



George Washington Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

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GW CHAPTER HOSTS VIRGINIA SAR GALA & RAISES OVER \$1,000 FOR U.S.O.



On January 11, 2014, Chapter President Scott A. Wagoner (left) and Virginia Society President Kent S. Webber (right) looked on as SAR President General Joseph W. Dooley presented the SAR's highest award to Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF (Ret.), former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and current chairman of the board of governors of the U.S.O., at the 7th Virginia SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala.



Over 100 people attended the black-tie affair at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria. One of the highlights of the evening was a performance by *The Airmen of Note*, the U.S. Air Force Band's jazz ensemble.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

February 8, 2014

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

March 8, 2014

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

April 12, 2014

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

Events Information

February 14-16

VASSAR Annual Meeting,
Omni Hotel, Richmond,
VA.

February 17

Annual Wreath Laying
Ceremony at the Tomb
of the Unknown Soldier
of the Revolution.

February 17

George Washington's
Birthday Parade at Old
Town Alexandria, VA.

President's Corner



My fellow compatriots,

I'm excited about the opportunity to work closely with you, the members of our chapter, and the SAR community at large this year in continuing to advance the principles of the SAR. The

SAR and our Chapter is involved in an important mission of getting out the word on the meaning of patriotism and recognizing those who have served or are serving our community and our country. With the 2014 Winter Olympics close at hand, the Olympic flame reminds me of our charter and that is to keep the flame of patriotism continuously burning brightly. This is the least we can do. We owe this to our patriot forefathers, ourselves, our families, and our community.

Beyond the great fellowship we all share, we need your support both personally and financially to continue this important mission. So I urge you to get involved with our...your chapter...this year and help us make a difference. There are still a couple of chapter committee/coordinator vacancies, so if you are interested in getting more directly involved, please contact me.

I have had the honor and pleasure of attending many community events, where our chapter has participated, and each and every time, I experience and see how we positively impact the community. For those of you who are not regular participations in our chapter activities, please consider participating in at least one chapter event this year. This would enable us to achieve a much greater impact in our community.

We have hit the ground running in 2014. The 7th VASSAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala was a stunning success! About 100 people gathered at Belle Haven on January 11th to recognize the

sacrifice and service that Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF (ret.) gave our country throughout his career, including his service as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. SAR President General, Joe Dooley, and VASSAR President, Kent Webber, made the Gold Good Citizenship presentation to General Myers. In addition to a variety of SAR luminaries, we were joined by several retired and active duty general, lieutenant general and brigadier general officers.

Just before the presentation of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal, a \$1000 donation was presented to the President of the USO, Mr. Sloan Gibson. The Honorable Julie Myers Wood was presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and certificates of appreciation were given to Chas Leiss, (C.A.R. Virginia State President) and Emily Elston (C.A.R. Virginia State Librarian) for their roles as Gala Hostesses, Erin Voto for coordinating Gen. Myers participation, and Brig. Gen. Paul Wagoner, USAF (ret.) for his special efforts in arranging the USAF Honor Guard and Airman of Note. A highlight of the Gala was the outstanding performances of the United States Air Force Honor Guard and Airmen of Note Band and members of our VASSAR Color Guard did an outstanding job supporting the ceremonies. It was a treat for all!

Many people contributed and deserve great thanks for the success of the evening, but I am sincerely most grateful for the efforts of our chapter immediate Past President, Mike Elston, who put in many long hours in preparation for the event and who also served, in his capacity as VASSAR Chancellor, as Master of Ceremonies. GW Chapter Vice President Dwight Whitney, Treasurer Greg Bodge, and the Belle Haven Country Club staff all dedicated many hours and played key roles in the Gala's success. In addition, former GW Chapter President Dick Kusserow, former VASSAR and GW Chapter President Tom Burch and the National Vietnam Veterans Foundation provided significant financial support for the event.

There are several events planned for February, and I hope you will be able to participate in some or all of them. As detailed elsewhere in this

newsletter, we have fantastic speakers lined up for our February 8th and March 8th Chapter Meetings. Then, we will celebrate the 282nd Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington on February 17th with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution and then Alexandria's Washington's Birthday Parade. Every member who marches in the parade will be awarded the Jack Evans Medal. While the full size medal is free, the mini is \$10.

Finally, the 124th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society will take place in Richmond February 14 - 16. The registration forms are available on the VASSAR website. Please consider attending one or all of these great opportunities in February.

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: Jim Mobley 202-465-6680
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.

February Guest Speaker



The speaker for our February meeting is Mr. Robert "Bob" Rice from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Counterintelligence Division.

He has served as a criminal and counterintelligence investigator for over

30 years. He has been involved in numerous recent espionage cases and their subsequent debriefings and damage assessments, to include: Davis S. Boone, Jean-Philippe Wispelaere, Robert P. Hanssen, Ana B. Montes, Brian P. Regan, Ronald Montaperto, Walter Kendall Myers and Steward Nozette.

Mr. Rice earned his Masters' degrees in both Management and Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has conducted extensive research on Intelligence activities during the American Revolution and in particular Benedict Arnold, alias "Dark Eagle".

Mr. Rice will unveil the true story of heroism, intrigue, romance and the ultimate betrayal of our country. He will explain how counterintelligence lessons from this case are still being used to combat espionage today. Mr. Bob Rice presents: **"The Espionage Case of Major General Benedict Arnold, alias Dark Eagle."**

Registrar's Report

Since the last Registrar's Report nine New Member Applications and twenty five Supplemental Applications were approved by NSSAR; however certificates have not yet been received by the chapter registrar. There are five New Member Applications awaiting review by NSSAR or VASSAR, and fifty eight Supplemental Applications awaiting review. In the past month, I have assisted two prospective members in finalizing their applications.

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. For 2013, 28 New Members Applications were approved, and 75 Supplemental Applications were approved.

New Member Applications Approved

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
William Edward Godwin-Stremier	Asa Foote
Lee Wilson Bettis	John Betts
Lee Wilson Bettis, Jr.	John Betts
William Harrison Huff IV	Joseph Sutton
William Harrison Huff V	Joseph Sutton
Michael Joseph Huff	Joseph Sutton
James Thomas Huff	Joseph Sutton
Jason Alexander Turner	William Bowden
Brisbane Alexander Turner	William Bowden

New Member Applications Submitted

None this month

Supplemental Applications Approved

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Gregory Elias Bingham	Christian Carpenter
John Robert Mobley	12 Sups
James Lewis Mobley	12 Sups

Supplemental Applications Submitted

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Patriot</i>
Paul Ashley Walden	1 Sup

Paul Walden, Registrar

February Dates during the American Revolutionary War

1778

Feb. 6 The United States and France sign the French Alliance

1779

Feb. 3 Maj. Gen. Moultrie defeats British detachment at Port Royal Island, SC

Feb. 14 Patriots Andrew Pickens and Elijah Clarke beat Loyalists at Kettle Creek, GA

Feb. 23-24 American George Rogers Clark captures Vincennes (in what is now Indiana) on the Wabash in the Western campaign

1781

Feb. 1 The Battle of Cowan's Ford, Huntersville, NC

Source – www.ushistory.org

Bringing the Accomplishments of Patriots to Life

One of the responsibilities we have as members of SAR is the registration and marking of grave sites of military veteran and civilian patriot of the Revolutionary War. Last year we honored three local patriots and have another three more planned for 2014:

John Orr – Patriot and one of the signers of the Leedstown Resolutions - a courageous protest against the Stamp Act; was a merchant before becoming a farmer and planter in the Centreville area; Virginia Publick Claims show that John Orr provided beef and guns to the troops

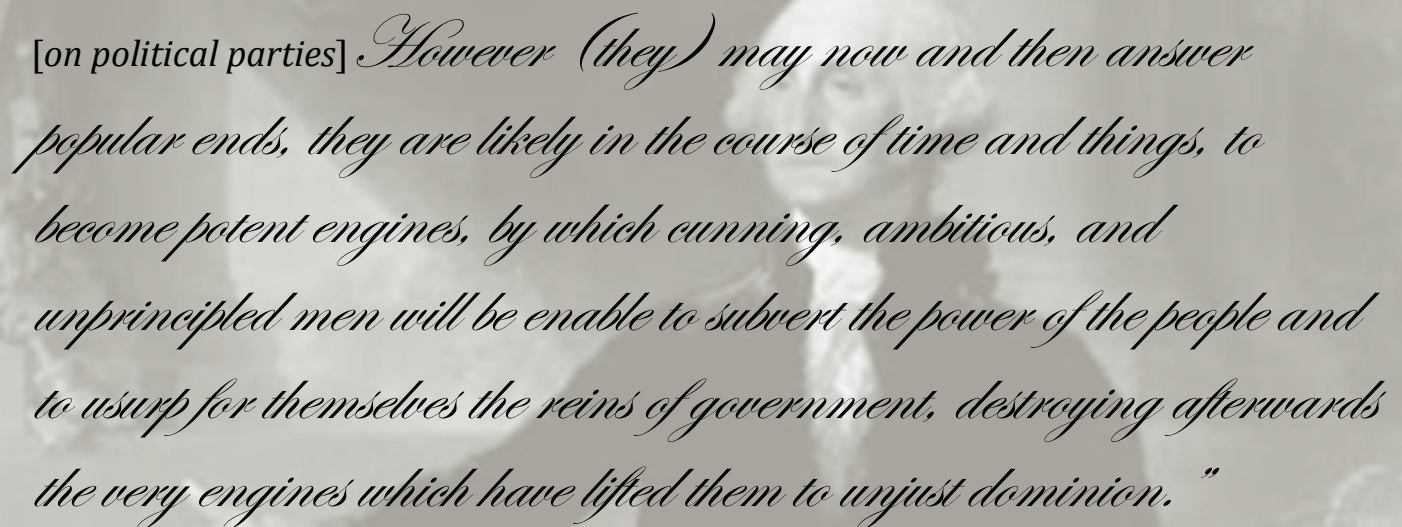
William Ellzey – Ensign at the Battle of Yorktown; served in VA legislature; Justice of the Peace in Loudoun County

Richard Major – Patriot and Baptist minister, instrumental in establishing several congregations in Fairfax and Loudoun counties

A key part of preparing for a grave marking ceremony is creation of a “life and times” summary highlighting the patriot’s key accomplishments and historical relevant facts. For me, this has been a process of bringing the patriot to life and I would like to offer this opportunity to other chapter members.

If you are interested in joining me in this highly rewarding and worthwhile effort, please contact me at (703) 455-8317 or JamieCallender@callenderclan.com.

Jamie Callender, Chairman, Graves Registration Committee



[on political parties] *However (they) may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enable to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion. ”*

President George Washington

Highlights from the George Washington SAR Chapter Gala – January 11, 2014



Top Left: Chapter Vice President Dr. Dwight E. Whitney presents General Myers with a bust of George Washington, the traditional gift for guest speakers at GW Chapter events.

Top Right: President of the U.S.O. Sloan Gibson accepted a check from VASSAR and the George Washington Chapter representing the proceeds from the Gala.

Middle Left: Nicole Little, daughter of General Myers, accepts a certificate of appreciation for her sister, Erin Voto, who was instrumental in making arrangements for the 2014 Gala.

Middle Center: The Virginia State President and State Librarian of the Children of the American Revolution received certificates of appreciation for their service as greeters during the Gala reception.

Middle Right: The Hon. Julie Myers Wood, niece of General Myers, accepted the SAR Law Enforcement Medal from VASSAR Chancellor Michael J. Elston in recognition of her service as a federal prosecutor and Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Bottom Left: VASSAR Color Guard members pose with some of The Airmen of Note following the Gala.

Bottom Right: Brigadier General Paul Wagoner, USAF (Ret.), received a certificate of appreciation for his assistance in organizing Air Force participation in the Gala.

Future Events 2014

February 8 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. Our invited guest speaker is Mr. Robert "Bob" Rice, Chief of Counterintelligence Operations, National Reconnaissance Office. *

February 14-16 - VASSAR Annual Meeting, Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA. †

February 17 - Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution, begins 11 a.m. * The Old Presbyterian Meeting House (OPMH), 323 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Please arrive 20 minutes early to prepare for the ceremony.

February 17 - George Washington's Birthday Parade, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. * Parade units assemble at Noon; parade begins at 1 p.m. Period costumes are encouraged!

February 22 - 233rd Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan, South Boston, VA. † Hosted by the Dan River Chapter. Attendance this year earns a new VASSAR Streamer! The annual Crossing program begins Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Prizery's Chastain Theatre and includes greetings, presentation of wreaths, and a keynote address by a noted speaker. The keynote speaker is Patrick Henry Jolly, a fifth great grandson of Patrick Henry. Afterward, witness a dramatic portrayal of the crossing by American and British reenactors complete with cannon and musketry fire, and a ferry boat replica for the crossing of the Dan River. Contact Dwight Whitney if you plan to attend. For VASSAR event information, visit: <http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/?content=cotd>.

February 28 - March 2 - NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY. †

March 8 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. Our invited guest speaker is Mr. Terry Gainer, Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate. *

March 14-15 - Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC. ‡

March 16 - James Madison's Birthday, Orange, VA. †

April 12 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. *

April 13 - Celebration of Thomas Jefferson's Birthday, Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC (DCSSAR event). ‡

April 26 - Commemoration of James Monroe's Birthday, Colonial Beach, VA. †

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. *

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). **

Future Events 2014 Continued

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. *

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

August 8-9 - Atlantic Middle States Conference. †

September 13 - Chapter Meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA. *

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

September 19-20 - VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, near Manassas, VA. †

September 25-28 - 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

Members Continue to Provide Generous Financial Support

The George Washington Chapter depends on the generosity of its members to meet its annual expenses. In 2013, the Chapter recorded \$11,258.36 worth of monetary and material gifts that were used to support grave marking and wreath laying ceremonies, youth awards, veteran services, the George Washington Birthday Celebration, Wreaths Across America, the Officer Laboy Kids fund, the SAR CAAH campaign, the Children of the American Revolution, and general expenses associated with our operations and activities.

The Board of Managers extends its appreciation to the following seventy-one members who made contributions to or on behalf of the Chapter in 2013:

\$1000 or More

Burch, Jr., Thomas J. (NVVF)
Elston, Michael J.
Kusserow, Richard P.

\$500 to \$999

Carr, Robert F.
Coggins, Jr., Ernest B.
Whitney, Dwight E.

\$100 to \$499

Allin, Jr., George R.
Bingham, Gregory E.
Bodge, Gregory O.
Brigden, John R.
Briggs, F. Paul
Callender, James T.
Dooley, Joseph W.
Einhaus, Robert H.
Gosinski, Jr., David L.
Harris, Charles E.
Henn, Jay M.
Holmes, James A.
Jones, Steven B.
Kraft, Donald E.
Lisle, Lorance D.
Mobley, James M.

Pitzer, Jack T.
Vosbeck, Jr., William F.
Wagoner, Paul D.
Wagoner, Scott A.
Walden, Paul A.

\$50 to \$99

Gumkowski, Edward M.
Pitzer, Leyton T.
Ritter, William Joseph
Ritter, Joseph W.
Ritter, William T.
Stevens, Paul S.
Tunstall, John P.
Waters, Jr., James K.

Up to \$49

Barry, Steven T.
Beach, Covert J.
Bean, Carlisle S.
Brown, Jr., Lloyd W.
Cameron, Robert J.
Coulter, John K.
Coulter, William K.
Craig, John E.
Dunn, Jr., William J.
Faulkner, Christian D.

Gifford, Kieran J.
Heddleston, Roy R.
Kellerman, Don
Killinger, Dale R.
Kinnaird, Barrington W.
Kroesen, Frederick J.
Lindsey, Douglas G.
Loveland, Derek K.
Marston, Christopher M.
McHargue, Jr., Wayne Vernon
Procter, John O.
Rees IV, James C.
Robinson, Edward C.
Rutledge, Steven T.
Schmidt, Austin B.
Schmidt, Peter H.V.
Schmidt, Rodney H.
Schmidt, Zachary W. H.
Shawn, Wendell E.
Sherman, Richard M.
Smith, Addison L.
Steele, Howard L.
Steele, Jr., Howard M.
Stevens, IV, Pat M.
Torrans, William K.
Wineland, Robert K.

Saturday, February 8, 2013

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, February 5.

This month only, send reservations and payment to Dwight Whitney. For e-mail reservations, send to [dwightwhitney@comcast.net](mailto:dwrightwhitney@comcast.net) with **RESERVATION** in the subject line. For call-in reservations, call **Dwight at 540-349-2375**.

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:

Dwight Whitney
VP, G.W. Chapter SAR
5733 Pendleton Lane
Warrenton, VA 20187

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.