



George Washington Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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SAR PAST PRESIDENT GENERAL GIVES REMARKS AT GW CHAPTER MEETING



The Honorable Edward Butler, SAR Past President General, speaks at the April GW Chapter Meeting along with current GW Chapter President, Scott Wagoner, in the background.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

May 10, 2014

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

September 19-20 – A brief
chapter meeting will take
place in conjunction with the
VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting.
Time and location to be
announced later.

October 11, 2014

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

Events Information

May 9-11 - Raid on
Martin's Station,
Cumberland Gap, VA.

May 26 - National
Memorial Day Parade,
Washington, D.C.

May 31 - Wreath laying
at the grave of Bermuda-
born patriot and
Treasurer of the United
States Thomas Tudor
Tucker, at Congressional
Cemetery, Washington,
DC (DCSSAR event).

President's Corner



*M*y fellow compatriots,
at our April chapter meeting, we were pleased to have the Honorable Edward Butler, President General of the SAR in 2009-2010, speak to us. We were also treated with an outstanding presentation on the colonial militia given by LTC Les' Melnyk.

During April, Ernie Coggins was nominated and confirmed by the Board as our new chapter secretary. I want to personally thank our outgoing Chapter Secretary, Jim Mobley, for his dedication and service and his many contributions to our chapter! We also continued our new member buddy program. Chapter secretary Ernie Coggins volunteered to be a "buddy member", and he was matched up with Compatriot William Huff IV, who was inducted at the April meeting.

From April 11th through 13th, members of the GW Chapter attended the C.A.R. National Convention in Arlington. Our own Rodney Schmidt was installed as the Senior National Chaplain for a two-year term, and Mike Elston started a two-year term as Senior State Second Vice President for Virginia's C.A.R. The new national project relates to the 200th anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner, while the Virginia state project supports preservation and education at George Washington's boyhood home, Ferry Farm. We'll hear more about both projects this fall.

May has a number of events on tap that I encourage you to attend. First, our monthly May 10th chapter meeting at noon will feature a short program and lunch at Belle Haven Country Club and then it's off to the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington for a private tour, starting at 1:30pm.

We will host the Memorial Day Parade once again this year and for the first time will offer the new Memorial Day Parade medal to any SAR member who attends. The medal is free; the optional mini medal will be available for \$10. The 2014 National Memorial Day Parade is on Monday, May 26th. This event normally draws in SAR members from all over the region. The Color Guard will once again lead our procession and we will need to assemble between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on the National Mall (usually around 7th & Madison Dr. NW). The parade steps off at 2 p.m. The parade release agreement (attached at the end of this newsletter) must be completed and sent in advance to Mike Elston by e-mail (elston.sar@gmail.com) or U.S. Mail (P.O. Box 336, Lorton VA 22199-0336). So, if you are even thinking about it, fill it out and send it to Mike.

Just a few days after the Memorial Day Parade, the District of Columbia Society SAR is sponsoring a dedication of a grave marker honoring Thomas Tudor Tucker, Son of Bermuda, Patriot, Physician, and Treasurer of the United States. It will take place on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at 10 a.m. at the Congressional Cemetery located at 1801 E Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. The honored Guest will be PG Joe Dooley. Additionally, there will be two guest speakers: our very own immediate GW Chapter past president and Third Vice President, VASSAR, Michael J. Elston, Esq., who is also the Co-Director of the SAR-DAR-C.A.R. Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Program and Cheryl Packwood, Esq., who is Overseas Representative of the Government of Bermuda and Director of the Washington, D.C. Office. There will also be a special appearance by "Thomas Tudor Tucker" played by Mr. Mark Maloy.

In June, the 2014 SAR Conference on the American Revolution **Women in the Era of the American Revolution will be held in** Williamsburg, Virginia. The Conference will be hosted from June 20-22 at The Williamsburg Lodge located at 310 South England Street, Williamsburg, Virginia. The registration form can

be found at: web1.sar.org/News/2014-SAR-Annual-Conference.

On July 4th, we will conduct our 53rd annual wreath laying at the tomb of General George Washington at Mount Vernon. We meet at the administration building by 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m. the VASSAR Color Guard will lead us down the bowling green to the tomb grove. We have invited the winner of the VASSAR Rumbaugh Orations contest to join us. Following the tomb grove ceremony and the wreath laying, each member will be able to present a carnation at the tomb. The Baldwin-Jones-Tabb medal will be awarded to SAR members attending for the first time.

The SAR National Congress in Greenville, SC will take place from July 18th through July 23rd. Details can be found on the SAR website at <http://congress.sar.org/>. The Virginia Society SAR Knight Essay winner also won the SAR National contest (fourth time in a row for Virginia!) and will receive her monetary award and medal at the National Congress Youth Awards Luncheon. If you plan to go, please contact me as soon as possible so I can sign you up as a Virginia voting delegate.

Following the National Congress, the Atlantic Middle States conference will be hosted by the Maryland Society from August 8-10th at the Hunt Valley Inn, in Hunt Valley, MD. Details will be made available by e-mail and at <http://ams.dessar.org/> when they are available. This district meeting allows us the opportunity to meet SAR members from nearby states – and earns 10 points for the chapter per member attending.

Please note that we will not be holding a September chapter meeting at Belle Haven on September 13th. Instead, we will hold a brief meeting at the VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting on Saturday September 20th; so I am encouraging our members to attend the VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, which runs from Friday, September 19th thru Saturday, September 20th, 2014. The specific meeting location has not yet been determined but it will be in Northern Virginia.

Since this our last newsletter until September, I hope you'll enjoy the summer months and hopefully find some time to attend the July 4th annual wreath laying at Mount Vernon and the other events mentioned in this newsletter. Your participation is always greatly appreciated!

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 11:30a.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
Treasurer: Gregory Bodge 770-789-3252
Registrar: Paul Walden 703-347-9770

Immediate Past President:

Mike Elston, 703-680-0866

This monthly newsletter is edited by Matthew Jones. Inputs from chapter officers, committee chairmen, and fellow compatriots are always needed. Please send your inputs and comments to mpjones36@gmail.com or call 217-246-2687.

Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report four new member applications and three supplemental applications were submitted. Three new members and thirty-nine 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

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Robert E. Crane II	Thomas Crane
Stephen Drake MacLeod	Rudolph Van Hovenberg
Patrick Colin Brennan	John Summers

New Member Applications Submitted

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Andrew Heath Mills	John Knight
Brett Michael Decker	Luke Decker
David Michael Callender	Phillip Callender
Eric Thomas Callender	Phillip Callender

Supplemental Applications Approved

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
James Lewis Mobley	Josiah Cheatham
James Lewis Mobley	Mary Sandidge Cholston
James Lewis Mobley	John Hawkins
James Lewis Mobley	William Burns
James Lewis Mobley	Andrew Mitchell
James Lewis Mobley	William Neal
James Lewis Mobley	Joel Chandler
James Lewis Mobley	Samuel Long
James Lewis Mobley	John McCurdy
James Lewis Mobley	Stephen Groves
James Lewis Mobley	William Fergus
James Lewis Mobley	David Martin
James Lewis Mobley	Robert Grier
James Lewis Mobley	Hugh Harris
James Lewis Mobley	William Moffatt
James Lewis Mobley	John Spencer
James Lewis Mobley	Thomas Spencer, Sr
James Lewis Mobley	Thomas Watkins
James Lewis Mobley	John McClintock
John Robert Mobley	John Spencer

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Samuel Long
John McCurdy
Stepehn Croves
William Fergus
William Burns
Andrew Mitchell
William Neal
Joel Chandler
Josiah Cheatham
Mary Sandidge Cholston
John Hawkins
Josiah Hendon

Supplemental Applications Submitted

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Benjamin Barton Rudisill	Armistead Shelton
Benjamin Barton Rudisill	Daniel Shelton
Benjamin Barton Rudisill	Crispin Shelton
William John Blair III	William Hooe

Paul Walden, Registrar



GW Chapter immediate past president
Mike Elston, his daughter, Emily, and
son, Will, at the wreath laying at James
Monroe's birthplace in Colonial Beach
– April 26, 2014

New Member

WILLIAM HARRISON HUFF IV



Compatriot William "Bill" Harrison Huff IV was born at Fort Benning, Georgia and raised as military brat.

He received a B.S. in Political Science from Florida State University and later received a M.A. in

History from Louisiana State University.

Bill is currently a Colonel in the US Army working on the Chief of Staff of the Army's staff.

He and his wife, Michelle have been married for 24 years and have five children: Carissa (23), William (20), Michael (10), James (7) and Lauren (3). His three sons, William, Michael, and James, also joined under this same lineage.

Bill's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Joseph Sutton who during the Revolution served as a Private in the North Carolina Regiment, Continental Line from Orange County.

DID YOU KNOW?

Famed naval officer **John Paul Jones** was born in Scotland in 1742. His career at sea began at age 13, and by 21 he was the captain of a ship sailing between the West Indies and British ports. Jones joined the Continental navy during the American Revolution, enjoying his greatest successes in international waters. As commander of the heavily armed vessel Bonhomme Richard, Jones famously announced that he had "not yet begun to fight" during a clash with the British warship Serapis. He later served in the Russian navy, and died in Paris in 1792.

Source – www.history.com

May Dates In History American Revolutionary War

May 29, 1765 - Patrick Henry's "If this be treason, make the most of it!" speech

May 30, 1765 - The Virginia Stamp Act Resolutions were passed by the House of Burgesses

May 10, 1773 - The Tea Act was passed by Parliament

May 20, 1774 - Administration of Justice Act, one of the "Intolerable Acts"

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May 10, 1775 - Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys seize Fort Ticonderoga

May 10, 1775 - The Second Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia

Jan. 6-May 28, 1777 - Washington winters in Morristown, NJ

May 20, 1777 - Treaty of DeWitt's Corner, SC: Cherokees lose most of their land east of the mountains (DeWitt's Corner is now the town of Due West, SC)

May 20, 1778 - Battle of Barren Hill, Pennsylvania. Lafayette with 500 men and about 50 Oneida Indians successfully evade British onslaught

May 11-13, 1779 - Maj. General Augustin Prévost breaks his siege when American forces under Maj. Gen. Lincoln approaches

Nov.-June 23, 1780 - Washington's 2nd winter at Morristown, NJ

May 12, 1780 - British capture Charleston, SC

May 29, 1780 - British crush Americans at Waxhaw Creek, SC

May 15, 1781 - British Major Andrew Maxwell cedes Fort Granby, SC to patriot Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee

Source – www.ushistory.org

May Chapter Meeting Highlights



Top Left: VASSAR Assistant Secretary and Past President of the GW Chapter, Col. Robert F. Carr, USA (ret.) receives a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding service as a GW Chapter Board Member from President Wagoner

Top Center: Vice President Whitney presents our April guest speaker, LTC Les' Melnyk, with a gift of appreciation

Top Right: Induction of William H. Huff IV by President Wagoner

Bottom Left: The Honorable Edward Butler, former SAR President General from 2009 to 2010, speaks at the April chapter meeting

Bottom Right: The GW Chapter Board of Managers and other members with chapter roles discuss chapter business at the April Board Meeting



THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

AGREEMENT OF RELEASE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION UNIT

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

Please return completed, sign forms to this address:

Michael J. Elston
16094 Olmstead Lane
Woodbridge VA 22191 or elston.sar@gmail.com

The undersigned will appear in the National Memorial Day Parade being produced by the American Veterans Center on Monday, May 26, 2014. 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 _____

Name of Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date _____

Signature _____
(Parental signature required, if under 18 years of age)

Group Tour Following Chapter Meeting

The May Chapter meeting will conclude with an exclusive tour of the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. We will adjourn the meeting immediately following lunch and then have everyone drive to the library at 3600 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon where we will regroup at 1:30 p.m. for the tour. The tour is expected to last about 40 minutes. Members are encouraged to use carpooling to the library. The tour will be led by Mr. Mark Santangelo, Chief Librarian and Archivist. We will see the John and Adrienne Mars Rare Books and Manuscripts Room, where George Washington's personal papers are held.

The Fred W. Smith National Library is a new center for cutting-edge and compelling scholarship about George Washington, Colonial America, and the Revolutionary Era. This is an exciting opportunity to see the new facility, so plan to join us as we learn more about our research resources, facilities, and upcoming events.



Mark Santangelo
Chief Librarian & Archivist



The New Fred W. Smith National Library at George Washington's Mount Vernon

"I have not houses to build, except one, which I must erect for the accommodation and security of my military, civil and private papers, which are voluminous and may be interesting."

*Letter from General George Washington to his friend
James McHenry, April 1797*

Future Events 2014

May 9-11 - Raid on Martin's Station, Cumberland Gap, VA. †

May 10 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. No speaker. Following chapter business and lunch, we leave for Mount Vernon and a private tour of the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. *

May 26 - National Memorial Day Parade, Washington, D.C. Assemble 12:30 p.m.; parade begins at 2 p.m.**

May 31 - Wreath laying at the grave of Bermuda-born patriot and Treasurer of the United States Thomas Tudor Tucker, 10 a.m. at Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E Street, S.E., Washington, DC (DCSSAR event). **

June 21-22 - SAR Conference on the American Revolution, Williamsburg, VA. †

June 28 - VASSAR Executive Committee Meeting, Fredericksburg, VA.

July 4 - 53rd Annual Independence Day Ceremony and Wreath Laying at General Washington's Tomb, 10 a.m., Mount Vernon, VA. Assemble at the administration building by 9:30 a.m.*

July 19-24 - 124th National Congress in Greenville, SC. †

August 8-10 - Atlantic Middle States Conference at the Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD. †

September 13 - The scheduled chapter meeting has been cancelled in lieu of attending the September 19-20 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting (see calendar entry below).

September 17 - Constitution Day at Montpelier, Orange, VA. †

September 19-20 - VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, location near Manassas, VA to be announced. (a brief September Chapter Meeting will take place on September 20th (time TBD) in conjunction with the Semi-Annual Meeting). †

September 20 - Constitution Day Celebration at Montpelier, Orange, VA. †

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

October 3-5 - Point Pleasant Days, Point Pleasant, WV. ‡

October 6-7 - Battle of Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, NC. ‡

October 11 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. *

October 18-19 - Yorktown Victory Celebration, Yorktown, VA. †

November 8 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. *

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

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

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

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

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA

Lunch 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 Wednesday, May 7.

This month only, send reservations and payment 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**.

The lunch cost is \$35.00 per person (\$12.00 per child) and you may pay at the door or send a check in the mail in advance of the meeting. Make checks payable to "**G.W. Chapter SAR**." Walk-ins will be accommodated if possible, but to cover the Club's charge for serving those without a timely reservation a walk-in price of \$40.00 is required.

When calling or writing, please include the following:

Compatriot Name: _____

Guest Name (s): _____

When mailing checks, be sure I'm notified in time to hold seating for you and your guests! Please include the following information:

Compatriot Name: _____

Guest Name (s): _____

A check for ___ persons in the amount of \$___ payable to **G.W. Chapter SAR** is enclosed.

Mail this reservation form and your check to:

Gregory Bodge
Treasurer, G.W. Chapter SAR
14 Northampton Blvd
Stafford, VA 22554

Check-in and social begin at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be called to order at 12:00 noon. Valet parking is available.

*** If you will be attending just the luncheon and not the Fred W. Smith National Library tour at Mt. Vernon, please indicate it on the RSVP. We will need to have an accurate headcount for the library staff.**