George Washington Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
-Newsletter-

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New GWSAR Chapter Officers Installed!

Above: VASSAR President Ed Truslow swears in our new chapter officers.

Left to Right: Treasurer Jay Henn, Secretary Dave Thomas, Vice President Ernie Coggins, President Paul Walden, and VASSAR President Ed Truslow

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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President's Corner

My fellow compatriots:

I was honored to be elected as the 55th President of the George Washington Chapter and I thank you for your confidence in electing me. We were honored to have VASSAR President Ed Truslow install our 2017 officers at the joint chapter meeting with the George Mason Chapter on 10 December at Mount Vernon Country Club.

On 17 December, our chapter again participated in laying wreaths on the graves of our honored veterans at Alexandria National Cemetery. Despite the icy roads that morning, we had a huge turnout of volunteers. In fact, all the wreaths were distributed within a few short minutes. It is heartwarming to see so many Americans, from small children to much older adults, come out in the harsh weather to honor these heroes.

One of my goals as Chapter President in 2017 is to educate others about the mission of the SAR. If any of you belong to a civic group, such as the Kiwanis or Rotary, and are looking for a speaker, please let me know. I would welcome the opportunity to come out and talk about the SAR and the importance of preserving our American history. Also, we need to foster an interest and understanding of the birth of our nation in our youth. A simple way our chapter can do that is by presenting audio CDs prepared by the SAR to local middle and high schools. This CD, entitled Keyhole to History, provides a series of one minute segments on events of the American Revolution. I have a number of these CDs so if any of you have a connection with a middle or high school history or civics teacher, please let me know so I can get in contact with them.

Our Chapter Registrar, Dave Thomas, has been nominated for VASSAR Registrar for 2017. As VASSAR Registrar, he will have a large workload in reviewing membership and supplemental applications for the 27 chapters in Virginia. Compatriot Thomas has done an outstanding job as Chapter Registrar for the past two years. He has agreed to stay on as Chapter Registrar until such time as we can recruit a new registrar. Therefore, I am appealing to any of you who has a keen interest in genealogy to step forward to serve as Chapter Registrar. The Chapter Registrar really is the gateway for new membership so it is a critical position in our organization.

The George Washington Chapter has a history of leadership in VASSAR with having 11 members in our 62 year history be elected as VASSAR President. In 2017 that tradition continues with our own past Chapter President, Michael Elston, being elected as VASSAR President for 2017. Therefore, I encourage all members to attend the VASSAR Annual Meeting on 11 February 2017 in Richmond to see him be installed. We will have our monthly chapter meeting concurrently with this annual meeting. The tentative place and time for the February chapter meeting is at 12:30 pm on 11 Feb in the James River Room at the Omni Hotel. Reservation information is included at the end of this newsletter.

Please let me know of any ideas you have on how our chapter can further the mission of the SAR.

Thank you for your continued support and may you have a happy and healthy 2017.

Paul Walden

President

President	*Paul Walden: 703-347-9770*
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Treasurer	*Jay Henn: 703-447-0820*
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:
Gregory Bodge: 770-789-3252

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.*

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

The tables in the next column reflect activity and statistics associated with the GWSAR Registrar during 2016. All activity occurred during 2016 with New Membership, Supplemental and Memorial applications approved and registered by NSSAR in FY 2016.

Dave Thomas

GWSAR Registrar

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP	PATRIOT
Craig Michael Batten	Lemuel Nye
James Robert Beall	Richard Bard
Donald Drew Binder	Matthias Ludwig
Lee Marric Crouch	William K. Constable
Steven Carter Deputy	Lewis Lesdernier
Joseph Bortner Famme	Jonathan Lovell
Christopher Todd Famme	Jonathan Lovell
Maurice Gene Gilliland	William McFerrin
John Stevens Mason, Jr.	George Mason IV
Raymond Lee Rollins	John Dishman
Mark Alan Samples	Henry Peyton
Benjamin McCord Sullivan	Joseph Talbot
Robert James Sullivan	Joseph Talbot
Paul Charles Washington	Job Buckley
Alex Everson Wolcott	Joseph Wolcott

MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP	PATRIOT
Charles Joseph Washington	Job Buckley

SUPPLEMENTALS	PATRIOT
Michael Patrick Kane	George Simon Bessler
Mark Alan Samples	Robert Kilgore
Greg Ormand Bodge	Joseph Kelly
Isaac Gregory Bodge	Joseph Kelly

FORGOTTEN PATRIOTS	PATRIOT
Paul Ashley Walden	David Mewshaw

Memorial Biography

Charles Joseph Washington
Memorial Membership

30 October 1938 – 18 July 2015

Charles Joseph Washington was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, the only son of Henry Washington and Elizabeth Buckley Washington. The Buckley's trace their lineage back to the arrival from England of Reverend Peter Buckley in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1635. Charles' Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor was Job Buckley (Peter's Second Great Grandson) who served in the Connecticut Militia in 1777. His lineage also includes John Buckley, Job's Second-Great Grandson, also Charles' Great Grandfather, who served during the Civil War in Company I, 45th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment, for more than two years before being wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness in May 1864.

Charles graduated from Loyola University in Chicago in 1960. He subsequently received his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Chicago in 1969.

During his professional career, he was a successful management executive in several manufacturing businesses. He later worked as a col-lege business teacher, consultant and author. Although always interested in his family's genealogy, he was unable to complete the research needed to establish SAR membership eligibility before he passed away unexpectedly in July 2015 due to complications from surgery for intestinal cancer. This memorial membership serves to recognize his efforts as well as officially document his Patriot ancestry.

The significance of Prospect Hill in Somerville, Massachusetts

During a trip to Massachusetts, our son, David R. Hall, took us to the Prospect Hill monument in Somerville, MA. The pictures were taken by my wife, Georgianna R. Hall, during our visit to the Prospect Hill Park. The narrative that follows is based on the plagues on the monument and on information from http://www.muldermedia.com/prospecthill/history.html.

The Prospect Hill monument commemorates the successful resistance of the patriots during the British siege of Boston from June 17, 1775 to March 17, 1776.

January 1, 1776 is the date that made Prospect Hill famous. On that day, George Washington ordered that a new flag be raised on a 76-foot schooner mast placed on Prospect Hill. It was raised with a salute of 13 guns and loud huzzahs by the soldiers.

The flag at the top of the monument marks the height of Prospect Hill at the time of the siege. The flag, called the Grand Union flag, is considered the first "true" American flag. The flag's name comes from its design of thirteen stripes and a field consisting of the Union Jack. It remained the "de facto" national flag until the Continental Congress authorized the more familiar Stars and Stripes in June 1777.

Respectfully submitted to the George Washington Chapter, VASSAR by Compatriot Barry C. Hall.

January Speaker: Daniel C. Cornette

Daniel C. Cornette is senior attorney at U.S. Customs & Border Protection and an independent historian of His Majesty's Customs in colonial America. For the past five years, he has been researching the legal issues that operated behind the scenes of the Boston Tea Party. In 2014, Mr. Cornette received a fellowship to study early American customs records at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem Massachusetts. He received his J.D., cum laude, from Washington College of Law, American University and lives in Northern Virginia with his wife and three sons.

The title of his presentation, "The King's Conspiracy" describes the true story of the secret British plot behind the Boston Tea Party. In 1773, the government of King George III devised a complex legal plan to import tea into the colonies. Before it could be implemented, however, American patriots discovered the plan and dumped the tea into Boston Harbor.

December Chapter Meeting

Above: VASSAR President Ed Truslow inducts Compatriot Paul Walden as the new George Washington Chapter President while his medal is attached by outgoing GWSAR President Greg Bodge.

Right to Left: Registrar, Dave Thomas, President, Greg Bodge and new GWSAR members Ray Rollins, John Mason and Bob Sullivan, VASSAR President Ed Truslow, four members of the George Mason Chapter, and Past President-General Joe Dooley

December Chapter Meeting (continued)

Top Left: Greg Bodge was honored for his service as GWCSAR President in 2016 and Christina Bodge received the Lydia Darragh Medal

Bottom Left: Paul Charles Washington was honored with Military Service Medal

Right: Charles Washington Memorial Membership Presentation

Left: Mike Elston received the Patriot Grave Marking Medal

Right: Barry Hall was recognized for 50 years of SAR Membership

Wreaths Across America

Above: Wreaths Across America at the Alexandria, Virginia National Cemetery

Above: Skirmish at Lexington

New Member Biographies

John S. Mason, Jr.

Compatriot John Mason, Jr. was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Baltimore, MD. He graduated from Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA, received a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Virginia, and an Associate Degree in Computer Technology, Summa Cum Laude, from the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC).

John is retired, having been an overseas manager in five countries for U.S. insurer's, and has lived and traveled extensively in Latin America and Europe. Afterwards John was a software engineer for SAIC, and an adjunct instructor in Information Technology at NVCC, Alexandria Campus.

John has two daughters and twin grandchildren. John and his wife Linda live in Alexandria, VA.

Shortly after retiring, John took up Tournament Bridge (having first played in Latin America thirty years before), and was eventually recruited as a tournament director. Hobbies in the past (besides Tournament Bridge) have included golf, tennis, graphic arts and amateur radio. Presently, birdwatching (a lifelong hobby), music appreciation and learning Arabic are current activities.

John's membership in the Society is based on his descent from founding father Patriot George Mason IV of Gunston Hall. George Mason in the early days of the Revolution authored the ***Virginia Declaration of Rights (June, 1776)***. That document is believed to be his friend Thomas Jefferson's model for the ***U.S. Declaration of Independence.*** Following the Revolution, George Mason was a delegate to the 1789 Constitutional Convention - owing to his participation there, George Mason has been described as father of the ***U.S. Bill of Rights***.

Raymond Rollins

Compatriot Raymond Rollins was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Arlington County, VA. Ray attended Arlington public schools and received his B.S. in Zoology from The George Washington University and his J.D. from the same university.

Ray is retired from CACI International Inc. where he was a Vice President and Executive Director of Contracts Policy and Compliance. His career included prior positions with Science Applications International (SAIC) and several other defense and technology contracting firms.

Ray is married to Christine Hammond Rollins and has two daughters from a previous marriage. He and his wife now live in Great Falls, after previously having homes in Arlington and Alexandria.

Ray has served in several capacities in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and the Alban Institute; and is a founding member of the Great Falls Writers Group. Ray and Christine are active supporters of the arts in their community.

Ray's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot John Dishman of Westmoreland County, VA who during the Revolution provided beef supplies to the Continental Army.

Bob Sullivan

Compatriot Bob Sullivan was born in Chester County PA and raised in La Plata MD. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from New York University.

Bob spent 37 years as a banker in the Washington, D.C. area specializing in real estate and construction lending, and continues to work with local developers and banks on project finance.

Bob has two grown children; daughter Ashley and son Ben both of Alexandria, VA. He is also active in the Northern Virginia Senior Softball League as a player and as a team manager.

Bob's membership in the Society is based upon his descent from Patriot Joseph Talbot, who served as a Lieutenant in the Berks County Pennsylvania Militia.

The Battle of Cowpens

The Battle of Cowpens was a decisive engagement of the American Revolution's southern theatre, fought on January 17, 1781. It was fought in northwestern Cherokee County, South Carolina, north of the town of Cowpens.

A small force of the Continental Army under the command of Brigadier General Daniel Morgan had marched to the west of the Catawba River, in order to forage for supplies and raise the morale of local Patriot sympathizers. The British had received incorrect reports that Morgan's army was planning to attack the important strategic fort of Ninety Six, to the west of the Carolinas. Morgan's army was therefore deemed to represent a threat to the British left flank. Cornwallis dispatched Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton to defeat Morgan's command. Upon learning Morgan's army was not at Ninety Six, Tarleton, bolstered by British reinforcements, set off in hot pursuit of the American detachment.

Morgan resolved to make a stand near the Broad River. He selected a position on two low hills in open woodland, with the expectation that the aggressive Tarleton would make a headlong assault without pausing to devise a more intricate plan. He deployed his army in three main lines. Tarleton's army, after exhaustive marching, reached the field malnourished and heavily fatigued. Tarleton attacked immediately, however the American defense-in-depth absorbed the impact of the British attack. The British lines lost their cohesion as they hurried after the retreating Americans. Morgan's army went on the offensive, and wholly overwhelmed Tarleton's force.

The battle was a turning point in the American retaking of South Carolina from the British. Tarleton's brigade had been wiped out as an effective fighting force, and, coupled with the British defeat at King's Mountain, compelled Cornwallis to pursue the main American army into North Carolina, which eventually led to the eventual defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Morgan's stratagem worked perfectly. The British drove in successive lines, anticipating victory only to encounter another, stronger line after exerting themselves and suffering casualties. The depth of the American lines gradually soaked up the shock of the British advance.

Taking the withdrawal of the first two lines as a full blown retreat, the British advanced headlong into the third and final line of disciplined regulars which awaited them on the hill. The 71st Highlanders were ordered to flank the American right. John Eager Howard spotted the flanking movement and ordered the Virginia militiamen manning the American right to turn and face the Scots. However, in the noise of battle Howard's order was misunderstood and the militiamen began to withdraw. It was now 7:45 am and the British had been fighting for nearly an hour. They were tired and disorganized, but they saw the militia withdrawing and believed the Americans were on the run. They charged, breaking formation and advancing in a chaotic mass. Morgan ordered a volley. Howard's militia stopped their withdrawal and made an about-face. The Virginians fired into the British at a range of no more than thirty yards, with deadly effect, causing the confused British to lurch to a halt. John Eager Howard shouted, *"Charge bayonets!"*

The Continentals, as ordered, mounted a bayonet charge. Tarleton's force, faced with a terrible surprise, began to collapse; some men surrendering on the spot, while others turned and ran. Howard's men charged forward and seized the British cannons. William Washington's cavalry came around from behind the American left to hit the British on their right flank and rear. Pickens' militia, having re-formed, charged out from behind the hill—completing a 360-degree circle around the American position—to hit the 71st Highlander Scots on the British left flank and rear. Howard ordered the Virginia militia, whose withdrawal had brought on the British charge, to turn about and attack the Scots from the other direction.

With Tarleton's right flank and center line collapsed, only a minority of the 71st Highlanders were putting up a fight against part of Howard's line. Tarleton, realizing the desperate nature of what was occurring, rode back to his one unit that was whole, the Legion Cavalry. He ordered them to charge, but they refused and fled the field. The Highlanders, surrounded by militia and Continentals, surrendered. Desperate to save something, Tarleton found about forty cavalrymen and with them tried to save the two cannons his forces had brought, but they had been taken. With a few remaining horsemen Tarleton rode back into the fight, but after clashing with Washington's men, he too retreated from the field. He was stopped by Washington, who attacked him with his saber, calling out, "Where is now the boasting Tarleton?" A cornet of the 17th, Thomas Patterson, rode up to strike Washington but was shot by Washington's orderly trumpeter. Tarleton shot Washington's horse from under him and fled, ending the battle. It was 8 a.m. and the Battle of Cowpens had lasted approximately one hour.

In the opinion of John Marshall, "Seldom has a battle, in which greater numbers were not engaged, been as important in its consequences as that of Cowpens." It

gave General Nathanael Greene his chance to conduct a campaign of "dazzling shiftiness" that led Cornwallis by "an unbroken chain of consequences to the catastrophe at Yorktown which finally separated America from the British crown."

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

February Chapter Meeting to be Held in Richmond!

On February 10-12, 2017 the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution will hold its 127th Annual Meeting at the Omni Hotel and Resorts in Richmond, VA. The highlight of the session will be the installation on Saturday night, February 11th, of our own Chapter member Mike Elston as Society President for the 2017 -2018 year.

We encourage all Chapter members and guests to attend the dinner on Saturday and support Mike as he assumes this leadership role. To help make the logistics even easier, the George Washington Chapter will hold its February meeting at the Omni earlier in the day on Saturday (tentatively 12:30 – 1:30 pm). It has been almost twenty years since one of our members has served as the VASSAR President, so this is a very special occasion for our Chapter and we would love to see you at both the Chapter meeting and the installation banquet.

Agenda details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, we would suggest you consider making reservations at the Omni for at least the night of the 11th (and the 10th as well so that you can participate in all of the VASSAR activities). While it will be possible for you to drive down early on Saturday and get home that night, the banquet typically finishes up rather late so you may wish to take it easy on yourself and spend Saturday night in the hotel for a leisurely drive back Sunday morning. You will find the reservation form toward the end of this issue of the newsletter.

Also, we are pleased to have two other George Washington members nominated to serve as VASSAR officers. Chapter Registrar and newly-elected Secretary Dave Thomas has been nominated to serve as VASSAR Registrar, and Chapter Historian Tom Roth has been nominated to serve in that same position at the State level.

Congratulations to Mike, Dave and Tom – and see you in Richmond!

January Dates in History

American Revolutionary War

January 1776: Thomas Paine's Common Sense published providing strong arguments for American independence.

January 3, 1777: American victory at Princeton.

January 1781: Series of mutinies by American troops quashed.

January 17, 1781: American victory at Cowpens.

January 14, 1784: The Treaty of Paris is ratified by Congress and the American Revolutionary War officially ends.

Source – www.datesandevents.org

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.

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., **Saturday, 14 January 2017**

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

CHANGES: Belle Haven Country Club has instituted some **new procedures** for 2017. First, we shall be required to provide the Club with a guaranteed minimum headcount on Wednesday, 11 January 2017. We shall be billed by the Club for this number, and the Chapter will be obligated to pay for this number with any deficit covered by Chapter Funds. ***As a consequence, request that you make your reservation by Tuesday, 10 January 2017***.
Second, the Club will no longer furnish a cash bar. The Chapter will obtain tickets from the Club and sell these to members. Members will present these tickets to obtain drinks. The Club will not accept cash. Please have the necessary bills to facilitate these transactions.

You may make your reservation in one of two ways. You may email the outgoing Treasurer at coggins.sar@gmail.com: Put "RESERVATION" ***followed by your last name*** in the subject line, or you may complete this form, and mail it with your check to the address below so that it is received not later than **Tuesday, 10 January 2017**. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your reservation.

*Your prompt attention to this matter and the **CHANGES** 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 cost of the meal 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 – those who have not made reservations – will be charged **$40.00**.

Please provide the following information when making the reservation:

Meeting Date: **Saturday, 14 January 2017**

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:

Treasurer
George Washington Chapter, VASSAR
P.O. Box 5204
Preston King Station
Arlington, Virginia 22205-0304

George Washington Chapter Sponsoring Plaque Commemorating Revolutionary War Soldiers from Fairfax County

As part of the celebration of the 275th anniversary of the founding of Fairfax County, the George Washington Chapter will be dedicating a plaque listing those who served from Fairfax County or died in the county while serving in the American Revolution. The plaque will be placed on the front lawn of the historic Fairfax County courthouse with a dedication ceremony on June 17, 2017.

Compatriot Jamie Callender has been leading this project. Details are under the events section of gwsar.org website. However, this plaque is expected to cost upwards of $2,000. Therefore, the chapter needs your financial support for this. If you wish to contribute towards this plaque, please send a check payable to the George Washington Chapter, VASSAR to the attention of our treasurer, and put in the memo line, "Fairfax Plaque."

Those who contribute $250 or more will qualify for a Dr. James Craik medal. Those who have already received a medal for contributing to past grave markings will quality for an Oak Leaf Cluster. This is based on cumulative donations to the grave marking fund.

Change in Belle Haven Policies and Procedures

Belle Haven Country Club has instituted two policy changes that will effect us. Both will commence with our January 2017 meeting. First, we shall be required to provide the Club with the number of attendees who have made reservations for our Saturday meeting 72 hours prior to our meeting. As a result, this number will be reported to the Belle Haven on the Wednesday before our meeting. The Chapter will be billed for this guaranteed minimum number of meals regardless of the attendance. In order to facilitate this process, reservations will need to be made by the Tuesday before our meeting. However, we do expect that late reservations and walk-ins will be accommodated. Second, Belle Haven will no long provide us with a cash bar. We shall be required to sell tickets to members and guests that can be redeemed for a beverage. The charges for the drinks served will then be added to our bill for that meeting. It will be necessary to have a volunteer to assist the Treasurer. Correct change will be a necessity.

Omni Hotel and Resorts
100 South 12th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
1-804-344-7000
http://omnirichmond.com

Site of the 127th Annual Meeting
of the Virginia Society, SAR
February 10-12, 2017

Please make your hotel reservations on-line by using the following link:

https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/richmond/meetings/virginia-society-sons-of-the-american-revolution-annual-meeting

—or—

Call for reservations at: 1-800-THE-OMNI *and mention group code* 12200703030

The rate for SAR compatriots is $126 per night, plus local room taxes.
(Valet parking is available at a reduced rate of $10 per day)

Cutoff date for reservations at the above rate is ***FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017***