George Washington Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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GWSAR Chapter in October

(Left) Allison and Robert Hoopes had an animated conversation with Dave Thomas and Paul Walden before the meeting.

(Right) Past Chapter President Scott Wagner, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The 2019 Nominating Committee consisted of Scott Wagner, Don Reynolds, and John Brigden.

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Compatriot Wagoner announced the nominations of 2019 Chapter Officers. President - Dave Thomas, Vice-President - Jay Henn, Treasurer - Tom Roth, and Member of the Board of Managers - Ernie Coggins.

Compatriot Wagoner is shown here with (l-r) Tom Roth, Dave Thomas, and Ernie Coggins.

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President's Corner

Compatriots: It is time to renew your membership. If you have not done so, please do it now.

At our October meeting, we inducted Robert Hoopes and Brendan Johnson (Brendan is the son of Bill Johnson whom we inducted last January). Welcome, Robert and Brendan. I was pleased to present Vice President Dave Thomas with a certificate and oak leaf cluster for his second award of the Liberty Medal and Registrar Rich Sherman with a certificate and Dr. Joseph Warren Medal for his financial support of the Rumbaugh Orations Contest. Both of these are National Society awards.

Ms. Kristina Krempasky of the Fairfax County Courthouse Historic Records Office gave a presentation on the proceedings of a three-day session of the Fairfax County Court in May 1769.

Past President Bob Carr's funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 1, at the Old Post Chapel on Fort Myer (Joint Base Myer/ Henderson Hall) with interment in Arlington National Cemetery. Colonel Carr will receive full military honors. After the military service there will be an SAR Memorial Service.

Instructions for participants: Enter through the Hatfield Gate, inform the Guard that you are going to the Old Post Chapel for the funeral of Colonel Bob Carr, show your driver's license to the guard (everyone in your vehicle should have some form of identification), proceed to the Access Control Point and register. However, names of funeral attendees are furnished to the guards. If your name is on the list, your entry on Post should be expedited. Once cleared, exit on to Carpenter Road, turn left on to McNair Road, and follow McNair Road to the Old Post Chapel. Park in the lot to your right in front of the Chapel. You should arrive 45 minutes before the service. After the service, a Cemetery Representative will be available to provide information. However, it you have a military ID, you may enter the Post with everyone in your vehicle, and proceed to the Old Post Chapel.

At our upcoming meeting on November 10, 2018, Scott Wagoner, Chairman of our Nomination Committee will conduct the election of our 2019 officers. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following slate: ***For President*** – David Thomas; ***For Vice President*** – Jay Henn; ***For Treasurer*** – Tom Roth; ***For Secretary*** – Richard Rankin. I am nominated for a three year term on the Board of Managers. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Our 2019 Officers will be installed, along with those of the George Mason Chapter, by Virginia Society First Vice President Pete Davenport at our joint meeting in December at the Mount Vernon Country Club.

Our November meeting speaker will be Ms. Lisa Timmerman, Executive Site Manager of the Weems-Botts Museum. She will be speaking to us about The Charm of All-Conquering Truth: The Cherry Tree and Other Enduring Tales of American Value. During our November meeting, we honor our Veteran members with a slide presentation. If the Chapter does not have your Veterans information, please send a picture and a brief description of military service to Dave Thomas and Greg Bodge to be included in the 2018 GWSAR Chapter Salute to its Veterans.

After our Chapter meeting on Saturday, 10 November, Compatriot Paul Walden will be our host at Sunrise Senior Living in Alexandria, VA to honor four resident veterans. This will be a very short program where each veteran will be presented a certificate, their military service read and refreshments served. Sunrise Senior Living is located at 8033 Holland Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

On, Veteran's Day, Sunday, 11 November 2018, at 2:00 p.m., we shall conduct our annual Veterans Day Wreath Laying

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President's Corner *(con't)*

Ceremony at General Washington's Tomb on Mount Vernon jointly with the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, Virginia DAR. There will be a short program and after the wreath presentation, you will be asked to place a red carnation at the transom of the Tomb. Virginia Society President Pat Kelly will join us for the occasion.

Another important annual event was our celebration of Yorktown Day on Friday, 19 October. The celebration took place first at Grace Episcopal Church where we laid wreaths at General Thomas Nelson's grave and then participated in the Yorktown Day Parade. Mike and Will Elston and I attended. Mike served as Master of Ceremonies for the ceremony at General Nelson's grave, and I presented the George Washington Chapter's wreath.

As always, I end my remarks with request for donations and membership. If you have not renewed your membership please do so right away. We receive Americanism points for prompt renewals.

If you have a son, grandson, father, uncle, nephew, cousin, or any male relative – or any male friend whom you feel could have a Patriot ancestor, consider recruiting them for membership. If you are able, a donation of any amount would be very much appreciated. One of the reasons that we are able to do all we do is because of your financial support. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with our Chapter programs.

Additionally, I would ask that you remember the Children of the American Revolution. A donation form to support the current state project is attached.

My most sincere thanks to all of you for your dedicated efforts!

Ernie Coggins, GWSAR President

Upcoming Events

10 November – Saturday: **George Washington Chapter Meeting at 11:30**
Speaker: **TBD**
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

11 November – Sunday: **Mount Vernon Veterans Day Ceremony**
Wreath Laying Washington's Tomb Mount Vernon Estate
3200 Mount Vernon Highway
Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

08 December – Saturday: **Joint Meeting of the George Mason and George Washington Chapters at 11:30**
Installation of 2019 Officers – Virginia Society President Pat Kelly presiding Mount Vernon Country Club
5111 Old Mill Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Treasury Notes

Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your 2019 dues renewal, and to the many members who have supported the Chapter with an additional donation.

If you have not already responded, I encourage you do to so. We will send out a second mailing in mid-November which will require additional postage expense. While not a large amount of money, we do prefer to use all of your dues and contributions on Chapter programs.

Remember, completing and returning your 2019 Dues Renewal Form will take care of all of the SAR dues obligations that you may have: National, State and Chapter. This is also your opportunity to update any personal information (such as a new address or email account) and indicate your preference for how you receive your copy of this excellent newsletter throughout the year.

I look forward to receiving your completed form. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Jay M. Henn, Treasurer

October GWSAR (con't)

President Ernie Coggins presented Vice-President Dave Thomas with an Oak Leaf Cluster and certificate in honor of a second award of the Liberty Medal. This medal is given to member after being the first line signer on at least ten membership applications.

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Vice President	*David R. Thomas: 703-583-8791*
Secretary	*Thomas Roth, III: 703-739-8811*
Treasurer	*Jay M. Henn: 703-447-0820*
Registrar	*Richard Sherman: 301-654-6319*

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:
Paul Walden: 703-347-9770

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 Pete Farley. Inputs from chapter officers, committee chairmen, and fellow compatriots are always needed. Please send your inputs and comments to **nyyno7@cox.net** *or call 703-585-3163.*

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President Ernie Coggins presented Chapter Registrar Richard Sherman with the Dr. Joseph Warren Medal for his financial support of the Rumbaugh Orations Contest. This is a National Society Award.

Ms. Kristina Krempasky of the Fairfax County Courthouse Historic Records Office gave a presentation on the proceedings of a three-day session of the Fairfax County Court in May 1769.

In accordance with Chapter tradition, Vice-President Thomas presented Ms. Krempasky with a copy of Houdon's Bust of General Washington.

October GWSAR (con't)

(Left) New Member Robert Hoopes was pinned with his Rosette by his mother, Allison Hoopes.

(Below) New Member Brendan Johnson was pinned with his Rosette by his mother. His father, Compatriot Bill Johnson assisted.

Robert Hoopes was born in Germany in 1994, the only child of John and Allison (Loudon) Hoopes. The Hoopes family lived the military life throughout most of Robert's childhood, so he's gotten to live in Germany, California, Ohio, back to Germany, eventually Virginia. Robert's a graduate of Lake Braddock High School, and attended Ohio Wesleyan University. He is now studying to become an electrician. Robert is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, the camping honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. He is also a member of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims and a lifetime member of the Winthrop Society.

Brendan Johnson works as an asset management analyst in Washington, D.C. for PNC Realty Investors, an advisor to a commingled pension fund investing in real assets across the United States. A native of Arlington, VA, Brendan is a proud alumnus of Gonzaga College High School and a recent graduate of Dartmouth College, where he majored in History with a focus on Nationalism and Nation-Building. He is the son of Katherine and William Johnson, who is a current member of the George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution, Brendan is the direct lineal descendant (10th generation) of Patriot Richard Johnson, who served during the American War for Independence with the rank of Ensign in the Fourth Regiment (Col. John Hathorn's Regiment) of the Orange County, New York militia. Richard Johnson was born some time before 1745 and passed away in the autumn of 1792 or early 1793, in Orange County.

October GWSAR (con't)

Our newest inducted members, Robert Hoopes and Brendan Johnson are shown here with (l-r) Ernie Coggins, Robert Hoopes, Allison Hoopes, Richard Sherman, Brendan Johnson, Katherine Johnson, Bill Johnson, and Caroline Johnson.

GWSAR at Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg

The Virginia Society SAR and the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia conducted a joint dedication of plaques memorializing the veterans of both wars interred at the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg, Virginia on 6 October. The Old City Cemetery dates back to 1806 and is one of the oldest public cemeteries in continuous use since its founding with nearly 20,000 burials. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The event was planned by Compatriot Mark Day of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter. Chuck Poland, 1st Vice President of the Fincastle Resolutions and Past President of the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 served as master of ceremonies.

The Revolutionary War plaque, listing 16 veterans, was unveiled by Patrick Kelly, VASSAR President; and the War of 1812 plaque, listing 47 veterans, was unveiled by Past President of the Virginia War of 1812 Dennis Fritts.

The joint color guard of both societies advanced the colors, gave a musket salute, and was led by Compatriot Brett Osborn of the Col. James Wood Chapter. Paul Walden, Past President of the George Washington VASSAR Chapter and current Secretary of the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 served as Chaplain. Greetings were given by Denise McDonald, Executive Director of the Old City Cemetery, VASSAR President Patrick Kelly, and Past President of the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 and VASSAR Compatriot Mike Lyman. Compatriot Lyman deserves recognition for identifying many of these graves in his exhaustive research of patriot burials in Virginia.

(Photos in this article by Paul Walden)

Photos (Clockwise) American Revolution Plaque; Joint VASSAR/ War of 1812 Color Guard; War of 1812 Plaque

GWSAR at Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg

VASSAR President Pat Kelly unveils American Revolution Plaque

Past President Dennis Fritts, Va Society of the War of 1812 Unveils Plaque

Musket Salute

On October 11, 2018, Paul Walden presented Thomas Carlin Stierle the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate at his Court of Honor held at the Fairfax Yacht Club in Mason Neck. Mr. Stierle is from BSA Troop 899, Lorton, VA.

Sons, Grandsons, Brothers and Nephews-- Members in the SAR?

For those George Washington Chapter members who have a son, grandson, brother or a nephew and have not yet submitted or encouraged them for SAR membership this is an excellent time to consider their respective membership. By submitting their names for membership you continue to honor your patriot ancestor, and the unique history of your family as descendants of a Revolutionary War era ancestor.

The process is not hard and the document requirements are minimal, given they can use your approved SAR membership Record Copy document as the core evidence to prove their individual lineage to the Revolutionary War patriot. Birth certificates/records will be needed and some cases a marriage certificate may be required, with guidance being provided by the George Washington Chapter Registrar, Richard Sherman.

Membership in the SAR and the George Washington Chapter would be uniquely diverse--joining an organization that actively honors current day men and women who are law enforcement officers, fire & rescue and EMS personnel serving our local communities with distinction. A Chapter that supports a variety of youth programs and offers participation in patriotic ceremonies that celebrate the foundations and commemorations associated with our Nation's history-- marching in the George Washington Birthday and National Memorial Day parades, celebrating and recognizing the significance of the 4th of July and Veterans Day with ceremonies at Mt. Vernon, and the solemn ceremony of recognition and remembrance at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery--with these and other activities providing a wide range of interests and opportunities to participate for new members.

Membership applications can be submitted individually, or as gifts by the Chapter member if they prefer. Further, more than one application can be submitted at the same time potentially qualifying and saving money for applicants under the SAR Family Plan discount.

For questions and information on the application process, needed documentation and fees, please contact the George Washington Chapter Registrar, Rich Sherman at email: *rmsalp@gmail.com*

2018-2019 State Project: Building Detectives at the Robert Carter House 2018-2019 State Theme: "History has its Eyes on You

The V.S.C.A.R will raise funds for to benefit Colonial Williamsburg's "Building Detectives" program. This is a unique program that will help our members learn more about colonial buildings and their structure, historic preservation efforts, and the lives of men like Robert "King" Carter, who played an integral role in the early history of our nation.

"Building Detectives" is an original program at the Robert Carter House in Colonial Williamsburg that immerses guests of all ages in architectural investigation. Architectural historians guide groups of six to eight through the house, helping them learn to see historic structures through the eyes of experts with the care that the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation brings to its work. Visitors are given flashlights, magnets, and simple observation tools to distinguish the modern from the colonial work inside the house to reveal the changes Robert Carter III of Nomini Hall made to the home of his grandfather, Robert "King" Carter, in the 1760s.

The program is not a guided tour, but rather a directed hands-on interaction with the Robert Carter House. It has been extremely popular, selling out in both of the summers it has previously run. This popularity highlights the appeal of seeing such an interesting historic structure through the lenses of experts as well as visitors' curiosity about architecture. The program will add a decorative arts element to show guests how historians decide what furniture and decorations are appropriate for this type of home.

The house was originally built by Robert "King" Carter in 1726 close to the Virginia Governor's Palace. "King" Carter served as acting governor of Virginia between 1726-1727 and was one of Virginia's wealthiest plantation owners and businessmen. His grandson, Robert Carter III, made significant changes to the home beginning in 1762. Robert Carter III sat on the Virginia Governor's Council, but later provided aid to the American cause in the Revolution. He was a fervent supporter of a plan to emancipate Virginia's slaves and himself was responsible for the largest manumission of slaves before the Civil War. Both of these men had an early impact on Virginia both before and after the Revolution, and guests of this program learn about their lives and impact throughout the tour.

The funds raised by the V.S.C.A.R will contribute to the continuation of the program for the summer of 2019. The funds are used to pay the costs of the two interns, who are experts in the fields of architectural history and preservation. Additionally, the program hopes to update the visuals inside the house with better likenesses of the Carter family and what elements of the house, such as the wallpaper, would have looked like. All funds raised will be used to support the educational efforts of this program, so that as many visitors as possible can enjoy it. The V.S.C.A.R. will receive recognition for the donation inside the home during the 2019 summer.

Fundraising goal: $7,500-$10,000

"Building Detectives"

Project Patrons

The Virginia Society of the Children of the American Revolution invites you to become a V.S.C.A.R. Private, Lieutenant, Major General, or General by supporting State President Molly McCue's fundraising project for "Building Detectives" at the Robert Carter House in Colonial Williamsburg!

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The funds raised by the V.S.C.A.R will contribute to the continuation of the program for the summer of 2019 as well as important signage additions to enhance the visitor experience. History has its eyes on you, so don't throw away your shot to contribute to "Building Detectives"! We appreciate your support of the State Project. Donors will be recognized in the State Conference Banquet Program at the following levels:

$25 Private **$50 Lieutenant**

$100 Major General **$500 General**

Name to be listed in conference program: _____
or Anonymous

Person/Organization making the donation: _____

S.A.R./D.A.R./C.A.R. Chapter or Society Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Donation Amount: $_____ Please make all checks payable to V.S.C.A.R., Inc.

Thank you for your generous support!
Mail form and checks to:
Rebecca Slaughter, Senior State Treasurer
14333 Ferndale Road,
Dale City, VA 22193

George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR

Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form

Chapter Meeting: 11:30 a.m., **Saturday, November 10, 2018**

Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22307

Please join us for our annual "Salute to Veterans" at the November Chapter meeting and luncheon. In addition, Ms. Lisa Timmerman from the Weems-Botts House Museum in Dumfries will be our featured speaker. Many of you will recall that Mason Locke "Parson" Weems, the first biographer of George Washington, was the creator of both the cherry tree and silver dollar stories. Benjamin Botts, who later used the house as his office, represented Aaron Burr at Burr's trial for treason in 1807.

You may make your reservation in one of two ways. First, you may complete this form and mail it with your check to the address below. The cost of the meal is **$35.00** per person (**$12.00** for a child). Please make checks payable to *George Washington Chapter, VASSAR.* Second, you may email the Chapter Treasurer at *jaymhenn@gmail.com*. To help ensure receipt, please put "RESERVATION" **followed by your last name** in the subject line. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your reservation. Payment will be collected at the door. Checks are preferred over cash, and - if paying with cash - exact change is appreciated.

For both mehtods, please make sure that your reservation is received no later than **Tuesday, November 6** so that we may provide the Club with our anticipated attendance. Walk-ins (members and guests who have not made reservations) will be charged **$40.00**.

Please provide the following information when making reservations:

Meeting Date: **Saturday, November 10, 2018**

(1) Compatriot Name:_____

(2) Guest Name(s): _____

Please note any special meal requests (i.e., vegetarian, children)

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

$ _____ is enclosed.

Return this form and check to:

Jay M. Henn, Treasurer
16920 Chapel Hill Court
Woodbridge, VA 22191-4569

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

NSSAR Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge

Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Park
1775 Historic Way, Chesapeake, VA 23320

The formal NSSAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge will start at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 08, 2018, in Great Bridge Battlefield Park, Chesapeake, VA. Robert Hitchings will be the guest speaker. The ceremony will include the 65th annual wreath laying led by Great Bridge Chapter N.S.D.A.R. The formal ceremonies will conclude by noon.

Norfolk Chapter SAR will host a luncheon immediately after the ceremony at Vino's Italian Restaurant (located just across the bridge on Battlefield Boulevard – same location as last year). Food and drink will be "Dutch treat." We are planning on at least 50 attending. There will be no speaker, but it will be a time of good fellowship.

Those chapters wishing to participate in the laying of wreaths and wish to have their chapter and representative recognized in the program brochure must provide that information to me at drklhawkins@gmail.com NLT 7 November, 2018.

The new visitors' center is now 74% complete. It is anticipated that it will be finished in time to use the facility in the event of inclement weather.

TENTATIVELY, there will be a brief soft-opening of the center at 10:00 am on the 8th of December.

However, should the building not be available and the weather not suitable for an outdoor ceremony, we will be using the Chesapeake City Council Chambers located at City Hall located at 306 Cedar Rd., Chesapeake, VA. If this facility is used, we may be able to have the event televised.

The Founders Inn and Spa will host our group. The hotel address is 5641 Indian River Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464. **Please be sure to book prior to 11/7 to receive the special group rate of $89.00 (std. colonial queen) or $99.00 (std. colonial double) per room per night + tax.**

Please call the hotel toll-free at 1-757-366-5700 and ask for the Sons of the American Revolution Group. Should you experience any difficulty with your reservation, contact Cindy Crawford, Sales Manager, at 757-366-5748.

We will also plan on an informal "Dutch treat" dinner with the PG at the Founders Inn on 7 December open to anyone that wants to join us. Social gathering at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 pm.

NSSAR Has Completed Digitizing the Back Issues of the SAR Magazine.*

The SAR Genealogical Research Library has now completed its eighteen month project to digitize all issues of the SAR Magazine. All issues of the magazine dating back to 1906 are now available for access through the NSSAR website. The SAR Magazine, which has been around since 1906, contains much institutional and historical information about the Society.

This project had been a goal for many years, as the SAR Genealogical Research Library received many requests for research based on information that can be found in the magazines. The Library Committee contracted with The Data Vault to digitize all volumes of the magazine. Last year, all volumes of the magazines were taken to their facilities and scanned into searchable PDF files. The Library Committee recently announced the completion of this project, which gives the SAR on-line access and search capability throughout the entire magazine archive for the years 1906 through 2017.

Compatriots can access the SAR Magazine archive through the SAR website (https://sar.org). A link is located on the SAR Magazine page (https://sar.org/compatriots/sar-magazine).

To access the archive Compatriots will need to register for a login with the SAR website (https://sar.org). Instructions are included on the website to guide compatriots through the log-in process All issues of the SAR Magazine are also available in ShareFile. These are in the Members folder under the SAR Magazine sub-folder.

Individual issues are separated into five smaller groups identified by date published to enable a more efficient targeting of specific issues. Please note when accessing via ShareFile, that although all issues are available, the search function is limited to each issue individually, and not as on the SAR Magazine page to the entire archive.

In addition to the SAR Magazine archive, the ShareFile folders also include the recently acquired The Spirit of '76. This is a precursor to the SAR Magazine which was circulated 1894-1906.

In summary, there are now three ways that you can access the SAR Magazine:

1. Searchable database across all issues of the magazine via the new DataVault (note, this does not include The Spirit of '76.)

2. ShareFile (includes individual PDFs of each SAR Magazine as well as The Spirit of '76.)

3. epub issues - these are accessed via a link to Vested Interest Publications, Inc. (this includes all of the "current" issues starting with Spring 2012)

** Based upon information supplied by NSSAR HQ.*

Submitted by Tom Roth
Secretary, George Washington Chapter
Historian, VASSAR

Has Your Patriot'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 rights 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 the flag is displayed. Include your name and your address. I will issue the certificate and have it sent to you to present. Email requests to paulwalden@live.com.

The majority of photos in this newsletter and previous editions are attributed to Tom Roth, the GW Chapter Historian--and Photographer.