



# George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Newsletter



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Celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Virginia Society, SAR!

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## Gala Event Honors Hero of Three Wars!



The 8th Annual VASSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala was held on April 11th to honor General Earl E. Anderson (USMC, Ret.). Shown here is General Anderson holding his award and (L-R) Chapter President Dwight Whitney, Fairfax Resolves Chapter President Bill Price, Master of Ceremonies Larry McKinley, and VASSAR President Reverdy Wright.



**The Earl Edward Anderson Family:** Front row. General Anderson and his wife, Jane. Back row (left to right). Son, Mark Edward Anderson and wife Katherine; son, Colonel David Allen Anderson, United States Marine Corps (Retired) and his wife Darla Ann; son-in-law Peter O'Brien. Peter's wife, Susan, the Andersons' daughter, was unable to attend. General Anderson and his sons, David and Mark, are members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter.

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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

**September 12:** Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.

### Events Information

**May 9:** Commemoration of the Raid at Martin's Station, Wilderness Road State Park, Ewing, Virginia.

**May 25:** National Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC.

**June 27 - July 1:** 125th Annual SAR Congress, Louisville, Kentucky.

**July 4:** 54th Annual Independence Day Ceremonies, 10 a.m., George Washington's Mount Vernon, Virginia.

**August 7-8:** Atlantic Middle States District Meeting, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

**August 12-17:** SAR-DAR Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Commemorations in Bermuda.



## President's Corner

My fellow compatriots:

One of the long-awaited highlights of the year was finally celebrated in April. The **8<sup>th</sup> Annual VASSAR Gold**

**Good Citizenship Medal Gala** was another joyous success! Seventy people gathered at Belle Haven on April 11<sup>th</sup> to honor General Earl E. Anderson (USMC, Ret.), a fellow compatriot who was nominated for the medal by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter. The ever-articulate and former President of the Virginia Society Larry McKinley, was the master of ceremonies for the evening. The opening ceremonies included the presentation of colors by an Armed Forces Color Guard to the patriotic music performed by "The President's Own" brass quintet of the U.S. Marine Corps Band. The VASSAR President Reverdy Wright, official host for the evening, presented the award to General Anderson who, in turn, gave a heartfelt tribute to his parents and a modest upbringing in rural West Virginia. The Fairfax Resolves Chapter and their President, Bill Price, are to be congratulated for nominating such a distinguished and deserving honoree from Virginia. Forgive me if I over-use the phrase, but I cannot help but summarize it in any other way than "an evening to remember!"

Within a week I received a warm letter from General Anderson thanking the chapter for co-hosting the event. Moreover, he thanked us for our gift of the George Washington bust, his "favorite President and the Father of our Country," and reports it is now prominently displayed in his home.

There are many to thank for the successful event. I am particularly indebted to Vice President Greg Bodge for arranging the U.S. Marine Band and Armed Forces Color Guard, to Treasurer Paul Walden's attentiveness to the arrangements at the club, to Secretary Ernie Coggins' careful attention to detail in getting the formal invitations sent and for his photographic documentation, and to the advice and counsel by your Board of Managers. Former VASSAR and GW Chapter President Tom Burch and the

National Vietnam Veterans Foundation provided significant financial support for the event. The VASSAR Color Guard, led by Commander Darrin Schmidt, was outstanding, as usual, in their participation. Finally, I am grateful to VASSAR President Reverdy Wright who entrusted the George Washington Chapter once again to be host chapter for this important Virginia Society event.

**Upcoming Events.** Dear compatriots, let us *remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.* Each one of us has a duty to uphold the mission of our society; it will not happen without you, so I urge you take advantage of some of the many opportunities to be involved in the George Washington Chapter. If you usually don't participate in our meetings and events, please come to one this year and enjoy the camaraderie of our society. If you usually just march with us on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, join us also for the Memorial Day Parade or the Veteran's Day ceremony at Washington's Tomb. Just by showing up, you make the chapter stronger and add to your fulfillment of our obligations.

Our upcoming meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> features an historian from the Naval History and Heritage Command which will prove to be interesting. Remember, the next regular chapter meeting is in September. Until then, here are several opportunities for you to honor our forefathers and to represent our chapter in the coming months:

**May 9** – Wreath-laying ceremony at Martin Station Monument, Wilderness Road State Park, Ewing, Virginia. There will be a Continental breakfast in front of the Visitor's Center at 9:30 a.m. The Ceremony begins at 10 a.m. **Notify me if you can attend.**

**May 16** - Joint Revolutionary War/War of 1812 Joint Plaque Dedication at the Masonic Cemetery located on Charles Street (between William and George streets) in Fredericksburg, 3:00 p.m. This is a VASSAR President's initiative being hosted by the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter. I plan to be there and hope you will also.

**May 25** – Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC. We will host the Memorial Day Parade once again this year. For the second time will offer the Dooley-Carr-Elston Medal to any SAR member who attends. The medal is free; the optional mini medal will be available for \$10. This event normally draws in SAR members from all over the region. Assembly will begin at 12:30 on the National Mall (7th & Madison Dr. NW). The parade steps off at 2:00 p.m. A parade release agreement (attached at the end of this newsletter) must be completed and sent in advance to Mike Elston by e-mail (elston.sar@gmail.com) or U.S. Mail (P.O. Box 336, Lorton, Virginia 22199-0336). So, if you are even thinking about it, fill it out and send it to Mike, now!

**June 12-15** - Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference on the American Revolution, Mount Vernon, Virginia. Enjoy learning history from scholars at this distinguished event.

**June 13** - Daniel Boone Trail Marker Rededication, Cumberland Gap NHP Visitor's Center, KY, 9:30 a.m. The DAR plans a rededication of the Daniel Boone Trail Marker that was originally placed 100 years ago. This is close to my heart and home in the mountains so I am planning to be there. Please consider this supporting this event.

**July 4** - 54th Annual Independence Day Ceremonies, 10 a.m., George Washington's Mount Vernon, Virginia. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will conduct our 54<sup>th</sup> annual wreath laying at the tomb of General George Washington at Mount Vernon. We meet at the administration building by 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m. the VASSAR Color Guard will lead us down the bowling green to the tomb grove. We have invited our chapter winner and runner-up to of the VASSAR Rumbaugh Orations contest to join us. Following the tomb grove ceremony and the wreath laying, each member will be able to present a carnation at the tomb. The Baldwin-Jones-Tabb medal will be awarded to SAR members attending for the first time.

**August 12-17** - SAR-DAR-C.A.R. Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Commemorations in Bermuda. All members are invited to Bermuda for events commemorating the 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

Bermuda Gunpowder Plot. Events will take place at Southampton, Hamilton and St. George's in Bermuda, and the group will stay at the world famous Fairmont Southampton. For more information or to register for the trip, contact VASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mike Elston or visit <https://prod.groupandevent.net/register/berumudapatriots>. To access the site, use the password gunpowder15.

**September 12** - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria.

*Dwight Whitney*  
Chapter President

## May 2015 Speaker

Dr. Dennis M. Conrad is a historian at the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHHC). He is associate editor for the Naval Documents of the American Revolution series and has published an essay on John Paul Jones. He is currently the lead historian for an electronic documentary edition on the US Navy in the Spanish-American War and a book-length study of Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy during World War I.

Prior to coming to the NHHHC, Conrad was the principal editor and project director for volumes 7 through 12 of the award-winning *Papers of General Nathanael Greene*, published by the University of North Carolina Press. Those volumes covered Greene's time as Continental Army commander in the South.

Conrad has published several essays concerning Greene's campaigns in the South, which were also the subject of his doctoral dissertation at Duke University.

# From the Secretary



The reconciliation of the membership roster is nearing completion. A considerable effort has been made to ensure that all current members are included, that all data are as current as possible, and that our

roster agrees with the Virginia Society's records. However, with about 290 members, it is proving to be a work in progress. You should expect to receive your 2015 George Washington Chapter Directory sometime in May.

I also want to reemphasize the importance of keeping your contact information up to date, including your email address. While I know that some of you do not use email, the majority of you do, and this enables us to send you updates and time sensitive information quickly as necessary. These emails are not meant to be a replacement of the newsletter but rather a supplement to it. As such, it is very important that I have your current email address. Contact email address for me is [sargw.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:sargw.secretary@gmail.com).

*Ernie Coggins*

Secretary



## From the Editor

It is an honor to serve in the role of newsletter editor and I look forward to interacting with all of my fellow compatriots to make this newsletter useful and interesting. Please submit stories, photos and suggestions

to [newsletter@gwsar.org](mailto:newsletter@gwsar.org). I will do my best to include them in future issues.

*Richard Gilliland*

Editor

# Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report two supplemental applications were approved by NSSAR. There are currently four new member applications in review by NSSAR. Two new members were inducted at the March 14 meeting: Richard Rankin and Kevin Rogers.

## New Members Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

## Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
David Robert Thomas	Robert Elliott
Paul A. Walden	John Tubbs

## New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

## Supplemental Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

*Dave Thomas*

Registrar

# Patriot Biographies

One of President General Lindsey Brock's initiatives is to have Compatriots submit their Patriot Ancestor Biographies to the National Society. Last December, we sent out the request for you to send in your Patriot Ancestor Biographies (Bios). You did.

Compatriot Jamie Callender, our Webmaster and Chairman of the Graves Recognition Committee, took over management of this project. He has done an extraordinary job ensuring submittals are complete and meet NSSAR standards prior to submittal! To date, 86 Bios have been submitted to the National Society.

Counting the Bios you submitted and those for which we already had records, Jamie, assisted by Dave Thomas, our Registrar, and Paul Walden, our Assistant Registrar, have amassed about 170 Bios. All the Bios sent in were forwarded to Jamie and put on the web site.

However, only about 120 have Patriot Numbers. Additionally, some of these Bios require editing. There are also many that need to be expanded as they contain only a few sentences. The National Society has requested that these Bios not exceed 500 words (but, if your Bio is more than 500 words, do not worry about it.)

At this point, we are requesting that you look at your Bio(s) on the website at <http://gwsar.org/ancestors.html>, and edit and add to it as necessary. Once you have done this, please email your comments and corrections to Jamie at [webmaster@gwsar.org](mailto:webmaster@gwsar.org). It is important that in the subject line, you put your Patriot's last name, first name, and rank. If you have his Patriot Number, please include that, too.

If you have not submitted your patriot's biography, please feel free to do so now. Use the same subject line format given above.

While email transactions are encouraged and expected, if you do not have access to the Internet, please mail your Bio to:

## **George Washington Chapter**

Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution  
ATTN: Patriot Biographies  
P.O. Box 77  
Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

# 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Virginia Society!

This year marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. We should all take pride in one of the oldest and historically rich societies of the SAR! The following describes our origins (adapted from Volume 1 of the VASSAR Official Handbook):

*The movement to organize the Virginia Society was started in the city of Washington in 1890. At a conference held in the nation's capital on February 10<sup>th</sup>, several Congressmen from Virginia constituted themselves as a committee to organize a Society in Virginia without delay.*

*On February 28<sup>th</sup> the committee reassembled at the Capitol, adopted a constitution and bylaws and elected the following outstanding Virginians as officers:*

**President:** Honorable William Wirt Henry of Richmond (Grandson of Patrick Henry)

**Vice President General:** William H.F. Lee, son of Robert E. Lee and a member of Congress from Burke's Station, Fairfax County

**Vice President:** Colonel George Washington Ball of Alexandria (nearest living male relative of George Washington)

**Secretary:** Thomas Nelson Page of Hanover County, a man of letters

**Treasurer:** Joseph Poryall of Richmond

**Registrar:** J. William Jones of Richmond, a well-known historian.

Lieutenant J.C. Cresap, USN, of Annapolis, Secretary-General of the National Society, and Professor G. Brown Goode, Ph.D., Registrar of the District of Columbia Society, formally organized the Virginia Society at Richmond on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1890. There were 62 charter members.

## New Member Biographies



### Robert Andrew Gilliland

Compatriot Gilliland was born in Syracuse, New York. He received a BA in Economics from the University of Maryland.

Robert is Director of Corporate Compliance for Florida Health Care Plan in Holly Hill, Florida and has also been the Zone 4 Daytona Beach City Commissioner since 2005.

Robert's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Charles Powell, who was born on May 26, 1740 in Overwharton Par, Stafford, Virginia. Patriot Powell served during the Revolution as a militiaman in Virginia's Halifax County Militia.

Please welcome our newest member Compatriot Robert Andrew Gilliland!



### Joseph William Gilliland

Compatriot Gilliland was born in Daytona Beach, Florida and has lived there since birth. He is the son of Compatriot Robert Andrew Gilliland and the nephew of Compatriot Richard Gilliland.

Joseph is a student at Spruce Creek High School, where he is a percussionist in the school band.

Joseph's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Charles Powell, who was born on May 26, 1740 in Overwharton Par, Stafford, Virginia. Patriot Powell served during the Revolution as a militiaman in Virginia's Halifax County Militia.

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## In Memorium



### Cameron B. "Bruce" Palmer

31 Oct 1926 – 31 Mar 2015

Compatriot Cameron Palmer of McLean, Virginia died on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at his home. 90-year old

Cameron was the devoted husband of 64-years to Margaret "Peg" Wiles Palmer and father of Martha (Dave) Palmer Chambers of New Castle, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by his two cherished grandchildren, Caity (David) Chambers Booman of Charleston, South Carolina and Keven (Steph) Chambers of Greensburg, Pennsylvania and one great-grandchild, Daniel Asher Booman. A *Life Celebration* was held at Money and King Funeral Home, 171 West Maple Avenue, Vienna, Virginia on Tuesday, April 7 prior to the service.

Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium at a later date.

Online condolences and fond memories of Bruce may be offered to the family at [www.moneyandking.com](http://www.moneyandking.com)

*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.*

*Present officers are:*

<i>President:</i>	<i>Dwight Whitney: 540-349-2375</i>
<i>Vice President:</i>	<i>Gregory Bodge: 770-789-3252</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Ernie Coggins: 703-241-2807</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Paul Walden: 703-347-9770</i>
<i>Registrar:</i>	<i>Dave Thomas: 703-583-8791</i>

*Immediate Past President:  
Scott Wagoner: 571-239-3221*

***Ride Share:** Members in need of a ride to a chapter meeting or a chapter sponsored event may contact the Amenities Committee Chairman, Don Reynolds, at (703) 765-4947.*

*This newsletter is edited by Richard Gilliland. Inputs from chapter officers, committee chairmen, and fellow compatriots are always needed. Please send your inputs and comments to [newsletter@gwsar.org](mailto:newsletter@gwsar.org) or call 202-870-3762.*

# Did You Know?

## George Mason (1725-1792)



Although George Mason refused to sign the Constitution, his ideas still had a major effect on the fabric of American political thought. He was one of the richest planters in Virginia and was involved early in his life with western land speculation. Mason served for a brief time in the Virginia House of Burgesses along with his close friend, George Washington. He was more concerned with the types of public duties that did not bring the kind of recognition that his contemporaries were interested in. However, he was one of the most

fundamental thinkers of the American Revolution and formed a close philosophical alliance with Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, James Madison, and George Washington.

**His Politics:** Thomas Jefferson's Declaration of Independence was influenced greatly by Mason's work on the Virginia bill of rights, and Mason's ideas also had an impact on the development of the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution. He eventually opposed the Constitution because of the compromise concerning slavery (known as the 3/5 Compromise) and the failure of the delegates to include a Bill of Rights. These objections to the Constitution became the focal point for the anti-federalists during the ratification process. He was chosen the first Senator from Virginia but refused the seat in 1789. Mason has been called the American example of the Enlightenment.<sup>1</sup>



## George Washington Quotes

We ought not to look back, unless it is to derive useful

lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dear bought experience. To inveigh against things that are past and irremediable, is unpleasing; but to steer clear of the shelves and rocks we have struck upon, is the part of wisdom, equally as incumbent on political as other men, who have their own little bark, or that of others, to navigate through the intricate paths of life, or the trackless ocean, to the haven of security and rest.<sup>2</sup>

## May Dates in History

### American Revolutionary War

**May 1765:** Patrick Henry presents seven Virginia Resolutions claiming that only the Virginia assembly can legally tax Virginia residents.

**May 1769:** George Mason writes resolutions presented by George Washington to the Virginia House of Burgesses opposing taxation without representation.

**May 10, 1773:** The Tea Act claiming a threepenny per pound import tax on tea arriving in the colonies and provides the British East India Company a virtual tea monopoly by selling directly to chosen tea agents, bypassing and underselling American merchants who acted as middlemen.

**May 12, 1774:** Boston calls for a boycott of British imports.

**May 13, 1774:** General Thomas Gage replaces Hutchinson as Royal governor and places Massachusetts under military rule.

**May 17-23, 1774:** Providence, New York and Philadelphia call for an inter-colonial congress against the Coercive Acts.

**May 20, 1774:** The Quebec Act establishing a centralized government in Canada controlled by the British and extending the southern boundary of Canada into territories claimed by Massachusetts, Connecticut and Virginia.

**May 10, 1775:** Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold lead the capture Fort Ticonderoga in New York which contains weapons.

**May 15, 1775:** Congress places the colonies in a state of defense.

**May 2, 1776:** The American revolution gains support from King Louis XVI of France.

**May 8, 1778:** British General Henry Clinton replaces General Howe as commander of all British forces in the American colonies.

**May 30, 1778:** Iroquois Indians burn Cobleskill, New York.

**May 6, 1780:** British capture Fort Moultrie at Charleston.

**May 12, 1780:** Charleston falls to the British.

<sup>1</sup> Source: <http://www.constitutionfacts.com/us-founding-fathers/about-the-founding-fathers/#gm>

<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://commandperformanceleadership.wordpress.com/2012/02/22/the-leadership-of-george-washington/>

## Highlights of the Gold Good Citizenship Award Gala



**Above:** General Anderson paid a heartfelt tribute to his parents and a rural upbringing in West Virginia.



**Above:** Senator John Warner stopped in to give his regards to an old friend. L-R General and Mrs. Anderson, John Warner, and Compatriot Tom Burch.



## Highlights of the Gold Good Citizenship Award Gala (Continued)



**Above:** Vice President Greg Bodge presented General Anderson a gift from the George Washington Chapter.



**Above:** General Kroesen conveying his congratulations to General and Mrs. Anderson.

## Highlights of the Gold Good Citizenship Award Gala (Continued)



Above: Bill Price presented General Anderson a gift from the Fairfax Resolves.



**Top:** The Armed Forces Color Guard posts the Colors.

**Bottom:** A Brass Quintet from the United States Marine Corps Band plays the National Anthem.

# Future Events 2015

- May 9 - Chapter Meeting** at 11:30 a.m. at the [Belle Haven Country Club](#), Alexandria, Virginia. \*
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- May 16 - Joint Rev War/War of 1812 Joint Plaque Dedication, at the Masonic Cemetery, Fredericksburg, 3:00 p.m. VASSAR Presidential Initiative. †
- May 25 - National Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC. Parade begins at 2:00 p.m. (7<sup>th</sup> and Constitution, NW). Assemble at 12:30 p.m. \*\*
- June 12-15 - Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference on the American Revolution, Rubenstein Leadership Hall, Fred W. Smith National Library 3600 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, Virginia. Cost \$250. Register at: <http://www.mountvernon.org/library/events-programs-calendar/the-marquis-de-lafayette-and-the-european-friends-of-the-american-revolution/>.
- June 13 - Daniel Boone Trail Marker Rededication, Cumberland Gap NHP Visitor's Center, KY, 9:30 a.m.
- June 27 - July 1 - 125th Annual SAR Congress, Louisville, Kentucky. †
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- September 17 - Constitution Day at Montpelier, Orange, Virginia. †
- September 18-19 - VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, Roanoke, Virginia. †
- September 24-26 - NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky. †
- October TBA - Point Pleasant Days, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. ‡
- October 3-4 - Battle of Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. ‡
- October 10 - Chapter Meeting** at 11:30 a.m. at the [Belle Haven Country Club](#), Alexandria, Virginia. \*
- October 10 - The President General's Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 3:15 p.m., Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. \*\*
- October 17-18 - Yorktown Victory Celebration. †
- November 11 - Veterans' Day Ceremony at General Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, Virginia. \*
- November 14 - Chapter Meeting** at 11:30 a.m. at the [Belle Haven Country Club](#), Alexandria, Virginia. \*
- December 5 - Commemoration of *The Battle of Great Bridge*, Chesapeake, Virginia. †
- December 12 - Chapter Meeting** at 11:30 a.m. at the [Belle Haven Country Club](#), Alexandria, Virginia. \*
- December 12 - Wreaths Across America, Alexandria National Cemetery. ‡
- January 9 - Chapter Meeting** at 11:30 a.m. at the [Belle Haven Country Club](#), Alexandria, Virginia.

## Legend:

\* Chapter event;

\*\* Chapter-sponsored state or national event;

† VASSAR/NASSAR event in which GW members are encouraged to participate;

‡ Other SAR event of significance that GW members should consider attending.



Saturday, 9 May 2015  
Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m.  
Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia  
Lunch Meeting Reservation Form

Please make your reservation by telephone or e-mail. This is the preferred way to ensure your reservation is received in time to get a seat. Please send reservations and check payable to *George Washington Chapter, VASSAR* by Wednesday, 6 May to Paul Walden. For e-mail reservations, send to paulwalden@live.com with RESERVATION in the subject line.

The lunch cost is \$35.00 per person (\$12.00 per child) and you may pay at the door or send a check in the mail in advance of the meeting. Walk-ins will be accommodated if possible, but to cover the Club's charge for serving those without a timely reservation a walk-in price of \$40.00 is required.

When mailing checks, please be sure I'm notified in time to hold seating for you and your guests!

Please include the following information:

Compatriot Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

A check for \_\_\_\_\_ persons in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to George Washington Chapter VASSAR is enclosed.

Mail this reservation form and your check to:

Paul Walden  
Treasurer, George Washington Chapter VASSAR  
P.O. Box 77  
Mt. Vernon, VA 22121

Check-in and social begin at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be called to order at 12:00 noon. Valet parking is available.



# THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

AGREEMENT OF RELEASE  
DUE BY MAY 12, 2015

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:  
Under the Sun Productions, Inc  
882 South Matlack Street, Suite 202  
West Chester, PA 19382

The undersigned will appear in the National Memorial Day Parade being produced by the American Veterans Center on Monday, May 25, 2015. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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