George Washington Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
-Newsletter-

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Colonel Michael Scalia, son of the Late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, to Accept his Gold Good Citizenship Award!

Prior to being shocked and saddened along with the rest of the nation by news of his unexpected passing on February 13, 2016, the George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution elected to present the SAR's highest national award for public service to the Honorable Antonin Scalia, then-Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal is awarded for outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service of national importance. Included among past recipients of the medal are former Presidents Truman, Ford, Carter, Reagan, and Bush. Past recipients at the Virginia gala have included former Secretary of Veterans Affairs General Eric Shinseki, two former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (General Peter Pace and General Richard Meyers), former Attorney General Edwin Meese, and the late James C. Rees.

Justice Scalia's judicial opinions and other written works had a profound impact on American jurisprudence. He was described as the intellectual anchor of the Court's conservative majority, and championed the principle that the ordinary meaning of the text of a statute is the best guide to interpreting the statute. In his book, *A Matter of Interpretation: Federal Courts and the Law* (1997), Justice Scalia defended his approach against those who would criticize it as "too hidebound to realize that new times require new laws," arguing that judges – in contrast to the elected representatives of the people – "have no authority to ... write those new laws."

Through rigorous scholarship, clear writing and sometimes biting wit, Justice Scalia made important contributions to the ongoing national debate over the meaning of the Constitution. Describing the Originalist approach to Constitutional interpretation, Justice Scalia explained that "the Constitution has a static meaning that does not change from

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generation to generation." Rejecting the Living Constitution philosophy, which would allow judges and scholars "to update the Constitution according to their own preferences," he argued that such an approach has the inevitable effect of transferring power from the elected branches of government to the judiciary. Such an approach undermines the right of the people to govern themselves within the boundaries of the clear text of the Constitution that the people adopted and which may be amended by them at any time.

VASSAR President Ed Truslow officially announced that Justice Scalia's son Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Scalia, USA, and his wife, Michelle, will attend the George Washington Chapter luncheon on Saturday, October 8, 2016, to accept the medal on behalf of the Scalia family. Treasurer Ernie Coggins received the following communication from Lieutenant Colonel Scalia:

> *I am delighted and honored to receive the Gold Good Citizenship Medal on behalf of my father on 8 October. It is regrettable that he was unable to receive it himself last March. As the son of an immigrant, he certainly would have been honored to be recognized by a group with a true Revolutionary lineage that is committed to the ideals of our Nation.*

Following his nomination to the Supreme Court in 1986 by President Ronald Regan, then-Judge Scalia received Senate confirmation by a vote of 98 to zero. Antonin Scalia had served as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit since 1982. Prior to his judicial appointments, he had been a professor of law at the University of Chicago since 1977 and at the University of Virginia from 1967–1971. His previous positions in public service include Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel (1974-77), Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States (1972-74) and general counsel of the White House Office of Telecommunications Policy (1971-72).

Justice Scalia was born in Trenton, New Jersey, March 11, 1936. He married Maureen McCarthy and has nine children. He received his A.B. from Georgetown University and the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School. He was a Sheldon Fellow at Harvard University from 1960–1961.

Virginia SAR President Dr. Reverdy Wright, announcing the award of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal to Justice Scalia, said, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is proud to honor this distinguished jurist for his service to our country. Through his judicial opinions and scholarship, he has spent most of his life honoring and extending the legacy of those American patriots who established the United States and gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights and an independent Supreme Court."

Important Changes for 2017

Please take note of *two important changes* that were effective in January, 2017.

VASSAR Dues. As was mentioned in the March issue of the Newsletter, during the NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting held in Louisville, KY on February 25-27, the National Trustees formally endorsed Virginia as the host society for the 130th SAR National Congress to be held in 2020. To help defray the costs of hosting the Congress, VASSAR has announced that dues will be increased by $6.00 (to $26.00) for the next four years. You will see this change incorporated into the Membership Renewal forms sent out in the fall.

Newsletter "Opt-In". When the time comes, you will also notice in the Membership Renewal form that we are shifting from an "opt-out" to an "opt-in" policy for hardcopy delivery of the newsletter. Previously, if you did not want to receive a copy of the newsletter in the mail, you chose to "opt-out" and we removed your name from the mailing list. Now, because of rising costs, we will now ask you to "opt-in" if you want to receive a mailed copy. If you do not opt-in, you will not receive a copy of the newsletter in the mail. You will, however, receive the newsletter via e-mail and be able to access every issue of the newsletter on our Chapter website.

We will continue to include this information in future newsletters and e-mail communications as we get further into the year.

President's Corner

My fellow compatriots:

Last Month: September's meeting was an opportunity for the chapter to meet PG Mike Tomme and his wife, Cilla. Mike was able to explain his initiatives for the year and how our chapter can help him achieve them. The George Washington chapter is unique in our having hosted several Presidents General over the last several years as part of their annual wreath laying at Arlington.

The second half of our meeting day consisted of escorting the PG and his wife, along with the SAR Color Guard, while they placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. PG Tomme expressed his gratefulness for this once in a lifetime opportunity. He also let me know how appreciative he is to the George Washington chapter for our invitation to him to attend our meeting and getting to meet the members.

Upcoming Events: For those interested, there will be plenty of SAR events in October to keep us busy.

October 7th: The commemoration of the Battle of Kings Mountain will be taking place. This is a chance for those who have never visited a Revolutionary War commemoration to see one. These events are always educational and family friendly.

October 8th: Chapter meeting at Belle Haven. This meeting will be our opportunity to present Justice Scalia's family with the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal that we had scheduled to award him just after his passing. Justice Scalia's so, COL Michael Scalia and his wife will be in attendance to accept the award for his father. This is a rare opportunity to honor the late Justice, and I hope that you will be able to attend.

October 19th: The annual wreath laying at Yorktown will take place. This is an opportunity to stay close to home and participate in an SAR national event. The chapter, along with several other chapters and organizations, will pay tribute to those who fought in the battle that ended the Revolutionary War.

Greg Bodge

President

Vice President's Message

Dear compatriots:

As you will see in this newsletter, our chapter was busy this past summer continuing our support of the SAR. During the October chapter meeting, I will formally present several awards received by our chapter at the annual Congress in Boston. These awards will show you the great accomplishments we have made during the past year.

At our summer Board of Manager's working meeting, held in August, it was decided to solicit survey input from the membership about how our chapter can improve and how we can further the SAR's. The following list summarizes the 19 responses received:

63% attend meetings
83% like the meeting day and time
84% think the lunch cost is reasonable
58% are interested in a genealogy seminar
59% interested in a silent auction
68% find website useful
53% are interested in participating in outreach

We are looking into having a half-day genealogy seminar later this year at one of the local public libraries or at Pohick Church. Although research will focus on American Revolution patriots, which will help you prove supplemental patriots, seminars will also be open to prospective members. If you have any specific suggestions, please let me know.

Several of you expressed interest in a silent auction to raise funds for chapter activities. If you read this newsletter regularly, you will see that our chapter supports a great many programs, including public service awards and grave markings. While these events further the SAR mission but can be costly to support so it would be helpful to generate funds so we can support more of these activities. This is where the idea of a silent auction comes in. If any of you are interested in spearheading this silent auction, or have a service you would be willing to donate as an auction prize, please let me know.

Paul Walden

Vice President

From the Secretary's Desk

September was a full month with important activities and events at the local, State and National levels. As you've read elsewhere, following our Chapter meeting on September 10th, many Chapter members joined NSSAR President General Mike Tomme for a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. In mid-month VASSAR convened in Williamsburg for our 2016 Semi-Annual meeting. And, the end of the month featured the NSSAR Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY.

But don't worry! If you missed those there are still great events coming your way during the remainder of the year. Please make plans to join us for the October 8th Chapter meeting when we will be presenting Justice Antonin Scalia's Gold Good Citizenship Medal to members of his family. Later in October don't miss Yorktown Day on October 19th. (Those of us who attended the Semi-Annual meeting were fortunate enough to get a pre-opening tour of the soon-to-be-official American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. Put this on your list of places to visit - you won't be disappointed!). November 11th, Veterans Day, features our annual wreath laying, held in conjunction with the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the DAR, at General Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon. Finish out the year with the commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge in Chesapeake, VA on Saturday, December 3rd.

I would also like to extend recognition and my appreciation to six Chapter members who swelled the ranks of the First Virginia Regiment during the Semi-Annual meeting. (Membership in the First Virginia Regiment is given to individuals who make, or add to their, contributions to the five VASSAR Trust Funds.) Congratulations to Sergeants Greg Bodge and Jack Pitzer and to Colonels Ernie Coggins, Jamie Callender, Paul Walden, and Dwight Whitney. Drop me a line if you would like to learn more about supporting VASSAR and joining the First Virginia Regiment.

In closing, your 2017 dues renewal form will soon be arriving (if not already there). When you return your form, please be sure to mark any changes to your personal information. We rely on your changes to make sure we have the correct information for compiling the 2017 Membership Directory. Also, as we've mentioned previously, please take note of the revised "*opt-in*" policy regarding the Chapter Newsletter.

See you at Belle Haven on the 8th!

Jay M. Henn
Secretary

P.S. Looking far ahead, our Chapter will be the host of next year's VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting. If you've wanted to see what goes on at the State level but can't always travel, here's your opportunity to attend without leaving home!

Quote for October

"That his majesty's liege subjects in these colonies, are entitled to all the inherent rights and privileges of his natural born subjects within the kingdom of Great Britain."

Declaration of Rights and Grievances of the Colonists in America by Stamp Act Congress, October 7, 1765

SOURCE: http://westillholdthesetruths.org/quotes/category/american-revolution

George Washington Quotes

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

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

October 2016 Speaker

David Robarge received his Ph.D. in American History from Columbia University. After teaching at Columbia and working for banker David Rockefeller and at the Gannett Center for Media Studies at Columbia, he joined CIA in 1989 and later became a political and leadership analyst on the Middle East. Dr. Robarge moved to the CIA History Staff in 1996 and was appointed Chief Historian of the CIA in 2005. He has published several classified works as well as unclassified monographs on the CIA's supersonic A-12 reconnaissance aircraft and intelligence in the American Revolution. His biography of Director of Central Intelligence John McCone was recently declassified. His articles and book reviews on CIA leaders, counterintelligence, covert action, and technical collection have appeared in *Studies in Intelligence*, *Intelligence and National Security*, *The Journal of Intelligence History*, and *The Oxford Handbook of Intelligence and National Security*. Dr. Robarge has taught intelligence history at George Mason University and Georgetown University and also has written a biography of Chief Justice John Marshall.

The British Surrender at Yorktown, October 19, 1781

America declared its independence in 1776, but it took another five years to win freedom from the British. That day came on October 19, 1781, when the British General Charles Cornwallis surrendered his troops in Yorktown, Virginia.

General Cornwallis brought 8,000 British troops to Yorktown. They expected help from British ships sent from New York. The British ships never arrived. That was lucky for General George Washington and the Continental army. The thirteen colonies found their opportunity to beat the world's largest empire.

George Washington had help from the French. The French navy kept British ships from entering through the York River or Chesapeake Bay. French troops led by General Jean-Baptiste Rochambeau also joined General Washington.

Rochambeau and Washington gathered an army of 17,000 soldiers to take Yorktown back from the British in early October. The army continued a siege on Yorktown. They surrounded the town. The siege cut off supplies. After awhile, the British ran out of food and ammunition. They could not continue fighting.

Surrounded by French and American troops, General Cornwallis had no choice but to surrender. The two sides signed the formal agreement of the British surrender on October 19. This meant the end of the fighting and the beginning of American independence.

According to one legend, when General Cornwallis and his British troops marched out of Yorktown, they played a tune called "The World Turned Upside Down." Can you think of other times in history where the underdog turned things "upside down"?

Above: Washington got by with a little help from his friends, the French.

Source: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/revolut/jb_revolut_yorktown_2_e.html

Editor's Report

A primary goal of the newsletter editor is to ensure the scheduled publication of the GWSAR newsletter. As editor, I seek to encourage a wide range of articles that will inspire and inform the community about the principles on which our nation was founded. Our newsletter is a primary method of communication between the GWSAR Executive and the GWSAR Membership.

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 newsletter@gwsar.org. I will do my best to include them in future issues.

Richard Gilliland

Editor

Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report in September, three new member applications were approved by NSSAR. There are currently three new member, two supplemental, and one supplemental applications under review by NSSAR. There were two new member inductions performed during September.

New Members Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Raymond Lee Rollins	John Dishman
Benjamin McCord Sullivan	Joseph Talbot
Robert James Sullivan	Joseph Talbot

Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

Supplemental Application Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Michael Patrick Kane	Christian Stutzman

Dave Thomas

GWSAR Registrar
VASSAR Assistant Registrar

Above: Stamp from the *Stamp Act*

President	*Gregory Bodge: 770-789-3252*
Vice President	*Paul Walden: 703-347-9770*
Secretary	*Jay Henn: 703-447-0820*
Treasurer	*Ernie Coggins: 703-241-2807*
Registrar	*Dave Thomas: 703-583-8791*

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.

Immediate Past President:
Dwight Whitney: 540-349-2375

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.*

New Member Biographies

Craig Michael Batten

Compatriot Craig Batten was born August 22, 1985 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital and grew up in Stafford, Virginia. Craig's father, Phillip Batten served as a Naval Intelligence Officer and then in the Federal and State Government. Prior to his retirement this year he was the Deputy Director of Veterans Affairs in North Carolina. Craig is a member of the Lumbee tribe of North Carolina and has 2 older brothers, and 2 nephews. In 2000 Craig moved from Stafford to Eastern North Carolina and was involved in the JROTC program in High School, receiving academic medals from the American Legion, the MOAA, and the DAR.

Craig graduated from East Carolina University in 2007 with dual degrees in Political Science and Middle East Studies. In 2008, Craig began his government career with Homeland Security where he worked as a member of the training department in Boston. In 2013, Craig began working for the US Citizenship and Immigration Service as an Immigration Officer, which has taken him to Vermont, Nebraska and now back home to Virginia. During his time with USCIS, he specialized in marriage fraud, domestic violence, suspected terrorist, and refugee/asylum cases. Craig's hope/dream is to soon change to an analyst position at one of the many Intelligence Agencies and work in that field like his father and brother. Craig spends most of his free time at the gym and doing research at the National Archives for his family and for others. Other activities enjoyed by Craig are Redskins and Orioles games, traveling around the world, and attending sports autograph events in the area.

Craig's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Lemuel Nye, who during the Revolution served as a Madar, Town Officer of Barnstable County, MA, and served as a Grand Juror in Barnstable County, MA in 1781.

Lee Marric Crouch

Compatriot Lee Crouch was born and raised in Constableville, New York. Lee entered the United States Army in August of 2000 and attended One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Georgia where he was trained as an Infantryman. Lee received an A.A. in General Studies from Central Texas College and is currently finishing his B.S. in Business Management from University of Maryland University College.

Lee is currently stationed in the Washington D.C. area working as a Liaison Officer for the United States Special Operations Command.

Lee and his wife Alice have a 5 year old son named John, and a 1 year old son named Robert. Lee is a proud member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation and American Legion.

Lee's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot William K. Constable, who during the Revolution served as Aide-De-Camp for the Marquis de Lafayette.

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

September Chapter Meeting

Above left: President General Mike Tomme joined the Board of Managers for their meeting on September 10th at Belle Haven.

Above Right: GWSAR Vice President Paul Walden presents September speaker PG Tomme with the traditional Houdon bust..

Above left: President Bodge presents the 2015 VASSAR Newsletter Editor of the Year to Compatriot Richard Gilliland.

Above Right: Newly inducted Compatriot Craig Batten displays his certificate of membership.

Bottom left: Registrar Dave Thomas pins the rosette on newly inducted compatriot Lee Crouch.

Bottom right: PG Mike Tomme presents the War Service Medal with Purple Heart to Compatriot Lee Crouch.

Other September Activities

VASSAR Semi-Annual (Mid-Year) Meeting

Top: Newly commissioned Colonels, First Virginia Regiment; including Dwight Whitney, Paul Walden, Jamie Callender, and Ernie Coggins. President Bodge accepted on behalf of Jamie Callender. .

Bottom Left: GW Chapter member and VASSAR First Vice President Mike Elston delivers his report at the Semi-Annual meeting.

Center Right: Mike Elston received the Bronze Color Guard Medal.

Bottom Right: Gen. Anthony Zinni received the NSSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal from VASSAR President Ed

VASSAR Raises $25,000 for the Yorktown Museum!

Above: In the company of many compatriots at the museum, President Truslow presented a ceremonial check for $25,000 to Peter Armstrong, a representative of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Inaugural Patriot Run

Above: DAR representative Claire Bennett, GWSAR Color Guard participant Richard Gilliland, and chairman Edgar Bates

The USATF-certified 10K and 5K courses took runners up and down the scenic George Washington Memorial Parkway and traced Washington's footsteps through the historic area at Mount Vernon! A free children's "Fun Run" was held near the finish line at Mount Vernon. The next iteration of this event is scheduled for September 10, 2017!

2016 Results

10K Overall				5K Overall			
Rank	Athlete	Bib	Time	Rank	Athlete	Bib	Time
1	Sean Hicks	547	00:37:22	1	William Collins	3145	00:18:29
2	Jim Gregory	467	00:37:58	2	Mark Walchinsky	3029	00:18:37
3	Matt Boyd	558	00:38:13	3	Alex Brooks	3074	00:20:02
4	Michael Rohlf	1267	00:40:11	4	Kimberly Fagen	3118	00:20:10
5	Jenny FitzGerald	151	00:40:27	5	Abigail Reese	3096	00:21:35

Wreath Laying at the ANC Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Above: GWSAR Color Guard and Compatriots Flank the Procession by PG Tomme.

Above: PG Tomme and his wife Cilla present the wreath

Above: PG Tomme and other guests pay their respects while Taps is played by the Sentinels of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Private Isham Burks (1759-1839) P-327897

Patriot Isham Burks was born in Botetourt Co in 1759 (formed from Amherst Co. VA in 1769). He enlisted in the year 1779 or 1780 in the Company of Captain Adam Wallace, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford and Lieutenant Colonel Haws, "in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment". While a soldier for COL Buford, he survived the battle referred to as the Waxhaw Massacre, in North Carolina. Isham served in the Virginia Continental Line and after the war became an early settler in Kentucky and Missouri. He died on 21 Aug 1839 in Boone Co, MO.

In May 1780, Isham was a soldier in COL Buford's force consisting of 380 Continental infantry of the Virginia Line, a detachment of Colonel Washington's cavalry, and two six-pounders. Lord Cornwallis dispatched Lieutenant Colonel Banistre Tarleton with 170 British cavalry and 100 infantry set to pursue Buford. By mounting his foot soldiers behind cavalrymen, Tarleton rode 105 miles in 54 hours and caught up with Buford on Monday, 29 May 1780. The initial attack, however, was directed against the American right and rear and there was little protection for his infantry against a cavalry charge. The Virginians stood firm and turned the charge, but a few minutes later the evidence of the collapse of his rear made Buford realize that further resistance could only result in the slaughter of his men. He therefore hoisted a white flag and ordered his men to ground their arms. Tarleton chose to ignore the flag of surrender. The Americans were overrun by the Tory cavalry, who, "commenced a scene of indiscriminate carnage never surpassed by the ruthless atrocities of utmost barbarous savages...not a man was spared...for fifteen minutes after every man was prostrate [Tarleton's men] went over the ground plunging their bayonets into every one that exhibited any signs of life....". The Virginians lost 113 killed; 150 were so badly wounded they could not be moved, and altogether, 203 were captured. The story of "Tarleton's Quarter" spread throughout the rebellious colonies and he became a symbol of British brutality.

Isham Burks survived, and continued to serve in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment after the battle until he returned to Virginia. He was then attached to the troops commanded by Colonel William Davis until his term of enlistment was up, when he was regularly discharged. After his discharge, Isham Burks lived in Botetourt County. In 1781, Isham Burks married Elizabeth Rowland. About 1782, Isham left VA for Burkesville, Mercer Co, KY. Isham left KY in 1818 or 1819 with "about 31 children and grandchildren", for Alabama and ended his life in Boone County, MO.

Sons of the American Revolution Lapel Pins for Sale

The George Washington Chapter still has some distinctive SAR lapel pins for $20 each. Proceeds will be split evenly to support the chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution Foundation. The SAR Foundation was established in 2000 as the fundraising arm of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Contact Paul Walden, Vice President, at the next chapter meeting if you wish to buy one of these pins and support the chapter and the Foundation.

DAR Library Continues Its Popular *Genealogy 101* Series

Following a successful spring launch, the DAR's Genealogy 101 series will continue this fall with an array of skill-building topics:

October 29: How to Use Land and Property Records for Genealogical Research presented by Forrest Crosley, DAR Assistant Director of Supplemental Applications.

November 19: Introduction to Quaker Research for Genealogists led by Elizabeth Ernst, MLS, DAR Catalog Librarian.

December 17: Using Immigration Records in Genealogical Research presented by Nickola Lagoudakis, DAR Staff Genealogist.

Classes will be held on the above-mentioned dates at 10:00 am in the *O'Byrne Gallery* at DAR Headquarters, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC. All programs are free to the public, but registration is requested through www.eventbrite.com.

Has Your Patriot Ancestor's Grave Been Recognized and Marked?

There is perhaps no more fundamental or sacred activity for the SAR than the registration and marking of Revolutionary patriot graves – a ceremony that serves to cherish, honor and preserve the memory of those that fought valiantly in order that their descendants could be endowed with those inalienable right that we now enjoy.

Accordingly the George Washington Chapter Graves Registration and Marking Committee has made it a priority objective to honor with formal grave markings as many as possible GW Chapter member patriot ancestors. The first step is the identification, documentation and registration of the Patriot grave. Many thanks to Compatriot Jamie Callender for his remarkable effort in reconciling disparate and in many cases ambiguous Patriot ancestor data bases resulting in a comprehensive list of patriot ancestors and the status of any grave marking (see http://www.gwsar.org/ancestors.html).

With less than ten percent of ancestor Patriot graves marked, there is both a challenge and incredible opportunity. If you would like your ancestor's grave marked the Committee will assist you in navigating and completing the established SAR process, specifically with the creation of a biography which brings to life the Patriot's key relevant accomplishments and with conducting the grave marking ceremony procedure itself which includes the placement of a brass marker as a visible symbol to the public that the person buried at that place aided in the cause of the American Revolution.

If you think you might be interested in having your ancestor appropriately recognized with a grave marking ceremony please contact the Committee at gravemarking@gwsar.org Also, the Committee always welcomes volunteers to help with this highly rewarding effort which is one of the primary means for the SAR to keep the memory and ideals of the Revolution alive.

Recognize a Patriotic Citizen!

Recognize your patriotic neighbors and friends while helping out our Chapter.
Here is a great way to start conversation with your neighbors and friends and let them know about your involvement in the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. If anyone you know displays an American flag on their home or property, in a way you deem to be respectable and patriotic, let's recognize them and present them with a personalized Flag Certificate from the George Washington Chapter. Each flag certificate our committee issues on behalf of our chapter earns our chapter points.

The rule for issuing a flag certificate is that the flag must be displayed in a respectable way and not for commercial use. A neighbor displaying an American flag in their yard or on their home is a perfect example. A local business or office park might have an American flag displayed in a way that is patriotic and respectable and that's great too. However, the local McDonald's displaying 10 American flags on the top of their building to attract business and attention does not qualify. Use your common sense or if you are not sure, take a picture and email it to me. Most importantly, this certificate is a way to recognize someone you feel is displaying the American Flag in a way that might instill pride and patriotism within our community!

Just email me the person's name and address of where they are displaying the flag. Make sure to include your name and your mailing address. I will issue the certificate and have it sent to you to present. Email requests tokevin@gemsinblue.com. Thanks!

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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 Washington Chapter, VASSAR

Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form

Chapter Meeting: 11:30 a.m., **08 October 2016**

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

It is time to make your reservation for our meeting on Saturday, 08 October 2016.

Complete this form, and mail it with your check to the Chapter Treasurer at the address below so that it is received not later than **Wednesday, 05 October 2016**.

As an alternative, you may send your reservation by email to coggins.sar@gmail.com, and pay "at the door". If notifying by email, request you put "RESERVATION" ***followed by your last name*** in the subject line. You will receive an email confirming your reservation.

Your prompt attention to this matter will enable us to provide the caterer with the necessary information with which to prepare an adequate number of meals and to properly set up our meeting room.

The lunch cost is **$35.00** per person ($12 for a child). The check should be made payable to ***George Washington Chapter, VASSAR.*** Again, checks are preferred over cash; however, if paying with cash, ***please have the correct amount***. Walk-ins will be charged **$40.00**.

Please provide the following information when making the reservation:

Meeting Date: **Saturday, 08 October 2016**

1. Compatriot Name: _____

2. Guest Name(s): _____

3. A check payable to **George Washington Chapter, VASSAR** in the amount of

$ _____ is enclosed. *PLEASE NOTE IF ANY OF THE GUESTS ARE CHILDREN.*

4. Return this form and check to:

Ernie Coggins, Treasurer
George Washington Chapter, VASSAR
P.O. Box 5204
Preston King Station
Arlington, Virginia 22205-5204

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

2016 Yorktown Day Celebration

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

8:45 a.m. – Commemorative Ceremony at the French Cemetery, Yorktown Battlefield, sponsored by The American Friends of Lafayette

and The Friends of Rochambeau.

9:00 a.m. – Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr., at Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, sponsored by the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

9:15 a.m. – Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the French Memorial in memory of French war veterans.

10:30 a.m. – Yorktown Day Parade, Main Street.

11:15 a.m. – Patriotic Exercises and Memorial Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Monument to Alliance and Victory, Yorktown.

11:30 a.m. – Brunswick Stew Lunch at Grace Church, sponsored by Yorktown Woman's Club.

Additional Activities

Visit the Town of York, the National Park Service Visitor Center, the historic Nelson House, the Custom House, the Watermen's Museum, the Gallery at York Hall, the York County Historical Museum, and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.
On the Battlefield Tour Road, visit the siege lines, the redoubts, the historic Moore House and Surrender Field.
Event sponsored by Colonial National Historical Park and the Yorktown Day Association.

To: Yorktown Day Association • Post Office Box 405 • Yorktown, Virginia 23690

___ Dinner, Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 6:00 p.m., (Cash bar)
American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, $55.00 per person
Hors d'oeuvres, Spinach and Arugula Salad, Chicken Breast stuffed with Spinach and Sundried Tomatoes, and Double-Chocolate Mousse. Vegetarian option available upon request.

___ Reception, Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 12:30-3:00 p.m.
The Custom House, Yorktown, $25.00 per person

The reservation fees are non-refundable. A list of paid guests will assure your admission at the door. Please submit all reservations by September 30. Reservations are taken on a first-come basis. Please notify of any special needs. Make checks payable to the Yorktown Day Association.

Names of those in your party (for whom payment is made) and their position in your Society:_____

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