



# George Washington Chapter *Sons of the American Revolution*

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## Rev. Tom Costa, portraying the Rev. Lee Massey, Guest Speaker at March Chapter Meeting



Our guest speaker at the March 11 chapter meeting was the Reverend Tom Costa. Tom has been involved as a church historian, school chaplain, writer, and lecturer since the beginning of his ministry work in California. After moving to Virginia in 2003, he began research on a historic Anglican liturgy project from the colonial and Victorian periods as a way to provide a method of evangelism using educational and dramatic approaches. The outreach concept was to discover a way to reach people who might be uncomfortable with anything labeled “church,” but who might have an interest in a historical lecture or program, such as Anglican Sunday worship at the time of George Washington.

He assisted in planning and participating in two historic Anglican liturgies using the 1604 Book of Common Prayer for the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, VA, in conjunction with the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities at the Jamestown Memorial Church in Historic Jamestowne. He has been involved in several colonial living history programs in Virginia and Maryland portraying historical Anglican ministers, has conducted colonial church services at Mount Vernon and Gunston Hall, and has also planned and conducted 19th-century church services using the 1845 version of the Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book for Victorian and Civil War-related events for the Prince William County Historic Preservation Division.

Lee Massey was born in 1732 in King George County in the Northern Neck area of Virginia. He began his professional life as a lawyer. Massey handled legal work in the courts for criminal trials and offenses, as well as legal papers, contracts, and wills. In that capacity he often handled legal affairs for the Mason, Washington, and Fairfax families. But his legal practice began to weigh heavily on his mind and soul. Lawyer Massey found it a bitter moral issue to have to defend those truly guilty of crimes in the courts, and to perform his duty to see them proved innocent and released, even when he knew they were guilty and deserving of punishment.

The death of the Rev. Charles Green of Truro Parish at the close of 1765 created the need for the selection of a new minister, and Massey submitted his case to pursue ordination to take the late Rev. Green’s place. Washington, Mason, Fairfax, McCarty, and the other vestrymen of Truro Parish signed letters to the

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### Upcoming Chapter Meetings

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## President's Corner

### *My fellow compatriots:*



I hope everyone is enjoying our transition to spring and are grateful that we dodged the snow bullet this winter.

As chapter president, I have been greatly honored to have participated in a number of key events this past month. Again, I appreciate your faith in me by electing me to serve in this office.

On February 25, I represented our chapter at the Commemoration of the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, near Wilmington, NC. This was particularly meaningful to me in that two of my ancestors fought in this battle, which was considered the first American victory during the War of Independence. The North Carolina Society graciously invited me to a banquet the evening before to celebrate the event, and we were honored by the presence of President General Mike Tomme. He and First Lady Cilla gave a fascinating presentation, in period attire, of what life was like for the typical patriot during the American Revolution. If you have not attended one of these commemorations, please do. It is very rewarding to meet so many compatriots across the country who share our passion for history and make such a great effort to educate the public. This was such a big event for North Carolina that I was even asked by the receptionist at the highway visitor's center as I was on my way to Wilmington for the event (I guess my SAR lapel pin gave it away).

Another proud moment this month was when I presented a certificate of appreciation and a donation on behalf of the chapter to the Historic Pohick Church Foundation. Pohick Church has graciously allowed us to use their parish hall for officer workshops over the past few years, and I thought that would be an appropriate token of our appreciation. Additionally, our chapter's namesake, General Washington, was a vestryman at Pohick Church.

As I had discussed in last month's newsletter, our chapter is also leading the effort to erect a plaque commemorating the patriots from the War of Independence and the War of 1812 buried at the Pohick cemetery. This is one of the VASSAR President's projects for 2017 as well. I want to especially thank chapter compatriot Dick Hamly for his efforts in verifying these burials. I also want to recognize VASSAR compatriot Mike Lyman for his recent publication of a book listing all of the American Revolution patriots buried in Virginia.

That was a vital resource for this project, and you will be proud to know that our chapter donated a copy of his book, *Genealogical, Burial and Service Date for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Virginia*, to the Virginia Room of the main Fairfax County Library.

Another key event this month was my attendance on 25 March at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Christopher Justmann, member of Troop 907, Stafford, VA where he was presented with a SAR Eagle Scout Certificate. I want to commend Christopher for his achievement as well as recognize the men and women who dedicate so much time and effort in leading these Scouts, who are the future leaders of our country. I should mention that attending these events, such as the Scout event and the presentation at Pohick Church, gives us an opportunity to make others aware of the mission of the SAR, as well as recruit new members. I made contact with four potential members at these two events.

The final proud moment for me this month was when I had the honor of inducting who perhaps is our youngest member, Luc Antoine Chevalier (age 16 months), at my condo after our March meeting. His parents are good friends of mine and it made me so proud to have helped him with his application and to know that his parents will continue to foster his appreciation of American history as he grows up. His ancestor, Shadrack Pinkston, was one of Washington's Life Guard, so he has a proud heritage. Thanks to Dave and Carole Thomas for making this a special event.

Thank you again for your support of our chapter. As always, if you have any suggestions on how we can further the mission of the SAR, please let me know.

Fraternally,

*Paul Walden*

Chapter President

## Silver Good Citizenship Medal to be awarded to Acting U.S. Deputy Attorney General Dana J. Boente



At the April 8 Chapter Meeting, the George Washington Chapter will be awarding the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Acting U.S. Deputy Attorney General Boente.

Mr. Boente was nominated by President Barack Obama on Oct. 8, 2015, and confirmed by the United States Senate on Dec. 15, 2015, as the 60th U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia (EDVA). As the chief federal law enforcement for the district, which includes offices in Alexandria, Richmond, Norfolk and Newport News, Boente supervises the prosecution of federal crimes and the litigation of federal civil matters. He is a 31-year veteran of the Department of Justice, and has spent his professional career in public service.

He began as a law clerk to Chief U.S. District Judge J. Waldo Ackerman for the Central District of Illinois in 1982. In 1984, he joined the Tax Division's Criminal Section as part of the Attorney General's Honors Program. In January 2001, Boente became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Fraud Unit of EDVA. He was detailed to the Tax Division in August 2005 to serve as the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General. Boente returned to EDVA when he was selected as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney in May 2007, and later served as the U.S. Attorney for EDVA from October 2008 through September 2009. In December 2012, he was appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, a position he held until September 2013. He became the Acting U.S. Attorney for EDVA by virtue of the Vacancy Reform Act on Sept. 23, 2013, and served in that position until Dec. 15, 2015.

Mr. Boente is a graduate of St. Louis University (B.S.B.A. and M.B.A.) and its School of Law (J.D.). He has lived in Northern Virginia for 29 years.

## Rev. Tom Costa, Guest Speaker at March meeting (continued from page 1)

Governor of Virginia and the Bishop of London to recommend Lee Massey entering holy orders in order to become the rector for Truro Parish.

Massey sailed off to London to read for ordination with the Bishop of London in 1766. On returning to Virginia about 10 months later, his letters of ordination being accepted by the governor and the vestry, the Rev. Lee Massey was made rector of the two churches of Truro Parish. He began divine services and preaching twice a month at the old Pohick Church near Colchester and twice again at Payne's Church (destroyed during the Civil War) about 10 miles to the west in what is now Fairfax Station. Sunday services often had to be cancelled in the winter and early spring because they could only be held when the weather and the state of the country roads through marsh and forest permitted a congregation, and the Reverend, to gather.

The Rev. Lee Massey, along with George Mason, George Washington, John Carlyle, and 21 others, also signed the Fairfax Resolves on July 18, 1774. The Fairfax Resolves were a set of resolutions, written primarily by George Mason, that presented a concise summary of American constitutional concerns on such issues as taxation, representation, judicial power, and military issues against the British Parliament's claim of supreme authority over the colonies.

The Revolutionary War brought financial hardship to the area as well as to most of the colonial Anglican churches. Many of the country churches like Pohick began holding only occasional services. In 1777 Lee Massey stepped down as rector for public church duties, although he continued to serve the parish for private baptisms, weddings and burials. His grandson later wrote: "The loss of his fore-teeth impairing his speech was the cause of his ceasing to preach. He then studied medicine as a means of relieving the poor, and announced that he would practice without charge." So it came to pass that Lee Massey followed successively what were then known as "the Three Learned Professions of Law, Divinity and Medicine."

Lee Massey continued to live at Bradley, his plantation a few miles away from Gunston Hall, until his death in 1814 at the age of eighty-six. His last words were said to have been, "The great mystery will soon be solved and all made plain." His tombstone can be seen today under the pulpit in Pohick Church, where it was moved from Bradley in 1908.



## Editor's Report

A primary goal of the newsletter editor is to ensure the scheduled publication of the GWSAR newsletter. As editor, I seek

to encourage a wide range of articles that will inspire and inform the community about the principles on which our nation was founded. Our newsletter is a primary method of communication between the GWSAR Executive and the GWSAR Membership.

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 more 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 in March, 1 New member and 1 Memorial

Membership application were approved by NSSAR. There are currently 5 new member, 2 supplemental applications under review by NSSAR. There were 5 new member inductions performed during March.

## New Member Application Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Michael Vincent Riley	Peter McLouth

## Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

## Memorial Membership Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Paul Austin Callender, Jr.	Phillip Callender, Sr.

## New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Steven Richards, Valentine, Jr.	Daniel Morrill

## Supplemental Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
None	

*Dave Thomas*

GWSAR Registrar



## SAR Documentation Tips

### Most Common Document Types Used in Proof of Lineage

- Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates / Records
- SAR and DAR Record Copies (Lineage & Revolutionary War Service)
- U.S. Census Records – Present to 1850
- County/State: Birth, Death and Marriage Index Records  
Wills, Probate & Property Records \*Properly Sourced
- Family Genealogies \*Properly Sourced
- Family Bible \*Properly Documented
- Newspaper Obits \*Properly Sourced
- Find-a-Grave Profiles (DOB/DOD Dates) \*Properly Sourced
- Revolutionary War Pension Files
- County/State: Revolutionary War Participant Records (Military Units, Providing of Supplies, Oath of Allegiance)

\*Properly Sourced: Name Resource, Title of Document/Title Page, Year, Location (State/County), and Author (If Appropriate). Any questions ask the Chapter Registrar.

## New Members Inducted at March, 2017 Chapter Meeting



### Compatriot Steven Deputy

Compatriot Deputy was born in Patuxent River, VA and was raised in Jacksonville, Florida, Houston, and Dallas, Texas. He graduated high school in Jakarta, Indonesia and went on to complete a double major in Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications from Texas A&M University. He later completed a master's degree in Military Strategy from the Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, and also received an MBA from Webster University.

Steven is currently the Chief of Networks and Security for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, starting with NOAA's Weather Service in October 2016. Prior to his current position, Steven was the Chief Network Engineer for the Defense Intelligence Agency for 6 years. Lt. Commander Deputy was an Intelligence Office in the Navy Reserve for the past 20 years, spending 14 months in combat in Afghanistan, and was the Operations Officer for the Chief of Naval Operations N2N6 department at the Pentagon.

He and his wife Heather have four children, 19-year-old son, Cryptologic Technician William Deputy (USN), and three daughters: 17-year-old Hadley, 14-year-old Avery, and 9-year-old Abby. He has been involved in Boy Scouts for the past 33 years and is a Scoutmaster, Advisor, and is also the Vice Chairman for the Aquia District.



### Compatriot Justin Legg

Justin Legg is a Retired Navy SEAL Officer born and raised in Spotswood, New Jersey. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2000 with a B.S. in Systems Engineering, and spent 12 years in the Navy, serving on various SEAL Teams before being medically retired in 2012. Justin deployed twice to the Middle East including a seven month combat tour during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

After retiring from the Navy, Justin earned a Master's Degree in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington D.C. in 2015, concentrating in International Economics and Energy & Resources. Justin is also a member of the International Explorer's Club, an organization he gained entrance to as the first and only double-lung transplant recipient to ever climb Denali, and is an active supporter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS).

Today he works as a Renewable Energy consultant for the Navy's Resilient Energy Program. He lives in Alexandria with his wife of 11 years, Suzanne and their two rescued pit-bulls that hog the couch.

Justin's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot David Bright, who supplied large quantities of flour for General George Washington's troops in Valley Forge, where Washington's army wintered in 1777-78. Had it not been for David Bright, General Washington may have lost many more troops that winter, yet received his pay in Continental currency, which depreciated so rapidly that he was left bankrupt.

## New Members Inducted at March, 2017 Chapter Meeting (continued)



### Compatriot Mike Shook

Compatriot Michael David Shook was born and raised in Lockport, NY to Robert and Joan Shook. After completing his undergraduate schooling in Western NY, he moved to Knoxville, TN where he first began work as a computer systems analyst. With 19 years of experience, he currently works as a Senior EDI Analyst for Barrett Distribution Centers, a third party logistics and warehousing firm in Franklin, MA.

Away from work, Michael dedicates much of his free time to philanthropic endeavors. In 2008 he created Refuse for Research, a project to re-purpose computers and servers that would have wound up in a landfill to perform much needed research. Michael partnered with the World Community Grid to further their mission, “to create the world’s largest public computing grid to tackle projects that benefit humanity. After only 5 years of computing, Refuse for Research was ranked number 635 out of more than 600,000 contributors.

Michael and his wife, Dr. Liana Valente, will celebrate 28 years of marriage this year. A professional classical vocalist, she is the Classical Voice Area Coordinator at Howard University.

Michael’s membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Lawrence Shook who provided food and materials to the Army Quartermaster department.



### Compatriot John Shook

John R. Shook lives in the Washington, D.C. area, and he teaches philosophy at Bowie State University in Maryland. His daughters live in New York, where one is attending Binghamton University and the other is a high school student in Buffalo.

John was a professor of philosophy at Oklahoma State University from 2000 to 2006, and then he joined the faculty of the Science and the Public online EdM program at the University at Buffalo. Also, since 2006, he has worked for several secular and humanist organizations, including the Center for Inquiry, the American Humanist Association, the Humanist Institute, and the Institute for Humanist Studies, and for several years he was President of the Society of Humanist Philosophers. He is now the President of Partners for Secular Activism, an online education non-profit organization. John has authored and edited more than a dozen books about science, ethics, politics, and religion. He authored *The God Debates: A 21st Century Guide for Atheists and Believers (and Everyone in Between)*, and he and Phil Zuckerman edited *The Oxford Handbook of Secularism*.

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### Join the First Virginia Regiment of the Virginia Society SAR!

Anyone who makes a contribution to any of the five Virginia Society trust funds is eligible to an officer’s commission in the First Virginia Regiment:

\$100– for the rank of Sergeant

\$300 for the rank of Captain

\$500 for the rank of Colonel

\$1,000 for the rank of General

\$5,000 for the rank of General of the Virginia Militias

If you are interested in joining the regiment, please contact Paul Walden



## April Dates in History

### *American Revolutionary War*

#### April 19, 1775: War Breaks Out

The first shots of the Revolutionary War are fired at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts. The news of the bloodshed rockets through the colonies, and thousands of volunteers converge on Cambridge, MA. These are the beginnings of the Continental Army.



Battle of Lexington



Old North Bridge, Concord

## Step Up Now for Chapter Leadership Opportunities in 2017

Chapter President Paul Walden is looking for a number of compatriots to fill leadership positions and other key roles in the chapter. If you are interested in getting more involved, please e-mail him at [paulwalden@live.com](mailto:paulwalden@live.com) or call him at (703) 347-9770 .

We are looking for an **Assistant Newsletter Editor**. In this position, you will be responsible for working with the officers to prepare the newsletter and forward it for printing. Chapter members submit the articles and photos and the editor will collect them and place them in the newsletter format. Richard Gilliland will remain the editor and will be available for training.

All positions allow chapter members to become more involved in the SAR without taking on the burden of an officer position. There are, of course, opportunities to serve as a member of any of the chapter's Committees (except for the Nominating Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Managers each autumn). Please contact Paul Walden if you would like to discuss any of these leadership opportunities or serve on one of the chapter's committees.

## Sons of the American Revolution

### *Lapel Pins for Sale*

The George Washington Chapter still has some distinctive SAR lapel pins for \$20 each. Proceeds will be split evenly to support the chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution Foundation. The SAR Foundation was established in 2000 as the fundraising arm of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Contact Paul Walden, President, at the next chapter meeting if you wish to buy one of these pins and support the chapter and the Foundation.

## Youngest Member, Luc Antoine Chevalier, Joins the George Washington Chapter



Left to right: Antoine Chevalier (father), Paul Walden, Luc Chevalier, Adrienne Chevalier (mother), Registrar Dave Thomas and his wife Carole (grandmother Valerie Lutz took the photo)

A native of Loudon County, Virginia, Luc at the young age of 16 months already is showing a strong interest in music, and in fact, is learning to play guitar, piano, and harp. He loves animals, building block towers, and demolishing them. He is following in his father's footsteps by learning to play soccer. He also is a gourmet with olives, asparagus, and berries being some of his favorites. He is the youngest inductee as well in several years. Luc is the descendant of Shadrack Pinkston, who was a Corporal in the 11<sup>th</sup> VA Regiment and a Private in the illustrious Commander in Chief's Guard, also known as Washington's Life Guard, who accompanied General Washington in all of his battles.

<i>President</i>	<i>Paul Walden: 703-347-9770</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Ernie Coggins: 703-241-2807</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Dave Thomas: 703-583-8791</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Jay Henn: 703-447-0820</i>
<i>Registrar</i>	<i>Dave Thomas: 703-583-8791</i>

*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:***  
*Gregory Bodge: 770-789-3252*

***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.*

### Updates to Chapter Website

At the January workshop, a committee was formed to review the content and format of our website to make it more relevant to people interested in our chapter, as well as a useful tool for members. Compatriot Eric Callender is chairing this committee with the support of members Jamie Callender, Ernie Coggins, Paul Walden, Jay Henn, and Dave Thomas. The url [www.gwsar.org](http://www.gwsar.org) will remain the same, but in the near future, you will be pleased with the updated appearance and content of our website, so stay tuned and thank Eric and Jamie for their hard work with this effort.

# March Highlights



**Above**—March 12: In appreciation for Pohick Church’s hospitality in allowing the chapter to use the parish hall for meetings, the chapter presented the church with a certificate of appreciation and a donation to the Historic Pohick Church Foundation, which is used to maintain the historic building. Left to right: Chapter Compatriot Dr. Donald Binder, Rector; Chapter President Paul Walden; and Peter Kind, Chairman of the Historic Pohick Church Foundation

**Below**—March 11: Vice President, Ernie Coggins, presents guest speaker Rev. Tom Costa with Certificate of Appreciation and the Houdin bust of George Washington



**Above**—March 25: Compatriot Steven Deputy presents Eagle Scout Christopher Justmann with the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Appreciation

**Below**—March 26: Compatriot Steven Deputy presents Eagle Scout Chris Lucaks with the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Appreciation



**Below**—March 16: Compatriot John Blair presents the chapter wreath at the commemoration of James Madison’s birthday at Montpelier



## Has Your Patriot Ancestor'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 right 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](mailto: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 they are displaying the flag. 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 [kevin@gemsinblue.com](mailto:kevin@gemsinblue.com). Thanks!

# 2017 Chapter Meeting Dates and Other Known Events

**April 03**— Presentation of VASSAR Heroism Award and Emergency Medical Services Award to Prince William County Fire and Rescue Department first responders, 9:00 am, Prince William County Administration Building

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**Oct 14**—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.\*

**Nov 11**—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.\*

**Dec 9**—Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Mount Vernon 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.



**George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR  
Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form**

Chapter Meeting: 11:30 a.m., **Saturday, April 8, 2017**  
Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22307

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](mailto: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 methods, please make sure that your reservation is received no later than **Tuesday, April 4** 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, April 8, 2017**

✓ Compatriot Name: \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please note if any of the guests are children*

✓ 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.*