



George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Newsletter



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VASSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal

On Saturday, November 9th the George Washington Chapter had 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 was 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 was honored and recognized by the SAR Virginia Society for his distinguished military service to the United States. Currently, General Sullivan is the Executive Director of the Army Historical Foundation, playing a

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(Above) Award Presentation (Left to Right) Joe Dooley, Dave Thomas, General Sullivan, Pete Davenport.



General Sullivan & Award.

Mike Elston, here delivering closing remarks, served as Master of Ceremonies for the Gala.

President's Corner



Compatriots:

We are well into the fall season with colder nights and shorter days, the talk of snow in our area is becoming more frequent, and will soon be experienced. With

Thanksgiving now behind us, we are now looking forward to the holiday season and the beginning of a New Year. The thoughts of family, friends, gatherings and the blessings of this time of year are to be enjoyed and cherished. A sincere Happy Holiday's to all.

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On Veterans Day, November 11th – the George Washington Chapter, in collaboration with the VADAR Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, conducted its annual ceremony in honor to all Veterans in front of General George Washington's Tomb. Mrs. Laurel Wessman, USN (Commander - Ret.) Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, VADAR and Mr. Rand Pixa, USN (Captain - Ret.), George Washington Chapter, VASSAR presented the wreath at

the tomb. The VASSAR Color Guard provided the impressive pomp and circumstance during the event. With compatriot Don Francisco playing the National Anthem and patriotic music during the ceremony.

Later on Veterans Day, compatriots Paul Walden and Dave Thomas went to the Sunrise at Mt. Vernon Senior Living Center to participate in a ceremony to present Certificates of Appreciation and flag lapel pins to 12 veterans – 2 of whom served in WWII. Rev. Thomas Costa and his wife Susan also participated in recognizing and honoring these veterans, with all having a good time.

On November 16th, the Chapter honored 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. The event was on a cold and very blustery day, with several SAR Chapter's and five VADAR Chapter's paying their respects. With the VASSAR Color Guard presenting the colors and respective honors. It should be noted that compatriot Robert Duncan was the founding President of the George Washington Chapter in 1954.

On a more somber note, the George Washington Chapter has been informed of the recent passing of compatriots Richard Abell, Walter Barbee, Richard Gilliland and Maurice Gilliland. The Chapter's sincere condolences have been expressed to each of the family's, and a Memorial Biography of each compatriot has been posted to the Chapter's website under Honoring Chapter Compatriots.

At the November 9th Chapter meeting, a vote was held on the election of the following individuals to perform as 2020 George Washington 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. A

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President's Corner (Con't)

voice vote was performed by compatriot Don Reynolds of the Nomination Committee and all nominees were elected without exception.

With regard to Chapter business, it's that time of year again for Chapter members to renew their membership in the Chapter by submitting their 2020 dues by year's end. For those compatriots who have already submitted their dues – thank you! For those who have yet to submit their 2020 dues please do so to Tom Roth, Chapter Treasurer by year's end. If you should have any questions do let Tom or I know soonest.

Looking forward, on December 14th is the joint George Washington and George Mason Chapter meeting where the 2020

Chapter Officers will be installed for both Chapter's by VASSAR President Pete Davenport, and then consider going to the Virginia Society Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA on February 7th – 9th, and then consider joining your fellow compatriots by marching in the George Washington Birthday Parade in Alexandria, VA on February 17th.

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 Holiday season and safe travels.

*Thank you,
Dave Thomas
President
George Washington Chapter*

Gold Medal (Con't)

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 were in attendance. Arrangements were made with the Military District of Washington to honor General Sullivan and gala attendees with the Presentation of the Colors by U.S. Army Continental Color Guard, and the playing of patriotic music by the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" Brass Quintet. The Master of Ceremonies was George Washington Chapter's own Mike Elston, who hosted the gala event to the 77 guests in attendance. VASSAR President, Peter Davenport, SAR Past-President General, Joe Dooley and George Washington Chapter President, Dave Thomas presented the Gold Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to General Sullivan.



General Sullivan with the Army Color Guard.



Left--William Ritchie, Tom Roth, Ralph Lewis



Right--(L-R)--Paul Walden, Gene Thomas and Amanda Thomas.

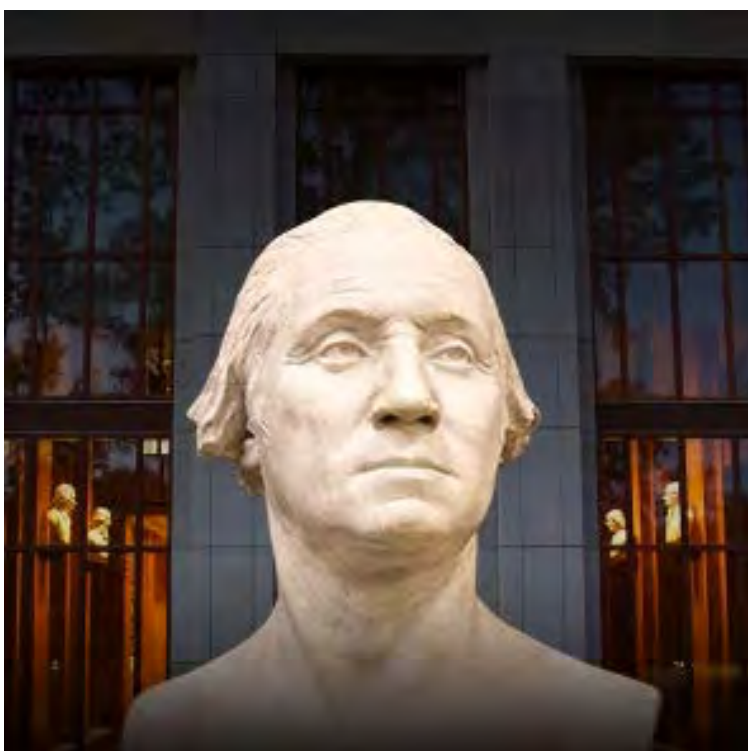
November Meeting of the George Washington SAR Chapter



George Washington Chapter President Dave Thomas presents the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to George Washington Past President Paul Walden, George Washington Treasurer Tom Roth and George Washington Secretary Richard Rankin.



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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 November Meeting (con't)



George Washington Chapter President Dave Thomas presents--(Top Left)--GW Registrar Rich Sherman with VASSAR Certificate of Appreciation. (Top Right)--GW Vice President Jay Henn with Distinguished Service Medal. (Left)--John Blair with Meritorious Service Medal and (Bottom Left)--Jamie Callender (GW Webmaster) with the Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal.



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GW Chapter November Meeting (con't)



Clockwise from above left--New compatriots Jeffrey McCoy (Mrs. McCoy on his right) and Don Francisco; Jack Coulter updating the Wreaths Across America program; Vice President Jay Henn presenting Certificate of Appreciation to November speaker Kevin Butterfield; President Thomas presenting his wife Carole, with the Lydia Darragh Medal.

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Two very different descendants of Revolutionary Patriots, and the bonds that bring us all together!

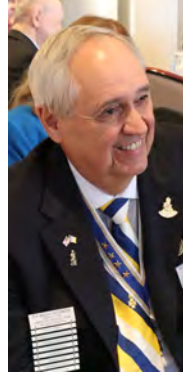
From Compatriot Roy Hutchinson--

Past-President of the Harry S. Truman Chapter in Independence, MO. Served as Secretary and Sgt. of Arms of the same chapter -- in the Color Guard and a Fifer also.

In 2016, my wife and I were visiting her relatives in Washington D.C. We went to visit Mt. Vernon's July 4th celebration and fireworks display. When we arrived we discovered there was a fifer demonstration about American Revolution music, and made that our first stop. My wife of 49 years, Kathy, who I love dearly, walks up to the fifer, Don Francisco and says, "My husband can play the fife." Don says, "Oh, really? We will have to get him up here."

The next thing I know I am standing in front of the July 4th crowd at Mt. Vernon with an Old Guard fifer and am trying to squeak out any sound at all. It was horrible, when Don jumped in and saved me. We, well he, sounded great.

Afterwards we exchanged contact info and we became friends on Facebook, where I followed Don for a while and loved watching his interaction with the tourists and working with the children. One day he posted some test results from an Ancestry DNA test he had taken. Since my hobby is genealogy, I offered to research his family if he would like, not knowing what I was about to get into. His family had been in the Avoyelles Parish, LA for generations. I was able to trace his family back to Edgard Francisco, b. 1853. Edgard had married Josephine Normand, daughter of Gibb Normand. And that was it. I hit a wall and thought I would try the other direction and did a quick search for the surnames Normand and Francisco in the DAR System. I got a hit for a Jean Pierre Normand from Avoyelles Parish, LA. I could hardly believe it, a Revolutionary Patriot from Louisiana? Could this connect to Don's 2nd Great Grandfather Gibb Normand? Jean Pierre Normand, b. 27 March 1742,

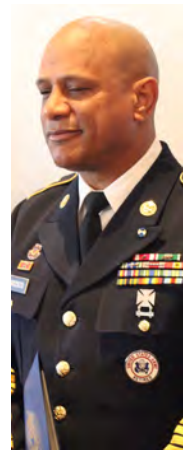


Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Died 20 October 1824 at Normand's Landing, Avoyelles Parish, LA. Buried: Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Cemetery, Avoyelles Parish, LA. Military Service: First Co., German Coast Militia. Served under Governor Galvez during the capture of the British forts at Bayou Manchac and Baton Rouge, 1779.

Mark J. Normand, a descendant of Jean Pierre Normand, had published a two volume history of the Normand family. He was already a SAR member.

Clifford Normand, another descendant of the Patriot, was the SAR State Genealogist for Louisiana. A FaceBook page, *Avoyelles Parish Genealogy Research* is managed by Cathy Lemoine Sturgell, another descendant of the Patriot.

Florrita Morris, a descendant of the Patriot, had contributed greatly to Mark J. Normand's book, specifically about descendants of a woman enslaved by Prudent Normand, Aimee. Prudent was the grandson of the Patriot Jean Pierre Normand, and had children with both Aimee and with his wife, Edvise. Mark J. Normand is a descendant of Prudent and Edvise.



Angela K. Normand had posted her family tree to Ancestry.com. She is also a descendant of Aimee, but in all of this work there was no mention of Gibb Normand, Don Francisco's 2nd great grandfather--*another wall*--I resorted to DNA. As luck would have it, the SAR had only recently approved the use of Y-DNA and, fortunately, at-DNA evidence as part of a proof argument that includes additional conventional proof of the lineage.

I asked Don Francisco, Angela K. Normand and Mark J. Normand to take the Family Finder (at-DNA) test from Family Tree DNA.

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And we waited . . . The at-DNA results indicated a FTDNA Projected Relationship Range of 2nd to 4th cousin between Mark J. Normand and Don Francisco. It was a match. Angela K. Normand did not appear on Don Francisco's list of at-DNA relatives. Having an at-DNA match does prove a relationship, but not having a match does not disprove a relationship. However, in the FTDNA match list the names Cathy Lemoine Sturgell, Laurie Loesch and most importantly, Bettye Thymes Whitson also appeared as matches to Don Francisco.

I tried for a closer connection between Angela K. Normand's line and Don Francisco. I asked Angela's father, Wynnard, to take the at-DNA test--*the same results*. I then asked Wynnard Normand and Mark J. Normand to take the Y-DNA test--*another match*--and they do indeed share a common male ancestor.

An application was created for Don Francisco. The initial application was 113 pages in total. The application was submitted to the George Washington Chapter in Virginia in April 2018.

This represented quite a bit of work for the chapter genealogist, Rich Sherman, who then presented it to the State genealogist who also had to verify each item from each family line. Then the application was submitted to the National. *We waited*.

Each Thursday I would check the application status report and each Thursday Don and I would suffer great disappointment. *Time passed . . .*

An enquiry to the status in the Spring of 2019 received this reply that puts it into perspective -- "*. . . apologies for the continued delay on this application. This application and submitted documents represent what are actually eight (8) different-yet-connected lineages, triangulating into one patriot. Five (5) of these lines involve two generations of enslaved persons.*

That means verifying at least 128 people on the basic lineages (8 generations x 2 people per generation=16 people in each lineage) x 8 lines=128 people!). Most applications we

review include 12-20 people in the lineage. So between the Y-DNA, at-DNA, and traditional genealogy fact-checking, this application is proving to be considerably more complicated than the typical apps we see here in the SAR Genealogy Department. Have no fear - I am up to the challenge, but please be advised it is a laborious process."

In August 2019, Don Francisco received official notification his application for membership in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution had been accepted. *We all did the Happy Dance!!*

And it all started because of a fife and a wife.

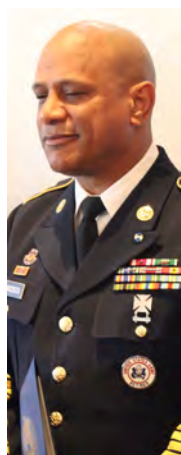
From Compatriot Don Francisco-- Random Rendezvous? I think not!

I was blessed to have served 30 years in the United States Army as a Soldier, Musician/Flutist and Fifer. After retiring from the military I would get my dream job of working at Mount Vernon as a History Interpreter and eventually Resident Fifer. I give demonstrations and classes on Music of the Revolution. Each class has some basic standard information I put out, then play it by ear with the audience by adapting and being flexible to their questions and level of musical knowledge. Sometimes I do a little time travel, music then and now. It's always a treat when I get guest musicians and historians. Hence, here's where the not so random rendezvous comes in.

Having heard of the SAR and also performing music for them on several occasions, I was honored to receive a certificate and a medal from the VSSAR. I said to myself, it sure would be nice to be a member of a professional patriotic organization like that. Then being from Louisiana and also an African American, I thought the chances were slim to none, leaning to none.

So as a History Interpreter & Resident Fifer at Mount Vernon, I meet and greet too many people to count. Some just pass by

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with a friendly wave and smile, others stop for a few minutes and we spark interesting conversations, history related and contemporary.

One day this gentleman shows up with his wife, lovely couple. The wife makes me aware that her husband is a fifer. I was very excited. I invited him up and we played a tune together. Little did I know what was in store the next two years or so. Roy and Kathy Hutchinson were to be, and still are, a blessing and encouragement to me. Roy would follow me on facebook. We would swap a few messages. He helped to digitally clean up a damaged family photo, which meant a lot. That was, and will continue to be, priceless.

We'd share some gifts through the mail like coins and a few other things Then out of the blue I had a DNA test done. Roy noticed this and immediately gave me some insight and would take it to the next level, combining it with genealogy and another DNA test, which would start a nearly year and a half to two year process approximately. Then Roy made me aware there was a possibility I was related to a Patriot, only a possibility. Well I got overly excited and ran with it. Roy told me to hold on. I had no idea of how long of a process and the paper work it involved. WOW, was I in for a surprise.

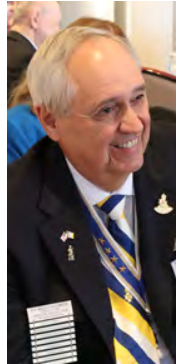
Roy also sponsored me and picked up my registration and application fees. He did the ABCD--*Above & Beyond the Call of Duty*. He was just as eager and excited for me as I was, if not more. I'm still trying to figure

out how to repay him. Therefore I want to make sure I recognize and thank him in this writing. Thank you more than you'll ever know Mr. Roy Hutchinson, friend and compatriot.

On August 16, 2019, I received my official acceptance notification letter / postcard via US Mail. I was in shock, disbelief and excitement at the same time. Who was the first one I called?--Roy. I thought I'd be breaking the news to him. He was holding out in me. He knew before I did.

So to become a member of The SAR is already special enough for me, and being in The George Washington Chapter is like the icing and cherry on the cake.

On November 9, 2019, I took the oath and received my certificate along with another newly inducted Compatriot. As President Dave Thomas, VSSAR George Washington Chapter, pinned on my Rosette, it was very emotional for both of us. I feel most welcomed and blessed. My sponsor, Compatriot Roy Hutchinson and his lovely wife Kathy, of The DAR, came up from Missouri. The timing during Veterans Day weekend couldn't have been sweeter. *So worth the wait !!!* On Monday the 11th, we would have a wreath laying ceremony at General Washington's Tomb. The DAR joined us. Roy Hutchinson joined our Color Guard. The ceremony was brief, yet very solemn and powerful. I was more than happy to provide musical support. Mission accomplished. We were also blessed with nice weather. A lovely day to celebrate our Veterans. *GOD Bless America !*



December Speaker

We are delighted to announce that George Washington Chapter Member John S. Mason, a descendant of Founding Father George Mason, will be the featured guest speaker at our December Chapter meeting (to be held jointly with the George Mason Chapter at the Mount Vernon Country Club).

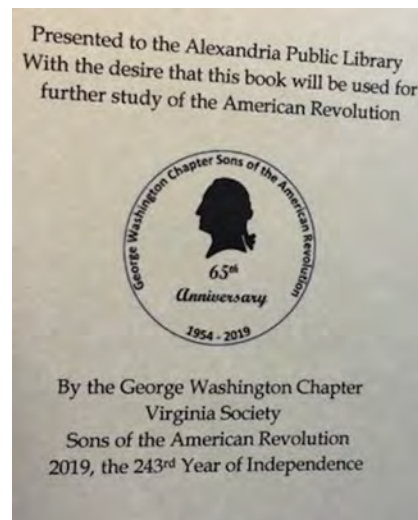
John graduated from the University of Virginia in 1962 with a Bachelor's degree in English Literature. He also has an Associate Degree, summa cum laude, from the Northern Virginia Community College, in Information Technology. He taught I.T. courses there for six years following retirement from his second career as a senior software engineer.

Earlier, John lived and worked overseas for twenty years in Latin America and Spain, as a resident manager for U.S. based insurance companies. During those years he took an active interest in local affairs and culture. Although he insists he's by no means a historian, or scholar of any sort, he does study informally the histories of both his Mason ancestors and Latin America's colonial years.

From these studies, John sees a parallel between Latin America's pre-independence era and our own. As he tells us about his Virginia ancestors, he's also going to say something about that. Please join us as John provides a family perspective on "*George Mason's Elders, and How the Americas Began*".

Revolutionary War Burial Book

On November 16, Paul Walden, Board of Managers, George Washington Chapter, presented a copy of VASSAR Compatriot Mike Lyman's book, "Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Virginia" to Librarian Mark Zoeter in the Kate Waller Barrett's Special Collections Room in Old Town Alexandria.



Bookplate from the GW Chapter



GW Chapter at Pohick Church

On November 16, 2019, the George Washington Chapter marked the graves of three chapter members interred at the Pohick Episcopal Church Cemetery in Lorton, Virginia. The three compatriots honored were Robert Armstrong, Scott Paul Crampton, and Robert V.H. Duncan. Compatriot Duncan was the founding President of the George Washington Chapter in 1954 and later served as the Virginia Society SAR President in 1960-61. His wife, Marion Moncure Duncan, was the President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1962-65. The event was opened by Chapter President David Thomas (*Below*). The Reverend Dr. Thomas A. Costa (*Right*) gave the invocation while the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution Posted Colors.



Ms. Christina Mumm, Regent of the John Alexander Chapter, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, the same chapter that Mrs. Duncan belonged to, brought greetings on behalf of the DAR. Wreaths were presented by the following Virginia SAR Chapters: George Washington, Fairfax Resolves and Williamsburg. Virginia DAR Chapters presenting wreaths were John Alexander, Kate Waller Barrett, Nellie Custis, Providence, George Mason, and Arlington House. Additionally, the Virginia SAR Second Vice President Jeff Thomas, Virginia DAR Director, Dr. Sharla Rausch, and Virginia DAR Parliamentarian, Pamela Reid, presented wreaths. George Washington President Thomas then dedicated the markers. Rev. Dr. Costa closed with a benediction.



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Alexandria, VA 22314
703.746.4114

City of Alexandria, Virginia
Sheriff's Office

Dana Lawhorne
Sheriff



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Judicial - Legal Process
520 King Street, Suite 308
Alexandria, VA 22314
703.746.4120

November 1, 2018

John Blair
Sons of the American Revolution
G.W. Chapter
2188 Jennings Street
Woodbridge, VA 22191

Dear John:

I would like to thank you for the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal you presented in recognition of achievement and dedication to the maintenance of law and order. I apologize that I was unable to attend the award program held during our General Staff Meeting on October 24th as I had committed to attend a Virginia Sheriff Institute Seminar in Virginia Beach.

The work we do in law enforcement is often gone unnoticed, therefore it makes the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal that much more rewarding when we are recognized by an organization which values integrity, dedication and commitment as much as the law enforcement community.

The friendships we form with associations both local and national are critical to maintaining law and order. We appreciate the time and effort you take to recognize the men and women of law enforcement year after year.

Sincerely,

Dana Lawhorne
Sheriff

Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections; National Commission on Correctional Health Care,
and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

Letter from Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne to GW Chapter compatriot John Blair for the recognition that was given to the men and women of the Sheriff's Department.

George Washington Chapter Honors Veterans at Assisted Living Facility

The George Washington Chapter honored 11 veterans residing at the Sunrise at Mount Vernon Assisted Living facility in Alexandria on November 11 by presenting each with a Certificate of Appreciation and Veteran's lapel pin. This is the second year the chapter has conducted this ceremony. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Costa provided the invocation, while Chapter President Dave Thomas read from Ecclesiasticus. Paul Walden provided a brief history of Veterans Day. GW President Dave Thomas then presented the certificates and pins to the veterans, four of whom were WWII veterans.



(Left to Right) Susan Costa, Paul Walden, Rev. Dr. Thomas Costa, and Dave Thomas--Susan and Paul are holding the front page of the NY Times from November 11, 1918.

Richard Bradley Gilliland Memorial Biography



The George Washington Chapter has been informed that Compatriot Richard B. Gilliland passed away in late 2018. Richard was born in Ithaca, New York on June 22, 1962, son of Maurice and Jeanene Gilliland. As a note, Maurice Gilliland was also a member of the George Washington Chapter, and unfortunately passed away on March 13, 2019 in Holly Hill, Florida. Richard worked as a network engineer for various defense firms in the Washington, D.C. area.

Richard became a member of the Chapter in July 2014, and performed as the Chapter's newsletter editor shortly after joining. As editor, Richard was recognized and received multiple *(Cont't on Next Page)*

Upcoming Events

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

February 17, 2020–Monday: Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Amer. Revolution-11:00 am
Old Presbyterian Meeting House
321 S. Fairfax Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

February 17, 2020–Monday: George Washington Birthday Parade-1:00 pm
Details: TBD
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

March 14, 2020–Saturday: George Washington Chapter Meeting- 11:30 am
Speaker: TBD
Belle Haven Country Club
6023 Fort Hunt Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

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awards from the Virginia Society for his work as the Chapter's newsletter editor. In addition, Richard was recognized for his service by GW Chapter President Ernie Coggins, receiving the Meritorious Service Medal. Also, when time permitted, Richard was a member of the Chapter's Color Guard participating at various Chapter grave markings and ceremonies.

Richard was very proud of his family's lineage and involvement in the American Revolution. Richard joined under Patriot Charles Powell who served as a Private in the Virginia Militia. Richard further supported the SAR memberships of his father Maurice Gilliland under Patriot William McFerrin, and his brother Robert Gilliland and nephew Joseph Gilliland both under Patriot Charles Powell.





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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, December 14, 2019

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

Please join us at the December Chapter meeting as VASSAR President Peter Davenport installs the 2020 officers from both the George Washington and George Mason SAR Chapters. **Please note the change in venue.** Also, Mount Vernon requires earlier notification, so please make your reservations by Monday, December 9. We will also have the pleasure of an address by George Washington Chapter member, John S. Mason. John Mason is a direct descendant of founding father George Mason IV. He will be speaking to us about his 18th century ancestors from a family perspective. Compatriot Mason worked for many years in Latin America and will also be discussing some parallels he sees between Latin America's Independence era and our own.

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, December 9th**, 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:

(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

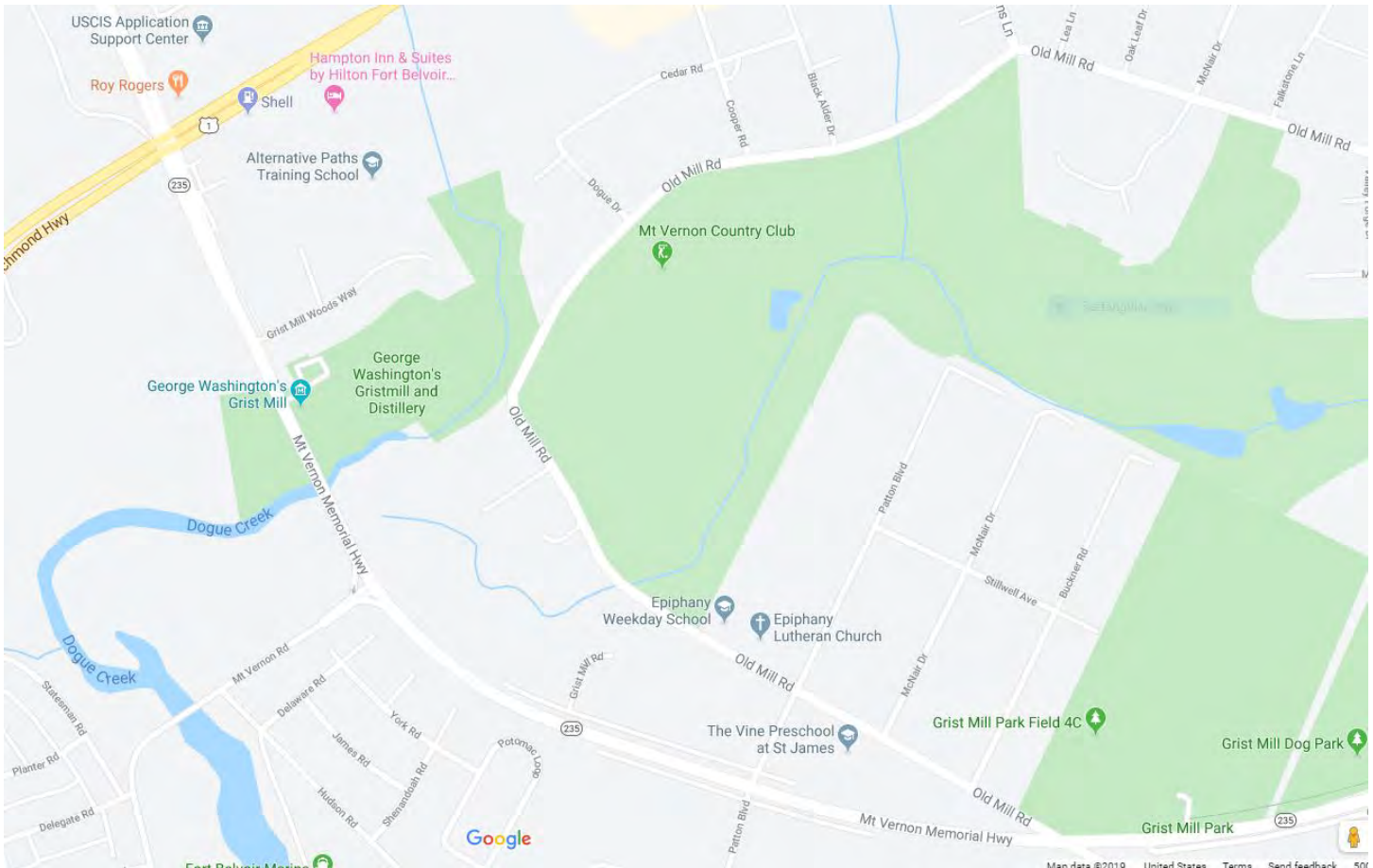
\$ _____ is enclosed.

Return this form and check to:

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

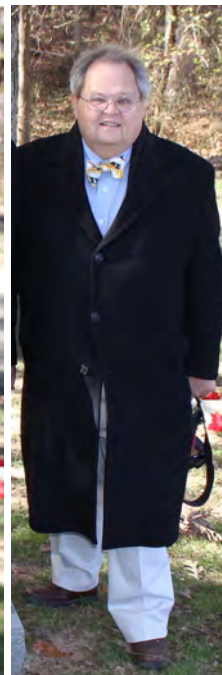
Check-in and social begin at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be called to order at 12:00 noon and is typically concluded by 2:30 p.m.

Directions to Mt. VernonCountry Club



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.

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Past, Present and Future George Washington SAR Presidents.

Robert Duncan was the founding President of the George Washington Chapter in 1954. At the Grave Marking (Left to Right) Dave Thomas, President; Paul Walden, Past President; Jay Henn, Incoming President; Ernie Coggins, Past President and Tom Roth, Future President.