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Sons of the American Revolution
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GW Chapter Brings Home Honors from the 125th National Congress!

Newly Elected Vice President General – International District Mike Elston and Chapter President Dwight Whitney proudly display the President General's Activities Award to the George Washington Chapter at the 125th NSSAR Congress in Louisville.

54th Annual George Washington Celebration at Mount Vernon!

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

September 12: Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.

October 10: Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.

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Events Information

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September 24-26: NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference, Louisville, Kentucky.

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October 2-4: 241st Anniversary Memorial Service, the Battle of Point Pleasant Point, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

President's Corner

My fellow compatriots,

Greetings and welcome back from the summer break! Ann and I had a busy summer attending SAR events. The summer peaked for us in July with the marriage of our daughter Callie to Mr. Sam Hutchins in North Carolina. It was a joyous occasion and such a happy time for our family.

Back in May, our monthly chapter meeting featured Dr. Dennis M. Conrad, historian at the Naval History and Heritage Command, who provided authoritative perspective on American naval operations in 1778 based on the recently published documents compiled in Vol. 12 of *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*. We were pleased to award the SAR Heroism Medal to Officer Michael Szalach of the Prince William County Police. Compatriot Dr. Thomas C. Roberts was presented the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award Medal, a national award. We also presented Certificates of Commendation to four compatriots recognizing their documentation of "lost patriots:" David Stringfellow (2), Michael Nugent, John Blair, and Paul Walden.

Chapter highlights of our activities during late spring and summer are presented below. Let me say how grateful I am for the members who came out to support our own chapter events and to those who represented the chapter at many events around the state and beyond.

May: On May 16th, the chapter supported the Joint Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Joint Plaque Dedication at the Masonic Cemetery in Fredericksburg. This was a VASSAR Presidential Initiative, hosted by the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter. It was attended by compatriots Dave Thomas, Tom Roth, Mike Elston, Will Elston, and me. Registrar Dave Thomas presented the chapter's wreath while I served duty in the VASSAR Color Guard. Earlier that day, I was at the Fairfax County Cemetery where I participated in the color guard and presented the chapter wreath for the grave markings of the Honorable Gustavus Scott and Ensign Thomas Millan, hosted by Fairfax Resolves Chapter SAR and the Fairfax County Chapter of the DAR. Once again, we played host to SAR participation in the Memorial Day Parade on May 25th. We had a modest turnout of chapter members and other compatriots from across the region who earned the *Dooley-Carr-Elston Medal* for their participation.

June: Secretary Ernie Coggins attended the SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution held this year at Mount Vernon June 12-15. On June 12th, Registrar Dave Thomas, along with his wife Carole, attended Gunston Hall's George Mason Day ceremony in honor of George Mason and the writing and passing of the Virginia Declaration of Rights. Dave presented the chapter wreath. On the same day, Ann and I enjoyed the DAR Centennial Celebration of Marking Daniel Boone's Trail at the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. The marker was erected in 1915 by the DAR from the states of Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. The Centennial Celebration featured greetings from the DAR State Regents of all four states and remarks from DAR President General Lynn Forney Young. I served in the four-state SAR color guard, under Commander John Clines of the Tennessee Society, which presented the colors and performed a flintlock salute. Ann was one of the several DAR ladies there from Virginia and enjoyed her time visiting with many of her sisters from across the four states.

On June 20th, Historian Tom Roth represented the chapter at the memorial dedication for Major Gabriel Long in Yowell Meadow Park in Culpeper, sponsored by the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter.

June 27th to July 1st, the 125th SAR National Congress took place in Louisville, Kentucky. For the second year in a row, the chapter brought home the President General's Activities Award (200+ members) for most complete practice of implementing SAR programs and resolutions! In addition, GW Chapter members, including myself and Ernie Coggins, enjoyed watching Mike Elston's election to Vice President General of the International District and winning the election to a 3-year term as At-Large Member of the Board

of Directors of the SAR Foundation. Congratulations Mike!

The chapter received two streamers: the President General's Activities Award and the President General's Initiative – Patriot Ancestor Biographies. Several of our members also received personal recognitions which I will announce at the chapter meeting.

July: We had a great time on July 4th, when we conducted our 54th annual wreath laying at the tomb of General George Washington at Mount Vernon. At 10 a.m., the VASSAR Color Guard led us down the bowling green to the tomb grove. We were honored to have both our VASSAR President, Reverdy Wright and the Regent of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the DAR, Penny Kales, as well as former PG Joe Dooley in attendance. Special guest Alexandra Rodriguez, our candidate and runner-up to the 2015 VASSAR Rumbaugh Orations Contest gave her excellent oration to the large crowd that had assembled in the grove. Past President Scott Wagoner, Brigadier General Paul Wagoner, USAF (ret.), and VASSAR President presented the wreath. Following the tomb grove ceremony and the wreath laying, each SAR member presented a carnation at General Washington's tomb. The chapter awarded Baldwin-Jones Tabb medals to SAR members attending for the first time. Following the ceremony, Vice President Bodge participated in the naturalization ceremony held on the grounds of Mount Vernon. New member Kevin Rogers reported that he attended the naturalization ceremony at Monticello that day.

On July 25th, Historian Tom Roth represented the Chapter and presented a wreath at a plaque dedication ceremony held at the Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Ft. Defiance, Virginia. Through this event, VASSAR and the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 honored Revolutionary War patriots and War of 1812 veterans. The event was hosted by the Gen. Daniel Morgan Chapter and was a 2015 VASSAR Presidential Initiative.

August: Ernie Coggins attended the 2015 Atlantic Middle States Conference at Bridgewater, New Jersey, hosted by the New Jersey Society on August 7th and 8th.

The much anticipated 240th Anniversary of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Commemorations in Bermuda took place August 12-17. Compatriots Mike Elston, organizer and co-chair for the joint SAR-DAR-C.A.R. organized event, and Ernie Coggins report that it was a grand affair. There were dedications of two historic markers and one interpretative sign, and meetings with the Acting United States Consul General, the Governor General of Bermuda, and the Premier of Bermuda.

Upcoming Events. Please join us for September 12th meeting at Belle Haven. I expect another professional and informative presentation from our guest speaker. We will also be presenting some very special awards to members of the community and need your show of support. Make those reservations today!

Also coming up in September is the VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting in Roanoke and the NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY. Your attendance is important to the chapter, and always a great time of fellowship with like-minded men who love our country.

See the events calendar for the line-up of activities within the chapter and state society. Keep in mind that in October we will continue our tradition of organizing the President General's wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. It will take place after our regular chapter meeting on October 10th. In November we will celebrate Veteran's Day with our annual wreath laying at Washington's tomb November 14th, and Vice President Bodge is lining up a program to recognize our members during our chapter meeting November 14th.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Dwight Whitney

Chapter President

September 2015 Speaker

Dr. Charles Neimeyer is currently the Director of Marine Corps History and the Gray Research Center at Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia. Prior to coming to Quantico, Dr. Neimeyer was the former Dean of Academics at the Naval War College and Forrest Sherman Chair of Public Diplomacy in Newport, Rhode Island and a former Vice President of Academic Affairs at Valley Forge Military Academy and College. Prior to his stint as Academic Dean at the Naval War College, he was a full time professor of National Security Affairs from 1997-2002. He also previously served as an award winning history professor at the U.S. Naval Academy and the University of Central Oklahoma where he was named Liberal Arts "Outstanding Professor of the Year." During his 20 year career as a military officer, Dr. Neimeyer served in a variety of posts and stations in the Marine Corps, including tours in all three active Marine Divisions and service at the White House. While on active duty, he earned a Masters Degree and Ph.D. in History (with distinction) from Georgetown University, and an additional Masters Degree from the Naval War College, where he graduated with highest honors. He retired from the Marines in 1996 as a Lieutenant Colonel and is married to Janet [Bell] Neimeyer of Glen Echo, Maryland.

Dr. Neimeyer has authored a variety of history and national security affairs articles and has published in 1996, *America Goes to War: A Social History of the Continental Army, 1775 – 1783*, by the New York University Press. He published a second monograph, *The Revolutionary War*, (Greenwood Press, 2007) and recently edited a volume titled, *On the Corps: USMC Wisdom from the pages of Leatherneck, Marine Corps Gazette and Proceedings*. He has another monograph to be published by the U.S. Naval Institute on the *Chesapeake Campaigns in the War of 1812* in the Spring, 2015.

From the Secretary

As of the end of May, the *George Washington Chapter* had 291 members. Of this number there were about 245 valid email addresses. The 2015 Directories were mailed in May. If you did not receive yours; please contact me. Email addresses appear to change more often than mailing addresses. It is very important that you provide us with your current contact information (including telephone numbers). In October, we shall be mailing renewal notices; please be prompt with your renewals. Contact email address for me is sargw.secretary@gmail.com.

Additionally, the National Society is continuing to collect Patriot Biographies. Jamie Callender, our Webmaster, has done an outstanding job of posting our Patriot Biographies on our website and submitting them to the National Society. Statistics published at Congress in Louisville this summer, indicated that six percent of all the Patriot Biographies submitted to the National Society at that time, were from the George Washington Chapter. Thank you and thank Jamie! If you have not submitted your Patriot's biography(ies), please do so. We would like for them to be at least 200 words but not to exceed 500 words. Patriot Biographies are posted at http://gwsar.org/ancestors.html.

Email any comments or corrections to Jamie at webmaster@gwsar.org. It is important that in the subject line, you put your Patriot's last name, first name, and rank. If you have his Patriot Number, please include that, too. If you do not have access to the Internet, please mail your Bio to:

George Washington Chapter
Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution
ATTN: Patriot Biographies
P.O. Box 77
Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

Ernie Coggins
Secretary

Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report in the May GWSAR Newsletter, four new member applications and one Memorial application were approved by NSSAR. VASSAR bestowed one Forgotten Patriot Certificate. There are currently two supplemental applications under review by NSSAR. There were no new member inductions during June, July or August.

New Members Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Jay Randall Franklin	James Pemberton Dejarnette
Thomas Searle Jackson	Henry Barker
Jacob Alec Martin	John Van Doren
John Dillon Martin	John Van Doren

Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
James Robert Beall	Richard Bard
Jay Randall Franklin	James Pemberton Dejarnette

Supplemental Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Jack Todd Pitzer	John Hartzell
Jack Todd Pitzer	George Henry Hartzell
Jack Todd Pitzer	Frederick Kleinhans
Paul Ashley Walden	Ebenezer Stewart
Robert August Whitehead	Seth Farley

Memorial Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
James Stuart Jackson	Henry Barker

Forgotten Patriot Recognition and Certificate

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Robert August Whitehead	Henry Fowlkes

Dave Thomas

Registrar

From the Editor

It is an honor to serve 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.

This month, we had more comments and submissions from our leadership than at any time since I have been editor! Thank you to all contributors.

Please submit stories, photos and suggestions to newsletter@gwsar.org. I will do my best to include them in future issues.

Richard Gilliland

Editor

The George Washington Chapter was chartered in its present form on April 2, 1954. With over 280 members, it is Virginia's largest SAR chapter. Meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month (June, July & August excepted) at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

Present officers are:

President:	*Dwight Whitney: 540-349-2375*
Vice President:	*Gregory Bodge: 770-789-3252*
Secretary:	*Ernie Coggins: 703-241-2807*
Treasurer:	*Paul Walden: 703-347-9770*
Registrar:	*Dave Thomas: 703-583-8791*

Immediate Past President:
Scott Wagoner: 571-239-3221

Ride Share: *Members in need of a ride to a chapter meeting or a chapter sponsored event may contact the Amenities Committee Chairman, Don Reynolds, at (703) 765-4947.*

This newsletter is edited by Richard Gilliland. Inputs from chapter officers, committee chairmen, and fellow compatriots are always needed. Please send your inputs and comments to newsletter@gwsar.org or call 202-870-3762.

John Barron Grave Marking

In June, Compatriot Garner Bennett, attended a grave marking ceremony for his Patriot ancestor, John Barron, conducted by the SCSAR. Patriot Barron is buried in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, in Rock Hill, York County, SC.

Patriot John Barron (#ANC62183) was born in 1763, the son of Archibald Barron and Elizabeth Ingram, who initially emigrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania and then to South Carolina.

John's father Archibald Barron, buried near him, rendered aid to the Revolutionary War effort in 1780, and this support made an impression on the 17 year old John. Two years later, at 19 years of age, John would join the SC Militia to fight for America's independence serving "as private footman under Colonel Bratton and Direction of General Henderson".

The British pulled out of the Camden District SC in December 1781, but Charleston was still under the grips of the British when John Barron enlisted in the summer of 1782. This year marked the last efforts for the South Carolina Militia which led up to the defeat of the British and their final departure from South Carolina in December 1782.

Before 1789, John Barron married Jane Duncan, daughter of John and Jane Duncan of York County SC. In 1790 John Barron as the Executor of her parents' estate, records show Col. Bratton, Col. Watson, and Col. William Hill were acquaintances of the Barron and Duncan families.

John and Jane Duncan Barron had 9 children; Jane Barron [Barry] born 1789, Elizabeth 1791. John Barron Jr., became a state Legislator and successful businessman in Alabama. William (1796) would follow his brother John Jr. to Alabama and become a prosperous farmer. Polly (1797) died at the age of 17 and is buried in the Ebenezer Cemetery SC near her grandmother. Archibald Barron (1800) stayed in SC. Nancy Barron [Wallace] (1802), Violet Barron [Baxter] (1805) moved to Alabama and Arkansas. Thomas Y. Barron's (1807) last residence was Texas.

Patriot John Barron died in 1841 York Co. SC and his wife Jane Duncan Barron died in 1854 Perry Co., AL. John Barron is buried just behind his parents Archibald and Elizabeth Ingram Barron in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church cemetery. Jane Duncan Barron is buried in the Fairview Cemetery, Alabama near three of her children John Jr., William, Nancy, and 5 infant grandchildren born to Thomas Y. and his wife Mary Barron from whom Compatriot Garner Bennett is descended.

Mr. Barron was a successful farmer and was well known in York County, South Carolina. Land records show, for $300, he purchased 200 acres originally granted to (Col.) Samuel Watson. A widely accepted Barron family biography written by James A. Barron (John's great-grandson) states, "John was the first owner of a cotton gin in York County. Two bales of cotton ginned in a day was considered a fine day's work. He received one fifteenth of the cotton ginned as pay. He raised cotton, wheat, and hay…John owned one of the first mules in the State; people came from all around to see it. And the whiskey from his still-house was fine… He received his religious education in the A.R.P. Church. He and his father were ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church at Tirzah. He held a leading position in the New District, SC."

Forgotten Patriots Recognition

As a result of diligent genealogical research by four GWSAR members, who proved their respective bloodline linages to Patriot Ancestors, who have never been documented before, the GWSAR Chapter, VASSAR and NSSAR recognized and bestowed Forgotten Patriot Certificates to John Blair III (Patriot William Hooe), Paul Walden (Patriot John Tubbs), Michael Nugent (Patriot Willoughby Nugent) and David Stringfellow (Patriots Daniel Edmonds & Richard Calkins). The Forgotten Patriot certificate recognizes these GWSAR members for their hard work, and honors these once Forgotten Patriots.

(Right to Left) Dwight Whitney, John Blair III, Paul Walden, Michael Nugent, David Stringfellow and Dave Thomas.

New Member Biographies

John R. Edwards

Compatriot Edwards was raised in Honolulu, HI. He received a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Hawaii. He later received an M.A. in Organizational Sciences from The George Washington University, Washington D.C., as well as graduating from the Air Force's School of Advanced Air and Space Studies and the Air War College.

John is an Air Force Colonel where he has served for nearly 20 years, primarily as a combat aviator in the B-52 bomber. He is currently assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

He and his wife Jennifer have a 9 year old daughter named Anna-Claire, a 6 year old daughter named Elizabeth, and a 4 year old son named James.

John's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot James Huie, who during the Revolution served as a Constable for Rutherford Co., North Carolina.

Sean M. Robbins

Compatriot Robbins was born in Beaufort, South Carolina in 1986 to H. Michael and G. Denice (Jordan) Robbins, the younger of two children. His father served twenty-two years in the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, followed by a career in business. His mother, Denice, was a teacher for a number years until her retirement in 2012.

Because of his father's career, Sean spent his youth moving from place to place, including North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, and Virginia. In 1998, the Robbins family moved to Dumfries, Virginia for the third and final time, which Sean considers his hometown.

Sean received a B.B.A. in Finance from James Madison University in 2008. He is currently a Senior Financial Analyst at Avendra, a procurement company in the hospitality industry, where he has worked for 4 years.

Most recently on March 7, 2015, Compatriot Robbins married P. Jimena Lona Benavides.
Sean's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot James Chitwood, who assisted in establishing American independence while acting in capacity of Private in the Light Dragoon, South Carolina Line, serving under Captain Levi Johnson, Col. Thomas and General Thomas Sumter.

Memorial Membership

James Stuart Jackson

31 March 1970 – 24 April 2010

James Stuart Jackson came from 16 generations of Virginians. The first being Francis Mason in 1613 at Jamestown. His Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor was Henry Barker who served in the *2nd Virginia Continental Regiment of Foot* for three years as a private. James' linage also includes William James Barker, who served during the Civil War in the *12th Virginia Infantry*, and Chaplin Rev. Mills Burwell Barrett, Jr., who was killed in action at Spotsylvania Court House April 2, 1865 in the *Confederate Cause*.

James graduated from North Dorchester High School in Dorchester County, Maryland in 1988. He worked for Robbins Boat Works in Dorchester County, started Shearwater Marine and was the owner of Diver Services in Ocean City, Maryland. In April 2010 while working in the Bahama's, James died in a work related accident.

George Washington Quotes

True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity, before it is entitled to the appellation.[1]

[1] Source: http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/g/george_washington.html#k5uerqCpoErHrTw6.99

Did You Know?

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

President (1801-1809)

Other Accomplishments: Wrote the Declaration of Independence, served as Minister to France (a pivotal diplomatic position) as the Constitution was being drafted.

Jefferson was nicknamed "Long Tom" because he stood 6' 2 1/2" tall, with long, slender limbs. He had carrot-red hair that paled with age. A fiddle player, Jefferson wooed his wife with violin serenades. Jefferson eschewed the uniforms of nobility, choosing instead to dress himself in sometimes dirty and tattered clothing.

Although his wife died at the age of 33, Jefferson never remarried. He did, however, allegedly father five children by Sally Hemings, one of his slaves.

Jefferson was the quintessential Renaissance man and has been described as a(n): lawyer, linguist, diplomat, astronomer, naturalist, political philosopher, educator, statesman, president, "farmer," musician, scientist, inventor, agriculturalist, horseman, geographer, theologian and paleontologist. Jefferson was fluent in Greek, Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, German, and was a supporter of equal rights and education for women, the right of all to have a free public education, a free library system and the creation of decimal system of weights and measures. He is also considered one of the preeminent architects in the history of the country.

His Politics: Jefferson was a Republican, which at that time was the party of the common man. He envisioned a nation built on agriculture, not industry. The formal name for the "Republican" Party of Jefferson was the Democratic-Republican Party from which our present day Democratic party evolved. (The Republican party of today was created in 1854 by the joining of anti-slavery Democrats, the Free Soil Party and factions of the Whig Party.) The formal name of the opposing party (led by Alexander Hamilton) was the Federalist Party.

Jefferson was renowned for being a terrible public speaker due to a speech impediment, although he is certainly regarded as one of the most facile writers ever to hold the office of the presidency. He alone wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence.

He doubled the land size of the United States when he made the Louisiana Purchase from Napoleon. Napoleon needed cash to conquer Europe; Jefferson wanted the land to safeguard against a future French invasion and to encourage his vision of American being a land of small independent (yeoman) farmers. The selling price: $15 million.

After his two terms as president, Jefferson retired to his Virginia estate, Monticello. He spent much of his time pursuing his dream of establishing a university. That dream was realized when he founded the University of Virginia.

What He Said: "A little rebellion now and then is a good thing." "Science is my passion, politics my duty."

September Dates in History

American Revolutionary War

September 8, 1760: Pierre de Rigaud, Governor of New France, capitulates to Field Marshal Jeffrey Amherst..

September 1, 1764: The *Currency Act*, prohibiting the colonies from issuing paper money, is passed by Parliament.

September 1768: English warships sail into Boston Harbor, then two regiments of English infantry land in Boston and set up permanent residence to keep order.

September 1, 1774: The Powder Alarm, General Gage's secret raid on the Cambridge powder magazine.

September 11, 1776: Staten Island Peace Conference

September 15, 1776: Landing at Kip's Bay

September 16, 1776: Battle of Harlem Heights

September 19, 1777: First Battle of Saratoga

September 21-22, 1776: Great Fire of New York

September 22, 1776: Nathan Hale captured and executed for espionage

September 11, 1777: Battle of Brandywine

September 20, 1777: Battle of Paoli

September 26, 1777: British occupation of Philadelphia

September 23, 1780: John Andre captured and the treason of Benedict Arnold is exposed

September 26, 1780: Battle of Charlotte

September 5, 1781: Battle of the Chesapeake

September 8, 1781: Battle of Eutaw Springs

September 3, 1783: The *Treaty of Paris* ends the American Revolutionary War

Awards Committee Report

Above: JROTC Cadet Johnathan Flowers of West Potomac High School receiving the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate from Paul Wagoner, Vice Chairman of the committee.

During April and May, BG Paul Wagoner and I presented SAR JROTC Awards to the following students at area high schools:

- Cadet 2LT Rhealiza Ambanta, Mount Vernon HS, VSSAR 2nd place -- Enhanced JROTC Medallion, Bronze JROTC Medal and $500 cash.
- Cadet MAJ Joseph J. Brewster, Woodbridge HS, VSSAR finalist -- Enhanced JROTC Medallion, Bronze JROTC Medal.
- Cadet CPT Jacob Campbell, Edison Academy -- Enhanced JROTC Medallion, Bronze JROTC Medal.
- Cadet SFC Nicholas C. Scheets, T. C. Williams HS -- Bronze JROTC Medal
- Cadet 2LT Aaron Colby, Hayfield Secondary -- Bronze JROTC Medal.
- Cadet Jonathan Flowers, West Potomac HS -- Bronze JROTC Medal
- Cadet Jacqueline Settel, Lake Braddock HS -- Bronze JROTC Medal.

BG (R) Jack T. Pitzer, Ph.D., CPPO
Awards Committee Chairman

Highlights of the May Chapter Meeting

Above: Vice President Greg Bodge presents our May speaker, Dr. Dennis Conrad, with a gift from the chapter.

Above: The photo is from the *Public Service Award for Heroism* made to Prince William County Police officers Michael R. Szalach and Robert W. Minnick. Pictured in the photo from left to right are President Dwight Whitney, Supervisor Sgt. Michael J. Headrick, Officer Michael R. Szalach, John Blair and Awards Chair, Jack Pitzer.

Summer Events

Top Left: Dwight & Ann Whitney at the DAR Marker at Cumberland Gap

Top Right: On July 4th, VP Greg Bodge addressed newly sworn-in citizens at the naturalization ceremony held on the grounds of Mount Vernon. CIA Director John Brennan, seated just to the right of Greg, was the keynote speaker.

Middle Left: Registrar Dave Thomas attended the George Mason Day services at Gunston Hall. (L-R): Gene Thomas, President of the George Mason Chapter; Al Lewis, Vice-President of the George Mason Chapter; Pete Davenport, Secretary of the George Mason Chapter; Jackie Ehrman, Susan Hayward and Dave's wife Carole Thomas, Living History actors for Gunston Hall; and Compatriot Dave Thomas.

Middle Right: Group shot of the SAR members who marched in the 2015 Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.

Bottom Left: Paul Walden, Treasurer and 2014 Registrar for the George Washington Chapter, presented Carol Sweeney a certificate of appreciation during the chapter meeting of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, DAR, in May. In 2014, Mrs. Sweeny assisted our chapter in finding documents that allowed several SAR applications to be approved for membership.

Bottom Right: Past President Mike Elston (2013) was elected Vice President General – International District at the 125th NSSAR National Congress in Louisville.

George Washington Chapter's

54th Annual Independence Day Wreath Laying

at George Washington's Tomb

Despite the heavy rains early in the morning, we enjoyed a great turnout at this year's event!

Top left: The President of the Light Horse Harry Lee Society of the Virginia Society, Children of the American Revolution led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance
Top Right: The chapter's winner of the Rumbaugh Orations Contest treated the crowd to her award-winning oration at the Tomb Grove
Middle Left: President Whitney used Washington's words about the "concatenation of causes" in the Revolution that resulted in victory over the British
Middle Right: Vice President Greg Bodge was the master of ceremonies
Bottom Left: Presentation of the chapter's wreath was made by Compatriots Scott Wagoner, VASSAR President Reverdy Wright, and Paul Wagoner
Bottom Right: The group of attending SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. members pose for a picture following the ceremony

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award

At the chapter meeting in May, Dr. Thomas C. Roberts was presented the *Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award* by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Dr. Roberts has distinguished himself as both a Scout and as a Scouting volunteer. As a Cub Scout, he earned the *Arrow of Light Award*. He is an Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm and the God and Country Award. As an adult Scouter, Dr. Roberts has been a Cubmaster, a Troop Committee Chair and Assistant Scoutmaster. He served on staff at the 2005, 2010 and 2013 National Jamborees. He has led Scouts on high adventure experiences to northern Maine hiking Mt Katahdin and the Knife Edge and a 10-day canoe trip along the Canadian Border up the Allagash River. He led a 7-day Sea Base adventure in the Bahamas. He serves as merit badge counselor for Dentistry and Fly Fishing and is a certified Boy Scout Angling instructor.

He is president nominee of the Alexandria Rotary Club. He has represented the Rotary Club with an overseas dentistry mission to improve the dental health of children in Botswana and South Africa. He has been leader of the Rotary bell-ringers for the Salvation Army for a number of Christmas seasons. He is a member of the Rotary Club Day Nursery and Children's Home Foundation board.

Other civic activities include being a board member of the Alexandria Citadel of the Salvation Army and deacon and Sunday School teacher at Old Presbyterian Meeting House. He also volunteers for Meals on Wheels and the Christ House food kitchen.

His continued commitment to leading young men and women is in the highest tradition of the Boy Scouts of America and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Above: Dr. Thomas C. Roberts received the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. L-R: Jack Pitzer, Compatriot Roberts, Dwight Whitney.

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October 2-4 – 241st Anniversary Memorial Service, the Battle of Point Pleasant Point, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. http://wvssar.org/point-pleasant-battle-days-2015/‡

October 10 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. Our special guest will be President General Thomas E. Lawrence.*

October 10 - The President General's Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 3:15 p.m., Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. Be at the tomb site by 2:30 p.m.**

October 17-18 – Yorktown Victory Celebration. †

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December 5 - Commemoration of *The Battle of Great Bridge*, Chesapeake, Virginia. †

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December 12 – Wreaths Across America, Alexandria National Cemetery. ‡

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

George Washington Chapter, VASSAR

Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form

Chapter Meeting: 11:30 am, 12 Sep 2015

Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA

It is requested that reservations be made by completing this form and mailing it to the Chapter Treasurer at the address below so that he **receives it by 9 Sep 2015**. It is preferred that payment be received in advance to avoid having to track down the Treasurer at the meeting to collect checks or cash. It also ensures that the caterer is given adequate notice to prepare enough tables for the meeting.

If you chose to notify us by email, please ensure your email has the word "RESERVATION" in the subject line. The Treasurer will confirm your reservation by email as well. This will ensure your email is not lost by "spam" filters. The Treasurer's email address is PaulWalden@live.com.

The lunch cost is $35 per person ($12 for a child). The check should be made payable to **G.W. Chapter, SAR.** Again, checks are preferred over cash. Walk ins will be accommodated, provided there is space. However, if you have not notified the Treasurer by 5:00 pm on the preceding Wednesday, the walk-in price of $40.00 is requested.

Please provide the following when making the reservation:

Meeting Date: _____

Compatriot Name: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

A check in the amount of $ _____ payable to **G.W. Chapter, SAR** is enclosed.

Please note if any of the guests are children.

Please return this form and check to: Paul Walden, Treasurer
George Washington Chapter, VASSAR
5902 Mount Eagle Drive, #1609
Alexandria, VA 22303-2522

The check-in and social begins at 11:30 with a cash bar. The meeting will be called to order at 12:00 noon and is typically concluded by 2:30. Valet parking is available.