



# The Magazine

Williamsburg Chapter Virginia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution



*By signing the Declaration of Independence,  
the fifty-six Americans pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. Nine died of wounds during the  
Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned. Wives and children were jailed, mistreated, or left penniless.  
Twelve signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.*

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## President's Message

Fellow Compatriots

I don't usually start off with such a formal greeting, but it is with great pride that I start out this month's statement. On the weekend of September 16th and 17th the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held their Semi-annual meeting here in Williamsburg. The meeting went well, and a lot was accomplished. I want to congratulate our chapter's Color Guard members, John Lynch, Gary Dunaway, David Westenberger, and Ron Adolphi for supporting and performing their duties. I also want to thank Gerry Ward, Hunt Berryman, George Corbett, Robert Neely, Roger Cross, Charles Dalrymple, and Harley Stewart for their time and assistance. Our Chapter received a lot of compliments from Bruce Meyer President VASSAR, and other VASSAR members. We also were complemented by SAR Vice President Peter Davenport. I want to thank all of you for doing such a great job.

We have a busy fall ahead of us with the biggest event coming up. We have our October luncheon meeting on the 8th with Compatriot Tom Campbell as our speaker. I hope to see a lot of you on Oct 19 for Yorktown day. The day will start out with a Wreath laying at the grave of Thomas Nelson Jr. following that we will be marching in the parade and will be accompanied by members of the Yorktown Fife and Drum corp. There is also a reception being held by the DAR at the DAR Custom House Garden. There will be the Veterans Day ceremony at the Governors Palace on November 11, and on December 10 the commemoration of the battle of Great Bridge.

As the end of our busy year approaches, I would like for all our members to become more involved in the workings of our chapter. We are a genealogical society that honors the memories of our revolutionary ancestors, we cherish the history of our ancestors and what they fought and risked their lives so that we may enjoy the liberties we have today. We do this by recognizing local citizens who display and respect our flag, we sponsor contest for students on patriotic themes. We offer recognition and scholarships for young people who earn the rank of Eagle in Scouting. I feel we can do more, if you know of any public servant, teacher or just a fellow citizen who always goes above and beyond the ordinary. Let us know who they are so that we can make a public recognition.

Thank you, Bruce Laubach





# Calendar

**Monday October 3 2022**

10:00 am BOM meeting  
by ZOOM

**Saturday October 8, 2022**

11:30 am Social  
Noon Lunch meeting  
Colonial Heritage Country Club  
Williamsburg, VA.

**Wednesday October 19, 2022**

**Yorktown Day**

09:10 am Wreath Laying Ceremony  
Grace Episcopal Church  
10:30 am Yorktown Parade  
With Yorktown Fife and Drum Corps  
Main Street  
Yorktown, VA.

## Chapter News



The Williamsburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution awarded Certificates of Recognition and Scholarship Applications to three new Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor of Troop 300 at King of Glory Lutheran Church in James City County on August 27, 2022. The presentations were made by Harley Stewart, (L to R) Nathan Stamper, Ian Howard, and Isaac Stamper.



Photo by Karen Corbett



Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, present NSSAR Flag Retirement Certificates to Boy Scout Troop 103 and VFW Post 8046 and its Auxiliary. The presentation was done in conjunction with a flag retirement ceremony by Troop 103 at the Upper County Park, Toano, VA. Pictured L to R, are Dave Coppinger, Assistance Scoutmaster, Peggy Bormann, Auxiliary President, Ron Stottlemeyer, Post Commander and George Corbett, chapter Flag Recognition Committee Chair.



# Recent Events

## Photographs from Semi-Annual VSSAR meeting

Photos by John Lynch



Elizabeth Greaf DAR and President Bruce Laubach SAR checking guests in.



Advancing the colors



Tribal dancing



\$15,000 donation to the National Park Service from



## Future Events



**Thomas G. Campbell,  
October speaker**

**“Forgotten Patriots” during the Siege at Yorktown** (Tom) has been a member of our Chapter for over 25 years. He was past President in 2001, 2002 and early on, he became dedicated to drawing more attention to the Revolutionary War Cemetery at the Governor’s Palace in Colonial Williamsburg.

As a result of his commitment over the years, he has given talks about the “Forgotten Patriots” during the Siege at Yorktown. Tom presented this talk to our Chapter a few years ago (at the request of Ed Truslow, Chapter President at that time) and since we have many new members and officers, he will present it again

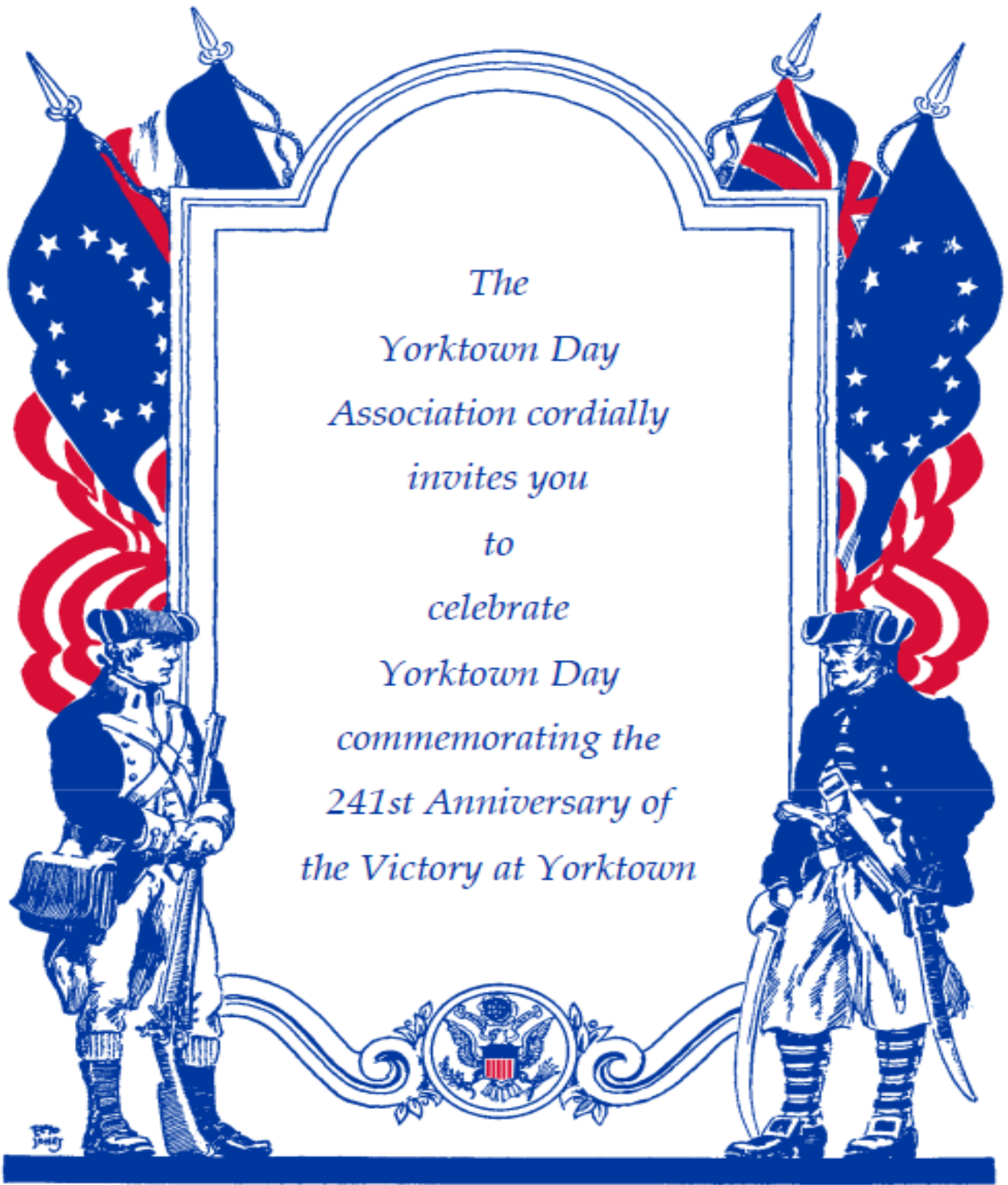
Tom states that the 2019 Veterans’ Day Ceremony at the Revolutionary War Cemetery was probably the best of all the many events supported by the Chapter with CW.

Receiving his B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering from The Citadel and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (’67), respectively and Program for Management Development, Harvard Graduate School of Business (’90) he was awarded as Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) had a great 40 year career at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA, starting from the beginning of the manned space program when assigned to the Special Activities Squadron (USAF) also the same unit as the seven original astronauts. Campbell designed numerous missile and satellite antennas as well as the development of large deployable reflector antennas and large inflatable reflectors and the high altitude phased array radar antennas for the Viking spacecraft, the first to soft land on Mars. Mr. Campbell’s work appears in numerous NASA publications, conference and journal articles, authored or co-authored numerous reports, and he received numerous NASA achievement awards which included the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal.

Tom is about to publish his book about WWII entitled “The Red Rebel of San Giovanni” to be out soon by Fulton Books Publishing. His next book is “Stone’s River to Nashville,” a Civil War Diary.

After retiring from NASA, Tom served as the Program Manager (Advanced Programs) for Applied EM, Inc., a member of the Hampton Roads Technology Incubator Center for small start-up companies. While at Applied EM, Campbell initiated a number of antenna research and development programs such as the development of Conformal Antenna Materials Technology (sponsored by Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)) which demonstrated the capability of “paint-on” antenna technology for aerospace applications. Campbell also completed the development of Conformal Space Suit Antennas for Enhanced EVA Communications and Wearable Computer Applications for NASA’s Johnson Space Center.





# Yorktown Day Celebration

## Wednesday, October 19, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. – Commemorative Ceremony at the French Cemetery, Yorktown Battlefield, sponsored by The American Friends of Lafayette and The Friends of Rochambeau.
- 9:10 a.m. – Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr., at Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, sponsored by the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.
- 9:10 a.m. – Commemorative Ceremony at the French Memorial honoring the French and American Alliance, sponsored by the French Wars Veterans Association in Washington, DC.
- 10:30 a.m. – Yorktown Day Parade, Main Street, sponsored by the National Park Service.
- 11:15 a.m. – Patriotic Exercises and Memorial Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Monument to Alliance and Victory, Yorktown.
- 12:45 p.m. – 3rd Infantry Old Guard Fife and Drum performance at Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center.

Event sponsored by Colonial National Historical Park  
and the Yorktown Day Association.

### Additional Activities

Visit the Town of York, the National Park Service Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center and Battlefield Tours, the Nelson House, the Custom House, the Watermen's Museum, the Gallery at York Hall, the York County Historical Museum, and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. On the Battlefield Tour Roads, visit the siege lines, the redoubts, and Surrender Field.

# Yorktown Victory Celebration 2022 RSVP Form

Please indicate which event you will be attending:

\_\_\_ Dinner, Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

American Revolution Museum at Yorktown - **\$75.00 per person** (Cash bar)  
*Hors d'oeuvres, Garden Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu topped with a White Wine Cream Sauce  
(Vegetarian/GF Option: Marinated Portabella Mushrooms over GF Penne Pasta Tossed in Basil-  
Avocado Sauce with Roasted Vegetables), Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, and Dessert.*

\_\_\_ Reception, Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

The DAR Custom House Garden, Yorktown - **\$35.00 per person** (Cash bar)  
*A variety of refreshments and desserts will be available.*

The reservation fees are non-refundable. A list of paid guests will assure your admission at the door. Please submit all reservations by September 30, 2022. Reservations are taken on a first-come basis. Please notify of any special needs.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Association Affiliation (REQUIRED—LIST ONLY ONE): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Vegetarian Meal(s): \_\_\_ Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the *Yorktown Day Association*

Please mail check and this form to: Yorktown Day Association  
Post Office Box 405  
Yorktown, Virginia 23690



Compatriots of the Williamsburg Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution

I sent everyone an email last month requesting your patriot biographies. I have received about 20 so far, so thanks to those who have already responded. That still leaves about 170 active chapter members whose patriot does not have a biography page in the Patriot Research System.

NSSAR has set a goal toward refining and improving our patriot database as we move toward the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. We are in the process of transcribing over 100,000 member applications from 1889 to 1970, which are presently available only on Ancestry.com.

The information we provide now will help future generations of prospective compatriots research their patriot ancestor lineage. I am asking again if you can send me a short synopsis of your ancestor's service and life. Even a single paragraph is better than nothing. If you can support the information with documented sources (pension application, family history, etc.), even better. Please send in Word or text format.

As always, let me know if you have any questions.

Gary Dunaway

[ormazd72@gmail.com](mailto:ormazd72@gmail.com)





# Registrar's Corner

Congratulations to compatriot Tim Cordle, who recently had his supplemental application approved for patriot ancestor Cudbeth Stone. Patriot Stone served as a private in the 7th Maryland Regiment. We currently have six new member applications and seven supplemental applications under review by the genealogy committee in Louisville. There are 15 new member applications and 10 supplemental applications being developed, and 10 new member prospects.

Gary Dunaway was approved by the Board of Managers to assist with supplemental applications, which will allow Hunt to spend more time developing new member applications. Please continue to send supplemental applications and questions to Hunt, and he will coordinate with Gary. The board also approved a \$10 charge for supplemental applications to cover the cost of priority mail.



Photo by Karen Corbett



**Hunt Berryman  
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President Bruce Laubach presenting Compatriot George Corbett with a certificate for his supplemental ancestor, Joseph Pack.



## Colors of the Commander-in-Chief Guards 1776



In 1776, General Washington had four soldiers hand-picked from each regiment of the Continental Line to form the "Commander-in-Chief's Guards" or "Life Guards." The Guards were under the command of Major Caleb Gibbs. The Guards not only protected General Washington, but were at times involved in military operations. They served General Washington until the unit was disbanded shortly after Yorktown.

This regimental flag is one of several historical flags on display at the George Washington Masonic Memorial and Museum in Alexandria, Virginia.

There were also traitors in the Guards. Sergeant Hickey and a few others were involved in a plot to kidnap or assassinate General Washington. Hickey was tried and hung, but there are no records of what happened to the other members of the Guards who were accused.



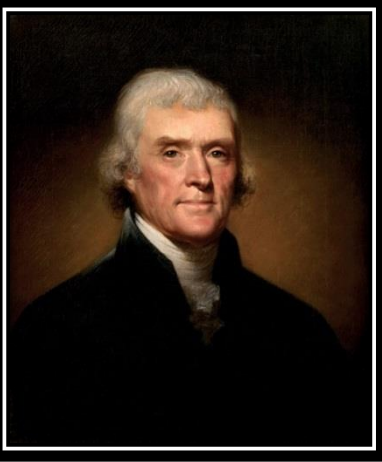
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The Williamsburg chapter, Sons of the American Revolution presented a NASSAR Flag recognition Certificate to VFW Post 4639 on 13 December 2021. The post was recognized for its proper display and care for the flag of our nation. Pictures L-R are Post Commander, Glenda Schan, and George Corbett, chapter flag recognition committee chairman.



Photo by Ken Shannon





## From the Chaplain

Jim Morford

### Reflections on Thomas Jefferson A Man of Faith or a Cruel Enslaver?

What made Thomas Jefferson unique? Was it that he was a slave holder as is emphasized at his Monticello home these days?

It is true, Jefferson owned slaves and so did virtually every other plantation owner in the south as well as many farmers in the north.

The fact that Thomas Jefferson owned slaves is not what makes him unique.

Born in 1743 he was already proficient in Greek and Latin when he entered the College of William and Mary at age 16. He graduated after two years and in 1762 began reading law under George Wythe. In 1767 as a young lawyer he took seven cases on behalf of freedom-seeking slaves.

Jefferson served in the House of Burgesses from 1769 until 1775 during his tenure he pursued reforms to the institution of slavery.

As a delegate to the Continental Congress from Virginia he was named to a committee to write a statement declaring independence – a document he authored.

Among his many accomplishments he served as minister to France, the first Secretary of State, Vice President, two-term President of the United States, and founder of the University of Virginia.

A major achievement of Jefferson's presidency was the abolition of the slave trade.

In his own unique fashion, Thomas Jefferson was a deeply, albeit unconventional, religious man. His religious upbringing was, however, quite conventional. He was baptized, married, and buried in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. He meticulously cut up four copies of the Gospels (in English, French, Greek, and Latin), retaining only selected passages, without miracles, to create The Jefferson Bible, his own book for spiritual guidance.

Jefferson's [Notes on the State of Virginia](#), first printed in 1784, urged a clear distinction between government and church responsibilities. He insisted that religious opinion was a private matter, exempt from government supervision.

One wonders, can any of his detractors hold a candle to Thomas Jefferson's accomplishments?

Thomas Jefferson openly prayed for the assistance of divine providence. Let us do the same.

#### ***Our Prayer:***

*Heavenly Father, in Your infinite goodness, grant us Your mercy.*

*We recognize that through your divine providence all people are created equal and are endowed by You with certain inalienable rights.*

*Our founding fathers prayed for Your divine guidance. Our nation was born out of prayer. We have prospered because of our faith in You. We have maintained our strength through prayer and by Your grace, our nation will be healed and restored.*

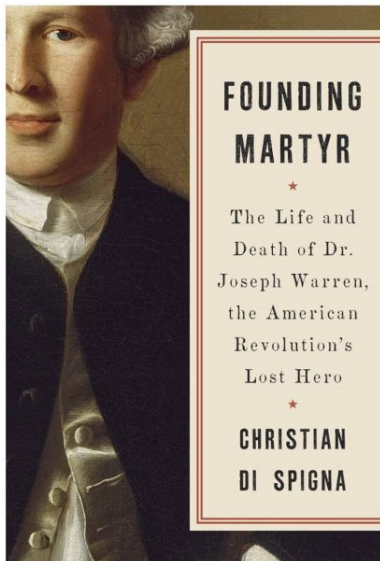
*You are our hope and our consolation. We believe in You. We trust in You. We pray that you will lead us on the right path and let virtue always be our guide.*

*May Your Divine Providence embrace our every moment. AMEN*



## “Book of the month”

### **Founding Martyr: The Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren, the American Revolution's Lost Hero.**



#### **Signed by the Author**

Christian Di Spigna is a writer based in New York City and Williamsburg, Virginia. A regular speaker and volunteer at Colonial Williamsburg. Di Spigna is an expert on the history of the era and educates a wide array of audiences.

**A rich and illuminating biography of America's forgotten Founding Father, the patriot physician and major general who fomented rebellion and died heroically at the battle of Bunker Hill on the brink of revolution**

Little has been known of one of the most important figures in early American history, Dr. Joseph Warren, an architect of the colonial rebellion, and a man who might have led the country as Washington or Jefferson did had he not been martyred at Bunker Hill in 1775. Warren was involved in almost every major insurrectionary act in the Boston area for a decade, from the Stamp Act protests to the Boston Massacre to the Boston Tea Party, and his incendiary writings included the famous Suffolk Resolves, which helped unite the colonies against Britain and inspired the Declaration of Independence. Yet after his death, his life and legend faded, leaving his contemporaries to rise to fame in his place and obscuring his essential role in bringing America to independence.

Christian Di Spigna's definitive new biography of Warren is a loving work of historical excavation, the product of two decades of research and scores of newly unearthed primary-source documents that have given us this forgotten Founding Father anew. Following Warren from his farming childhood and years at Harvard through his professional success and political radicalization to his role in sparking the rebellion, Di Spigna's thoughtful, judicious retelling not only restores Warren to his rightful place in the pantheon of Revolutionary greats, it deepens our understanding of the nation's dramatic beginnings.

Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting.  
One ticket for \$1 or 7 tickets for \$5 – See Steve Holm – Sergeant-at-Arms



# Virginia SAR

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## Lift Your Voice

### Presidential Initiatives



#### Road to Revolution: **Leatherwood 1779-1799**

*Only Unexplored Home of Founding Father Patrick Henry*

- Help us to locate, mark and preserve this special site in our nation's founding history
- This was Patrick Henry's home during the Revolutionary War, a 10,000-acre estate that he co-owned with Col. George Waller
- Henry moved to this home in Henry County after serving as Virginia's wartime Governor from 1776-1779, he served in the House of Delegates from 1780-1784 while living here
- Henry still owned more than 5,000 acres at Leatherwood when he died
- Granite marker erected in 1922 by the DAR marked the estate, not the home's location



**Fundraiser by Jeff Thomas : Patrick Henry's Leatherwood Home ([gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com))**

- Patrick Henry's Leatherwood is our last major fundraising initiative
- Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/patrick-henrys-leatherwood-home> today!
- All funds raised through the 2022 annual meeting will support the Leatherwood initiative
- \$5,000 matching grant provided by Chancellor Eric Monday
- \$1 match for every \$2 contribution i.e. \$100 donation gets credit for \$150 contribution
- You may also make checks payable to Virginia SAR with Leatherwood in the memo line
- Mail to Rick Eloffson , VASSAR Treasurer, 21 Paula Maria Drive, Newport News, VA 23606



## **An Evening with Lafayette at the Rosewell Ruins**

A Living History Dining Experience to benefit the Rosewell Foundation  
and the Friends of the Gloucester Museum of History



Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
Rain or Shine - Outdoor Tented Event - \$75 per guest



Be transported back to 1824 when the Marquis de Lafayette returned as “Guest of the Nation.” Meet George Washington’s adopted son and hear about his heroics during the American Revolution. Discover Lafayette’s passions for freedom including emancipation of the enslaved and women’s rights. Enjoy colonial music and witness a rousing musket salute by members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. Internationally renowned interpreter Mark Schneider, of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, will present the Marquis de Lafayette during this exclusive occasion.

Partake in a stunning selection of French inspired hors d'oeuvres prepared by Kelsick Market and enjoy beverages from Gloucester Brewing Company and Zoll Vineyards. The picturesque Rosewell Ruins will be the backdrop for an inspiring evening of history, food, and fun, in support of the Rosewell Foundation and the Gloucester Museum of History.

### **Sponsorship Opportunities Available:**

#### **Presenting Sponsor: \$2,500**

Benefits and recognition:

- Promotion in all media before/after event – print, broadcast, and social media
- Name or logo in the evening’s program and acknowledgment at the event
- Recognition in the Annual Reports of both the Rosewell Foundation and Friends of the Museum
- VIP table seating for 8

#### **Supporting Sponsor: \$1,000**

Benefits and recognition:

- Promotion in all media before/after event – print, broadcast, and social media
- Name or logo in the evening’s program and acknowledgment at the event
- Recognition in the Annual Reports of both the Rosewell Foundation and Friends of the Museum
- Event tickets for 4

#### **Patrons: \$500**

Benefits and recognition:

- Name or logo in the evening’s program and acknowledgment at the event
- Event tickets for 2

#### **Institutional Partner: \$300**

Benefits and recognition:

- Name or logo in the evening’s program and acknowledgment at the event

#### **\*Contacts:**

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Elizabeth Judd, Rosewell: [foundation@rosewell.org](mailto:foundation@rosewell.org); 804-693-2585

*All proceeds will support future education programming at Rosewell and the Gloucester Museum of History*



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You all should have received your 2023 dues notice in the mail. If not, please let me know. I know it's easy to set mail aside and forget it.

Our deadline for payment has been set - November 7th. I would certainly appreciate you getting your checks (or Zelle) back to me as soon as possible. I can wrap things up and send NSSAR and VASSAR their portions, and you won't have to deal with me nagging you later.

Thank you in advance for your prompt responses.

Gary Dunaway, Treasurer

## October Chapter meeting at Colonial Heritage Country Club

Fits nicely in a 6¾ envelope

### Reservation for the Saturday October 8<sup>TH</sup> 2022 Luncheon Meeting

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$23.00 (or \$23.23 by Zelle)

Special need \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to

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



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