George Washington Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Newsletter

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Virginia Society
Semi-Annual Meeting

Above: Attending the Virginia Society's Semi-Annual Meeting in Roanoke on 18-19 September 2015 are: President Dwight Whitney, Vice President Greg Bodge, Secretary Ernie Coggins, Treasurer Paul Walden, and Registrar Dave Thomas. Former Chapter President; Second Vice President, Virginia Society; and Vice President General, International District; Mike Elston was also present. Also in attendance were dual members: President General Joe Dooley and Virginia Society President Reverdy Wright.

Preston Memorial Dedication

Above: Attending the Colonel William Preston Memorial dedication in Daleville, Virginia, on Saturday, 19 September 2015 are from left to right: Vice President Greg Bodge, President Dwight Whitney, Virginia Society President Reverdy Wright, Registrar Dave Thomas, and Secretary Ernie Coggins.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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President's Corner

My fellow compatriots:

Last Month. We had a great turnout for the September chapter meeting where we inducted newest member Sean Robbins, honored three heroes from the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, and enjoyed a great speaker. Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer gave an authoritative and interesting presentation on the activities of the Marine Corps during the Revolution.

The Medals for Heroism were presented to Lt. Everett Hinson, Technician I Andrew Morris, and Technician I Jake Forestiere for their river rescue of four juveniles trapped in a frowning hole hydraulic after their boat filled with water and became pinned against a rock. At that time the men happened to be training on the Potomac near Great Falls. When they heard the calls for help, they raced their boat to the trouble site and, putting their training to good use, swiftly and safely pulled the four victims from the water. Everyone came out of the water alive and unhurt!

Six members, including all four officers represented the chapter at the VASSAR Semi-Annual Conference in Roanoke September 18th – 19th. The chapter received the Partners in Patriotism Certificate for "working hand-in-hand with a veterans group in pursuit of a common goal," including the American Legion and patriotic programs such as Wreaths Across America, Blue Star Salute, Operation Ancestry Search, and the like. In addition, Paul Walden and Jim Mobley received Liberty Medal awards for each 10 new-member applications on which they were first-line sponsors. Congratulations to Paul and Jim!

Following the Semi-Annual Meeting, several of us ventured over to Botetourt County and attended the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating completion of the first phase of the Col. William Preston Memorial, a project of the Fincastle Resolutions Chapter. The event was well attended by members of the SAR and DAR and by descendants of William Preston.

Coming up. I'm looking forward to a great turnout for the President General's visit at our next chapter meeting October 10th. At the meeting we will also receive the report of the 2016 Officer Nominating Committee (Mike Elston, Chairman, Scott Wagoner, and Don Reynolds) on the slate of nominations for next year's officers and managers. The elections will be held at the November meeting.

Immediately following the October meeting, we will host the President General's Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 3:15 p.m. Due to the timing of the event**,** the reception will begin earlier at 11:15 a.m., and the **chapter meeting will convene 15 minutes early at 11:45 a.m., and finish by 1:30 p.m.** in order that we can get everyone to the site in time for preparations. If you have never attended one of these ceremonies before, don't miss this opportunity! It is a moving experience to witness the ceremony and to interact with the many visitors, including veterans, school children, and foreigners, there to pay their respects.

In November will be our annual Veterans' Day Wreath Laying with Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the DAR at General Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon. We are also preparing a recognition for our veteran chapter members for the November chapter meeting. The program last year was well received and a great way of showing appreciation for our veterans. If you are a veteran and did not send your information last year, please send it right away to Vice President Greg Bodge. **Send a military photo and brief description of service, including name, rank, dates of service, and branch of service.** It will be a special time!

Call to Chapter Service. With the preparations for 2016 on the horizon, it is a good time to remind you all that the chapter is continuously in need of your service. The donations you send in with your dues or during the year continue to sustain our many outreach activities. Our committees provide the leadership and people that maintain our presence in the community through youth activities, community awards, and patriot ceremonies. Without these volunteers and your resources, we could not fulfill the obligations to our forefathers we are pledged to remember and to defend.

I am grateful to the several members who have informed me on occasion of their willingness to serve in some capacity. I keep their names on a list and forward them to a committee chairman or officer as appropriate. It has been my practice to reach for my list when there is a need that turns up. That list is not very long so there have been times when I've had to reach for the membership directory to find help. I'm

happy to say that I've never been turned down by anyone who was able to pitch in

The need for committee participants never goes away. I ask that you make your interests known through one of the officers, a committee chairman, or your "buddy." In your membership directory you will find a list of committees and their respective leaders whom you can contact. If you are interested in serving in some way, send me an e-mail or give me a call. I would be glad to have you on my list!

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Dwight Whitney

Chapter President

From the Secretary

This month, we shall be mailing out renewal notices. At Congress in Louisville this summer, the delegates voted to raise the National Society dues by $5.00. Note that this does not apply to junior members. National dues have not been increased since 2009, and the increase will be used to enhance the IT infrastructure and provide funding for the digitalization of records.

Please be prompt with your renewals. Our Chapter is fortunate in that we continue to grow. Make certain that your information including your mailing address and your email address are correct. Many of you make the effort to contribute extra money along with your dues. This extra funding enables us to continue our youth programs, public safety awards, grave markings, and other activities such as Wreaths Across America. We have received the President General's Activities Award for two consecutive years. You are members of one of the most active chapters in the nation, and you should all take great pride in this achievement. As Dwight says, I would also encourage all of you who have the time to volunteer to assist our committee chairmen and help make all these things happen. A list of committees is given in your 2015 Directory. If you have not received your copy, contact me at secretary@gwsar.org.

Finally, we are still continuing our efforts to collect Patriot Biographies of between 200 and 500 words in length. Email these to our webmaster, Jamie Callender at webmaster@gwsar.org, or mail them to the 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 September no new member applications were approved by NSSAR. There are currently 2 new member and 6 supplemental applications under review by NSSAR. There was 1 new member induction during the September chapter meeting.

New Members Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Robert Lee Fitton II	Richard Marshall
Michael Paul Pillsbury	Stephen Pillsbury

Supplemental Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Tom Mosser Roth	Henry Jarboe

Dave Thomas

Registrar

Emeritus Certificate

Our dual member, Judge Richard B. Abell, will receive an Emeritus Certificate from the President of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter at our October meeting.

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.

Last 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.

George Washington Quotes

"Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God".[1]

2016 Dues Notices

At the July, 2015 Congress in Louisville, KY, the NSSAR general membership voted to increase the national dues to $35, effective 1 Jan 2016. This is a $5 increase over the 2015 dues. There is no change for the VASSAR or chapter dues. Therefore, for regular members of the George Washington Chapter, the total dues would be $80: ($35 NSSAR, $20 VASSAR, and $25 Chapter).

We will be mailing dues notices the second week in October. If you do not receive your dues notice by 15 October, please let me know by email at PaulWalden@live.com.

We hope to collect all dues by 30 November 2015. Every member who pays on time will win for the chapter 10 points towards the President General's/Americanism award.

As we did last year, in an effort to reduce postage costs, we are offering members the option of receiving the newsletter via email, rather than U.S. Postal Service mail. The dues notice will have a checkbox to indicate if you prefer to opt out of receiving the newsletter via U.S. Postal Service mail. The postage for each monthly newsletter mailing costs the chapter approximately $75, so every penny counts.

Paul Walden,

Treasurer

October 2015 Speaker

President General Thomas E. Lawrence

Our October speaker will be President General, Tom Lawrence. Tom was elected at our 125th Congress in Louisville this summer. Previously he served as chancellor general, treasurer general, and secretary general of the National Society. He was an elected Justice of the Peace for Harris County, Texas from 1983 until his retirement on 31 December 2014. Judge Lawrence was appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct in 1991 and is the only Justice of the Peace to serve as chairman of the Commission. Additionally, the Supreme Court of Texas appointed him to the Supreme Court Advisory Commission in 1999; he is only the second Justice of the Peace to serve on this committee.

[1] Source: http://brainz.org/50-best-george-washington-quotes/

October Dates in History

American Revolutionary War

October 7, 1763: The Proclamation of 1763 issued by King George III after the end of the French and Indian War / Seven Years' War to organize the new North American empire and stabilize relations with Native Americans. No British settlements allowed west of the Appalachian Mountains. Settlers already in these areas required to return east.

October 1765: The Stamp Act Congress prepares a resolution to be sent to King George III requesting the repeal of the Stamp Act.

October 1767: Boston reinstates boycott of English luxury goods.

October 1769: Boycott of English goods spreads to Rhode Island, New Jersey and North Carolina

October 1773: Colonists in Philadelphia force British tea agents to resign their positions.

October 28, 1776: Battle of White Plains force General Washington to retreat to the west pursued by Cornwallis

October 7, 1777: American victory at Battle of Saratoga

October 17, 1777: Americans capture Burgoyne and his army at Saratoga.

October 17, 1781: American victory at Yorktown terms discussed for the British surrender.

October 19, 1781: The British army surrenders at Yorktown - a devastating effect on the British.

Source – www.datesandevents.org

In Memory of Compatriot Dr. Robert K. Wineland

Dr. Wineland in the Army in Belgium during World War II.

It is with heavy heart that we must say goodbye to Compatriot Robert Kenneth Wineland who passed away from illness on Sunday, 20 September 2015.

In World War II, Dr. Wineland was a 20-year old Army Medic assigned to 106th Infantry Division that was stationed in the Ardennes in Belgium. On 16 December 1944, he became a participant in the Battle of the Bulge, the German operation to split the Western Front and capture port of Antwerp. This was the largest battle fought by American forces during the war and one of the bloodiest. The 106th bore the brunt of the entire German offensive. It suffered the loss of 60 percent of its personnel, the largest of any American Division in World War II.

Our Compatriot, Robert Wineland experienced this combat first hand. His involvement as a medic in the war convinced him that he wanted to advance his medical training in order to continue to help people. After his discharge in December 1945, he returned home to Anacostia and earned a medical degree from George Washington University in 1951.

That same year he married Stuart de Murguiondo and later settled in Alexandria to practice medicine as pediatrician. He was instrumental in creating the Mount Vernon Hospital that opened in 1976. He served as the first president of the hospital's medical staff. He made frequent medical trips to treat children in Algeria and Honduras. He celebrated his 91st birthday in July.

We shall fondly remember "Dr. Bob" as a compassionate patriot and loyal supporter of the George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Liturgy in Celebration of Compatriot Wineland's life will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Saturday, 10 October at 11:00 AM. The family invites all to attend a reception following the service in Norton Hall.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
228 South Pitt Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 549-3312

Founding Fathers

James Madison, Jr. (1751-1836)[2]

The oldest of 10 children and a scion of the planter aristocracy, Madison was born in 1751 at Port Conway, King George County, VA, while his mother was visiting her parents. In a few weeks she journeyed back with her newborn son to Montpelier estate, in Orange County, which became his lifelong home. He received his early education from his mother, from tutors, and at a private school. An excellent scholar though frail and sickly in his youth, in 1771 he graduated from the College of New Jersey (later Princeton), where he demonstrated special interest in government and the law. But, considering the ministry for a career, he stayed on for a year of postgraduate study in theology.

Back at Montpelier, still undecided on a profession, Madison soon embraced the patriot cause, and state and local politics absorbed much of his time. In 1775 he served on the Orange County committee of safety; the next year at the Virginia convention, which, besides advocating various Revolutionary steps, framed the Virginia constitution; in 1776-77 in the House of Delegates; and in 1778-80 in the Council of State. His ill health precluded any military service.

In 1780 Madison was chosen to represent Virginia in the Continental Congress (1780-83 and 1786-88). Although originally the youngest delegate, he played a major role in the deliberations of that body. Meantime, in the years 1784-86, he had again sat in the Virginia House of Delegates. He was a guiding force behind the Mount Vernon Conference (1785), attended the Annapolis Convention (1786), and was otherwise highly instrumental in the convening of the Constitutional Convention in 1787. He had also written extensively about deficiencies in the Articles of Confederation.

Madison was clearly the preeminent figure at the convention. Some of the delegates favored an authoritarian central government; others, retention of state sovereignty; and most occupied positions in the middle of the two extremes. Madison, who was rarely absent and whose Virginia Plan was in large part the basis of the Constitution, tirelessly advocated a strong government, though many of his proposals were rejected. Despite his poor speaking capabilities, he took the floor more than 150 times, third only after Gouverneur Morris and James Wilson. Madison was also a member of numerous committees, the most important of which were those on postponed matters and style. His journal of the convention is the best single record of the event. He also played a key part in guiding the Constitution through the Continental Congress.

Playing a lead in the ratification process in Virginia, too, Madison defended the document against such powerful opponents as Patrick Henry, George Mason, and Richard Henry Lee. In New York, where Madison was serving in the Continental Congress, he collaborated with Alexander Hamilton and John Jay in a series of essays that in 1787-88 appeared in the newspapers and were soon published in book form as The Federalist (1788). This set of essays is a classic of political theory and a lucid exposition of the republican principles that dominated the framing of the Constitution.

In the U.S. House of Representatives (1789-97), Madison helped frame and ensure passage of the Bill of Rights. He also assisted in organizing the executive department and creating a system of federal taxation. As leaders of the opposition to Hamilton's policies, he and Jefferson founded the Democratic-Republican Party.

In 1794 Madison married a vivacious widow who was 16 years his junior, Dolley Payne Todd, who had a son; they were to raise no children of their own. Madison spent the period 1797-1801 in semiretirement, but in 1798 he wrote the Virginia Resolutions, which attacked the Alien and Sedition Acts. While he served as Secretary of State (1801-9), his wife often served as President Jefferson's hostess.

In 1809 Madison succeeded Jefferson. Like the first three Presidents, Madison was enmeshed in the ramifications of European wars. Diplomacy had failed to prevent the seizure of U.S. ships, goods, and men on the high seas, and a depression wracked the country. Madison continued to apply diplomatic techniques and economic sanctions, eventually effective to some degree against France. But continued British interference with shipping, as well as other grievances, led to the War of 1812.

The war, for which the young nation was ill prepared, ended in stalemate in December 1814 when the inconclusive Treaty of Ghent which nearly restored prewar conditions, was signed. But, thanks mainly to Andrew Jackson's spectacular victory at the Battle of New Orleans (Chalmette) in January 1815; most Americans believed they had won. Twice tested, independence had survived, and an ebullient nationalism marked Madison's last years in office, during which period the Democratic-Republicans held virtually uncontested sway.

In retirement after his second term, Madison managed Montpelier but continued to be active in public affairs. He devoted long hours to editing his journal of the Constitutional Convention, which the government was to publish 4 years after his death. He served as co-chairman of the Virginia constitutional convention of 1829-30 and as rector of the University of Virginia during the period 1826-36. Writing newspaper articles defending the administration of Monroe, he also acted as his foreign policy adviser.

Madison spoke out, too, against the emerging sectional controversy that threatened the existence of the Union. Although a slaveholder all his life, he was active during his later years in the American Colonization Society, whose mission was the resettlement of slaves in Africa.

Madison died at the age of 85 in 1836, survived by his wife and stepson.

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2 http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_founding_fathers_virginia.html#Madison

Highlights of the September Chapter Meeting

Top: Award of the *SAR Medal for Heroism* to three members of the Prince William County Fire Department. From left to right: John Blair, Coordinator for Public Safety Awards Program; Captain Stephanie Clarke; Chief Kevin McGee; and Honorees: Lieutenant Everett Hinson and Technician Jake Forestiere; and President Dwight Whitney. Not pictured is Technician Andrew Morris; Chief McGee is holding his medal and certificate.

Right: Our newest Compatriot Sean Robbins. His wife, Jimena, pins on his SAR rosette.

Left: Vice President Greg Bodge presents our September speaker; Charles P. Neimeyer, Ph.D., Chief, Marine Corps History, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia, with the Houdon bust of George Washington and a certificate of appreciation.

Virginia to Have New License Plate Recognizing the Culpeper Minutemen!

The Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, VASSAR, is leading an effort to issue a new Virginia license plate honoring the Culpeper Minutemen. This will be the only current VA license plate related to the American Revolution. Details for ordering the plate are on that chapter's blog site: http://culpeperminutemen.weebly.com/

History

At the Virginia convention held May 1775 in Richmond, the Colony of Virginia was divided into 16 districts and each district instructed to raise and discipline a battalion of men "to march at a minute's notice."

Culpeper, Fauquier and Orange counties, forming one district, raised a cadre of 350 men, 150 men from Culpeper, 100 from Orange and 100 from Fauquier. Called the *Culpeper Minute Men*, they were organized July 17, 1775 under a large oak tree in "Clayton's old field" (later known as Catalpa Farm).

The Culpeper Minute Men adopted uniforms consisting of hunting shirts of strong, brown lines, dyed with an extract of the leaves of trees (probably the broad of oak leaves). The Minute Men took part in the *Battle of Great Bridge*, the first Revolutionary battle on Virginia soil.

No sooner were they formed than the companies of Culpeper Minute Men were absorbed into regiments of the Continental Line, and by Act of Assembly in October 1776, they were dissolved and merged into the militia. Several original Culpeper Minute Men were sufferers at Valley Forge.

Future Events 2015

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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: 11:15 am, 10 Oct 2015

Please note that given the President General's visit and the need to get to Arlington National Cemetery after the Chapter Meeting on a timely basis, the Chapter meeting will begin *promptly* at 11:45 am

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 7 Oct 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 **George Washington Chapter, VASSAR.** 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 **George Washington Chapter, VASSAR** 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 reception begins at 11:15 am, and the meeting will be called to order at 11:45 am and will be concluded by 1:15 pm. Valet parking is available.