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President's Message

Compatriots,

Well, its here: the year of the semi-quincentennial anniversary of the United States. I suspect the Fourth of July celebrations across our Nation will be robust. Our Chapter will certainly be busy.

We are well prepared. Two years ago we established an active presence on the James City County and Charles City County Virginia 250th Anniversary Committees. Our Color Guard is known and respected in VASSAR's Central and Eastern Regions. The Chapter's Board of Managers are experienced. We have an active membership ready to support patriotic events.

Annual Chapter activity levels continued to rise in 2025. This is evidenced by a comparison of 2025 to 2024 metrics: A) 11 speaking engagements in 2025 versus 6 in 2024; B) 23 Eagle Scout packages presented in 2025 versus 14 in 2024; C) 11 Patriot grave markings in 2025 versus 9 in 2024; D) 19 compatriots inducted into the Chapter in 2025 versus 15 in 2024; and E) 12 supplemental ancestor packages presented in 2025 versus 5 in 2024. Two areas showed reduced activity: Public service activity fell from 19 events in 2024 to 17 events in 2025. Color Guard man-days fell from 131 in 2024 to 107 in 2025.

The new Board of Managers will be sworn in on January 10, 2026. They are a strong group. Ron Adolphi, as Chapter President, will lead us into exciting times. I believe he and the rest of the Board will do an excellent job.

I hope you enjoyed the Holidays and the early snow falls.

My presidency will end with the induction of the new officers on January 10, 2026. It is an honor to have served you and the Chapter over the last two years. Thank you all for your support.

Respectfully,

John Lynch

President, Williamsburg Chapter, Virginia Society, SAR



Calendar

In Memoriam: Jack Lee

Monday Jan. 5, 2026

7:00pm BOM meeting by ZOOM



Saturday Jan. 10, 2026

Officer Induction Dinner

11:30 am Social

**Fords Colony Country Club
Williamsburg**

Chapter Polo Shirts For Sale!

For Sale – 1) Red Medium Cotton Polo with Chapter Logo - \$36.00; 2) Teal Large Nike Polyester Polo with Chapter Logo - \$56.00.

Both of these polos are new and have never been worn.

If interested, contact Bob Davis (757-229-5653) – phone or text, or email at macnider@cox.net

Chapter News



At the November meeting and 2025 Awards Ceremony of the Williamsburg Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, President John Lynch awarded Cheryl Lynch with the Lydia Darragh Medal. This medal is awarded by the incumbent Chapter President to Cheryl Lynch who provided significant service to him during his term and recognizes her assistance behind the scenes supporting SAR programs.

(Photo Courtesy of Bob Davis).

Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration



On 6 December 2025, several Compatriots from the Williamsburg Chapter took part in the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge (photos courtesy of 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 18th 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!

10 January: Williamsburg Chapter/Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter Officer Induction Lunch (11:30am – Fords Colony Country Club – Williamsburg).

31 January: 250th Commemoration of the Burning of Norfolk.

14 February: Chapter Meeting – Fords Colony Country Club – Williamsburg).

22 February: George Washington's Birthday Commemoration.



SAVE THE DATE(S)

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



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WILLIAMSBURG CHAPTER SAR POLO SHIRTS!

Williamsburg Chapter Polo Shirt Order Information

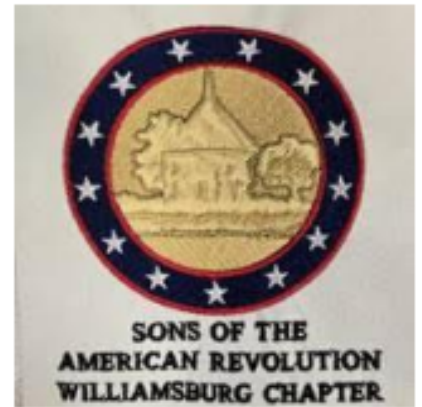
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January 10, 2026 Officer Induction Ceremony

Location: Fords Colony Country Club – Williamsburg, Virginia.

Time: Meeting starts at 11:30am (NOTE – this is now a lunch event instead of a dinner).

Dress: Business Attire (i.e. coat and tie for gentlemen and equivalent for ladies).

Registration: Please register via Memberclicks by **Sunday, January 4**. Alternatively, let Bill Dorn know you will be attending (his address can be found on the calendar's registration link). You may also register guests via Memberclicks and pay for them via Zelle or checks sent to Bill Dorn. Williamsburg members should pay meal cost(s) to Bill Dorn via Zelle or check. The payment deadline is **Tuesday, January 6**.

Meal: The entrée is roasted pork loin w/garlic mashed potatoes and sauteed green beans. Dessert is carrot cake. Alternative meal options are 1) Grilled Chicken Salad, 2) Chef's Choice, or 3) Cheeses w/Crackers, Melon, Pineapple, and Berries.

Reservation for the Saturday, January 10, 2026 Meeting

Name(s)_____

Please reserve_____regular meals at \$28.50 each

Special need_____

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

Mail to:

William Dorn – Chapter Treasurer

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Williamsburg Chapter Color Guard Report for 2025

Every time our SAR Color Guard makes a public appearance, the members are fulfilling all three SAR objectives (Historical, Patriotic and Educational). In fact, the Color Guard is one of the most visible and effective public relations tools available to the SAR. Color Guardsmen provide an easily identifiable and colorful focal point at parades and memorial events. The members of our Williamsburg Chapter Color Guard have been very active throughout this past year:

- Sponsored 9 Chapter events
- Supported /participated in 44 events (7 events were 250th anniversary commemorations)
- Supported DAR programs and events
- Served as the Color Guard for 7 outside organizations and special events
- Led ceremonies in conjunction with Colonial Williamsburg and American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.

Our Guardsmen devoted over 190 hours in support of the many functions mentioned above (estimated average of 2 hours per event) in addition to driving time, mileage and investment of uniforms and accessories. We have been the featured Color Guard at a number of events wearing our new 2nd Virginia purple hunting frocks. Thanks to Gary Dunaway for suggesting and then dying everyone's shirts. Huzzah! to Gary Dunaway (38) and John Lynch (30) for participating in the most Color Guard events this past year. John, although not always in uniform also officiated at many events.

The Williamsburg Color Guard includes the following:

Ron Adolphi	John Lynch
Mike Doucette	Ron Miller
Gary Dunaway	Joe Segar
Bill Greaf	Dave Westenberger
Alex Johnston	



We are currently assisting prospective new Guardsmen and would be happy to include you in becoming involved in a most fulfilling and enjoyable experience. Talk to any Color Guard member if you have any questions or interest.

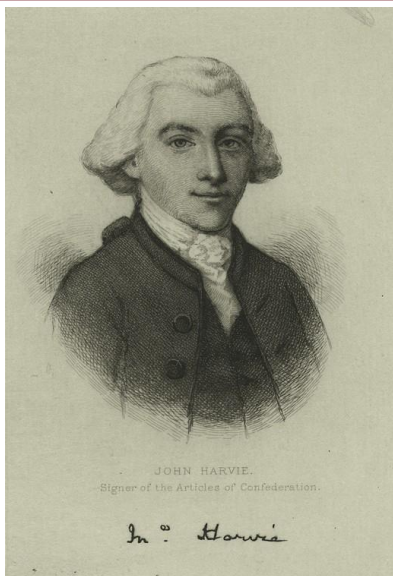
Your most humble and obedient servant,
Ron Miller
Color Guard Commander

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

Col. John Harvie (1742-1807)

Military Officer and Legislator

Who was Col. John Harvie (1742-1807) and why do Revolutionary War historians consider him to be a Founding Father along with other well-known Virginians such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry? Harvie was the son of John Harvie and Martha Gaines, both from Scotland, and was born in Albemarle County, Virginia. His father was the legal guardian for the young Thomas Jefferson after Jefferson's father died. Harvie, Jr. and Jefferson remained lifelong friends. It is believed that Jefferson's friendship influenced Harvie to become a lawyer. Before the war, Harvie, as a colonel in the Virginia militia, was appointed as a commissioner to negotiate the final treaty with the Shawnee after the Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774. By the time of his death in 1807, Harvie had established an impressive record of Revolutionary War service. For instance, he served in the first two Virginia Conventions and was a delegate from Virginia to the Second Continental Congress 1777-78 where he became one of four signers of the Articles of Confederation, along with Richard Henry Lee, Francis Lightfoot Lee, and John Bannister. Later, Harvie also served as a purchasing agent and supply organizer for Virginia's militia and Continental Army units. He established the prison camp for British soldiers in 1779 by purchasing 240 acres west of Charlottesville. In 1780, Harvie moved to Richmond, where he became an accomplished lawyer and amassed a considerable fortune through land development. He served one term as Richmond mayor and as Secretary for the Commonwealth. In 1763 he married Mary Morton Jones, whose father was Gabriel Jones of Williamsburg. They had four sons and three daughters. He died in 1807 while living at his home, Belmont, which later became Hollywood Cemetery, where he, his wife, and six of his children are interred. Two streets in Richmond are named after him and his son, Jacquelin Harvie, whose wife was Mary, the daughter of Chief Justice John Marshall.



Registrar's Corner – By Hunt Berryman, Registrar

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Williamsburg Chapter registrar for the past five years. I thank those who have helped me along the way and especially those who have recommended applicants for membership. Ron Miller, an experienced registrar, will take over as chapter registrar beginning in February. I will continue to work on any open new member and supplemental applications that I have, and be available to assist Ron as needed. Below is a list of recently approved new member applicants and their patriot ancestors. Please welcome our new compatriots as they are inducted into the society at our next chapter meetings.

Weston Tilley – Jacob Tritt
John Steel – Henry Griffith, Jr
Jacob Miller – James McGavock
Leroy Weber – George Leonard
Samuel Weber – George Leonard
Heyward Drummond – Hugh Swinton

Ralph Shore – John Norris
Bruce Mosser – Philip Mosser
Gregory Hospodor – James Hadsell
Quentin Ray – Eliphalet Curtis, Sr
Andrew Ray – Eliphalet Curtis, Sr



At the November meeting and 2025 Awards Ceremony of the Williamsburg Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, President John Lynch awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to Hunt Berryman, Chapter Registrar. The Medal recognizes a compatriot's conspicuous service to the chapter during the president's administration (Photo courtesy of Bob Davis).

**Thanks for your service as our
Chapter Registrar, Hunt!**

Chaplain's Corner – By George Corbett, Chaplain

A New Year

The new year lies before us with all its promise and opportunity. It is essentially a blank page on which we can write a wonderful chapter in our lives for 2026. During the coming year, we have numerous opportunities to be of service to our community and chapter. As your chapter chaplain, I look forward to participating in various chapter activities as well as interacting with chapter members and their families. I ask members to alert me to the needs of members such as illness or sadly, the passing of a member or their family member. I want to reach out more to the chapter rather than just provide the invocation and benediction at chapter functions.

I'm looking forward to a year of participating in the many chapter activities as the chaplain and as a proud member. In so doing, I honor my patriot ancestors who preceded me and gave us this great nation of free men and women. May we never forget their sacrifices and struggles to provide us with this land of freedom. I also pray that we take a moment from time to time to thank Almighty God for his divine hand in the creation of this nation. KJ and I wish each and everyone a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

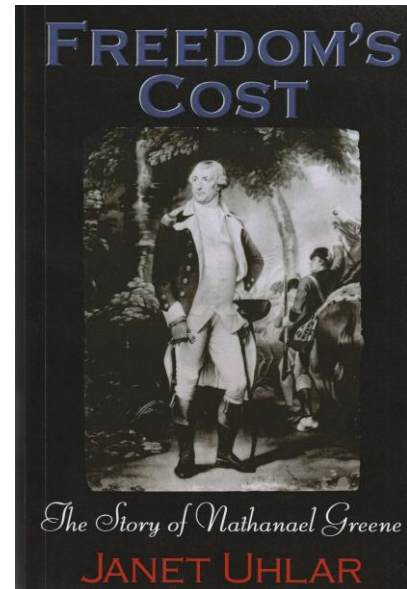
Almighty God, as we begin the new year, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2026 Williamsburg Chapter SAR Officers



President	Ron Adolphi
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Registrar	Ronald Miller
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Sergeant-at-Arms	Stephen Holm
Historian	Stuart Butler
Member-at-Large	Kevin Brown
Member-at-Large	Michael Doucette
Immediate Past President	John Lynch

Revolutionary War Book of the Month – By Stephen Holm, Sergeant-at-Arms



Freedom's Cost: The Story of General Nathanael Greene

by Janet Uhlar

Paperback, 476 pages, published – May 23, 2011

When the Revolutionary War began, Nathanael Greene was a private in the militia, the lowest rank possible, yet he emerged from the war with a reputation as George Washington's most gifted and dependable officer--celebrated as one of three most important generals. His role as a major strategist in the War for Independence was second only to General George Washington. Born and reared a Quaker, with no military experience, he was promoted from private to brigadier general over night. Greene quickly became Washington's confidant and close friend. He was chosen by the Commander to lead the Continental Army should Washington be killed, injured, or taken captive.. It was General Nathanael Greene who pulled the Continental Army from the throes of death at Valley Forge. It was General Greene who petitioned Congress for a Declaration of Independence. It was Nathanael Greene who was given the desperate task of commanding the Southern Department of the Continental Army after other commanders had failed. It was Greene who drove British General Cornwallis to surrender at Yorktown. Unable to participate or witness the victorious battle, he was forced to immediately return South with his troops, and subdue the remaining British forces. Greene led his troops in battle and laid siege for a year after the victory at Yorktown. His persistence finally forced the British to evacuate the South. George Washington and Nathanael Greene were the only general officers who served in that position throughout the war. Greene led his men in more battles than any other general officer, including Washington. Moreover, it was Greene who was constantly harassed by Congress, and ultimately forsaken by them. Three years after the official end of the war, Nathanael Greene was dead. The author claims his premature death was not only a result of the intense hardships of war, but the hardships and cruelty inflicted on him by the United States Congress.

We will not have a book raffle at January's Installation of Officers Joint Chapter Luncheon.

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