



George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Newsletter



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October Meeting of the George Washington SAR Chapter



New Members Inducted as GW Chapter Grows

George Washington Chapter President Dave Thomas with (left to right) -- wife/mother Amy Haseltine; son John Haseltine; husband Craig Haseltine; David Floyd; Liam Smith and father Eugene Smith.

(Chapter photos by Ernie Coggins)



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President's Corner



Compatriots:

The fall season has arrived with its cooler days and nights, the changing of the leaves and the exciting World Series with the Washington Nationals claiming the 2019

Championship title, achieved through their team work and unrelenting determination to "Finish the Fight". November also brings the thoughts of family, friends, gatherings and the blessings of Thanksgiving - one of our most beloved National holidays.

In reflection, the George Washington Chapter has a great deal to be thankful for, and much to be proud of with regard to our membership supporting the activities of the Chapter, the Virginia Society and the larger National Society, and most importantly to our local communities. Volunteerism is the foundation of our Chapter's success, along with the generous commitment of personal time by its members during the year.

To further illustrate the importance of volunteerism, on October 24, 2019 the National Society held a SAR Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in Louisville, KY to recognize volunteer contributions throughout the National Society. I'm honored to report to you that two of our Chapter compatriots, Jamie Callender and Greg Bodge have been recognized and awarded the NSSAR Lafayette Volunteer Service Award with oak-leaf clusters for their respective support to the NSSAR Patriot Research System. Compatriot Callender was recognized for his focusing on the PRS system itself, and loading Patriot Biographies into the system volunteering hundreds of hours in doing so. Compatriot Bodge was recognized for his focusing on rooting out the graves of Revolutionary Patriots, traveling up and down the Mid-Atlantic states, taking

pictures of the graves and then matching them with the patriots PRS biography - volunteering over one hundred hours of his time in doing so.

It should also be noted, compatriots Jamie Callender and Greg Bodge are the only two compatriots in the Virginia Society to ever be awarded the prestigious NSSAR Lafayette Volunteer Service Award. Congratulations to compatriots Jamie Callender and Greg Bodge for their achievement and recognition.

On November 9th, the George Washington Chapter has the unique honor to host the Virginia Society, Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala at Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria, VA. The honoree for this year's Gold Good Citizenship Medal is General Gordon R. Sullivan, USA (Ret.), former Chief of Staff of the Army and member of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Sullivan is to be honored and recognized by the SAR Virginia Society for his military service to the United States. Currently, General Sullivan is the Executive Director of the Army Historical Foundation, playing a major role in the creation of the new National Museum of the United States Army at nearby Ft. Belvoir. VASSAR President Peter Davenport and other VASSAR, VADAR and US military dignitaries will be in attendance.

Further, in November we turn our attention to honoring our Chapter veterans at the November 9th Chapter meeting, and then at our Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Mt. Vernon on Monday, November 11th – the ceremony, in collaboration with the VADAR Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, will be in front of General George Washington's Tomb. Lastly, the Chapter will honor three past Chapter members (Robert Duncan, Scott Crampton and Robert Armstrong) with a wreath laying and grave marking ceremony at the historic Pohick Church in Lorton, VA on Saturday, November 16th. It should be noted that Robert Duncan was the

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President's Corner (Con't)

founding President of the George Washington Chapter in 1954 and VASSAR President in 1960 – 1961. November is scheduled to be a very busy month for the Chapter.

Lastly, this is the time of year that the 2020 Chapter Officers are nominated and voted on during October and November. At the October Chapter meeting, the following individuals were nominated for 2020 Chapter Officers: Jay Henn, President; Thomas Roth, III, Vice President; Richard Rankin, Treasurer and Rand Pixa, Secretary. Dave Thomas will join the Chapter Board of Managers. Chapter members will vote on the nomination slate at the November Chapter meeting, with the installation of George Washington Officers taking place at the annual December joint Chapter meeting with the George Mason Chapter at the Mt. Vernon Country Club on December 14th.

The George Washington Chapter is a strong and very diverse Chapter within the Virginia Society, as well as the National Society. Our membership supports the National Society at every level and has done so for many years. With our current slate of 2020 officers and program chairmen at the helm, the George Washington Chapter is well positioned to continue to make a true and positive difference in the year ahead. Indeed we have a great deal to be thankful for.

So please consider participating and joining your fellow compatriots in those Chapter events that are of interest to you – we look forward to your participation. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels.

*Thank you,
Dave Thomas
President
George Washington Chapter*



Compatriots: Dues Renewal

Individualized forms for 2020 were mailed to your address-of-record in mid-October. If you have any questions, an email to tmroth3@earthlink.net is the fastest way to get a response, or give me a call at 703-739-8811.

Please note that completing and returning your 2020 Dues Renewal Form will take care of all your SAR dues obligations: National, State and Chapter. Please update any personal information (such as a new address or email account) and indicate your preference for how you wish to receive your copy of our excellent newsletter throughout the year.

Perhaps most importantly, this is your opportunity to show your support for the George Washington Chapter and the goals of the SAR. However, we can go "above and beyond" to support even a wider range of deserving activities. For example, your additional, tax exempt donations, will allow us to continue to expand our Public Safety Awards program. This program is recognized as one of the most outstanding in the SAR.

I look forward to receiving your completed form. Thank you in advance for continuing your membership, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

*Thomas M. Roth, III
GW Treasurer*

GW Chapter October Meeting (con't)



Left: The October Chapter speaker, journalist and historian, Marc Leepson giving us details about his most popular book, "Saving Monticello".

Above: GW Vice President Jay Henn presents Marc with the Houdon Washington bust.

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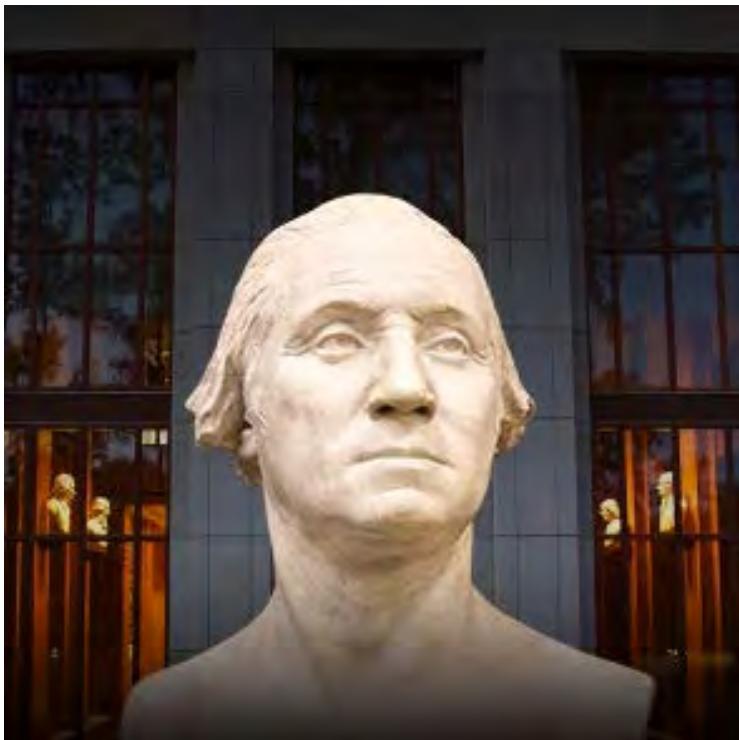
President	David R. Thomas: 703-583-8791
Vice President	Jay M. Henn: 703-447-0820
Treasurer	Thomas Roth, III: 703-739-8811
Secretary	Richard Rankin: 703-538-5805
Registrar	Richard Sherman: 301-654-6319

The George Washington Chapter was chartered in its present form on April 2, 1954. With over 255 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:
Ernie Coggins: 703-241-2807

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

This newsletter is edited by **Pete Farley**. Inputs from chapter officers, committee chairmen, and fellow compatriots are always needed. Please send your inputs and comments to nyyno7@cox.net or call 703-585-3163.



GW Chapter October Meeting (con't)



Above: David Walker, Chairman of the Nominating Committee giving his report. David is also a former Chapter President.

Below are Nominations for 2020 GW Chapter Officers



Clockwise from above: Jay Henn--President; Tom Roth--Vice President; Richard Rankin--Treasurer; Rand Pixa--Secretary and Dave Thomas, nominated for 3-year term on the Board of Managers.



GW Chapter October Meeting (con't)



Clockwise from above: Former NASSAR President-General Alter; Vice President Jay Henn and President Thomas.



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November Speaker

The George Washington Chapter is delighted to welcome Dr. Kevin Butterfield, Executive Director of The Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, as our guest speaker for the November Chapter meeting. As part of our Annual Salute to Veterans, Dr. Butterfield will be speaking on George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and veteran's organizations in the wake of the Revolution. In particular, he will discuss how Washington and Jefferson worked through the idea of whether a veterans' club (such as the Society of the Cincinnati) would actually accomplish its goal of preserving the memory and the friendships forged in war, or just produce conflict and disharmony.

As Executive Director, Butterfield oversees Mount Vernon's efforts to safeguard original Washington books and manuscripts, foster new scholarly research about George Washington and the Founding Era, and grow the library's collection. He also guides the development of leadership training programs and educational activities. A noted American historian, Dr. Butterfield came to Mount Vernon from the University of Oklahoma, where he served as Director of the Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage and Constitutional Studies Program. A specialist in the founding era, he boasts a lengthy list of publication and teaching credits on topics related to the founding period, including a prize-winning book about early American legal history.



Dr. Butterfield has been honored with many fellowships to support his research from institutions such as the American Antiquarian Society, Winterthur Museum, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation at the Huntington Library, the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, and many others. In his role as the head of the Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage at the University of Oklahoma, he engaged multiple public audiences in exploring current affairs with a historical approach focused on the Constitution and civic engagement. Dr. Butterfield holds a B.A. in History from the University of Missouri, an M.A. in History from the College of William and Mary, and a PhD in History from Washington University in St. Louis.

Since its opening in 2013, the Washington Library has rapidly established itself as the premier center for the study of George Washington, a leading institution fostering scholarship and education in the history of the founding era of the U.S., and an innovative leader in the creation and dissemination of historical learning to a variety of audiences. A completely private and independent research library, the Washington Library is owned and maintained, along with Mount Vernon, the historic estate of George Washington, by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association.



GW Chapter October Meeting (con't)



Left: Secretary Richard Rankin and above is Chaplain Don Reynolds.



Above: Dave Thomas, former NASSAR President-General Alter, Jamie Callender and Mike Elston.

GW Chapter at Pohick Church

The George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, will be honoring three chapter compatriots interred at the Pohick Episcopal Church Cemetery, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton, Virginia at 12 Noon on Saturday, November 16, 2019. The three compatriots are Robert Armstrong, Scott Crampton, and Robert Duncan. Robert Duncan was the first President of the George Washington Chapter in 1954 and later served as Virginia Society SAR President in 1960-61. His wife, Marion Moncure Duncan, was the President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



GW Chapter at Mount Vernon Country Club

*The Next George Washington Chapter Meeting
will be December 14, 2019 at the Mt Vernon
Country Club in Mt Vernon, Virginia. Please note
the new location. This meeting will be a joint
meeting with the George Mason Chapter and will
feature installation of Chapter Officers for the
year 2020.*

Visit the GWSAR Chapter website at:

*<http://www.gwsar.org/> for
Chapter news and articles.*

George Washington Chapter, VASSAR

Member Donation Appeal

6 November 2019

Dear compatriots,

Current George Washington Chapter President Dave Thomas has requested that a team of non-officer chapter members take the lead in this year's Wreaths Across America (WAA) project. I have volunteered to undertake the challenge, and I am looking for a few partners to assist me.

Wreaths Across America is an annual non-profit effort with the goal of decorating every grave of our nation's veterans during the Christmas season using evergreen wreaths adorned with red ribbons. Originally targeted for Arlington National Cemetery, the effort has grown to include veterans' graves at many other cemeteries "adopted" by civic and patriotic organizations such as ours. For more information on WAA, visit this website <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/>.

For the past few years the George Washington Chapter has participated under the leadership of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter at Alexandria National Cemetery at 1450 Wilkes Street. Our chapter goal has always been to raise a corporate donation of at least \$1,500 to provide 100 wreaths at \$15 each. With around 290 chapter members each doing their part, this goal should be reachable. Last year we actually raised \$2,800, a new chapter record.

This year's WAA national wreath laying date is Saturday 14 December 2018 at 12 noon. The chapter WAA team and any other interested individuals will represent the chapter at Alexandria National Cemetery. Since our December chapter meeting, with installation of new officers, is also scheduled for 14 December, I understand that you may not be able to personally attend the WAA ceremony at Alexandria National Cemetery. However I request that you still support WAA by making a financial contribution to this worthwhile effort.

What you need to do is:

******Donate to the WAA representative by cash or check at the 9 November chapter luncheon meeting at the Belle Haven Country Club.

******Send a check written to George Washington Chapter VASSAR with the notation "WAA". Please donate an amount sufficient to purchase at least one wreath, or ideally multiple wreaths at \$15 each. The check may be mailed to: GW Chapter VASSAR "WAA", 8025 Lynnfield Drive, Alexandria, VA 22306.

Deadline for composite submission by the George Washington Chapter to WAA is 2 December 2019.

Since WAA honors veterans who have served on our behalf in the past, as well as those currently serving in the field, it is clearly a worthy cause, and our chapter goals are modest. Please lend your patriotic and financial support at whatever level you can afford. We would like to make a strong showing this year. Your chapter is counting on you!

*Fraternally,
Jack Coulter*



Kings Mountain Ceremony



Former George Washington Chapter President Larry Lisle attended the 239th Anniversary Wreath Laying Celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain at the Kings Mountain National Military Park in South Carolina, commemorating the battle that turned the Southern Campaign to the American side and ultimately led to the surrender at Yorktown a year later. The battle occurred on October 7, 1780.

Representing the George Washington Chapter, Larry was one of only two Virginia chapters present at the ceremony with a wreath. However, the Virginia Society president was also there.

In the picture: John Slaughter, Group Superintendent, Southern Campaign of the American Revolution Parks - Kings Mountain, Cowpens, Ninety Six and the Overmountain Victory Trail, who was MC for the ceremony. Next to him is Van Hipp, the Keynote speaker, former Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Larry has the streamer for the ceremony and will bring it up to a chapter meeting in the near future.

George Washington



Upcoming Events

November 9–Saturday: George Washington Chapter Meeting-11:30 am
Speaker: Dr. Kevin Butterfield Ex. Dir.--
Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, Mount Vernon (Topic: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Veteran's Organizations in the Wake of the Revolution)
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

November 9–Saturday: VASSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala Honoring GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, USA (Retired) -6:00 pm
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

November 11–Monday: Veterans Day at Mount Vernon-2:00 pm
Mt. Vernon Estate
3200 Mount Vernon Highway
Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

November 16–Saturday: Robert V.H. Duncan Grave Marking-Noon
Historic Pohick Church
9301 Richmond Highway
Lorton, VA 22079

December 7–Saturday: 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge-11:00 am
Great Bridge Battlefield Park
1775 Historic Way
Chesapeake, VA 23320

December 14–Saturday: Joint Meeting of the George Mason and George Washington Chapters-11:30 am
Installation of 2020 Officers
Speaker: Mr. John Mason (*Topic: George Mason's Elders, and How the Americas Began*) Mount Vernon Country Club
5111 Old Mill Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

December 14–Saturday: Wreaths Across America-Noon
Alexandria National Cemetery
1459 Wilkes Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

January 11, 2020–Saturday: George Washington Chapter Meeting-11:30 am
Speakers: Ms. McGowan (Mackie) Storage (*President, National Society Children of the American Revolution*). Mr. James O'Kelley / Mr. Patrick Kelly / Mr. William Schwetke (*SAR 2020 Congress - Richmond*)
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

February 7-9, 2020–Friday-Sunday: 130th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society (VASSAR)
Omni Hotel
100 S 12th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

February 8, 2020–Saturday: George Washington Chapter Meeting-TBD
VASSAR General Meeting Room
Omni Hotel
100 S 12th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219





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MAIL TO:

**PAT KELLY
2228 WILLIAMSBURG ROAD
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22901**

Oral History Opportunity

Roughly a dozen past Chapter Presidents are still active in the George Washington Chapter. If you would be interested in reaching out to these individuals and capturing the memories and highlights (or lowlights!) of Chapter leadership, please contact V-P Jay Henn at jaymhenn@gmail.com

Members Only Section of GWSAR.ORG

It's There For You!



In case you have never established a Members Only linkage, or you have forgotten your username & password, I am here to remind you of how you do it and what you'll find there when you visit this part of the George Washington Chapter's website.

Go to our chapter website and click on the Members Only Login link (far right side) at the top of the Home page on the Chapter's website and then use either your website account (username and password) or social media account to gain access. For those that either don't have an account or have forgotten their username and/or password, I can help you with that if you send me an email at:

WEBMASTER@GWSAR.ORG

I will need to verify you are who you say you are so include your full name, email and phone number you provided for your GW Chapter membership and your State and/or National SAR numbers, if you know them. With this information, I can verify your account and then provide you with your password so you can gain access.

There is also another sign on option if you have a social media account (Google / Twitter / LinkedIn / Instagram / Amazon / Microsoft / Yahoo). The website will use your social account to verify who you are thus providing easy and seamless access. I use a Google Chrome browser and am thus always logged into my Google account, so I use the "Login With Google" button and I get right in without having to remember another username and password. Use whichever option you are most comfortable with.

After gaining access to the Members Only site, you have access to the following information:

- Membership Directory – the latest and historical versions dating back to 2013
- References - SAR Brochure / Application Form / Grave Markings Research Material
- Reports – Americanism / Committee
- GWSAR Business – Approved Budgets / Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

This is your section of the website and it can host anything you think is important to share exclusively with the members of this Chapter. If you have some ideas, please share them.

Jamie Callender, Webmaster





George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR

Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form

Chapter Meeting: 11:30 a.m., **Saturday, November 9, 2019**

Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22307

Please join us for our annual "Salute to Veterans" at the November Chapter meeting and luncheon Saturday, November 9th. As part of our Annual Salute to Veterans, Dr. Kevin Butterfield, Executive Director of The Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington, will be speaking on George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and veteran's organizations in the wake of the Revolution. In particular, he will discuss how Washington and Jefferson worked through the idea of whether a veterans' club (such as the Society of the Cincinnati) would accomplish its goal of preserving the memory and the friendships forged in war, or just produce conflict and disharmony.

We will also elect our Chapter Officers for the Year 2020.

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 tmroth3@earthlink.net. 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, November 5th**, 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, **November 9, 2019**.

(1) Compatriot Name: _____

(2) Guest Name(s): _____

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

(3) A check payable to **George Washington Chapter, VASSAR** in the amount of

\$ _____ is enclosed.

Return this form and check to:

Thomas M. Roth, III, Treasurer
1200 First Street, Apt 431
Alexandria, VA 22314

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.