



# The Magazine

*Williamsburg Chapter - Virginia  
Society*

*Sons of the American Revolution*



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## President's Message

Compatriots,

Our Chapter's two annual July events went well. George Corbett did a great job organizing the 04 July Thanksgiving service at Bruton Parish. Ten compatriots attended the service. Bruce Laubach expertly led the Battle of Green Spring commemoration on 05 July; 14 compatriots attended this event. The Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence presented a wreath this year. Other SAR, DAR, CAR chapters present were Thomas Nelson Jr. (SAR), Great Bridge (SAR), Williamsburg (DAR), Chesapeake (DAR), Ann Wager (DAR), and George Wythe Society (C.A.R.) Chapter activities included presentation of an Eagle Scout certificate/scholarship application to a scout from Troop 20 (this is the 19th Eagle Scout certificate/scholarship application presented this year.) We also supported other SAR chapters or organizations by presenting wreaths or color guard support. These include Compatriot Kevin Brown attending a new citizenship swearing-in ceremony on 04 July; Compatriot Gary Dunaway commanding the honor guard at the March to the Tomb at Mount Vernon on 04 July; Compatriots Ron Adolphi and Gary Dunaway being part of the VSSAR color guard at the Commemoration of the Battle of Gwynn's Island on 12 July (Gary was the event color guard commander); Compatriot John Lynch participated in the 14 July VSSAR awards ceremony which presented VSSAR medals to French officers who took part in VSSAR events last year. Compatriot Steve Holm presented our wreath at the Fairfax Resolves commemoration on 19 July. Compatriot Bill Greaf attended the NSSAR Congress held in Connecticut. Lastly, we presented SAR Heroism medals to three teenagers who saved the lives of two young boys last January. These heroes will be matriculating into various Virginia universities this Fall...one will major in history at Christopher Newport University.

Respectfully,

John Lynch

President, Williamsburg Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.



# Calendar

*In Memoriam: Wentworth Vail  
Harned*

**Monday August 4, 2025**  
7:00pm BOM meeting by ZOOM



**Saturday August 9, 2025**  
Chapter Lunch Meeting  
11:30 am Social  
Fords Colony Country Club

## Menu for August Chapter Meeting:

The main entree is Smoked BBQ Pork, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, and Cornbread.

The usual alternatives are:

#1: Grilled Chicken Breast Salad, Greens, Veggies, Balsamic Vinaigrette, or

#2: 3 Cheeses, Crackers, Melon, Pineapple, & Berries.

The registration deadline is Sunday  
August 3.

The payment deadline is Tuesday August  
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See page 7 for additional information!

## Chapter News



On July 4, 2025, Dr. Ron Adolphi, Vice President of the Williamsburg Chapter presented a Wreath at the grave of Benjamin Harrison V at Berkeley Plantation in Charles City County. This ceremony was part of the Williamsburg Chapter of the NSDAR's 4th of July celebration.

Submitted by: Bruce Laubach



# Williamsburg Chapter July Happenings



Several Williamsburg Chapter members (including Patrick Shaver, Bruce Laubach, and Gary Dunaway (all pictured) participated in important events this July – including the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebratory Service at Bruton Parish Church and the Beeline March Commemoration in Winchester on July 26<sup>th</sup> (photos submitted by Hunt Berryman, Gary Dunaway, and Bruce Laubach).

# Challenge Coin!

## An Official Williamsburg Chapter Challenge Coin!

Recently, the Board of Managers decided to create an official challenge coin for the Williamsburg Chapter. After exploring several options, the BOM decided to feature the Colonial Williamsburg Powder Magazine on the coin's obverse, as it is an iconic Williamsburg landmark with a close association to the American Revolution. With cooperation and permission from The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the BOM also secured an image of the Powder Magazine (currently undergoing restoration) that accurately depicts what it looked like in the 18<sup>th</sup> century based on the most current historical and archeological research.

Our new challenge coin costs **\$20 per coin** and will be available for sale at our chapter luncheon chapter meetings. Be sure to buy one (or more) while supplies last!

**Side A**



**Side B**







## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**August 04:** Board of Managers Meeting

**August 09:** Williamsburg Chapter August Meeting (blazer and tie or smart casual)

**September 06:** Battle of the Capes Commemoration

**September 19-20:** Virginia SAR semi-annual conference



### SAVE THE DATE(S)

*Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour  
2024-2025*



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# **WILLIAMSBURG CHAPTER SAR POLO SHIRTS!**

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Our volume discount is based on an order of 12 units or more. All orders will be delivered at our monthly luncheons to save on additional shipping.

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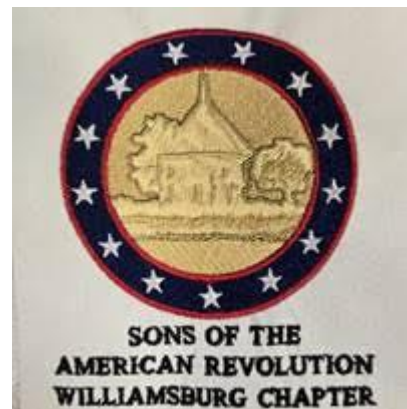
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mail in the registration form below!***

***Topic: Crossing the James River to  
Eject Royal Authority***

## **August 9, 2025 Meeting Speaker: Dr. Pat Hannum**

Dr. Patrick H. (Pat) Hannum served for 45 years the Department of Defense, 29 years as a U.S. Marine (Assault Amphibious Vehicle Officer), including battalion command, and 16 years as a civilian professor at the Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University, where he specialized in operational-level warfare and Phase II Joint Professional Military Education. He continues to study and promote the history and relevance of the American Revolution through independent research and writing involving contributions to the Journal of the American Revolution, membership in the Norfolk Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation include research, staff rides, battlefield tours and other educational venues. He recently published two entries in Virginia Humanities, Encyclopedia Virginia, on the Battle of Great Bridge and the Burning of Norfolk, with two more entries pending publication on the Skirmish at Hampton and the Battle of Gwynn's Island. He is currently serving a three-year appointment as a member of the City of Virginia Beach, VA 250 Committee, serving as the chair of the Conflict & Independence Subcommittee, as well as assisting the joint Gloucester-Matthews County VA 250 Committee.

Reservation for the Saturday, August 9, 2025 Meeting

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$27.00 each

Special need \_\_\_\_\_

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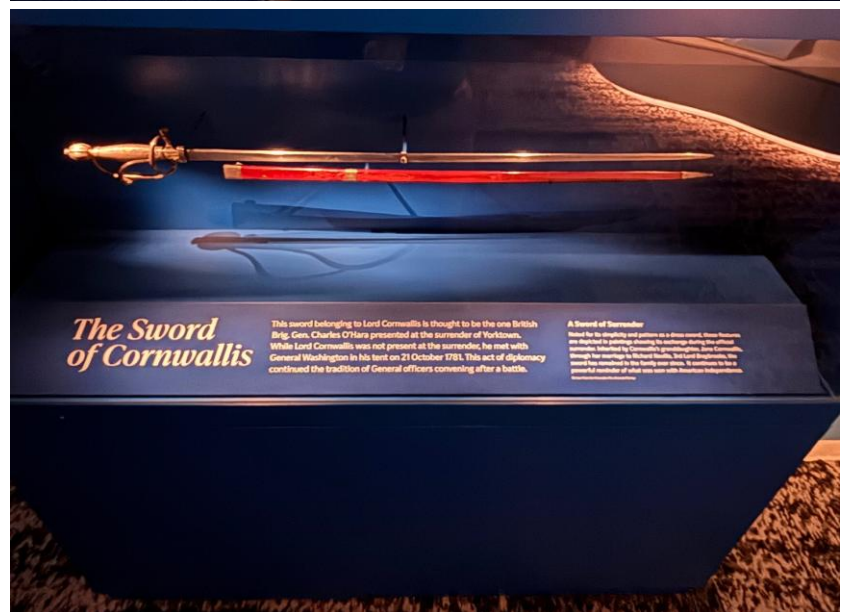
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# ***National Museum of the U.S. Army Visit***

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, Williamsburg Chapter member Sean Heuvel had the opportunity to visit the National Museum of the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir. A highlight was the new “Call to Arms: The Soldier in the Revolutionary War” exhibit, which contained scores of incredible items, including an original Hessian regimental flag surrendered at Yorktown and the sword that supposedly belonged to Lord Cornwallis that was also used at the surrender. The museum is well worth visiting if you are in the area!

Photos courtesy of Sean Heuvel.





## Revolutionary War History Fact of the Month Submitted by Stuart Butler, Chapter Historian

### *The Strange Tale of HMS Fowey (Part 1 of 2)*

*Most people familiar with Revolutionary War history in Virginia may be aware of the significance played by HMS Fowey as a place of refuge for Governor Dunmore and his family during the spring of 1775. But what eventually happened to this British warship after this episode and how did it meet its dramatic end? Fowey (rhymes with joy) was one of two British warships built by master carpenter Moody Juvenile. Named after the town of Fowey or the River Fowey in Cornwall, the warship was built at Lepe, Hampshire, England in 1749. In British naval parlance it was a sixth rate warship to accommodate up to twenty-four 12 inch guns and a complement of 130 men. During the Seven Years War (1756-1763) she saw naval action in the West Indies and captured a number of French prizes there. By the time of the Revolutionary war, Fowey was already 26 years old and a seasoned warship.*

*According to the Virginia Gazette, HMS Fowey had been at Hampton Roads since May 1774 when it relieved HMS Tartar. Capt. George Montague, son of Vice Admiral John Montague, would command the Fowey from 1774-1777. The ship served as a refuge for Governor Dunmore and his family twice, once in May 1775 after the Gunpowder incident, and again on June 8, 1775, when Dunmore hurriedly left the Governor's Palace. Dunmore's family sailed back to England on the HMS Magdalen in early July 1775, but Dunmore remained. Because Fowey was ordered to Boston in July 1775, Dunmore transferred first to HMS sloop Otter and then HMS Mercury, which arrived in York River on July 10. HMS Mercury replaced Fowey in Virginia waters to provide continued protection for British interests there. Dunmore moved again to an impressed vessel renamed the Dunmore. Fowey left York River on July 13 and after a stop at Sandy Hook reached Charlestown (Boston) on August 5, 1775. While cruising off Cape Ann and Marblehead on December 5, 1775, Captain Montague captured the U.S. privateer Washington, thus becoming the first British warship to capture a U.S. privateer in the war. Fowey also provided naval coverage and transport for British forces during the Boston campaign of 1775-76. Fowey was later ordered to Halifax, Nova Scotia, for a refitting and protection of a convoy there on March 30, 1776. By April 25, 1776, it was sent to Delaware Bay to serve under Capt. Andrew Hammond's command off Cape Henlopen. Under Hammond's orders, Fowey was once again dispatched to Virginia where it was to render all possible aid to Governor Dunmore in his attempts to retain Virginia for Great Britain. (End of Part 1)*



## ***Registrar's Corner – By Hunt Berryman, Chapter Registrar***

Harrison Broadbent and Jim Gilley were inducted as new compatriots at our July lunch meeting. Jim's patriot ancestor is William Fears, and Patrick Henry is Harrison's patriot ancestor. Pictured are President John Lynch, Jim, Harrison and Registrar Hunt Berryman.

Also, at the chapter meeting Kevin Brown received the memorial certificate for his father Algenon Brown; and Ray Duncombe received his 14th supplemental certificate. Ray's patriot ancestor is Ephraim Bennett.

Welcome to Jim and Harrison and Congratulations to all!





# ***Chaplain's Corner – By George Corbett, Chaplain***

## **The Dog Days of Summer**

As we enter the dog days of summer, I think about the service of our patriot ancestors who marched long distances in the heat and rain and other adverse weather conditions. This had to be grueling and with the possibility of overheating and, worst, downright dangerous. Unlike today's modern military forces, rations were often foraged or simply done without sometimes. In a large gathering of men, disease is a real danger and without the benefit of modern medicines and hygiene, sickness could cripple a force. In our pledges and other remarks, we speak of their sacrifices, and these were certainly some of them as they pursued their quest for freedom and independence from the British crown.

We can never honor or thank them enough for what they endured to bequeath this Land of Liberty to us and our prodigy. We can thank our Divine Creator for such men and women as these patriots. As we sometimes complain about the heat of the summer and the cold of the winter, we may do a little less so as we think of them. May God bless this great nation and their memory.

God of our fathers, who did kindle in them love of liberty and did grant them such faith and courage, that wide seas and strange shores were overpassed  
God of our fathers, who did kindle in them love of liberty and did grant them such faith and courage, that wide seas and strange shores were overpassed and eagerly embraced, bestow upon us, their children, in our own day, a love of liberty as was theirs and prevent us, by Thy hand, that we neither grow faint in faith nor fail in courage. In Thy Holy Name. Amen....

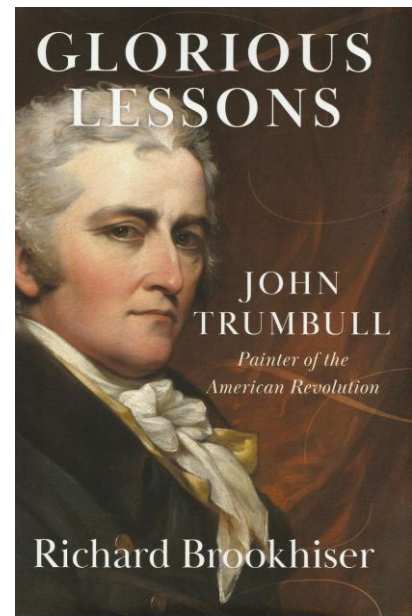
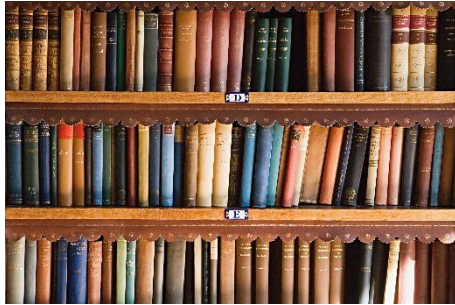
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## ***Book of the Month – By Stephen Holm, Sergeant-at-Arms***



***Glorious Lessons – John Trumbull “Painter of the American Revolution”  
by Richard Brookhiser (Signed by the Author)  
First Edition Hardback – 248 Pages, Copyright 2024  
Includes 16 Plates of some of his most famous paintings***

John Trumbull (June 6, 1756 – November 10, 1843) was an American painter and military officer best known for his historical paintings of the American Revolutionary War, of which he was a veteran. He has been called the "Painter of the Revolution". Trumbull's Declaration of Independence (1817), one of his four paintings that hang in the United States Capitol rotunda, is used on the reverse of the current United States two-dollar bill.

John Trumbull experienced the American Revolution firsthand. He served as an aide to George Washington and later to Horatio Gates, was shot at, and was jailed as a spy. In 1780, a financially struggling Trumbull decided to work as a professional artist and sailed to London, where he was introduced to Benjamin Franklin. Trumbull studied under Benjamin West. At West's suggestion, Trumbull painted small pictures of the American Revolutionary War and miniature portraits. He painted about 250 such portraits in his lifetime.

He made it his mission to record the war, giving visual form to what most citizens of the new United States thought: that they had brought into the world a great and unprecedented political experiment. His purpose, he wrote, was "to preserve and diffuse the memory of the noblest series of actions which have ever presented them-selves in the history of man." Although Trumbull's contemporaries viewed him as a painter, Trumbull thought of himself as a historian.

Richard Brookhiser tells Trumbull's story of acclaim and recognition, a story complicated by provincialism, war, a messy personal life, and, ultimately, changing fashion. He shows how the artist's fifty-year project embodied the meaning of American exceptionalism and played a key role in defining the values of the new country. Trumbull depicted the story of self-rule in the modern world -- a story as important and as contested today as it was 250 years ago.

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