George Washington Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

Newsletter

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GWSAR Chapter in November

Scott Wagoner, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presided over the election of the 2019 Chapter Officers: Dave Thomas--President, Jay Henn--Vice President, Tom Roth--Treasurer, Richard Rankin--Secretary, and Ernie Coggins--Board of Managers Member (3 year term). Pictured here (l-r) Scott Wagoner, Ernie Coggins, Jay Henn, Tom Roth, and Richard Rankin.

Left--Lisa Timmerman, Executive Manager of the Weems-Botts Museum, was our speaker for the November meeting. Ms. Timmerman spoke with us about the life and history of Parson Weems and his writings on George Washington. President Coggins presented a copy of the Houdon Bust of George Washington to Mrs. Timmerman.

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President's Corner

Compatriots:

Congratulations to our 2019 Chapter Officers. At our November meeting, we elected by acclamation: Dave Thomas, President; Jay Henn, Vice President; Tom Roth, Treasurer; and Richard Rankin, Secretary. I was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Managers as Dwight Whitney will conclude his service. (Thanks Dwight!) Nominating Committee Chairman Scott Wagoner conducted the election. I would like to thank Scott and the other Nominating Committee members Dr. Don Reynolds and John Brigden for their efforts in fielding our 2019 slate. Virginia Society First Vice President Pete Davenport will install both our and the George Mason Chapter's 2019 Officers at our joint meeting on Saturday, 08 December, at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Pete will be our speaker. As with our meetings at Belle Haven, our social time will begin at 11:30 a.m., and our meeting will start at 12 noon.

I would like to recognize Jack Coulter for the outstanding job he has done with our Wreaths Across American program. As of this writing, Jack reports that we have raised about $2,700. He and I believe that this is a record. Thanks to all of you who have contributed. Our wreaths will be laid on graves in the Alexandria National Cemetery, 1450 Wilkes Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on Saturday, 15 December, at 12 noon.

Next, Paul Walden presented Anniversary Pins denoting years of service to Peter Schmidt for forty-five years, Frederick Clements for forty years, and Paul Gade for 30 years. We are very pleased to recognize these three Compatriots for their dedication to the Sons of the American Revolution.

I was pleased to make the following awards in recognition service to the George Washington Chapter: Certificates of Appreciation to Peter Schmidt and Marty Johnson; Certificates and Pins for Outstanding Citizenship to Isaac Bodge, Emily Elston, and Will Elston; Bronze Roger Sherman Medals to Jamie Callender, Jack Coulter, Paul Walden, and Covert Beach; SAR Service to Veterans Medal to Greg Bodge; and Meritorious Service Medals to Jay Henn, Tom Roth, and Dwight Whitney. Becky and Dick Kusserow were awarded the Martha Washington Medal and the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal respectively. Julie and Mike Elston were awarded the Martha Washington Medal and the Bronze Children of the American Revolution SAR Medal of Appreciation respectively. The following special recognitions were made as follows: to Belle Haven Country Club, a Certificate of Appreciation; Club Manager Christian Potthof accepted the award; and to Julia Carr an SAR Memorial Certificate for Compatriot Bob Carr and the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Finally, the Board of Managers as an exception to policy, voted to bestow the Baldwin-Jones-Tabb (Tomb) Medal on Emily Elston to acknowledge her exceptional dedicated selfless service to the George Washington Chapter. Emily is the first lady to receive this award.

Two additional awards were made offsite: the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Reverend Tom Costa and the Virginia Society Chapter Service Medal to Pete Farley.

Lisa Timmerman, Executive Manager of the Weems-Bott Museum spoke to us about the museum and highlighted Parson Weems's writings about George Washington.

On Sunday, 11 November 2018, we conducted our traditional Wreath Laying Ceremony at General Washington's Tomb on Mount Vernon in conjunction with the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. I served as Master of Ceremonies; Chaplain Don Reynolds delivered the invocation; Mac McHargue, President of the Light Horse Harry Lee Society of the Virginia Children of

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President's Corner *(con't)*

the American Revolution, lead the Pledge of Allegiance; Kate Waller Barrett Chapter Regent, Claire Bennett and I gave remarks; and Barbara McJoynt, Honorary Regent of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter closed with the benediction. Virginia Society President Pat Kelly, a U.S. Navy Veteran, and Chapter Compatriot Dick Kusserow, a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, presented the wreath. As is our custom, SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. members were invited to place red carnations at the transom of the Tomb. Afterward, visitors were invited to do so. The Ceremony ended with Barbara McJoynt, Claire Bennett, and Pat Kelly laying pink carnations to honor Martha Washington. Pat is related to Lady Washington. The Virginia Society Color Guard supported our Ceremony, and Don Francisco using his fife provided appropriate ceremonial music. I would like to express our appreciation to Mount Vernon generally and to Jason Rusk and Compatriot Jack Coulter specifically for their support.

After the Ceremony, I presented President Kelly with the Baldwin-Jones-Tabb (Tomb) Medal. Due to medical issues, Pat was unable to attend our Fourth of July Ceremony. The Chapter's Board of Managers voted as an exception to policy to approve this action. Additionally, in recognition of this continued outstanding support of Chapter Ceremonies, Virginia Color Guard Commander, Bill Schwekte, was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.

I would like to remind those who have not renewed their membership to please do so immediately. As always, I would ask you to be attentive to recruiting new members. While many of you have made contributions with your renewals, if not, consider doing so to support our Chapter's programs.

In closing I thank all of you for your dedication, efforts, and service to the George Washington Chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution.

We have a great Chapter because of you. In closing, Diane and I wish all of you and your families a joyous holiday season, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Ernie Coggins, GWSAR President

Treasury Notes

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

If you have not already responded, time is growing short. We need to hear from you by December 20th so that we may convey your continued membership to the State and National levels and prevent you from being dropped from the rolls at the end of the calendar year.

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.

If you have not responded, you may be contacted by one of our Officers in the next week or two to see if there is anything we can do to assist you in your renewal. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Jay M. Henn, Treasurer

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

November GWSAR (con't)

Chapter President Ernie Coggins presented the SAR Memorial Certificate in honor of the late Compatriot Robert Carr to his wife Mrs. Julia Carr. Mrs. Carr's son-in-law, former GW Chapter President Dwight Whitney, escorted her.

Julia Carr (Mrs. Robert Carr) was awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

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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.*

November GWSAR (con't)

Left--President Coggins presented Peter Schmidt with a Certificate of Appreciation for his services aiding the visit of President-General Alter. Right--Peter Schmidt also received a certificate and pin on recognition of 45 years of membership in the SAR, presented by BOM Member Paul Walden.

Left--Paul Gade was presented with a pin and certificate honoring 30 years of SAR membership by BOM Member Paul Walden. Right--BOM Member Paul Walden presented an anniversary pin and certificate honoring 40 years of SAR Membership to Compatriot Frederick Clements.

November GWSAR (con't)

The SAR Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to (l-r) Jay Henn (GWC Treasurer and V-P Elect), Tom Roth (GWC Secretary and Historian, and Treasurer Elect), and Dwight Whitney (former GWC President and outgoing BOM Member). President Coggins presented the awards.

Jack Coulter, as Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Committee encouraged the members to donate to this effort to place wreaths on the graves of America's Veterans this Christmas.

Richard Kusserow was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal in recognition of his services to marking Patriot Graves, Becky Kusserow was awarded the Martha Washington Medal. Mr. and Mrs. Kusserow are shown here with President Coggins.

President Coggins presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Belle Haven Country Club as thanks for hosting our meetings for many years. Club Manager Christian Pothoff accepted on behalf of the Club.

October GWSAR (con't)

The entire family of current CAR Senior State President and former VASSAR and GW Chapter President Mike Elston were honored for their myriad services to the SAR and CAR. Shown here with Chapter President Coggins (l-r): Mike Elston received the Bronze Children of the American Revolution SAR Medal of Appreciation; Julie Elston was awarded the Martha Washington Medal; Will Elston and Emily Elston received Certificates and Pins for Outstanding Citizenship.

Below--BOM Member and former Chapter President, Greg Bodge was honored with the SAR Service to Veterans Medal. Lt. Col. Bodge (USARNG Ret.) has long served as Chairman of our Veterans Affairs Committee.

Above--Emily Elston was given a special award of the Baldwin-Jones-Tabb Medal in honor of her many contributions to the GW Chapter, by vote of the Board of Managers. Emily is a former Virginia CAR State President and is current Vice-President, Mid-South Region for the CAR. Emily is shown here with (l-r) her mother Julie Elston, her brother Will Elston, President Coggins, former GW Chapter President Don Baldwin (for whom the medal is named), and her father Mike Elston.

VASSAR in Yorktown, Virginia to Celebrate Washington's 1781 Victory

President General Warren Alter (a dual member of the GW Chapter) and Virginia Society President Pat Kelly prepare to give their remarks. Chapter member Mike Elston was the Master of Ceremonies.

President Ernie Coggins prepares to lay the Chapter' wreath at the Grave of Thomas Nelson, Jr. during the Virginia Society's Ceremony at Grace Episcopal Church.

Left--President General Warren Alter gives his remarks on behalf of the National Society.

Below--Some of the SAR Compatriots and The Color Guard of the Virginia Society assembled after the Yorktown Victory Day parade.

Compatriot, Colonel Robert F. Carr, (USA Ret.) Is Interred at Arlington National Cemetery

On November 2, former George Washington Chapter President, Colonel Robert Carr (USA Ret.) was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with Full Honors. A large contingent of SAR compatriots, including the current and two past Presidents-General, the leadership of the Virginia Society, and the leadership and members of the George Washington Chapter, attended to pay their last respects. Following the Army ceremonies, the Sons of the American Revolution conducted its traditional memorial ceremony. The Rev. Dr. Gene Thomas, VASSAR Chaplain conducted the ceremony.

Bob Carr's Funeral procession Arlington National Cemetery.

The Old Guard funeral Detail prepares to remove Bob's casket from the caisson. Note the black horse saddled with boots inverted in the stirrups.

Arlington National Cemetery (con't)

The Old Guard Funeral Detail prepares to fold the Flag over Bob's casket for subsequent presentation to Julia.

Above--President Ernie Coggins places a white rose of remembrance on Bob's casket for the George Washington Chapter during the SAR Memorial Ceremony.

Right--President General Warren Alter places a white rose of remembrance on Bob's casket for the National Society during the SAR Memorial Ceremony.

Veterans Day at Washington's Tomb

Above--Compatriot Jack Coulter delivers the Chapter's wreath.

Below--Fifer Don Francisco provides patriotic music during the ceremony.

Above--The VASSAR Color Guard posted the Colors.

Above--Chaplain Don Reynolds delivers the invocation.

Left--Mac McHargue, President of the Light Horse Harry Lee Society, Virginia C.A.R. leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Veterans Day at Washington's Tomb (con't)

Below--Some of the SAR Compatriots who attended the Ceremony.

Left--Chapter President Ernie Coggins, who also served as Master of Ceremonies, makes a short address. Middle--Honorary Regent of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter–DAR, Barbara McJoynt, delivers the benediction. Right--Kate Waller Barrett Chapter DAR Regent Claire Bennett gives her remarks.

Left--Chapter Secretary Tom Roth and Emily Elston, C.A.R. VP–Mid-South Region, prepare to lay carnations at the Tomb. Above--VASSAR President Pat Kelly (left), a U.S. Navy Veteran, and Chapter Member Dick Kusserow, a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, lay the wreath at General Washington's Tomb.

Veterans Day at Washington's Tomb (con't)

Above--President Coggins presents the Baldwin-Jones-Tabb (Tomb) Medal to Virginia SAR President Pat Kelly. Right--President Coggins presents VASSAR Color Guard Commander and 2nd V-P Bill Schwetke with the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal in recognition of his outstanding support of George Washington Chapter activities.

The Washington's at Pohick Church

On November 10, a plaque commemorating George Washington and his connection with historic Pohick Church in Lorton, Virginia, was unveiled. Pohick Church was the parish church of George Washington, George Mason, and George Fairfax. George Washington, as church warden, is credited for selecting its current location. The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps provided a moving musical accompaniment, followed by speakers from George Washington's Mount Vernon, the Weems-Botts Museum, DAR, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Virginia Department of Historical Resources. Doug Smith, both a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and a very recent member of the George Washington VASSAR, gave greetings. The Reverend Thomas Costa, portraying the colonial Rector of Pohick Church Lee Massey, led the Order of Morning Prayer, using the same 1662 Book of Common Prayer that was used in Washington's time.

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

Veterans Day at Sunrise Mt. Vernon

On November 10, President Ernie Coggins, Secretary Tom Roth, and Paul Walden honored seven veterans living at the Sunrise at Mount Vernon Assisted Living facility in Alexandria. The Reverend Thomas Costa, who was spoken to our chapter before, and conducts Sunday morning prayer services at the facility, started the ceremony by reading the lyrics from the Johnny Cash song "Ragged Old Flag." After Reverend Costa's wife, Susan, led us in singing the National Anthem, each veteran was presented with a certificate of recognition for their service and a "Proud to be a Veteran" lapel pin. Many veterans now living in assisted living facilities and nursing homes are often forgotten, so the ceremony reminded them of our nation's gratitude for their service. The veterans honored were: Henry Malik (Navy), Bob Stickell (Navy), Eric Wilder, (Army), Karl Norris (Army), Ron Sedlacek (Navy), Irwin Simensky (Army), and Gene Swedo (Air Force).

A cake in red, white and blue icing with the caption "Sons of the American Revolution Salutes Our Veterans" was then served. The George Washington Chapter was indeed honored to salute these esteemed veterans of our armed forces.

Then, to show our chapter's gratitude for Reverend Costa's service to the public, our chapter, and supporting local Revolutionary War-era history, the Bronze Good Citizenship medal was awarded to him. We even met a resident of the facility who is interested in joining the SAR!

Some of our honored veterans from Sunrise are pictured below.

Clockwise from top left (all with Ernie, Paul and Tom) Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sedlacek; Irwin Simensky; Henry Malik and Gene Swedo

Upcoming Events

12 January – Saturday: **George Washington Chapter Meeting at 11:30**
Speaker: **John Murphy**
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

08-09 February – Friday and Saturday: **Virginia Society Annual Meeting**
Omni Hotel
Richmond, Virginia

09 February – Saturday: **George Washington Chapter Meeting**
Meeting will be held during the Virginia Annual Meeting
Room and time: **TBD**
Omni Hotel
Richmond, Virginia

16 February – Saturday: **The Crossing of the Dan**
South Boston, Virginia

18 February – Monday: **George Washington Birthday Parade**
Alexandria, Virginia

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

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

04 July – Thursday: **4th of July Wreath Laying at Mt. Vernon**
Mt. Vernon, Virginia

14 September – Saturday: **George Washington Chapter Meeting at 11:30**
Speaker: **TBD**
Belle Haven Country Club
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Alexandria, Virginia 22307

12 October – Saturday: **George Washington Chapter Meeting at 11:30**
Speaker: T**BD**
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

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

14 December – Saturday: **Joint Meeting of the George Mason and George Washington Chapters Meeting at 11:30**
Installation of 2020 Officers
Mount Vernon Country Club
5111 Old Mill Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Also at the Sunrise at Mt. Vernon, Rev. Tom Costa receives the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from Ernie Coggins.

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, December 8, 2018**

Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22309

Please join us at the December Chapter meeting as VASSAR 1st Vice President Peter Davenport installs the 2019 officers from both the George Washington and George Mason SAR Chapters. **Please note the change in venue.** Also, Mount Vernon requires earlier notification, so please make your reservations by **Monday, December 3rd.**

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 **Monday, December 3rd** 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:

(1) Compatriot Name:_____

(2) Guest Name(s): _____

Please note any special meal requests (i.e., vegetarian, children's) for member and/or guest

(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.