



# George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

## Newsletter

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### Join Us at Our October Luncheon

The next meeting of the George Washington Chapter, SAR, will be held on October 11, 2008, at the Belle Haven Country Club. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Daniel P. Mulhollan. Dr. Mulhollan has been Director of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) since January 1994.

The CRS is an administrative unit of the Library of Congress. Its staff of about 700 employees includes experts in a variety of disciplines. The CRS provides Congress with the vital analytical support it needs to address the most complex public policy issues facing the nation. The staff members analyze current policies and present the impact of proposed policy alternatives, even if that means bringing to light facts that may be contrary to established assumptions.

Daniel Mulhollan graduated with honors in 1966 from the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. He received a fellowship and completed his PhD comprehensive exams at Georgetown University. He joined the Library of Congress in September 1969 as an analyst in American national government in the Government and General Research Division, Legislative Reference Service, which became the Congressional Research Service the following year. From 1973 to 1981 he served as head of three sections in that division and worked closely with a number of congressional committees on issues such as lobbying disclosure, the Watergate investigation, congressional reform, and standards of official conduct. He became assistant chief of the Government Division in 1981 and was named chief in 1991.

In 1987, Dr. Mulhollan served on the Library's Management and Planning Committee. Dr. Mulhollan's extensive experience working with Congress made him a valuable member of the committee, where he focused particularly on the

Library's services to its constituencies.

Dr. Mulhollan has lectured widely on congressional operations and contributed scholarly articles to a number of professional journals. He has received numerous awards for outstanding performance, including the Library's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, which he received in 1991.

Dr. Mulhollan's remarks will concentrate on the First Congress, 1789-1791. During that extraordinary session the Congress adopted the Bill of Rights and enacted the Judiciary Act of 1789, which established the federal judiciary. Don't miss this interesting presentation.

Use the form at the end of this newsletter to make your reservation.

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

#### Guest Speaker Michael Meyerson

In his remarks, Professor Michael Meyerson, our guest speaker, drew from his recently published book, *Liberty's Blueprint; How Madison and Hamilton Wrote the Federalist Papers, Defined the Constitution, and Made Democracy Safe for the World*.



Prof. Meyerson receives  
the coveted bust of  
General Washington.

He praised Hamilton and Madison for their intellectual courage, their ability to defend unpopular ideas and for their willingness to listen to opponents. Their essays, which we now know as the Federalist Papers, provided important explanations of the Constitution.

## Our Chapter Plans to Support Luke's Wings

Established just one year ago, a charitable organization called "Luke's Wings" provides valuable assistance to the families of service personnel now recovering from war wounds in Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital. Fletcher Gill, the organization's co-founder, spoke to us during the business session of our luncheon meeting. During a hospital visit, Fletcher observed how much the mere presence of family members supported and accelerated a wounded soldier's physical and psychological recovery. Recognizing that for some families the expense of travel to Washington is prohibitive, Fletcher and some colleagues co-founded Luke's Wings with the objective of raising money to purchase airline tickets for families of wounded service members.



Fletcher Gill addresses the Chapter on September 13.

Our Chapter plans to assist Luke's Wings by helping to co-sponsor and publicize a major fund-raising gala now planned for Saturday, November 22, 2008, at the Corcoran Gallery of Art. We will solicit donations to that worthy cause, and those chapter members wishing to donate funds on behalf of the Chapter

should send their donations to our Chapter Treasurer, Vern McHargue, at 6846 Ericka Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22310. In addition, we will be spreading knowledge of Luke's Wings and its work to other SAR chapters, and encourage all of our compatriots to attend the November 22<sup>nd</sup> event. We are also working on having the VASSAR Color Guard participate as well as the Fifes and Drums of Prince William III. Please mark that date on your calendar, and be sure to tell your friends and colleagues about Luke's Wings and its important work. Be sure to mention that Luke's Wings is an organization of volunteers with extremely low operating expenses - so nearly every penny raised is used to help the families of our wounded service members make the trip to Washington.

A program agenda for the event, along with speaker information is nearing completion. Details will be announced via e-mail to those compatriots for whom we have e-mail addresses, via our November Chapter Newsletter, and also at our November Chapter luncheon.

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## A Website for the GW Chapter

As discussed during the luncheon, the Board of Governors has recognized the need to establish a George Washington Chapter website. We currently seek volunteers for an ad hoc committee that will explore various options in connection with all aspects of establishing such a site, e.g., web design, hosting, maintenance, updating, et al. Any persons interested in serving on the ad hoc Website Committee should contact Chapter President Kenan Torrans.

We recognize the need to have a Chapter website to enable our members to be better informed of Chapter activities and news. Such a website would also serve as our "front porch" which would offer a public face to the Chapter and its activities. This, in turn, should help improve participation in Chapter events as well as membership recruitment and retention. At present, we contemplate that the website would be a stand-alone entity, but would be linked directly to the VASSAR and NSSAR websites.

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## Two New Members Inducted

During the September luncheon we welcomed two new members to our Chapter. They are:

### Charles Martin Hansen, III

Compatriot Charles Martin Hansen was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, the oldest of four children. His father, Chuck Hansen, was born in St. Louis, MO and is retired from the textile industry. His mother, Sheila Madigan, was born in Chicago, Illinois.

Charles received his Bachelor of Arts from Vanderbilt University and a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs.

Following college, Charles moved to Washington, DC, to work for his home state's U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX). He also worked for Texas Governor Ann Richards and served early in the Clinton Administration as Director of Congressional Liaison for the U.S. International Trade Commission.



Charles Hansen, III is welcomed to our Chapter by President Torrans.

In 1994, Charles left government and became a lobbyist at the firm Podesta Associates. Here Charles served as Managing Partner and represented a number of clients in the food processing, agricultural, pharmaceutical and textile industries. In 2001, Charles started his own lobbying firm, Hansen Government Relations and affiliated with a small firm, National Environmental Strategies, which specializes in energy and environmental advocacy.

Compatriot Hansen's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Philip Alberger who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity as a Lieutenant in Captain Isaac Cooper's Company of the Seventh and Eighth Classes, Philadelphia Militia.

Charles and his wife Anjali live in Falls Church, VA with their three children: Charlie, Katarina and Alexander.

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### **Christopher John Blumberg**

Compatriot Christopher John Blumberg (Chris) was raised in Collingswood, NJ. He earned both an M.B.A. and a B.S. in Business Administration from Monmouth University, as well as an M.S. in Business Technologies from Marymount University. He currently holds the position of Chief, Acquisition

Division at the National Transportation Safety Board.

He began his federal career in 1995 with the Department of Army in Ft. Monmouth, NJ. His move to Virginia occurred in 1999, where he continued to work as a federal employee. Since his migration to the D.C. metro area, he has held positions with the Army Materiel Command, including with the Office of the Inspector General, as well as with the Architect of the Capitol as Deputy Director of the Procurement Division.



President Torrans presents a Membership Certificate to Christopher Blumberg.

Chris is a Senior Fellow with the Council for Excellence in Government. He stays committed to improving the performance of the federal acquisition workforce.

Prior to the birth of their son Joey, Chris and Ellyn had the unique opportunity to experience a different type of adventure. In 2005, they traveled to Tanzania, Africa, where they spent time on a safari and hiking to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Compatriots Blumberg's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot John Mendenhall who assisted in establishing American independence while acting in the capacity as a Private in Captain Hugh Read's Thornburg Company, Chester County Pennsylvania Militia.

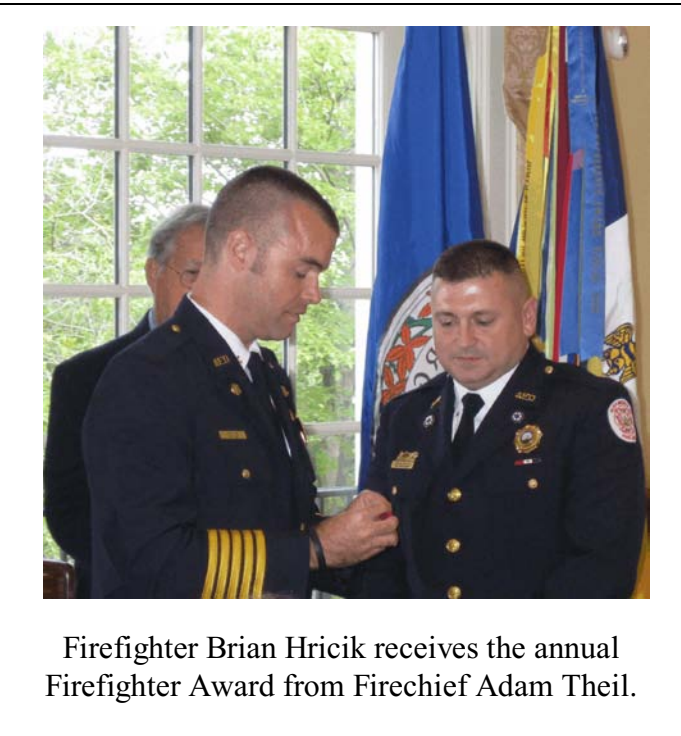


Chris resides in Springfield, V A with his wife, Ellyn, and son, Joey. Spending time together as a family is a priority.

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### **Annual Firefighter Award**

Firefighter Brian Hricik's outstanding work in organizing and managing EMS functions in the Alexandria Fire Department was recognized when he



Firefighter Brian Hricik receives the annual Firefighter Award from Firechief Adam Theil.

was recommended for our Chapter's annual Firefighter's Award. That award was presented during the September luncheon meeting.

The Chapter again thanks Compatriot Frank Becker for his work in arranging this annual event.

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### **Care Packages for Deployed Service Personnel**

An article in last month's newsletter reported on Compatriot Dick Kusserow's Care Package project. Although this is one of Dick's personal projects, his packages are sent in the name of our Chapter. He still needs mailing addresses of any military men or women now serving in Afghanistan or Iraq. If you have current addresses of senior NCOs or company grade officers who can distribute the goodies, please forward that information to Dick.

His e-mail is [rkusserow@strategicm.com](mailto:rkusserow@strategicm.com); phone is 703-683-9600 ext 411.

Care packages normally contain toiletries, snack bars, beef jerky, wipes, cookies and similar items. A list of suitable care package items was appended to the September newsletter.

If you would like to participate in this project, Dick will happily accept your contributions at our monthly meetings. In the event that Dick is unable to attend, Don Kraft will ensure that your contributions are delivered to Dick.

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### **Registrar's Report**

#### New Members

The George Washington Chapter continues to grow. At present there are six (6) new members awaiting induction. Three (3) either live out of the area or are in school. Applications of eight (8) new members are either at State or National awaiting approval. At least one new member will be inducted at our October 11, 2008, meeting. Two (2) new applications are being worked on and should proceed very quickly. One (1) new transfer request is in process and one (1) has been forwarded to the transferee for his signature.

#### Supplemental Applications

Presently, two (2) supplemental applications are at National awaiting approval. Twenty nine (29) other supplemental applications are in process. This backlog is the result of priority being given to processing all new member applications ahead of supplemental applications.

All supplemental applications are being processed based on receipt date. Where a member has submitted multiple supplemental applications, only one will be processed from those member submissions before moving on to the next member submission in the queue.

Several members have supplemental applications to submit. These members should submit their supplemental in order to get in the queue. Please submit only one supplemental at a time.

#### Application Notes

Any Compatriot having the name of someone who is interested in joining our Chapter, please e-mail me ([capt7cs@aol.com](mailto:capt7cs@aol.com)) their name and address and I will send them an information packet along with a

letter explaining the application procedures and the benefits of being a member of our Chapter. If you would like to have a New Member packet to give to someone, see me at the meeting and pick up a packet.  
SAR National Web Site

I would encourage all Chapter members to log on to the SAR National web site at [www.sar.org/](http://www.sar.org/). There is a significant amount of information concerning Chapter, State and National "goings-on". You can set up a pass word and enter the George

Washington Chapter roster, held by national, and see what information they hold on you. Most times I have found that this information needs updating and for some fields you can update on line. Our Chapter is working to have its own web site linked to the national site thus allowing anyone interested in joining or transferring to the Chapter to contact us directly. Currently we receive all web inquires through the State or National web page via the State Secretary.

Bob Carr  
Registrar

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### October 11, 2008 Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form

Please use this form to make a reservation for the Chapter's lunch at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia. The lunch cost is \$35.00 per person. Check in and social time begin at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be called to order at 12:00 noon. Feel free to invite your wife and friends as your guests. ***RSVP no later than Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.***

Walk-ins will be accommodated if possible, but note that to cover the Club's charge for serving those without a timely reservation a walk-in price of \$37.00 is required.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

A check for \_\_\_\_ persons in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ payable to **G. W. Chapter SAR** is enclosed.  
Mail this reservation form with your check to:

Vern McHargue, Treasurer  
6846 Ericka Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22310

You may also phone (703) 313-0671 and leave a message or e-mail  
[vern.mchargue@heritage.org](mailto:vern.mchargue@heritage.org).

**It is important to provide advance notice of attendance to be sure you get a seat.**

**Valet parking is available.**

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