



# 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

We as Sons of the American Revolution have a unique perspective on the history of the United States of America. For us it is personal, we know who our patriots were, we know them by name. Some of them were famous but others were more obscure. Like Cincinnatus most of our patriots answered their call to duty to serve our fledgling nation, some gave their lives, the rest when the war was over, they went back to what they were doing before the Revolution. Our purpose is to promote the history of our Nation.

Recently there has been an effort to change the focus of our history away from the accomplishments of our founders to a focus on what were the faults of these people. In some cases, to the point of totally discrediting their accomplishments. As pointed out in an article published in the New York Post published on July 9, 2022, titled "Monticello is going woke — and trashing Thomas Jefferson's legacy in the process". As a result, or the article, the Board of Managers has passed a resolution requesting that VSSAR investigate this matter with the hopes that a more balanced history can be presented. A copy of the news article was also provided. President Bruce Meyer has presented them to our Chancellor and will forward out concerns to NSSAR for review.

At our last luncheon John Quarstein gave an excellent talk about the battle of the capes, I want to thank him for a very entertaining talk.

This September VSSAR will hold its semi-annual meeting here in Williamsburg. The meeting I scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Woodlands Conference Center. On Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>, busses will take attendees to Yorktown for a presentation of a plaque at the Yorktown Visitors Center, a group photo at the Yorktown monument, and then a luncheon and business meeting at the Revolutionary War Museum. There will be lots to do and plenty of volunteer opportunities. I hope most of our chapter can attend this meeting.

We have other opportunities to participate in events this fall. We have our next Chapter meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> with Michael Cecere as our guest speaker, he will talk about Capt. Chilton and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia. Yorktown Day is coming, and then Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. On December 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Battle of Great Bridge commemoration.

President Bruce Laubach





# Calendar

**Saturday September 3, 2022**

Battle of the Capes Commemoration  
Ft. Story, VA

**Tuesday September 6, 2022**

10:00 am BOM meeting  
by ZOOM

**Saturday September 10, 2022**

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

**Friday-Saturday  
September 16-18, 2022**

VASSAR Mid year meeting  
Woodlands Convention Center  
Behind Colonial Williamsburg  
Visitor s' Center



Jake Scott



Kane Dacier



James Packer



**Troop 300**

All were scouts who earned their Eagle rank during the Covid19 period but had to wait to have their Courts of Honor.

## Chapter News



Photo by Karen Corbett



On 29 July 2022, the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, attended the dedication ceremony of a Memorial Garden by the George Wythe Society, Children of the American Revolution. The memorial is located on the grounds of Eastern State Hospital. Pictured (L to R) are Bruce Laubach, President of the Williamsburg Chapter SAR, Tatton Mason, William Mason, President of the George Wythe Society, George Corbett, Ronald Adolphi and Michael Elston, NSSAR Chancellor General.



# Recent Events



VASSAR President Bruce Meyer  
Williamsburg SAR VP President John Lynch

Private John Wallace

John Lynch II presented the wreath of the Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) during a SAR Patriot Grave Marking in Stafford County on August 14, 2022. The Williamsburg wreath was one of the 13 wreaths presented to honor the Revolutionary War service of Private John Wallace. Private Wallace served during the entire Revolutionary War and was present at the Valley Forge encampment of 1777-1778. The grave marking was well attended; those present included Bruce Meyer, the President of the Virginia Society of the American Revolution (VASSAR), members from ten SAR chapters, members from two Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) chapters, Delegate Tara Durant, (Virginia House of Delegates, 28<sup>th</sup> District), Supervisor Darrell English from the Stafford County Board of Supervisors, Gordon Silleck, one of John Wallace's descendants, a bagpiper from Stafford County Fire Department, a local newspaper photographer, and several members of the general public. 18 VASSAR color guard members from six SAR chapters comprised the event's color guard, honor guard, and musket detachment. The musket men fired three volleys at the end of the ceremony.

The following is taken from a Gazette published (Sunday, October 30, 2021 section 3, p.6) grave marking ceremony item written by Harley Stewart. I think its worthy to include with Harley's permission "The SAR holds grave markings in all 50 states and foreign countries. It is one of the many ways the SAR seeks to remember the founders of our nation, including all Patriots who fought or supported our Revolution."

# Future Events

The **VASSAR semi-annual meeting** will be held in Williamsburg the week of September 16 through 18. The Williamsburg Chapter and Thomas Nelson Chapter SAR have been asked to provide volunteers to assist in running this meeting. On Friday 9/16/22 Registration will be from 2 to 7pm, we will need three people to assist in passing out registration packets. We would like to then to work approximately 2 hour shifts. This will be at the Woodlands Conference Center. We will also need a few volunteers to act as greeters at the Woodlands Hotel and Suites, you will be there to direct our compatriots over to the conference center.

On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> we will need at least 2 people to be bus captains, your job will be to keep track of how many people are on the bus from Williamsburg to Yorktown and points around Yorktown. We also need someone who has a large SUV or van to transport the bag lunches from the Williamsburg Lodge to the Revolutionary War Museum in Yorktown. We are estimating around 100 lunches so this may take 4 people.



**Please contact me and let me know how you can help and times.**

Bruce Laubach 757-532-1428, or [vabellring@msn.com](mailto:vabellring@msn.com)



Gentlemen,

As you know our chapter is hosting VASSAR's semi annual meeting this year. The specific dates are 16-18 September. Location is the newly renovated Woodlands Hotel (a Colonial Williamsburg hotel to state the obvious to you). I do not know the exact schedule yet.

This is a qualifying event for the VASSAR Billy Flora medal. So, if you've participated in a VASSAR Color Guard National and a State event since 1 January 2022, then this will be your third and final qualifying event. In other words: if you participated in our Chapter's Memorial Day commemoration (National) and the Spencer's Ordinary event (State) then the September VASSAR meeting completes the requirements for the Billy Flora Medal.

In any event, this is an excellent and fun way to help meet our Chapter's goals and objectives. And to get a return on investment for your cash outlay for uniform and equipment.

John Lynch, Vice-President

## Compatriots and Friends,

*You are cordially invited to the*

### *Commemoration of the Establishment of the Fairfax Independent Militia Company*

*Est. 21 September 1774*



**Saturday 24 September 2022 - 2 PM**

**Outside Historic Fairfax Courthouse 4000 Chain  
Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22032**

**Hosted by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VASSAR  
Please register by 21 September 2022:**

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is proud to announce its inaugural commemoration of the Founding of the Fairfax Independent Company of Volunteers on Saturday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m. outside the Historic Fairfax Courthouse (4000 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax).

The Fairfax Independent Company was an independent militia established by George Mason on September 21, 1774, and commanded by George Washington. When Virginia's Royal Governor dissolved the House of Burgesses in May 1774, the assembly was denied the chance to renew the expired militia law. Mason convinced fellow gentlemen and freeholders in Fairfax County to adopt a resolution to "form ourselves into a Company, not exceeding one hundred Men, by the Name of The Fairfax Independent Company of Volunteers."

If you wish to participate, please register before September 21 at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjKFE64Ag0PMJSiWbgperHM4iJOYZ59ygqqSdRNU4Ta5t44w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjKFE64Ag0PMJSiWbgperHM4iJOYZ59ygqqSdRNU4Ta5t44w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Please share this invitation with your chapters or membership. We hope you can join us. Color Guard members, please note that this is a non-firing event.

In Patriotism

David Huxsoll

President, Fairfax Resolves SAR

Photo by Harley Stewart





**September 3rd, 2022 Saturday (11:00 am) – 241st Commemoration of the Battle of the Capes**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Location:** Vice Admiral François Joseph Paul de Grasse Statue, Intersection of New Guinea Rd. and Atlantic Ave, JEB Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia Beach, VA. (Near the Cape Henry Lighthouse.)

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Bonner, Cook, Melhuish, Osborn, Thompson.

**French Navy Color Guard Attendee:** SCPO Oger.

NOTE: This is located a restricted area (DoD) property.

**September 16th -17th, 2022 Friday - Saturday. VASSAR Semi-Annual Conference Williamsburg**

**Event Level:** State

**Location:** Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel & Suites, 105 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, VA.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** Adolphi, Bonner, Cook, Corey, Daniel, Driscoll, Dunaway, Hamilton, Hodges, Lynch, Melhuish, Morr, Robinson, Westenberger, Weyler.

**NEW: September 24th, 2022, Saturday (10:00 am) - Support to VADAR - Historical Marker Rededication (Lt. Presley O'Bannon)**

**Event Level:** Chapter

**Location:** National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, VA.

**Details:** This is a place holder for VASSAR Color Guard support in the event the originally requested USMC Color Guard is unable to support. If the USMC CG agrees to support, then VADAR does not need a VASSAR CG.

**Virginia SAR Color Guard Attendees:** TBC

## September Speaker

### Topic

### Captain Chilton and the 3<sup>RD</sup> Virginia

Compatriot Michael Cecere is a recently retired teacher of American History who resides in Williamsburg, Virginia with his wife, Susan. When he is not researching and writing about the American Revolution he is reenacting it at numerous events along the east coast and at such historic sites as Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown Settlement where he volunteers as a tobacco farmer.



The author of twenty books and numerous articles on the American Revolution. His work focuses primarily on the role that Virginians played in the American Revolution. One of his most recent books however, entitled: *March to Independence: The Southern Colonies in the American Revolution*, (published in November 2021) explores events in the southern colonies from the outbreak of the war at Lexington and Concord in April 1775, through the Declaration of Independence in July 1776.

Since the publication of that book, Mr. Cecere has completed a two volume work on the Virginia Continental Line and a book on the events in the Middle Colonies in the first two years of the war. He is currently working on a book about New England's role in the war after the British evacuation of Boston in 1776.

## **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

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE WILLIAMSBURG CHAPTER SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR) TO THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (VSSAR).**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this Board that representations are being made to visitors at historic sites preserved to honor the founders of our country that may intentionally overemphasize the role of slave ownership to diminish the contributions made by our Founding Fathers; and

**WHEREAS**, Visitors have noticed Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in particular has transformed to a slavery exhibit criticizing the Founding Father; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been reported that similar messages diminishing the contributions of George Washington and James Madison are being delivered at Mount Vernon and Montpelier; and

**WHEREAS**, it is consistent with the SAR Pledge that, "We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution..... solemnly pledge to defend them against every foe." and

**WHEREAS**, it is consistent with the SAR Recessional that we, "..... remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The Board of Managers of the Williamsburg Chapter SAR calls on the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) to investigate how the lives and contributions of our founding fathers George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison are being presented to visitors at the restored homes of Monticello, Mount Vernon, and Montpelier, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Should the investigation reveal that the representation of enslaved persons is being disproportionately emphasized, while diminishing the character and contributions of our founders, that appropriate action be taken to counter such misrepresentation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Managers of the Williamsburg Chapter SAR at a regular meeting thereof held on August 1, 2022.



## Cyrus Griffin



Compatriot Jim Morford inquired about our chapter marking the grave of patriot Cyrus Griffin at Bruton Parish Church, and I had to admit I had never heard of him. I started researching his life and discovered a remarkable career of public service. He was a friend and colleague of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Henry, Marshall and Franklin. He is largely forgotten today in comparison to those founding luminaries. Few people in Williamsburg know the name, even though an avenue there is named for him.

Between 1776 and 1810, he served in the Virginia House of Delegates, Congressman, and Judge of both the Court of Appeals in Cases of Capture and US District Court for Virginia. He was the LAST President of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation before ratification of the Constitution in 1788.

When Washington appointed Griffin as America's first Federal Judge in 1789, he characterized him as "a man of competent abilities, and of pure character... who has been regularly bred in the law."

Griffin served as an associate judge in the trials of Aaron Burr for treason and James Thomson Callender on the charge of libeling President John Adams.

He was born in Farnham Parish of Richmond County in 1748. He was educated at Edinburgh University and the prestigious Middle Temple of London, where he completed his law studies. He married Christina Stuart, daughter of the Earl of Traquair, in 1770. They emigrated from England to America in 1775. About 1790, the family moved from Yorktown to the Alexander Purdie house on Duke of Gloucester Street (now reconstructed).

Judge Griffin died in Yorktown on Dec 14, 1810 after a long illness. In accordance with his will, he was buried "in the churchyard of Wmsburg near beloved Christina (who died in 1807) at the smallest expense possible in every respect." Lady Christina's grave has a stone, but his is unmarked.

Submitted by Compatriot Gary Dunaway

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## CITIZEN SOLDIER

### Virginia Soldiery during the American War for Independence

John S. Lynch

Last month's CITIZEN SOLDIER highlighted William H. Parker, a Virginia State Navy officer who took part in the Battle of Green Spring after his ship was lost during the Battle of Osborn's Landing. This month focusses on another Virginia State Navy officer ...and one of Parker's commanding officers. Interestingly enough, there was a William Saunders involved in the Battle of Green Spring. Initially there were high hopes that another "Navy Guy" took part at Green Spring. Sadly this hypothesis was squashed upon review of the "William Saunders" from Virginia (there were two from Virginia) 1832 pension claims. But let us recognize one of Parker's commanding officers. Please take a moment to. . .

#### MEET CAPTAIN WILLIAM SAUNDERS, VSN

William Saunders was about 25 years old in 1775 when Nathaniel Craighill joined the crew of the schooner *Adventure*. Craighill, enrolled as the *Adventure*'s steward and clerk, and noted "Capt. William Saunders" commanded the ship.<sup>1</sup> It is unclear the status of the *Adventure* in 1775. Was it being prepared as a Patriot warship or privateer under the auspices of a Committee of Safety or was it simply a commercial vessel owned by the Saunders' family? William Saunders was commissioned a lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy April 1, 1776.<sup>2</sup> He was assigned to the galley *Lewis* under the command of his brother, Celey Saunders.<sup>1,3</sup> The *Lewis*, located on the Rappahannock River, was based at Hobbs Hole (now Tappahannock), Essex County, Virginia in July 1776. Celey commanded the *Lewis* 1776-1778 and was later captured by the British and taken to England. Celey was paroled and sent to France where he died.<sup>3</sup> William himself was promoted to captain on July 20, 1776 by the Virginia Council of Safety.<sup>1</sup> One of his first missions (November 29, 1776) was to take the *Adventure* and transport a cargo of flour to be delivered to Patriot agents Van Bibber and Harrison in "St. Eustatia" or Martinique. Saunders was to then return to Yorktown.<sup>1</sup>

William Saunders was born about 1750 in Port Royal, Caroline County, Virginia. During the Revolutionary War William lived in Leedstown, Westmoreland County, Virginia.<sup>4</sup> He was about 47 years of age when he died on January 1, 1797, in King and Queen County, Virginia. He had been married to his wife, Ann Briscoe, for about 17 years (they were married *circa* 1780) at the time of his death. Ann was born in King and Queen Co. about 1769 and died in that county before 1832. They had at least one child, a daughter named Elizabeth who was born *circa* 1788 and died in Fredericksburg on February 28, 1850. She married April 27, 1811 in Fredericksburg Ebenezer Murray. Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Saunders) Murray were the grandparents of SAR compatriot Thomas Athey Murray Jr. who was born in Richmond, Virginia on November 11, 1899. Thomas was 57 years old when he joined SAR (National number 81589, Virginia number 2088, application approved February 25, 1957.)<sup>5</sup>



## REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE

1775: Captain of the schooner *Adventure*.

1776 Master of the schooner *Adventure* on June, 8 1776 when the schooner was commissioned a Virginia State Ship . William Saunders was commissioned a lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy on June 8, 1776 and assigned to the galley *Lewis*, Hobbs Hole (Tappahannock) Rappahannock River. He was soon commissioned a captain (July 20, 1776) and assigned to the schooner *Adventure*. Saunders was at Hobbs Hole in July 1776 and was ordered to sail the *Adventure* to St. Eustatius on a trade mission in November 1776. <sup>1</sup> He may have sailed for, or arrived at, his destination in December 1776. Saunders was ordered to return to York upon completion of the St. Eustatius mission. <sup>1</sup>

1777 Aboard the galley *Lewis* . Saunders ordered to command the galley *Manley* on April 18, 1777 at Leedstown, Westmoreland Co. Virginia. <sup>1</sup> Saunders was later transferred to the *Tartar*.

1778 Aboard the *Manley* as captain by December.

1779 He was aboard the *Tartar* September 28 to November 28, 1779. <sup>2,6</sup>

1780 William Saunders was aboard the *Tartar* in January 1780 according to quartermaster receipts. <sup>2</sup> Saunders was aboard the *Tartar* in March 1780 when he discharged Samuel Denovill from the ship on 24 March 1780. Denovill was the ship's armorer who had been aboard the *Tartar* for three years. <sup>7</sup>

1781-1783 William Saunders was "...reported by a board of Officers in 1784 as having served to the end of the war." <sup>2</sup>

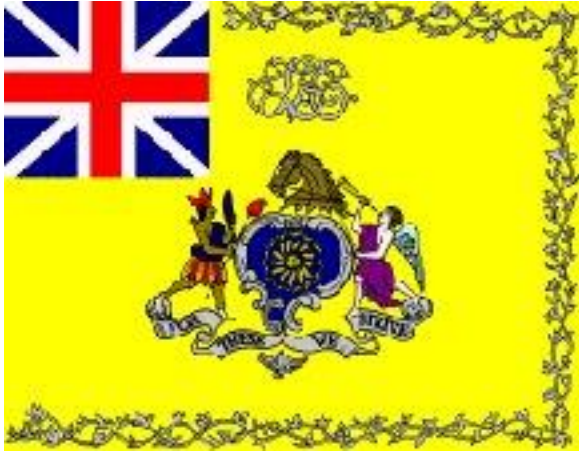
## POST WAR ACTIVITY

Little is known, based upon the references reviewed, about William Saunders's post war activity. We do know he was busy writing testimonials for shipmates and they for him. <sup>8</sup> He was about 33 years old in 1783 and had been married for about three years. A daughter was born *circa* 1788 although there may have been other children who died before 1832. <sup>4</sup> The known daughter was born in Fredericksburg and this suggests Saunders moved to Stafford County from Westmoreland County by 1788. Another possibility, given that William died in King and Queen County, is he was away on a merchant ship and Ann (Briscoe) Saunders gave birth to Elizabeth at Ann's parent's or relative's house in Fredericksburg.

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## Colors of the Philadelphia City Light Horse Troop 1774



In September of 1747, as the first Continental Congress met at Philadelphia, large amounts of British troops arrived in America to put down colonial unrest, seize and secure the military stores, and erect fortifications. In this alarming crisis, this troop was formed by a group of Philadelphia "gentlemen." Many were businessmen and merchants who supplied their own uniforms, military equipment and horses.

The flag was contributed to the unit by Captain Markoe. It was designed by John Folwell and hand-painted by James Claypoole. According to legend, the British Union had been originally painted in the canton, but the artist was instructed to paint thirteen blue and silver stripes over it to represent the united colonies.

It was this troop of men that escorted General Washington from Philadelphia to first take command of the Continental Army which was assembled at Cambridge outside of Boston in June of 1775. Throughout 1776 and 1777, while General Washington was in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, many times the Troop acted as his body guard.

The Light Horse Troop later carried their flag in the Battles of Brandywine Creek, Germantown, Princeton, Trenton, and then served throughout the whole war. They also went on to served with distinction in the War of 1812.



Photo by Karen Corbett.

The Williamsburg chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented a Flag Recognition Certificate to Berkeley Middle School on 8 December 2021. Pictured L-R are Mr. Panagiotis Tsigaridas, School Principal and George Corbett, Chairman of the Chapter Flag Recognition Committee.



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# Registrar's Corner



New member Alexander Johnston was inducted at the chapter's meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Alex's wife Dana and daughters Zorina and Victoria also joined the celebration. Joseph Gloyd is Alex's patriot ancestor, who served as a private in the Massachusetts militia. Please extend a warm welcome to fellow compatriot Alex.

Genealogy Resources: If you are working on a supplemental application, or helping a possible new member applicant, I encourage you to go to the SAR website, [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org), and click on genealogy resources at the top of the page. It includes a list of helpful links from exploring death documentation to DNA match information. It also has a link to a helpful application formatting guide and video presentations from the SAR Genealogist General.

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## From the Chaplain

Jim Morford



*Restored Fitzgerald bell – Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum*

My wife and I recently returned from a Viking cruise on the Great Lakes. Throughout our voyage the Lakes were calm and the weather perfect.

Even if I had not thought of it, friends reminded me of the tragic story of the Edmund Fitzgerald. It was the ill-fated ship that set sail from Superior, Wisconsin on the afternoon of November 9, 1975 with a crew of twenty-nine and a cargo of over 26,000 tons of iron ore pellets. A severe November storm was building as it entered the Great Lakes from the plains and the captain took a northerly course across Lake Superior where they would be protected by the highlands along the Canadian shore. The Fitzgerald tried to fight its way through winds reaching 70 mph and waves of 18 to 25 feet.

It was a little past 7:00 pm when a nearby ship had the last contact with the struggling Fitzgerald. By 7:20 she was no longer responsive.

During our cruise, none of the onboard presentations discussed the Edmund Fitzgerald nor did any of the crew mention her - not surprising. Entertainment on trans-Atlantic voyages seldom (if ever) includes the movie *The Poseidon Adventure*.

As I think about the Edmund Fitzgerald I am reminded that it is a rare life that does not at some time face troubled waters, for some, many times. It is at those times that most of us turn to God. He may not answer as we want. He does not stop the storm, take away the problem, or heal the illness. But He does walk with us through those troubled moments.



### **A prayer when facing life's troubled waters:**

Heavenly Father, we thank You that through both good and troubled times You are carrying us each step of the way. Although life's waters may be troubled, keep teaching us to swim as we hold on to and look to You our true lifeguard. Give us the faith to jump into the waters no matter how rough they may look. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in troubled times. Therefore we will not fear.

AMEN



# 1619: Jamestown and the Forging of American Democracy

Author: James Horn

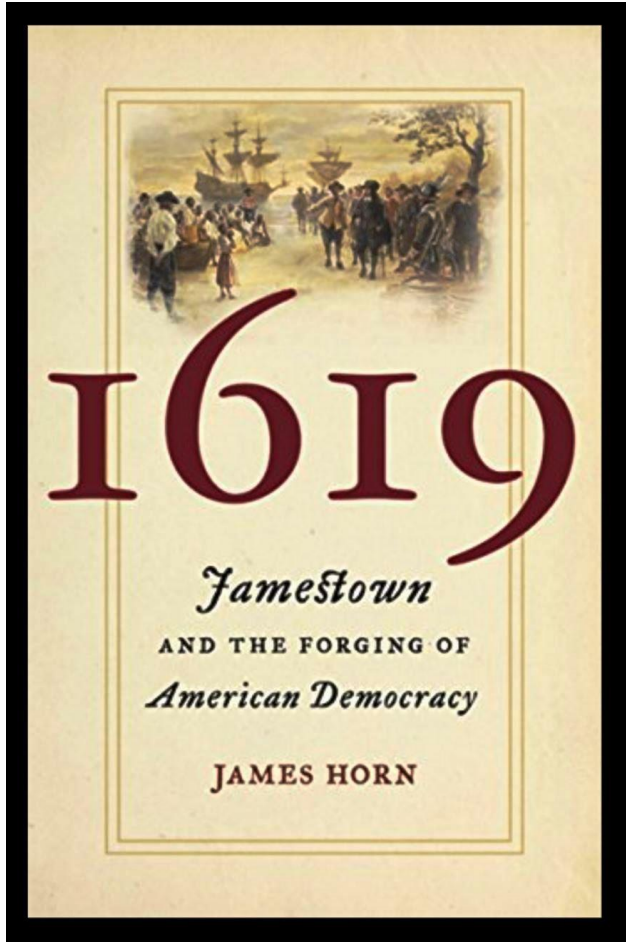
Published by Basic Books, 2018 Hard Cover

Signed by the Author

## “Book of the month”

**Synopsis:** An extraordinary year in which American democracy and American slavery emerged hand in hand. This book tells the story of both events. Along the banks of the James River, Virginia, during an oppressively hot spell in the middle of summer 1619, two events occurred within a few weeks of each other that would profoundly shape the course of history. In the newly built church at Jamestown, the General Assembly--the first gathering of a representative governing body in America--came together. A few weeks later, a battered privateer entered the Chesapeake Bay carrying the first African slaves to land on mainland English America.

In 1619, historian James Horn sheds new light on the year that gave birth to the great paradox of our nation: slavery in the midst of freedom. This portentous year marked both the origin of the most important political development in American history, the rise of democracy, and the emergence of what would in time become one of the nation's greatest challenges: the corrosive legacy of racial inequality that has afflicted America since its beginning. Master Historian James Horn tells these two inextricably linked stories in this powerful new book.



**About the Author:** James Horn is the president of the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation. He is author and editor of five books on colonial American history, including *A Land As God Made It: Jamestown and the Birth of America* and *A Kingdom Strange: The Brief and Tragic History of the Lost Colony of Roanoke*. He lives in Richmond, Virginia.

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### 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



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- All funds raised through the 2022 annual meeting will support the Leatherwood initiative
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- \$1 match for every \$2 contribution i.e. \$100 donation gets credit for \$150 contribution
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If anyone wants to use Zelle for payment, send \$23.23 to [sarwilliamsburg@gmail.com](mailto:sarwilliamsburg@gmail.com)  
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## September Chapter meeting at Colonial Heritage Country Club

Fits nicely in a 6¾ envelope

### Reservation for the Saturday September 10<sup>TH</sup> 2022 Luncheon Meeting

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

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$23.00

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

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