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GW Chapter Receives Top Awards At the 124th National Congress!



Left: President General Joseph W. Dooley (a dual member of the GW Chapter) presiding at a business session of the 124th National Congress.

Right - From L to R: Immediate Past President Michael J. Elston with the SAR Magazine Award; Past President Robert F. Carr with the Liberty Bell Americanism Award certificate; Secretary Ernest B. Coggins Jr. with the Liberty Bell Americanism Award streamer; Vice President Dwight Whitney with the PG's Activities Award certificate; Treasurer Gregory O. Bodge with the PG's Activities Award streamer; and the new Treasurer General of the SAR, J. Michael Tomme of the Georgia Society, a dual member of the GW Chapter.

53rd ANNUAL GEORGE WASHINGTON CELEBRATION AT MOUNT VERNON



Upcoming Chapter Meetings

September 20: A chapter meeting will take place in conjunction with the VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting. The chapter meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Dominion Room of the Hyatt Fair Lakes Hotel in Fairfax, Virginia.

October 11: Chapter meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.

November 8: Chapter meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country

Events Information

September 17-23: National celebration of *Constitution Week*.

October 19: *Yorktown Day*, historic Yorktown and Yorktown Battlefield.

President's Corner



My fellow compatriots, during May, our monthly chapter meeting featured a short program and lunch at Belle Haven Country Club. We were pleased to award the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Sergeant Joseph Pankey and then we were off to the Fred W. Smith National Library for

the Study of George Washington for a private tour. We had a great turn out for the library tour, and I would highly encourage those members who were not in attendance to visit the library – it is truly impressive!

Highlights of our activities during late spring and the summer are presented below:

May: We hosted the Memorial Day Parade once again this year, and for the first time we offered the new Dooley-Carr-Elston Medal to any SAR member who attended the Parade. On May 31st, just a few days after the Memorial Day Parade, the District of Columbia Society SAR sponsored a dedication at the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C. of a grave marker honoring Thomas Tudor Tucker, Son of Bermuda, Patriot, Physician, and Treasurer of the United States. The honored guest was PG Joe Dooley. Additionally, our very own immediate GW Chapter past president and VASSAR Third Vice President, Michael J. Elston, Esq., who is also the Co-Director of the SAR-DAR-C.A.R. Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Program, was one of three guest speakers.

June: Ernie Coggins represented our chapter at the 2014 SAR Conference on the American Revolution Women in the Era of the American Revolution which was held in Williamsburg, Virginia on June 20-22.

July: We had a great time on July 4th, when we conducted our 53rd annual wreath laying at the tomb of General George Washington at Mount Vernon. At 10 a.m., the VASSAR Color Guard led us down the bowling green to the tomb grove. We were honored to have both our VASSAR President, Bill Broadus, and the Regent of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the DAR, Penny Kales, in attendance, and as a special guest, Hayley Snowden, the winner of the VASSAR Rumbaugh Orations Contest. Hayley gave her winning oration to the large crowd that had assembled in the grove. Following the tomb grove

ceremony and the wreath laying, each SAR member presented a carnation at General Washington's tomb. General Frederick Kroesen, USA (Ret.), Colonel Paul Briggs, USMC (Ret.), and VASSAR President Bill Broadus presented the wreath. The Baldwin-Jones-Tabb medal was awarded to SAR members attending for the first time.

The SAR National Congress took place in Greenville, South Carolina from July 18 through 23. Amazingly, our chapter won two of the three highest NSSAR awards presented to a chapter. We won both the Liberty Bell Americanism Award (200+ members) for best implementing SAR resolutions and principles and the President General's Activities Award (200+ members) for most complete practice of implementing SAR programs and resolutions! In addition, the Virginia Society SAR Knight Essay winner, Elizabeth Lilly sponsored by the Norfolk Chapter, also won the SAR National Contest (fourth time in a row for Virginia!) and received her monetary award and medal at the National Congress Youth Awards Luncheon.

August: Following the National Congress, Ernie Coggins attended the 2014 Atlantic Middle States Conference hosted by the Maryland Society on August 8th through 10th. This district meeting allows SAR members to meet other members from nearby states – and earns 10 points for the chapter per member attending.

Shifting to upcoming activities, there are a number of Fall events on tap that I encourage you to attend.

In September, please note that we will not be holding our regular chapter meeting at Belle Haven. Instead, we will hold an informal chapter meeting at the VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 20th at the Hyatt Fair Lakes Hotel in Fairfax, Virginia. It will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Dominion Room of the hotel. I highly encourage our members to attend both the VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting and our chapter meeting. The registration form for the VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting is attached to this newsletter. Also, please RSVP our chapter treasurer Greg Bodge by September 6th to indicate that you will be attending our informal meeting.

Sunday, October 19, 2014 is *Yorktown Day*, a truly outstanding event, complete with wreath laying, a parade, a presentation at the Yorktown monument and lunch. If you attend both the wreath laying at Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr.'s tomb and the parade, our chapter will receive points for both events.

We will continue our tradition again this year of organizing the President General's wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. It will take place after our regular chapter meeting on Saturday, November 8th. Our new President General, Lindsey Brock, will be presiding. A few days later on November 11th, we will once again hold our joint SAR-DAR Veterans Day wreath laying event at General Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon.

Vice President Whitney has two outstanding Fall speakers lined up. In our October chapter meeting, Christian M. McBurney, an author, will be presenting "Kidnapping the Enemy: The Special Operations to Kidnap Generals Charles Lee and Richard Prescott" and then at our November chapter meeting, Marc Leepson, also an author, will speak on "Francis Scott Key and the War of 1812".

I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Scott Wagoner

President

The George Washington Chapter was chartered in its present form on April 2, 1954. With over 275 members, it is Virginia's largest SAR chapter. Meetings are held at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month (June, July & August excepted) at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

Present officers are:

President: Scott Wagoner 571-239-3221
Vice President: Dwight Whitney 540-349-2375
Secretary: Ernie Coggins 703-241-2807
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Registrar: Paul Walden 703-347-9770

Immediate Past President:

Mike Elston, 703-680-0866

This monthly newsletter is edited by Richard Gilliland. Inputs from chapter officers, committee chairmen, and fellow compatriots are always needed. Please send your inputs and comments to rg62@live.com or call 202-870-3762.

Chapter Patriot Ancestor, Josiah Hendon

Grave-Marking Ceremony

Paul Walden of the George Washington Chapter, helped plan a grave-marking ceremony for one of his Patriot Ancestors, Josiah Hendon, on May 3, 2014 in Elizabethtown, North Carolina. The North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution and the Battle of Elizabethtown Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution co-hosted the event. The ceremony began at the Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church then moved to the gravesite for the installation of the SAR Patriot grave marker (photo below). Approximately 50 people attended the event, including several of his descendants who still reside in the area. The event was covered in the *Bladen Journal* as well. Patriot Hendon was a private in the N.C. Militia and later a captain in the Bladen County Regiment. He was present at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, which was the first large engagement of the Revolutionary War in North Carolina.



Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report, nine new member applications and seven supplemental applications were submitted. Eleven new members and four supplemental applications were approved.

Below is a summary of the applications that were approved and submitted since the last Registrar's Report. The applications are listed in the approximate order in which they were approved or submitted.

New Member Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Robert James Allen	Demas Worrell
David Michael Callender	Phillip Callender
Eric Thomas Callender	Phillip Callender
Thomas E. Carnell	Alexander Sleeth Jr
Brett Michael Decker	Luke Decker
Richard Bradley Gilliland	Charles Powell, Sr
Michael Patrick Kane	Elnathan Wilson
Johnathan Victor Lyreman	Samuel Shelton
Stephen Paul Markle	Gad Corse
Kevin Brown McCandlish	Thomas Brown
Andrew Heath Mills	John Knight

New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Garner Ray Bennett	Archibald Barron
Thomas Andrew Ficarra	William Huff (Hough)
John Darwin Martin	John Van Doren
Michael Dennis Nugent	Willoughby Nugent
Kenneth Edward Nugent	Willoughby Nugent
Daniel Andrew Nugent	Willoughby Nugent
Brian Martin Senior	Francis McCorkle
Stephen Valentine Senior	Francis McCorkle
Clinton Dale Trial	John Turner

Supplemental Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Walter John Blair	William Hooe
Benjamin Barton Rudisill	Armistead Shelton
Paul Ashley Walden	Richard Jacob
Paul Ashley Walden	Edward Davies

Supplemental Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Isaac Gregory Bodge	Lot Colby
Isaac Gregory Bodge	Samuel Colby
Gregory Ormand Bodge	Moses Hadley
Isaac Gregory Bodge	Moses Hadley
Andrew Heath Mills	James Mills
Thomas Mosser Roth	Henry Jarboe
David John Stringfellow	James Board

Paul Walden

Registrar



From the Editor

I am honored to take on the role as newsletter editor and look forward to interacting with all of my fellow compatriots in order to make this newsletter useful and interesting. Please submit stories, photos and suggestions to me at rg62@live.com. I will do my best to include them in future issues.

New Members

Stephen D. MacLeod



Compatriot Stephen D. MacLeod was born and raised in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

He received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston,

Massachusetts. He later received a MBA from Central Michigan University.

Steve is currently a Senior Defense Analyst with HQ USAF Test & Evaluation Directorate in the Pentagon where he has worked for the last 9 years as a support contractor. Prior to his current position Steve served 27 years in the military initially in the Army and then Air Force retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He and wife Pam recently celebrated 2 years of marriage and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

Steve's membership in Society is based on decent from Patriot Rudolph Van Hoevenburgh, who during the Revolution served as an Ensign and Lieutenant in the 2nd & 4th New York regiments. He was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

DID YOU KNOW?

Philadelphia upholsterer Betsy Ross is the reason that the United States has five-pointed stars on its flag instead of six-pointed ones. When George Washington and the secret committee organized to create the flag visited Ross in June 1776, Ross objected to the design because the six-pointed star was commonly employed in English heraldry. She demonstrated the ease of making the new five-pointed star by folding a piece of paper and creating the star with a single scissor snip.

Source – Lindsey Galloway, "The Signs Still Point to Ross," *U.S. News & World Report*, 14 August 2006.

September Dates in History *American Revolutionary War*

September 16, 1776: Battle of Harlem Heights where Washington's army repulses British attack.

September 26, 1776: Congress appoints Jefferson, Franklin, and Silas Deane to negotiate European treaties. Franklin and Deane go to France seeking financial and military aid.

September 11, 1777: General Washington defeated at Brandywine.

September 14, 1778: Benjamin Franklin appointed American representative in France.

September 3 - October 28, 1779: American defeat at Savannah.

September 27, 1779: John Adams is appointed to negotiate peace with England.

September 23, 1780: Plans discovered indicating Benedict Arnold intends to turn traitor and surrender West Point. Benedict Arnold joins the British.

September 5-8, 1781: The French fleet of Admiral de Grasse is victorious. Cornwallis cut off from any retreat by sea.

September 6, 1781: Benedict Arnold leads troops who burn the port of New London, Connecticut.

September 14-24, 1781: Admiral De Grasse sends ships up the Chesapeake Bay to transport the American armies to Yorktown.

September 28, 1781: Siege of Yorktown begins.

September 3, 1783: The Treaty of Paris is signed by the United States and Great Britain.

Source – www.datesandevents.org

2014 Summer Events



Left Top: President Scott Wagoner gives keynote address at the 53rd Annual Independence Day Celebration at Mount Vernon

Left Middle: SAR members including the VASSAR Color Guard attending the dedication ceremony at the grave of patriot Thomas Tudor Tucker.

Left Bottom: Vice President Dwight Whitney hosts our 53rd Annual George Washington Celebration in front of George Washington's tomb at Mount Vernon

Center Top: Preparing for the Memorial Day Parade with President General Joe Dooley.

Center Middle: Grave markers for patriot Thomas Tudor Tucker.

Center Bottom: Members of the GW Chapter and the VASSAR Color Guard at the George Washington Celebration at Mount Vernon.

Right Top: Compatriots at the Memorial Day Parade

Right Center: Vice President Whitney congratulates guest speaker Hayley Snowden, Virginia's Oration Contest winner, at the Mount Vernon ceremony on Independence Day.

Right Bottom: The procession to the Tomb Grove at Mount Vernon on Independence Day.

Highlights of the May Chapter Meeting



Left: Brig. Gen. Paul D. Wagoner, USAF (Ret.) presents the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Sergeant Joseph Pankey of the Alexandria Sheriff's Department at our May chapter meeting



Right: GW Chapter President Scott Wagoner and Registrar Paul Walden induct our newest member, Stephen D. MacLeod, at our May chapter meeting

VASSAR Presidential Initiative Grave Marking Ceremony



Left: Treasurer Greg Bodge presents the George Washington Chapter wreath.

Right: Monument identifying Revolutionary War patriots and 1812 service members buried at Dumfries.

On June 4th, VASSAR, in a joint ceremony with the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 dedicated a monument to patriots of the Revolution and the War of 1812 buried in the Historic Dumfries Cemetery. Greg Bodge and Ernie Coggins attended. Greg presented the GW Chapter's wreath. Also represented were Virginia Society United States Daughters of the War of 1812 and the Prince William Resolves Chapter, DAR.

Future Events 2014

September 17: Constitution Day at Montpelier, Orange, Virginia. †

September 19-20: VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, Hyatt Fair Lakes, Fairfax, Virginia.

September 20: Our Chapter Meeting will take place at the site of the Semi-Annual Meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Dominion Room of the Hyatt Fairfax Hotel Fair Lakes. *

September 20: Constitution Day Celebration (actual signing was September 17, 1787) at Montpelier, Orange, Virginia. †

September 26-27: NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky. †

October 3-5: Point Pleasant Days, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. ‡

October 6-7: Battle of Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, South Carolina. ‡

October 11: Chapter Meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. Our guest speaker is author Christian M. McBurney who will give a presentation on his latest book *Kidnapping the Enemy*. *

October 18-19: Yorktown Victory Celebration, Yorktown, Virginia. †

October 25: Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Major William Lindsay 10:00 a.m. at the Lindsay Family Cemetery at Laurel Hill, Lorton, Virginia *

November 8: Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. Our guest speaker is author Marc Leepson who will give a presentation from his latest book on Francis Scott Key and the War of 1812.*

November 8: PG Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery †

November 11: Veterans Day Wreath Laying with Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, NDSAR, at General Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, Virginia.*

December 5-6: Battle of Great Bridge Celebration, Chesapeake, Virginia. †

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

Legend:

* Chapter event;

** Chapter-sponsored state or national event;

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

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



To be prepared for war is one of the most
effective means of preserving peace.

(George Washington)



Virginia Society
 Sons of the American Revolution
Semi-Annual Meeting Registration Form
 September 19-20, 2014
Hyatt Fairfax at Fair Lakes
 12777 Fair Lakes Circle
 Fairfax, VA 22033
 (703) 818-1234

Name: _____ Street: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Chapter: _____	Wife/Guest: _____ Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
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	<u>Number</u>		<u>Total</u>
Registration (SAR Compatriots Only):	_____	@ \$20 each	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon:	_____	@ \$55 each	\$ _____
Total Amount Remitted:			\$ _____

	<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Guest</u>
Do you and/or your guest need a name tag? (Yes/No):	_____	_____
} Chicken	_____	_____
Saturday Luncheon Meal Choice (choose one) } Salmon	_____	_____
} Vegetarian	_____	_____

<u>Saturday Ladies Program - Air & Space Museum Tour</u>	
Will you take the tour? (Yes/No):	_____
If so, will you provide transportation? (Yes/No):	_____
Number you can take in the vehicle? :	_____

Please make all checks payable to "CWG Chapter, VASSAR"

Mail this form and your check to:

Col. William Grayson Chapter, VASSAR

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**Hotel arrangements must be made directly with the Hyatt Fairfax at Fair Lakes
 with the SAR special room rate only guaranteed through Friday, August 29, 2014**

Cutoff Date for Meeting Registration is Friday, September 5, 2014

For questions please contact: George Ax (gax@cox.net or 703-988-0504) or Wayne Rouse (wrouse4sar@gmail.com or 540-659-5258)

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Chapter Meeting at 2:30 p.m.
Hyatt Fair Lakes Hotel
Dominion Room

Meeting Reservation Form

Please make your **reservation by telephone or e-mail**. This is the preferred way to ensure your reservation is received in time to get a seat. Please send reservations by Saturday, September 13, 2014.

Send reservations to Gregory Bodge. For e-mail reservations, send to gbodge@hotmail.com with **RESERVATION** in the subject line.

For call-in reservations, call **Greg at 540-318-6717**.

There is no cost for this meeting.

When calling or writing, please include the following:

Compatriot Name: _____

Mail this reservation form to:

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