George Washington Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
-Newsletter-

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Veteran's Day Wreath Laying at George Washington's Tomb

As has been the custom for a number of years, the George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, along with the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, conducted a Veterans Day ceremony on 11 November and laid a wreath at General George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon, Virginia. Above (left to right), current George Washington Chapter Treasurer Ernest Coggins and past Chapter President, F. Paul Briggs, present the wreath.

Top Left: DAR spokesperson delivers address
Top Right: Vice President Paul Walden speaks about the event
Bottom Left: Ernie Coggins and Paul Briggs lay the GWSAR wreath
Bottom Right: Honor Guard stand ready at the tomb entrance

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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February 11—As our regular Chapter meeting date coincides with the Virginia Society's Annual Meeting in Richmond, we shall conduct our meeting in Richmond. Time and location are to be determined. Everyone is encouraged to attend as our own Mike Elston is to be installed as President of the Virginia Society. He will be the first member of the George Washington Chapter to be President of the Virginia Society since Don Reynolds held the position seventeen years ago.

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April 08—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.

May 13—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.

Events Information

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President's Corner

My fellow compatriots:

As the year ends, I would like to thank all of you for the support that I have received. As we close out the year, our big hurdles will be collecting dues and completing the Americanism Award and Stark Award worksheets. All of these are what VASSAR and the National Society use to quantify our accomplishments for the year. I will have the current version of the Stark report on the chapter website so that everyone can see how National determines points (you can find it at https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/264/ah1UTGh4OSI8.pdf). You will be surprised to see how things that most of us do count for individual and chapter points. If you let me know what you have done that can count for chapter points before the deadline, I will make sure that we get credit for it.

Last Month—We were honored to again participate in the Mount Vernon wreath laying at General Washington's tomb on Veteran's Day. As always, there was a lot of behind the scenes work to make the day a success, and without the help of the Mount Vernon staff and the Kate Waller Barret chapter of the DAR, we would not have been able to do it. Thanks to all of you who took the time to come out and participate in our event.

We were also fortunate to have our own Henry Foresman discuss John Dickenson of Pennsylvania. Compatriot Foresman allowed us to learn a little more about an often forgotten founding father.

We had to delay our flag retirement ceremony scheduled for November 19th until a later date because of the dry conditions and strong wind. A soon as we get the new date, we will send it out so that everyone has an opportunity to participate in an event that the chapter has not done in several years.

Upcoming Events

December 3rd—Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge. There will be an opportunity to lay a wreath and watch Revolutionary War reenactors fight part of the battle. For those who are staying overnight, we've been invited to participate in a Christmas Parade.

December 3rd—St. Andrew's Christmas Walk. The St. Andrew's Society has invited us to attend their breakfast and Christmas march, which will include a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot at the Old Presbyterian Meetinghouse in Alexandria.

December 10th—Chapter Meeting. We will be holding our annual joint chapter meeting with the George Mason chapter as we induct our new officers. **The meeting will be at the Mount Vernon Country Club** due to a scheduling conflict with Belle Haven. I hope that everyone is able to attend and congratulate our new officers!

Greg Bodge

President

Vice President's Message

Dear compatriots:

Regrettably, our flag retirement ceremony planned for November 19 was cancelled due to the threat of fires resulting from the high winds and dry conditions. I appreciate Boy Scout Troop 899's assistance in planning this. We will try again in the spring once the weather warms up.

We had a great turnout at the Veterans Day ceremony at Mount Vernon with about a dozen chapter members present. Once again, we were fortunate to have good weather for this event. I was also moved by the number of veterans who attended and came forward to lay a flower at General Washington's tomb.

Please remember the Keyhole to History CDs. 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.

This year, since our chapter meeting is on December 10, we will have an opportunity to support Wreaths Across America in placing wreaths at Alexandria National Cemetery on December 17 beginning at 12 noon. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the Wreaths Across American group by going to their website: https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=17241. Also consider donating the cost of a wreath. I noticed that they have only received donations to place wreaths on about one fifth of the graves at Alexandria National Cemetery. I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels!

Paul Walden

Vice President

Treasurer's Comments

Membership Renewal—As of 20 November 2016, well over half of you have renewed your membership for 2017, but ***eighty-eight*** of you ***have not renewed***. To those of you who have – **THANK YOU!** For the rest of you, please mail your check today. If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at (703) 307-5670 or by email at coggins.sar@gmail.com. Annual dues for the National Society are $35.00 and for the Chapter are $25.00; unchanged from last year. As a result of the Virginia Society's selection to host the 2020 Congress, Virginia Society dues have been increased from $20.00 to $26.00 for the next four years (2017-20). Please mail your renewal check today!

2017 Membership Cards—Membership Cards for 2017 will be mailed after the first of the year.

December Meeting—Remember that our December 2016 meeting will be held at the Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22309. This will be a joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter. Officers from both Chapters will be installed by Virginia Society President, Ed Truslow. In order to ensure that the luncheon preparations go smoothly, request that you make your reservations early.

Directions to Mount Vernon Country Club—From the stop sign in front of the Mount Vernon Inn on Virginia Route 235, Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, proceed south/west past the Mount Vernon Post Office, on the right, to the third traffic light and veer right onto Old Mill Road. Continue past Saint James Episcopal Church, on your left, and then past Epiphany Lutheran Church, on your right. The golf course will appear on your right, cross the creek, and then the Club will be on your right.

Wreaths Across America—Due to administrative requirements, we are not collecting funds for the purchase of wreaths. Wreaths may be purchased ($15.00 each) by credit card on-line using the Chapter's fundraising page at the following link:

https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=20418&relate=17241.

(You will need to scroll down the page to find all the information.) If you would prefer to purchase by check, please use the attached form. Either way, 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. *The deadline for purchasing wreaths is Saturday, 03 December 2016*.

Ernest Coggins

Treasurer

Solicitation for Articles About George Washington

The Alexandria Gazette as part of the city's celebration of George Washington's Birthday will publish articles/ letters to the editor that relate to some aspect of George Washington's life.

As they have in the past, the letters are sent to the paper in mid/late January and continue through February at the rate of about one a week. The Gazette has asked that they be no more than 500 words; longer is too much verbiage. The letters will be attributed to the author and GW Chapter. This is a great opportunity to participate in the Birthday Celebration and spotlight the patriotism of the SAR.

Please submit your letters to Compatriot Edgar Bates (e.a.bates@att.net) who is the Chapter's representative to the City of Alexandria's George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee.

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.

History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the *eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month*. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

President Eisenhower signed HR7786, which changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans’ service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Source: https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp

George Washington Quotes

The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism.

Source: http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/g/georgewash557615.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 November, two new member applications were approved by NSSAR. There are currently four new member and three supplemental applications under review by NSSAR. There were no new member inducts performed during November.

New Members Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
John Stevens Mason, Jr	George Mason IV
Alex Everson Wolcott	Joseph Wolcott

Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Luc Antoine Chevalier	Shadrack Pinkston

Supplemental Application Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Paul Ashley Walden	John DeVane

Memorial Application Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Paul Austin Callender, Jr.	Philip Callender, Sr.

Dave Thomas

GWSAR Registrar
VASSAR Assistant Registrar

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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.*

November Chapter Meeting

Above: Our chapter presented the family of slain officer Ashley Guindon of Prince William County with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Two other officers, Guindon's field training officer, David McKeown (third from left), and Jesse Hempen (third from right), who received non-life threatening injuries, also received the award.

Top left: Vice President Paul Walden presents 1st Virginia Regiment Commissions to Jack Pitzer and Jamie Callender.

Top right: Nominating Committee Scott Wagoner introduces the 2017 slate for officers: L to R: Paul Walden (President), Dave Thomas (Secretary), Jay Henn (Treasurer), and Ernie Coggins (Vice President).

Bottom right: Paul Walden and Speaker Compatriot Hank Foresman.

Bottom left: Compatriot Roy Siple is recognized for 25 years of membership in the SAR.

The Sons of Liberty and the Boston Tea Party

In 1771, a group of colonists protest thirteen years of increasing British oppression, by attacking merchant ships in Boston Harbor. In retaliation, the British close the port, and inflict even harsher penalties.

This famed act of American colonial defiance served as a protest against taxation. Seeking to boost the troubled East India Company, British Parliament adjusted import duties with the passage of the Tea Act in 1773. While consignees in Charleston, New York, and Philadelphia rejected tea shipments, merchants in Boston refused to concede to Patriot pressure. On the night of December 16, 1773, Samuel Adams and the Sons of Liberty boarded three ships in the Boston harbor and threw 342 chests of tea overboard. This resulted in the passage of the punitive Coercive Acts in 1774 and pushed the two sides closer to war.

This action, part of a wave of resistance throughout the colonies, had its origin in Parliament's effort to rescue the financially weakened East India Company so as to continue benefiting from the company's valuable position in India. The *Tea Act* (May 10, 1773) adjusted import duties in such a way that the company could undersell even smugglers in the colonies. The company selected consignees in Boston, New York, Charleston, and Philadelphia, and 500,000 pounds of tea were shipped across the Atlantic in September.

Did You Know?

> *It took nearly three hours for more than 100 colonists to empty the tea into Boston Harbor. The chests held more than 90,000 lbs. (45 tons) of tea, which would cost nearly $1,000,000 dollars today.*

Under pressure from Patriot groups, the consignees in Charleston, New York, and Philadelphia refused to accept the tea shipments, but in Boston, the chosen merchants (including two of Governor Thomas Hutchinson's sons as well as his nephew) refused to concede. The first tea ship, *Dartmouth,* reached Boston November 27, and two more arrived shortly thereafter. Meanwhile, several mass meetings were held to demand that the tea be sent back to England with the duty unpaid. Tension mounted as Patriot groups led by Samuel Adams tried to persuade the consignees and then the governor to accept this approach. On December 16, a large meeting at the Old South Church was told of Hutchinson's final refusal. About midnight, watched by a large crowd, Adams and a small group of Sons of Liberty disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded the ships and jettisoned the tea. To Parliament, the Boston Tea Party confirmed Massachusetts's role as the core of resistance to legitimate British rule. The Coercive Acts of 1774 were intended to punish the colony in general and Boston in particular, both for the Tea Party and for the pattern of resistance it exemplified.

Source: *The Reader's Companion to American History.* Eric Foner and John A. Garraty, Editors. Copyright © 1991 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company

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.

Source – www.datesandevents.org

P-159537 Samuel Flint (1733-1777)

Near the rocky coast of Wales, stand the ruins of the ancient and historic castle of Flint. Descendants from this area included Thomas Flint who emigrated to Salem, Massachusetts around 1640.

Thomas Flint's first son was Thomas, a farmer and carpenter reportedly much engaged in public service and was an active promoter in establishing the church at Salem. He eventually accumulated some 900 acres which he gifted to his sons. His son Samuel was born in 1683 and inherited his father's estate. Samuel, the second son of Samuel, was born April 9th, 1733 and died a hero at the Battle of Stillwater. Capt. Samuel Flint was in command of one of the seven companies from Danvers in Colonel Timothy Pickering's regiment, which answered a call to arms on April 19, 1775 in response to the British plan to seize all stores of weapons and gunpowder accessible to the American insurgents, specifically at the Concord arsenal.

When the British troops reached Concord at about 7 a.m., they found themselves encircled by hundreds of armed Patriots. Lieutenant Colonel Frances Smith, the overall commander of the British force, ordered his men to return to Boston and as the British retraced their 16-mile journey. Their lines were constantly beset by Patriot marksmen firing at them Indian-style from behind trees, rocks, and stone walls. Rumored to have been slain, it was a joyful surprise when Capt. Flint returned to his family and friends. Unfortunately, he was slain leading his company on October 7, 1777 at the Battle of Stillwater, generally regarded as a turning point in the Revolutionary war. While British General John Burgoyne's troop strength was nominally higher, he likely had only about 5,000 effective, battle-ready troops on October 7, as losses from earlier battles in the campaign had reduced his forces.

Burgoyne attacked Bemis Heights on October 7 after it became apparent he would not receive relieving aid. In heavy fighting, marked by Benedict Arnold's spirited rallying of the American troops, Burgoyne lost 1,000 men while American losses came to about 500 killed and wounded including Capt. Flint and his first Lieutenant, Herrick of Beverly.

By October 13, Burgoyne was surrounded at Saratoga, and on October 17 he surrendered his army, returned to England and was never given another commanding position in the British army. An officer once asked Capt. Flint where he could find him to which he replied stoically "Where the enemy is there you will find me." His friends received melancholy tokens, which they could not mistake; these were his belt, perforated with a bullet and crimsoned with his heart's blood, also his sword and watch. Major Elijah Flint was the second son of Capt. Samuel Flint, and inherited the homestead. The third son, Capt. Hezekiah Flint was a mariner, who while commanding the schooner *Scynthia* in 1794, repelled an attack by Bermudian Privateers, captured them and returned to Martha's Vineyard, thus exemplifying the resolve of his father.

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 have a final 2016 presentation on December 17 with an array of skill-building topics:

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!

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.

Simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies at over 1100 locations all across the country and beyond.

For more information visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 877-385-9504.
You can also email info@wreathsacrossamerica.org

REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH

2016 Chapter Meeting Dates and Other Known Events

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April 08—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.*

May 13—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.*

Legend:
** Chapter event;*
*** Chapter-sponsored state or national event;*
† VASSAR/NASSAR event in which GW members are encouraged to participate;
‡ Other SAR event of significance that GW members should consider attending.

Change of Venue for December Meeting!

As the result of a scheduling conflict, our Saturday, 10 December 2016 meeting will be held at the Mount Vernon County Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

As is our standard practice, we shall gather starting at 11:30 AM with our formal meeting beginning at 12 noon. Note that this will be a joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter. Virginia Society President Ed Truslow will be our speaker and will install 2017 Officers for both Chapters. The cost of the meal is still $35.00. The kid's meal is $18.00; this is an increase over Belle Haven.

Directions to Mount Vernon Country Club

From the stop sign in front of the Mount Vernon Inn on Virginia Route 235, Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, proceed south/west past the Mount Vernon Post Office, on the right, to the third traffic light and veer right onto Old Mill Road. Proceed past Saint James Episcopal Church, on your left, and then past Epiphany Lutheran Church, on your right. The golf course will appear on your right, cross the creek, and then the Club will be on your right.

Note that Old Mill Road crosses Virginia Route 235 before the third traffic light as it makes a loop. The directions given are the most straight forward.

George Washington Chapter, VASSAR

Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form

Chapter Meeting: 11:30 a.m., **10 December 2016**

NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE

Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria, Virginia

Because of a scheduling conflict, we shall hold our Saturday, 10 December 2016 meeting at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Mount Vernon requires an earlier initial notification of the head count, so please make your reservation by **Monday, 05 December 2016.**

You may complete this form, and mail it with your check to the Chapter Treasurer at the address below, or 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. **Especially for this meeting, respond as early as you are able.**

The lunch cost is **$35.00** per person ***($18 for a child***). Checks are to be made payable to ***George Washington Chapter, VASSAR.*** 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, 10 December 2016**

1. Compatriot Name: _____

2. Guest Name(s): _____

   Please note if any of the guests are children

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

$ _____ is enclosed.

4. Return this form and check to:

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