



# George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Newsletter

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## George Washington Chapter Hosts the SAR PG Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery



President General Brock and VASSAR President Broadus present the SAR Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings

**December 13:** Chapter meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia

**January 10:** Chapter meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia



President General Brock (Front Center), VASSAR President Broadus (Front Left), GW Chapter President Wagoner (Front Right) and members of the VASSAR Color Guard at the Arlington National Cemetery wreath-laying ceremony

### Events Information

**December 5-6:** Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, Virginia

**January 17:** Battle of Cowpens Commemoration, Cowpens, SC.

# President's Corner



My fellow compatriots, this past November will always hold special memories for me. Through multiple events, we were able to recognize and honor our country's and our chapter's veterans.

As a special recognition, we honored our own chapter veterans during our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chapter Vice President, Dwight Whitney, assisted by Treasurer Greg Bodge, put together a remarkable recognition presentation (complete with military photos and service descriptions submitted by our veteran members), which can be viewed in the past events section of our chapter website.

Also, on the same day as our November chapter meeting, we participated in the annual President General Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. The Tomb is guarded continuously by the U.S. Army's 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, known as "the Old Guard." In front of a large crowd, President General Lindsey C. Brock was escorted in the presentation of a SAR wreath by 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Guards of Honor and accompanied by VASSAR President William A. Broadus, Jr., VASSAR Color Guard Commander Darrin Schmidt, and myself. Many SAR color guard members and regular SAR members were also in attendance. The Color Guard added an impressive component to the ceremony as they took formation along the stairs leading to the Tomb. The President General Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery was hosted by our chapter and has become a special annual tradition.

On Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual Veterans Day wreath laying with the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, our sister DAR chapter, at George Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon. As I relayed in my talk at the Mount Vernon Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony: "I'm proud to say that one of the major Patriotic goals

of the Sons of the American Revolution is to honor, respect, and support our veterans...So when you see a Veteran...go up to them and say thank you and let them know how much you appreciate their sacrifice and dedication to preserving our freedom and our way of life."

We were honored to have President General Brock and First Lady Billie Brock attend and speak at our November chapter meeting, and we welcomed Author Marc Leepson, as our guest speaker, who gave a great presentation from his latest book [What So Proudly We Hailed: Francis Scott Key, A Life.](#)

In November, we also elected our new officers for 2015. Dwight Whitney will become our new president on January 1, 2015, and will be supported by newly elected Vice President Greg Bodge, Secretary Ernie Coggins and Treasurer Paul Walden. I know that Dwight and the rest of the officer team will go out of their way to do a great job for our chapter. Congratulations to these most deserving officers! I am honored to be able to continue to serve the chapter as a Board Manager-at-Large through 2017.

During December 5<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>, the celebration of the Battle of Great Bridge will be held in Chesapeake, Virginia. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NSSAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge and the 61<sup>st</sup> NSDAR Annual Wreath Laying of Great Bridge. This is an impressive event and I encourage you to consider attending. The George Washington Chapter will present a wreath at Great Bridge.

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, in a joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter, we will celebrate the end of a very fruitful and eventful year and the beginning of the holiday season. VASSAR President Bill Broadus will induct the 2015 officers of both chapters. Please plan to attend this special December meeting. Belle Haven is traditionally well-decorated during the holiday season!

Lastly, annual chapter dues are an important component of our ability to operate the SAR and our chapter and put on the community serving

events that we sponsor and attend. So for those members who have not yet paid their dues, I urgently request that you do so now. Your state and national dues are due soon to VASSAR. Unfortunately, any member who does not pay dues by the deadline will have to go through a reinstatement process, which is time consuming and requires additional fees. For those of you who have already paid your dues on time, I greatly appreciate it and thank you! I have truly enjoyed my time as your chapter president and will bid you farewell in the January newsletter.

*Scott Wagoner*

President



## From the Editor

It is an honor to server in the role of newsletter editor and I look forward to interacting with all of my fellow compatriots to make this newsletter useful and interesting. Please submit stories, photos and suggestions to [rg62@live.com](mailto:rg62@live.com). I will do my

best to include them in future issues.

*Richard Gilliland*

Editor

## Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report two new member applications were approved by NSSAR. There are five new member applications in review and two supplemental applications in review by NSSAR.. Three new members were inducted at the November 8 meeting: Brian Senior, Stephen Senior, and Michael Nugent. Their biographies and photos appear below.

### New Member Applications Approved

| APPLICANT              | PATRIOT   |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Timothy Stephen Markle | Gad Corse |
| John Samuel Markle     | Gad Corse |

### Supplemental Applications Approved

| APPLICANT            | PATRIOT      |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Gregory Ormand Bodge | Moses Hadley |
| Isaac Gregory Bodge  | Moses Hadley |
| Isaac Gregory Bodge  | Lot Colby    |
| Isaac Gregory Bodge  | Samuel Colby |

### New Member Applications Submitted

| APPLICANT                | PATRIOT            |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Robert Andrew Gilliland  | Charles Powell, Sr |
| Joseph William Gilliland | Charles Powell, Sr |

*Paul Walden*

Registrar

## New Member Biographies



**Brian and Stephen Senior**

Compatriot Brian Senior was born and raised in San Pedro, CA, a suburb of Los Angeles. After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy where he was a Nuclear Propulsion Plant Operator on the fast-attack submarine USS Silversides (SSN679). He has received an Associate in Applied Science in Nuclear Technology, a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, and an MBA with a specialty in Management Information Systems.

Brian is currently employed as an IT Program Manager and has recently transferred from the Department of Veterans Affairs to the Internal Revenue Service.

He and his wife Tamar have a 3 ½-year old son named Stephen, who was inducted with his father.

Brian and Stephen's membership in the Society is based on their descent from Patriot Francis McCorkle, who during the Revolution served as a Captain in the North Carolina Militia and as a Member of the Committee of Safety from Rowan County.



**Michael Nugent**

Compatriot Michael Nugent was born and raised in Chicago, IL. He finished a construction electrical apprenticeship and became a journeyman in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, IBEW. He received an A.B. in Economics from Loyola University in Chicago.

Michael has retired after 31 years as an International Representative in the headquarters of the IBEW in Washington, DC. He is also a former chair of Rubber Research Elastomerics, Inc. and has served on the Archdiocese of Washington Child Advisory Protection Board since 2003.

He and his wife Joyce live in Arlington, Virginia and have two adult sons, Daniel and Kenneth, who are also compatriots.

Michael's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Willoughby Nugent, who during the Revolution served as a Private in the St. Mary's County, Maryland Militia.



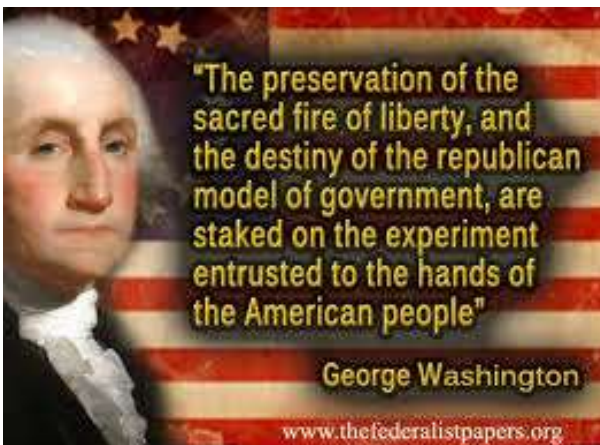
## DID YOU KNOW?

Alexander Hamilton was involved in one of the first sex scandals in US history. In the early 1790s he conducted an affair with Maria Reynolds, who was married and twelve years his junior. Maria's husband allowed the affair to continue – after blackmailing Hamilton and extracting several cash payments in return for his silence. The matter was eventually made public in 1797.

Alexander Hamilton was killed in a duel – by the serving United States vice-president. Hamilton had become embroiled in a political stoush with serving Vice-president Aaron Burr, who in 1804 challenged the former Secretary of the Treasury to a duel with pistols. Hamilton and Burr met at dawn on a riverbank in New Jersey. Though there is debate about what transpired, it is believed that Hamilton fired first but intentionally aimed above Burr's head (a common practice that allowed the duelers to preserve their honor). Burr, however, took aim at Hamilton and hit him in the torso. The bullet damaged Hamilton's liver and lodged in his spine; he was carried away for treatment but died the following afternoon. Burr was charged with murder but the matter was later dropped.

Source –

<http://alphahistory.com/americanrevolution/american-revolution-trivia>



## December Dates in History *American Revolutionary War*

**December 1765:** Over 200 Boston merchants refuse to pay the Stamp Tax.

**December 1766:** New York legislature is suspended after voting against compliance with the Act.

**December 16, 1773:** The Boston Tea Party occurs when activists disguise themselves as Mohawk Indians then board the ships and dump all 342 containers of tea into the harbor. The Colonial activists were believed to be organized by Samuel Adams and the "Sons of Liberty" group. Samuel Adams then began to make his case for independence to John Adams, his second cousin, and a wealthy merchant named John Hancock.

**December 26, 1776:** Washington crosses the Delaware River and captures a Hessian force (German mercenaries) at Trenton, New Jersey.

**December 29, 1778:** British capture Savannah and Augusta.

**December 23, 1783:** Washington resigns his commission as commander-in-chief to the Congress of the Confederation.

# Highlights of the November Chapter Meeting



**Top Left:** Jamie Callender, Graves Registration Committee Chairman, receives the Meritorious Service Medal from President Wagoner

**Top Right:** Vice President Whitney receives the Virginia Chapter Service Medal from President Wagoner

**Bottom Left:** President General Lindsey C. Brock and First Lady Billie Brock speak at our November chapter meeting

**Bottom Right:** President Wagoner presents the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to Treasurer Greg Bodge



# Highlights of the November Chapter Meeting

## *(Continued)*



**Top Left:** Vice President Whitney presents a speaker's gift to Author Marc Leepson, our November guest speaker

**Top Right:** President Wagoner presents the Bronze Distinguished Service Medal to Secretary Ernie Coggins

**Bottom:** Michael Nugent (R), Stephen Senior (C) and Brian Senior (L) are inducted as new members by President Wagoner

## Other November Highlights



**Top:** SAR and DAR members and guests at the Mount Vernon Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony

**Bottom Left:** VASSAR Color Guard marches at the Mount Vernon Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony

**Bottom Right:** SAR PG Lindsey C. Brock(lower left), VASSAR President William A. Broadus, Jr.(lower right), GW Chapter President Scott Wagoner(upper left), and VASSAR Color Guard Commander Darrin Schmidt(upper center), escorted by an U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Guard of Honor, participate in the Tomb of the Unknowns wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on November 8th





**Top Left:** Chapter Vice President Whitney hosts the Mount Vernon Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony

**Top Right:** GW Chapter President Scott Wagoner speaks at the Mount Vernon Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony

**Bottom Left:** Regent Penny Kales of the DAR Kate Waller Barrett Chapter speaks at the Mount Vernon Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony

**Bottom Right:** SAR wreath presented at the Mount Vernon Veterans Day wreath laying at George Washington's Tomb on November 11th

## 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 16, 2015. 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. 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 Greg Bodge at [atgbodge@hotmail.com](mailto:atgbodge@hotmail.com) or by phone at **540-318-6717**



# Future Events 2014-15

## 2014

December 5-6 - *Battle of Great Bridge* Celebration (4<sup>th</sup> Annual NSSAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge & 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Wreath Laying of Great Bridge N.S.D.A.R. will be on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 am-noon), Chesapeake, Virginia. †

December 13 - Joint chapter meeting with the George Mason Chapter. 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. VASSAR President W.A. Broadus Jr. will speak and install the chapter's 2015 officers. \*

December 13 - Wreaths Across America at Alexandria National Cemetery at noon. [Send wreath donations to Greg Bodge, \$15 ea.]

## 2015

January 10 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. \*

January 17 - Battle of Cowpens Commemoration, Cowpens, SC. †

February 14 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. \*

February 14 - Crossing of the Dan Celebration, South Boston, Virginia. †

February 16 - George Washington's Birthday Parade, Alexandria, Virginia. \*

February 20-22 - VASSAR Annual Meeting, Richmond, Virginia. †

### 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, December 13, 2014

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

### 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 get a seat. Please send reservations by Wednesday, December 10.

This month only, send reservations and payment to Gregory Bodge. For e-mail reservations, send to [gbodge@hotmail.com](mailto:gbodge@hotmail.com) with **RESERVATION** in the subject line.  
For call-in reservations, call **Greg at 540-318-6717**.

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 in advance of the meeting. Make checks payable to **"G.W. Chapter SAR."** Walk-ins will be accommodated if possible, but to cover the Club's charge for serving those without a timely reservation a walk-in price of \$40.00 is required.

When calling or writing, please include the following:

Compatriot Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

When mailing checks, 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:

**Gregory Bodge**  
**Treasurer, G.W. Chapter SAR**  
**14 Northampton Blvd**  
**Stafford, Virginia 22554**

Check-in and social begin at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be called to order at 12:00 noon. Valet parking is available.