

The Magazine

Williamsburg Chapter Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution



By signing the Declaration of Independence,

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

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President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. It has been very interesting, and I hope that we are all taking precautions with COVID and its variants. It seems that when the symptoms hit it is all at once, one day you are fine then the next you have it.

On to better things. At our last luncheon we had a change of speakers at the last minute and Gary Dunaway our Treasurer stepped in and provided us with very good information. Gary and John Lynch, our Vice President had been researching the possible grave site of Lieutenant William H. Parker of the Virginia State Navy. They discovered the cemetery also contained the remains of Captain James McIilhaney a C Captain of the Virginia Continental Line, both graves are unmarked by the SAR. There is a lot of work that still needs to be done at the cemetery as it has become overgrown and needs to be cleaned up. Good work compatriots!

Our next luncheon will be on August 13, our schedule speaker will be John Quarstein, he will be talking about the battle of the Virginia Capes. This should be a very interesting prelude to the Battle of the Capes Commemoration on Sept 3 to be held at Ft. Story.

Keep your calendars open for the weekend of September 17 as the VASSAR midyear meeting will be held at the Woodlands here in Williamsburg. We will be looking for volunteers the help during the meeting.

President Bruce Laubach



Friday July 29, 2022

Noon
CAR Dedication Ceremony
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Never Forget Garden
Eastern State Hospital
4601 Ironbound Road
Williamsburg, VA.
Details on page 4

Monday August 1, 2022

10:00 am BOM meeting by ZOOM

Saturday August 13, 2022

11:30 am Social Noon Lunch meeting Colonial Heritage Country Club Williamsburg, VA.

Saturday September 3, 2022

Battle of the Capes Commemoration Ft. Story, VA

Friday-Saturday September 16-17, 2022

VASSAR Mid year meeting Woodlands Convention Behind Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center

Chapter News



The 37th Annual Fourth of July Service of Prayer & Thanksgiving Presented by The Williamsburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



A very nice service was held concluding with ringing The Virginia Liberty Bell in honor of the original 13 colonies that formed our nation.



This is a YouTube link to the service

https://youtu.be/p6Fxge-n5uE?t=918

July Events



Wreath Laying Ceremony To honor President Benj. Harrison V Berkeley Plantation, Virginia



L-R Bruce Laubach, President SAR Williamsburg Chapter; Susan Dewing, Virginia DAR State Registrar; Cheryl Brown Davis, Past Regent Cobbs Hall Chapter and soloist for the ceremony and Richard Stroud, USCG (Ret), Bugler.



Green Spring Commemoration

Photos from July 9 meeting









The Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal

Colonel First Virginia Regiment

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to Gary Dunaway, treasurer,





I was surprised and honored last night at my VFW post by the Peninsula Patriots, a quilting group that present handmade quilts to veterans. I and 8 other combat veterans were presented with beautiful, customized quits for our service to our great nation.

George Corbett



Gentlemen.

As you know our chapter is hosting VASSAR's semi annual meeting this year. The specific dates are 16-17 September. Location is the newly renovated Woodlands Hotel (a Colonial Williamsburg hotel to state the obvious to you). I do not know the exact schedule yet.

This is a qualifying event for the VASSAR Billy Flora medal. So, if you've participated in a VASSAR Color Guard National and a State event since I January 2022, then this will be your third and final qualifying event. In other words: if you participated in our Chapter's Memorial Day commemoration (National) and the Spencer's Ordinary event (State) then the September VASSAR meeting completes the requirements for the Billy Flora Medal.

In any event, this is an excellent and fun way to help meet our Chapter's goals and objectives. And to get a return on investment for your cash outlay for uniform and equipment.

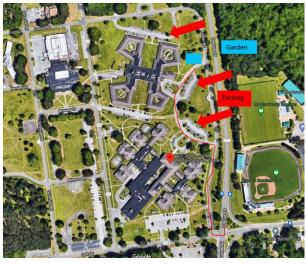
John Lynch, Vice-President



George Wythe Society

116 Pasbehegh Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185

July 13, 2022



The George Wythe Society, Children of the American Revolution invites you to the dedication of a Society of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Never Forget Garden at noon on Friday, July 29, 2022. The program will be held outdoors on the grounds of Eastern State Hospital, 4601 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

The Never Forget Garden was begun as a nationwide project and "invitation to all Americans and freedom loving people to plant gardens as a visual way to represent unwavering commitment to our sacred duty to recognize, remember, and honor our veterans and their families now and for many years to come."

A reply may be made to me by email at denise.thomas.dar@gmail.com or by phone at 757-344-6049 (c).

Respectfully,

Denise Thomas

Senior Society President

George Wythe Society C.A.R.

Compatriots

Here is an excellent opportunity to show our support for the Local Children of the American Revolution George Wythe Chapter. At 12:00pm on Friday July 29 there will be a dedication ceremony of the Never Forget Garden, For the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

I would like to add that this event being a summertime event while the traditional coat and tie shows our highest respects for our fallen patriots, I feel for safety reasons wearing the SAR polo shirt shows the same respect. Let us be safe and not over heat.

Bruce

Battle of Green Spring

CITIZEN SOLDIER

Virginia Soldiery during the American War for Independence John S. Lynch and Gary Dunaway

The Battle of Green Spring occurred on July 6th, 1781. This unheralded battle was the largest battle in Virginia during the Revolutionary War until it was eclipsed by the Siege of Yorktown. One of the Patriot units participating in the Green Spring battle was a unique group of twelve patriots forming a small cavalry unit: "Mercer's Troop of Volunteer Gentlemen." Our SAR chapter annually commemorates this battle. Thus it is most appropriate to have you . . .

MEET WILLIAM HARWAR PARKER

William H. Parker was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on 12 January 1752. His parents were the Honorable Richard Parker, Esquire (1729-1813) and Elizabeth Beale (1731-1797), of Westmoreland County, Virginia. William H. Parker was the grandson of Dr. Alexander Parker (born _____ and died 1751) of Essex County, Virginia. William H. Parker himself died 2 December 1815 in Loudoun County, Virginia. He married, firstly, Mary Sturman (1757-1810), dau of Foxhill Sturman (1720-1767) and Hannah Chilton (1726-1793). They had five children (see below). He married secondly, on 16 June 1812 in Loudoun County Hannah McIilhaney (1759 – 14 [or 12] December 1839), daughter of John McIilhaney. It appears no issue was had by the second marriage.²

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE

<u>1777</u>: Parker joined in the Virginia State Navy (VSN) on 22 September 1777 as a midshipman aboard the Virginia State Ship (VSS) TARTAR (Captain Richard Taylor commanding).³

1778: VSS TARTAR service³

<u>1779</u>: Lieutenant on the TARTAR (Captain Richard Taylor commanding). Parker was promoted to command of the TARTAR following Captain Taylor's wounding³

<u>1780</u>: Lieutenant on the TARTAR (Captain Richard Taylor commanding).³ TARTAR's crew, including Parker, were ordered to the VSS JEFFERSON on June 28, 1780. Lt. Parker lost a brother, Colonel Richard Parker, who was killed on 24 April, 1780, during the Siege of Charleston South Carolina.

<u>1781</u>: Lieutenant on the VSS TEMPEST (Captain Markham commanding) during the 27 April 1781 Battle of Osbornes Landing when the Virginia State Navy was for all practicable purposes destroyed. Later became a member of John Mercer's Troop of Gentlemen Volunteers and took part in the 6 July 1781 Battle of Green Spring where he had a horse wounded. Parker continued his service with Mercer's Troop of Gentlemen Volunteers until the British surrender at the Siege of Yorktown. He was discharged from the VSN in November 1781.³

Parker wrote in third person when documenting his Revolutionary War experience for his pension application (lightly edited):

"... was Lieutenant of the Tempest under the command of the said Capt. Markham and with him made an attempt in a boat to get on shore and escape from the Enemy, but the Captain proposing upon a heavy fire, to surrender your Petitioner desirous of still serving his Country determined not to be a prisoner jumped over board and swam to the shore at the hazard of his life . . . That he took the earliest Opportunity of engaging in the Defense of his country after his escape and engaged as a Volunteer in Colo. Mercers light horse and was in the engagement at Green Spring and had a valuable horse wounded in action. . . Continued to act ag't the Enemy . . . until the Capture of Lord Cornwallis at York." ³

One of Parker's supporting documents for his application was a declaration by Peter Conway, VSN, who was present at the Battle of Osborne's Landing. Conway stated:

". . .the fire became so sharp from the enemy we blew up the vessel we were in and made our escape to the opposite shore - I never saw so great a shower of shots . . . A vessel commanded by Capt. James Markham was near us at the time of the attack, and every man in the vessel either killed or taken prisoner, (the Capt. not excepted) except one man who jumped overboard in my presence, and made his escape by swimming, but not without encountering many sharp shot; I was told that it was Lieutenant William H. Parker."

POST WAR ACTIVITY

Parker apparently lived quietly in Westmoreland County (he is listed in Westmoreland County in the 1810 Federal census) and later Loudoun County, Virginia. He hosted friends and Revolutionary War comrades at his Loudoun County house as recalled by Jacob Anderson, a former shipmate. Parker began to be called "Captain Parker" after the war.³

William and Mary Parker's children were

- 1. **Richard Eliot Parker** 27 Dec 1783 (Rock Spring, Westmoreland Co) 9 Sep 1840 (Clarke County, Virginia, buried Grace Episcopal Church, Berryville, Virginia) He married (1808) **Elizabeth H. Foushee** (1786-1859), dau of Dr. William Foushee, the first mayor of Richmond Virginia. They had at least six children. Richard E. Parker was Attorney General under Andrew Jackson, later elected to the U.S. Senate but resigned from that office in order to become a judge on the Virginia Court of Appeals.⁴⁻⁶
- **2. Foxhall Alexander Parker Sr.** 31 July 1788 (Rock Spring, Westmoreland Co) 23 Nov 1857 (Philadelphia) (FAGR 84633363) m. (1814) **Sarah Jay Bogardus** 1793-1860. He became commander of the *USS Constitution* in 1842. He commanded the Boston Navy Yard 1877-1878. In 1878 he was the Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy (USNA), and was one of the founders of the U.S. Naval Institute.⁷
- 3. John Harwar Parker. 1786 post 2 Dec 1815. Died unmarried.⁸
- **4. William Chilton Parker**. 1792 1847. A lawyer. m. 1) **Margaretta Foushee**, dau of Dr. William Foushee and sister of Elizabeth H. (Foushee) Parker, 2) **Elizabeth Sparks**. ^{8,9}
- 5. Julia Octavia Parker. 1797- 1856. m. LeRoy Daingerfield.⁸

Photo by Karen Corbett

William and Mary (Sturman) Parker were married at least 27 years when Mary passed away on 3 November 1810 in Westmoreland County. By then their five children were in their early to late 20's and may have already left their parent's home. Captain Parker likely moved to Loudoun County between 1810-1812 as he married Hannah McIilhaney in 1812 and lived near Hannah's parents in Hillsboro, Loudoun County, until his death in 1815. There was no issue from the second marriage. William Harwar Parker is buried in the McIilhaney family cemetery located near Hillsboro.²

EPILOGUE

Four of William and Mary Parker's grandchildren played interesting roles before, during, and after the American Civil War. One of them, Richard E. Parker Jr., was the son of Judge Richard E. Parker. Three others, Foxhall Alexander Parker Jr., William Harwar Parker, and Daingerfield Parker, were sons of Commodore Foxhall A. Parker Sr., USN.

Richard Eliot Parker Jr. 1810-1893 m. 1843 **Evelina Tucker (Moss)** 1821-1887. Richard Parker graduated from the University of Virginia. He became a lawyer and in 1851 he was elected to the 13th Judicial Circuit in Virginia. He was the judge who tried the abolitionist John Brown in 1859. Parker lived in Winchester, Virginia. ¹⁰

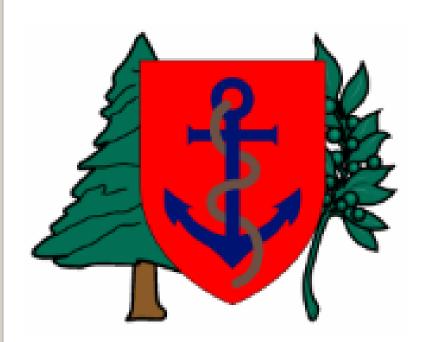
Foxhall Alexander Parker Junior. 1821-1879. He was appointed a midshipman in 1837 and served aboard the *Constitution* alongside his father in 1842. He later saw U.S.N. service during the American Civil War at Wilmington North Carolina, Yorktown, Virginia, the US bombardment of Fort Sumpter, Charleston, South Carolina, and was Commodore of the Potomac Flotilla at the end of the war. He was a navy captain by 1866. He married 1) Mary Elizabeth Green (1822-1849) and 2) Caroline Donaldson (1839-1877).¹¹

William Harwar Parker 8 Oct 1826 (New York) – 30 Dec 1896 (WDC). William H. Parker graduated USNA in 1842 and served in all naval squadrons except the Pacific Squadron. He married in Norfolk Virginia 14 December 1853, Margaret E. Moseley (1827-?). They were married for over four decades. Parker joined the Confederate Navy in 1861 as a lieutenant. He served on the *CSS Beaufort* during the duel between the *USS Monitor* and the *CSS Virginia* in Hampton Roads and later was part of the Commodore William F. Lynch's "mosquito fleet" at Roanoke Island, 7-8 May 1862. Parker was transferred to Charleston, South Carolina in 1863 where he became the executive officer for the *CSS Palmetto State*. Parker was promoted to captain and assigned to become the Superintendent of the Confederate States Naval Academy. As such he commanded the school ship *CSS Patrick Henry*. At the end of the war, when Richmond was evacuated, Parker and his midshipmen escorted the fleeing Confederate Government and its treasure until the naval command surrendered and disbanded in Abbeville, South Carolina. Parker became the US ambassador to Korea during President Cleveland's first administration. Administration.

Daingerfield Parker 23 May 1832 (New York) – 24 Feb 1925 (WDC). He married Amelia Nesbit (1832-1906). Daingerfield joined the US Army prior to the American Civil War. During that war he participated in the battles of First and Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. He achieved the rank of brigadier general by the time of his retirement in 1906. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.¹⁵



Newburyport Independent Marine Company Flag pre-1774



Among the independent militia companies formed prior to 1774 was that of the Marine Society of Newburyport. At a meeting in the Wolfe Tavern in Newburyport the Independent Marine Company was formed under the command of Captain James Hudson, who operated an important salt works in Massachusetts. It is claimed to be the first militia company of seamen mustered to defend American rights in the revolution. The Newburyport Independent Marine Company had about 76 members. Their colors combined the insignia of the State, a standard of a blue anchor on a red field, supported by a pine tree and olive branch. This speculative image is the work of vexillologist Dave Pawson.

According to research done by Pawson all the company's officers were actual sea captains and several of them commanded vessels during the Revolution. All the seamen, except for Hudson, were also part of the Newburyport Artillery unit that participated in the Rhode Island campaign in 1777. Some also most likely participated in the Independent Company of Newburyport which was organized to protect the Massachusetts coastline.



The Williamsburg chapter,
Sons of the American
Revolution, presented a flag
recognition certificate to
Riverside Doctor's Hospital
Williamsburg on 8 December
2021. Pictured L-R are Andrew
Parker, Hospital Protection
Officer, Adria Vanhoozier,
Hospital President, George
Corbett, Chair of the chapter
Flag Recognition Program and
Brian Forest, Hospital
Facilities Service Director.

Registrar's Corner





On July 16 Alex Armstrong was inducted into the SAR Williamsburg Chapter. Alex is a Senior at Virginia Tech and a descendant of Harwood Howard Bacon. President Bruce Laubach and Registrar Hunt Berryman welcomed Alex to our chapter.

We currently have 5 new members and 8 supplemental applications under review for approval by SAR's genealogical committee. There are 9 new members and 6 supplemental applications in progress, and 12 new member prospects.

Hunt Berryman Registrar Email:

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Our chapter historian Steve Perger creates and maintains a record of chapter activities and events and annually prepares a Chapter scrapbook for submission to VASSAR for review and judging. His efforts in creating this record have resulted in outstanding 2 volume presentations that appear most worthy of top honors. If you have items that would assist in this endeavor send them to Steve so he can include them in our annual scrapbook at rebeliron@cox.net.

DW - Editor

From the Chaplain

Jim Morford



A Flag Called "Old Glory"

A few weeks ago American flags were visible nearly everywhere as we celebrated our country's 246th birthday. Our national emblem is often referred to as "Old Glory". But how many of us know how it got that name?

According to the National Flag Foundation (https://nationalflagfoundation.org/) "Old Glory is the story of one man's devotion to a national treasure and an inspiring example for all Americans who revere their flag."

In 1824, William Driver of Salem, Mass. took command of his own ship, the Charles Doggett, and prepared to sail off to far-flung places. Driver's mother and several of her friends sewed a 24-star American flag and presented it as a gift to the young captain. Flying high above his ship was this favorite flag, which he named Old Glory.

Retiring from a 20-year seafaring career, Driver settled in Nashville, TN and brought Old Glory to his new Southern home. He attached the flag to a rope and hung it across the street in front of his house. As the nation rapidly grew, Driver sewed 10 more stars, along with a small white anchor in the lower right-hand corner to symbolize his nautical career.

A loyal Unionist during the Civil War, Driver stood up to Confederate soldiers who came to his door and demanded he surrender Old Glory. Anticipating trouble, Driver and several sympathetic women neighbors had sewn the flag within a bed quilt to hide it.

Before his death in 1886, Driver entrusted the flag to one of his daughters.

In 1954 "under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance by an act of Congress. Doing so coupled the oath of loyalty to the nation with the acknowledgement that our free country exists by the grace of God. Let us continue to thank God for the privilege of living in these United States of America.



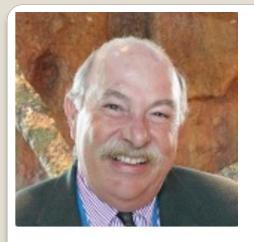
Let us pray:

Dear Lord, as we look upon Old Glory let us be mindful that this great nation exists by your grace. You have blessed us with a land of abundance and a government of, by, and for the people.

As descendants of our patriot forbearers, we have a responsibility to preserve that which we have inherited from them. May we be worthy stewards of their legacy.

Make us alert to attempts to destroy our nation from without or within. Give us the power and resolve to stand up to those who would take away our precious freedoms.

AMEN



JOHN QUARSTEIN

August Speaker Topic will be Battle of the Capes

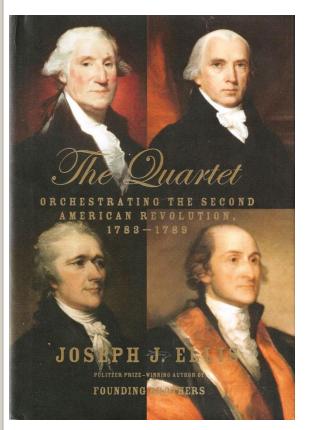
John V. Quarstein is an award-winning historian, preservationist, and author. He is director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News, Virginia.

Quarstein is the recipient of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's President's Award for Historic Preservation, the Civil War Society's Preservation Award, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Gold Historians Medal.

"Book of the month"

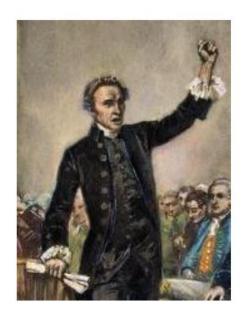
The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789

Author: Joseph J. Ellis Published by Alfred Knopf



A NATIONAL BESTSELLER • In The Quartet, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Joseph Ellis tells the unexpected story of America's second great founding and of the men most responsible—Alexander Hamilton, George Washington, John Jay, and James Madison. Ellis explains of why the thirteen colonies, having just fought off the imposition of a distant centralized governing power, would decide to subordinate themselves anew. These men, with the help of Robert Morris and Gouverneur Morris, shaped the contours of American history by diagnosing the systemic dysfunctions created by the Articles of Confederation, manipulating the political process to force the calling of the Constitutional Convention, conspiring to set the agenda in Philadelphia, orchestrating the debate in the state ratifying conventions, and, finally, drafting the Bill of Rights to assure state compliance with the constitutional settlement, created the new republic. Ellis gives us a dramatic portrait of one of the most crucial and misconstrued periods in American history: the years between the end of the Revolution and the formation of the federal government. The Quartet unmasks a myth, and in its place presents an even more compelling truth—one that lies at the heart of understanding the creation of the United States of America.

Raffle tickets for this book will be available at our next luncheon meeting. One ticket for 1 or 7 tickets for 5 - See Steve Holm - Sergeant-at-Arms



Virginia SAR 2021 2022 Lift Your Voice

Presidential Initiatives



Road to Revolution: Leatherwood 1779-1799

Only Unexplored Home of Founding Father Patrick Henry

- Help us to locate, mark and preserve this special site in our nation's founding history
- This was Patrick Henry's home during the Revolutionary War, a 10,000-acre estate that he co-owned with Col. George Waller
- Henry moved to this home in Henry County after serving as Virginia's wartime Governor from 1776-1779, he served in the House of Delegates from 1780-1784 while living here
- Henry still owned more than 5,000 acres at Leatherwood when he died
- Granite marker erected in 1922 by the DAR marked the estate, not the home's location







Fundraiser by Jeff Thomas: Patrick Henry's Leatherwood Home (gofundme.com)

- Patrick Henry's Leatherwood is our last major fundraising initiative
- Visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/patrick henrys leatherwood home today!
- All funds raised through the 2022 annual meeting will support the Leatherwood initiative
- •\$5,000 matching grant provided by Chancellor Eric Monday
- \$1 match for every \$2 contribution i.e. \$100 donation gets credit for \$150 contribution
- You may also make checks payable to Virginia SAR with Leatherwood in the memo line
- Mail to Rick Elofson, VASSAR Treasurer, 21 Paula Maria Drive, Newport News, VA 23606

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Please send your checks in ASAP if you plan to attend. We need to provide the meeting venue with our list of attendees a few days before the event so they can order food and prepare for our group. If you haven't reserved your luncheon spot and show up, you can always still attend the meeting – but you may not get to eat!

If anyone wants to use Zelle for payment, send \$23.23 to sarwilliamsburg@gmail.com Gary Dunaway - Treasurer

August Chapter meeting at Colonial Heritage Country Club

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Personalized Name Badge (Name Tag) - Pocket Attachment Nametag

\$25 00

There has been confusion on how to add this item to the cart. There is a statement that says "I understand personalized items are not refundable" that has a small box after it on the bottom of the page where the personalized items are added. You must click that box before the "ADD PERSONALIZED ITEM TO CART" button will become active. Unless you click the box agreeing that Personalized Items are not refundable, the item can not be added to the cart.

Personal Name Badge link is:

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