



George Washington Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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George Washington Chapter Compatriots Remain Active During Summer Recess

With the monthly meetings in recess, chapter members participated in other SAR events this summer. Many shared pictures and summaries from their activities with the newsletter.

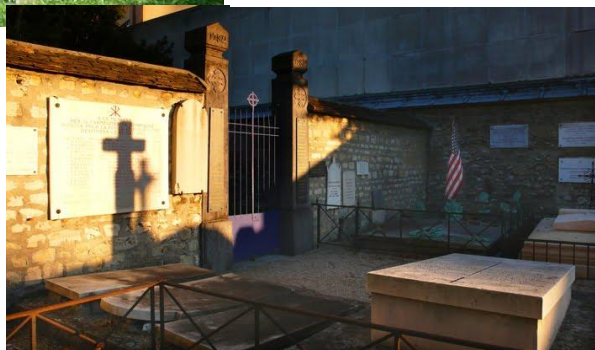


Jefferson Tomb Wreath Laying: Chapter President Paul Briggs on left, past President Bob Carr on right, VASSAR President Phil Williams on podium, President General Larry Magurkurth right of wreath. (Above)

Newly inducted Compatriot Charles Flinn participated in ceremonies honoring General Lafayette on the 4th of July in Picpus, France. (Right) Compatriot Flinn's summary of the day is set to appear in a future edition of the newsletter.



Memorial Day Parade: Registrar Jim Mobley and Secretary Dwight Whitney carry the National Society's Banner in Washington D.C.'s annual National Memorial Day Parade. (Above)



Within this month's newsletter is a proposed restatement and amendment of our constitution and bylaws. The proposed constitution and bylaws will be presented to the membership for approval at the November 10, 2012 chapter meeting. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact chapter vice-president Mike Elston.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

October 13, 2012

11:30 AM, Belle Haven Country Club, Guest Speaker: Daniel A. Piazza, Curator of Philately at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.

October 19, 2012

Battle of Yorktown, Yorktown, VA

October 20, 2012

4:30 PM, Lorton, VA, 250th Anniversary of the Election of George Washington to the Vestry of Historic Pohick Church

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President's Message



Dear Compatriots,

A recap of last month's activities:

September 8, 2012 was our first regular chapter meeting following the summer recess. Later that day we conducted a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery.

We inducted eight new compatriots, whose biographies are within this newsletter. Eric Grundset, Librarian of the Daughters of the American Revolution Library presented a comprehensive overview of the Library and its mission of preserving historical, family and genealogical records. President General Stephen A. Leishman was on hand to present Mr. Grundset the prestigious Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his many decades of faithful service.

Following the chapter meeting at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns, the President General, Virginia Society Vice President Bill Broadus, National Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme and I, along with other color guard and compatriots present presented a wreath in conjunction with soldiers of the Third Infantry Regiment Tomb Guard. The ceremony was delayed by a sudden severe thunderstorm with high winds and drenching rain that fortunately subsided sufficiently for us to proceed.

September 14-15, 2012 was the VA Society Semi-Annual Meeting in Charlottesville, VA. Representing the our Chapter were Bob Carr, Mike Elston, Dwight Whitney, Jim Mobley, Brice Stephens and me. The chapter report was substantive, reflecting all that we have done since last February and announcing our upcoming GCCM Gala on January 26, 2013. We tried to stay to the high points to maintain humility, but it was a challenge.

The luncheon had 120 or so participants and featured several awards to young patriots, terrific

remarks by our own Emily Elston (President of the Light Horse Harry Lee Chapter, CAR) and a Gold Good Citizenship Medal awarded to Ms. Leslie Green Bowman, the President and CEO of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello. Among other officers and dignitaries present were the Mayor of Charlottesville, the Vice President General of the National Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Virginia President of the Children of the American Revolution, the State Eagle Scout scholarship recipient, the National SAR Knight Essay winner and the State Society Rumbaugh oration winner presenting his oration. Colors were piped in by a fifer, and accompanied by the Albemarle Bagpipes and drums in full regalia (six pipes, a bass drum and a snare). VA Society President Phil Williams really did this program right!

September 15, 2012 Compatriot Don Kellerman and his wife Nancy represented our chapter and the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, DAR at the dedication of a marker in honor of General Lafayette near Spotsylvania, VA. The Mine Run Chapter of the DAR sponsored the event.

Upcoming:

- **October 13, 2012:** Regular Chapter Meeting at the Belle Haven Country Club. Nomination of Chapter Officers for 2013. (See the enclosed article on our featured speaker)
- **November 10, 2012:** Regular Chapter Meeting, election of officers for 2013
- **November 11, 2012 at 2 PM:** Veterans' Day Wreath Laying at Mount Vernon
- **December 1, 2012:** Tentative Wreath Laying with St. Andrews Society at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House Alexandria, followed by annual Scottish Walk parade.
- **December 8, 2012:** Regular Chapter Meeting, induction of officers for 2013
- **December 9, 2012:** Wreaths Across America wreath laying at National Cemeteries
- **Next year, January 26, 2013** at 6:30 PM, Belle Haven Country Club, mark your calendars for the Gold Good Citizenship Medal event.

Check out other entries in this newsletter and on our web site at gwsar.org for updates and more details of upcoming events you can be part of. We are seeking immediate volunteers to lead the Boy Scout recognition program, the Law Enforcement Awards program, as well as the chapter scrapbook for 2013. If you are interested, please see me, or one of the other officers.

We'll see you Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 11:30 AM for our social gathering and a 12 PM meeting.

Respectfully,

Paul

F. Paul Briggs, Col. USMC Ret.
Chapter President 2012



From L to R: Mike Tomme, National Color Guard Commander, President General Stephen Leishman, Chapter President Paul Briggs, VASSAR Vice President Bill Broadus, Sergeant of the 3d Infantry Regiment Old Guard, US Army, at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns. 8 September 2012.

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 11:30a.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: Paul Briggs 703-768-6910
Vice President: Mike Elston 703-680-0866
Secretary: Dwight Whitney 540-349-2375
Treasurer: Scott Wagoner 571-239-3221
Registrar: Jim Mobley 202-465-6680

This monthly newsletter is edited by Derek Loveland, who depends heavily on inputs from chapter officers and committee chairmen. Inputs from others are always welcome. Please send your inputs and comments to derek.loveland@gmail.com or call 703-373-3087

October Guest Speaker, **Daniel A. Piazza**

Our guest speaker in October will be Daniel A. Piazza, Curator of Philately at the Smithsonian



National Postal Museum. The National Postal Museum is dedicated to the preservation, study and presentation of postal history and philately. The museum uses exhibits, educational public programs and

research to make this rich history available to scholars, philatelists, collectors and visitors from around the world. Its located next to Union Station on the lower level of the historic City Post Office Building, which was constructed in 1914 and served as the Washington, D.C., post office from 1914 through 1986. In addition to 23,000 square feet of exhibition space, the Museum also houses research library, a stamp store and a museum shop. The Museum was created by an agreement between the Smithsonian Institution and the United States Postal Service in 1990 and opened to the public in 1993.

In September 2013, the Smithsonian National Postal Museum (NPM) will open the world's largest



One of thirty-two surviving "red proofs" of the 1765 Stamp Act revenue stamps that led to protests against "taxation without representation." Smithsonian National Postal Museum collection.

stamp exhibition gallery, named for founding donor William H. Gross. In his 30 minute illustrated talk, Curator Piazza will highlight some early American postal treasures that will be on permanent view in the new gallery, including a table of postage rates published by

Postmaster General Benjamin Franklin in 1765; a letter to John Hancock postmarked July 4, 1776; a letter mailed from General Washington's encampment at Valley

Forge in 1778; and the document signed by Thomas Jefferson establishing the post office department in 1792.

Piazza collects and writes about the stamps and postal history of the U.S. during the Bureau period (1894-1978) and the Italian peninsula. He is president and general chairman of the annual NAPEX stamp show in McLean, Virginia, and belongs to the Washington Stamp Collectors Club, the American Philatelic Society, and the American Philatelic Research Library. In addition to his philatelic activities, Piazza is an academic historian specializing in U.S. History to 1760. He holds degrees in the subject from Wagner College (B.A., 1998) and Syracuse University (M.A., 2004) and has completed the coursework for his Ph.D.

Secretary's Report

All members are requested to send any address changes or corrections to me right away as we are about to send out mass mailings for 2013 dues. Send to my mailing address or by e-mail at: dwightwhitney@comcast.net. If you wish to be included in (or excluded from) e-mail announcements of Chapter events and news, be sure I have your e-mail address (or request to be removed). If you did not receive a notice from me for the September or October chapter meetings, then I do not have your address OR the one I have is in error.

The Board of Managers has approved the publication of the membership directories for new members joining this year, after the publication of the 2012 directory. Directories will be presented to new inductees starting in September, and directories will be mailed to new members inducted earlier this year who have not already received one. The membership directories for 2013 will be mailed to all members in good standing in February.

Members who have not received a 2012 membership card may send me a request and I will mail it to them at no cost. Membership cards for 2013 will be mailed out to all members in good standing by the beginning of the year.

Dwight Whitney
Secretary

New Members

James Douglas (Doug) Bowling



Compatriot Bowling was raised in Charles County, Maryland. In 1968 Doug received a B.A. from the University of Maryland, College Park, Md. In 1970 he enlisted in the United States Army and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant after completing Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Ga.

Doug is currently retired from Dominion Virginia Power. He and his wife Lupe are spending their days babysitting their first and only grandchild Ella Fettig. In his spare time Doug is involved in expanding a growing ancestry research.

He is married to Guadalupe Mora Bowling who is originally from Guadalajara, Mexico. They have a 28 year old daughter named Nicole Angelica Fettig who is a 3rd year Doctoral Student in Applied Developmental Psychology at George Mason University, a 26 year old son named James Douglas (J.D) Bowling Jr. who is a recent Law School Graduate and is currently employed at Charles Roberts & Associates Law Firm in Occoquan, Va., and a 24 year old daughter named Elizabeth Maureen Bowling who is a second year Law Student at Charlotte School of Law in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Compatriot Bowling's membership in The Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Lt. John Forbes. During the Revolution Lt Forbes served in the 3rd Maryland Regiment under Capt. Belain Posey, Lt. Colonel Nathaniel Ramsey, and Colonel Mordecai Gist. This Regiment saw action at the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Camden, Guilford Court House, Eutaw Springs, and Yorktown.

James Douglas Bowling Jr.

Compatriot, James Douglas Bowling Jr., was born and raised in Springfield, Virginia. In 2008, Mr. Bowling graduated *cum laude* receiving a B.A. in Political Science from Virginia Commonwealth

University. He later entered Florida Coastal School of Law and graduated *cum laude*, receiving his Juris Doctorate in 2011.



While at Florida Coastal School of Law, Mr. Bowling was selected to participate in the Caribbean Law Clinic program where he presented a legal memorandum to the staff of the Attorney General's office of the Cayman Islands.

Mr. Bowling is currently an associate for Charles B. Roberts & Associates, P.C. He has been with the firm since July 2012. In addition, Mr. Bowling is a member of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and the Prince William County Bar Association. In his spare time he enjoys playing golf and traveling.

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Tom Buckner



Compatriot Thomas Morgan Buckner was born near Houston, Texas and raised there and in Shreveport, Louisiana. In 1983, Tom received a B.S. from the United States Air Force Academy, where he majored in Military History. He earned an M.A. in Political Science/ International Relations from the University of New Mexico in 1995, and an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2009.

Tom is a Colonel in the Air Force Reserve, currently serving at the Pentagon in the Remotely Piloted Aircraft (or RPA) Capabilities Division, under the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance. His primary duties involve RPA coordination with our

international partners. As a pilot, Tom has flown rescue and special operations C-130s and the remotely controlled RQ-4 Global Hawk reconnaissance plane. He has been in the Air Force for 29 years. In his spare time he is a Boy Scout leader in the Old Dominion District, and serves on the vestry and as acolyte director at Pohick Church, the colonial parish of George Washington.

He is married to Laura Grant Buckner, originally from Casper Wyoming, who is the Registrar of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the DAR. They have a 20 yr. old daughter named Morgan, who is also a DAR member, and two adult sons, Devin and Garrett Lamberth. Morgan attends the University of St Andrews in Scotland. Devin is in southern California and Garrett lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

Compatriot Tom Buckner's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Bernard Buckner. During the Revolution Lieutenant Bernard Buckner served in the South Carolina militia as a quartermaster. Family oral history holds that Lt Buckner served under the Swap Fox, Francis Marion. Bernard's wife Sarah Heape Buckner was also a Patriot in her own right.

Charles G. Flinn



Compatriot Charles G. Flinn was born and raised in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. In 1959, Charles received an A.B. in History from Princeton University, and in 1962, an LL. B. (J. D.) from the University of Virginia, becoming a member of the Virginia and Florida Bars in the same year, and of the D. C. Bar in 1970. He later received a Bachelor of Divinity (External) from the University of London (1980), a Th. M. in Old Testament from Westminster Theological Seminary (1994), followed by an M. A. (2002) and Ph. D. (2010) in Ancient Semitic Languages and Literature from the Catholic University of American. He has been ordained deacon (1991) and priest (1992), and is now a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh of the Anglican Church in North America

Charles retired as County Attorney of Arlington, Virginia, at the end of June 1993, and since that

time has served in the parish ministry and as a supply minister and worked as a part-time seminary instructor of Biblical Hebrew and Greek. He continues to volunteer as a legal aid attorney with Legal Services of Northern Virginia. He founded Nathanael Institute as a religious organization to develop a retreat house and in recent years the construction of that house, now nearly completed, in the Allegheny Highlands of Pa. has occupied a large part of his time.

He is not married. Perhaps for this reason, he has ten god-children, ranging in age from 7 to 48. In the past he has been a board member of several church organizations and a diocesan vice-chancellor, and more recently has worked with the Prayer Book Society (an organization founded to promote the understanding and use of the Book of Common Prayer), and contributed articles to its magazine. Before retirement he was active as a board member of the Virginia Local Government Attorneys Association and the School Board Attorneys Association. He has regularly traveled outside the United States, especially to France where, on multiple visits, he has spent a total of more than two years of his life.

Compatriot Flinn's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot William Flinn. During the Revolution William Flinn served as a private in several units of the Revolutionary forces in periods during the years from 1779 to 1781, seeing service in Va., N. C., and S. C.

James Christopher Hubbard



Compatriot James Christopher Hubbard was born in Washington DC and raised in Springfield, VA. In 1979, Chris Hubbard received a B.S. in Biochemistry from Virginia Tech. In 1980 he was awarded a fellowship for Biochemical research and study from the Medical College of Virginia. He later studied and received a Masters of Architecture from Virginia Tech in 1983.

Chris Hubbard is currently Principal and Co-Owner of nationally award winning WHA Architecture and Planning, PC, in Arlington, VA.

He has been Principal/Owner of WHA for 22 years. He has designed a range of projects in Virginia from single family homes to mid-rise mixed use buildings in the Arlington metro corridor to a 1000 acre, walkable, new town in Stafford County, VA. He is married to Jacqueline Condakes, who is originally from Boston, MA. They have three daughters: 7 yr. old Marie, 5 yr. old Leia and 3 yr. old Kyra.

Compatriot Chris Hubbard's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Isaac Ball Jr, Athol, MA. Isaac fought as a private under Captain Icahabod Dexter and Colonel Doolittle, also Col. Woodbridge.

Chris Sorrells



Compatriot Chris Sorrells was born and raised in Lexington, VA. In 1990, Chris received a B.S. in Anthropology from Washington & Lee University. Chris also has an MBA from the College of William & Mary (1996) and Masters of Accounting degree from the University of Southern California (2003).

Chris is currently a partner with NGP Energy Technology Partners, a Washington, DC based private equity fund focused on the energy, power and environmental industries. He has been with NGP Energy Technology Partners since its formation 7 years ago. In his spare time he enjoys fishing with his sons, rock climbing, running and skiing out West.

He is married to Jennifer Sorrells, who is originally from Dallas, TX. They have a 6 year old son named Dylan and a 4 year old son Bennett. He is a member of Belle Haven Country Club and serves on several private and public company Board of Directors.

Compatriot Chris' membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Zachariah Johnson. During the Revolution Zachariah Johnson was appointed a captain (1776) and in 1781 participated in the Virginia campaign which led to Lord Cornwallis' surrender.

Phillip DeForrest Stracener Jr.



Compatriot Phillip DeForrest Stracener Jr. was born in Manchester, TN and raised in Warrenton, VA. In 2003, Phillip received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Military Institute.

Phillip is currently a Senior Engineer for Aerojet General Corporation. He has been with Aerojet for 10 years this next May. In his spare time he is an avid relic hunter and spends numerous hours with a metal detector recovering Revolutionary and Civil War era relics and preserving them for the future.

Phillip's membership in the Society is based on his bloodline descent from Stephen Heard who fought in the French and Indian War and was a hero of the American Revolutionary War. Captain Heard fighting under the command of Col. Andrew Pickens, Dooley and Clark, at the Battle of Kettle Creek, distinguished himself by encouraging his men and leading them to points of danger as well as taking an active part in the engagement. Captain Heard also served as the Governor of Georgia from February 18, 1780 until August 1781 when Governor Nathan Brownson was elected.

Knox Thames



Compatriot H. Knox Thames was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, but raised in Richmond, Kentucky. In 1996, Knox received a BA in History and American Studies from Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY. He later received a juris doctorate and a Master's in International Affairs, both from American University in 2001.

Knox currently serves as the Director of Policy and Research at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. The Commission is an independent U.S. government entity created by Congress to monitor religious freedom worldwide and make policy recommendations to the U.S. government. In his spare time, he is active at Fairfax Community Church.

He is married to Shelley Smith Thames, originally from Arlington, TX. They have a 3 ½ yr. old son named Christopher and a 5 year old son named Elliot. They have lived in the Washington, DC area for almost 15 years.

Compatriot Thames's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Samuel Knox. During the Revolution, he served as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia.

Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report zero New Member Applications and zero Supplemental Applications were approved by NSSAR. Two New Member Applications and eight Supplemental Applications were submitted to VASSAR.

There are no applications at VASSAR awaiting review, twenty-nine applications at NSSAR awaiting review, and eight new members awaiting induction. Below is a summary of the applications that were submitted and approved since the last Registrar's Report. The applications are listed in the approximate order in which they were submitted or approved.

New Member Applications Submitted

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
David Robert Thomas	George Simmers
Walter John Blair III	William Daingerfield

Supplemental Applications Submitted

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
James Michael Mobley	David Martin
James Michael Mobley	Thomas Spencer
James Michael Mobley	Thomas Watkins
James Michael Mobley	Stephen Groves
James Michael Mobley	John McCurdy
James Michael Mobley	Josiah Cheatham
James Michael Mobley	William Neal
James Michael Mobley	Josiah Askew

Jim Mobley
Registrar

Long Range Events List

2012

Oct 6-7 - Point Pleasant Battle Days at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park in Fort Randolph, WV @@

Oct 6-7 Battle of Kings Mountain in Blacksburg, SC @@

Oct 13 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

Oct 19 - Battle of Yorktown in Yorktown, VA @@

Nov 10 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

Nov 11 - Mount Vernon wreath laying at George Washington's Tomb with Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, DAR ##

Nov 30 - Dec 2 – Battle of Great Bridge Weekend @@

Dec 1 - Battle of Great Bridge Wreath Ceremony and Reenactments @@

Dec 8 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. Our guest speaker will be Henry P. "Phil" Williams III, President of the Virginia Society, SAR.

2013

Jan 26 - Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala **

Feb 9 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

Feb 19 - Battle of Cowpens in Chesnee, SC @@

Feb - State Meeting in Richmond, VA @@

Feb - Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, VA @@

March 9 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

March - James Madison's Birthday in Montpelier, VA @@

March - Battle of Guilford Courthouse in Greensboro, NC @@

April 13 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. Our guest speaker will be the President-General of the SAR (who will be elected at the July 2012 National Congress).

April 13 - Wreath Laying Ceremony with the SAR President General at Arlington National Cemetery, 4:15 p.m. **

May 11 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

July 4 - Mount Vernon wreath laying, 9:30 a.m. step off ##

July - 2013 National Congress in Kansas City, MO

Sept 14 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

Oct 12 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

Nov 9 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

Nov 11 - Mount Vernon wreath laying at George Washington's Tomb with Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, DAR ##

Dec 14 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

2014

January - GMGC Gala

Legend

** Chapter sponsored state or national event

Chapter event where other chapters may participate

@@ Non-Chapter event of significance that GW members should consider attending

October 13, 2012
Lunch Meeting Reservation Form

Please make your reservation by e-mail to **swagoner@X4-LLC.com**. This is the preferred way to make a reservation. 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. **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 \$40.00 is required.**

For call in reservations, you can call Scott at **571 239-3221**.

For e-mail and phone reservations, please include the following:

Compatriot Name: _____

Guest Name (s): _____

For mail-in reservations, please include the following information:

Compatriot Name: _____

Guest Name (s): _____

A check for ____ persons in the amount of \$_____ payable to G.W. Chapter SAR is enclosed.

Mail this reservation form with your check to:

Scott Wagoner, Treasurer

G.W. Chapter SAR

P.O. Box 75

Occoquan, VA 22125

It is important to provide the first and last name of all guests.

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

Valet parking is available.

Thank you.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this chapter shall be “The George Washington Chapter” in accordance with the Charter issued by the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on April 2, 1954.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purposes of this Chapter are the furtherance of the objectives of both the Virginia Society and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. These purposes are patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include:

- (a) the perpetuation of the memory of those patriots who, by their service and sacrifices during the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;
- (b) the promotion of fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by their forefathers;
- (c) the encouragement of historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
- (d) the acquisition and preservation of the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as of the documents, relics, and landmarks of the Revolution;
- (e) the marking of scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials;
- (f) the celebration of anniversaries of prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period;
- (g) the fostering of true patriotism;
- (h) the maintenance and extension, and the carrying out of the institutions of American freedom, and of the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country, and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III – ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any male shall be eligible for membership in the Society being a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minuteman, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress of any one of the several Colonies or States, as a signer of the Declaration of Independence, as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence, as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature, as a foreign national of, but not limited to, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, Sweden or Switzerland who rendered service in the cause of American Independence or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain, provided, however, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

Section 2. Members of The George Washington Chapter must also be members of the Virginia Society and the National Society and are subject to all the rules and regulations of those societies. Any provision of this Constitution or the Chapter Bylaws that conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of the National or Virginia Society are void and shall have no effect.

Section 3. There shall be the following classes of membership:

- (a) Regular or Regular Life Member – A man aged eighteen years and older who meets the requirements for membership outlined in section 1 above;
- (b) Junior Member – A young man under the age of eighteen whose application has been approved in accordance with the Bylaws of the National Society. He may attend, but he pays no chapter dues and is not eligible to vote;
- (c) Memorial membership – A deceased man of the same family as a current member of the Society whose application has been submitted and approved in accordance with the Bylaws of the National Society;
- (d) Associate Member – A regular member of the National Society of the SAR who affiliates with the chapter and pays local chapter dues. He shall be approved by the Board of Managers and is entitled to all the privileges of regular members; and
- (e) Honorary Member – conferred on a member by unanimous vote of all members present at a regular or special chapter meeting.

Section 4. Life National Society members shown above are exempt from the payment of National Society dues, but shall pay Virginia and local Chapter dues and other fees of regular Chapter members.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS

Section 1. The Chapter shall elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer at the November chapter meeting. They shall be installed at the December chapter meeting and hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and installed. They, with three elected Managers-at-Large, shall comprise the Board of Managers. Managers-at-Large shall be elected, one each successive year, and shall hold office for three years or until a successor is elected and installed. If more than one Manager-at-Large is elected in one year, the Nominating Committee shall specify the term for each nominee; if the election is contested, the nominee receiving the most votes shall have the longest available term; if the Nominating Committee fails to specify the term for each nominee and the election was not contested, the four officers may set the terms of Managers-at-Large. All elected Board members will be installed at an appropriate date.

Section 2. In addition to the above, the following shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Managers: Registrar, Chaplain, Master-at-Arms, Historian, and all committee chairmen. They are non-voting positions, nominated by the President, confirmed by the Board of Managers, and shall serve at its pleasure.

Section 3. All elected positions are subject to, and eligible for, re-election, except the Members-at-Large, who shall not succeed themselves.

Section 4. The Board of Managers shall have the power and authority to manage the affairs of the Chapter. It shall review reports from committee chairmen and recommend to the membership resolutions and changes to Chapter policy, its Constitution, and Bylaws.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. There will generally be monthly meetings of the Chapter. Except under unusual circumstances, meetings will not be held in June, July, and August. There shall be at least two Chapter-wide business meetings annually, including the November meeting when election of the Board of Managers for the coming year will be held.

Section 2. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (www.robertsrules.com).

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Chapter. The proposed amendment must have been sent by the Secretary to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date set to vote on the proposed amendment.

BY LAWS

BYLAW No. 1 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Full membership in the Chapter is conferred on all regular and regular lifetime members and associate members and shall include the right to vote, hold office, and attend all functions, provided that the member has paid the current year's dues for the National Society, State Society, and the Chapter.

Section 2. Junior members and honorary members may participate in all Chapter activities except that they may not hold office, vote, or pay dues.

Section 3. Prospective members, with their sponsor members, may attend meetings and other events of the Chapter.

Section 4. Withdrawals from membership shall be in writing and addressed to the Chapter Secretary.

Section 5. Transfer may be given to any member in good standing upon written application to the Chapter Secretary. He may transfer to any other chapter or state society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

BYLAW No. 2 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President – He shall provide overall leadership in accordance with the policies and guidelines of the Chapter and the Virginia Society. He is responsible for the administrative conduct of the Chapter within the guidelines of the Chapter budget. He presides at all meetings of the Chapter and the Board of Managers, exercising of the functions of a presiding officer. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He serves as the Chapter's duly designated representative on the Board of Managers of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Vice-President – He assists the President in the discharge of his duties. In the absence of the President he acts for the President including acting as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He is Chairman of the Program Committee, responsible for all aspects of Chapter programs at regular meetings. He serves as alternate representative on the Board of Managers of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Secretary – He shall provide members with notice before all regular and special meetings of the Chapter and meetings of the Board of Managers. This notice may be included in the newsletter, sent by e-mail and/or posted on the chapter website. He shall provide complete minutes of all Chapter and Board of Managers meetings, providing a summary of them for approval at the next meeting of the appropriate group. He shall keep other

Chapter administrative records as requested by the President. At year's end he shall transfer them to the Chapter Historian for proper retention or disposition. He shall maintain control over Chapter correspondence and reports as directed by the President and the Board of Managers. He is responsible for providing the membership with a Chapter roster, updating it regularly with needed revisions.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the Chapter and shall sign all checks drawn on the Chapter's behalf. Checks drawn in an amount in excess of \$2,000 shall be co-signed either by the President or Vice-President. He shall collect all fees and dues from members and applicants for membership, and shall transmit those amounts due the State and National Societies to the State Treasurer. He shall prepare a budget and submit it for approval to the incoming Board of Managers at their first meeting. Expenditures during the year in excess of \$1,000 not included in the budget must first be approved by the Board of Managers. He shall keep an accurate account of his receipts and disbursements, which shall be audited each year as directed by the Board of Managers. All receipts shall be deposited to the Chapter's account, and all disbursements shall be by check only. In addition, he shall furnish such information relative to the Chapter's funds as the President and Board of Managers may require. He shall prepare an annual financial statement for the fiscal year, and shall submit it to the Secretary for distribution to the members. He shall file IRS form 990N annually (by May 15th) as well as other forms or financial documents that may be required by the Internal Revenue Service.

BYLAW No. 3

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Section 1. The Board of Managers shall provide active management and control of all Chapter activities including all programs, projects, awards, and public ceremonies. In addition, they shall exercise complete financial and budgetary authority over Chapter monies, assets, and expenditures. They shall set the amount of the annual dues to be paid by the Chapter membership.

Section 2. The President shall nominate members to fill elected offices which become vacant between elections, serving only until the next election. All such nominees shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Managers before they assume office.

BYLAW No. 4

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Ex-officio officers nominated by the President and approved by the Board of Managers shall participate and report to the Board of Managers but shall have no vote.

Registrar– The Registrar shall be responsible for preparing and submitting applications and supplemental applications to the state registrar as well as assisting prospective members with assembling the required documentation. The registrar may be assisted by one or more assistant registrars, who work under the supervision of the registrar.

Chaplain – The Chaplain shall be responsible for offering invocations and benedictions at the opening and closing of meetings or other events where prayers are appropriate. The Chaplain also serves as Chairman of the Amenities Committee.

Master-at-Arms – The Master-at-Arms shall be responsible for preserving order as the presiding officer may direct. He shall be responsible for the placement of the flags and banners at meetings and at special ceremonies.

Historian – The Historian shall serve as the custodian of the Chapter’s charter, the awards and other forms of recognition received by the Chapter, and records and such other documents as the Chapter’s officers shall deliver to him for safe keeping.

BYLAW No. 5 COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

Immediately following the annual meeting, the incoming President shall appoint the chairmen of the following Standing Committees (unless the chairman is specified by these bylaws):

Amenities Committee – Responsible for arranging hospital calls, sending “get well” cards and condolences, and organizing delegations to attend local SAR funerals. The Chaplain shall be Chairman of this committee.

Flag Committee – Responsible for presenting at least one SAR Flag Certificate each year and reporting the presentation to the Virginia Society's Flag Committee. At the request of any member, the committee shall prepare a flag certificate for presentation by that member.

Program Committee – Responsible for both the development and content of programs including speaker selection, necessary arrangements for presentation, and the order of conduct of the meeting. The Vice-President shall be Chairman of this committee.

Public Relations Committee – Responsible for preparing and distributing news of Chapter activities to the members, National and State Societies, and local news media. They shall keep abreast of the activities of the Sons of the American Revolution at all levels, informing the Chapter members, and encouraging their participation where appropriate. The Committee shall assist the Registrar in recruiting new members by publicizing the availability and value of SAR membership. The Secretary shall be Chairman of this committee, and he may appoint a vice-chairman to assist him in these important duties. The Editor of the Chapter Newsletter and the Webmaster shall be a member of this committee

Audit Committee – Responsible for the annual audit of the Treasurer’s accounts and such other audit actions as the Board of Managers may direct.

Youth Activities Committee – Responsible for handling all chapter relations with private and public schools in the Northern Virginia area, including, but not limited to: Good Citizenship Awards, the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, the Joseph H. Rumbaugh Historical Orientation Contest, and the Children of the American Revolution.

Awards Committee – Responsible for the development and execution of the Chapter’s Awards Program. They shall recommend honorees for both intra-SAR and awards for deserving outsiders in fields such as education, public safety, military achievement, writing, and similar fields relating to the objectives of SAR. They shall implement details of awards presentations approved by the Board of Managers.

Scouting Committee – Responsible for recommending sponsorship of scouting programs to the Board of Managers and for implementing such programs through dealings with local Boy Scout troops and troop councils. They shall provide SAR recognition where appropriate to scouting activities and individuals.

Property Management Committee – Have custodial responsibility for all physical property of the Chapter to include flags, banners, uniforms, and other acquired clothing and equipment. They shall be responsible for its safe storage and maintenance. If the property is in the custody of another member, they shall keep an inventory of such property and update it annually. The Quartermaster is the chairman of the Property Management Committee.

Graves Registration Committee – Responsible for the identification, documentation, and registration for publication by the National Society of any grave of a Revolutionary War serviceman or patriot. All Society members shall assist this committee in locating the graves of their Revolutionary ancestors and other servicemen and patriots, and shall advocate for the proper marking of such graves.

Section 2. Special Committees

The President may appoint the Chairmen and members of any special committees created by the Chapter or Board of Managers except the Nominating Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Managers. The Nominating Committee, composed of at least two former Chapter presidents and at least one member who is not presently a member of the Board of Managers, shall submit its nominations for the Officer and Manager(s)-at-Large positions, notifying the Chapter members by Newsletter or other means prior to the November election.

All other special committees shall be appointed by the President. Normally, such committees are appointed to meet a special short-term need and are normally for a short, specified duration.

BYLAW No. 6 DUES

Section 1. National and state society dues are set by those societies. The dues for the Chapter are set by action of the Board of Managers. Payment of all dues shall be by November 15 of the year preceding the year for which the dues are paid so that dues may be transmitted to the state society in a timely fashion. The Virginia Society Bylaws state that “if a member has failed to pay his dues by January 1, he shall be dropped from the roles of membership of the Virginia Society.”

Section 2. Applications for memberships approved in November or December which included dues payment shall be credited with dues payment for the following year. All new applications made and approved during a calendar year are exempt from dues payment for that year.

Section 3. NSSAR life members pay no national dues for life. VASSAR life members whose memberships predate 1994 are exempt from both Virginia and National Society dues for life. Other VASSAR life members shall continue to pay National dues. All chapter members shall pay chapter dues, except that members in the military who are deployed overseas are exempt from chapter dues, and the chapter shall pay their Virginia and National Society dues.

Section 4. Members whose dues are unpaid by January 1 may be suspended, but with approval of the Board of Managers, may be reinstated when all outstanding fees have been paid.

BYLAW No. 7 QUORUM

Fifteen (15) members of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum for conducting business at a Chapter meeting. Five (5) members of the Board of Managers shall constitute a quorum for conducting Board business, provided that one of the members present is either the President or Vice-President.

BYLAW No. 8 ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1. The order of business for regular meetings shall be established by the President. The following order of business is recommended for formal business meetings:

- (a) Call to order by the presiding officer.
- (b) Pledge of Allegiance.
- (c) Pledge to the SAR.
- (d) Invocation by the Chaplain.
- (e) Introduction of the head table, new members, and guests.
- (f) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
- (g) Officers' reports.
- (h) Committee reports.
- (i) Unfinished business.
- (j) New business.
- (k) Introduction of the speaker or program.
- (l) Closing remarks of the presiding officer.
- (m) Benediction by the Chaplain.
- (n) Adjournment.

BYLAW No. 9 AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that a quorum is present and prior notice of the amendment(s) has been sent to each Chapter member by the Secretary along with the notice of the announcement of the meeting.