



# The Magazine

*Williamsburg Chapter - Virginia  
Society*

*Sons of the American Revolution*



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## President's Message

Compatriots,

Last month our chapter's schedule had a SAR activity each weekend. On 01 June our color guard supported Richmond Chapter when we provided a color guard for the 60th Anniversary of the Henrico County Historical Society at Wilton House. Our chapter supplied the color guard which supported the Yorktown 250th Committee's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of Lord Dunmore's arrival at Yorktown after leaving Williamsburg. Later in the month our chapter conducted a commemoration of the 250th anniversary of Dunmore's departure from Williamsburg via his hunting lodge Porto Bello. We ended our activities on 28 June when we conducted a combined commemoration of Spencer's Ordinary and James City County Resolves. All of these events were well attended.

July will, of course, start with its usual flurry of activity: the Bruton Parish service and later the DAR Berkeley Plantation ceremony on 04 July, our Battle of Green Spring commemoration on 05 July (please note the change from the usual 06 July date), and our luncheon meeting on 12 July. I encourage you to attend the luncheon because we will be presenting SAR heroism medals to three teenagers who saved two young children from drowning earlier this year. The remainder of the month is quiet for our chapter.

We are now halfway through the year and it is time to start thinking about who our chapter officers will be during 2026. Please contact Bruce Laubach if you are interested in serving as an officer next year. His email is [vabellring@msn.com](mailto:vabellring@msn.com).

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Respectfully,

John Lynch

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



# Calendar

***In Memoriam: Wentworth Vail  
Harned***

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



**Saturday July 12, 2025**  
Chapter Lunch Meeting  
11:30 am Social  
Fords Colony Country Club  
(New Location!)

## **Menu for July Chapter Meeting:**

The main entree is Roast Turkey Wrap –  
Turkey, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Ranch  
Dressing w/Pub Fries.

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 July  
6.

The payment deadline is Tuesday July 8

See page 7 for additional information!

## **Chapter News**



The Williamsburg Chapter recognized two new Eagle Scouts, Forrest Armstrong and Charles Hennessey, of Troop 103 (sponsored by United Methodist Church) at a Court of Honor held at Williamsburg Community Chapel on June 23, 2025. President John Lynch presented SAR Certificates of Recognition and Scholarship Application packages. Also attending was Chairman Harley Stewart. Pictured, L to R, are Charles Hennessey, John Lynch, and Forrest Armstrong..

Submitted by: Harley Stewart  
Chairman, Eagle Scout Recognitions  
and Scholarships



# Spencer's Ordinary and JCC Resolves Commemorations



Several Williamsburg Chapter members were on hand on June 28<sup>th</sup> to commemorate two significant events – the July 1, 1774 James City County Resolves (where JCC free-holders resolved to support Boston by sending the city supplies and ceasing all trade with Great Britain, and the June 26, 1781 Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, fought between American forces under Col. Richard Butler and British forces under Lt. Col. John Graves Simcoe. The event was held at Freedom Park (photo by Linda Westenberger; courtesy of Dave Westenberger).

# 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!

**July 04:** Bruton Parish Service

**July 04:** DAR Harrison commemoration Berkeley Plantation, Charles City County

**July 05:** Battle of Green Spring Commemoration

**July 07:** Board of Managers Meeting

**July 12:** Chapter Luncheon with Heroism Medal awards ceremony (blaze and tie or smart casual)



## 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**

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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Type of Polo:***

Cotton – S to XL (\$36 each), XXL (\$38 each), 3X (\$42 each), 4X (\$45 each) **PLEASE CIRCLE**

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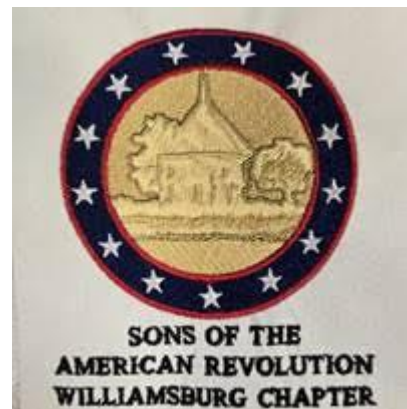
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***Register through Member Clicks or mail in the registration form below!***

***Topic: The Archaeology and Material Culture of the Williamsburg Barracks***

## **July 12, 2025 Meeting Speaker: Evan Bell**

Evan Bell is an archaeologist at The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation where he focuses on the analysis of material culture, and historical research. Before working at Colonial Williamsburg, he graduated from the University of Virginia and worked at the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. While at Colonial Williamsburg his work has included mapping the enslaved communities of the Custis family on the Eastern Shore, researching the possible identities of Confederate remains discovered at the Powder Magazine, and cataloging artifacts from the excavations at Custis Square, the Williamsburg Barracks, and the future Campbell Archaeology Center.

Reservation for the Saturday, July 12, 2025 Meeting

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

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

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

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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# 2025 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution

From June 6<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>, Williamsburg Chapter member Sean Heuvel had the opportunity to attend the 2025 SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution – held in Annapolis, Maryland. A highlight of the conference was getting to tour the Maryland State House, which is where General George Washington resigned his commission to the Continental Congress in December 1783. Sean is shown below with the original resignation speech, joined by SAR President General Darryl Addington, MD (photos courtesy of Sean Heuvel).





## Revolutionary War History Fact of the Month

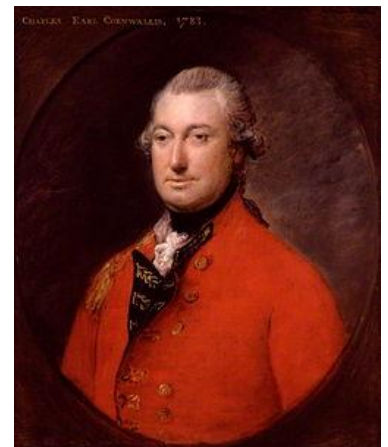
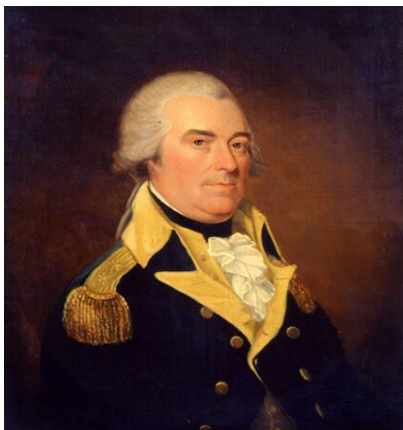
### *The Battle of Green Spring (from Wikipedia)*

The Battle of Green Spring took place near Green Spring Plantation in James City County, Virginia during the American Revolutionary War. On July 6, 1781 United States Brigadier General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, leading the advance forces of the Marquis de Lafayette, was ambushed near the plantation by the British army of Earl Charles Cornwallis in the last major land battle of the Virginia campaign prior to the Siege of Yorktown.

Following a month of marching and countermarching in central Virginia by Cornwallis and Lafayette, Cornwallis in late June moved to Williamsburg, where he received orders to move to Portsmouth and send some of his army to New York City.

Lafayette followed Cornwallis fairly closely, emboldened by the arrival of reinforcements to consider making attacks on the British force. On July 4, Cornwallis departed Williamsburg for Jamestown, planning to cross the James River en route to Portsmouth. Lafayette believed he could stage an attack on Cornwallis's rear guard during the crossing.

Cornwallis anticipated Lafayette's idea, and laid an elaborate trap. General Wayne's forces were very nearly caught in the trap, and only a bold bayonet charge against the numerically superior British enabled his forces to retreat. Cornwallis did not follow the victory with pursuit, instead following his plan to cross the river. The action reinforced the perception among contemporaries that justified the moniker "Mad" to describe Wayne, although opinion on the merits of his actions was divided. The battlefield has been partially preserved, and reenactments are sometimes staged.



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

Congratulations to the following new compatriots, who were inducted into the society at our June chapter meeting:

- \* Brian Logan - patriot ancestor Samuel Gilbert
- \* Mark Flavin - patriot ancestor Jehiel Jones
- \* Henry Berry - patriot ancestor Thomas Ayer

Also inducted in absentia was Dillon Scott, grandson of Henry Berry. The memorial application for Algenon Brown, father of compatriot Kevin Brown, has been approved, and the new member application of Harrison Broadbent. Supplemental applications for Bradley Pittman and Raynor Duncombe were recently approved.

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

## **The Hot Days of Summer**

As we enter the hot 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 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..

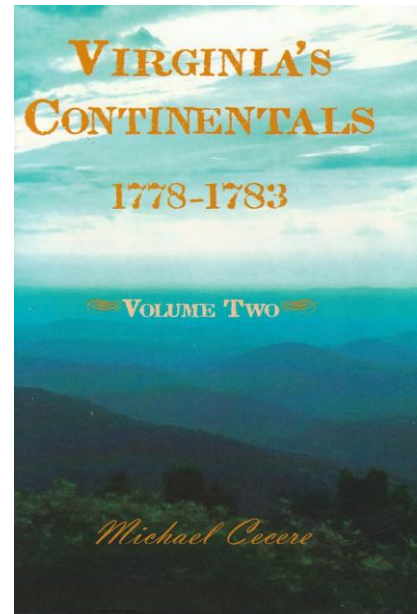
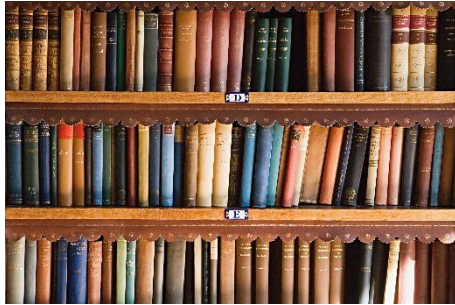
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## **Book of the Month – By Stephen Holm, Sergeant-at-Arms**



### **Virginia's Continentals, 1778-1783 – Volume Two**

**By Michael Cecere**

*This is the second and final volume of Michael Cecere's series on the history of the Virginia Continental units which fought during our War of Independence from Great Britain. Volume One was raffled off during our last Chapter Luncheon.*

*By 1778, enthusiasm among Virginians for the Revolutionary War had peaked as had the troop strength of the Virginia continental line. What began as two continental regiments in 1775, grew to sixteen regiments (and two state regiments attached to the continental line) as well as a regiment of artillery and two regiments of light dragoons by 1777. Thousands of volunteers from Virginia — enlisted for two and three-year terms — served in four Virginia brigades and played a crucial role at the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Saratoga, and Germantown.*

*By the winter of 1777-78, these troops were encamped at Valley Forge and the troop strength of their regiments just a fraction of what they had started at. Efforts to replace the losses, exacerbated by war fatigue and the expiration of the two-year enlistments of the troops in the 1st thru 9th Virginia Regiments, proved disappointing. Despite the implementation of the first of several militia drafts and the transfer of two state regiments to continental service, the Virginia continental line would never again reach the troop strength of its 1777 peak. Because of the need to increase troop strength, he sent the supernumerary officers back to Virginia to recruit. Virginians continued to serve at the battles of Monmouth, Stony Point and Powles Hook, but by the end of 1779, what was left of the Virginia continental line was sent South to reinforce the American southern army at Charleston. The surrender of this army to the British in May 1780 gutted the Virginia line, but leaders pressed on and formed new continental detachments, largely from 18-month draftees (levies). The story of the Virginia Continental line's service from 1778 until the end of the war is the focus of this book.*

*Maps, a bibliography, and an index to full-names, places and subjects add to the value of this work.*

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