburg Chapter NSDAR to be sent via Operation Gratitude to active duty military and first responders around the world. They also watched a video about how the Tunnels to Towers foundation was started to honor an off duty NYC fireman who donned his gear and ran through the tunnels to the South Tower where he gave up his life trying to save those inside. The Tunnels to Towers foundation now sponsors an annual 5K where they shut down the tunnel. Member Kingston C., 13, was really impressed that the first 5K drew over 40,000 participants. For more information on this National Project:

https://www.nscar.org/CAR/NSCAR/National_Project_Program/national_project.aspx?hkey=88f9ea32-fd06-486e-9584-ae295a430f01

Families also donated non-perishable items for the 2nd year to support the Grove Christian Outreach food pantry.

For more information on joining the Children of the American Revolution contact Denise Thomas, 757-344-6049 or via email denise.thomas.dar@gmail.com. Open to ages birth to 21.





**Register through Zelle or mail
in the registration form below!**

**Topic: Lafayette at
Brandywine: The Making of an
American Hero**

November 9, 2024 Meeting Speaker: Bruce Mowday

Bruce E. Mowday is an award-winning author and newspaper reporter. He has authored more than 25 books on history, sports, business and true crime. Mowday has appeared on numerous television and radio shows, including *Counter Culture*, a PBS Emmy-winning show, the *Discovery ID* channel, *ReelZ Network*, *C-SPAN*, the *Pennsylvania Cable Network*, *Hollywood and Beyond*, *Our American Heritage*, *Whatcha Got*, *Journey into the Civil War*, *Chronicles of the American Civil War* and local television and radio stations.

He was a guest on the Massachusetts Historical Society’s Revolution 250. He was twice featured in the Authors of the American Revolution Congress hosted by Nathan’s Papers. Bruce is a frequent speaker at various civic and historical groups. The Congress of Civil War Round Tables has named Bruce a “5-Star” speaker. Mowday has hosted his own radio shows, has been editor of magazines and was chairman of the Chester County Historical Society and president of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates. He is a former board member of the Valley Forge Park Alliance and the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau. For more information on Mowday, his books and his schedule of events, see www.mowday.com. A member of the American Friends of Lafayette, Bruce is the Chester County Coordinator for the Lafayette Bicentennial Celebration in 2024 and 2025. He is also a member of the county’s 250th committee planning for a celebration of our nation’s founding.

Reservation for the Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 Lunch Meeting

Name(s)_____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$25.00 each

Special need _____

Please make checks payable to “Williamsburg Chapter SAR”

Mail to:

William Dorn – Chapter Treasurer

349 Capeside Court

Williamsburg, VA 23188

(252) 658-2348

wrdorn48@gmail.com

Registrar's Corner – By Hunt Berryman, Registrar

Congratulations and welcome to the following new compatriots, who had their applications for membership recently approved:

Jonathan Ashford, patriot ancestor Thomas Sadler
Randall Mackey, patriot ancestor Sebastian Shoup
James O'Donnell, patriot ancestor William Dunnington,
Sr.

Michael Buckner, patriot ancestor Richard Goode
Kevin Brown, patriot ancestor Abraham Brown
Adam Brown, patriot ancestor Abraham Brown
Stephen Brown, patriot ancestor Abraham Brown

Pictured is Randall Mackey and his wife Billie Rene at his induction into the society at our September meeting. We currently have eight new member and 18 supplemental applications under review in Louisville.



Tidewater Virginia Patriot of the Month

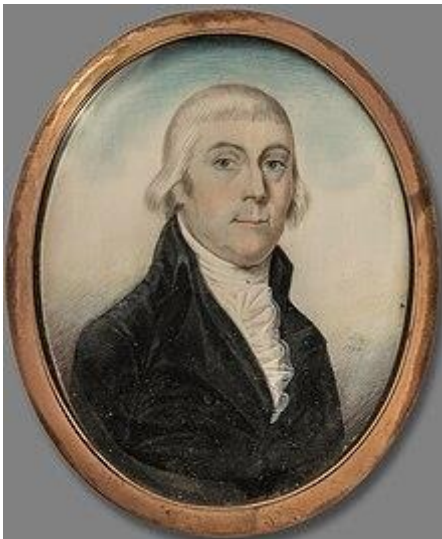
Cyrus Griffin (1748-1810)

8th President of the Congress of the Confederation

From firstamericanrepublic.com: "The last President of America's First Republic, Cyrus Griffin, remains unmourned and unacknowledged in Bruton Parish Churchyard in Williamsburg beside the Table Tomb he so lovingly commissioned for his dear wife, Lady Christina Stuart Griffin. There, in an unmarked grave, buried "at the smallest expense possible in every respect," according to the dictate of his Will, Cyrus Griffin's remains have been interred in obscurity for two centuries. Of all the Founding Fathers, he is surely the most forgotten.

Equally overlooked in the annals of American History is the critical role that the descendants of French Huguenots, including Cyrus Griffin, played in the founding of the United States. He was the fourth of the fourteen Presidents of the Continental Congress--Laurens, Jay, Boudinot and Griffin--who could trace his ancestors to those brave souls who fled the Protestant persecution that culminated in King Louis XIV's revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. As the author of *The Huguenots in America* states, "they were the first major Continental European refugee group to settle in the British colonies of North America since the arrival of the Puritans half a century earlier."

In addition to his congressional and executive duties, Cyrus devoted much of his public career to the law. In 1780, he was selected by his colleagues to serve on the Court of Appeals in Cases of Capture, the nation's first independent judiciary. A decade later, after helping to complete the transition to America's Second Republic, Cyrus was appointed by his successor, President Washington, as the first Federal Judge for the District of Virginia. In that capacity, he joined Chief Justice John Marshall in presiding over the treason trial of Vice President Aaron Burr."



Williamsburg Chapter Membership-Mentor Committee

The Williamsburg Chapter has always had the reputation of being a welcoming and active chapter. To enhance that tradition, the Board of Managers has asked me to chair a Membership-Mentor Committee. The membership goals will be to grow member participation in chapter activities and to actively follow up with members during our fall dues campaigns to improve member retention. The mentor goals will be to assign a mentor for all new and transfer members. The role of the mentor is to actively engage with new and transfer members for six months to answer their questions to ensure a smooth transition. Currently, Mike Doucette, Hunt Berryman and Ron Miller have signed on to help. We need a few more good men; so, if you would like to help, please contact me.

Thanks.

Roger Cross (Past President)
757-869-6303

Lafayette's Visit to Green Spring



On October 22, 2024, the Williamsburg Chapter of SAR held a commemorative ceremony to mark the bicentennial of Lafayette's visit to the Green Spring Battlefield. General Lafayette visited this site during his tour to celebrate 50th anniversary of the American Revolution. During the ceremony, Chapter President John Lynch talked about the role of General Lafayette and some of the Patriot soldiers who also fought during the battle (photo courtesy of Bruce Laubach).

Chaplain's Corner – By George Corbett, Chaplain

Let's All Give Thanks!!

Because of what they learned in elementary school, most Americans probably associate Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims in Massachusetts in 1621. Less well known outside Virginia is the fact that more than a year earlier, a hardy band of Englishmen landed at Berkeley Hundred on the James River and held the real first Thanksgiving. Captain John Woodlief and thirty-seven men sailed from Bristol, England, on the ship Margaret and reached Berkeley Hundred nearly three months later in December 1619. They marked their deliverance from the stormy north Atlantic with a simple service of thanks to God.

As we begin the month of November, let us recall the dangers and sacrifices made by those who have gone before us to discover and develop this great land that we call home. We, as their descendants, owe them an unpayable debt for this land we call America The Beautiful. As compatriots of the Sons of the American Revolution, we seek to remember and honor them by keeping their memory alive each day.

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, let us pause during the festivities and say a silent prayer of thanksgiving to them for this great land they bequeathed to us.

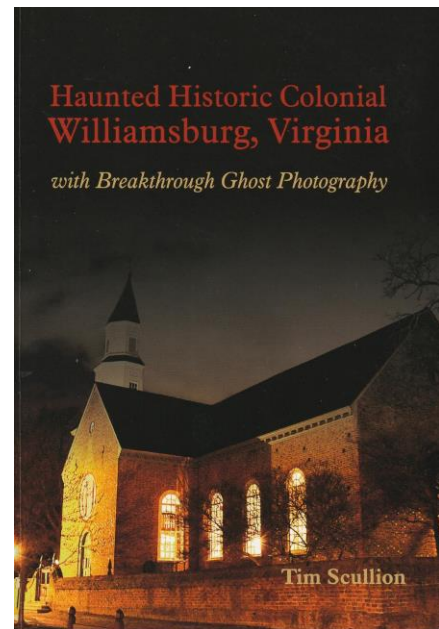
Almighty God, we thank thee for all our blessings of this life, and especially those that are ours in this land, of the fruits of the soil, the untold resources of the earth, the opportunities of work and play, for liberty in speech and written word, for public education and regard for the welfare of all. We pray thee that thou wilt make our nation great to thy honor and glory. Amen.

2024 Williamsburg Chapter SAR Officers



President	John Lynch II
Vice President	Ron Adolphi
Secretary	Gerry Ward
Treasurer	Bill Dorn
Registrar	Hunt Berryman
Public Relations	Robert Davis III
Newsletter Editor/Webmaster	Sean Heuvel
Chaplain	George Corbett
Sergeant-at-Arms	Stephen Holm
Historian	Tatton Mason
Member-at-Large	Stephen McGuffin
Member-at-Large	Michael Doucette
Immediate Past President	Bruce Laubach

Revolutionary War Book of the Month – By Stephen Holm, Sergeant-at-Arms



Haunted Historic Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

Haunted Historic Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia: with Breakthrough Ghost Photography

Author: Tim Scullion

Publisher: Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.

Date: 2016 (First Edition), paperback, 208 pages

Amazon Customer Reviews: 4.5 out of 5 stars. 15 ratings

In this second edition of over 230 ghostly photographs from photographer Tim Scullion, view 114 brand-new images and read seven new chapters that bring the hauntings of Williamsburg, Virginia, alive. Follow along Scullion's paranormal odyssey to capture and describe each apparition and the historical and paranormal background of the eighteenth-century houses and buildings afflicted to see observations sprung forth from the world "behind the curtain." With more 18th century buildings and homes than any other place in America, Scullion has learned the secret to consistently capturing ghostly apparitions of all kinds on camera. Visit 43 creepy locations where Scullion describes his paranormal odyssey to capture and explain each apparition. You will see images that are beautiful, ugly, horrifying, and bizarre, and that defy explanation. Are they ghosts, aliens, angels, or demons? Take a look via digital technology as you peer into a new world of the improbable, the unexplained, the impossible, and the biggest mystery of our existence—life after death!

2025 Slate of Officers - Williamsburg Chapter SAR

President	John Lynch
Vice President	Ron Adolphi
Treasurer	William Dorn
Secretary	Mike Braswell
Registrar	Hunt Berryman
Public Relations	Robert Davis
Newsletter/Webmaster	Sean Heuvel
Chaplain	George Corbett
Sergeant at Arms	Steve Holm
Historian	Stuart Butler
Member at Large	Stephen McGuffin
Member at Large	Michael Doucette

The listed individuals have been submitted to the Williamsburg Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. These names were read to the members attending the October 12th luncheon, at which time there was a call for other nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations. This ballot will be voted on during the November 9th luncheon meeting.

SAR GIFTS AND FASHIONABLE APPAREL



SAR apparel is available at (502) 589-1779 or on the National SAR WEB site at:

<https://store.sar.org/storefront.aspx>



8778
Personalized Name Badge
(Name Tag) - Pocket
Attachment Nametag

\$25.00

There has been confusion on how to add this item to the cart. There is a statement that says "I understand personalized items are not refundable" that has a small box after it on the bottom of the page where the personalized items are added. You must click that box before the "ADD PERSONALIZED ITEM TO CART" button will become active. Unless you click the box agreeing that Personalized items are not refundable, the item can not be added to the cart.

Personal Name Badge link is:

[https://store.sar.org/categories.aspx?Keyword=personalized%20name%20badge%20\(name%20tag%20\)](https://store.sar.org/categories.aspx?Keyword=personalized%20name%20badge%20(name%20tag%20))