George Washington Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Newsletter

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Veterans Day Observance at George Washington's Tomb!

Chapter members pose after the ceremony at Mount Vernon:

Front Row (L-R): Paul Wagoner, Greg Bodge, Edgar Bates, Paul Walden, Gina Briggs, Will Elston, Ernie Coggins

Back Row (L-R): Don Reynolds, Scott Wagoner, Kenan Torrans, Covert Beach, Jack Coulter, Dave Thomas, Tom Bland, Paul Briggs, Mike Elston, Tom Roth, Dwight Whitney

Top: The George Washington Chapter's wreath stands in front of General Washington's Tomb to honor him and all veterans on Veterans Day 2015

Bottom: Brigadier General Paul Wagoner, United States Air Force (Retired) and Lieutenant Colonel Ernie Coggins, Army of the United States (Retired) lay the Chapter's wreath at General Washington's Tomb on Veterans Day 2015

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

December 12 - Joint chapter meeting with the George Mason Chapter. 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. VASSAR President Reverdy Wright will speak and install the Chapter's 2016 officers.

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Events Information

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

December 7 –Plaque dedication Honoring Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in St. Mary's Church Cemetery, 1000 South Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Arrive by 9:00 a.m.

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President's Corner

My fellow compatriots,

The chapter's activities in November focused on veterans. We did so with our annual ceremony at Washington's Tomb on Veterans Day, held jointly with the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It was a perfect autumn day and we enjoyed a great turnout of members and visitors. I couldn't help but notice a number of veterans in the crowd who identified themselves by the caps and sweatshirts they wore. I enjoyed speaking to a few of them before and after the service. The address I gave spoke about respecting the commitment that our service men and women make in joining a military service of our country. Those remarks are reprinted elsewhere in the newsletter.

The November chapter meeting program was dedicated to our own veterans who are members of the chapter. Vice President Bodge led with a slide show depicting the service of individual members. Those who were in attendance spoke about their service and what their service meant to them. It was a memorable occasion.

We also used the meeting to recognize service to the SAR and service to our community. For SAR service, our officers and committee members were recognized for their efforts toward fulfilling the patriotic, historic, and educational goals of the society. I cannot express enough my gratitude for the volunteers who make it happen. In demonstration of that work, we also awarded commendation medals to three members of the Alexandria Fire Department – two for Fire Safety to Captain Jason Wehmeyer and Battalion Chief Gerald Fair, and one for Emergency Medical Services to Kelsea Bonkoski. One could say it was a rewarding chapter meeting!

Finally, congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2016, and in particular, to Greg Bodge, our next president. I know he will do a great job for us, and likewise I know that he can count on your continued support!

Looking ahead, on December 7th, we will dedicate a marker identifying five patriots buried in the Saint Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery. It is being held on a weekday (Monday) so that we can include the students and faculty of the Saint Mary's School. A grand program is planned that will include essays and readings from several students. Thank you for your donations toward this ceremony and for your continued financial support of our Graves Registration program.

Please plan to attend our December 12th meeting, which will be held jointly with the George Mason chapter. The 2016 officers of both chapters will be installed by VASSAR President Reverdy Wright. I think it will be a really nice meeting -- just what you need to get you into the holiday spirit! Belle Haven is always decorated nicely for Christmas, so bring your kids along and take advantage of the $12 chicken fingers entrée!

If you don't attend the chapter meeting, please remember we are supporting the Wreaths Across America event at the Alexandria National Cemetery on December 12th. Join up with Carlisle Bean and Jack Coulter to participate in the placing of wreaths. A big thanks to everyone who donated!

To those of you who have paid your dues already, THANK YOU. To the rest, please pay your dues as soon as possible. There is a deadline and anyone who fails to pay by the deadline will have to be reinstated, which is an additional fee and paperwork. Avoid the hassle and send that payment today!

Share a Ride: Last month I asked you all to remember to share a ride with a veteran when you attend our November events. I want to recognize Jay Franklin for driving his father, a veteran, to the chapter meeting. I hope those in need of a ride will remember the Ride Share program. The information is provided monthly in the chapter information box of the newsletter.

Dwight Whitney
President

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 more useful and interesting. Please submit stories, photos and suggestions to rg62@live.com. I will do my best to include them in future issues.

Richard Gilliland

Editor

Secretary's Report

I have enjoyed serving as your Secretary for the past 21 months. It has been very challenging but also very gratifying. Jay Henn, your new Secretary and I shall be beginning our transition this month. I know that you will all be as supportive of him as you have been of me. My thanks to all of you!

Paul, our Treasurer, has reported that well over half of you have renewed your membership for 2016. I echo both Dwight and Paul in urging you to write and mail that check today or bring it to our December meeting. And do not forget to ensure that your postal and email addresses are correct.

If you are able, please consider making a contribution to support the many activities in which your Chapter engages. You are members of an outstanding Chapter that has been recognized as such by both the Virginia and National Societies. One of these actions will occur this coming Monday, 07 December 2015, when we dedicate a plaque commemorating the patriots buried at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Alexandria. We are always looking for members to volunteer to assist with all of our endeavors; you should feel free to contact me or any of our officers to express your interest.

We are still interested in your submitting the biography of your patriot ancestor. These should be sent to our Webmaster, Jamie Callender, at webmaster@gwsar.org. If you would rather mail your Patriot Biography, you should send it 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

Treasurer's Report

Annual Dues Status

As of this writing, dues have been paid by 73% of our membership. A reminder notice was sent the week of 9 Nov to members who had not yet paid. The Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) bylaws (Section IV) require that members pay dues by 1 January or be dropped from the membership rolls. Also, the chapter earns 10 points towards the President General's Americanism award for each member who pays on time.

I am therefore requesting that you mail your dues to me at your earliest convenience if they have not been paid. If you did not receive your dues statement or need another copy, please email me at PaulWalden@live.com). All dues must be received at VASSAR by January 1, 2016 so if you wait to mail your dues until December 31, it will be too late for me to process the check and submit the payment to VASSAR. Because of the approaching holiday mail rush, please mail your check to me as soon as possible so that I have time to process it.

Wreaths Across America

Our *Wreaths Across America (WAA)* fundraising drive was a big success this year and, in fact, we raised more funds than last year. We have raised $1,255 as of 30 November, which was the last day WAA could accept donations. Thanks again for your generosity by honoring those who served our country. Our chapter has purchased a total of 83 wreaths, which will be placed on veterans' graves at Alexandria National Cemetery on 12 December.

Prepaid Lunches for 2016

Once again this year, the Chapter will offer members the chance to purchase a 2016 "season ticket" for our eight regular monthly meetings in 2016 for $280. Please note that this does not include the Gala in

March. By paying for your lunches prior to December 31, the chapter will provide you with a letter acknowledging that portion of the ticket price that exceeds the cost of the food you will receive at the luncheons as a charitable contribution to the chapter.

Whether you can deduct the contribution depends on your individual circumstances and is a question for your tax advisor. If you would like to purchase your "season ticket," please send a check for $280 made payable to "George Washington Chapter, VASSAR" to:

Paul Walden, Chapter Treasurer
5902 Mount Eagle Drive, #1609
Alexandria, VA 22303

The check should be received by 31 Dec 2015. Remember to include a memo on the check *prepaid 2016 lunches*.

Paul Walden

Treasurer

Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report, two new members and four supplemental applications were approved by NSSAR. Two Forgotten Patriot recognition certificates were approved by VASSAR. There are currently two new and seven supplemental applications under review by NSSAR. There were one new member and one existing member (who missed the initial induction ceremony) inducted in November.

New Member Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
William Christopher Cook	Joel Phillips
Robert Lee Fitton II	Richard Marshall

Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Robert August Whitehead	Seth Farley
Jack Todd Pitzer	John Hartzell
Jack Todd Pitzer	George Henry Hartzell
Jack Todd Pitzer	Frederick Kleinhans

New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Maurice Gene Gilliland	William McFerrin
Mark Alan Samples	Henry Peyton
Paul Charles Washington	Job Buckley

Supplemental Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

Forgotten Patriot Recognitions Submitted and Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Paul Ashley Walden	Ebenezer Stewart
Robert August Whitehead	Seth Farley

Dave Thomas

Registrar

New Member Biographies

Jay R. Franklin

Compatriot Jay Franklin grew up on his family's tobacco farm not far from Appomattox, Virginia. He graduated from *Lynchburg College* with a business degree after which he spent five years in restaurant management before getting his Master's degree in IT from *Central Michigan University,* leading him to his present career in IT with Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) where he is a software test manager, and a resource manager in Washington, D.C., and has traveled to several exotic places for work, including Jordan.

Jay's interests include: Gun target practicing, bass fishing; photography, antiquing, carpentry, Web site building, birding, hiking and travelling. Jay is a Nat's and Redskins fan, and enjoys family in Appomattox, Lynchburg and Florida.

Jay has a diverse family lineage with names of *Dejarnette, Hodnett, Wade, Sampson and Hunt,* who hailed from England, Scotland, Ireland and France as Huguenots, immigrating via ships to Yorktown in the late 1600s, to start a new life in America free of religious persecution. Jay's membership in the Society is based on his decent from Patriot James P. Dejarnette who served in the American Revolution as Captain, Virginia Militia, Halifax County, 1774 - 1777.

Jay lives in Woodbridge with his girlfriend, Helen, who is from Wyoming, and looks forward to meeting fellow Chapter compatriots, and getting involved with SAR projects to preserve our great nation's history for the next generations.

Richard L. Johnson

Compatriot Richard Johnson was born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Evergreen Park, Illinois. He received his B.A. in Business and Economics from MacMurray College, a M.A. in Economics from the University of Missouri, and a Ph. D. in Economics from The George Washington University. He taught at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, and worked as an economist at the Federal Trade Commission, Civil Aeronautics Board, and Department of Justice. He retired in 2011. He was commissioned in the Army Reserve and was honorably discharged as a Captain on 4 September 1980.

He and his wife, Mary, have two married sons (David (wife Emer) and Matthew (wife Maggie)) and three grandchildren (Nora (7), Cole (4) and Helen (2)). His brother Compatriot Martin R. Johnson is also a member of the George Washington Chapter.

Richard's membership in the Society is based on his descent form Patriot Remember Ingraham, who served as Corporal in Captain Stephen Richardson's Company, Attenborough/Bristol, Massachusetts serving from 1 December 1776 to 18, January 1777.

To be in the Fight

The following is the address given by President Whitney at Mount Vernon on 11 November 2015.

Today I wish to pay my respects to our veterans with brief remarks that bring to light a bit of history. And the most important message I wish for you to take away from here is an appreciation for the commitment our veterans have made to be in the fight.

In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed November 11, 1954 Veterans Day. The proclamation states that we are to "… solemly remember the sacrafices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heretage of freedom…" and to "… reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain." The proclamation goes on to say "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose."

So here we are, one of many observances in this nation today, joined together to perpetuate this tradition of remembrance – remembrance of service, of sacrifice, and the hope for an enduring peace.

We, the Sons of the American Revolution, celebrate Veterans Day with you as part of our society's mission to honor, respect, and support our veterans.

We share in this with our sisters of the DAR who have a likeminded purpose to celebrate patriotism. We choose this setting, the tomb of George Washington, in honor of the great general who secured and preserved for us a nation.

Let me take you further back in history for a moment and tell you a story. I'll tell you the story as it was told in a speech to the 1896 convention of the Utah Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. I discovered this speech by chance in a newspaper archive just a few years ago. The title of the speech is "The Genius of Americanism," and the author, I was surprised to learn, was my great-grandfather, Orson F. Whitney, at that time a visiting lecturer at Brigham Young Academy, and not a member of the SAR. Listen to this story, told with the flourish of a 19th century writer and historian…

It was David of old who said: "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike." The occasion was the rout of the Amelekites, and the recovery from them, by the Jewish hero and his warlike band, of the spoil taken at Ziklag. Two hundred of David's men had not been in the fight. Exhausted by previous action, they had remained behind to guard the baggage, while their four hundred comrades continued the pursuit and vanquished the foe. The fighting over, a question arose as to the proper division of the spoil. Some of the victors were unwilling that any but actual combatants should share in the division and they proposed that their brethren who had not been in the battle, but had guarded the baggage of those who fought, should only be given their rescued wives and children and allowed to depart. It was then that David, scouting the ungenerous and unjust proposition, laid down the rule, to be permanently observed as an ordinance in Israel: "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike."[1]

In this story we find an example of wisdom and of gratitude and respect. To be sure, the heroes of the day were the men who fought and who secured the victory. Yet David, in his wisdom, saw that it was right to pay respect to all those who came to the fight, though their assignment that day may have kept them from the battle. He was grateful to every man that had followed him, committed and *ready to be in the fight*.

On this Veterans Day, let us remember that every member of the U.S. Armed Forces has made a commitment to be *in the fight* for this country and for its people. Those who answered the call to serve during a time of war could expect it. Even in a time of peace, those that serve stand ready to be called into action at any time. And think about it: when has there been, in our lifetime, a time of peace and no threat of war?

To be in the fight – that is the commitment of every man and woman in uniform. For that commitment, for your patriotic service and for every sacrifice, *may you part from here alike* with the thanks of a grateful people.

Thank you all for coming…God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America!

Obituaries

Edward S. Johnson

We have learned of the death of Compatriot Edward S. Johnson last year on 06 October 2014. He was 93 years old. He was born on a farm in Pawnee County, Nebraska and moved to Washington, DC in 1941. After serving in World War II, he married Esther Facko in 1946 and graduated with an accounting degree from Benjamin Franklin University in 1949. He retired from Federal Service as Comptroller for the Civil Defense Agency in 1973. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Annandale, Virginia.

Step Up Now for Chapter Leadership Opportunities in 2016

Chapter President-Elect Greg Bodge is looking for a number of compatriots to fill leadership positions and other key roles in the chapter. If you are interested in getting more involved, please e-mail him at gbodge@hotmail.com or call him at 540-318-6717.

[1] Whitney, Orson F., "A Patriotic Address," Delivered at the Banquet of the Sons of the American Revolution, by Bishop Orson F. Whitney of Logan – The Second Celebration in Utah of the Battle of Bunker Hill – Other Exercises, The Utah Journal Newspaper June 27, 1896.

One of the key positions available is the appointed office of **Graves Committee Chair**. Compatriot Jamie Callender is stepping down after many years of service as he has increased his graves registration work at National, but he has volunteered to help get the new man started. This position comes with *ex officio* membership on the chapter's Board of Managers. As the Graves Committee chair, you will perform the important task of helping the chapter identify and mark the graves of Patriots in the area. You will become the chapter's face in much of the community, and perform the vital task of maintaining the legacy of those who we honor.

We are also looking for a **Newsletter Editor**. You will be responsible for working with the officers in getting the newsletter put together and forwarded for printing. Chapter members submit the articles and photos and the editor will collect them and place them in the newsletter format. Richard Gilliland will be available to ease the transition for the new editor.

Either position allows chapter members to become more involved in the SAR without taking on the burden of an officer position. There are, of course, opportunities to serve as a member of any of the chapter's **Committees** (except for the Nominating Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Managers each autumn). Please contact Greg Bodge if you would like to discuss any of these leadership opportunities or serve on one of the chapter's committees

Call for George Washington Articles

In February the Chapter will participate in the George Washington Birthday Celebration which culminates with the parade on February 15, 2016. As we have in previous years, we want to contribute short newspaper articles on topics relating to George Washington. These articles are to be published in the *Alexandria Gazette* in January and early February. The articles serve to publicize and heighten the spirit of the event.

Anyone willing to prepare articles for the *Gazette* or otherwise support the Chapter's participation in any way, contact Paul Walden at **paulwalden@live.com**.

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.

George Washington Quotes

"My observation is that whenever one person is found adequate to the discharge of a duty...it is worse executed by two persons, and scarcely done at all if three or more are employed therein."[2]

Did You Know?

Roger Sherman (1721-1793)[3]

Highest Political Office: United States House of Representatives (1788-1791); United States Senator (1791-1793).

Other Accomplishments: Member, Continental Congress (1774-1781, 1783 and 1784); Helped draft the *Declaration of Independence*; Helped draft the *Articles of Confederation*; Was responsible for the *Great Compromise* (Connecticut Compromise) at the Constitutional Convention.

Sherman was a self-made man, married twice and fathered fifteen children. Before the Revolutionary War he held positions in the Connecticut government in all three branches (legislative, executive, and judicial). He was a political conservative, but strongly favored the American Revolution once it began. Sherman was in support of the colonial boycotts of the 1760's and was in charge of the New Haven committees of correspondence (organizations that promoted inter-colonial communication). He was not known as a gifted speaker, but he toiled hard in various committees in order to make sound and lasting policy. However, at the Constitutional Convention he did speak 138 times on various issues, and only James Madison, James Wilson, and Gouverneur Morris spoke more often. Roger Sherman was the second oldest delegate there (right behind 81 year old Benjamin Franklin). Thomas Jefferson once remarked, "There is Mr. Sherman of Connecticut, who never said a foolish thing in his life."

His Politics: He was in favor of the President being appointed by the Legislature for a three year term of office. However, his most important accomplishment was the compromise on representation in Congress he suggested that broke the "deadlock" between large and small states. This compromise was called the "Great Compromise", and it showed the delegates that they could and should compromise in order to accomplish the writing of a new constitution. Thus, the Constitution has been characterized historically as a "bundle of compromises". He was, however, opposed to a separate "bill of rights" to be added to the Constitution. By the time Sherman served in the United States Congress he was an advocate of the Federalist philosophy. He ended up supporting Alexander Hamilton's financial program of assumption of state debts, the establishment of a national bank, and enactment of a tariff to help the young nation to stabilize its economy.

Closest Crony among the Founding Fathers: William Johnson

What he said: "The question is, not what rights naturally belong to man, but how they may be most equally and effectually guarded in society."

"When you are in a minority, talk; when you are in a majority, vote."

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.

[2] http://brainz.org/50-best-george-washington-quotes/
[3] http://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-founding-fathers/about-the-founding-fathers/

Highlights of the November Chapter Meeting

Top Left: Vice President Greg Bodge prepares to begin his slide presentation for the Chapter's Salute to Veterans

Top Right: Vice President Greg Bodge accepts the National Society's 'The Partners in Patriotism Certificate' on behalf of the George Washington Chapter

Center Left: Recipients of the Virginia Society Chapter Service Medal: Back Row - Don Reynolds, Greg Bodge, Covert Beach, Jack Pitzer, Mike Elston, Rich Sherman, and Paul Wagoner. Front Row: Paul Walden and Ernie Coggins

Center Right: John Blair and Dwight Whitney pose with members of the Alexandria Fire Department who received SAR Public Service Awards. The Fire Safety Commendation went to Battalion Chief Gerald Fair (second from left) and Captain Jason Wehmeyer (middle). Supervisor Michael Sharp (second from right) accepted the Emergency Medical Services Commendation for Kelsea Bonkoski

Bottom Left: Recipients of Certificates of Appreciation for their chapter service: Dave Thomas, Tom Roth, Jay Henn, and John Blair. Not pictured: Kevin Kline, Richard Gilliland, and John Brigden

Bottom Right: Paul Walden is recognized for having submitted a Forgotten Patriot Ancestor

Highlights of the November Chapter Meeting
(Continued)

Top Left: Newly elected 2016 George Washington Chapter officers - Greg Bodge, President; Paul Walden, Vice President; Jay Henn, Secretary; and Ernie Coggins (not pictured), Treasurer

Top Right: New member Jay Franklin poses with President Whitney, his parents, Faye and Harry Franklin, and his girlfriend Helen.

Center Left: Jamie Callender receiving the Bronze Roger Sherman Award

Center Right: Paul Walden receiving the Distinguished Service Medal

Bottom Left: Covert Beach receiving the Certificate for his award of the Dr. Joseph Warren Medal from the National Society

Bottom Right: Compatriot Martin Johnson pins the rosette on his brother, Richard Johnson, at his induction.

Other Veterans Day and Chapter Meeting Highlights

Top Left: Penny Kales, Regent of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, gives welcoming remarks at Mount Vernon

Top Right: Vice President Greg Bodge serves as our Master of Ceremonies at Mount Vernon

Center Right: Jamie Callender receiving recognitions at the November Chapter meeting from the Chapter and the National Society for his outstanding work on the Patriot Biographies project this year, including a Louisville Slugger bat autographed by the officers of the chapter

Center Left: Ann Whitney receiving the Martha Washington Medal at the November Chapter meeting for her dedicated service to the SAR

Bottom Left: Compatriot Will Elston leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance at Mount Vernon

Bottom Right: Barbara McJoynt of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the DAR gave the benediction at Mount Vernon

Future Events

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

December 7 – The George Washington Chapter VASSAR, along with Saint Mary's Catholic Church and the Students of Saint Mary's Catholic School, will host the Plaque Dedication Honoring Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in St. Mary's Church Cemetery. At 8:30 AM, members of the George Washington Chapter will present a George Washington framed print at Saint Mary's School. Afterwards, participants in the plaque dedication will gather in the school's parking lot beginning at 9:00 AM to take part in the procession to the graveyard, which steps off at 9:30 AM. The parking lot is located at the terminus of South Royal Street and parking will be available there.*

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February 15 – George Washington's Birthday Parade, Alexandria, Virginia. 1:00-3:00 p.m.*

February 19-20 – VASSAR Annual Meeting, Richmond, Virginia.†

February 25-27 – Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky.

March 26 – VASSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal Award Gala, Belle Haven County Club, Alexandria, Virginia.

April 09 – Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.*

May 14 – Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.*

May 30 – National Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC. Time: TBD.

July 04 – Fourth of July Ceremony and Wreath Laying at General Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, Virginia.*

July 08-13 – 126th Congress, Boston, Massachusetts.

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

September 10 – The President General's Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, 4:15 p.m., Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.**

September 16-17 – VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia.†

September 19-October 01 – Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky

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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 Mason-George Washington Chapters, VASSAR

Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form
Joint Chapter Meeting: 11:30 am, 12 Dec 2015
Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia

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 Dec 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

Check-in and social begin 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.