



George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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Highlights of the December Meeting Compatriot Christopher Hoenig Addresses the Chapter

With a presentation that was both educational and entertaining, Compatriot Hoenig described the mission of his organization and demonstrated the results of its early research. The State of the USA, Inc. is an outgrowth of an effort by the Government Accountability Office and the National Academy of Sciences that started in 2004. The purpose of the effort is to develop and

implement a set of comprehensive and credible key outcome base indicators that will be both useful and used by policymakers, the press and the public. These indicators can help us to understand where we stand, how we are trending, and how the United States compares with other nations. The indicators also can help to inform public decisions on planning, public accountability reporting, legislation, appropriations, oversight and other key activities. Sorting through publically available data, Hoenig's researchers organize information which defines the past trends and present state of selected topical areas. Initial efforts focus on about 30 different topics, such as education, employment, health, and housing. The information assembled for each selected area is displayed on a computer driven interactive chart.

Taken together, the data for all the areas selected provide a view of the "state of the USA" in a format which is very understandable. The end result may be used to draw conclusions or make predictions, but that will not be done by Hoenig's organization. Its objective is to present data which can be used by government officials and public individuals to better understand the trends and relationships of the different activities which, taken together, define the state of our United States.



Compatriot Christopher Hoenig, President
and CEO of The State of the USA

Hoenig hopes that data for about 30 different areas will be available on the internet by April next year.

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George Washington Chapter **Archive Project**

Compatriot Jack Felt reported on the George Washington Chapter's archives. He reminded us that Compatriot Russell Shearer made arrangements with the Barrett Branch of the Alexandria Library to retain the Chapter's historical material including (1) newsletters, (2) official records such as meeting minutes, and (3) material related to special programs such as patriot gravemarkings. We want to include anything that should be preserved for future SAR chapter reference and use and anything that might be of historical interest for members or the public. All material will be available to members or the public for research purposes.

Members who have material which should be preserved are encouraged to give it to our Chapter Curator/Historian Jack Felt (703-370-1414, e-mail jajufelt@aol.com) who will place it in the archive. As space is limited and since all material will be organized and catalogued for easy reference, please do not submit material that is clearly of marginal importance.

Chapter members who would like access to our archived material will easily find it at the Barrett Branch of the Alexandria Library. Our primary contact at that library is George Combs, tel 703-838-4577 ext 210. Please notify Compatriot Felt if you have difficulty in locating our material. Please note that the librarians may have reassembled/repackaged the material to save space and the items might not be in the same box indicated below.

Our archives currently contain the following material:

Archives of the Sons of the American **Revolution** **George Washington Chapter**

Box 1 (Bully Box: 18"x12"x12")

Scrapbook: George Washington Chapter Yearbook, 1988-1990

Douglass G. High Oration Contest, 1989-90

Photo Album of Feb. 1987 State Meeting

Scrapbook: George Washington Chapter Yearbook, 1986. Includes Chapter Membership Directories 1986-7

Scrapbook: George Washington Chapter Yearbook, 1985. Includes Chapter Membership Directories 1985-6

Scrapbook: George Washington Chapter Yearbook, 1983-1986. Includes Chapter Membership Directories 1983-4, 1984-5, 1986-7, 1988-9

Scrapbook: "Annals of the George Washington Chapter, The Virginia Society, SAR, 1981" 1981-1982 Chapter Year Book assembled by Bob Williams

Scrapbook: George Washington Chapter Yearbook, 1978-1980. Includes: Short Chapter History and Chapter Membership Directories 1969, 1970, 1971

Box 2 (Large Cabinet Box: 21.75"x16.5"x6")

Wooden Plaque with Inscribed Bronze Name Plates Virginia Society SAR

Kenneth C. Patty Award Outstanding Chapter Award: 1971-1988

Framed Watercolor Print of Tomb of Unknown Revolutionary Soldier - Signed: L. Bryant, 6/23, AP

Inscription: "Presented to the George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society, National Society of the Sons of the American

Revolution, for its Joint Committees' Leadership in planning, coordinating, and hosting the Joint Commemoration of Yorktown Day and Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier Grave marking Ceremony, October 16, 1994"

Scrapbook: George Washington Chapter Yearbook, 1987-8

Wooden Plaque: George Washington Birthday Parade 200th Anniversary, 1997 Third Place

American Flag in Box which was flown at Mount Vernon, July 4, 1997, and presented to Chapter by The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

Box 3 (Bully Box: 18"x12"x12")

Chapter Treasurer's Records for 1972-1986

Box 4 (Small Cabinet Box: 16.5"x10.375"x6")

Oration Contest Material

Various Awards

SAR George Washington Chapter Membership Lists for the years 1959 to 2000.

Box 5 (Bully Box: 18"x12"x12")

Chapter Records 1997-2000, including Minutes, Newsletters, Special Events Reports

Box 6 (Large Cabinet Box: 21.75"x16.5"x6")

3 Photo Albums from Nov. 2003 Veterans Day Compatriot Veterans' Reminiscences Photos Tri-Chapter Meeting 1999

Records of 200th Anniversary in Paris of the Battle of Yorktown: Photos, Newspaper Accounts, Notes, etc.

Proofs of the Baldwin, Jones, Tabb Medal and the John C. Evans Medal both struck June, 2004

Set of Prints of George Washington courtesy of Ben Jones

Box 6 (Bully Box: 18"x12"x12")

American Flag (3'6" x 6'8")

2004 Chapter Yearbook; George Washington Chapter

Videotape of Re-enactment of Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech recorded for the 200th anniversary of the event, March 23, 1975, in St. John's Church where it was originally given. Written notes accompany the film.

Packets of photos:

Ceremony at Truro Church, 11/12/2004
VASSAR Meeting 2005

Installation of 2005 SAR George Washington Chapter officers

George Washington Birthday Parade, Alexandria, VA, 2004

George Washington Birthday Parade, Alexandria, VA, 2005 (2/21/05)

Wreath laying at Tomb of Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier, Alex, Va (2/21/05)

Wreath laying at Tomb of George Washington, Mt. Vernon, July 4, 2004

Binder: Wreath laying Ceremonies at Tomb of George Washington at Mt. Vernon, 2004-2006
Booklet, "The Flag of the United States...its issue and use in draping a casket and its subsequent disposal" published by the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., revised August, 1945.

Book, spiral-backed, Exhumation of Graves Associated with the Stisted Plantation:

Wagener Family Cemetery, Douglas W. Owsley et al, privately printed, Sept 2001

SAR Membership Applications for George Washington Chapter

SAR Registrar Correspondence, George Washington Chapter, 2001

SAR Registrar Correspondence, George Washington Chapter, 2000

SAR Registrar Correspondence, George Washington Chapter, 1998-9

Copy Interim Annual Report George Washington Chapter SAR, 2004

Grave Marking Ceremonies

Pohick Church Grave Marking Ceremony, 30 Oct 2004, program and preparatory documents for Patriots Lt. Daniel McCarty and Col. Peter Waggoner

Grave Marking Ceremony, May 22, 2004, Leesylvania State Park, Patriot Henry Lee II

Grave Marking Ceremony, June 4, 2005, Peru, WV, Patriot John Rorabaugh

Grave Marking Ceremony, Patriot Lt. Col. William Phillips (includes planting of a Boxwood plant donated by Mt. Vernon) Framed 8"x10" photograph: Gravestone of Patriot William Phillips

CD/DVD labeled VASSAR 2007 Annual Meeting, Feb 16-17, 2007. Contains photo of Fife and Drums of Prince William 3rd

Article "SAR Patriot Grave Marking Project", Blanchard Smith and Jack Evans, SAR George Washington Chapter Registrar and Vice President respectively, July 2004, Mount Vernon Genealogical Society Newsletter, pp 6-7.

Tribute to Lt. Col. Carlos Ricketson, USAF (Ret)

VASSAR Flag Appreciation Certificate awarded to George Washington Chapter, SAR

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Next Chapter Meeting

The next luncheon meeting of our chapter will be held on January 12, 2008. The principal business at that meeting will be the judging of the finalists in the chapter's Student Oration Contest. Compatriot Mike Elston, Chairman of the Student Oration Committee, hopes to bring three top competitors to the meeting. Compatriots may recall that last year the winner of our chapter's competition went on to win the competition at VASSAR and represented Virginia in the contest held during the NSSAR Congress in Dallas.

If you know a high school sophomore, junior or senior who may want to participate in either the oration or essay contests, it is not too late. Mike will be accepting essays until December 31 and oration contest entrance forms until January 7. Information about the contests and forms are available on the SAR website at <http://www.sar.org/youth/knight-.html> and <http://www.sar.org/youth/-rumbaugh.html>. Essays and oration contest entry forms should be mailed by the applicable deadline to Michael J. Elston, McGuireWoods LLP, 1750 Tysons Blvd., Suite 1800, McLean, VA 22102.

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Future Events

VASSAR 2008 Annual Meeting

The VASSAR annual meeting will be held at the Sheraton South Hotel in Richmond on February 15-16. Details of that meeting will be posted on the VASSAR web site. We hope that our chapter will be well represented at this important meeting. Several members are planning to attend.

Dedication of a Monument to the Men of Color

The Elam Baptist Church and VASSAR have extended an invitation to the dedication of a *Monument to the Men of Color from Charles City County who were Patriots of the American Revolution*. This ceremony will be held on January 27, 2008, at 1:30 pm in the Old Elam Cemetery located in Ruthville, Virginia. The cemetery is located about 16 miles west of Williamsburg. Compatriots who wish to attend are asked to RSVP via phone (703-534-3053) or e-mail (joexyz@verizon.net).

January 12, 2008
Lunch 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 January 7.***

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.

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