



George Washington Chapter

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SAR PRESENTS WREATH AT TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN



President General Dooley and SAR members from the George Washington and other chapters following the Arlington wreath-laying ceremony.



President General Joseph Dooley, a dual member of the George Washington Chapter, presents the S.A.R. Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, during the GW Chapter sponsored event on October 12, 2013. L to R, VASSAR Color Guard Commander Peter Davenport, VASSAR President Kent Webber, and DCSSAR President Rob Pollock.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

November 9, 2013

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

December 14, 2013

Joint Chapter Meeting with the George Mason Chapter at 11:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA.

January 25, 2014

Informal Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton, VA.

Events Information

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Wreath laying ceremony for St. George Tucker, Nelson County, VA.

November 11, 2013

Veterans Day wreath laying at General Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, with Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, DAR.

President's Corner



*N*ovember is election

season in Virginia, and that includes the George Washington Chapter! The nominating committee has proposed the following slate for election: Scott Wagoner, president; Dwight Whitney, vice president; Jim Mobley,

secretary; Greg Bodge, treasurer; and yours truly for a three-year term on the board of managers. There were no nominations from the floor, and thus I feel safe in predicting the election of this slate at our November meeting!

While I have very much enjoyed being your president, I think it is important to allow as many members as possible to hold office. Thus I hope Paul Briggs and I have started a trend of one-term presidencies. We have over 270 accomplished and talented members, and more will have a chance to lead the chapter if we have ten presidents each decade rather than just five.

Moreover, I hope we will send more chapter members to serve in leadership positions at the state and national levels. That is what I will be doing in the years ahead. I have already taken on a number of responsibilities at both levels, and I am nominated to be VASSAR Third Vice President for 2014-15 (plan on coming to Richmond to vote for me in February!). But don't worry -- I have offered to assist our next president, and I will be around at our events and luncheons. With no responsibilities during meetings, I look forward to relaxing and engaging in the extended conversations I have missed the past few years!

Points, Points, Points & Annual Dues

OK, it is crunch time. Here is where we stand, approximately, at the end of 10 months:

	2011 Winning Chapter Totals	GW 2012 Total	GW 2013 to Date
Americanism	13,210	2,145	6,927
PG Streamer	12,795	7,045	6,715

Although this is a bit counterintuitive, I believe we are within striking distance of the 2011 winning total on the *PG Streamer Award*. That is because there are about 2500 points out there which are nearly a sure thing. *Every one of our 274 members who pays his dues on time will earn us 10 points toward the PG Streamer. (Send your check in now!)* So, what do we need to do to get to 12,800? We have to keep the energy level high, finish out the year strong, and get a member or combination of members to make a donation of property to the SAR worth about \$3,000. That's it. We have reached the maximum for cash donations (\$3K), but we can earn up to 10,000 points for donations of property to the SAR Foundation or any national endowment fund. So why not become a George Washington Fellow (\$1K) or earn a youth program medal (\$250) or all four medals (\$1K) through a gift of appreciated stock? Instead of paying tax on the gain, you get a tax deduction for the full present value. I am going to do this by the end of the year, and I have all the details. If you are interested in helping in this way, please give me a call or send me an e-mail as soon as possible.

With regard to the *Americanism Award*, I do not think we'll get close to 13,000 points. But I am thrilled beyond words that we have more than tripled our 2011 total -- and we have two months to go! This is particularly important because Americanism points are earned for activities that are designed to bring public attention to the Patriots of the Revolution and the SAR, such as grave markings, parades, youth contest and public service recognition programs, and support for veterans. It is through these activities primarily that we advance many of the patriotic, educational and historical goals of the SAR. Together, we have done great work in these areas, and I am very proud for your efforts this year.

October in Review

We had a great luncheon on October 12 with a timely presentation on the Siege of Yorktown by Glenn F. Williams, Senior Historian at the United States Army Center of Military History. We also

inducted two new members, and President General Dooley presented the first set of Chapter Medals of Distinguished Service, covering the past five presidencies to Covert Beach, Don Kraft (in absentia), me, Jack Pitzer and Jack Shawn. The 2013 medal winner will be announced at the December meeting.



Distinguished Service Medal Recipients

We honored two very deserving members of the Alexandria Fire Department with SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medals: Battalion Chief Dwayne Bonnette and Assistant Fire Marshal Russell Furr.



Fire Safety Award Recipients

Finally, we presented Compatriot Tom Buckner with the SAR War Service Medal on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Air Force after 30 years of service.



Tom Buckner receives War Service Medal

Following our meeting, several of us joined headed out to Arlington National Cemetery where our chapter sponsored the President General's Wreath Lying at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Always a moving ceremony, this year's was especially poignant as the PG is a dual member of our chapter. We were joined by compatriots from the Col. Fielding Lewis, Col. William Grayson, Culpeper Minutemen, Fairfax Resolves, and George Mason Chapters and the D.C. Society.

Ernie Coggins and I had the privilege of representing the chapter at the annual Yorktown Victory Day celebrations. This is one of my favorite events of the year -- it's actually three or four events in one day. You should try the Brunswick Stew luncheon at least once in your lifetime, so make plans to attend the next celebration on Sunday, October 19, 2014.

November and December Preview

By the time you get this, we will probably have already completed the **grave marking honoring Bermuda-born patriot St. George Tucker** in Nelson County, Virginia. This VASSAR presidential initiative grew out of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot program that Emily and I have been pursuing since the beginning of the year, so this grave marking is near and dear to my heart. The Bermuda Gunpowder Plot events will continue in 2014, so if you haven't already bought your limited-edition commemorative pin, please do so at our November meeting!

Speaking of our November meeting, we will be honored to welcome Peter Mollema, Deputy Chief of Mission with the Dutch Embassy in Washington, as our guest speaker. We will also be giving out a host of end-of-the year awards because we will have only a limited time for awards during our December meeting.

On November 11, we will join the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, our sister DAR chapter, for the annual **Veterans' Day Wreath Laying at George Washington's Tomb** at Mount Vernon. Please make every effort to attend as there is usually a large crowd of veterans (who get free admission that day), and it is so important to honor their service along with the service of our first Commander-in-Chief. The annual

celebration of the Battle of Great Bridge will be held in Chesapeake, Virginia, on December 6-7. This is a national event, and it draws SAR members from multiple states. There's a lot to do at this celebration, and it's quite a story if you don't know it. If you are interested in joining me there, I have all of the details -- just give me a call or send me an e-mail.

On December 14, we will celebrate the end of the year and the start of the holiday season with a joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter. Our guest speaker will be Donald A. Ritchie, Ph.D., Historian of the United States Senate. VASSAR President Kent Webber will induct our 2014 officers, but I will stubbornly hold on to power until my term expires on December 31st!

I hope to see you at one or all of our events during the next two months.

Michael J. Elston

President

The George Washington Chapter was chartered in its present form on April 2, 1954. With over 250 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: Mike Elston 703-680-0866
Vice President: Scott Wagoner 571-239-3221
Secretary: Gregory Bodge
Treasurer: Dwight Whitney 540-349-2375
Registrar: Jim Mobley 202-465-6680*

This monthly newsletter is edited by Matthew Jones. Inputs from chapter officers, committee chairmen, and fellow compatriots are always needed. Please send your inputs and comments to mpjones36@gmail.com or call 217-246-2687.

November Guest Speaker



Deputy Chief of Mission for the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C., Mr. Peter Mollema, will be our honored guest speaker for November and will be speaking on:

"The Recognition and Support given by The Netherlands to the United States during and after the American Revolution."

He is currently the Deputy Chief of Mission and Head of the Political Department for the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C. Prior to coming to Washington, he was Deputy Chief of Mission for the Netherlands Embassy in South Africa. From 2008 to 2009, he was the Civilian Representative of the Netherlands in Afghan province of Uruzgan. In conjunction with the Royal Netherlands Army, he managed the activities of Dutch military and civilian personnel who worked to create political and development programs in support of the Afghan government and its people.

He has also served as the Deputy Director for Communication and Press Relations at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague; the Head of the Political Section at the Netherlands Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia; the Spokesman and First Secretary of Political Affairs at the Netherlands Permanent Representation to the United Nations in New York, USA; and the Head of the Spokesman Office for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague. Earlier postings include: Islamabad, Pretoria and Indonesia Desk, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague.

Deputy Chief Mollema holds a Master of Arts in Social-Economic History from the University of Groningen. He is married and is the father of two children. Given that 16 November is Dutch-American Heritage Day, this will be a very timely, special, and exciting presentation.

New Members

R. REED HEDDLESTON



Compatriot R. Reed Heddleston was born in Seoul, Korea, as the son of American parents serving abroad. His father was an army engineer and Reed grew up living on army posts in the United States and Europe.

He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute where he received a BA in Economics and Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, where he received an MBA in Finance. After graduation, he entered flight school.

A military pilot, Reed spent twenty-six years in the United States Air Force progressing through staff and flying assignments. He flew primarily the B-52F, G and H models. Assignments included squadron and operation group command. He retired from the Office of the Secretary of Defense as a Colonel in 1998.

After leaving the Air Force, Reed joined Science Applications International Corporation, a Fortune 500 Company in McLean, Virginia. He has fourteen years of corporate management experience, primarily Research and Development management. He retired in 2012 as a Senior Vice President. Reed currently works for The Louthan Group, a financial consulting firm in Richmond, as the Managing Director for Defense and Government.

Reed has been married to his wife Carol for forty years. They met while both were graduate students at Emory University. They have three grown children: Thomas, Erin and Lindsey. And they have four granddaughters.

Compatriot Reed Heddleston's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot John Gray, Private, Virginia Militia at Williamsburg and

Fredericksburg. John Gray was born on Mount Vernon plantation in 1764. His father, an indentured servant, fought in the war and was killed at the battle of White Plains. Gray joined at age 16 in 1780, and was present at the Battle of Yorktown. After the war he moved to the Northwest Territory, and lived out most of his life in Noble County, Ohio. He had three wives during his life and fathered at least four children. He died at age 104 years, 2 months, 23 days.

It is interesting to note that Reed, as a member of the VMI Cadet Corps, served in the same Virginia Militia as his ancestor John Gray separated by a mere 190 years.

DOUGLAS ALAN MCCUISTION



Compatriot Douglas Alan McCuistion was born and raised in Royal Oak, Michigan. After graduating from high school in 1966, he enlisted in the US Navy, where he spent 8 years at various duty stations. After his discharge he held

various jobs before settling down in Falls Church, Virginia in 1977. He is married to Judith Marie McCuistion who is originally from McLean, Virginia. They have a 27 year old son named Ian Wade McCuistion. He is a charter member and past president of Clan Uisdean USA, INC., he currently holds the position of trustee.

Compatriot McCuistion's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot James McCuistion. During the Revolution James McCuistion fought at the Battle of Guilford County Courthouse.

In his spare time he works with the Boy Scouts of America of which he has been a member for 40+ years. He also spends his free time researching his family genealogy.

Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report two New Member Applications and five Supplemental Applications were approved by NSSAR. There are five New Member Applications awaiting review by NSSAR or VASSAR, and one Supplemental Applications awaiting review. There are five New Members awaiting induction.

Below is a summary of the applications that were approved and submitted since the last Registrar's Report. The applications are listed in the approximate order in which they were approved or submitted.

New Member Applications Approved

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Michael Edward Jury	Philip Gray

Supplemental Applications Approved

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Gregory Ormand Bodge	Samuel Page
Isaac Gregory Bodge	Samuel Page
John Robert Mobley	Nathaniel Foster, Sr.
James Lewis Mobley	Nathaniel Foster, Sr.
James Michael Mobley	Abraham Heath

New Member Applications Submitted

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Shaun Patrick Blair	William Daingerfield
Kevin Douglas Kline	Abraham Kline
Richard William Rogers	Thomas Mullikin
David Michael Rogers	Thomas Mullikin

Supplemental Applications Submitted

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Gregory Elias Bingham	Christian Carpenter

Jim Mobley, Registrar



Mike Elston and C.A.R. member
at Yorktown Victory Day



Scott Wagoner & Glenn F. Williams



Lamplighter Award Recipients

GW SAR Commemorates Revolutionary Grave Sites



Top Left: President Michael J. Elston salutes the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson Jr. after placing the George Washington Chapter's wreath during VASSAR's annual Yorktown Victory Day (Oct. 19th) ceremony at Grace Church, Yorktown.

Top Right & Middle: Gravesite of Revolutionary Patriot 1LT William Peake (1761-1793).

Bottom Left: President General Dooley give remarks during the VASSAR Yorktown Day Ceremony.

Middle: President General Joe Dooley salutes the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson Jr.

Bottom Right: Gum Spring Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot 1LT William Peake & Humphrey Peake.

"There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet the enemy"

General George Washington

Future Events 2013

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Future Events 2014

January 11 - VASSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala, Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. **

January 18-19 - Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, SC. ‡

January 25, 2014 - Informal Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA.

February 8 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. *

February 14-16 - VASSAR Annual Meeting, Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA. †

February 28 - March 2 - NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY. †

March 8 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. *

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

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

May 31 - Wreath laying at the grave of Bermuda-born patriot Thomas Tudor Tucker, Treasurer of the United States, at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC (DCSSAR event).**

July 19-24 - 124th National Congress in Greenville, SC. †

Legend: * Chapter event; ** Chapter-sponsored state or national event; † VASSAR/NASSAR event in which GW members are encouraged to participate; ‡ Other SAR event of significance that GW members should consider attending.

Saturday, November 9, 2013

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

Lunch Meeting Reservation Form

Please make your reservation by telephone or e-mail. This is the preferred way to ensure your reservation is received in time to ensure you get a seat. Reservations are needed by the preceding Wednesday, but I will take reservations as late as Friday noon.

The lunch cost is \$35.00 per person (\$12.00 per child) and you may pay at the door or send a check in the mail. Check-in and social 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 e-mail reservations, send to [dwightwhitney@comcast.net](mailto:dwrightwhitney@comcast.net) with **RESERVATION** in the subject line.

For call-in reservations, you can call **Dwight at 540-349-2375**.

When calling or writing, please include the following:

Compatriot Name: _____

Guest Name (s): _____

For mail-in reservations, be sure I'm notified in time to hold seating for you and your guests!

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 and your check to:

Dwight Whitney

Treasurer, G.W. Chapter SAR

5733 Pendleton Lane

Warrenton, VA 20187

It is important to provide the first and last name of all guests. It is important to provide advance notice of attendance to be sure you get a seat.

Valet parking is available.

Thank you.



Prince William Resolves Chapter, VADAR

Historical Gala



We are formally invited to attend an Historical Gala hosted by the Prince William Resolves Chapter in order to raise funds for Junior Membership and their endeavor to provide support for the DAR Mountain Schools on
Saturday, November 16, 2013

At 7PM

Admittance will begin at 6PM

Westminster of Lake Ridge

12191 Clipper Drive

Lake Ridge, VA 22192

Cost is \$30.00 a person or \$50.00 a couple

Evening Attire or Costumes please

In honor of the DAR's National Junior emblem of "Peacocks", we invite you to show your pride and come dressed as one of your ancestors or favorite historical figure. There will be an optional costume contest and prizes; please be prepared to explain whom you are portraying. The traveling State DAR Junior Shop will be providing a special new selection of items for purchase. Raffles and a 50/50 drawing will be held during the evening. The social hour will begin at 6PM and will include live music and a beer/wine cash bar. Dinner will be a buffet including a beef carving station, a vegetarian entrée, and a chicken entrée. All major credit cards will be accepted. All attendees must be at least 18 years old. Parking is limited, carpooling is recommended.

Please contact Jennifer Bishop at 703-586-5773 nemecjekjennifer@gmail.com or Heather Simpson at 703-965-4463 heatherjsimpson@gmail.com with any questions.

RSVP By Nov. 1, 2013 (No Refunds will be given after Nov. 8th)

(Please detach and send this portion of the form, one form per couple please)

Name: _____ (DAR, Junior Member, SAR, Guest) please circle one

Chapter (if applicable): _____

Guest: _____ (DAR, Junior Member, SAR, Guest) please circle one

Chapter (if applicable): _____

Price: \$30 for individual / \$50 per couple

Please choose one:

_____ Cash

_____ Check # (Please make checks payable to Prince William Resolves Chapter VADAR)

_____ Pay by Credit Card upon arrival, (a 3% charge will be applied)

Please send this form & payment/promise to pay to: Heather Simpson, 15762 Edgewood Drive, Dumfries, VA 22025

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