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### 62nd Annual March to the Tomb--July 4, 2023



(L-R) Virginia SAR President Ernie Coggins, National SAR Treasurer General Michael Elston and N.S.C.A.R. Co-Chairman, DAR-SAR-SR Relations Will Elston muster before the March.



GW Chapter Treasurer Scott Walker was the Master of Ceremonies for the portion of the day's program held in the Tomb Grove at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate.

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# President's Corner

## *Compatriots:*

After a relaxing summer break, the Chapter will pick up the pace again this fall, but a look in the rear-view mirror

is a good start to charting the way ahead.

May was a notable month for the Chapter, in at least three particulars. First the May barbecue-lunch meeting at Fort Hunt Park brought a new, informal style that drew a large audience unslowed by a bit of rain; the genial “after-party” was memorable for those who lingered to clean-up and build friendships long into the afternoon. The Endowment Fund campaign wrapped up with very generous contributions, which concluded with \$54,850 in the Fund to support core Chapter activities, to be carefully metered long into the future. Those funds have now been invested and Treasurer Scott Walker advises we are “up” a bit. The month concluded with a soggy, but well-attended Memorial Day Parade down the National Mall. Our showing was highlighted by the West Potomac High School JROTC Color Guard.

Then, on Independence Day, we had pretty but warm weather for our possibly largest participation in the traditional March to the Tomb. At Mount Vernon’s request we limited the number of carnations to be placed in tribute by individuals, but the wreath placement and carnation tribute went a bit more smoothly supported by the Mount Vernon staff. The ceremony was colorfully punctuated at the end when our Chapter’s own color guardsmen, in Continental uniforms and serving as ushers, placed their carnations, to be followed by the French Army’s Lieutenant Colonel Mathieu Brulais’ placement of the final carnation in period uniform. CAPT Chris Melhuish, Commander of the VASSAR Color Guard, rendered a sword salute upon the placement, and those in period uniform marched off to conclude the ceremony with a lingering air of style.

Looking ahead down the road, we now prepare



for our autumn activities. We will be honored at our September 9th meeting by the presence and remarks of National Society President General John L. Dodd. Later that afternoon, following long tradition, President General Dodd will place a commemorative wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. It will be a memorable moment our Compatriots should not miss.

But that’s only the beginning for September. The following weekend, September 15th and 16th will bring the VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting in Winchester, and then Saturday September 30th will herald a significant Chapter discussion of our operational plans for the rest of the year and extending into 2024. The planning meeting will focus on our most active committees showing growth and new initiatives for detailed operational planning. It is very important that as many of our Chapter Compatriots as possible actively participate in the to be easily-attended virtual meeting. This is your Chapter; your ideas and goals should drive it. We are likely to hear about the expanding programs of the Scouting Committee, new programs for reinvigorated Youth Activities, expanded JROTC outreach, plans for the accelerating events of the 250th Anniversary Committee, and further expansion and employment of our renewed Chapter Color Guard. Please note, this is not intended to be a passive briefing session; rather, all members should expect to engage in active, real-terms planning.

Looking ahead for the rest of the year, we will meet jointly with the George Mason Chapter at Montebello in October, return to Belle Haven Country Club in November, and meet again jointly with the George Mason Chapter in December for the installation of our 2024 officers by our own VASSAR State President Ernie Coggins.

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# 4th of July March to the Tomb *(Con't from Page 1)*



*(L-R) GW Chapter President Rand Pixa and Virginia SAR President Ernie Coggins present the Chapter's wreath at the tomb of George Washington.*

*The Baldwin - Jones - Tabb Chapter Medal is awarded to first-time SAR participants in the July 4th March to the Tomb of GW.*



*We pledge allegiance...*



*GW President Rand Pixa presents award certificate to French Army Lieutenant Colonel Mathieu Brulais.*



*Lillian Foos delivers the presentation for which she earned 1st Place in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest.*



# A Long Hot Summer of Events Began in May



*The May 13, 2023 Chapter Meeting and Family Picnic was held at Fort Hunt Park, just a few minutes up the road from George Washington's Mount Vernon estate. A few raindrops did not dampen the festive atmosphere.*



*Don Francisco (left) and Chapter Registrar Richard Sherman made use of the opportunity to swap autographs following Compatriot Francisco's lively presentation of musical entertainment and its history in colonial America.*



*Regular Chapter meeting functions included (above) the new member induction of Thomas Summers (right), congratulated by GW Chapter President Rand Pixa.*





# National Memorial Day Parade



*May 29th, Memorial Day 2023. Proud to be new Chapter members David Harrity and Thomas Summers lead with the banner followed by the West Potomac High School Color Guard. Last year was too hot! This year was too wet! Next year should be just right! Mark your calendars now and plan to join the fun. You might be surprised by the sense of pride that seeps in as you march up Constitution Avenue past thousands of those on the sidewalks waving their American flags and showering you with applause.*



*GW Compatriot Paul McComb ready to march and Chapter President Pixa ready to video the Parade.*

*The Dooley - Carr - Elston Medal is awarded to first-time SAR participants in the National Memorial Day Parade. To support the parade, and to encourage SAR participation, the Chapter's Memorial Day Parade Medal was created and funded by its three named individuals:*

*Joe Dooley, Bob Carr and Mike Elston.*



*Right: Big thanks are sent to Past GW Chapter President David Thomas for embracing the Parade Organizer role for the Chapter!*

*(Dave's hidden talent: He makes it look easy!)*



# Rounding Out the May 2023 Events



May 21st, GW Chapter President Rand Pixa led the many assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and placed the Chapter's wreath in honor of two Patriots whose graves were marked in a recently preserved private cemetery outside Hillsboro, Virginia.

Honored were Patriot Captain William Parker of the Virginia Navy and Patriot Captain James McIlhaney who served in the Continental Line. The ceremony was jointly sponsored by the Sgt Maj John Champe and Williamsburg Chapters.



**Memorial Day at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution** honors an unidentified soldier of the American Revolutionary War, whose remains were unearthed in 1826 in Alexandria, Virginia. The memorial is in the churchyard Burial Ground of Alexandria's Old Presbyterian Meeting House.

(L-R) Sandra Welch (Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, DAR), GW Chapter Compatriot Edgar Bates and Ellen Tabb (Daughter of Past GW Chapter President, Braxton Tabb)



# The Legend of Molly Pitcher

*Submitted by GW Compatriot John Haseltine*



**Intro:** Margaret Corbin and Mary Hays were two patriotic women who answered a call to duty. They would both face some of the heaviest combat during the American Revolution. And their courage and valor would secure both women special places in American legend.

## Part I

Margaret Corbin (born Cochran) was born on November 12, 1751, in the Pennsylvania colony. She was the daughter of Scottish Irish immigrants who settled on the very edge of the colony's frontier line. Early in her life, Margaret suffered terrible loss when her father was killed by Iroquois warriors and her mother abducted (never to be heard from again). As a result, Margaret and her brother were then raised by an uncle. When she was 21, Margaret married a farmer named, John Corbin in 1772. Little did either of them know, they were about to play a major role in the coming revolution.

When the American Revolution began in 1775, Margaret's husband was one of the first to enlist in the Continental Army. When the British attacked New York, the Continental Army was soundly defeated at the battle of Long Island. Although they had fought a successful defense at the battle of Harlem Heights (and a successful delaying action at White Plains, NY), the Patriots were pushed back to the north end of Manhattan. The bulk of the army was holed up in Fort Washington on Manhattan. On November 16, the British launched their attack.

Margaret had chosen to accompany the Continental Army as a volunteer nurse. Her husband John Corbin was posted with a small artillery battery at the northern most point of Fort Washington. With around 250 riflemen to support them, they faced more than 800 British regulars and Hessian mercenaries. The patriots struggled to hold their ground against the oncoming force and managed to inflict some severe casualties on the attackers.

During the attack, Margaret acted as a water carrier for the artillery and the wounded. When she looked up, she noticed John get hit by a Hessian volley that cut down many soldiers. With no time to mourn him, Margaret realized that her husband's cannon was now unmanned. She ran up to the gun and quickly reloaded it. She then fired the cannon into the advancing British and Hessians inflicting many casualties. She continued to reload and man the cannon until an enemy artillery shot destroyed it and knocked her unconscious.

## Part II

Mary (born Mary Ludwig) Hays was born on October 13, 1744, in the colony of New Jersey. She was the daughter of German immigrants who owned a small modest house. Much of her early life has not been documented except that she got married to a barber named, William Hays on July 24, 1769. And when the *(Con't next page)*



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American Revolution began, like thousands of other Americans, both William and Mary answered the call to duty.

Mary's husband enlisted in the Continental Army in the year 1777. By then, heavy fighting was taking place in the Pennsylvania colony. The patriots had recently two devastating defeats at Brandywine Creek and Germantown. By December, Philadelphia had been captured by the British and the Continental Army retreated to a small village 18 miles north-west of the city. The village was named, Valley Forge.

Mary Hays had accompanied her husband on the march to Valley Forge and helped care for the sick and wounded during the winter of 1777. During the army's six month stay at Valley Forge, Mary watched the army resupply and retrain. One thing that they devoted much of their time to was to effectively use their artillery. While the soldiers (including William Hays) were trained to fire and reload the guns, many of the women were used by the army as watercarriers. Their job was to continually supply the soldiers with water for the latter's hydration and to cool the cannons as they were being reloaded. Little did Mary know; she would end up doing far more than just carrying water.

After a six-month respite, the Continental Army was ready to fight again; especially after the British departed Philadelphia in June 1778. Washington set out from Valley Forge and met the British on the fields of Monmouth, New Jersey. On June 28, 1778, (an exceptionally hot day with temperatures over 100 degrees) the two armies began the largest clash up to that point. During the engagement, Mary ran into the fray to deliver water to patriots as they advanced against the British. However, the intense heat caused many on both sides to pass out during the battle. One of those to pass out from heat stroke was William Hays. Upon seeing her husband fall, Mary quickly grabbed his ramrod and proceeded to assist the gunners in reloading the cannon. During the battle, Mary's group helped repulse at least two British assaults on their position. She continued to

fight with her unit until the fighting had ended. After which, she helped tend to the wounded.

**Epilogue:** Despite Margaret Corbin's courage and valor at Fort Washington, this battle ultimately ended in defeat for the patriots. Although Washington managed to escape with most of his army, more than 2,800 Patriot soldiers (including Margaret) were forced to surrender to the British. Fortunately, the British agreed to release her (and some other severely wounded POWs) in a prisoner exchange. In 1779 (while the war was still being fought) Margaret became the very first woman in American history to receive a pension from the US Congress. Although she lived to see the end of the Revolution, Margaret Corbin never fully recovered from the wounds she had received at Fort Washington. She ultimately died due to complications from them on January 16, 1800. She was only 48.

At the end of the day both sides had agreed to disengage from the battlefield of Monmouth Court House. Tactically this battle had ended in a draw. However, since the British had suffered far more casualties than the Americans, history would remember this battle as a strategic victory (a victory in the long term) for the latter. For her part, both Mary Hays and her husband William had survived the battle. George Washington was so impressed by Mary's courage that he made her a non-commissioned officer in the Continental Army. For the rest of the war, she was known as, "Sergeant Molly Pitcher". It was a moniker that would stay with her for the rest of her life. When the war ended, both Mary and William returned to Pennsylvania and lived a quiet life on their farm. Like Margaret Corbin before her, Mary Hays also received a pension from the US Congress for her gallant service during the American Revolution (although she had to wait until 1822 for it to be given). She passed away on January 22, 1832, at the age of 87.

In the long years since the American Revolution, most of the patriots who served as foot soldiers have been largely forgotten by the general American populace. Most people tend to *(Con't next page)*



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remember the leaders who laid the groundworks that helped to spark the revolution and the general who secured victory on the battlefield. However, when one reads about the stories of people like Margaret Corbin and Mary Hays, they will learn that the American foot soldier played a vital role in securing the future of the United States of America. Their courage and valor remain great examples of what ultimately made our country.

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## The Summer Fun Continued Into June



*The GW Chapter conducted a **Boy Scout Eagle Scout Merit Badge Workshop** in early-June to help twelve participating Scouts earn merit badges supporting the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest (American Heritage, Genealogy, and Law). The Scouts represented three Troops from the Colonial District, National Capital Area Council. Our goal was to help the Scouts become Eagle Scouts, forming an enhanced appreciation of our heritage and Constitutional Republic while also creating a pipeline of Eagle Scouts who can successfully participate in the Eagle Scout Contest.*

## Outstanding Fairfax County JROTC Cadet

*In recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors, on behalf of the George Washington Chapter and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Chapter Secretary Scot Bryant awarded a Lake Braddock Secondary School cadet the Bronze R.O.T.C. medal, June 2, 2023.*







*June 10, 2023, Gunston Hall: **Commemoration of the Virginia Declaration of Rights** authored by George Mason and adopted June 12, 1776 by the Virginia Constitutional Convention. This document contained points that were used by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence less than a month later and by James Madison when drafting the first ten amendments to the U. S. Constitution.*



*(L-R) GW Compatriot Tom Bland, Rev. Tom Costa, GW Chapter President Rand Pixa, Virginia SAR President and GW Past President Ernie Coggins, GW Compatriot Frank Weiss, Virginia SAR Historian and GW Past President Tom Roth and GW Compatriot Bill Bland gathered in honor of this George Mason Chapter 250 Anniversary Signature Event.*





*General Daniel Morgan's Commemoration, Winchester, Va., June 17, 2023: Daniel Morgan (1735/1736 – July 6, 1802) was an American pioneer, soldier, and politician from Virginia. One of the most respected battlefield tacticians of the American Revolutionary War of 1775–1783, he later commanded troops during the suppression of the Whiskey Rebellion of 1791–1794. Morgan settled in Winchester, Virginia. He became an officer of the Virginia militia.*

*Morgan, a member of the Federalist Party, ran for the United States House of Representatives twice, winning the House election in 1796. He retired from Congress in 1799 and died in 1802.*

*(L-R) GW Chapter members Mark Jackson, Ernie Coggins (Virginia SAR President), Richard Rankin (Past GW Chapter President) and Paul McComb.*



## SAR

Toano resident Virgil "Pete" Farley (left) recently received the Newsletter Editor of the Year award from Rand Pixa, President of the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. This statewide award recognizes outstanding journalistic contribution to the continuing preservation of Revolutionary War era history. Fifteen Virginia chapters vied for the honor. Farley distinguished his chapter with the offering of consistent relative, accurate and highly read articles to include several that were reprinted by the national organization throughout the year. **JERRY RUDINSKY**

*Pete honored again! The GW Chapter's Award-Winning Newsletter Editor Pete Farley was further honored with an impressive write up in the Virginia Gazette, June 21, 2023.*

*(Above) Pete is shown as he was pictured in the Virginia Gazette article when receiving the 2022 Virginia SAR Newsletter Editor-of-the-Year award during the April 2023 GW Chapter Meeting from Chapter President Rand Pixa.*



## Tall Ship Providence, June 22, 2023

*Dr. Edgar Bates and the Maryland Color Guard were honored to participate in the grand opening for the floating John Warner Maritime Heritage Center and new permanent home of the Tall Ship Providence at Waterfront Park in Alexandria, Virginia. The Providence, built in 1976, is a replica of the first naval warship commissioned by the Continental Congress in 1775. Famed naval Captain John Paul Jones captained it. The center is open for tours, including sailings. In view of the Navy's upcoming 250th Birthday in 2025, the Chapter's America 250 Committee is exploring partnership opportunities.*



# July's Special Events

## National Recognition!



The National SAR Public Service and Heroism Committee (PS&H) recognizes and honors citizens and individuals in our public service sectors of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and Emergency Medical Services for their contributions to the community and for Heroic Acts with a commendation and a medal. States, chapters and commendation recipients are recognized in publication distributed electronically during the National Congress in July.

The top three reporting state societies were:

- The Virginia Society: 116 \*
- The Texas Society: 35
- The Florida Society: 25

\* Note the substantial gap between 1st and 2nd place and, out of the 116 PS & H awards that were presented by Virginia SAR chapters, the George Washington Chapter, led by Public Safety Awards Committee Chairman John Blair, presented 50 out of the 116 total.

Congratulations to John and his committee as well as to the Chapter's Board of Managers for their guidance and support in recognizing so many of our modern-day heroes.



*Along with a most remarkable friend, George Washington Chapter America 250 Committee Chair Dr. Edgar Bates attended a ship naming celebration at the Mount Vernon Estate, July 3, 2023. The future USS Lafayette, a fourth Constellation-class frigate, honoring the Marquis de Lafayette and his service during the American Revolutionary War, is scheduled to be commissioned in 2029.*



## July 2023 Events (Continued)

### *249th Anniversary of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves*



*Virginia SAR President and Chapter Compatriot Ernie Coggins addresses the audience at historic Pohick Church.*



*Front Row: Virginia SAR President Ernie Coggins. Back Row: GW Chapter Asst. Chaplain Paul McComb, GW Secretary Scot Bryant, National SAR Treasurer General Michael Elston and Virginia SAR Historian Tom Roth.*



*These two new GW Chapter members have joined the Color Guard this year. Looking sharp here are (L-R) Paul McComb and Mark Jackson.*





# August 2023 Events

## *Atlantic Middle States Conference (SAR), Tarrytown New York*



*This gathering of the East Coast States from New York to Virginia was sponsored by the Empire State Society SAR. The Virginia Society won the Jersey Devil Award. The award is given to the state society with the largest attendance in "man miles", which is the distance from the capital of the host state to the capital of the attending state multiplied by the number of attendees from that state. Albany is a very long way from Richmond, and Virginia had a lot of members attend. Pictured here are the Virginia Delegation and spouses.*

*The George Washington Chapter was represented by Michael Elston (National SAR Treasurer General), Ernie Coggins (Virginia SAR President), Joe Dooley (Past SAR President General) and Tom Roth (Virginia SAR Historian). Michael Elston was also officially endorsed by the Conference for election to the office of National SAR Secretary General in 2024.*



## **The The 247th Anniversary of the First Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Virginia**

*By the order of Virginia Governor Patrick Henry, August 12, 1776, the declaration was read at the Courthouse by County Sheriff Philip Noland. The Sgt. Major John Champe SAR chapter hosted the reenactment of the event Saturday, August 12, 2023 at the Leesburg Courthouse. The picture at left was taken in front of the Spirit of Loudoun statue. The GW Chapter's Asst. Chaplain Paul McComb is shown on the right.*



# President's Corner *(Con't from Page 2)*

So far this year we have very successfully executed our traditional calendar of events while making bullish progress on the new Endowment Fund and energizing Committee activity. Let's all work together to continue the "roll" to make our Chapter even better and more productive in honoring the sacrifices of our Patriot ancestors and bringing their ideals into everyday action.

Fraternally,  
Rand Pixa, President  
George Washington Chapter



*"A citizen, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."*

*Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee,  
December 26, 1799*

## In Appreciation

*Thank you to all of the GW Chapter Compatriots who participated in the many SAR events this summer! We also wish to thank those who contributed submissions to this month's Chapter Newsletter issue.*

*Special "Thanks!" go to Chapter Historian and Past GW Chapter President Tom Roth for his ever-present event attendance - with camera in hand - taking photos for the Newsletter and to capture the many accomplishments by the Chapter and its members throughout the year.*

*"Thanks, Tom!"*

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*The George Washington Chapter was chartered in its present form April 2, 1954. With over 250 members, it is Virginia's largest SAR chapter.*

*Meetings customarily are held at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month (June, July & August excepted).*

*Immediate Past President:*

*Richard Rankin: 703-538-5805*

*Ride Share: Members in need of a ride to a Chapter meeting or a Chapter-sponsored event may contact the Amenities Committee Chairman, Don Reynolds, at (703) 765-4947.*

*Interim Editor: Scot Bryant. Submissions from Chapter officers, committee chairmen and fellow Compatriots are always needed. Please send submissions and comments to GW Chapter Secretary Scot Bryant at [sbryant.sarmail@gmail.com](mailto:sbryant.sarmail@gmail.com).*





## Revolutionary War Stories

To commemorate the upcoming 250th anniversary of American independence the National Park Service and US National Archives and Records Administration have begun the Revolutionary War Pension Files Transcription Project (<https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/missions/revolutionary-war-pension-files>) which aims to transcribe approximately 2.3 million original documents that correspond with more than 83,000 individual soldiers using information included in federal pension applications from Revolutionary War Veterans. The National Archives files also include documents such as marriage licenses, wartime letters and soldiers' diaries.

If any member is interested in participating in this useful project and becoming a "Citizen Archivist" please contact David Harrity ([djharrity@gmail.com](mailto:djharrity@gmail.com)) who has already started to transcribe records associated with patriot ancestors who are buried in Alexandria. Compatriot Harrity can help members navigate the National Archives to find worthwhile information to be transcribed. One objective of the George Washington Chapter America 250 Committee is to transcribe at least one set of records per month with the reach goal of completing biographies in the SAR Patriot Research System for most patriot ancestors buried in Alexandria and subsequently publishing in a format suitable for presentation to the City of Alexandria for our nation's 250th Anniversary. This is a great project for members who want to spend just a couple of hours at home each week supporting a meaningful Chapter activity.

## In Memory of Eugene Thomas

*(May 19, 1945 – August 14, 2023)*



*Additional information concerning the late Past President of the George Mason Chapter and Past Chaplain of the Virginia SAR may be found on the Virginia SAR website at: <https://vssar.memberclicks.net/obit-of-eugene-foster-thomas>.*



# Wreaths Across America

*(It's not just about December!)*



*The 2023 National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 16th. Please mark your calendars then come out and join GW Chapter members and volunteers from all over the community transform Alexandria National Cemetery by paying respects to the fallen and placing wreaths on their graves.*

*Additional information will be available soon regarding the best way to support this cause. By ordering wreaths through the GW Chapter on WAA's webpage, one additional wreath will be placed on veterans' graves for every two wreaths sponsored through the GW Chapter.*

**Stay tuned!**

By signing the Declaration of Independence, the fifty-six Americans pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. Nine died of wounds during the Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned. Wives and children were jailed, mistreated, or left penniless. Twelve signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.



## September through the years with George Washington

- 1777** on the 11th--Battle of Brandywine.
- 1787** on the 17th--Washington signs the Constitution.
- 1789** on the 24th--The federal court system is created.
- 1791** on the 8th--"Federal City" officially renamed Washington, District of Columbia.
- 1793** on the 18th--Washington sets cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.
- 1796** on the 17th--After declining a third term in office, Washington issues his Farewell Address.
- 1983** on the 21st--Mount Vernon Slave Memorial dedicated.



# Upcoming Events

**Sept 9: Saturday, 11:30AM Chapter Meeting**  
Army Navy Country Club with National SAR  
President General John L. Dodd.

**Sept 9: Saturday, 4:15PM President General  
Dodd presenting NSSAR Wreath**  
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
Arlington National Cemetery.

**Sept 15-16: Fri-Sat, Virginia SAR Semi-  
Annual Meeting**  
Washington Hotel Winchester, VA. See the  
Dispatch details on line at:  
<https://vssar.memberclicks.net/dispatch>

**Sept 30: Saturday, 10:00AM - 2:00PM**  
**Chapter Planning Meeting by Zoom.**  
Focus on Committee activities and planning.

**Oct 14: Saturday, 11:30AM Joint Chapter  
Meeting (George Washington + George  
Mason Chapters)**  
Community Room, Montebello Condominium,  
5900 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA.  
Speaker: Marine Major General Bohm on  
Washington's Marines.

**Nov 11: Saturday, 9:30AM - 9:45AM,**  
**Veterans Day Wreath Laying at General  
Washington's Tomb.**  
Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon  
Highway, Mount Vernon, VA.

**Nov 11: Saturday, 11:30AM Chapter Meeting**  
Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria, VA.  
Speaker from the Friends of Lafayette.

**Dec 9: Saturday, 11:30AM Joint Chapter  
Meeting (George Washington + George  
Mason Chapters)**  
Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill  
Road, Alexandria, VA. Installation of 2024  
Chapter officers. **Speaker: Virginia SAR  
President Ernie Coggins.**

**Dec 16: Saturday, National Wreaths Across  
America Day**  
Alexandria National Cemetery



**For up-to-date George Washington Chapter events, please see:**

<https://www.gwsar.org/Events> (Log in for all member events and details) or  
eMail [billwilsongwvp@comcast.net](mailto:billwilsongwvp@comcast.net). Please see the Virginia SAR calendar for upcoming  
SAR events statewide: <https://vssar.memberclicks.net/calendar>.