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GWSAR members attend Yorktown Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony!

Above: Advance of the Federal Army towards Yorktown

On October 19, 2016, members of the George Washington Chapter attended a Wreath Laying Ceremony and Commemoration of at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. in Yorktown, Virginia. The event marked the 235th anniversary of America's momentous 1781 Revolutionary War victory.

Later in this newsletter, you will find an informative historical article on the Battle of Yorktown.

Above: Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

November 12—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Mount Vernon Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. Election of 2017 Officers.

December 10—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the *Mount Vernon* Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. Joint Meeting with the George Mason Chapter for the installation of the 2017 Officers for both Chapters.

Events Information

November 11—**Veterans Day Wreath Laying** with the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution beginning at 2:00 p.m. at **General Washington's Tomb**, Mount Vernon, Virginia. We will assemble at the tomb site for the ceremony. Also note that Mount Vernon waives admission fees for all active duty, former, and retired military personnel on Veterans Day.

November 19—flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scout Troop 899 (Lorton, VA) at noon on November 19 at the Pohick Church grounds, corner of Richmond Highway and Telegraph Road, in Lorton.

December 3—Commemoration **Battle of Great Bridge**, Chesapeake, Virginia. Date: TBD

December 10—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the *Mount Vernon* Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. Joint Meeting with the George Mason Chapter for the installation of the 2017 Officers for both Chapters.

President's Corner

My fellow compatriots:

October was another great month for the chapter. We were honored to finally be able to present Justice Scalia's family with the Gold Good Citizenship award that he was scheduled to receive just after his untimely death. We appreciate his son, LTC Matthew Scalia, along with his wife, making the trip from Ft. Carlisle to receive the award, and I'm sure that it was memorable for all who attended.

We also had a contingent of George Washington Chapter members precede to Yorktown for the Yorktown Celebration on the 19th. Dr. Reynolds was able to represent the chapter at the wreath laying ceremony. Reports are that it was a great event for all those involved.

I'd like to remind everyone that the chapter will be working on the Americanism and Stark award forms in the next few months for submission to National. These forms are how we are recognized for our great work by VASSAR and NASSAR. I'm certain that every year, we have members who have unknowingly performed acts that can provide the chapter with this recognition. For the Stark award, something as simple as attending a local parade for a national holiday, visiting a veteran, attending a veteran's funeral, or donating to an organization that primarily assists veterans or service members provide recognition to members and the chapter. Information about the Americanism ward can be found at https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/44/A3saxkviG375.pdf, and information about the Stark Award can be found at https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/264/ah1UTGh4OSI8.pdf.

Upcoming Events. We have a few important events coming up before the holiday season, and I hope that everyone who can attend will.

November 11: Veterans Day Wreath Laying at General Washington's Tomb. This is our annual Veteran's Day event, in conjunction with the DAR's Kate Waller Barrett Chapter. Events begin at 2:00 p.m. at Mount Vernon.

November 12: Regular chapter meeting at the Belle Haven Country Club. We will hold our chapter officer elections, so I hope that everyone takes advantage to come out and vote in a race that is less contentious than the current national elections.

December 3: The *Battle of Great Bridge*. This is an excellent opportunity to take your families to see some Revolutionary War reenactments and participate in an SAR wreath laying event.

December 10th: Regular Chapter Meeting at the Mount Vernon Country Club. This will be a joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter for the installation of the 2017 officers for both Chapters.

Greg Bodge

President

Vice President's Message

Dear compatriots:

As our year draws to a close, it is time to start finalizing end of year reports. One of the most important is the *Americanism Report*. It is imperative that we account for any activity that supports the SAR mission. There are a myriad of activities that qualify, including attending a DAR or CAR meeting, serving on a school board committee recommending textbooks on American history, or placing flags on veterans' graves as part of a national holiday, (e.g. Memorial Day). So, please make sure you keep me posted of any such activity you participate in.

One such activity that supports the Americanism project is the presentation of the Keyhole to History CD to local schools for use in the classroom. This is an audio CD developed by NSSAR that has a series of one minute briefs on an event during the American Revolution. They are provided at no cost to our chapter. Therefore, if you have a contact with a history teacher in a local middle or junior high school, please let me know so that I may present this CD to the teacher. I have about a dozen of these that I would like to put to good use to encourage students' interest in the history of the American Revolution.

Our chapter is also planning a flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scout Troop 899 (Lorton, VA) at noon on November 19 at the Pohick Church grounds in Lorton. Although these are very solemn events honoring our nation's flag and the principles behind it, our chapter has not participated in one these events in some time. Please consider attending.

I hope that you will also be able to attend our annual wreath laying at General Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon at 2:00 pm on November 11. This is a long-standing tradition of our chapter.

Finally, based on the feedback we received from the member survey several months ago, we are planning a half-day genealogy seminar in early 2017. If there are any specific topics you would like covered, please let me know.

Thanks again for all your support this year.

Paul Walden

Vice President

The Charter Oak

Treasurer's Comments

Membership Renewal: Our renewal statements for 2017 were mailed in the latter half of September. If you have not received your statement, please contact me by phone at (703) 307-5670 or by email at coggins.sar@gmail.com. About a third of you have already responded. Thank you! For those of you who have not, please take a moment and do it now. You are members of a chapter that has been recognized continually by the National Society as one of its best Chapters. This would not happen without your support and contributions. Note that this year, National Society and Chapter dues are unchanged at $35.00 and $25.00 respectively. Virginia Society dues have increased by $6.00 to $26.00 for four years, 2017-2020, to help defray the cost of the Virginia Society's hosting of the 2020 Congress.

December Meeting: Because of scheduling conflicts, we shall hold our December 2016 Chapter Meeting at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Our 2017 officers will be installed by Virginia Society President Ed Truslow. We expect that this will be a joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter. More details will be forthcoming.

Wreaths Across America (WAA): This year because of new administrative requirements, the Chapter is not going to collect funds to purchase wreaths. Wreaths are $15.00 each. You may make an on-line contribution using the Chapter's fundraising page at the following link: **https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=20418&relate=17241**.

This method will require payment by credit card. Note: Click on the red DONATE button in the upper right corner as you look at the screen and not the red DONATE button by my name. If you would like to send a check, please use the attached form. Either way, please make certain that you include our group **ID VA0209P** and the location **ID VAANCA** for the Alexandria National Cemetery so that the Chapter will get the appropriate credit. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. This is a great way to honor our deceased veterans.

Chapter Member Inducted into Society of Cincinnati

On Saturday, October 22, Compatriot Jack T. Pitzer was inducted into the Society of the Cincinnati in Virginia, one of nine new members in the Class of 2016. The induction took place in the Old House Chambers of the Capitol in Richmond.

The Society of the Cincinnati was formed by George Washington and the officers of the Continental Army in 1783 for the purpose of preserving fellowship with their comrades in arms and protecting the new republic and its Constitution. Descendants of officers of the Continental Army constitute the current Society (less than 4,000 nationwide), and only one descendant of each officer is allowed per each of the 14 societies (the original 13 states and France.)

Compatriot Pitzer was inducted as the descendant of his maternal fourth great grandfather, CPT Layton Yancey, a native of Culpepper County, who served with the 1st Continental Dragoons (Bland's Horse) until he was captured by the British at the Battle of Charleston. He gave his parole and had to sit out the rest of the war. The Dragoons were decimated in the battle, and subsequently, were reorganized into another regiment.

2017 Chapter Officers Nominated

During the regular October Chapter meeting at Belle Haven, Compatriot Mike Elston - chairman of this year's Nominating Committee - presented the Committee's nominations for the Chapter's 2017 slate of elected officers. The nominations were as follows: for President, Paul Walden; for Vice President, Ernie Coggins; for Treasurer, Jay Henn; for Secretary, Dave Thomas; and as the Board of Managers member of the Class of 2019, Greg Bodge. Mr. Elston then asked for nominations from the floor. As none were received, nominations were closed. Following a motion and second to accept the nominations as forwarded by the Nominating Committee, the Chapter membership in attendance voted to approve the slate of elected officers as presented.

George Washington Quotes

While we are contending for our own liberty, we should be very cautious not to violate the rights of conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the hearts of men, and to him only in this case they are answerable.

Letter to Benedict Arnold, Sep. 14, 1775

Source: http://www.notable-quotes.com/w/washington_george.html

November 2016 Speaker

Henry Foresman, Jr.

Henry Foresman, Jr. was born in Lexington, Virginia, has a BA in History from the Virginia Military Institute and a MA in History from James Madison University, and completed the course work for a PhD in History at the University of Tennessee. He served in the United States Army and the Army National Guard for thirty-three years. He is a member of the George Washington Chapter based on his descent from Dominicus Libby from what is now Maine.

His topic is John Dickinson of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Although he is one of our least known founding fathers, his contribution to history was noteworthy as Governor of both Pennsylvania and Delaware, a member of the Quaker Gentry, fought in Revolutionary War and delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

Above: Minuteman ready to fight

Chapter Members Reach Major Membership Milestones

As calendar year 2016 draws to a close, we would like to recognize Chapter members for whom this year represents a significant milestone with respect to their length of membership in the SAR. These members are:

55 Years	Pat Stevens
45 Years	Austin Schmidt
40 Years	Bradley Sisson
30 Years	Howard Steele
25 Years	Roy Siple, Steven Valentine, Richard Forstall

Important Changes for 2017

Please take note of *two important changes* that will be 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.

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 October, one new member and one memorial applications were approved by NSSAR. There are currently four new member and three supplemental applications under review by NSSAR. There was one new member induction performed during October.

New Members Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Steven Carter Deputy	Lewis Frederic de Lesdernier

Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
John Robert Shook	Lawrence Shook
Michael David Shook	Lawrence Shook

Supplemental Application Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Isaac Gregory Bodge	Josiah Carter

Memorial Application Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Charles Joseph Washington	Job Buckley

Dave Thomas

GWSAR Registrar
VASSAR Assistant Registrar

Above: From the right bank of the Potomac

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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

Don Binder

Compatriot Dr. Don Binder is the rector of historic Pohick Episcopal Church in Lorton, VA and in that capacity oversees all areas of parish life and provides direct leadership over weekly worship and adult education. Outside the parish, Dr. Binder has served as Dean of Region VI, and is past Chair of the Liturgy and Music Commission for the Diocese of Virginia.

Dr. Binder received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Penn State, a Masters in Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary, and his PhD in New Testament studies from SMU in 1997, where he also served as an adjunct Professor. Dr. Binder's doctoral dissertation, *Into the Temple Courts*, was published by the Society of Biblical Literature in 1999. Along with a companion website, it explores the earliest synagogues and their relationship to the Jerusalem Temple before it was destroyed in 70 AD. A follow-up volume was published in 2007.

More recently, he co-edited and authored an essay in the *Festshrift, A City Set on a Hill: Essays in Honor of James F. Strange* (2014). Dr. Binder has participated in archeological excavations in Israel and has written numerous articles on various topics in his field, most recently serving as a Resident Scholar at Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem during his sabbatical in 2013. For over a decade, Dr. Binder has served as a Field Education Supervisor at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, regularly overseeing seminarians from that institution.

Dr. Binder is also a singer and guitarist in the Pohick Pickers, a folk ensemble he helped establish while a seminarian. Last year, he released his second Extended Play CD, "I've Come a Long Way", available on iTunes.

Dr. Binder is a descendant of at least two Revolutionary War patriots and is a member of the SAR based on his descent from Matthias Ludwig, a Private in the Northampton County, Pennsylvania militia during 1778 and 1782.

November Dates in History

American Revolutionary War

November 1, 1765: Many daily transactions cease as the Stamp Act goes into effect. Violence breaks out in New York City.

November 1772: Boston town meeting endorses proclamations asserting the rights of the colonies to self-rule.

November 6, 1773: Colonists in Boston fail to force their British tea agents to resign

November 20, 1773: Three ships carrying tea sail into Boston harbor.

November 29/30, 1773: Colonists decide to send the tea ships Dartmouth back to England without paying any import duties

November 30, 1773: The Royal Governor of Massachusetts, Thomas Hutchinson (1711 – 1780), orders harbor officials not to let the ship sail out of the harbor unless the tea taxes have been paid.

November 15, 1777: Articles of Confederation - Congress is made sole authority of the new national government.

November 11, 1778: Loyalists and Indians massacre American settlers at Cherry Valley, New York.

November 10, 1782: The final battle of the Revolutionary War when Americans retaliate by attacking a Shawnee village in Ohio.

November 2, 1783: George Washington delivers farewell address.

Source – www.datesandevents.org

October Chapter Meeting

Above: Gold Good Citizenship Medal presented to Justice Scalia's son Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Scalia, USA, and his wife, Michelle

Above: Steven Valentine and Richard Forstall receive their awards for 25 years of membership

Above: William M. Miller displays his Eagle Scout award

Above: Newly inducted member, Don Binder, displays his membership certificate in company with Compatriots Paul Walden and Dave Thomas

Above: Alexandria Police Chief Earl L. Cook receives the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Above: Compatriot Don Binder receives his rosette from Vice President, Paul Walden

The Battle of Yorktown

The Siege of Yorktown, also known as the Battle of Yorktown, the Surrender at Yorktown, German Battle or the Siege of Little York, ending on October 19, 1781, at Yorktown, Virginia, was a decisive victory by a combined force of American Continental Army troops led by General George Washington and French Army troops led by the Comte de Rochambeau over a British Army commanded by British lord and Lieutenant General Charles Cornwallis. The culmination of the Yorktown campaign, the siege proved to be the last major land battle of the American Revolutionary War in the North American theater, as the surrender by Cornwallis, and the capture of both him and his army, prompted the British government to negotiate an end to the conflict. The battle boosted faltering American morale and revived French enthusiasm for the war, as well as undermining popular support for the conflict in Great Britain.]

In 1780, approximately 5,500 French soldiers landed in Rhode Island to assist their American allies in operations against British-controlled New York City. Following the arrival of dispatches from France that included the possibility of support from the French West Indies fleet of the Comte de Grasse, Washington and Rochambeau decided to ask de Grasse for assistance either in besieging New York, or in military operations against a British army operating in Virginia. On the advice of Rochambeau, de Grasse informed them of his intent to sail to the Chesapeake Bay, where Cornwallis had taken command of the army. Cornwallis, at first given confusing orders by his superior officer, Henry Clinton, was eventually ordered to build a defensible deep-water port, which he began to do in Yorktown, Virginia. Cornwallis' movements in Virginia were shadowed by a Continental Army force led by the Marquis de Lafayette.

The French and American armies united north of New York City during the summer of 1781. When word of de Grasse's decision arrived, the combined armies began moving south toward Virginia, engaging in tactics of deception to lead the British to believe a siege of New York was planned. De Grasse sailed from the West Indies and arrived at the Chesapeake Bay at the end of August, bringing additional troops and providing a naval blockade of Yorktown. He was transporting 500,000 silver pesos collected from the citizens of Havana, Cuba, to fund supplies for the siege and payroll for the Continental Army. While in Santo Domingo, de Grasse met with Francisco Saavedra de Sangronis, an agent of Carlos III of Spain. De Grasse had planned to leave several of his warships in Santo Domingo. Saavedra promised the assistance of the Spanish navy to protect the French merchant fleet, enabling de Grasse to sail north with all of his warships. In the beginning of September, he defeated a British fleet led by Sir Thomas Graves that came to relieve Cornwallis at the Battle of the Chesapeake. As a result of this victory, de Grasse blocked any escape by sea for Cornwallis. By late September Washington and Rochambeau arrived, and the army and naval forces completely surrounded Cornwallis.

After initial preparations, the Americans and French built their first parallel and began the bombardment. With the British defense weakened, on October 14, 1781 Washington sent two columns to attack the last major remaining British outer defenses. A French column took redoubt #9 and an American column took redoubt #10. With these defenses taken, the allies were able to finish their second parallel. With the American artillery closer and more intense than ever, the British situation began to deteriorate rapidly and Cornwallis asked for capitulation terms on the 17th. After two days of negotiation, the surrender ceremony took place on the 19th; Lord Cornwallis, claiming to be ill, was absent from the ceremony. With the capture of more than 7,000 British soldiers, negotiations between the United States and Great Britain began, resulting in the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siege_of_Yorktown

P-110749 John Bates

John Bates, son of Jacob and Molly (Clark) Bates was born in Hingham, December 4, 1748, moved to Attleboro, Massachusetts with his parents, but later settled in Dudley, now a part of Webster, where he died on December 12, 1834 and was buried in the old Bates cemetery located in Thompson, CT. He married Chloe Fuller (1747-1825) on February 17, 1770, in Attleboro and they had six children. She was a daughter of Noah and Mary (Cushman) Fuller, whose ancestors came from England in the "Mayflower." John Bates was a descendant of Clement Bates, an early settler of Hingham, Massachusetts, who arrived on the ship "Elizabeth" in 1635. The Bates' property, extending at one time the full length of Thompson Road from Connecticut to Webster, Massachusetts was purchased by John Bates during the years 1783/85. The original 18th century farmhouse where he lived still stands on Thompson Road and remains in the family to this day. The dwelling was expanded around 1825 with the attachment of a handsome Federal Style house which served the dual purpose of tavern and home for John's son, Alanson. As the "Fox and Hounds Tavern" it was a stop on the stage coach line that connected Providence, Rhode Island with Springfield, Massachusetts. A remnant of this road, covered with grass and flanked by two old stone walls, still exists, passing in front of the house. John Bates served as a private in the Revolutionary War and was in Captain Jacob Ide's Southwest Company, Colonel John Daggett's 4th Bristol County Regiment of the Massachusetts Militia. In an order dated July 5, 1778 given by Captain Ide to Ephraim Newel, Town Treasurer of Attleboro he was to be paid "for services on the alarm caused by the battle of Bunker Hill." Although the history is incomplete, a company of about sixty minutemen went to Roxbury on June 17, 1776 and remained there for a fortnight. Said one of them, "While there a small party of us went around Cambridge side to look for the British, but soon the captain of a fort called out to us, that we had better not go in company, for the enemy would see us and fire at us; and sure enough, in a minute or two, a cannon ball came whizzing along close by us." He also marched to Rhode Island on the alarm of December 8, 1776 (service 12 days). Webster history records that in 1783, "to the shore of our beautiful lake [Lake Char-gogg-a-gogg-man-chaugg-a-gogg-chau-bun-a-gung-a-maugg] came John Bates and his family, and his parents. The Squire was an energetic man and a very prosperous one. Besides keeping a public house, he sold hides, lent money for mortgages and acted as High Sheriff, settling many disputes that arose about him."

Sources: A Sketch of the History of Attleborough: From Its Settlement to the Division; MA SOLS & SAILS, VOL 1, P 790 and from Worcester County, Massachusetts Memoirs p. 432

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:

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.

Boone's Fort—Daniel Boone blazed the Wilderness Trail into central Kentucky and built Fort Boone, soon renamed Boonesborough.

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!

WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____

State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone:_____

Email: _____

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?

___ Yes OR ___ No, I wish to remain Anonymous

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Questions? Please call 877-385-9504
Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card= If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship-see "In Honor" section below. *Card will not be mailed if the $2 fee is not included.	$2.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

*****SORRY- WE CAN NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS*****

In Honor of:

_____

Please provide email of "In Honor Of" recipient, or mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. (if you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email:

_____

Mailing:

_____

In Memory of:

_____

This name will be listed on our online memory wall, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State:

Please note that **all** sponsorships are sent directly to the location and **no** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: _____ Fundraising Group ID: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash $: _____ Total$: _____ Date: _____

Total # Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO $: _____

Entered: _____

GEN:

WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and others who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America™, to continue and expand this effort, and support other groups around the country who wanted to do the same. This nonprofit organization continues the Arlington tradition as part of its mission to Remember, Honor and teach.

In 2015, Wreaths Across America and our national network of volunteers laid over 900,000 memorial wreaths at nearly 1100 locations in the United States and beyond. We accomplished this with help from over 2500 fundraising groups, many corporate contributions, and donations of trucking, shipping, and thousands of helping hands. Our annual pilgrimage from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery is known as the world's largest veteran's parade, stopping at schools, monuments, veteran's homes and communities all along the way to remind people how important it is to remember, honor and teach.

Proceeds place a wreath at one of the participating cemeteries; help support our fundraising partners, educational and veteran's services outreach. *Please note that **all** sponsorships are sent directly to the location and **no** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.*

We welcome all to join us at any Wreaths Across America ceremony. If you would like to participate or help bring sponsored wreaths to your local community, please contact us and we will help connect you with other groups already working in your area.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Start of World's Longest Veterans Parade from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery and participating locations

Monday, December 12, 2016

State House wreath-laying ceremonies in all 50 States and Puerto Rico

Saturday December 17, 2016

Please check with your local location leader for start times.

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2016 Chapter Meeting Dates and Other Known Events

November 11 – **Veterans Day Wreath Laying** with the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution beginning at 2:00 p.m. at **General Washington's Tomb**, Mount Vernon, Virginia.*

November 12 – Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. Election of 2017 Officers.*

December 3 – Commemoration **Battle of Great Bridge**, Chesapeake, Virginia. Date: TBD *†*

December 10 – Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the *Mount Vernon* Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. Joint Meeting with the George Mason Chapter for the installation of the 2017 Officers for both Chapters.*

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., **12 November 2016**

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

It is time to make your reservation for our meeting on Saturday, 12 November 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, 09 November 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, 12 November 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.