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Sons of the American Revolution



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President's Message

Compatriots,

The AMSA conference in Williamsburg was a success. Many participants praised the support shown by our Chapter. We had volunteers working preplanning details and liaison with Colonial Williamsburg, manning the registration desk, participating in the color guard, and acting as tour guides. My thanks to Hunt Berryman, Stuart Butler, Roger Cross, Ray Duncombe, Jason Finch, Sean Heuvel, George Jones, Robert Neely, and Allen Saunders. You made a difference.

Frank Shatz writes a weekly column in *The Virginia Gazette*. He's been doing so for the last forty (40) years. He is an excellent writer and an amazing man. Williamsburg Chapter supported the Virginia Society in presenting Mr. Shatz the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal on the evening of August 19, 2024. The event was well attended. VASSAR President Dr. William Greaf presented the medal assisted by VASSAR Awards Committee Chairman Dr. Ken Hawkins and myself. The Regents of the Williamsburg Chapter and the Ann Wager Chapter NSDAR were present as were several representatives from the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), including the President of the V.S.C.A.R., the State Curator, V.S.C.A.R., and the President, George Wythe Society, V.S.C.A.R. Our color guard did a tremendous job in their regimental uniforms. They were not allowed to carry the usual muskets; they carried swords instead. This is, to my knowledge, the first time our chapter carried swords instead of muskets. Mr. Shatz appreciated the color and dignity of the ceremony and was grateful for the honor bestowed on him.

We will be starting new sections in the newsletter. One will be dedicated to the history of our chapter. The other will be directed to new members (and interested old members). The new member section will provide information about NSSAR, VASSAR, and our chapter, using Memberclicks, committees and how to join them, awards, medal etiquette, color guard activity and membership, and all sorts of other useful pearls of information.

Be on the look-out for an email summarizing your chapter's activity between 1 January and the end of June, 2024. We will add to the activity in September: two grave markings (total four patriots) between 13 and 14 September and supporting the VASSAR semi-annual meeting at the Williamsburg Lodge on those same dates.

Respectfully,

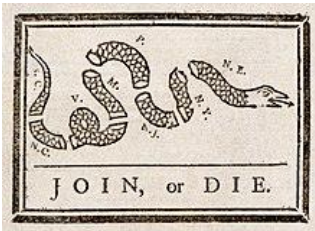
John Lynch - President, Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR



Calendar

***In Memoriam: Compatriots
Duncan McIver and Jay Smith***

Monday Sept. 2, 2024
7:00pm BOM meeting by ZOOM



Saturday Sept. 21, 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



Noted journalist and Holocaust survivor Frank Shatz recently received the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal at a special ceremony at the Reves Center at The College of William and Mary. More photos on page 3! (photo courtesy of Bob Davis).



RECENT EVENTS



Frank Shatz SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal Presentation

(Photos Courtesy of Bob Davis)

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 September: Commemoration of the Battle of the Capes, Fort Story, at 11:00 AM.

13 September: Williamsburg Chapter SAR Lt. Col. William Langborn grave marking, 8400 St. Peter's Lane, New Kent at 10:00AM.

13-14 September: VASSAR Semi-Annual, Williamsburg.

21 September: Chapter Luncheon



SAVE THE DATE(S)

*Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour
2024-2025*



*The American Friends of Lafayette
is the proud official sponsor of the
commemoration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour.*

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SAVE THE DATE!

Plan on Joining the Norfolk Chapter, Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Celebrating the 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of the Capes Commemoration and Wreath Laying on Saturday, September 7th, 2024 at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story. This is a NSSAR National Event.

Invitation and Registration Information to Follow Later.

Contact: Tim Ahlgrim (timahlgrim@norfolksar.net)



Lt. Col. William Langborn Grave Marking at New Kent – September 13, 2024

Compatriots and friends,

You are invited to attend a Patriot Grave Marking for Lt Col William Langborn at 11:00 on Friday, September 13th. Event site is historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 8400 St Peters Lane, New Kent. The ceremony is hosted by the Williamsburg chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and serves as the kickoff for our VASSAR Semiannual Meeting at the Williamsburg Lodge.

Lt Col Langborn served in the 6th Virginia Regiment and as Aide de Camp to Marquis de Lafayette. This is a very special event for us as we are now into the Bicentennial celebration of Lafayette's return to America in 1824.

You can register via the Member Clicks calendar or directly at the [Registration Form](#). Alternately, you can contact John Lynch cslasoz@aol.com or Gary Dunaway gdunaway4sar@gmail.com if you wish to present a wreath and/or participate in the Color Guard. This will be a firing event.





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

**Topic: Washington Crossing
the Delaware in History and
Popular Culture**

September 21, 2024 Meeting Speaker: William Welsch

William (Bill) Welsch is the current and founding president of the American Revolution Round Table (ARRT) of Richmond and co-founder of the Congress of American Revolution Round Tables. He's also a past president of the Richmond Civil War Round Table (CWRT) and a former board member and preservation chairman of the Robert E Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey. As a resident of Springfield, NJ, he served on the Township Committee, as deputy mayor. and as president of the library board.

Bill served in the US Marine Corps and is a retired administrator at Montclair State University in New Jersey. He has published articles in the *American Revolution Magazine* and *Journal of the American Revolution* Annuals and on-line and has special interest in the American Revolution in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and in the general officers of the Continental Army. He's been a tour guide at Revolutionary War battlefields and a presenter at ARRTs, CWRT, and conferences. He's married to Gerry and is the proud father of daughters Amy and Claire.

wmwelsch@comcast.net

Reservation for the Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 Lunch Meeting

Name(s)_____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$25.00 each

Special need _____

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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Registrar's Corner – By Hunt Berryman, Registrar

“GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH!” We all know that these are the famous words of Patrick Henry, which were spoken at the Virginia convention of delegates on March 23, 1775, which helped lead to the colonies independence. Other delegates of note were George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Peyton Randolph, Benjamin Harrison V, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Richard Henry Lee, Robert Carter Nicolas and Edmund Pendleton.

Mary and I were fortunate to recently attend the reenactment of the famous speech and hear the spirited debate of the delegates that ensued at the historic St. Johns Church in Richmond. I encourage one and all to visit St. Johns, which was built in 1741 and was the only site at the time large enough to host the 120 delegates. There are some 25 revolutionary war patriots buried in the cemetery, as well as George Wythe.

Prior to the excellent reenactment of the debate and speech by Patrick Henry we were welcomed by Chris Yohn, President of the Richmond SAR Chapter, who also led us in the singing of God Bless America. The reenactment is held most Sundays at 1:30 and on other special dates. March 23, 2025, is the 250th anniversary of the famous speech and there will be three presentations that day. Could a chapter road trip be on the horizon, as groups are welcome to attend reenactments. For more information visit historicstjohnschurch.org.



My Patriot Ancestor: Submitted by Larry Gaskins

Pvt. Hezekiah Wade

(1754-1834)

Virginia Militia

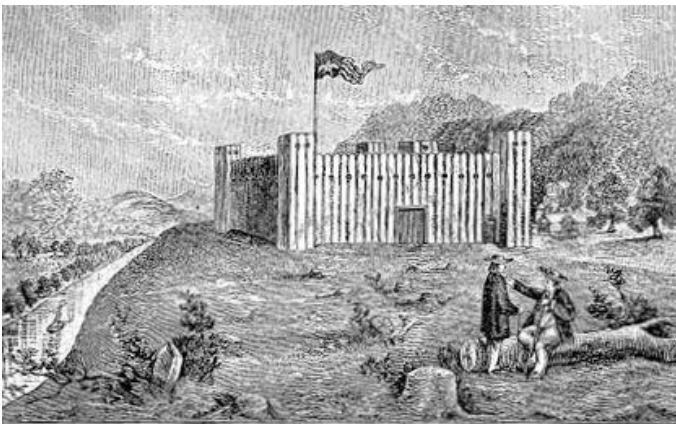
4th Great Grandfather of Compatriot Larry Gaskins

Hezekiah Wade was born in Frederick County, Maryland on 13 April 1754. He later relocated to Monongalia County, Virginia (now West Virginia) in 1776 and volunteered as a private in the Virginia Militia, serving under Capt. Owen Davy, and was assigned as an Indian spy. He subsequently served in that same capacity under Capt. John Minor and Capt. John Lucas in an area comprising northwestern Virginia (now West Virginia). In July 1778, while on patrol, he observed a band of Indians ambush and kill a number of field laborers that included his father, Joseph Wade. Shortly thereafter, Captain Lucas relieved Private Wade in October 1778. Wade, no doubt aggrieved by his personal loss but with renewed commitment, again volunteered for service in March 1779. He later served for a time under Capt. James Cochran and was active in areas of Fort Pitt, Wheeling Fort, and Monongalia County until the conclusion of the war. In 1785, he married Rebecca Joseph, with whom he would have four children. Wade later settled at Fish Creek Settlement in Tyler County, Virginia (now West Virginia) and passed away on 23 November 1834.

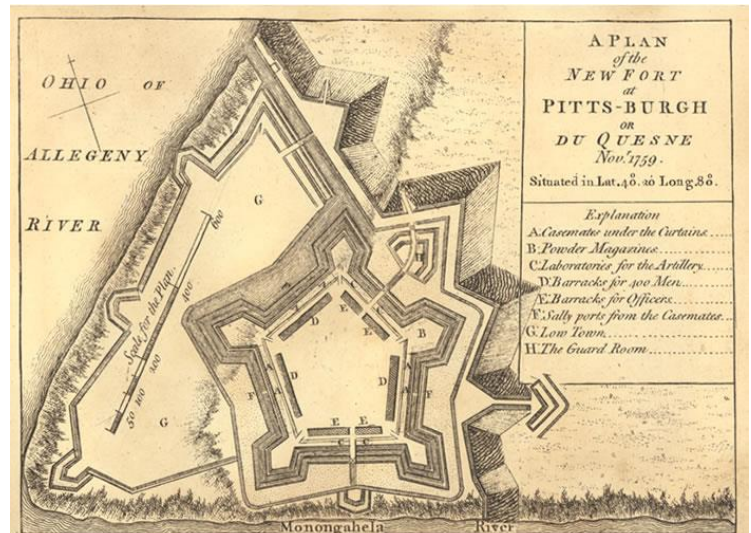
Information Sources:

DAR Ancestor Search: Hezekiah Wade – Ancestor #A119727

Wikitree: Hezekiah Wade - <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Wade-2257>



FORT HENRY, WHEELING, 1777.



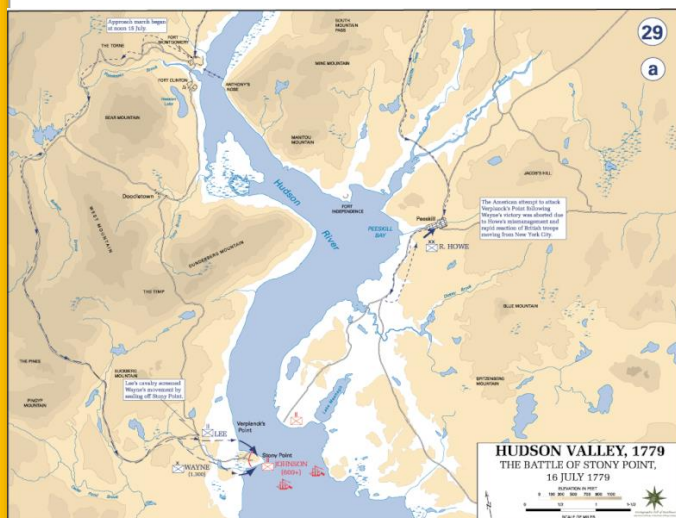
Williamsburg Chapter History

The Williamsburg Chapter SAR was formed in 1969. Its first (organizing) president was Lawrence Whitehurst (1901-1983). President Whitehurst was born in Norfolk, Virginia on January 30, 1901 and died in Williamsburg on December 4, 1983. He is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk, Virginia. He was married to Anna Holleman. President Whitehurst's qualifying ancestor was Captain Joshua Whitehurst. He joined the SAR in 1941 and was assigned State number 1175. He had chapter president experience gained from being President of the Norfolk Chapter in 1954. Sometime before 1956 he left Virginia and moved to Alaska and worked at Fort Richardson, Alaska in a federal civil servant position (his federal civil service career spanned 40 years). While in Alaska he joined the Anchorage Chapter, SAR and became its Publicity Officer. His last federal job was at Fort Monroe, where he retired in 1965 after a federal career spanning four decades. He and his family moved to Williamsburg in 1965.

President Whitehurst's SAR awards include

- The Virginia Society Medal (1978)
- Silver Good Citizenship Medal (1978)
- Silver Good Citizenship Medal (1969)
- National Society SAR Gold Enamel Pin award (1969)

Did You Know???



The Battle of Stony Point was a bold, night-time attack launched by American forces under Brig. Gen. Anthony Wayne against British forces on 16 July 1779. It took place at the British outpost in Stony Point, New York – located approximately 30 miles north of New York City. The American victory there was a major morale booster and later served as a key crossing site for the Continental Army to cross the Hudson. Learn more about this important Revolutionary War battle at [this](#)

[website.](#)

Chaplain's Corner – By George Corbett, Chaplain

17 September – Constitution Day

As we move into September, I thought I would address the oldest and longest-standing written and codified national constitution in force in the world, the Constitution of the United States of America.

A Constitutional Convention was held in Philadelphia between May 25 and September 17, 1787 to draft the Constitution for the newly created United States of America. Delegates from 12 of the 13 original states assembled in Independence Hall (Rhode Island refused to send delegates). The convention's initial mandate was limited to amending the Articles of Confederation, which had proven highly ineffective in meeting the young nation's needs. Almost immediately, however, the delegates began considering measures to replace the Articles. After much discussion and debate, the delegates created the initial copy of our Constitution on 17 September 1787. On 4 March 1789, after ratification by the states, our Constitution became the supreme law of the land. It is a true "Living Document" that can be amended, albeit, not easily, as needed to address concerns or relevant issues as they arise in our nation's history.

During our chapter meetings and other functions, we recite both the SAR Pledge and the SAR Recessional where we reaffirm our faith in our "Constitutional Republic" and we remember "our forefathers who gave us the Constitution". And those of us who have served in the armed forces have taken the oath that reads in part "to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies both foreign and domestic". Sadly, there are those in our country who think the Constitution is an old, outdated document created by a group of old elitist men and needs to be replaced with whatever is the current fad or fancy of the time. I hope and sincerely pray that we as patriotic citizens of this great nation support and defend this sacred document for all time to come. We can do no more and we should never wish to do less. Blessings and peace be unto you.

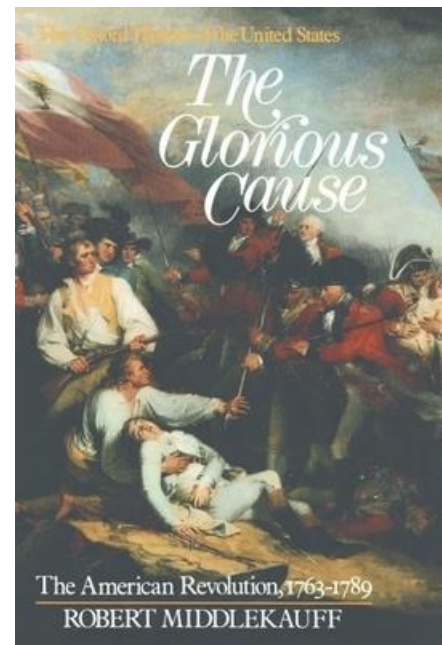
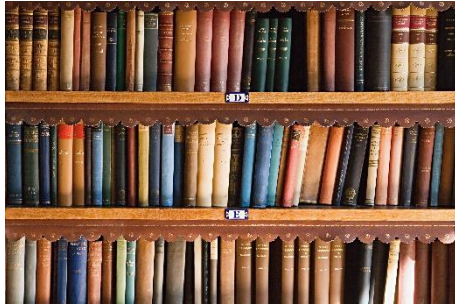
Almighty God, in whose Name the Founding Fathers of our country won our liberties and lit the Torch of Freedom, we beseech Thee that we and all Americans may have the grace to maintain our liberties and righteousness and peace. Let us go forth into the world, and be of good courage, hold fast that which is good and love and serve the Lord. The blessings of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with you always. In Thy Holy Name, Amen.

2024 Williamsburg Chapter SAR Officers



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



The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763-1789

By Robert Middlekauff

Copyright 1985, Oxford University Press, Hardback, 720 pages

The first book to appear in the illustrious Oxford History of the United States, this critically acclaimed volume--a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize--offers an unsurpassed history of the Revolutionary War and the birth of the American republic.

Beginning with the French and Indian War and continuing to the election of George Washington as first president, Robert Middlekauff offers a panoramic history of the conflict between England and America, highlighting the drama and anguish of the colonial struggle for independence. Combining the political and the personal, he provides a compelling account of the key events that precipitated the war, from the Stamp Act to the Tea Act, tracing the gradual gathering of American resistance that culminated in the Boston Tea Party and "the shot heard 'round the world." The heart of the book features a vivid description of the eight-year-long war, with gripping accounts of battles and campaigns, ranging from Bunker Hill and Washington's crossing of the Delaware to the brilliant victory at Hannah's Cowpens and the final triumph at Yorktown, paying particular attention to what made men fight in these bloody encounters. The book concludes with an insightful look at the making of the Constitution in the Philadelphia Convention of 1787 and the struggle over ratification. Through it all, Middlekauff gives the reader a vivid sense of how the colonists saw these events and the importance they gave to them. Common soldiers and great generals, Sons of Liberty and African slaves, town committee-men and representatives in congress--all receive their due. And there are particularly insightful portraits of such figures as Sam and John Adams, James Otis, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and many others.

Robert Middlekauff explicitly notes that his title is not meant "as irony", and he writes as "an American patriot," whose sympathies lie with those American colonists who were in revolt.

Welcome to the first Newcomers' GPS. It is designed to provide nuggets of information about the Sons of the American Revolution and will be a regular feature in The Magazine.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has four distinct administrative levels: 1) The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR or SAR), 2) District level organizations, 3) State level societies, and 4) State society chapters.

According to the Brief History of the SAR (as found in the "About" -> "mission and goals" tabs) the SAR was organized on April 30, 1889 (the Centennial of George Washington's first presidential inauguration.) It was chartered to research, preserve, and provide education about the American Revolution by the US Congress on June 9, 1906. That Act of Congress records Lunsford L. Lewis as the SAR's Virginia representative on the Charter. Lewis was an accomplished judge. He was born in Rockbridge County in 1846 and died in Richmond in 1920.

1) The SAR's web address is <https://www.sar.org/>.

Valuable tabs/links for newcomers to review are:

"About" tab: Mission and Goals.

"Members" tab: Members handbook, SAR Magazine sign-up, New Member Onboarding, Forms and Manuals, and Committees.

2) Atlantic Middle States Association (AMSA), SAR. The web address is <https://www.amssar.org/>

AMSA is comprised of the following state societies: Empire State (New York), New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

3) The Virginia Society's (VASSAR) web address is <https://virginia-sar.org/vassarpress22/>

The Virginia Society was organized on July 7, 1890. Once signed in to Dispatches one can find the Virginia Society's Handbook and other useful tabs and links. A critical tab to be aware of (and use) is the "Calendar" tab. Clicking on the tab will bring up various activities within the state, including chapter level events. Clicking on an event will bring up the event's information page and a further link to register for the event. Be aware there may be two registration links to an event, one for hotel reservations and one for the event itself. The VASSAR handbooks will provide detailed information about how VASSAR runs as well as its history.

4) Williamsburg Chapter's website address is <https://www.williamsburgsar.org/>.

This is the best site for newcomers to explore. Focus should be on the chapter Newsletters and the resources link.

The Newcomers' GPS

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>



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