



# George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



## Newsletter

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### Next Chapter Meeting

You won't want to miss our next meeting on April 10 and the special event which will follow. Here's why. Our guest speaker will be SAR President General Edward F. Butler, Sr.. This is a great opportunity to meet PG Butler, and he is sure to have some special thoughts to share with us. After the luncheon, at his request, we have arranged a special wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. That event is scheduled for 4:15 p.m. and we hope that many chapter members will assemble at the Tomb. Please plan to arrive by about 3:45 p.m.



SAR President General Edward F. Butler, Sr.

You may use the form at the end of this newsletter to make your reservation for the luncheon. Please note that, due to rising costs, it has been necessary to return the price of the luncheon to \$35. Reservations are not required for the Arlington Cemetery event.

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### Highlights of the March Meeting

Chapter President Bob Carr gavelled the meeting to order and after the opening ceremonies made a few remarks. In particular, he noted that most of the chapter's standing committees are presently without chairmen. For those who have indicated they would like to be more active in chapter activities, now is the time to step forward. The meeting continued with an induction of new members, the presentation of awards, and an interesting address by our guest speaker.

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### The Carr Family Fills Our Ranks With New Members

During this meeting, Chapter President Bob Carr presided over the induction of two of his sons and one grandson.

Compatriot Christopher Metteau Carr was born on September 9, 1962, at Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu Hawaii. Soon after he was born, he was nicknamed Chip by his siblings. As an Army Brat, Chip lived in many different places before moving to Alexandria.

During Chip's Junior year at Fort Hunt High School, the school burned and he finished his education at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham,

Virginia. Upon graduation, he attended Valley Forge Military Academy. After leaving Valley Forge, he was employed by Chem-Lawn and later Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, while working on his certification as an Emergency Medical Technician. In 1989 he married Mary Catherine “Molly” Bever. They reside with their son Jessie Robert in Ashburn, Virginia.

In 1989, he joined Fresenius Medical Care, a company that provides renal care to patients. He has remained with this company for over 20 years during which he has worked as a patient care therapist, an inventory control technician, Chief Technician, Inventory Control/Compliance Supervisor and is presently a Clinical Application Support Specialist.

Compatriot Carr’s membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Steven Heard, Captain, Georgia Militia and Public Service as Governor of Georgia.



Bob Carr and sons Christopher M. Carr and Julian A. Carr

Compatriot Julian Adcock Carr was born on October 14, 1969, at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington. He is the youngest of five children and only moved once with the family before coming to Alexandria. Julian spent all of his grade school years in the Fairfax County school system and graduated from West Potomac High School. He continued his education at the University of Tennessee, where he received his degree in Management with a concentration in Office Systems Automation.

Upon graduation from UT in 1992, Jay entered the Information Technology field and has held IT positions in law firms and industry. He is currently the Network Support Manager, Americas for QIAGEN, a bio-tech firm in Germantown,

Maryland. He is responsible for managing the company’s desktop and communication services for Canada, Mexico, Brazil and the United States.

Julian resides in Clarksburg, Maryland, with his partner Ross Thompson and their two sons, Conner Thompson and Marcus Carr.

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Jessie Robert Carr, our most recent Youth Registrant, is 13 years old and the son of Compatriot Chip Carr and his wife Molly. They live in Ashburn, Va where he attends Farmwell Station Middle School. He is enrolled in three honors classes and maintains an A average. He is active in the neighborhood and has numerous friends. Jessie is very interested in insects and animals and plans to pursue a career in Entomology. He recently became interested in model rocketry and has been asked by his TEC-ED teacher to assist in the school rocket program next year. He attends St. Theresa Catholic Church and will be confirmed in the fall of 2012.



Bob Carr with grandson Jesse R. Carr and son Christopher M. Carr

A Youth Registrant is a youth under the age of 18 for whom a fully documented application has been accepted and held in escrow. He is not a member and receives no benefits. He may become a Junior Member (before the age of 18) or a regular member (on or after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but prior to his

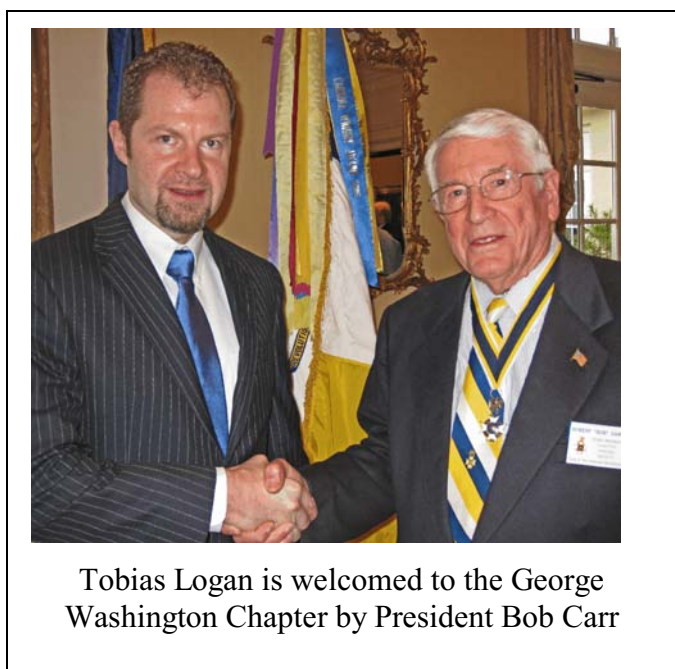
29<sup>th</sup> birthday), by activating his escrowed SAR Youth Registrant application and paying the current year's National, State and Chapter dues.

Conversion of a Youth Registrant to Junior Membership before the age of 18 requires no application form as his previously approved Youth Registration is on file. National Junior dues are \$10.00.

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### **Tobias Logan Transfers Membership to Our Chapter**

Compatriot Tobias Logan, formerly affiliated with the California SAR, joined the George Washington Chapter at this meeting.



Tobias Logan is welcomed to the George Washington Chapter by President Bob Carr

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### **Essay and Oration Contest Winners Recognized**

During the March meeting, the chapter took great pleasure in presenting awards to the winners of its 2010 essay and oration contests. Philip Grudier, a junior at George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, received a medal, certificate and \$100 check for submitting the best essay in this year's competition. He also received a \$300 check for winning second place in the VASSAR essay contest. Philip was accompanied at the luncheon by his father.



Philip Grudier receives medal and cash award from Contest Chairman Mike Elston

Rebecca Tamiru, a junior at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, received a medal, certificate and \$100 check for winning the chapter's oration contest. She placed third in the VASSAR orations competition and received her check from the state society on the day of the state competition. After receiving her awards, Rebecca presented her winning oration to the chapter. When she finished, the members and guests in attendance gave her a standing ovation. Rebecca was accompanied at the luncheon by her mother.



Oration Contest Winner Rebecca Tamiru receives certificate and cash award from Contest Chairman Mike Elston



## Chapter Recognizes Teacher Mary Lou Wentzel

Contest Chairman Michael J. Elston presented a certificate of commendation to Bishop O'Connell High School teacher Mary Lou Wentzel, who personally coached fifteen students entered in chapter-level orations competitions in three area chapters. She was commended "for encouraging students to participate in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and by so doing [she has] honored the heroic sacrifices of the founders of the United States of America."



Ms. Mary Lou Wentzel receives Certificate of Appreciation from Contest Chairman Mike Elston

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## Guest Speaker Charles "Chris" Herndon

Chris Herndon held our attention with his timely topic "Cyber Security Threats to National Security." A recognized expert in his field, Chris speaks with authority. Present day computer system hackers, he told us, are no longer just a bunch of tech savvy high school kids who find exciting challenges in exploring the vulnerabilities of on-line data banks. Today we are confronted with highly trained state-sponsored

technicians who target the data banks of large corporations, law firms, banks and others. These hackers seek the exploitation of intellectual property, pre-patent data on technological innovations and other sensitive information. They also implant malware in the hearts of operating systems which could be activated to launch disastrous attacks at some future moment. Chris reinforced his discussion with examples of some successful service denial attacks on U.S. Government computer systems.



Vice President Paul Briggs passes the coveted bust of General Washington to Guest Speaker Herndon

Chris concluded his remarks with a few recommendations. The best defense against cyber criminals is the careful exercise of safe computer practices. Always use a reputable anti-virus system on your computer and keep it updated. Updating daily is a good practice. Recognize that large-scale network attacks are inevitable. Be careful about downloading software from unrecognized sources.

We all felt that we learned a lot from Chris's interesting talk.

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## President's Column

Dear Compatriots:

Where has this month gone? The BOM has been very busy in preparation for the visit of President

General (PG) Ed Butler and his wife Robin to our chapter's April 10th meeting. We are planning for a larger turnout than normal from our chapter members as well as from all the VASSAR chapters and Color Guard and the DC Society. Get your reservations in early as we are limited to a maximum of eighty (80) seats.

PG Butler has agreed to perform the induction of our new members as well as address the chapter after lunch. Following the lunch, we will caravan to Arlington National Cemetery where PG Butler will place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The VASSAR Color Guard will provide a massed color guard at Arlington for the ceremony.

On March 18th, at the invitation of the DC Society President, Gerson Nordlinger, III, I represented our chapter at the society's monthly meeting at the Ristorante Murali in Arlington. It was a great evening and they had a most interesting speaker — Andrew S. Natsios, former Administrator of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) from 2001 until 2006. He discussed *Washington and Hamilton: Our greatest development theorist and practitioners and their lessons for international development today*. A superb presentation.

Don't forget to send in your reservation for the meeting on Saturday, April 10. We want a good showing for PG Butler and the other society and chapter representatives who will be present.

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Bob Carr  
President.

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## **Our Chapter Joins Others in Support of National History Day Event**

[The following article is adapted from a report prepared by Compatriot Jack Sweeney, District 5 Coordinator, VASSAR National History Day. Sweeney is also the president of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter.]

The District 5 National History Day competition was held on Saturday, March 20, at the Fairfax County Campus of George Mason University. The overall theme for the 2010 event was *Innovation in History: Impact and Change*. About 200 students from grades 6 thru 12 entered the results of their research which were illustrated in a variety of mediums. Both junior or senior divisions competed

in event categories which included Group and Individual Documentary, Websites, Individual and Group Exhibits, and Group and Individual Performances.

SAR chapters and chapter members contributing in the name of their chapters provided financial support to this event. Chapter members also served as judges and SAR awards were presented to student contestants with research projects focused on historic activities of the 1750-1800 time period.

SAR financial support was acknowledged at the outset of the final awards ceremony by the GMU Master of Ceremonies, Professor Brian Platt. He recognized the George Mason, George Washington, Culpeper Minute Men, Col. William Grayson, and Fairfax Resolves Chapters of VASSAR and the Washington DC Society of the SAR for their important contributions.

A joint DAR/SAR team of 14 judges evaluated the many entries presented at this competition. The DAR was represented on the judging team by Cindy Hays (DCSDAR) and Carol Sweeney (Kate Waller Barrett Chapter). Paul Hays, Gary Bond, and John Sinks (all from DCSSAR); Dick Austin and Joe Mertan (George Mason Chapter); Matthew Phillips (an applicant for membership in the George Washington Chapter); Dave Allard and Bill Broadus (Col. William Grayson Chapter); and Brett Sweeney, Larry Lamborn, Bill Price and Jack Sweeney (Fairfax Resolves Chapter) comprised the SAR membership of the judging team. Bob Carr, George Washington Chapter President and Ben Fegan, VASSAR National History Day Committee Chairman, were also present.

As noted above, winning entries based on research covering the 1750-1800 historical period are also recognized with SAR awards. First place winners receive the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal with certificate; second place winners receive the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Pin with certificate; and those finishing in third place each receive a SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

The following students and their respective projects received SAR Awards:

**Sarah H. Guthrie.** Third Place, Senior Individual Exhibit, Topic: *Indigo Dye from South Carolina: The incredible Story of Eliza Pinkney*, Sarah is home schooled. Harriett Guthrie and Verner Guthrie are her advisors.

**Emily Bennett, Kylie Knudsen, Jeffery DelSordo, and Valerie Nguyen.** First Place, Junior Group Performance, Topic: *Queen Elizabeth I: Short Term and Long Term Effects of the Separation of Religion and State*. These four students represented the Phillip Michael Pennington Traditional School. Their advisors are Marsha Weiss and Ann Khochareun.

**Meaghan Cotts.** Second Place, Junior Individual Performance, Topic: *The Printing Press: A Spread of Literacy and Education*. Meaghan attends the Lorton Station Elementary School. Her advisors are Margaret Hanscom and Laurie Hartt.

**Angeline Zbesheski, Erin Slawson, and Megan Krest.** First Place, Junior Group Documentary, Topic: *George Washington: The Innovative Farmer*. These three students attend the Graham Park Middle School and their advisor is Christina Barcalow.

**Connor Chroman.** Second Place, Senior Individual Documentary, Topic: *Assassins of the Sea*. Connor attends West Springfield High School and his advisor is Kathleen Boivin.



Bob Carr and Jack Sweeney, presenting SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals and certificates to Emily Bennett, Kylei Knudsen, Jeffery DelSordo and Valerie Nguyen for winning first place with their Group Performance project.

[Photo by Carol Sweeney]

The quality of the research and entries in the respective categories were absolutely outstanding! The judges from the DAR, SAR, academia, and other organizations were privileged to witness, first-hand, that our posterity is in good hands!

The first place winners go on to compete at the state level in Williamsburg. If they win there, the next stop is the National Competition at the University of Maryland in College Park.

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## Registrar's Report

Robert August Whitehead has been approved for membership since my last report. Nine new member applications and ten supplemental applications have been sent to the VASSAR Registrar for approval and forwarding to NSSAR. Of these nineteen applications, four are being worked at NSSAR. There are ten new member and thirty two supplemental applications in draft and awaiting review by the applicant or additional documentation from the applicant. There are sixteen prospective members working on their draft applications.

At the April 10 chapter meeting, we plan to induct four new members: Steven R. Walker, William K. Coulter and his son Michael W. Coulter, and Robert A. Whitehead. President General Butler has agreed to perform their induction ceremony.

Keep the new member and supplemental applications coming. If you need a new member packet, please call or e-mail me and I will gladly send you all the information needed.

Bob Carr  
Registrar

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### FLAG CERTIFICATE

Did you know that you can recommend your neighbor, who flies the American flag properly, to be awarded a SAR Flag Certificate? The Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. It is not to be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes. It can be presented by a chapter, state or the national society. Please pick up a blank Flag Certificate Recommendation Form during the chapter meeting on Saturday and recommend that your neighbor, church, friend or business for one of our certificates. All completed forms should be submitted to Bob Carr, Paul Briggs, Don Kellerman or Mike Elston.

## DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that you could hold dual membership in any state society or a chapter in any state? As a dual member of a state society you have all the rights of a regular member of the state society and can hold offices in either or both of the state societies at the same time, but you cannot be a voting representative of both societies at the same regional or national meeting. You may join a chapter in the dual state if you wish or if it is required by that state society. National dues are collected through your primary state and not through your dual state. You will pay for only state dues (and perhaps chapter dues) in the dual state. The procedure to attain dual membership in another state society is outlined on the NSSAR web site or you may contact your Registrar for assistance.

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## Special Flag Certificate Presentation

Chapter President Bob Carr and other members of the Board of Managers will present the SAR Flag Certificate to the Prince William County Board of Supervisors at the Board's April 6, 2010, meeting. The SAR Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, businesses or other organizations to recognize "exemplary patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America." The April 6 meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the James J. McCoart Administration Building, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia.

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## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

### SAR Day with the Potomac Nationals

Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> is Fathers' Day - and it's also SAR Day at the Potomac Nationals minor league ballpark in Prince William County. We are working with several Northern Virginia chapters to get a good turn out for an old-fashioned afternoon at the ballpark. Game time is 1:05 p.m., and tickets are only \$7 each. (That's not a misprint - seven dollars.) The VASSAR Color Guard has been invited to present the colors during the pre-game festivities. Celebrate

Fathers' Day and show your pride in the SAR at the same time by bringing your whole family to the ballpark! To reserve your tickets, please e-mail the treasurer at [treasurer.gwsar@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.gwsar@gmail.com) or call him at

703-680-0866 no later than April 30, 2010, to get our special discounted price of seven dollars per ticket.

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## Members Continue to Provide Financial Support

The Board of Managers thanks those members who made financial contributions to the chapter during the first quarter of 2010. These donations allow the chapter to commemorate the people and events of the American Revolution and to continue to inspire our community with the principles on which our nation was founded. If you would like to make a charitable contribution to the chapter, please contact the chapter treasurer, Michael Elston, at [treasurer.gwsar@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.gwsar@gmail.com). The SAR is a charitable non-profit organization and contributions are generally tax deductible.

### First Quarter 2010 Donations

#### \$100 or More

Robert F. Carr  
Donald E. Kraft  
Paul Wagoner

#### Other Contributions

Steven Valentine  
Ernesto Uribe  
Richard Walker  
Michael Elston

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## Calendar of Coming Events

### April

- 6** **Flag Certificate Presentation to Prince William County Board of Supervisors - James J. McCoart Admin Bldg, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William, VA. 7:30 p.m.**
- 10** **President General Butler will address the chapter at our regular meeting. At 4:15 p.m., we will assist him in presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.**
- 13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday - Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC. 11:00 a.m. Contact Paul Hays, 202-544-0556 or [paulhays@verizon.net](mailto:paulhays@verizon.net).
- 17-18 Battle of Petersburg - Time TBA



- 24 President James Monroe birthplace - Westmoreland County, VA. 10:30 am. For additional information, contact the James Monroe Chapter.
- 28 President James Monroe's Birthday - Richmond, VA, 11:00 a.m.

### May

- 7-8 Raid on Martin's Station - Ewing, VA. Start time is 8:00 a.m. Contact Thomas Coker, 276-445-5836 or [trc@mounet.com](mailto:trc@mounet.com).

**8 Regular meeting of our chapter.**

- 15 Plaque Dedication - Raphine, VA. Old Providence Presbyterian Church.

**31 National Memorial Day Parade - Washington, DC. Time TBA. This is a big event for our chapter!**

### June

- 18-20 SAR Conference of the American Revolution - West Point, NY.

**20 SAR Day with the Potomac Nationals - celebrate Fathers' Day with your SAR Compatriots at an old-fashioned day at the ballpark.**

- 24-30 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress - Cleveland, OH.

### July

**4 Washington's Tomb Wreath-laying and Naturalization Ceremony - Mount Vernon, VA. Time TBA.**

- 4 Naturalization Ceremony - Monticello, VA. Thomas Jefferson Chapter is the sponsor. Time TBA.

- 26-4 Aug National Scout Jamboree - Fort A.P. Hill, VA

### September

**11 Regular meeting of our chapter.**

- 10-11 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting - Winchester, VA.

- 10-11 Constitution Day - Montpelier, VA.

### October

- 1-3 Battle Days - Point Pleasant, WV.

**9 Regular meeting of our chapter.**

- 19 Battle of Yorktown - Yorktown, VA  
Time TBA.

### November

**13 Regular meeting of our chapter.**

### December

- 4-5 Battle of Great Bridge - Chesapeake, VA.

**11 Regular meeting of our chapter.**

- 11 Wreaths Across America - National Cemeteries. Time TBA.

### January 2011

**8 Regular meeting of our chapter.**

### February 2011

**12 Regular meeting of our chapter.**

**TBA 2011 VASSAR Annual Meeting-Richmond.**

- TBA Crossing of the Dan - South Boston, VA.

The newsletter editor greatly appreciates the assistance received from Bob Carr, Mike Elston, Paul Briggs and others who have assisted in the production of this newsletter.

The George Washington Chapter was chartered in its present form on April 2, 1954. With over 200 members, it is Virginia's largest SAR chapter. Meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month (June, July & August excepted) at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### Present officers are:

President: Bob Carr 703-780-3066  
Vice President: Paul Briggs 703-768-6910  
Secretary: Don Kellerman 703-768-2442  
Treasurer: Mike Elston 703-680-0866  
Registrar: Bob Carr 703-780-3066

This monthly newsletter is edited by Don Kraft, who depends heavily on inputs from chapter officers and committee chairmen. Inputs from others are always welcome. Please send your inputs and comments to [kraftdon@att.net](mailto:kraftdon@att.net) or call 703-451-6132.



**April 10, 2010**

**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 Monday, April 5<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:

Michael J. Elston, Treasurer

P.O. Box 336

Lorton, VA 22199

You may also make your reservation by e-mail to [treasurer.gwsar@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.gwsar@gmail.com) or call Mike at 703-680-0866.

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

**Valet parking is available.**