



# George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Newsletter

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## The George Washington Chapter Inducts Ten New Members During October!



## Members of the George Washington Chapter March in the Yorktown Victory Day Parade



### Upcoming Chapter Meetings

**November 8:** Chapter meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia.

**December 13:** Chapter meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia

### Events Information

**November 8:** PG Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery (4:15 p.m.)

**November 11:** Veterans Day Wreath Laying with Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, NDSAR, at General Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, Virginia (2:00 p.m.)

**December 5-6:** Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, Virginia

# President's Corner



October and November are a busy time for the George Washington Chapter. Things got back into the swing in October with our first regular chapter meeting back at Belle Haven Country Club since May. And what a meeting it was. We inducted 10 new members into

our chapter! Each new member was paired up with a "Compatriot Buddy" to help them make a productive transition into our chapter. We also recognized three members of the Prince William County Fire and Rescue Department, awarding the Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Lt. Dave Cooper, Lt. Brad Miller, and Lt. Angel Tyson. We experienced a great presentation from Author Christian M. McBurney on his book *Kidnapping the Enemy: The Special Operations to Capture Generals Charles Lee and Richard Prescott.*

January 1, 2015 is coming fast, and it was once again time to hear the report of the nominating committee on the slate of 2015 officers. At our October meeting, the nominating committee has proposed the following slate for election: as chapter officers: Dwight Whitney, president; Greg Bodge, vice president; Ernie Coggins, secretary; Paul Walden, treasurer; and as a Board Manager, myself for a three year term (I truly appreciate the honor of the nomination and of continuing to serve our chapter as a Board Manager). Since there were no nominations from the floor, it looks good that this slate of officers will be elected at our November meeting. Your prospective 2015 slate of officers is a great line-up of dedicated, hard-working leaders, and I look forward to working with them all next year in their new roles.

## Other October Events:

We had several chapter members participate in the annual Yorktown Victory Day celebrations. We were fortunate to have a bright sunny day although a bit windy. Wind though is good for keeping our flags flying high during the parade. We started off the day at Grace Church with the wreath laying at the grave of Gov. Thomas

Nelson, Jr. I was honored to be able to represent our chapter and present our chapter's wreath and our chapter earned a VASSAR ribbon for participating. Then the parade kicked-off smartly at 1:30pm and the SAR, including President General Brock and other SAR members from many locations, marched together up the main street of Yorktown.

Our Immediate Past President and VASSAR 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Mike Elston, presented at the ceremony honoring St. George Tucker and commemorating the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the St. George Tucker House, Colonial Williamsburg. The Colonial Williamsburg Fifes & Drums were a highlight of the ceremony.

In continuing to recognize those patriots that served during the American Revolution, we held a grave marking ceremony for Patriot Major William Lindsay on Saturday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lindsay Family Cemetery at Laurel Hill in Lorton, Virginia. This was the third grave marking ceremony that our chapter sponsored this year and hats off once again to our Graves Registration Chairman, Jamie Callender, for his hard work in coordinating this event.

## November and December Preview:

At our November chapter meeting, we will welcome author Marc Leepson as our guest speaker, who will give a presentation from his latest book on Francis Scott Key and the War of 1812. As a special recognition, we will honor our chapter veterans during our November meeting. Last month we asked our veterans to send in a military photo and brief description of service to be presented to the chapter during the meeting. Also, on the same day as our November chapter meeting, we will participate in the annual President General Wreath Laying at 4:15pm at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. This is an impressive event and I encourage you to consider attending.

On Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>, we hold our annual Veterans' Day Wreath Laying with the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, our sister DAR chapter, at George Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon.

Please plan to attend and honor our country's veterans (many veterans will be there).

During December 5<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>, the celebration of the Battle of Great Bridge will be held in Chesapeake, Virginia. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NSSAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge and the 61st NSDAR Annual Wreath Laying of Great Bridge.

On December 13th, we will celebrate the end of the year and the start of the holiday season with a joint meeting with the George Mason Chapter.

## Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report one new member application was approved by NSSAR. There are six new member applications in review and eight supplemental applications in review by NSSAR. One memorial application was submitted. We expect nine new members to be inducted at the November meeting. Ten were inducted at the October 11 meeting. Their photo and biographies appear below.

Ten new members were inducted at the 11 October meeting. In the top picture on Page 1, new members are (right to left): Scott Wagoner (Chapter President), Stephen Markle, Thomas Carnell, Johnathan Lyreman, Kevin McCandlish, Robert Crane, Eric Callender, David Callender, GySgt Clint Trial, Patrick Brennan, Richard Gilliland.

Below is a summary of the applications that were approved and submitted since the last Registrar's Report.

### New Member Applications Approved

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Thomas Ficarra	William Huff



## 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](mailto:rg62@live.com). I will do my best to include them in future issues.

VASSAR President Bill Broadus will induct our 2015 officers.

I hope to see you at many of our events during the next two months!

*Scott Wagoner*  
President

### New Member Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Joshua Walker	John Armistead

### Memorial Applications Submitted

APPLICANT	PATRIOT
Clarke Walden	Edward Davies

*Paul Walden*  
Registrar



## DID YOU KNOW?

The American Revolution introduced the potential for unintended and even radical upheavals in colonial society, particularly in the regions where slavery was widespread and evangelicals could seize the opportunity to preach a doctrine of total emancipation. In their initial drafts of Virginia's Declaration of Rights in 1776, George Mason, James Madison, and Thomas Jefferson all included a provision whereby authorities could arrest anyone who "under color of religion....disturb the peace, happiness, or safety of society."

**Source** – Rhys Isaac, *The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790* (Chapel Hill: Published for the Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, Virginia, by University of North Carolina Press, 1982), 280.

## November Dates in History *American Revolutionary War*

November 1, 1765: Many daily transactions cease as the Stamp Act goes into effect. Violence breaks out in New York City

November 1772: Boston town meeting endorses proclamations asserting the rights of the colonies to self-rule.

November 6, 1773: Colonists in Boston fail to force their British tea agents to resign

November 20, 1773: Three ships carrying tea sail into Boston harbor.

November 29/30, 1773: Colonists decide to send the tea ships Dartmouth back to England without paying any import duties

November 30, 1773: The Royal Governor of Massachusetts, Thomas Hutchinson (1711 – 1780), orders harbor officials not to let the ship sail out of the harbor unless the tea taxes have been paid.

November 15, 1777: Articles of Confederation - Congress is made sole authority of the new national government.

November 11, 1778: Loyalists and Indians massacre American settlers at Cherry Valley, New York.

November 10, 1782: The final battle of the Revolutionary War when Americans retaliate by attacking a Shawnee village in Ohio.

November 2, 1783: George Washington delivers farewell address.

**Source** – [www.datesandevents.org](http://www.datesandevents.org)

# Highlights of the October Chapter Meeting



**Top Left:** President Wagoner presents a gift recognizing Mike Elston's leadership and achievements as President of the GW Chapter during 2013

**Top Right:** Vice President Whitney gives a gift to author Christian M. McBurney, who was our guest speaker for October

**Bottom Left:** Awards Committee Chairman, Brig. Gen. Paul Wagoner, USAF (ret), presents the Fire Safety Commendation Medal Award to Lt. Dave Cooper (not pictured); Lt. Brad Miller (L); and Lt. Angel Tyson (R)

**Bottom Right:** Immediate Past President of the GW Chapter & VASSAR 3rd Vice President, Mike Elston, presents two of the SAR's top awards (the President General's Activities Award & the Liberty Bell Americanism Award) to the George Washington Chapter (President Wagoner receives the awards on behalf on the chapter)



## Other October Highlights



**Top:** SAR President General Lindsey Brock (center R) & VASSAR President Bill Broadus (center L) are pictured along with many other SAR members and guests at the Yorktown Victory Day Parade

**Bottom Left:** GW Chapter Immediate Past President & VASSAR 3rd Vice President, Mike Elston, speaks at the ceremony honoring St. George Tucker in Williamsburg, Virginia

**Bottom Right:** President Wagoner presents the chapter wreath at the Gov. Thomas Nelson Jr wreath laying event at Grace Church in Yorktown, Virginia





**Top Left:** SAR President General, Lindsey Brock, leads the SAR contingent down Main Street in Yorktown, Virginia

**Top Right:** Larry Lisle and Virginians at King Mountain Celebration 10-7



**Bottom:** Members of the GW Chapter, including Will Elston holding the Governor Thomas Nelson Jr wreath laying participation ribbon which was awarded to our chapter, at Grace Church in Yorktown, Virginia

## Major William Lindsay Grave Marking Ceremony



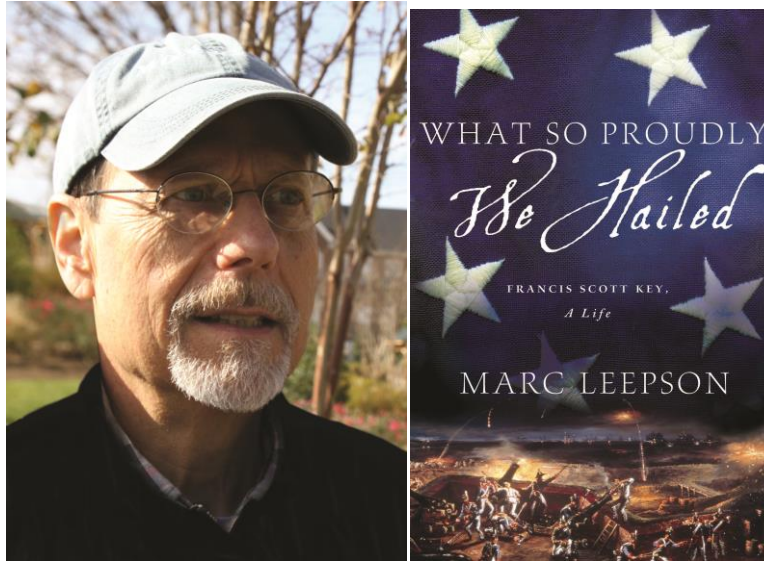
**Top:** Many SAR members in attendance at the Major William Lindsay grave marking ceremony, in Lorton, Virginia

**Bottom Left:** President Wagoner and Graves Registration Chairman Jamie Callender present the chapter wreath at the Major William Lindsay grave marking ceremony



**Bottom Right:** Major William Lindsay grave and the new SAR grave marker.

# November 2014 Guest Speaker



**Author Marc Leepson**

This month, author Marc Leepson will join us again to speak from his new book about Francis Scott Key. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear this great speaker and to get signed copies of his books!

Marc Leepson is a journalist, historian and the author of eight books, most recently: *What So Proudly We Hailed* (Palgrave/Macmillan, 2014), the first biography of the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in more than 75 years. His previous books include *Lafayette: Lessons in Leadership from the Idealist General* (Palgrave/Macmillan, 2011), a concise biography of the famed Marquis de Lafayette; *Desperate Engagement*, the story of the Civil War Battle of Monocacy and Confederate General Jubal Early's attack on Washington (Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, 2007); *Flag: An American Biography* (Thomas Dunne, 2005), the history of the Stars and Stripes from the beginnings to the 21st century and *Saving Monticello: The Levy Family's Epic Quest to Rescue the House that Jefferson Built* (Simon & Schuster, hardcover, 2001; University of Virginia Press, paper, 2003).

A former staff writer for *Congressional Quarterly* in Washington, D.C., he has been a free-lance writer since 1986. He has written for many newspapers and magazines, including *Smithsonian*, *Military History*, *Vietnam* magazine, the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *New York Times Book Review*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Baltimore Sun*, *USA Today* and others. Since March of 1986, he has been arts editor and columnist for *The VVA Veteran*, the newspaper published by Vietnam Veterans of America. He teaches U.S. history at Lord Fairfax Community College in Warrenton, Virginia.

He graduated from George Washington University in 1967. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1967-69, including a year in the Vietnam War, he received his honorable discharge and went on to earn a Masters Degree in history from George Washington University in 1971. He lives in Loudoun County, Virginia.



# Future Events 2014

## 2014

November 8 - Chapter meeting at 11:30 a.m., Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. Author Marc Leepson will join us again and talk about his new book, *What So Proudly We Hailed: Francis Scott Key, A Life*. \*

November 8 - The President General's Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 4:15 p.m., Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. \*\*

November 11 - Veterans' Day Wreath Laying with Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, NDSAR Begins 2 p.m. at General Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, Virginia. Arrive early to allow time for parking and meet at the tomb before 2:00.

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

December 13 - Joint chapter meeting with the George Mason Chapter. 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. VASSAR President W.A. Broadus Jr. will speak and install the chapter's 2015 officers. \*

December 13 - Wreaths Across America at Alexandria National Cemetery. [Send wreath donations to Greg Bodge, \$15 ea.]

## 2015

January 10 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. \*

January 17 - Battle of Cowpens Commemoration, Cowpens, SC. †

February 14 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia. \*

February 14 - Crossing of the Dan Celebration, South Boston, Virginia. †

February 16 - George Washington's Birthday Parade, Alexandria, Virginia. \*

February 20-22 - VASSAR Annual Meeting, Richmond, 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.*

“Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God.”

— George Washington

# New Member Biographies

## Robert Allen

Compatriot Allen was born and raised in Westminster, MD. He received a B.S. in Economics from the United States Naval Academy. He later received a Master of Military Studies from the United States Marine Corps' Command and Staff College and he is currently enrolled in the Naval Post Graduate School's MBA program.

Robby is currently a Major in the Marine Corps and serves as the F-35C Joint Strike Fighter Requirements Officer for the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He is also the head JV lacrosse coach at Woodbridge High School.

He and his wife Tina have a three year old daughter named Amelia and a 1 year old son named Zachary.

Robby's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Demas Worrell, who during the Revolution served as a Captain, 1<sup>st</sup> Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Philadelphia County.

## Patrick Brennan

Compatriot Brennan was born in Greenville, South Carolina and raised in Charlotte and Winston-Salem. He received a B.A. in Political Science from Wake Forest University. He later received a Masters of Business Administration in Finance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Patrick is currently a Senior Manager of Government Relations for Reynolds American, Inc., where he has worked for 3 years. Prior to coming to Reynolds, he worked in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Patrick lives on Capitol Hill and enjoys playing basketball, golf and squash. He is active in his local church and is on the board of governors of the North Carolina State Society of Washington.

Patrick's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot John Summers, who during the Revolution assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of soldier, Militia, Augusta County, Virginia.

## Thomas Carnell

Compatriot Carnell was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. After completing a 3-year enlistment in the Navy following his high school graduation, he enrolled at Columbia University in New York where he received a B.A. in Government and then an M.A. in Economic Geography.

Tom returned to the Navy via Officer Candidate School and served a full career before retiring in 1980 and making his permanent home in Fairfax.

He and his wife Cherry then worked together in Real Estate sales and management for 15 years, including establishing and running their own RE/MAX office where he was the Principal Broker.

He is now retired from real estate and enjoying travel, playing the piano, participation in community and church activities and other hobbies, as well as spending time with his three grown children, their spouses, and six grandchildren, all of whom live in the greater Washington metropolitan area.

Tom's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Alexander Sleeth, Jr., who during the Revolution served in Virginia as a Scout and Indian Fighter.



## **David Callender**

Compatriot David Callender was born in Oscoda, Michigan and raised in Springfield, Virginia. He received a B.S. in Biology and Psychology from James Madison University. He later received a M.D. from Eastern Virginia Medical School.

David is a Major in the United States Army and practices medicine as an Academic Hospitalist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Associate Program Director for the National Capital Consortium's Transitional Internship, and an Assistant Professor in Medicine at the Uniformed Service University.

He and his wife Christina have a 4 year old daughter named Anna and a 2 year old son named Miles.

David's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Philip Callender III, who during the Revolution served as a Private in Capt. Elijah Deming's Company, Colonel Ashley's regiment.

## **Eric Callender**

Compatriot Callender was born in Oscoda, MI and raised in Springfield, Virginia. He received a B.S. in Computer Engineering from Virginia Tech. He later received a M.S. in Network Security from the Volgenau School of Engineering at George Mason University.

Eric is currently a Principal Senior Software Engineer for GDIT, where he has worked for 9 years.

He has two daughters, a 5 year old named Adelyn and a 3 year old named Isla.

Eric's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Philip Callender III, who during the Revolution served as a Private in Capt. Elijah Deming's Company, Colonel Ashley's regiment.

## **Robert Crane**

Compatriot Crane was born and spent his early years in St. Louis County, MO and later raised in Houston, TX. He received a B.S. in Business Technology from the University of Houston (TX), and later received a M.B.A. from William Woods University of Missouri. Robert resides in the City of Alexandria, Virginia

Robert is currently a Senior Policy Advisor for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, where he has worked as a civilian for over 8 years after retiring as a Reserve Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard with over 26 years of service. Robert is currently an adjunct professor in security and resilience studies for the Institute for Rural Emergency Management at the University of Central Missouri.

Robert's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Thomas Crain (Crane), who during the Revolution served as a soldier of the Seventh Virginia Regiment.

## **Richard Gilliland**

Compatriot Richard Bradley Gilliland was born in Ithaca, New York and raised on the Eastern Seaboard.

He received B.A. degrees in Management and Psychology from Wilmington College (Ohio) and has earned 22 information technology certifications. Richard is currently a consulting network engineer with clients throughout the United States.

Richard's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Charles Powell who during the Revolution served as militiaman in the Virginia's Halifax County Militia.

## **Michael Kane**

Compatriot Kane was born and raised in Alexandria, Virginia. He received a B.S. in History, while minoring in Political Science, from Clemson University. Michael is currently a Projects Assistant for a non-profit.

Michael's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Elnathan Wilson, who during the Revolution served as a Private in the Connecticut Militia.

## **Johnathan Lyreman**

Compatriot Lyreman was born and raised in Colorado. He received a B.S. in Finance from Excelsior College.

Johnathan is currently the Accounting Manager for RER Financial Group, where he has worked for 8 years.

He and his wife Amy have a 17 year old daughter named Anastasia and a 14 year old son named Max.

Johnathan's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Samuel Shelton, who during the Revolution served as a Sergeant Major in the Virginia Troops.

## **Stephen Markle**

Compatriot Markle was born in Georgia and raised in New York and California. He received a B.S. in Forest Engineering from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry/Syracuse University. He later received a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering and Naval Engineers Degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Steve is a retired US Naval Officer and is currently a Marine Engineer working as a civil servant for the US Navy as Director of the Electric Ships Office at the Washington Navy Yard. He is a Professional Engineer registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

He and his wife Patricia have a 25 year old son named Timothy, a 16 year old daughter named Erin and a 14 year old son names Sam. He is Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 301 in Alexandria, Virginia.

Steve's membership in the Society is based on his descent from Patriot Gad Corse, who during the Revolution served as an Instructor to the Northfield Massachusetts Minute Men.

## **Kevin McCandlish**

Compatriot McCandlish grew up in Amherst, Massachusetts. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, spending a semester of study at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Kevin currently works as a Paralegal at the law firm of Murphy & McGonigle, P.C. in Washington, D.C. He moved to Alexandria, Virginia in June of 2012 just after graduating college.

He also serves as the Secretary of the City of Alexandria Archaeological Commission, where he represents the Alexandria Association. He is an active member of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, where he serves on the History & Archives committee.

Kevin's membership in the society is based on his descent from Patriot Thomas Brown of Prince William County, who during the Revolution served as a Private in the Virginia Militia in Captain John Britt's Company.



# Saturday, November 8, 2014

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

### 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, November 5.

This month only, send reservations and payment to Gregory Bodge. For e-mail reservations, send to [gbodge@hotmail.com](mailto: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, Virginia 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.

**NSSAR and NSDAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge**  
*Great Bridge Battlefield Memorial Park, 1776 Historic Way, Chesapeake, Virginia*  
**NSSAR and NSDAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge**  
**December 05-06, 2014**

**Hotel Reservations:**

The *Hyatt Place Chesapeake/Greenbrier* once again will host our group. The hotel address is 709 Eden Way North, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320. Please be sure to book prior to 11/14 to receive the special group rate of \$77.00 per room per night + tax.

Please call 1-800-993-4751 & ask for the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) group rate. To book via internet, please use this link so the special rate will pop up:

[http://chesapeakegreenbrier.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp\\_id=G-STAR](http://chesapeakegreenbrier.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=G-STAR).

If you have any trouble booking your room, please contact Libby Ross in the sales office at the Hyatt Place via her direct line: (757) 553-9053 or email her at [libbyross@hyatt.com](mailto:libbyross@hyatt.com).

**Wreath Laying:** Contact Emily Holmes (757) 495-7654; [ebhorse98@aol.com](mailto:ebhorse98@aol.com)) or Tom Whetstone

**R.S.V.P:** Tom Whetstone, Chairman, VASSAR Battle of Great Bridge Observance Committee (757) 482-2893; [twhetstone1@cox.net](mailto:twhetstone1@cox.net))

Hotel information is provided below. We hope you can attend both the special DAR/SAR reception and light supper on Friday evening, December 5 (w/open bar provided by the Virginia Society SAR and Culpeper Minutemen Chapter), and the commemoration ceremony at Battlefield Memorial Park beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 6.

NSSAR President General Lindsey Brock will be the principal speaker. Chesapeake Mayor Alan Krasnoff will read the City Council's proclamation that December 6, 2014, is "Battle of Great Bridge Observance Day," and former mayor and current president of GBB&WHF, Dr. Bill Ward, will offer a few closing remarks. All the speakers will be brief. The VASSAR Battle of Great Bridge Observance Committee insists that the ceremony, including the participation of a combined NSSAR Color Guard and the wreath laying at the DAR Great Bridge Monument, will conclude within one hour. If your organization desires to lay a wreath, please inform us--so we can list you in the program.

You also are encouraged to plan to attend the optional event of interacting with and hearing Patrick Henry (portrayed by Colonial Williamsburg's Richard Schumann) at a reception hosted by Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation. This will not be a repeat of Patrick Henry's highly praised appearance of last year; instead, it will focus on new topics from this founder's life of patriotic service. The reception will again include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, & coffee. A bus will be provided to and from hotel to this post-DAR/SAR reception event. Since it is a fundraiser for GBB & WHF, tickets must be purchased (\$45 special SAR/DAR rate). To make your reservations for this option, contact: Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation (757) 482-4480, [cindy@gbbattlefield.org](mailto:cindy@gbbattlefield.org).

Lin Olsen, Executive Director of Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation (GBB&WHF), is also planning to conduct a dedication ceremony for the reconstructed boat dock at the park. This special event, including arrival of some boats, is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m., immediately before our ceremony on Saturday. You do not want to miss this. And our ceremony might be visited by some Revolutionary War soldiers, including the heroic Billy Flora. We anticipate another occasion of good fellowship, patriotism, and education at Great Bridge on December 5 & 6, 2014. Please join us and lay a wreath.