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Sons of the American Revolution

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GWSAR Chapter Honors & Participates in 2018 Memorial Day Activities

Front Row L-R: Ernie Coggins, President, G.W. Chapter; Bill Ritchie, Public Information Officer, DC Society; Richard Rodgers, G.W. Chapter; Pat Kelly, President, VASSAR; ***Unknown****; David Graham, National President of the Children of the American Revolution; Ron Kirby, Tom Roth, Secretary, G.W. Chapter & Historian VASSAR. Second Row: L-R. Greg Bodge, G.W. Chapter; Bill Schwetke, 2nd Vice President VASSAR; David Thomas, Vice President, G.W. Chapter and Registrar VASSAR, Charles Flinn, Mike Elston, Sr., State President VACAR; Jeff Thomas, 3rd Vice President VASSAR; Gary Hall, Dan River Chapter; Vern Eubanks, Fairfax Resolves Chapter; Jim O'Kelley; Ken Morris, Vice President, George Mason, Chapter; Don Reynolds, Chaplain, G.W. Chapter.*

President's Corner

Compatriots:

Robert Fredrick Carr, our Bob, died Saturday, 19 May 2018. His health had been declining. Bob was a former President of the George Washington Chapter and Chapter Registrar and held positions with the Virginia Society. A memorial service was held on Thursday, 31 May at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. For many of us Bob was the face of the George Washington Chapter, and he shall be missed. We extend our condolences to Julia, his wife of more than 63 years, and his family. His sons, Chip and Jay, and his son-in-law, Dwight, are Chapter members. He is to be buried at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. We shall publish the details once plans are known.

We are now in our summer season (June, July, and August). Our Fourth of July Wreath Laying Ceremony at General Washington's Tomb on Mount Vernon is rapidly approaching. Vice President Dave Thomas and I have held extensive meetings with the Mount Vernon Staff to ensure that our ceremony runs smoothly. Dave, as Vice President, will be the Master of Ceremonies for this event, and he will provide the details and instructions later in this newsletter. This is one of our signature events; everyone is encouraged to attend. Family members are welcome too. After our wreath laying, there will be a naturalization ceremony on the east lawn of the mansion. Then at 12 noon, there will be an Independence Day Commemoration at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton, led by Reverend Tom Costa.

May was a busy month. To start our 12 May meeting, Senior President of the Virginia Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), Mike Elston, introduced the newly elected President of the Virginia C.A.R., Molly McCue. Molly spoke to us about her project. We passed the hat and collected over $600. Her mother, Carol, was present. We presented the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition to two Eagle Scouts, Eric Christian Grapin and Sean Thomas Grapin (brothers). Both are members of Troop 918 in Fairfax. They were accompanied by their father, Mark. Edgar Bates, our representative to the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Committee introduced the Committee's Co-Chairs, Joe Shumard and Tyler Vanice. They presented an award to the Fredericktown Fife and Drum Corps for its participation with us in the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Parade. Accepting this award were the Chairman Don Deering, his Executive Officer, Megan Schneebaum, and her son, Felix, a member of the Corps. We appreciate that they drove down from Frederick, Maryland to be with us. We then presented SAR Meritorious Service Medals to John Brigden, our Auditor; Jack Pitzer, Chairman of our JROTC Committee; Richard Sherman, former Chairman of our Youth Awards Committee; and Scott Wagoner for his service as a Chapter Officer and as a member of the Board of Managers (BOM). John and Jack continue to serve in their respective positions. Rich is now serving as our Registrar. Scott has fulfilled his three-year term on the BOM. It was a high honor to recognize these four Compatriots for their outstanding service. Next, our incoming Youth Awards Chairman, Hank Forseman, accepted certificates and checks for our First, Second, and Third place winners in our Sergeant Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest. We are indebted to Julie Elston as all three came from her sixth grade class at Rippon Middle School. The thirteen streamers that we were awarded at the Virginia Society's Annual Meeting were shown to the Chapter and given to our Master of Arms, Covert Beach. The streamers received were as follows:

Contributor, Washington Friends and Foes

(We received the sole streamer indicating that we were the highest contributor.)

Chapter Excellence Award

Jennings Flathers Award

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President's Corner *(con't)*

Participant Pohick Cemetery Plaque Dedication Award

Participant Night at the Ballpark

Participant James Monroe Birthplace Ceremony

Contributor Brennan Fund

Participant 100 percent Flag Program

Sponsor Best Oration

Sponsor Best Law Enforcement Person of the Year

Sponsor Best EMS Person of the Year

Sponsor Best JROTC Cadet

History Day Support

We received STARs (indicating subsequent awards) for:

Graves Registration (Two Stars)

Yorktown Wreath Laying (Two Stars)

Chris Herndon, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of White House Information Technology was our luncheon speaker and gave us a very interesting presentation about White House Communications.

After the meeting, we met at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House Cemetery, Wilks Street Cemetery Complex in Alexandria where the following Patriot graves were marked: Colonel Dennis Ramsay; Private John Turpin Brooks; Private Joseph Dean; and Private William McKnight. The ceremony was hosted by Compatriots Paul Walden, Jamie Calendar, and Nat Ames. It was a job well done!

On Friday morning, 11 May 2018, Dave Thomas, John Blair, and I went to the Alexandria Fire Department Headquarters and presented the SAR Medal of Heroism to a Fire Marshal who, at his peril, interceded to facilitate the rescue of a non-cooperative victim from a mob. On Friday afternoon, 11 May 2018, Dave Thomas, John Blair, and I went to the Alexandria Police Department Headquarters and presented SAR Medals of Heroism to the three Alexandria Police Officers who responded to the shootings at the Alexandria sports field where an assassin was firing on Congressional Republicans who were practicing for the annual Congressional softball game.

The Chapter led the participation in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC on Monday, 28 May 2018. This is a National Society event hosted by our Chapter. We had a good turnout and first time attendees were awarded the Dooley-Carr-Elston Medal. And we made a brief appearance on the televised broadcast. While most of us were at the parade, Edgar Bates represented us at the wreath laying ceremony at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria.

On June 9th, Former Chapter President Larry Lisle represented the George Washington Chapter at the 238th Anniversary of the Battel of Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, North Carolina. Larry represents us at events in the Carolinas. Thanks Larry!

The 128th Congress will be held from Friday through Thursday, 13 to 19 July at the Westin Memorial City Hotel, Houston, Texas. As it stands now, only Mike Elston and I are going to be Virginia Society delegates from the George Washington Chapter. If you are interested in being a delegate, contact me as time is running short.

In August, the Virginia Society will be hosting the Atlantic Middle States Association (AMS) Conference Friday through Sunday, 10–12 August 2108 at the Marriott at City Center, Newport News. The AMS Association is composed of the North Atlantic District (New York and New Jersey) and the Mid Atlantic District (Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia). If you have never attended an AMS Conference, this is your chance to attend one close by.

We resume our regular meeting schedule in September with our meeting on Saturday the Eighth. We are expecting the President General to attend and lead us in our Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Arlington National Cemetery.

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2018 Memorial Day Activities (con't)

On Monday, May 28, 2018 George Washington Chapter compatriots along with compatriot VASSAR and DCSSAR Chapters and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) participated in two 2018 Memorial Day events in Washington, D.C. and Alexandria, VA. A unit comprised of 22 compatriots from VASSAR and DCSSAR Chapters marched down Constitution Avenue in the 2018 National Memorial Day Parade, in honor to those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the cause of Liberty from the Revolutionary War to present day.

The VASSAR Color Guard led the way followed by participating compatriots and then VASSAR President, Pat Kelly and C.A.R. National President, David Graham riding in convertibles and waving to the gathered crowds. It was a comfortable spring afternoon with the parade route lined by thousands of spectators, many waving American flags, and televised by multiple broadcast outlets. The GWSAR Chapter's coordination and participation in the National Memorial Day Parade was this year in honor of compatriot Robert F. Carr who passed on May 19, 2018.

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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@verizon.net** *or call 703-585-3163.*

2018 Memorial Day Activities (con't)

Pat Kelly, President, VASSAR received the G.W. Chapter Memorial Day Parade Medal. Shown here with Ernie Coggins (l), President, G. W. Chapter, and Mike Elston (r) 97th President VASSAR, & Sr. State President VACAR.

President David Graham, National President of the Children of the American Revolution received the G.W. Chapter Memorial Day Parade Medal. Shown here with Emily Elston (l), National VP, Mid-Southern Region (NSCAR), and Mike Elston (r) 97th President VASSAR, & Sr. State President VACAR.

President's Corner (con't)

Then Friday and Saturday, 14 – 15 September, the Virginia Society conducts its Semiannual Meeting in Charlottesville. The National Society will conduct its Fall Leadership Meeting Thursday through Sunday, 27 to 30 September in Louisville.

As you can see, we have been a very busy Chapter, and we shall continue to be. Thanks to all of you for what you do to make us so successful. If you are interested in becoming more involved with Chapter activities, please contact me or any of our Chapter officers.

Finally, as always, I would like to encourage everyone to become a recruiter for the SAR and the George Washington Chapter. It is vital that we sign up more new members. Please consider enlisting fathers, sons, grandsons, nephews, friends, and anyone whom you feel may qualify for membership. Our Registrar, Rich Sherman, is waiting to hear from you.

Fraternally,

Ernie Coggins, GWSAR President

2018 Memorial Day Activities (con't)

Pat Kelley, President VASSAR, prepares to ride in the National Memorial Day Parade

Compatriot, Edgar Bates *(left)*, represented the GWSAR Chapter at the annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony to recognize and honor the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, VA. The Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony also included Mr. Marshall Smith *(middle),* 1st VA Regiment of the Continental Line, and Mrs. Claire Bennett *(right)*, of the VA DAR Kate Waller Barrett Chapter. Prior to the Memorial Day ceremony, the 1st VA Regiment maintained a visual at the tomb. *Historical note, the 1st VA Regiment was raised in July 1775 and saw action at the Battle of Trenton, Battle of Brandywine, Battle of Monmouth and others. The regiment was disbanded in November 1783.*

2018 Memorial Day Activities (con't)

David Graham, National President of the Children of the American Revolution , being driven by GWC Chaplain Don Reynolds (L), Pat Kelly, President VASSAR, being driven by GWC President Ernie Coggins (R) down Constitution Avenue in the National Memorial Day Parade

George Washington Friends and Enemies Project

On Thursday, May 3, as part of a Ford Evening Book Talk, Mike Elston, 97th President VASSAR, & Sr. State President VACAR, presented to Mt. Vernon's Washington Library an oversized $41,000.00 dollar check representing the Virginia Society's donation. This was a unique event and was most enjoyable for those compatriots in attendance for this worthy historical project.

2018 Declaration Day at Gunston Hall

On June 9, 2018 Declaration Day was celebrated at Gunston Hall in Lorton, VA the home of Founding Father George Mason. The celebration was to honor and recognize the signing of the Virginia Declaration of Rights authored by George Mason and signed 242 years ago in June 1776. In remembrance and recognition of signing this significant document, the VASSAR George Mason, George Washington and William Grayson Chapters performed a wreath laying ceremony at the gravesite of Founding Father George Mason.

(L to R): Gene Thomas, Chaplin, George Mason Chapter; John Murphy; Dave Thomas, Vice-President, George Washington Chapter; Scott Stroh, Executive Director, Gunston Hall and Steven Powers, William Grayson Chapter

July 4, 2018 at 12:00 Noon--
Special 4th of July Reading of the Declaration of Independence at Historic Pohick Church. The community is invited on Wednesday, July 4 to a free public reading of the Declaration of Independence at Historic Pohick Church by historical re-enactor, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Costa, portraying the Rev. Mr. Massey, the Rector of Pohick Church in 1776. Free docent tours of the colonial church of George Washington and George Mason following the reading.
www.pohick.org

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT F. CARR
Colonel
U.S. Army (Retired)

Robert Frederick Carr, of Alexandria, VA died on Saturday, May 19th, 2018, at The Adler Center for Caring in Aldie, VA while receiving Hospice care. Robert is survived by his wife of more than 63 years, Julia Adcock, from Oxford, NC, daughter Ann Whitney and husband Dwight, daughter Melanie Curtis and husband Robert, daughter Pamela McPherson, son Christopher and wife Molly, son Julian and partner Ross, 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and his sister Mitta Isley of Tarboro, NC. He is pre-deceased by his son Robert Carr, Jr., his parents J.M. and VoHammie, and his brother J.M. Carr, Jr.

Colonel Carr was born in Washington, GA on February 1, 1931. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1954 and received his Master's Degree in 1977 from George Washington University. He entered the Army from the state of North Carolina as a Reserve Second Lieutenant, Infantry, and was commissioned as a regular Army Armor Officer in 1955. After completion of the Basic Infantry Course and Airborne and Ranger training he served tours with the 101st Airborne Division, 10th Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Division, and 25th Infantry Division. From 1960 to 1963 he was assigned as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at North Carolina State University. In 1966 he was assigned to Vietnam where he was the I Force V G-3 briefer and Liaison Officer to General Westmoreland. Upon returning to the US, he was assigned to the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment to aid in preparing it for deployment to Vietnam. After a tour as Battalion Commander and Deputy Chief of Staff at Fort Lewis, Washington, he returned to Vietnam as the G-3 Operations Officer of the 101st Airborne Division and implemented the plan to withdrawal and relocate the Division from Vietnam to Fort Campbell, KY while continuing to maintain a combat status and transfer the majority of the rotary wing assets to the Vietnamese Army.

Colonel Carr returned to the US and became the Chief of Plans East Asia Division of the Operations Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations, Army Staff where the withdrawal and closeout of US Army forces in Vietnam was accomplished. He subsequently was assigned to the Joint Staff and later as Deputy Director East Asia Pacific Region, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs.

He graduated from The Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial Coll ge of the Armed Forces. He was a licensed private pilot and received extensive rotary wing training. Following his military service, he was a law firm administrator with Wright and Parks, Brownstein, Ziedman and Schomer, and finally DLA Piper where he retired from this position in 2004. He then

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Past GW Chapter President in Lincolnton, North Carolina

Larry Lisle at the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill on June 9, 2018. Larry placed a wreath for the George Washington Chapter. With Larry is Mr. Jack Bowman, President of the Catawba Valley Chapter, NCSSAR, who organized and MC'ed the event. On the right is Ken Morris, Vice President of George Mason Chapter, VASSAR. Daryl Davenport, First Vice-President of VASSAR, represented the state at the event.

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*

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became a consultant for DLA Piper, had numerous positions with Aldersgate United Methodist Church, enjoyed deep sea fishing, rebuilt a 1954 Willis Jeep, and spending time with his family at the beach in North Carolina. Robert was also a President of the George Washington Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The latter of which he served as Assistant Secretary and the Headquarters Chapter President for two terms.

Many will miss Bob.

A celebration of his life was held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308, on Thursday, May 31 at 11:00 AM. Interment will take place at a later date in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial donations in memory of Robert can be made to Wounded Warrior Project or to Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

4th of July March to the Tomb at Mount Vernon

On 04 July 2018, the George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, is conducting its 57th annual wreath laying ceremony at General George Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon. All Chapter members are invited to participate in this annual celebration.

We shall assemble at the Ann Pamela Cunningham Administrative Building between 9:05 a.m. and 9:20 a.m. A map of the parking and administrative areas of Mount Vernon is included for your convenience. Please take note parking arrangements have changed from last year. Mt. Vernon officials have advised us to park in Parking Lots (P-1) and (P-2), if not directed by a guard to park elsewhere. Once parked proceed through the Purple Heart Gate (G-2), by pressing the Security Guard button, to the Ann Pamela Cunningham Administration Building (3). It's highly advisable to arrive early to secure a parking space.

About 10:00 a.m., the VASSAR Color Guard and the Frederick Town Fife & Drum Corps will lead the procession up the Bowling Green and proceed to march past the 1st Virginia Regiment and then down to the Tomb Grove. There the George Washington Chapter will conduct a short ceremony. Following this, we shall proceed to General Washington and Martha's Tomb where a brief wreath laying ceremony will take place. Afterward, Chapter compatriots will have an opportunity to present a carnation at General Washington's Tomb. The ceremony should conclude by 11:00 a.m.

Several administrative notes: There is no admission fee unless you are planning to tour the mansion. Guests are welcome. Carnations will be furnished. Participants are highly encouraged to arrive early, but note that the grounds do not open until 9:00 a.m. It is encouraged to bring water and wear a hat given it will be an early July day with moderate to high humidity expected. Dress: It's requested that compatriots either be in color guard uniform or blue blazers/khaki pants. A number of the blue blazer set wear straw hats.

Parking Lots (P-1 & P-2)

First time SAR participants will receive the Baldwin-Jones-Tabb (Tomb) Medal, and those individuals who wish to purchase the miniature Medal may do so for $10.

A naturalization ceremony for new citizens of the United States will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. on the lawn on the river-side of the mansion for those who would like to attend.

GW May Chapter Meeting

The Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee awarded the Fredericktown Fife and Drum Corps an award for Second Place among Community Bands in the 2018 George Washington's Birthday Parade. The Committee's Co-Chairs, Joe Shumard and Tyler Vanice presented the award to the Corps Chairman (and immediate past President of Maryland Society) Don Deering, his Executive Officer Megan Schneebaum, and her son Felix, a member of the Corps. All are shown here flanked by Edgar Bates (l) the GWC representative on the Committee, and Ernie Coggins (r) GWC President.

The Frederick Town Fife and Drum led the SAR marching contingent in this year's Alexandria George Washington's Birthday Parade. The competition among bands and marching groups was stiff and the award is well deserved.

GW May Chapter Meeting (con't)

The George Washington Chapter received a number of streamers in recognition of awards received at the 2018 VASSAR State Convention last February, these were presented to the Chapter at our May meeting.

President Coggins (r) presented the Streamers to Chapter Master at Arms Covert Beach (l) for safe keeping.

The large collection of Streamers laid out prior to the meeting.

Newly elected President of the Virginia C.A.R., Molly McCue (l) spoke to us about her project for this year. Ms. McCue was accompanied by her mother Carol, shown right holding the Presentation.

Our incoming Youth Awards Chairman, Hank Forseman, accepted certificates and checks for our First, Second, and Third place winners in our Sergeant Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest"

GW May Chapter Meeting (con't)

At the T.C. Williams JROTC Award ceremony May 10, Cadet 1LT Delis Del Pilar Hernandez Martinez was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Bronze Medal by the George Washington Chapter SAR in recognition of outstanding leadership, military bearing and excellence. Cadet Martinez, a native of the Dominican Republic is a senior and in the third year of the Army JROTC program. He served as the Titan Battalion S4 (Supply Officer.) He also was commander of the battalion Raider team and a member of the color guard that served at more than 20 public events. He played a major role in the battalion's "Need Improvement Briefing" during the JROTC Program for Accreditation. He intends to attend college and become an officer in the Army or Marine Corps.

Chris Herndon, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of White House Information Technology was our luncheon speaker in May, and gave us a very interesting presentation about White House Communications. VP Dave Thomas is shown presenting the Houdon Bust of George Washington to Mr. Herndon.

GW May Chapter Meeting (con't)

President Coggins inaugurated his program for increasing recognition of Eagle Scouts by presenting NSSAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates and Patches to Eagle Scouts and brothers Sean Thomas Grapin and Eric Christian Grapin. Sean and Eric are shown here with President Coggins (l) and their father, Mark Grapin (r).

President Coggins presented the NSSAR Meritorious Service Award to a number of our compatriots for their long and distinguished Service. President Coggins is shown here (l-r) with Scott Wagoner, Jack Pitzer, John Brigden, and Richard Sherman. Richard Gilliland also received the award but could not be present.

Patriot Grave Markings

On 12 May, 2018, approximately 20 members of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR), Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (VADAR), and parishioners of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House attended a grave marking ceremony for four patriots of the American Revolution interred at the Presbyterian Cemetery and Columbarium on Wilkes Street in Alexandria, VA. The dedication was planned by the George Washington Chapter VASSAR. The four patriots whose graves were marked were John Turpin Brooks, Joseph Dean, William McKnight and Dennis Ramsay. The Associate Pastor of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Katherine Stanford, gave an invocation, followed by the Grave Marker Dedication by 3rd Virginia Society SAR Vice President Jeff Thomas. The Virginia SAR Color Guard provided a dignified tribute to the ceremony by advancing and posting colors. Wreaths were presented by the George Washington, Fairfax Resolves, and Culpepper Minutemen Chapters of VASSAR; and the Dr. Elisha Dick and Kate Waller Barrett Chapters of VADAR.

Revolutionary Kits for Fairfax County Libraries

Working in concert with the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association (FCCPA), our Chapter has created and funded a set of Outreach Kits, providing an interactive experience for those interested in learning more about Fairfax County during the American Revolution.

Included in the kit are:
A notebook of learning activities, illustrations and resources about the American Revolution and Fairfax County plus:

- copy of the Declaration of Independence
- a replica haversack and its contents similar to what a soldier would have carried
- money (replica)
- dominoes
- deck of cards
- writing quill

An Educators' Workbook details the learning activities:

- background of Virginia's role in the War
- description of both military and civilian experiences and
- can be adapted for a range of age groups and interest

The haversack and its contents provide a hands-on experience by examining replicas of items that the soldiers carried to war. Learners are challenged to think about the limits of what the soldier can carry and how difficult that would be.

BRINGING OUR PATRIOTS TO LIFE

One of the responsibilities we have as members of the NSSAR is the recognition and honoring of our Revolutionary War military veterans and civilian patriots.

To this end, I have been actively involved with the development and implementation of a new NSSAR website, Patriot Research System (PRS), which details our revolutionary war lineages and biographies of our Patriots.

http://sarpatriots.sar.org/

A key part of making the PRS a success is an effort to upload all of the existing approved lineages -- the NSSAR approved record copy (RC) you got when first joined the Society.

These RCs detail the Compatriot's lineage to his Patriot as well as critical information about each Patriot.

There are efforts underway in several State Societies to organize teams of volunteers to enter RC information. I am proposing we join these efforts, with the immediate goal of enter the RC information for each GWSAR member.

If you are interested in joining me in this highly rewarding and worthwhile effort, please contact me at (703) 455-8317 or webmaster@gwsar.org.

Thank you,

Jamie Callender

Upcoming Events

04 July – Wednesday: **Mount Vernon Fourth of July Ceremony**
Wreath Laying Washington's Tomb
Mount Vernon Estate
3200 Mount Vernon Highway
Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

04 July – Wednesday: **Independence Day Commemoration**
Pohick Church
9301 Richmond Highway
Lorton, Virginia 22079

12-19 July – Thursday through Thursday:
128th Annual SAR Congress
The Westin Houston Memorial City
945 Gessner Road
Houston, Texas 77024

29 July – Saturday: **Battle of Fort Laurens**
Fort Laurens
11067 Fort Laurens Road NW
Bolivar, Ohio 44612

10-12 August – Friday through Sunday:
Atlantic Middle States Conference
Newport News Marriott at City Center
740 Town Center Drive
Newport News, Virginia 23606,
(Virginia Society is the Host Society.)

18 August – Saturday: **Battle of Blue Licks**
Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park
10299 Maysville Road
Carlisle, Kentucky 40311

08 September – Saturday: **George Washington Chapter Meeting at 11:30**
Speaker: **National Society President General**
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

08 September – Saturday: **National Society President General Wreath Laying**
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia 22211

14-15 September – Friday and Saturday:
Virginia Society Semi-Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn
1901 Emmet Street N
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

16 September – Sunday: **1 p.m. -- Constitution Day Ceremony**
Pohick Church
9301 Richmond Highway
Lorton, Virginia 22079

27-30 September – Thursday-Sunday:
NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting
The Brown Hotel
335 W Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

05-06 October – Friday and Saturday: **Point Pleasant Battle Days Celebration** Tu-Endie-Wei State Park
1 Main Street
Point Pleasant, West Virginia 25550

06 October – Saturday: **Battle of Kings Mountain**
Kings Mountain National Military Park
2625 Park Road
Blacksburg, South Carolina 29702

13 October – Saturday: **George Washington Chapter Meeting at 11:30**
Speaker: **Katrina Krempasky,** Fairfax County Courthouse Historic Records Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

19 October – Friday: **Yorktown Day**
Grace Episcopal Church
111 Church Street
Yorktown, Virginia 23690

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. 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 to paulwalden@live.com Thanks!