George Washington Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
-Newsletter-

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Alexandria Deputies Recognized and Honored!

In honor and recognition of the men and women of the City of Alexandria, Virginia Sheriff's Department, on January 14, 2017, the George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR), recognized the heroic acts and service of five Alexandria Sheriff Deputies. Through their immediate actions the lives of two individuals were saved.

As a result of quick thinking and their actions, Sheriff Deputies Myma Juarez, Manuel Lee, Devon Neckles and Cinie Bearden saved the life of a prisoner attempting to commit suicide in the city jail. The Deputies discovered and recognized the urgent situation, took appropriate action acting as a team and called for medical assistance to stabilize the individual.

Also, while dining at a local restaurant, off-duty Sheriff Deputy Joseph Runquist, saved the life of a woman choking on her food. Trained as a first-responder, Deputy Runquist used the Heimlich maneuver to clear the food and stayed with the woman until normal breathing returned.

In recognition of these lifesaving actions, the George Washington Chapter was honored to bestow the Chapter's Public Service Award to each Alexandria Sheriff Deputy at a ceremony and luncheon at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria, Virginia.

Left to Right: John Blair, Public Service Awards Chairman; Paul Walden, George Washington Chapter President; City of Alexandria Deputies Runquist, Juarez, Bearden, Lee and Neckles.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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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, February 11 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in the James River Salon C room*. 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 evening installation banquet where Mike Elston will be installed as the new VASSAR President. The installation banquet is slated for 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the James River Salon C room.

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. Also, if you are considering driving down and back on Saturday and would be able to accommodate additional Chapter members (or if you think you need a ride), please let me know as soon as possible and we will try to make the necessary connections.

Dave Thomas

Secretary, George Washington Chapter, SAR

February Dates in History

American Revolutionary War

February 10, 1763: Treaty of Paris ends French and Indian War (1754-1763). Canada (east of the Mississippi River) added to the British Empire.

February 1764: James Otis urges a united response to the recent acts imposed by England. The phrase "Taxation without Representation is Tyranny" is usually attributed to James Otis.

February 9, 1775: English Parliament declares Massachusetts to be in a state of rebellion.

Feb. 27, 1776: The patriots drive the Loyalists from Moore's Creek Bridge, North Carolina

February 6, 1778: France signs a treaty of alliance with the United States and the American Revolution soon becomes a world war.

February 27, 1782: English Parliament votes against further war in America.

February 4, 1783: England officially declares an end to hostilities in America.

February 1783: Spain, Sweden, Denmark and Russia recognize the United States of America.

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

President's Corner

My fellow compatriots:

I appreciate the great turnout we had for our January meeting with over 50 in attendance. We were very fortunate that the weather cooperated for us after a threat of snow! We are hoping that Mother Nature will look upon us favorably when we travel to Richmond for the VASSAR Annual Meeting February 10-11, and as we participate in the George Washington Birthday parade on February 20. Details on both of these events are elsewhere in the newsletter, on the website, and are provided via our email blasts. I will emphasize that, once again, our chapter is demonstrating its leadership in the SAR: Michael Elston will be the eleventh member from our chapter to serve as VASSAR President and we will also be represented by Tom Roth as VASSAR Historian and David Thomas as VASSAR Registrar. Congratulations to these three compatriots.

With David Thomas serving as both Chapter Secretary and VASSAR Registrar in 2017, we really need to recruit another Chapter Registrar. The Registrar position is critical to the organization. He is typically the first person that a prospective member meets when inquiring about membership. He is critical to the growth of the chapter as well. So, if you have an interest in genealogy and are interested in this very rewarding position, please let me know. You would be surprised how much you learn about American history by working on membership applications.

We had a very productive officers/committee chair workshop on January 21. I would like to thank Tom Roth, Jamie Callender, Eric Callender, Ernie Coggins, Edgar Bates, Floyd Ryan, Jay Henn, Greg Bodge, Dave Thomas, John Blair, and John Brigden for their participation and for sharing their great ideas. For a chapter as large and as active as ours, having these periodic workshops is essential as we make every effort to perpetuate the mission of the SAR. One thing that came out of the workshop are some goals that I want to pursue for 2017:

1. Increase transparency of the chapter board of managers meetings by posting minutes behind a member's only portal on our website. We have also established a website committee to explore how we can make our website more useful to members.
2. Develop a chapter officers' handbook to make a smooth transition from one officer to the next.
3. Continue to engage new members. It seems we have a few new members that attend one or two meetings, then let their membership lapse.
4. Increase our visibility to the public by issuing press releases about our many events such as grave markings and public service awards. Another idea is to distribute brochures and even a display in one of the public libraries.

Finally, I would like to remind you to keep track of the activities you participate in throughout the year so that we can capture these in our annual Americanism report. Although I generally take "roll call" at one of our chapter events, there are other events you might attend that I'm not aware of that counts for points. A few examples:

⇒ Placing flags on Veteran's graves on a National Holiday such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day, etc;

⇒ Speaking about the SAR at a civic organization, such as Rotary, Kiwanis, American Legion;

⇒ Attending a DAR or CAR meeting or conference

⇒ Participating in a naturalization ceremony for a new United States citizen;

⇒ Attending any Revolutionary War commemoration or grave marking, regardless if sponsored by SAR, DAR, or CAR;

Please be sure to inform me if you participate in any such event supporting the mission of the SAR.

I hope to see many of you in Richmond in February to support our new VASSAR officers. Please let me know of any ideas or suggestions you have for our chapter.

Fraternally,

Paul Walden

President, GWSAR

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, 2 new member applications were approved by NSSAR. There are currently 5 new member, 3 supplemental, and 1 memorial applications under review by NSSAR. There was 1 new member induction performed during the January Chapter meeting.

New Member Applications Approved

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

Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Isaac Gregory Bodge	Zerubbabel Hunnewell

New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Stephen Patrick Washington	Job Buckley
Thomas Charles Washington	Job Buckley

Supplemental Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

Dave Thomas

GWSAR Registrar

George Washington Chapter holds Workshop for Officers and Committee Chairs

On January 21, eleven officers, managers and committee chairs met in the parish hall at Pohick Church for a half day working session. The group first reviewed the draft 2016 Americanism report for areas of opportunity to improve our chapter's support of the SAR mission. The group then discussed major projects planned for 2017, particularly the plaque honoring those from Fairfax County who served in the American Revolution. Finally, the group reviewed the Chapter President's goals for 2017. These

Above—Officer and Committee Chairs attend the workshop

compatriots showed a lot of dedication to give up most of their Saturday in service to the chapter.

February 2017 Events

George Washington Birthday Parade – February 20, 2017, 1-3 p.m.

The nation's largest George Washington Birthday parade marches a one-mile route through the streets of Old Town Alexandria. With nearly 3,500 participants, this community parade honors one of the Alexandria's favorite sons: Grand Marshal: Retired Police Chief Earl Cook. Special guest: Olympic silver medal winner, boxer Shakur Stevenson. The parade tradition dates back 217 years when the citizens of Alexandria celebrated the birth of the Father of Our Country. Since that time George Washington's Birthday has been celebrated annually with reenactments, ceremonies, and symposia remembering with pride the contributions Washington made to our city and to our nation. A description of all the events planned for this year can be found at www.washingtonbirthday.net Weather permitting Chapter members are encouraged to participate in the parade. Compatriots will assemble around noon in an area as yet to be determined, but to be promulgated beforehand. The plan is to have a vehicle available for those that may find it challenging to complete walking the entire parade route. In case of weather cancellation, the parade will be held on June 3, 2017. Whether through marching in parades, reenacting historic events, dancing at the birthnight balls, or walking with Washington to the many places he knew in Alexandria, the George Washington Birthday Celebration is a wonderful remembrance of our First President.

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution – February 20, 2017, 11:00am 12:00pm

An important and special remembrance associated with George Washington's Birthday is the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution which is sponsored by the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The purpose of the ceremony held at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (323 S Fairfax St, Alexandria, VA 22314) is to honor the soldiers of the Revolution. Chapter members are welcome to attend.

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Winner Selected from George Washington Chapter

On January 21, three contestants for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest were judged after the chapter workshop at Pohick Church. The three were Seylon Edmundson and Jesse Amoss, both from Bishop O'Connell HS, and Samuel Barge, a home-schooled senior from Woodbridge. Samuel Barge (pictured above) was the winner and will be delivering his speech again at the VASSAR Annual Conference in February. Congratulations to all three of these students for their scholarship and hard work!

President	*Paul Walden: 703-347-9770*
Vice President	*Ernie Coggins: 703-241-2807*
Secretary	*Dave Thomas: 703-583-8791*
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.*

New Member Biographies

Alex Wolcott

Compatriot Alex Wolcott was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina. Alex received his B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech, and later received his law degree from the University of South Carolina.

Alex works as a patent attorney with Squire Patton Boggs, recently joining after 3 years at the Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA.

Alex's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Joseph Wolcott, who during the Revolution served as a Private in Captain Elijah Deming's Company. During Patriot Wolcott's service, the company entered Sandisfield, Massachusetts to re-supply, after which the company marched to engage Fort Edward in New York, which commanded the Hudson River and Champlain River valleys.

Changes 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 longer 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.

Ten facts about George Washington and the Revolutionary War (first of ten installments)

Washington was appointed commander of the Continental Army on June 14, 1775. He would not return to Mount Vernon until 6 years later.

On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, responding to the growing crisis near Boston, directed that one of its own constituents – George Washington – take command of the newly designated Continental Army. Not only did Washington have the most military experience amongst the Congressional delegates, but as John Adams pointed out there were also great political advantages in having a someone outside of New England take command of a military force that was congregated around Boston and largely made up of New Englanders.

Arriving shortly after the conclusion of the Battle of Bunker Hill, Washington moved swiftly to assume command of the ragtag forces surrounding and besieging the British garrison within the city of Boston. What Washington did not realize at the time was that it would be six long years of battle, marching, siege, crises, and winter encampments before he would have an opportunity to return to his beloved Mount Vernon. In September 1781, as the combined American and French forces made their way down to Yorktown, Virginia, Washington was able to make a brief visit to his home along the Potomac River. During this visit Washington and Rochambeau refined their plan for defeating Charles Cornwallis' forces trapped on the York Peninsula.

December Chapter Meeting

Clockwise from top left—New Compatriot Alex Wolcott displays his membership certificate; GWSAR President Paul Walden pins on the new member's rosette; Paul Walden inducts Alex Wolcott.

Above—Vice President Ernie Coggins addresses the Chapter.

Above—President Paul Walden displays to the GWSAR Plaque honoring the Fairfax County patriots who served and

Above—Public Service Awards Chairman Paul Briggs with Alexandria Sheriff's Department deputies.

Above—Left to Right - Compatriot Paul Briggs, Immediate Past President Greg Bodge, and current President Paul Walden prepare for the meeting.

December Chapter Meeting (continued)

Above—Past GWSAR President Scott Wagoner, Jim Barry, and Steve Barry.

Above—Vice President Coggins presents Houdon bust of George Washington to guest speaker Daniel Cornette.

Above—Compatriot Richard Morey Sherman addresses the Chapter.

Above—Speaker Daniel Cornette provides historical information on the Boston Tea Party.

Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge: February 27, 1776

Responding to the call by Josiah Martin, North Carolina's royal governor, British Colonel Donald McLeod began marching 1,600 Loyalists from Cross Creek, North Carolina, toward the coast, where they were supposed to rendezvous with other Loyalists and Redcoats at Brunswick, North Carolina. When Commander Richard Caswell (1729-89) and some 1,000 Patriots arrived at Moores Creek Bridge, near present-day Wilmington, ahead of the British Loyalists, Caswell positioned his troops in the woods on either side of the bridge, awaiting the British with cannons and muskets at the ready. The British learned of the Patriot troops at Moore's Creek in advance, but, expecting only a small force, decided to advance across the bridge to attack. The British Loyalists shouted, "King George and Broadswords!" as they moved across the bridge; they were swiftly cut down by a barrage of Patriot musket and cannon fire.

The British Loyalists quickly surrendered, giving the Patriots a victory and an important morale boost. The victory also aborted British plans to land a force at Brunswick, and ended British authority in the colony.

Aftermath

Within two months of the American victory, on April 12, 1776, North Carolina became the first colony to vote in favor of independence from Britain.

Did You Know?

Richard Caswell, who led the Patriots to victory at Moore's Creek, later served as North Carolina's first and fifth governor.

George Washington Chapter Sponsors 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 qualify for an Oak Leaf Cluster. This is based on cumulative donations to the grave marking fund.

Above—Compatriot Jamie Callender presents to board members the GWSAR plaque honoring Fairfax County patriots who served and died in the American Revolution (see mock-up on next page).

Above—Mock-up of the FCWD memorial plaque, to be placed on the front lawn of the historic Fairfax County courthouse with a dedication ceremony on June 17, 2017.

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!

2017 Chapter Meeting Dates and Other Known Events

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Sept 9—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.*

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

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

Dec 9—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;

Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution
127th Annual Meeting Agenda
February 10-12, 2017

Omni Richmond Hotel 100
South 12th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

	Friday, February 10	
1:00 – 7:00 pm	Registration	Top of Grand
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	York River Room
2:00 – 5:00 pm	War of 1812 Society Meeting	Rappahannock Room
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Tax, Budget, Admin & Awards Workshop	James River Salon C
5:30 pm	Dinner (individual arrangements)	Hotel & Adjacent Restaurants
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Board of Managers Meeting	James River Salon C
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Ladies Program	Rappahannock Room
9:30 – 10:30 pm	President's Reception	Hospitality – Room 321
	Saturday, February 11	
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Registration	Top of Grand
8:30 – 10:00 am	General Membership Meeting	James River Salon C
10:00 – 12:00 pm	Rumbaugh Orations Contest	James River Salon D
12:00 pm	Lunch (individual Arrangements)	Hotel & Adjacent Restaurants
12:30 – 1:30 pm	George Washington Chapter Meeting	James River Salon C
2:00 – 4:30 pm	Memorial Service, Awards and Installation of 2017 Officers	James River Salon C
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Social Gathering (cash bar)	Top of Grand
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Banquet (formal or suit & tie or colonials)	James River Salon C
9:30 – 10:30 pm	President's Reception	Hospitality – Room 321
	Sunday, February 12	
8:30 – 10:00 am	Executive Committee Meeting	York River Room

Virginia Society

Sons of the American Revolution

127th Annual Meeting Registration Form

February 10-12, 2017

Omni Richmond Hotel

100 South 12th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Phone: 1-804-344-7000 Web: http://omnirichmond.com

Name:	_____	**Wife/Guest:**	_____
Street:	_____	**Phone Number:**	_____
City/State/Zip:	_____	**E-Mail Address:**	_____
Chapter:	_____		

	Number		Total
Registration (SAR Compatriots Only):	_____	**@ $30 each**	$_____
Saturday Night Banquet:	_____	**@ $55 each**	$_____
		Total Amount Remitted:	$_____

		Compatriot	Guest
Do you and/or your guest need a name tag?			
Saturday Night Meal Choice (choose one) }	**Beef**	_____	_____
}	**Chicken**	_____	_____
}	**Vegetarian**	_____	_____

Please make all checks payable to "*VASSAR*"
Mail this form and your check to:
Secretary/Asst. Treasurer, VASSAR
71 Hope Springs Lane
Stafford, Virginia 22554-5238

Hotel arrangements must be made directly with the Omni Hotel and the SAR special room rate is only guaranteed through Friday, January 20, 2017

Cutoff Date for Meeting Registration is Friday, February 3, 2017

For questions please contact:
Wayne Rouse, Secretary/Asst. Treasurer, VASSAR (wrouse4sar@gmail.com or 540-659-5258)

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
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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***