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National SAR President General at Arlington National Cemetery



Rainy weather did not deter this year's wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

(L-R) Front Row: GW Chapter President Rand Pixa, Virginia SAR President Ernie Coggins, National SAR President General John L. Dodd, National SAR Treasurer General Michael Elston, George Mason Chapter Past President Ken Morris, GW Past President Richard Rankin. Back Row: GW Treasurer Scott Walker, GW Compatriots Eric Atkisson and Carlisle Bean, Virginia SAR Color Guardsmen Paul Christensen (CJW), Mark Jackson (GW), Dwight Whitney (GW Past President), Bill Schwetke (Virginia SAR Past President, CM) and Paul McComb (GW) and GW Compatriot Frank Weiss. Taking photos was GW Past President and Virginia SAR Historian Tom Roth.



*The wreath laying
contingent salutes.*



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President's Corner

Compatriots:

Saturday September 30th brought a muscular, forward-looking Chapter discussion of our operational plans for the rest of the year and extending into 2024. The meeting focused on our most active Committees, showing growth and new initiatives for detailed operational planning. The Committees are what “make it happen” for our Chapter and it is membership that moves the Committees forward.

The meeting led off with Marty Johnson's discussion of Youth Activities' recognition through the Knight Essay Contest and Eagle Scout Essay Contest, with conversation about advertising through school systems and otherwise. Ideas on how to get the word out are welcome. Marty also said he needs members to volunteer to be Merit Badge Counsellors in the areas of heritage, genealogy, and law. This year, he and his Scouting Committee put on a very successful program with four counsellors, but he needs more help to expand the program.

Assistant Chaplain Paul McComb spoke to the expanding work of the Amenities Committee to maintain member contact. The Committee is taking on the important work of keeping in touch with those members who may not be able to attend meetings and activities, or who may have fallen out of touch. The point is, no member is forgotten. But the Amenities Committee needs help to maintain contact and outreach. Please contact Paul if you have ideas on how to improve outreach or are willing to directly support the effort – call a Compatriot.

Mark Jackson, Deputy Commander of the Chapter Color Guard, addressed the Chapter's continuing effort to rebuild and strengthen our Color Guard participation both for the sake of the Chapter and support for the VSSAR Color Guard. The Color Guard is recruiting!! More will be forthcoming, soon, but you should contact Dwight Whitney, Mark, or Paul McComb if you are interested in the Color Guard. Mark says he has five drawers of uniform items available to support new members,



and he reminds that militia uniforms are easy to assemble and participation in the Color Guard can be as great or as little as time permits.

Scot Bryant, as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, has a number of ideas to expand public engagement and wants more ideas and support from you. He is working to rationalize the effort and to put measurable goals in place, broadly aimed at increasing membership, expanding event participation, and engaging with outside participants. He coined a phrase during the discussion which encapsulates all we do as the SAR and is well-suited as our “calling card:” RECOGNIZE, RESPECT, REMEMBER.

Edgar Bates shared his detailed PowerPoint® presentation on the expansive plans of the Chapter's 250th Anniversary Committee. A key point that resounded through the discussion was that the 250th Anniversary is not just about commemorating July 4, 1776, but rather the philosophical developments and numerous events over many years that led to the Declaration of Independence, and the years of struggle that brought the Treaty of Paris in 1783. Treasurer General Mike Elston noted that the SAR is now in the decade of commemoration leading to 2033. The report of the Committee concluded with David Harry's comprehensive discussion of his biographies project which taps into the extensive resources of the National Archives to build Patriot biographies for the Patriot Research System and general use. He seeks to build biographies that bring Patriots fully to life. Dave points out that work on biographies can be done from the comfort of your home on your own schedule; if you are interested in supporting the effort, please contact Dave. Edgar, Colin Eilts, and David will appreciate your support going forward for the greatest commemoration of the Revolution to occur during our lifetimes.

Looking ahead for the balance of the year, we will 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.

Fraternally,

Rand Pixa, President
George Washington Chapter

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier *(Con't from Page 1)*



President General John L. Dodd and Virginia SAR President Ernie Coggins place the wreath.



It's That Time Again... Don't Forget to Pay Your Dues.

Compatriots: Here is a reminder to *please* pay your dues ASAP via the Virginia SAR website at:

<https://www.virginiasar.org/>. If you do not recall receiving the eMailed invoice or if you need assistance accessing the website, contact Scott Walker by eMail at this address: scottwalker2363@gmail.com. If you wish to pay your invoice by check: The cost is **\$125** for most members (**\$75 for Life members**) payable to **George Washington Chapter, VASSAR**. Mail to: Scott Walker, 223 N. Royal Street, Alexandria VA 22314.



Plaque Dedication in Honor of Daniel Morgan

As part of the Virginia SAR semi-annual meeting, September 15, 2023, the Col. James Wood II Chapter dedicated a plaque in honor of General Daniel Morgan at the Burwell Morgan Mill in Millwood, Virginia. Revolutionary war hero General Morgan was a co-owner of the Mill. Several supportive members of the George Washington Chapter attended and actively participated in this event. Mark Jackson and Paul McComb participated as members of the Virginia SAR Color Guard, with Deputy Commander of the GW Chapter Color Guard, Mark Jackson, carrying the Virginia SAR Flag. Paul McComb, Asst. Chaplain of Virginia SAR and the George Washington Chapter, led the assembly in the Invocation and Benediction. Mike Elston, National SAR Treasurer General, brought greetings and presented a wreath on behalf of the National SAR President General. Ernie Coggins, Virginia SAR President, also brought greetings and presented a wreath on behalf of Virginia SAR. The Children of the American Revolution were represented by past V.S.C.A.R. President, and current N.S.C.A.R. liaison for the SAR and DAR, Will Elston, who brought greetings on behalf of the National C.A.R. George Washington Chapter President Rand Pixa presented a wreath on behalf of the George Washington Chapter. Other George Washington Chapter members present were past chapter Presidents, Dave Thomas (2019) (also Virginia SAR Asst. Registrar), Tom Roth (2021) (also Virginia Historian), and Richard Rankin (2022) (member National SAR Insurance Com.). Compatriot Roth took photos of the ceremony.



Attendees (L-R) Rand Pixa, Mark Jackson, Dave Thomas, Richard Rankin, Ernie Coggins, Paul McComb and Tom Roth.



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Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 16, 2023** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Alexandria National Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to the right to make a donation online or visit

www.wreathsassacrossamerica.org/VA0726



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Scholarship Opportunities for High School Students

The George Washington Chapter, like many SAR Chapters, sponsors scholarship opportunities for High School students. Two of these scholarships are **The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest** and **The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest**. The scholarship amount for the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest is **\$300**; while the scholarship amount for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Scholarships is **\$250**. Chapter-level winners are eligible to compete for much larger prizes at the State and, potentially, National levels.

Many of us have children, grandchildren, and neighbors who might be interested in these scholarships. Let them know about these opportunities.

Winning these scholarships look great on a college admission application. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Marty Johnson at mjvt49@gmail.com.

The deadline for these scholarships is December 15th.

Additional information can be found via the following links:

Stella M. Knight Essay Contest -

<https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/>

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest -

<https://www.sar.org/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-oration-contest/>



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

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

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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.

Lt. George Kilgour Grave Marking

Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Herndon, Virginia, August 26, 2023



(L-R) Virginia SAR Color Guard and Assistant Chaplain Paul McComb, Virginia SAR President Ernie Coggins and Virginia SAR Historian Tom Roth.

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.



October through the years with George Washington

- 1777** on the 4th--Battle of Germantown.
- 1781** on the 19th--Cornwallis surrenders to Washington at Yorktown.
- 1789** on the 3rd--Washington issues his first Thanksgiving Proclamation as President.
- 1792** on the 1st--Thomas Jefferson visits Mt. Vernon to convince Washington to consider a second term as president.
- 1792** on the 13th--Cornerstone of the White House is set; Washington is in Philadelphia.

2023 Virginia SAR Semi-Annual Meeting

George Washington Hotel, Winchester, Virginia



Members of the Virginia Color Guard in attendance were invited to stand and be recognized.



(L-R) GW Chapter President Rand Pixa and Virginia SAR President Ernie Coggins address those assembled.



N.S.C.A.R. liaison for the SAR and DAR Will Elston also speaks to the crowd, backed by Virginia SAR President Ernie Coggins.

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2023 Virginia SAR Semi-Annual Meeting

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Photo taken in the Grand Ballroom of the George Washington Hotel of members, spouses and guests before breaking for lunch Saturday, September 16, 2023.



Virginia SAR Semi-Annual Meeting: Flag Retirement ceremony, Friday, September 15, 2023.



Friday, September 15, 2023: Grave Marking of Revolutionary Patriot, Robert Rutherford Wood. Family Graveyard - Glen Burnie Estate, Winchester, Virginia.

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The Beeline March ceremony began with a Virginia Color Guard muster outside of the George Washington Hotel on the corner of Cameron and Picadilly Streets in Winchester, Virginia. The participants then proceeded west on Picadilly Street three blocks to the Daniel Morgan Statue at the Old Stone Church. There they were inspected by "General Washington" as he considered the next appropriate action in the conduct of the American Revolutionary War.



National SAR President General John L. Dodd Joins September 2023 George Washington Chapter Monthly Meeting *Army Navy Country Club September 9, 2023*



National SAR President General spoke to the George Washington Chapter members and members of the George Mason Chapter at their joint meeting in September at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Va. The President General covered a number of topics during his presentation including the recommendation to all SAR chapters to concentrate on their outreach through the use of social media platforms. President General Dodd also introduced the upcoming announcement of the first SAR Commemorative Henry Rifle. The rifle sales will benefit the SAR Education Center and Museum.



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September 2023 George Washington Chapter Monthly Meeting *(Con't from previous page)*



GW Chapter President Pixa (Right) presents National SAR President General with the Chapter's traditional "Thank you" gift; a replica of the Jean-Antoine Houdon Bust of the Chapter's namesake, General George Washington.



Past GW Chapter President Richard Rankin, Assistant Chaplain Paul McComb, Past GW Chapter President Dwight Whitney and GW Chapter America250 Committee Chairman, Dr. Edgar Bates.

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(L-R) Past National President General Joe Dooley, GW Chapter Past President Emeritus the Honorable David Walker and George Mason Chapter President Frederick “Fritz” Barth.

Past GW President Richard Rankin attended the Battle of Brooklyn and Maryland 400 Commemoration in Brooklyn, NY, August 26, 2023.



Chapter Grave Marking Medal

Support the George Washington Chapter Grave Marking Program

The George Washington Chapter attempts to mark at least four Patriot graves each year. Northern Virginia has dozens of Patriot graves that have not yet been marked so there is opportunity to ensure these Patriots are memorialized. However, the grave markers themselves cost approximately \$300 including the National SAR grave marker lug and the plaque affixed to each marker. The George Washington Chapter Board of Managers promotes the Grave Marking program in part by awarding the **Dr. James Craik Medal** to each Compatriot who **contributes at least \$250 towards grave marking**. Contributions will also be applied towards grave markings of Compatriot graves as well.

The George Washington Chapter first issued the Dr. James Craik Medal in 2008 to recognize chapter members who support Patriot grave markings. One of the goals of the SAR is to commemorate the service of our Patriot ancestors in the establishment of the United States of America. One way that we do that is to ensure these Patriots' graves are identified and preserved, along with their histories. At a typical Patriot grave marking ceremony, a Color Guard member is present, and the Patriot's biography and service are read. It is a dignified service.

If you wish to support this program, please eMail Chapter Treasurer, Scott Walker, to make arrangements: scottwalker2363@gmail.com.



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SAR Flag Recognition Program

by Paul Walden, Flag Committee Chairman

The SAR promotes the appropriate display and respect of the United States flag. One way the organization promotes this is to award a Flag Certificate to individuals and businesses who appropriately fly the flag. There are 38 days recognized as official flag days (see list below), although flying the flag on a daily basis, and ensuring it is maintained properly and not allowed to become frayed or faded is preferred. All you need to do to nominate a neighbor or a business is notify the Flag Committee Chairman with the name of the individual or business and the address so that a certificate can be ordered from National SAR. A photo is also appreciated.

National SAR endeavors to ensure Americans are aware of the history of the flag. There were at least 7 flags flown over the colonies in the years from the founding of Jamestown up to 1776 and many people are unaware of those flags, and their relevance. I have a slide deck that I have presented to schools and businesses that gives a brief 15 minute history of the evolution of our current flag.

Additionally, SAR promotes the respectful retirement of the flag once it is no longer serviceable by conducting a Flag Retirement ceremony. Typically, worn flags are collected at a chapter meeting and a brief retirement observance is performed. The flags are then properly and finally disposed of, routinely by burning. (Although burial is also a permissible disposal method.)

Lastly, I am looking for a George Washington Chapter Compatriot to take over the position of Flag Committee Chairman. I have been honored to serve as the Chairman for the past several years, but given my current duties as officers in other societies, I no longer have the time to continue in this capacity. If any Compatriot is interested in taking this on, I will gladly assist them in assuming this important role. You may eMail me at: PaulWalden@live.com.

Did you know: Flags should fly at full staff on Veteran's Day?

Or, that flags should fly at half staff until noon on Memorial Day?

The US Flag should be flown every day, but especially these dates (in 2023)

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| 1. Jan 1 New Years | 20. June 19 Juneteenth National Independence Day |
| 2. Jan 16 Martin Luther King Jr. | 21. July 4 Independence Day |
| 3. Jan 20 Inaguration Day | 22. July 27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day |
| 4. Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday | 23. Aug 4 Coast Guard Birthday |
| 5. Feb 20 Washington's Birthday | 24. Sep 4 Labor Day |
| 6. Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day | 25. Sep 11 (half staff) Patriot Day |
| 7. Mar 29 Vietnam Veterans Day | 26. Sep 15 National POW/MIA Recognition |
| 8. Apr 5 Gold Star Spouses Day | 27. Sep 17 Constitution Day |
| 9. Apr 9 Former POW Recognition Day | 28. Sep 18 Air Force Birthday |
| 10. Apr 22 Earth Day | 29. Sep 24 Gold Star Mother's Day |
| 11. May 4 Firefighter's Day | 30. Oct 9 Columbus Day/National Indigenous Peoples Day |
| 12. May 7 (half staff) Nat'l Fallen Firefighters Mem. | 31. Oct 13 Navy Birthday |
| 13. May 14 Mother's Day | 32. Nov 7 Election Day |
| 14. May 15 (half staff) Peace Officer's Memorial Day | 33. Nov 10 Marine Corps Birthday |
| 15. May 20 Armed Forces Day | 34. Nov 11 Veterans Day |
| 16. May 29 (half staff until noon) Memorial Day | 35. Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day |
| 17. June 6 D-Day | 36. Dec 7 (half staff) Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day |
| 18. June 14 Army Birthday/Flag Day | 37. Dec 20 Space Force Birthday |
| 19. June 18 Father's day | 38. Dec 25 Christmas |

Franco-American Alliance Commemoration

September 21, 2023

Chapter President Pixa represented the National Society Vice President General for the European District at the Franco-American Alliance Commemoration conducted at the U. S. Naval Academy, September 21st in Annapolis, Maryland. September 21st marks the 1781 date on which 3,800 of General Rochambeau's troops, along with a significant component of General Washington's forces, embarked aboard 15 French vessels from the grounds now occupied by the U. S. Naval Academy en route to their victory at Yorktown. President Pixa is pictured with the wreath he placed on behalf of the Chapter alongside four active-duty French officers and General Rochambeau's impersonator. The Virginia Society is actively encouraging the participation of the French military in SAR events in light of the definitive French role in securing our Independence, most notably in Virginia.



Historical Background

Program Notes by John Paul Jones Chapter, Maryland Society, SAR

We gather here today [September 21, 2023], near this marker that commemorates the few days in September 1781, that General Rochambeau's French army, and some of Washington's Continental army, camped at this site along the old Severn River and College Creek shoreline, that has become part of the U. S. Naval Academy. This area of Annapolis was the 37th encampment in their long march south from Newport, Rhode Island, en route to join the Continental Army under General Lafayette, near Yorktown, Virginia.

The army began marching into this field around 7:00 AM the morning of 18 September, setting up their tent, digging fire pits, tending the hundreds of horses and oxen that had drawn the field artillery and ammunition

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caissons, at least ten wagons for baggage per regiment, plus more for supplies, hospital, stragglers, butchers, wheelwrights & farriers. There would have been more than 500 8-man tents set up all along the creek & river from the back of St. John's College all the way to the harbor.

Seven long years of war, against the finest army in the world at that time left the Continental Army and American militias hard pressed and in ragged condition, yet dedicated, confident, and eager to fight. The new nation had been ravaged, and reserves were meager. So, when this new first rate, fully supported, brightly uniformed, well disciplined and organized French army came marching through the country hundreds, even thousands, of townspeople and colonists came from miles around to see what must have been very inspiring, motivational, and amazing.

An actual Treaty of Alliance had not been negotiated and signed until 1778, but the French provided supplies, arms and ammunition secretly to the Colonies. The treaty allowed them to send troops and naval support.

A French fleet landed four of France's finest regiments, the Bourbonnois, the Royal Deux-Ponts, the Soissonnois, and the Saintonge Regiments, plus Lauzon's Legion of cavalry, grenadiers and light infantry under the command of General Rochambeau in Newport, Rhode Island, mid-July, 1780.

In June of 1781 replacements arrived from France of about 600 plus another 2 companies of artillery. A sea voyage in those days took its toll. Then the army started marching to meet with General Washington's army. The routes and camping locations were scouted out in advance by quartermasters, and road workers proceeded the troops to fill potholes and clear obstacles in roads that often were little more than ox cart paths. Reveille was 2:00 AM, and on the road by 4:00 AM to the next campsite, 12-15 miles further on, arriving there around 8:00 AM -12 Noon to avoid marching in the heat of the day.

They joined General Washington's 4,000 man army July 6, 1781 near White Plains, New York. The Generals reviewed and conferred on options for attacking British forces in New York or Virginia. When they learned that Admiral de Grasse's French fleet was sailing from the Caribbean for the Chesapeake Bay, they determined to march south to reinforce Lafayette's forces and confront Cornwallis troops encamped at Yorktown, Virginia. Admiral de Grasse brought another 3,000 troops from the Caribbean, and significant Spanish silver from Cuba for additional supplies and troop payment.

The first embarkation point on the Chesapeake Bay was at Head of Elk, Maryland, (now Elkton). But with limited local bay boats, only 3,000 could be transported from there. The remainder marched on to Baltimore and then to Annapolis.

The French army encamped in Annapolis between 18-21 September. 3,800 French troops, and another 200 Continental troops, with some of their artillery, supplies, and ammunition embarked on fifteen ships from Admiral de Grasse's French fleet. The French fleet had on the 5th of September defeated and blocked British fleet attempts to resupply and reinforce Lord Cornwallis' Army in the Battle of the Capes.

About this time of the day [about 4:00 PM on 9/21/23], 242 years ago, the French ships started to weigh anchor and leave Annapolis, for Williamsburg, Virginia. The troops disembarked there for deployment to positions around Yorktown. The remainder of the huge wagon train, with troops to protect and support it went overland to the Yorktown battlefield.

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The allied troops around Yorktown totaled roughly 9,000 Continental and 9,000 French troops against about 8,300 British, although different sources give different numbers. About 8,000 English marched out between the French and American forces on 19 October following the surrender. That troop strength does not include the vital Naval forces that blockaded the Chesapeake and Yorktown Harbor.

Our nations have shared many efforts fighting tyranny to further the finest qualities of freedom, equality and justice. We think back of our great grandfathers fighting for France in World War I, followed by our fathers' and grandfathers' valiant invasion of the Normandy beaches during World War II, and we remain allies in NATO.

Calling all Color Guard!

by Mark Jackson, Deputy Commander, GW Chapter Color Guard

I am a relatively new member of the George Washington Chapter but my time in the Color Guard in particular has shown that it can be one of the most engaging and rewarding activities in the Sons of the American Revolution as well as in our community. Often taking center stage at SAR events, Color Guard members serve as a face of our organization and inspire onlookers to recollect on and reconnect with the foundational spirit of our nation. A brief insight into how Color Guard works and an invitation to anyone interested in joining the ranks follows.

The George Washington Chapter Color Guard folds into the greater Virginia Sons of the American Revolution (Virginia SAR) Color Guard, which now stands at 135 members. The Virginia SAR Color Guard excels at organizing the Color Guard's participation in numerous events throughout the state. It also offers training opportunities on marching, flag drill, musketry, and other topics from seasoned professionals as well as from online resources. With no beforehand Color Guard experience, I found the orientation process to be as easy as just participating in events of my choosing and finding a role. There are no expectations as far as level of participation. You may choose a few events or several. The Color Guard leaders have a contagious enthusiasm and are extremely encouraging. They hold safety paramount at all times and have always expressed their gratitude for my participation.

Joining the ranks entails acquiring a period-specific 18th century uniform, whether the style is continental, militia, or other (such as tribal, naval, merchant/civilian, etc.). The price of a new uniform can cost as much as \$1,500 *but* it can be as low as \$100. One great option available for new participants is access to the George Washington Chapter's Color Guard inventory which includes several uniform items (including coats) that can defray some of the cost. A musket or a rifle is a core component of the Color Guard but *is not required* for participation. The Chapter also makes available a wreath and a "traveling" flag to contribute to ceremonies.

With a uniform and beginning Color Guard knowledge, you immediately become a valued member of the team: A Guardsman. Personally, I have found that the Color Guard provides additional opportunities to build camaraderie from within SAR while also enhancing public awareness and inclusion around a shared pride in our country. We can inspire the next generation of Americans to do great things.

If you are interested in taking your membership to the next level by joining the George Washington Chapter Color Guard or if you have any questions, I can be reached by eMail at: mjackson999@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events

2024

Oct 14: Saturday, 11:30AM Joint Chapter Meeting (George Washington + George Mason Chapters)

Community Center, Montebello Condominium, 5905 Mount Eagle Drive, Alexandria, VA 22303
Speaker: Marine Major General Bohm on Washington's Marines.

Oct 15: Sunday, 3:00 PM Plaque Dedication + Grave Marking in Honor of Robert Hanson Harrison

Christ Church Durham Parish, 8700 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy, MD

Nov 4: Saturday, 2:00 PM 248th Anniversary of the Skirmish at Kemp's Landing

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 5181 Singleton Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23162

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, 9:30AM

**National Wreaths Across America Day
Alexandria National Cemetery**

1450 Wilkes Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Jan 13: Saturday, 11:30 AM Chapter Meeting
(Location TBD)

Feb 9-10: Friday, 11:00 AM Virginia SAR Annual Meeting. (Online workshops prior.)
Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 South 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

**Alexandria National Cemetery
2022 National Wreaths Across America Day**



Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths. See "Poster" on Page 5.

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 billwilson@gwvp.comcast.net. Please see the Virginia SAR calendar for upcoming
SAR events statewide: <https://vssar.memberclicks.net/calendar>.