George Washington Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

Newsletter

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Accolades for Mt. Vernon's Curt Viebranz

On Saturday, April 14, 2018, at a meeting of the George Washington Chapter, Virginia Sons of the American Revolution, Curt Viebranz, Past President of George Washington's Mount Vernon, received the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal and the George Washington Chapter's Baldwin-Jones-Tabb Medal. The former was given by the Virginia Society for his service at Mount Vernon and to the Virginia Society, and the latter was given by the Chapter in recognition of his support of George Washington Chapter activities at Mount Vernon. From left to right, Past Virginia Society President Mike Elston, Curt Viebranz, Compatriot Don Baldwin, and President Ernie Coggins.

President's Corner

Compatriots:

Our April Meeting was a busy one. We were privileged to have the Past President and CEO of George Washington's Mount Vernon, Curt Viebranz, speak to us about his time at Mount Vernon. It was an extremely interesting presentation. He received two awards. Past Virginia President Mike Elston on behalf of the Virginia Society presented Curt with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Then President Coggins on behalf of the Chapter awarded him the Baldwin-Jones-Tabb Medal. Known as the Tomb Medal is given to SAR members on their first attendance of the Chapter's Fourth of July Wreath Laying at Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon. For his support of the George Washington Chapter, the Board of Managers voted unanimously, as an exception to policy, to give him this medal. It is the first known occurrence of a non-member receiving this honor. Past Chapter President Don Baldwin, one of the three for whom the Medal is named, was on hand to participate in the ceremony.

We were proud to induct Thomas A. Gibson, and Tom, we welcome you into the George Washington Chapter and the SAR. He is a native of Stafford, Virginia and is a graduate of the University of Virginia, has a master's degree from Georgetown University, and is an Executive MBA candidate at Cornell University. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and currently serves as the Vice President of Development for the Stratford Capital Group.

Jack Pitzer introduced our JROTC contest winners: Cadet Captain Scarlett Reyes of Mount Vernon High School, our First Place winner, and Cadet Mason Lamphier of Lake Braddock High School, who scored Second Place. Note that Cadet Captain Reyes was selected by the Virginia Society to be its representative in the National competition. After reading their essays, President Coggins and Chairman Pitzer presented each with the JROTC Chapter Medallion, the Bronze ROTC Medal, Certificates, and a check.

Two previous George Washington Chapter Public Safety Awardees were selected by the Virginia Society as the most outstanding in their respective categories. President Coggins and Public Safety Award Chairman John Blair presented the Outstanding Law Enforcement Award to PFC Nicholas Barb of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and presented the Outstanding Emergency Medical Services Award to Fire Fighter/Medic Kanndra Wilson of the Alexandria Fire Department. Then we awarded the SAR Medal for Heroism to Sergeant Valarie Wright and Deputy Charlie Winstead both of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office. This award was the result of rescuing a non-cooperative victim from a mob at peril to themselves.

Past President Larry Lisle presented us with the three streamers from events he attended in the Carolinas representing the Chapter: the 242nd Anniversary of the signing of the Halifax Resolves, the 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, and the 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

On Monday, 16 April, President Coggins, Vice President Dave Thomas, and Chairman Blair conducted a ceremony awarding the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to seven Prince William County Police Detectives whose multiyear investigative efforts led to the apprehension, arrest, and conviction of a rapist who preyed upon Korean tourists. Awardees are: Detectives David Cho, Brandon Couch, Brandon Hunt, Jeremy Johnson, Josh Lane, Michelle McAllister, and First Sergeant Mike Sullivan..

Our May meeting should be very involved. Our speaker will be Chris Herndon, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of White House Information Technology. (His bio is included in this newsletter.) The newly elected President of the Virginia Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), Molly McCue, will introduce herself

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to us and speak about her state project. We have in the past been supportive of C.A.R. presidential projects. As a start to our Eagle Scout recognition program, we shall be presenting SAR Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to two Eagle Scouts. After our meeting at 3:00 p.m., we shall conduct grave marking ceremonies at four patriot graves in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex, Alexandria.

There are two upcoming events of importance:

First is The National Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, 28 May 2018, at 2:00 p.m. We shall gather on the National Mall starting at 1:00 p.m. Please wear either a Colonial uniform or a blue blazer with khaki pants—a straw hat is highly recommended. All participants are required to sign the waiver form appended to this newsletter. After signing, either mail it to Mike Elston at the address on the form, or you may give it to one of the Chapter officers at our May meeting.

Second is our Fourth of July Wreath Laying Ceremony at Washington's Tomb on Mount Vernon. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. Attire will be the same as the Parade.

Finally, I always mention the need to recruit more members, but I would like to encourage grandfathers to give the gift of membership to their grandsons. For an initial registration fee of $30.00; if using your registered patriot, $60.00, if not; you could then pay his annual dues of $5.00 until his eighteenth birthday. A grandson is eligible once a birth certificate is issued, and it does not matter where he resides. It would be a great Christmas, birthday, or special occasion present – the gift of heritage and history that transcends generations. (Note on his eighteenth birthday, he would become a regular member and payment of full dues would be required.)

And last but not least, Mike Elston has been elected as the Senior President of the Virginia Children of the American Revolution. Congratulations Mike!

Your willingness to give of your time and treasure to support Chapter activities is exemplary and always appreciated. Thanks to each of you for all you do!

Our May meeting will be our last until we meet again in September. To keep track of the Chapter's summer activities, please check our website. Information on Chapter events will be relayed, as appropriate, by email or by post.

Fraternally,

Ernie Coggins, GWSAR President

The GW Chapter received 20 entries for the *"Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest"* from the Prince William County Rippon Middle School class of Julie Elston (wife of Past Chapter President and VASSAR President Mike Elston). This contest's theme is founding documents of the United States. The first place winner was Anabel Nyinaku whose brochure was on the Articles of Confederation. She will go on to compete at the VASSAR level later in the year. The second place winner was Kristina Ann R. Acuesta and third place Salma Yousfi. Hank Foresman was the judge of the contest. Thanks again to Julie Elston for encouraging her students to participate.

April GW Chapter Meeting
Public Safety Outstanding State Awardees

Two previous George Washington Chapter Public Safety Awardees were selected by the Virginia Society as the most outstanding in their respective categories. President Coggins and Public Safety Award Chairman John Blair presented the Outstanding Law Enforcement Award to PFC Nicholas Barb of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and presented the Outstanding Emergency Services Award to Fire Fighter/Medic Kanndra Wilson of the Alexandria City Fire Department. Pictured left to right: President Coggins, PFC Barb, Fire Fighter/Medic Wilson, and Chairman Blair.

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

April GW Chapter (con't)

Medal for Heroism Awardees

The George Washington Chapter awarded the SAR Medal for Heroism to two Alexandria Sheriff's Office deputies who rescued a non-cooperative victim from a mob at peril to themselves. Pictured are President Coggins, Deputy Charlie Winstead, Sergeant Valarie Wright, and Chairman John Blair.

Thomas Alfred Gibson IV was inducted April 14, 2018

Originally from Stafford, Virginia, Tom obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 2006, a master's degree in real estate finance from Georgetown University, and is an Executive MBA candidate at Cornell University. He is a former Marine Corps artillery officer, currently holding the rank of captain in the reserve. Tom recently joined Stratford Capital Group and serves as Vice President of Development. His career in real estate development has involved complex projects specializing in mixed-income and mixed-use properties requiring public-private partnerships. He is a leader in affordable housing advocacy, urban innovation, and veteran issues. Thomas was appointed by the

Governor to the Board of the Virginia Housing Development Authority.

April GW Chapter (con't)

At the April meeting, 11 flag certificates were awarded. Thanks especially to Jack Coulter for nominating 6 of his neighbors Scott & Andrea Appleton, David & Linda Riley, John & Pam Goddard, Stan Kosan & Mary Sedutto, James & Nancy Mitchell, and Michael & Ann Hardin; Paul Wagoner for nominating his neighbor Michael Bechtold, and John Blair for nominating his neighbors the Carr Family. What a great way to spread the word about the SAR to our non-members. Certificates were also awarded to Compatriots Jack Coulter and William Dunn. Many thanks for supporting this program.

New inductee Tom Gibson with Registrar Rich Sherman (left) and GW President Ernie Coggins (right) . . .

. . . and being serenated by Don Francisco

April GW Chapter (con't)

SAR JROTC Awards

Cadet Captain Scarlett Reyes, a junior at Mount Vernon High School, and Cadet Mason Lamphier, a junior at Lake Braddock High School, received the SAR JROTC Enhanced Medallion for placing first and second in the George Washington Chapter's JROTC competition and the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal. Both also received a monetary stipend from the Chapter. Cadet Captain Reyes was selected by the Virginia Society as its outstanding JROTC cadet and represents the Virginia Society in National Society competition. Above are JROTC Committee Chairman Jack Pitzer, Cadet Captain Scarlett Reyes of Mount Vernon High School, Cadet Mason Lamphier of Lake Braddock High School, and President Ernie Coggins.

Sgt. Don Francisco, left (late Third U.S. Infantry) is fifer in residence at Mt. Vernon. On right is Past President and CEO of George Washington's Mount Vernon, Curt Viebranz

260th Birthday Celebration for James Monroe

James Monroe was born in Westmoreland County on April 28, 1758, within eyeshot of what was later to become the Town of Colonial Beach. 500 acres of land and a 20-foot by 58-foot four-room dwelling is not only where Monroe was born, but where he spent the first sixteen years of his life working the farm until he left to pursue an education at The College of William & Mary.

Paul Walden, 2017 George W ashington Chapter President, represented the chapter in presenting a wreath and bringing greetings at the 2nd annual commemoration of James Monroe at his birthplace in Westmoreland County, VA on 21 April 2018. In total 12 VASSAR chapters were represented at the ceremony. The James Monroe Memorial Foundation is building a replica of his birthplace at the site and should be finished in the next year. James Monroe was significant in that he was the only other US President than Washington to have served in the American Revolution and helped lead the nation as Secretary of State and Secretary of War during the War of 1812. Details on this restoration effort are at www.monroefoundation.org.

May GW Chapter Speaker C. Chris Herndon

Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director of White House Information Technology

Chris Herndon is a Deputy Assistant to the President and the Director of White House Information Technology (WHIT). He joined the Trump Administration as a commissioned officer in January 2017, assuming the role of D/WHIT which was established by Presidential Memorandum in March 2015. Chris leads the development and execution of IT strategy and operations for the White House enterprise.

Chris ensures the effective use of information resources and systems provided to the President, Vice President, and Executive Office of the President (EOP). In order to improve mission performance, Chris has the President's designated authority over White House networks to include all procedures and rules governing these resources and systems. He provides policy coordination and guidance, including expenditures, and procurement of information resources and information systems for the White House. Such activities are subject to the Director's coordination, guidance, and review in order to ensure consistency with his strategy to strengthen the quality and Cyber security of the White House networks through integrated analysis, planning, budgeting, and evaluation processes.

Chris defines, drives, communicates and gains alignment and buy into the technology strategy, standards and processes, and ensures these are delivered consistently across the White House. Prior to becoming the D/WHIT, Chris held C-Level and senior IT leadership positions with some of DC area's most respected government integrators, including Client Executive for CSRA, Chief Technology Officer for SRA International, Managing Director for MorganFranklin Corp. and COO/Co-Founder of TechCentrics, Inc. He began his twenty-year government career in telecommunications as a Department of the Navy civilian, where he was an early pioneer in integrated network and communications technologies which led to the development of converged network architectures long before the industry adopted net-centricity and everything over IP.

Chris, a native of Washington DC, graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He is a Lean Six Sigma Black belt and also stays active in industry-relevant and technical training such at ITIL and Business Process Management. He lives in Alexandria VA with his wife and daughter. He is active in Rotary International and is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.

Past George Washington Chapter President in Halifax, North Carolina

Larry Lisle at the 242nd anniversary of the signing of the Halifax Resolves at Halifax, North Carolina. Larry placed a wreath for the George Washington Chapter. Pictured with Larry is the President General, Larry T. Guzy, who gave the keynote address at the ceremony. Other Virginia chapters presenting wreaths were the Dan River Chapter and Fairfax Resolves Chapter.

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*

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood, Their flag to April's breeze unfurled. Here once the embattled farmers stood, and fired the shot heard round the world."

Nic Martinez Inducted March 10, 2018

Nic was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. He is a 2005 graduate of the Naval Academy and currently holds the rank of Major in the USMC, with an assignment at the Pentagon. Previous postings include Okinawa and Camp Pendleton.

Major Martinez lives in Alexandria with his wife, the former Virginia N. Johnson of Annapolis, and their two children Abigail Love age 5, and George Arthur age 2.

His Patriot ancestor is Gerardus Ryker from Bergen, NJ. Gerardus served as an Ensign in the New Jersey state Militia during the Revolution.

George Washington Friends and Enemies Project

On Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., as part of a Ford Evening Book Talk, the Virginia Society will make a presentation to Mt. Vernon's Washington Library presenting an oversized $41,000.00 dollar check representing the Virginia Society's donation. This is a unique event and should be most enjoyable for those compatriots in attendance, as such, please consider attending this event in recognition of the Virginia Society, Mt. Vernon's Washington Library and this worthy historical project.

The George Washington Friends and Enemies project is an initiative to bring together the papers of the most influential people in George Washington's life. By combining microform and digital reproductions of paper collections currently scattered around the world to the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon, Friends and Enemies will enable more robust investigations about George Washington.

Per Anthony King at Mt. Vernon -- all visitors to the Ford Evening Book Talk and VASSAR check presentation MUST register on the Mt. Vernon Website.

Location: Robert H. and Clarice Smith Auditorium at Mt. Vernon
Guests should park in the Mount Vernon visitor lots and
FREE enter the auditorium via the Shops at Mount Vernon. FREE

In this analytical biography, Kate Elizabeth Brown recasts our understanding of Hamilton's political career, his policy achievements, and his significant role in the American founding by considering him first and foremost as a preeminent lawyer who applied law and legal arguments to accomplish his statecraft. In particular, Brown shows how Hamilton used inherited English legal principles to accomplish his policy goals, and how state and federal jurists adapted these Hamiltonian principles into a distinct, republican jurisprudence throughout the nineteenth century. When writing his authoritative commentary on the nature of federal constitutional power in The Federalist, Hamilton juxtaposed the British constitution with the new American one he helped to create; when proposing commercial, monetary, banking, administrative, or foreign policy in Washington's cabinet, he used legal arguments to justify his desired course of action. In short, lawyering, legal innovation, and common law permeated Alexander Hamilton's professional career.

Re-examining Hamilton's post-war accomplishments through the lens of law, Brown demonstrates that Hamilton's much-studied political career, as well as his contributions to republican political science, cannot be fully understood without recognizing and investigating how Hamilton used Anglo-American legal principles to achieve these ends. A critical re-evaluation of Hamilton's legacy, as well as his place in the founding era, Brown's work also enhances and refines our understanding of the nature and history of American jurisprudence.

The visionary support of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is helping to lay the groundwork for compelling new explorations of the Life and Times of George Washington and the United States' founding era.

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

AGREEMENT OF RELEASE for the SAR UNIT

DUE BY MAY 12, 2018

Please do not fax or email the completed release

The National Memorial Day Parade
C/o American Veterans Center
1100 North Glebe Road Suite 910
Arlington, VA 22201

Return completed, sign forms to this address:
Michael J. Elston
16094 Olmstead Lane
Woodbridge, VA 22191

The undersigned will appear in the National Memorial Day Parade being produced by the American Veterans Center on Monday, May 28, 2018. The parade is being given as a public service.

I assume any and all risks associated with participating in the events and particular activities that I agree to undertake, including but not limited to negligent or reckless acts by other participants and volunteers, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I also agree to abide by the rules of the events as set forth by designated officials and supervisors.

Knowing these facts, and in consideration for being permitted to participate in the parade, I hereby, for myself, and on behalf of the members of my organization and my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive release and discharge the American Veterans Center, The District of Columbia, The National Park Service, JM Best Entertainment Inc., Under the Sun Productions Inc., any and all parade sponsors, and each of them, their officials, agents, designated event supervisory personnel or anyone acting for or on their behalf, from any and all losses, costs (including without limitation, litigation costs, and attorney fees), claims, damages, suits, actions, demands, liability, and expenses in connection with loss of life, personal injury and/or property damage of any kind whatsoever, in law or in equity, arising out of or in the course of my participation in the event.

The undersigned does hereby release his/her voice, biography, audio/visual clips and likeness(es) solely in connection with the promotion, advertising for this year and subsequent festivals, and archival use of the Parade (including print, radio, television, and Internet advertising and promotions, including promotional materials). The undersigned hereby grants the American Veterans Center the right to broadcast, and /or to authorize others to broadcast, via radio, television, cable television, Internet, or otherwise. Clips provided that any such broadcast will be solely for purposes of promoting the Parade. Undersigned acknowledges and agrees that prior to, during or after the Parade, producers may, but will not be obligated to, disseminate information and various materials concerning the Event via the Internet, various online services or through other means or media.

The undersigned hereby accepts sole responsibility for the conduct and operation in the parade. The undersigned agrees that he/she/it will not involve or conduct itself in any manner that would negatively impact the good reputation of the parade. The undersigned agrees to be legally bound hereby.

Name _____

Name of Organization _____National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution_____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date _____

Signature

_____

(Parental signature required, if under 18 years of age)

Virginia Society SAR, *"First Virginia Regiment"*

Joseph W. Dooley
Past President, Virginia Society SAR
Member of the George Washington and George Mason Chapters

As you may know, the Virginia Society SAR has five trust funds that help to underwrite our expenses, or help us to sponsor special projects. The trust funds are:

- *The Howard L. Hamilton Fund*, which has generally been used to help pay the operating expenses of the Virginia Society;
- *The George Knight-Kenneth C. Patty Memorial Trust Fund*, which has been used to support special projects of the Virginia Society and its chapters;
- *The Flathers-May Virginia Society Bulletin Endowment Fund*, which may be used toward the costs of maintaining and publishing The Virginia Society Bulletin;
- *The Paul M. Frantz and Charlotte H. Philen Historic Observance Memorial Fund Trust,* which supports the Wilderness Road State Park; and,
- *The Mark Sheridan Brennan, Jr. Memorial Trust Fund*, which is used to provide financial support for the youth programs of the Virginia Society and public school programs within Virginia on the topic of the American Revolution.

A couple of years ago, the Board of Managers and the General Membership approved the Virginia Society SAR First Virginia Regiment. Individuals who make a contribution, or in whose name a contribution is made, to any or all of the five Virginia Society trust funds shall be given a rank in the Virginia Society First Virginia Regiment, based on the level of the contribution:

- A contribution of at least $100.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of *"Sergeant."*
- A contribution of at least $300.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of *"Captain."*
- A contribution of at least $500.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of *"Colonel."*
- A contribution of at least $1,000.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of *"General."*
- A contribution of at least $5,000.00 shall entitle the donor to the rank of *"General of the Virginia Militias."*

When you make a contribution under the First Virginia Regiment program, the Virginia Society shall award you, or the person in whose name you make the contribution, a lapel pin with the insignia of the appropriate rank in the First Virginia Regiment. Since the inception of the First Virginia Regiment, almost $15K has been raised for the Virginia Society trust funds.

Donations Are Cumulative

A donor may contribute $100.00 in one year, and be designated as a Sergeant. Later on, the same donor may contribute an additional amount, and be promoted to a higher rank. For example, if this same donor contributes $100.00 annually, after the third $100.00 donation, he would be promoted to Captain, and after the fifth $100.00 donation, he would be promoted to Colonel. With each promotion, this donor would receive the lapel pin appropriate for his new rank.

You can designate that your entire contribution should be allocated to any single trust fund, or you can divide your contribution among any combination of the trust funds, or even among all five of them. Records of all donations under the First Virginia Regiment program shall be maintained by the Virginia Society.

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Upcoming Events

11-12 May – Friday and Saturday: **Raid on Martin's Station**
8501 Wilderness Road
Ewing, Virginia 24248

12 May – Saturday: George Washington Chapter Meeting at 11:30. Speaker: Mr. Charles Herndon, Director, White House IT
BH Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

12 May – Saturday: **George Washington Chapter Graves Marking at 3:00 p.m.**
Presbyterian Cemetery, Wilkes Street
Cemetery Complex
1475-1501 Wilkes Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

28 May – Monday: **The National Memorial Day Parade a**t 2:00 p.m.
The National Mall, Washington, DC

08-10 June – Friday and Sunday: **SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution**
Johns Hopkins Univ. 3400 N Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

15-16 June – Friday and Saturday: **Battle of Ramsour's Mill** at 10:00 a.m.
FD Jack Kiser School
301 Jeb Seagle Drive
Lincolnton, North Carolina 28092

04 July – Wednesday: **Mount Vernon Fourth of July Ceremony Wreath Laying Washington's Tomb at 9:00 a.m.**
3200 Mount Vernon Highway
Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

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**
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
(VSSAR is the Host Society)

First Virginia Regiment (con't)

Fun For Family and Friends!
Donations may be made on behalf of individuals other than the donor. For example, parents or grandparents can make donations in the names of their children or grandchildren. For a donation of $100.00, a grandfather can make his grandchild a Sergeant in the First Virginia Regiment. Donations will gladly be accepted from individuals who are not members of the Virginia Society, or indeed, members of the SAR. So, everyone can enlist in the First Virginia Regiment and support the important work of the Virginia Society SAR!

Tax Deduction
The Virginia Society SAR is a tax-exempt, charitable organization, as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your contributions to the Virginia Society SAR may be deductible on your Federal and state tax returns. Please consult your tax attorney or accountant.
Please select your desired contribution, along with your check payable to the "Virginia Society SAR" to:

Joseph W. Dooley

3105 Faber Drive
Falls Church, VA 22044

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: NSSAR President General
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

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

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!

George Washington Chapter, VSSAR

Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form

Chapter Meeting: 11:30 a.m., **Saturday, May 12, 2018**
Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22307

Please join us in May for the inside scoop as guest speaker Chris Herndon, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of White House Information Technology, addresses *"Directing Cyber in the Trump White House"*. Other agenda items in the works include inducting new members, honoring our Eagle Scout and brochure contest winners, and a visit from Molly McCue, newly-elected President of the Virginia Society of the Children of the American Revolution. Don't miss it!

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 ways, please make sure that your reservation is received no later than **Tuesday, May 8** 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, May 12, 2018**

❶ Compatriot Name: _____

❷ Guest Name(s): _____

Please note if any of the guests are children

❸ A check payable to **George Washington Chapter, VASSAR** in the amount of

$ _____ is enclosed.

❹ Return this form and check to:

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

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