



George Washington Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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GENERAL MYERS TO BE AWARDED SAR GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL



The 2014 VASSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala will honor: **General Richard B. Myers, USAF (Ret)**, who served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2001 to 2005.

This fifth annual black-tie optional event, which is hosted by the George Washington Chapter, will begin with a receiving line and reception at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, January 11, 2014, at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria, Virginia. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required.

The Gold Good Citizenship Medal is presented on behalf of the National Society of the SAR, and only a small number of medals are authorized each year. The medal is awarded for outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service of national importance. Past recipients include former Presidents Truman, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush (41) and Bush (43). At previous VASSAR Galas, the medal has been presented to Secretary of Veterans Affairs General Eric Shinseki, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs General Peter Pace, former Attorney General Edwin Meese III and U.S. Army four-star General Frederick J. Kroesen, Jr.

NOTE: If you plan on attending please contact Dwight Whitney at dwightwhitney@comcast.net or by phone at (540) 349-2375.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

January 25, 2014

Informal Chapter Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton, VA.

February 8, 2014

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

March 8, 2014

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

Events Information

January 11, 2014

VASSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala, Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA.

January 18-19

Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, SC.

President's Corner



My fellow compatriots,

it has been a great privilege to serve as your president during 2013. Thank you for giving me the opportunity – I have thoroughly enjoyed it. As a chapter, we have had a fantastic year. I am

grateful to all of the members who have contributed to the successes during the past year, and I am equally grateful for the trust and friendship that you have shown me along the way.

As we begin the George Washington Chapter's 60th anniversary year, we are starting on a firm foundation. With over 275 members, we remain Virginia's largest SAR chapter. Our financial condition is sound. We welcomed more than 30 new members in 2013. We have a robust program to mark the graves of Patriots of the Revolutionary War. We have multiple members serving as state officers, and several active at the national level. We have earned the respect of our compatriots in the Commonwealth and elsewhere, and our standing in the organization is as high as it has been for many years.

Our new president, Scott Wagoner, will continue our chapter's strong record of achievement, and we have some excellent leaders in the pipeline for the years ahead. This is my challenge to each of those future leaders: do at least one thing better than we did the year before. It is my firm hope that we will exceed the accomplishments of the past each and every year. I look forward to supporting their work in the years ahead in my new role as a past president and a member of the board of managers. I know they will have your support as well.

Please plan to attend our two meetings in January: the **Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala on January 11** and the **chapter business meeting on January 25** (reservation forms are at the end of this newsletter).

This year's recipient is most deserving: **Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF (Ret.)**, who served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2001 to 2005. We will have a host of general officers with us at the Gala, and you will not want to miss the Air Force jazz band, *Airmen of Note*.

Finally, I know you have all been waiting for our point totals. We will not have them finally totaled for another month, but here is my best estimate:

	2011 Winning Chapter Totals	GW 2012 Total	GW 2013 to Date
Americanism	13,210	2,145	8,306
PG Streamer	12,795	7,045	10,323

This is a job well done, compatriots. I will go over how we got to these numbers in some detail at the January 25 business meeting, but you should all be very proud of what the numbers represent: a lot of effort and success in advancing the goals of the SAR during 2013.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of the George Washington Chapter. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season, and may God continue to bless you and your families in the New Year.

Michael J. Elston

Immediate Past President

New Members



KEVIN DOUGLAS KLINE

Compatriot Kevin Douglas Kline was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in the suburbs of Maryland. He spent 15 years working in the music and entertainment industry as a professional songwriter and musician. As a BMI songwriter, Mr. Kline has had over 50 of his musical titles published for use in commercial radio, television and film, and has lent his multiple talents to over 20 commercially and nationally released albums.

In 2011, Mr. Kline was elected to a city council seat representing Prince Georges County/District 9 in Morningside, Maryland. Mr. Kline's work with the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department during his one term in office led to increase awareness, funding and equipment for the busiest Rescue Squad in the State of Maryland and the 11th busiest in the Nation. Mr. Kline also served as the Director of Public Works for the Town of Morningside for two years. Mr. Kline currently works as the Executive Assistant to the President and CEO at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Compatriot Kevin Kline's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Abraham Kline. A farmer and businessman, Abraham Kline moved west with his family from New Jersey and established the Fishing Creek Valley area near Orangeville, Pennsylvania.

Patriot Abraham Kline supported the cause of the American Revolution by furnishing food and supplies to the local state militia and the Continental Army.

Please welcome our newest member, Compatriot Kevin Kline.



RICHARD WILLIAM ROGERS

Compatriot Richard William Rogers was born and raised in Salem, OH. In 1962 Richard received a B.A. in American History from Michigan State University. Richard is currently retired from a career in aviation. He was with Eastern Air Lines for 22 years becoming a Captain; after Eastern ceased operation, he finished his career with two smaller airlines. He was married to Carol Deuterman (deceased) who was originally from Washington, D.C. Their children are son, David, age 40 and daughter, Melinda, age 35.

Compatriot Richard's membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Thomas Mullikin. During the Revolution Thomas Mullikin served as a Captain in the Severn Battalion of the Maryland Militia.

Please welcome our newest member Compatriot Richard William Rogers.



JAMES ROBERT SANDIDGE

Compatriot James Robert Sandidge was born in Chicago IL. In 1969 his Family was relocated to Northern Va. Jim is currently an Associate Broker with Century 21 New Millennium and Team Leader of Jim Sandidge & Associates. Jim is a Member of the Local Chamber of Commerce and is a volunteer with a few animal rescue groups as well.

Jim has 3 Children, One who works for Homeland Security, while 2 are enrolled in George Mason Univ. One of which currently works with him.

Compatriot Jim Sandidge membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Samuel Humber. During the Revolution Samuel Furnished Supplies in Virginia.

Please welcome our newest member Compatriot Jim Sandidge

Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report three New Member Applications were approved by NSSAR. There are twelve New Member Applications awaiting review by NSSAR or VASSAR, and eighty-two Supplemental Applications awaiting review. There are four New Members awaiting induction. NSSAR's computer system has been down since late November. Review of applications has continued at NSSAR; however, no new members have been registered by NSSAR in the month of December. I understand that NSSAR has within the last day or two gotten their computers back up and running; therefore, I hope that most of our Chapter's 12 New Member Applications awaiting review, will be registered in 2013.

Below is a summary of the applications that were approved and submitted since the last Registrar's Report. In addition to the applications listed below, John Robert and James Lewis Mobley each submitted 25 supplemental applications.

New Member Applications Approved

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

New Member Applications Submitted

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Thomas E. Carnell	Alexander Sleeth, Jr.
David Richard Scott	George Lohr
Owen Richard Scott	George Lohr
John Wentworth Apperson	John Wentworth

Supplemental Applications Submitted

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
David John Stringfellow	Lewis Vallandigham
David John Stringfellow	Daniel Edmonds
David John Stringfellow	Richard Ashcraft
David John Stringfellow	Garret Thew
David John Stringfellow	John Thew
David John Stringfellow	Richard Calkins
Paul Ashley Walden	Josiah Hendon

This is my final Registrar's Report. It has been my pleasure to serve the Chapter the last two years in the role of Registrar, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Chapter in the role of Secretary. Compatriot Paul Walden will be taking over the Registrar position in 2014. I am confident Paul will make an excellent Registrar.

Jim Mobley

Immediate Past Registrar

The George Washington Chapter was chartered in its present form on April 2, 1954. With over 275 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:

<i>President:</i>	<i>Scott Wagoner 571-239-3221</i>
<i>Vice President:</i>	<i>Dwight Whitney 540-349-2375</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Jim Mobley 202-465-6680</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Gregory Bodge 770-789-3252</i>
<i>Registrar:</i>	<i>Paul Walden 703-347-9770</i>

Immediate Past President:

Mike Elston, 703-680-0866

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.

GW SAR Leadership Elected & Awards Presented at December Chapter Meeting



Top (L-R): Officers sworn in are Gregory Bodge, Treasurer; Jim Mobley, Secretary; Dwight Whitney, Vice President; and Scott Wagoner, President.



Bottom Left: Scott Wagoner, President & Mike Elston, Immediate Past President.

Bottom Right: Scott Wagoner is sworn in as GW SAR's newest President.

Top Left: Julie Elston receives Martha Washington Medal from her husband, Chapter President Mike Elston.



Bottom Left: Emily Elston receives Lydia Darragh Medal from her father, Chapter President Mike Elston.



Right: Curt Viebranz, President & CEO of George Washington's Mount Vernon, received a flag certificate from Chapter President Mike Elston in recognition of the new flagpole Viebranz had installed at the CEO's residence on the estate.



Call for Papers on George Washington

In February the Chapter will participate in the George Washington Birthday Celebration which culminates with the parade on February 17, 2014. The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee is encouraging a much larger participation of our Chapter in this year's celebration to include getting members and their family and friends to walk in the parade in period dress (including color guard members in uniform). As we did last year, we also will contribute articles relating to George Washington written by members that will be published in the *Alexandria Gazette*. The articles serve to publicize and heighten the spirit of the event.

Anyone wanting to prepare articles for the *Gazette* or otherwise support the Chapter's participation in any way, contact Dwight Whitney at dwhitwhitney@comcast.net or by phone at (540) 349-2375.



On December 14, 2013, Paul Briggs (left) and Floyd Ryan (right) participated on behalf of the SAR GW Chapter to lay wreaths at the Alexandria National Cemetery.

Total wreaths increased to 1376 from last year's 448, a three-fold jump!

George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River, which occurred on the night of December 25–26, 1776 against the Hessian forces in Trenton, New Jersey on the morning of December 26.

They defeated British reinforcements under Lord Cornwallis at Trenton on January 2, 1777, and defeated his rear guard at Princeton on January 3, before retreating to winter quarters in Morristown, New Jersey.



"We should not look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dearly bought experience."

General George Washington

Future Events 2014

January 11 - VASSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala, honoring former Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF (ret.) and benefiting the U.S.O., Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. ** (Reservations required). Reception starts at 6:30pm and the program/dinner begins at 7:30pm.

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

January 25 - Informal Chapter Meeting at 10:00 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. * Our speaker will be Mr. Robert Rice, the current Chief of National Reconnaissance Office Counterintelligence Operations.

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

February 17 – Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (OPMH) (11:00 a.m. to noon): Join us for the annual wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Conducted by the First Virginia Regiment, the event is a moving tribute to all patriots killed during the struggle for independence. Please try to arrive 20 minutes early for the rehearsal.

February 17 -- George Washington Birthday Parade (12:00 pm Chapter arrival. parade starts at 1:00 pm and ends at 3:00 pm): After the wreath laying, we will participate in Washington's Birthday Parade. Covering a one-mile route, this is the largest George Washington commemorative parade in the country, averaging nearly 3,500 participants. We marshal at noon on Pitt Street between Wilkes and Gibbons Streets (about two blocks east of the Fire Hook Bakery at the intersection of South Washington and Wilkes Streets) in Alexandria. The parade steps off at 1 p.m. Any SAR member who marches in the George Washington Parade will receive the Jack Evans Medal!

February 20-22 – The Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, Halifax County. † For more information, contact Anne Raab, Regent, Berryman Green Chapter, VADAR, P.O. Box 515, Halifax, VA 24558. Email tsraab@comcast.net or call (434) 470-1350.

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

Gala Evening Reservation

Saturday, January 11, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Please use this form to make a reservation for the Gold Good Citizenship Award Gala at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia. USAF Honor Guard and the USAF Airmen of Note will be featured at the event. The cost for this black-tie optional event is \$100 per person. The reception and receiving line for the honoree will begin at 6:30 p.m. The program and dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. **RSVP no later than January 7, 2014.**

Name(s):

Entrée Choice(s): _____ Herb Seared Petite Filet _____ Roasted Salmon Filet

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

Mail this reservation form with your check to:

Dwight Whitney, Treasurer, G.W. Chapter SAR, 5733 Pendleton Ln., Warrenton, VA 20187.

You may also make your reservation by e-mail to dwightwhitney@comcast.net or by phone at (540) 349-2375.

Informal Chapter Meeting Reservation

Saturday, January 25, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Please use this form to make a reservation for the Informal GW Chapter Meeting at Pohick Church located at 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton, Virginia. The cost for this meeting is \$7 per person to cover the cost of a lunch. The meeting will begin at 11:30am. **Please RSVP no later than January 22, 2014.**

Name(s): _____

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

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