



George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Newsletter



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Michael Elston Honored with NSSAR 2019 Minuteman Award

I have the distinct honor and pleasure to inform the Compatriots of the George Washington Chapter that Mike Elston was nominated and selected to receive a 2019 National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Minuteman Award. The Minuteman Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot for active and distinguished service rendered to the National Society. During the March 2019 NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, the Minuteman Committee, with committee members appointed by the NSSAR President General, announced the names of the six Compatriots selected for the 2019 Minuteman Class, with Mike Elston being one of the six Compatriots so honored. Being selected to receive a Minuteman Award represents a tremendous personal honor for Mike, the George Washington Chapter and the Virginia Society. Congratulations Mike, from all of your fellow George Washington Chapter compatriots for this well-earned and deserved recognition by the National Society.

Mike, who joined the George Washington Chapter in April 2006, has provided distinguished service to his Chapter, the Virginia Society and the SAR at large for the past 13 years. During this time, Mike has held numerous leadership



positions to include: 59th George Washington Chapter President (2013), 97th Virginia Society President (2017-2018), VASSAR National Trustee (2019), NSSAR International District (2015-2016), NSSAR Executive Committee (2016-2017), Virginia C.A.R. Senior State President (2018-2019), Vice President SAR Foundation, Inc. (2018-2021) and the George Washington Chapter National Memorial Day Parade Chairman. Mike's leadership and overall diverse accomplishments have been invaluable across the spectrum of the National Society. He is highly respected for his leadership and organizational skills, innovation and being an excellent representative of the National Society.

NSSAR President General, Warren Alter will present the award at a formal ceremony during the July 2019 NSSAR Congress in Santa Anna, CA. Mike joins George Washington Chapter compatriots Carlos Ricketson (2002), Grant Harrison (1993) and Donald Baldwin (1970) as previous recipients of this prestigious award.

Dave Thomas
President, George Washington
Chapter, SAR

President's Corner



Compatriots:

As we begin to see and enjoy the budding flowers and trees, and feel the warming temperatures of spring – we are reminded of this annual rebirth that

spring represents and the opportunities that are before us.

On March 2nd, 17 compatriots from SAR Chapter's across Northern Virginia, and a few outside the metro area, met at Mt. Vernon High School to participate as judges in the Virginia History Day, District V event. This was the single largest turnout of SAR compatriots ever in support to a VA History Day event. From the George Washington Chapter four compatriots participated as judges - Hank Foresman, Rich Sherman, David Kuhnsman and Dave Thomas.

The March 9th George Washington Chapter meeting was enjoyable and diverse. We welcomed 4 new Compatriots in to the Chapter--Adam Kincaid, Lawrence Robertson, Doug Smith and Houston Smith, and look forward to their future participation in the Chapter. As a result of performing an incredible 400 hours of volunteer service rendered to NSSAR in 2018, Compatriot Jamie Callender was presented with six NSSAR Lafayette Service Medal Oak Leaf Clusters. It should be noted that Jamie is the only Virginia Society compatriot to ever be awarded the Lafayette Service Medal for extensive services volunteered to NSSAR. Compatriot Don Reynolds received a NSSAR Flag Certificate for consistently flying Old Glory in front of his home. The certificate was presented by former Chapter President Paul Walden. Further, Compatriot Richard Rogers received his commission and rank insignia in the VASSAR First Virginia Regiment from Vice President Jay Henn. First Virginia, Captain Rogers was honored by the Virginia Society

for his contributions to the charitable funds of the Virginia Society, in particular the "Washington's Friends and Foes" fund. Additionally, Chapter Registrar Richard Sherman was awarded the Virginia State Service Medal at the 2019 VASSAR Annual Meeting in recognition of his many years of successful service as Chairman of the VASSAR Knight Essay Competition Committee. The award certificate was presented by Vice President, Jay Henn.

The guest speaker, National Park Historian, Mr. Mark Maloy delivered a very interesting talk based on his book *"Victory or Death, The Battles of Trenton and Princeton December 25, 1776 - January 3, 1777"*. Mr. Maloy presented thoughts on military strategies and the history surrounding the two battles, as well as the significance of the two victories and what it meant to the survival of the young United States.

George Washington Chapter 65th Anniversary

This April the George Washington Chapter celebrates 65 years since being chartered into the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution in April 1954. There were 14 founding members that had a vision to serve the community, represent the ideals of the SAR and to honor their Revolutionary War patriot ancestors. The first Chapter President, Robert V. H. Duncan, knew then they had to grow as a Chapter, establishing a path and remaining committed to the fundamental goals of the Chapter, the Virginia Society and the larger SAR to further interest new members, to be more engaged in performing local community service, and to actively honor our Revolutionary War patriots and present day veterans.

If the original 14 Chapter members of 65 years ago would magically appear and have the ability to see and experience the George Washington Chapter of 2019, I believe they would be amazed, proud and honored to see the matured results of the Chapter they set in motion years ago.

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George Washington Chapter March Meeting



(Left) At the 2019 State convention Chapter President Dave Thomas (L) was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman Medal by the Virginia Society in recognition of his long and highly successful service as State Registrar. Chapter Vice President Jay Henn (R) accepted the award on Dave's behalf at the State convention and presented it to him at our March Chapter Meeting.

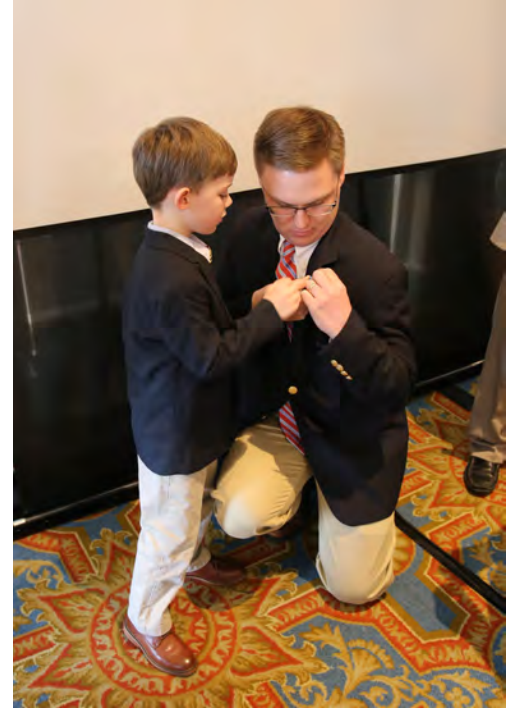
(Below) National Park Service Historian Mark Maloy was speaker for our March Chapter Meeting. He delivered a very interesting talk based on his book "Victory or Death, The Battles of Trenton and Princeton, Dec. 25, 1776-Jan. 3, 1777." He received a copy of Houdon's bust of Washington in thanks from Vice President Jay Henn.



(Right) Covert Beach (Center), Chapter Master at Arms, was entrusted by President Thomas and Vice President Henn with the awards streamers and stars in lieu of additional awards received by the George Washington Chapter at the VASSAR 2019 State Convention.

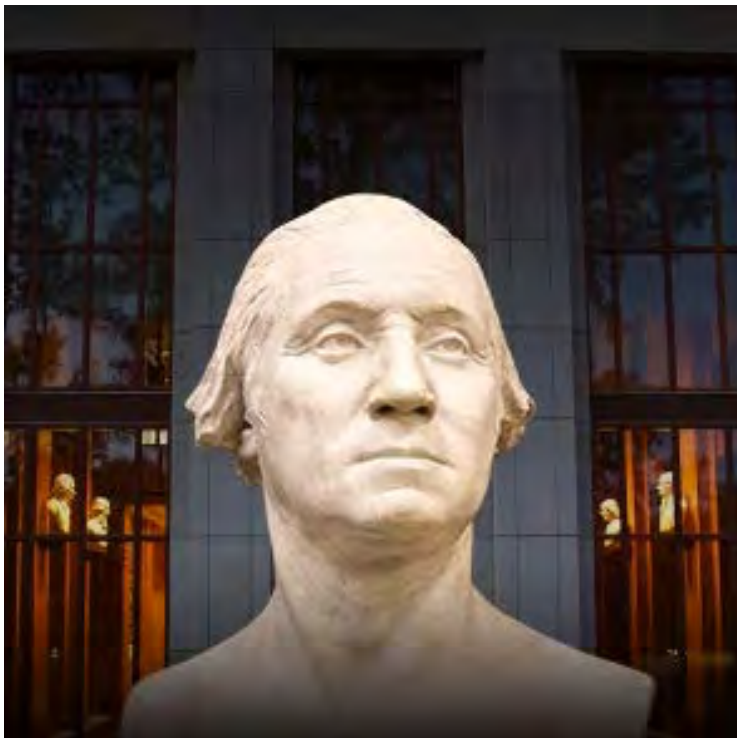


GW Meeting in March (con't)



New member Adam Kincaid was assisted in pinning on his membership rosette by his young son.

Teresa Nacario, (Center) Banquet and Catering Director at Belle Haven Country Club. received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Chapter in recognition of her help over many years in the smooth and successful running of our Chapter Meetings at Belle Haven. The Certificate was presented by President Thomas (L) and Vice President Henn (R).



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| Secretary | Richard Rankin: 703-538-5805 |
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The George Washington Chapter was chartered in its present form on April 2, 1954. With over 245 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 Meeting in March (con't)



The Chapter welcomed four new Compatriots, who were inducted at our March Meeting. They are shown above L-R -- Adam Kincaid (shown here with his son), Douglas Lee Smith, Lawrence D. Robertson, III, and Houston Charles Valentine Smith. They are flanked by Chapter Registrar Richard Sherman (L) and Chapter President Dave Thomas (R).

Last year Compatriot Jamie Callender (L) was awarded the Lafayette Volunteer Service Award by the National Society. Since that time Jamie has continued to volunteer with the National Society primarily in connection with the new Patriot Research System Database, and has accumulated approximately 400 more hours of volunteer service. At our March Meeting President Thomas (R) presented Jamie with six oak leaf clusters in lieu of additional awards of the Lafayette Award.

"The National Society presents the Lafayette Volunteer Service Award to an individual for volunteer service performed at the NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, KY or other significant volunteer work as determined by the President General. The award is presented when forty (40) hours of volunteer service have been accumulated."

VASSAR Secretary and Awards Committee Chairman, Wayne Rouse, reports that Compatriot Callender is the only VASSAR member to have received the Lafayette Award.



GW Meeting in March (con't)

Compatriot Richard Rogers (now Capt. by purchase in the VASSAR First Virginia Regiment) received his commission and rank insignia in the VASSAR First Virginia Regiment from Vice President Henn (R). Captain Rogers was honored by the Virginia Society for his contributions to the charitable funds of the Virginia Society, in particular the "Washington's Friends and Foes" partnership with the George Washington Library at Mt. Vernon. President Thomas (L) joined in the presentation



Chapter Registrar Richard Sherman (Center) was awarded the Virginia State Service Medal at the 2019 State Convention in recognition of his many years of service as Chairman of the Virginia State Knight Essay Competition Committee. V-P Henn (R) accepted the award on Richard's behalf at the State convention and presented it to him at our March Meeting. President Thomas (L) congratulated Compatriot Sherman on behalf of the Chapter,



Chapter Chaplain and former Chapter and VASSAR President Don Reynolds (Center) was presented with the NSSAR Flag Certificate by BOM Member and former Chapter President Paul Walden (R) in recognition of his consistent display of Old Glory at his home. President Thomas observed.



April Speaker

In line with our Chapter's efforts to increase our interactions with other SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. Chapters and Societies, as our April speaker we welcome Holly Lynne McKinley Schmidt, who will be sharing her many experiences with the "ins and outs" of SAR/DAR/C.A.R. cooperation.

Holly Lynne is winding down a three-year term as Virginia DAR State Historian where she completed the task of digitizing and syncing the Virginia State Society records with National Headquarters records, and found several ways to maintain the history of Virginia DAR for years to come. She is also serving as the National Vice Chair of DAR Leadership Training-Webinars; is an Honorary Chapter Regent; current Chapter Parliamentarian; and was honored as the 2015 National Outstanding Junior. Her DAR service also includes multiple State and Chapter Chairmanships, many club-level offices, and 18 years of paging experience.

Holly Lynne is also a Senior National Honorary Vice President of the National Society Children of the American Revolution and is the Senior National Chairman for the Information Technology Committee. She has previously served on the national level as Senior National Recording Secretary, Senior National Registrar, and Senior National Librarian. A member of the C.A.R. Alumni Foundation, Holly Lynne is a C.A.R. Life Promoter and both an Honorary State President and Honorary Senior State President of the Virginia Society C.A.R.

As a proud SAR wife and daughter, she has served the SAR in many support roles over the last 20 years. She is a recipient of the Silver and Bronze SAR-C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation, Molly Pitcher, SAR Ladies' Service, Silver and Bronze Good Citizenship, Daughters of Liberty, and Gold SAR Medal of Appreciation Medals.

She is a Sapphire Patron of the Rumbaugh SAR Orations contest, where her father, Larry McKinley, provided nearly 25 years of dedicated service at the National level.



Beyond lineage organizations, she is the English Handbell Choir director for two choirs at her church and serves on the Worship committee. Holly Lynne is an information security policy and cyber defense consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in Northern Virginia, currently serving the Intelligence Community market. She is a bachelor's graduate of Virginia Tech and holds Masters degrees from Johns Hopkins University and West Virginia University in IT and Legal Studies.

In Memoriam--

Compatriot **Rodney Hayes Lovdal**, from Falls Church, VA, was born in Superior, Wisconsin and raised in Minnesota and Indiana. In 1948 he enlisted in the US Navy and spent his enlisted service in the Submarine Force. Rod was commissioned in the Regular Navy in 1956 and served on several ships, overseas assignments, and shore stations until his retirement in 1975. After Navy retirement he worked in the private sector and the Federal Government. Compatriot Rod Lovdals' membership in the SAR is based on his bloodline descent from Patriot Moses Hayes. During the Revolution Moses Hayes provided supplies and waggonage in Augusta County, Virginia.

Revolutionary War Patriots of the George Washington Chapter

During 2019 the Chapter is placing more focus on honoring Revolutionary War patriots, and there's no better way to honor these men than to read the Patriot Biographies submitted by Chapter Members. Take a moment to read the Patriot Biographies of **Major William Lewis**, **Private Zerubbabel Hunnewell** and **Private Robert Hendry**, thus honoring their memories and service. If you wish to read more Patriot Biographies, they can be found on the George Washington Chapter website: www.gwsar.org -- under Honoring/Patriot Biographies.

Major William Lewis (1750-1812) was born in Ireland about 1750. He married Mary John on 10 Jun 1770 probably in Loudoun County, Virginia. During the Revolution, Patriot Lewis served as a Captain under Brigadier General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg and fought at Brandywine Bridge (11 Sep 1777) and Germantown (8 Oct 1777). He was at Valley Forge (Winter 1777-78) and fought as part of General Greene's Division at Monmouth, New Jersey (July 1778) and later the same year with General Putnam's Division on the North River. He was at Middlebrook, New Jersey (Winter 1778-79). He was promoted to Major on 12 May 1779 and attached to the 10th Virginia Regiment under Colonels Edward Stevens, John Green and William Davies. In the latter part of the year, he was attached to the command of General Benjamin Lincoln at Charleston. After a siege of about 6 weeks, Lincoln surrendered to Sir Henry Clinton and William Lewis became a prisoner of war. Clinton had about 9,000 men while Lincoln's garrison did not exceed 2,500. Patriot William Lewis remained a POW until he was released on May 1, 1783. As a Revolutionary War officer, he was awarded 1,100 acres at the Waxsaw Settlement, now Union County, South Carolina. He then moved to Washington Dist. in the NW part of the

state, later known as Pendleton County. He settled near the town of Pendleton. He died before 11 May 1812 in White County, Tennessee.

Patriot Zerubbabel Hunnewell

(1716-1803) was born in Scarborough, Cumberland County, Maine on 15 Apr 1716 to Roger Hunnewell (1676-1720) and Mary Moore (1680-1750). He married Hannah (Cobb) Swett (1712-1791) in Portland, Cumberland County, Maine on 7 Feb 1754. During the Revolution he provided patriot service by serving as a member of the Committee of Correspondence and Safety, Windham, Massachusetts, in 1776, 1777, 1778, 1780 and 1783. He died in Windham, Cumberland County, Maine on 23 Aug 1803 and was buried at the Old Anderson-Hunnewell Cemetery, Windham, Maine.

Private Robert Hendry (1752 1830) was born March 17, 1752, on the island of Arran, Scotland. He came to America about 1770 with his brothers James and William and settled in New Hanover County, NC. In 1778 he married Ann Lee of the Black River settlement. During the Revolution he served as a Soldier while living in New Hanover County. He is believed to have served under Light-Horse Harry Lee and been present at Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown. He was commissioned as Justice of the Peace of Liberty County in 1802, serving periodically until 1824. Based on his service during the Revolution he participated in the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery. He is buried at Ft. Stewart in Liberty County, Georgia.



President's Corner--from Page 2

By virtue of our distinctive location in Alexandria, VA and our wonderfully diverse Chapter membership, the George Washington Chapter has actively participated in and hosted events that are truly unique by any measure for a SAR Chapter--the George Washington Birthday Parade, the National Memorial Day Parade, the 4th of July March to the Tomb and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Mt. Vernon, NSSAR Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery and the Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Mt. Vernon. These events were not organized and do not occur by themselves, rather it is through the vision, dedication, innovation and hard work by many of our Chapter compatriots, over 65 years, that have kept these unique traditions alive over many decades. These core events represent our commitment to our forefathers, our commitment to community, our commitment to the ideals of the SAR and represent the very fabric of the George Washington Chapter itself.

The George Washington Chapter is proud to be involved with supporting our local youth, offering programs that require a knowledge of the American Revolution--Joseph H. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest, Knight Essay Contest, Sergeant Adams Brochure Contest, Eagle Scout Recognition, JROTC Recognition Program and volunteering as judges for Virginia History Day. Without exception, the George Washington Chapter's record in recognizing and presenting Public Safety Awards to Law Enforcement, EMS and Fire & Rescue officers and personnel is outstanding. Last year, 59 medals and certificates were awarded to men and women in the City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, Arlington County and Prince William County departments. Most notably recognition was extended to the Alexandria Police Officers and EMS personnel who responded to the Congressional Ballfield shooting in June of

2017. These men and women are the hero's and patriots of today. As performed over the past 65 years, the Chapter will continue to recognize and extend Public Safety Awards to our hero's and patriots in the years to come.

As I thought more about the past 65 years, it was obvious to me our Chapter membership was the most important thing to recognize and celebrate. Chapter members represent the heart of the Chapter, and through participation the Chapter has achieved success year-after-year. Over 65 years, the George Washington Chapter has had 57 different Presidents (some served twice); 11 became VASSAR Presidents; 3 NSSAR President Generals who are dual members; 4 Chapter Compatriots have received the highest form of recognition the National Society can bestow--the Minuteman Award; and our members have consistently performed at the highest levels of the Virginia Society and the National Society making a true and positive difference now and over the past 65 years. Without the faithful commitment and dedication of its hundreds of members the George Washington Chapter wouldn't be what it is today--a leader in the National Society.

As I indicated in my opening comments, spring is a time of rebirth and looking forward to the opportunities ahead. With this thought in mind, I challenge each Chapter member to look ahead and explore the possibilities of your membership--become more involved in the activities of the Chapter; take time to honor and learn more about your patriot ancestors and family lineage; consider submitting membership applications for sons, grandsons and nephews honoring and ensuring the continuance of your family heritage; submit Supplemental applications to formally recognize any Revolutionary War patriot ancestors not yet submitted in your lineage; write and/or update that Patriot Biography if not previously submitted, and consider

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Celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the George Washington Chapter

During April the George Washington Chapter will celebrate its 65th anniversary, in tribute the Chapter newsletter will have articles throughout the year focusing on the Chapter. This month, we're honoring the three George Washington Chapter compatriots who were recognized for their service to the National Society with The Minuteman Award. In addition, over the years the George Washington Chapter has had the unique honor to co-sponsor and recognize men who have served our Nation at the highest levels with the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

The Minuteman Award

"The Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a Compatriot for active and distinguished service rendered to the National Society."

During the past 65 years four George Washington Chapter compatriots have been recognized with The Minuteman Award representing the highest form of service to the National Society. It's a tremendous honor to be considered and to receive this award reflecting their hard work and personal sacrifice in service to the National Society.

- Donald Baldwin - 1970
- Grant Harrison - 1993
- Carlos Ricketson - 2002
- Mike Elston - 2019

SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal

The SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal is one of the highest recognitions that the SAR offers and can bestow on individuals who have served our Nation at its highest levels.

The George Washington Chapter has been honored to co-sponsor and recognize these true American Patriots with the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal. The presentation is so significant, that the Chapter has presented the majority of the medals at black tie gala events.

- Gen. Richard Myers, USAF (Ret.), Chairman Joint Chief of Staff
- Gen. Frederick Kroesen, USA (Ret.), Vice Chairman Joint Chief of Staff
- Gen. Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.), Chairman Joint Chief of Staff
- Edwin Meese, III, former U.S. Attorney General
- Gen. Eric Shinseki, USA (Ret.), Secretary Veteran Affairs
- Gen. Earl Anderson, USMC (Ret.)
- Hon. Antonin Scalia, Associate Supreme Court Justice

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

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visiting one or both of the American Revolutionary War Museums near us, as well as other historical sites of interest during the summer to further honor our Revolutionary War patriots of the past and our veterans of today. These are all forms of participation as a member of the George Washington Chapter.

Please join me in celebrating and recognizing the 65th Anniversary of one of the most respected and unique Chapters in the entire National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution--the George Washington Chapter.

Thank you,

Dave Thomas

President

George Washington Chapter

Suggestions for Luncheon Speakers?

Are there specific topics that you would be interested in hearing more about from our luncheon speakers? Do you have specific individuals in mind that would be of interest to the Chapter membership? Are you aware of historical or other organizations that provide speakers to groups such as ours? If so, please email or call Vice President Jay Henn, who heads the Program Committee, at jaymhenn@gmail.com or (703) 447-0820 with your thoughts and suggestions. Many thanks to those who have already passed along some excellent suggestions!



Deputy Juarez Receives VASSAR Award



On March 5, John Blair of the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented Deputy Myrna Juarez with an award from the Virginia State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Deputy Juarez received the award for her efforts and response, while off duty, to a crash on I-95.

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne joined Mr. Blair, who serves as the Public Safety Awards Chair for the GW Chapter, as he presented Deputy Juarez with the award at a Sheriff's

Office staff meeting. Several of Deputy Juarez's colleagues and commanders were also present and congratulated her on her recognition.

On the morning of June 30, 2017, Deputy Juarez was driving to work when she witnessed a motor vehicle crash along I-95 near Woodbridge. She saw a car overturn and then saw a person on the road. She immediately pulled into the emergency lane and ran to the crash scene.

No other first responders were present and she could see that the victim, a man who had been ejected from the car, had a bad head injury and another passenger from the same vehicle was trying to help him. Deputy Juarez called 911 and then directed the passenger to keep pressure on the victim's head wound until medics arrived. She instructed two other passengers to try to keep traffic moving so that police and medics would not be delayed in reaching the crash scene.

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Upcoming Events

13 April–Saturday: George Washington Chapter Meeting--11:30 am

65th Anniversary Celebration

Speaker: Holly Lynne McKinley-Schmidt
State Historian, VA-DAR

Topic: SAR/DAR/C.A.R. Cooperation

Mt. Vernon Country Club

5111 Old Mill Road

Alexandria, Virginia 22309

13 April–Saturday: 276th Birthday of Thomas Jefferson (DCSSAR)--11:00 am

Jefferson Memorial
701 East Basin Drive SW
Washington, DC 20024

20 April–Saturday: Commemoration of James Monroe's 261st Birthday--10 am

Birthplace Monument Site
4460 James Monroe Highway
Colonial Beach, VA 22443

28 April–Sunday: James Monroe's 261st Birthday and Wreath Laying--11:00 am

Hollywood Cemetery
412 South Cherry Street
Richmond, VA 23220

11 May–Saturday: George Washington Chapter Meeting--11:30 am

Speaker: Andrew Och

Topic: *Unusual for Their Times--America's First Ladies*

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

11 May–Saturday: 19th Anniversary Celebration of The Raid on Martin's Station--10:00 am

Wilderness Road State Park
8051 Wilderness Road
Ewing, VA 24248

27 May–Monday: The National Memorial Day Parade

National Mall
Washington, D.C.

1 June–Saturday: 238th Commemoration of Wayne's Crossing

Loudon County Court House
Leesburg, VA

14 June 14–Friday: 10th Annual Joint C.A.R./SAR Flag Day and Flag Disposal Ceremony--Time TBD

Great Falls Freedom Memorial (*next to Great Falls Library*)
9830 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, VA 22066

14-16 June–Friday-Sunday: 2019 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution

"Women Waging War in the American Revolution"
Sheraton University City
3549 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

4 July–Thursday: 58th Annual March to Washington's Tomb and Wreath Laying at Mt. Vernon

3200 Mount Vernon Highway
Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

5-10 July–Friday-Wednesday: 129th Annual SAR Congress

Orange County Hilton
3050 Bristol Street
Cosa Mesa, California 92626

20 July–Saturday: Night at the Ballpark/ Presentation of Colors--5:50 pm

Colonel William Grayson Chapter, VASSAR
Pfitzner Stadium
7 County Complex Court
Woodbridge VA 22192

9-11 August–Friday-Sunday: Atlantic Middle States Assn. Conference

Hilton Christiana
Newark, Delaware

14 September–Saturday: George Washington Chapter Meeting - 11:30 am

Speaker/Topic: TBD
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

19-21 September–Thursday-Saturday: NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting

Brown Hotel
335 W Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

National Memorial Day Parade

Compatriots --

One of the George Washington Chapter's hallmark events for the year is fast approaching, the annual National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. The Monday, May 27th event is our nation's largest Memorial Day event honoring our current and past men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country. The SAR is proud to be marching in this event along Constitution Avenue witnessed by hundreds of thousands of fellow citizens paying tribute to those who have served.

To participate in this wonderful event, it will be necessary for all participants to fill out and submit an "Agreement of Release" form (*Provided on Page 17*). This form must be submitted before Friday, May 10, 2019. Once filled out, please mail the form (1 for each person) to:

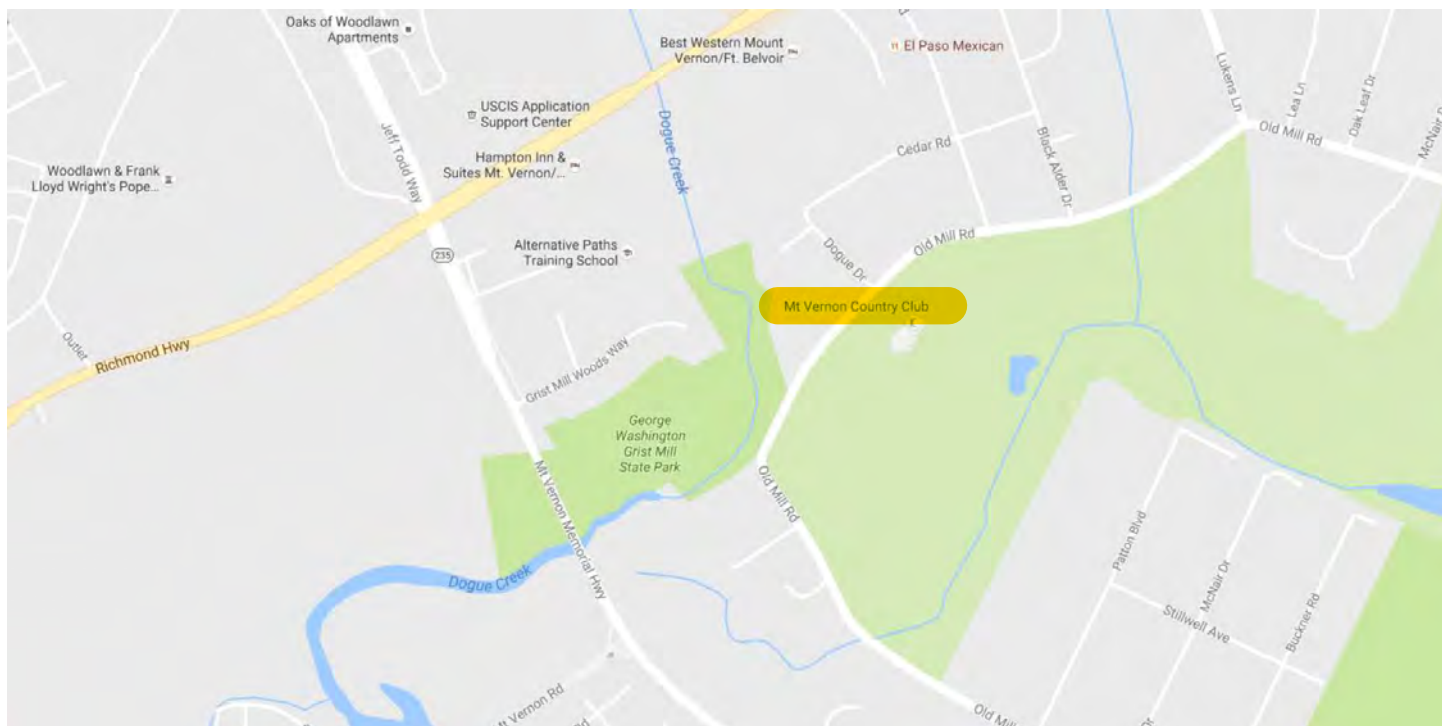
Michael J. Elston
16094 Olmstead Lane
Woodbridge, VA 22191

This is an exciting and patriotic event to honor those who have served our country from the American Revolution to the present day. Please consider joining the parade with your fellow SAR compatriots from SAR Chapter's across and outside the Washington Metropolitan Area. More details will be provided closer to the parade date.

Thank you.

Mt. Vernon Country Club Directions

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



Update on April Meeting

As highlighted in the February newsletter, April 2nd will mark the 65th anniversary of the chartering of the George Washington Chapter by the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR). Please join us for our next Chapter meeting on Saturday, April 13th at the **Mount Vernon Country Club** in Alexandria to help us properly recognize this notable milestone. **(Please note that this is a change in location!)**

To help us celebrate, we will be joined by VASSAR 2nd Vice President Jeff Thomas, who will bring greetings on behalf of newly-elected VASSAR President Pete Davenport. Claire Bennett, Regent of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution will be in attendance to bring greetings from our "sister" DAR Chapter. We are also delighted to welcome representatives from many of our other area DAR Chapters including Mount Vernon, John Alexander, and Freedom Hill.

Your Chapter officers are busy at work, trying to make this a memorable meeting featuring a slide show, commemorative program, decorated cake and champagne toasts. We may even have a Revolutionary-era fifer in attendance to accompany us in the singing of "Happy Birthday".

Please come and see!

Juarez--from Page 11

She checked again on the victim, grabbing his hand and telling him to squeeze hers. The victim was unresponsive and when Virginia State Police arrived, Deputy Juarez informed the trooper that the victim was not alert. The trooper gave Deputy Juarez gloves, and she also applied pressure to the victim's head injury. Once EMS arrived on the scene, medics took over treatment and had the victim airlifted to Inova Fairfax Hospital. Despite the efforts of physicians, medics, Deputy Juarez and a passenger, the victim did not survive.

Even though she was off-duty, Deputy Juarez never hesitated to take action and did her best to help a critically-injured crash victim.

VOLUNTEER FOR CONGRESS 2020

As many of you have heard, the Virginia Society is hosting the Sons of the American Revolution National Congress in 2020, to be held in Richmond next July. This is a great honor and opportunity for Virginia, and as you might imagine will require a lot of support from SAR Chapters and members throughout the Commonwealth. If you are interested in volunteering to help make the 2020 Congress a success, please contact Vice President Jay Henn at jaymhenn@gmail.com



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**2020 NSSAR CONGRESS
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FRIDAY 10 JULY THROUGH THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020



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**NATIONAL MEETINGS, BANQUETS, AWARDS, EVENTS
LOCAL TOURS OF YORKTOWN, JAMES RIVER PLANTATIONS,
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (PATRICK HENRY'S SPEECH)
SHOCKOE CEMETERY (CREDIT TOWARDS GRAVE MARKING MEDAL)
AND STATE CAPITOL**

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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

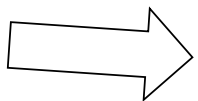


THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

AGREEMENT OF RELEASE for the SAR UNIT

DUE BY MAY 10, 2019

Please do not fax or email the completed release



Return completed, signed form by U.S. Mail to this address:

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

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 27, 2019. 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 _____ E-Mail Address _____

Name of Organization _____ National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date _____ Signature _____

NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



George Washington



George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR

Luncheon Meeting Reservation Form

Chapter Meeting: 11:30 a.m., **Saturday, April 13, 2019**

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

April 2nd will mark the **65th Anniversary** of the chartering of the George Washington Chapter. Please join us for our next Chapter meeting on Saturday, April 13th to help us properly celebrate this notable milestone. **NOTE the new Venue.**

Our special guest and keynote speaker will be Holly Lynne McKinley-Schmidt, currently completing a three-year term as State Historian of the Virginia DAR. Holly is a nationally recognized leader in the DAR and the C.A.R. She will be speaking to us about her experiences with – and the importance of – cooperation between the SAR, DAR, and C.A.R.

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 **Monday, April 8th**, 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 13, 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.