



# 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 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.*

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## President's Message

First, I would like to thank Vice President Steve McGuffin for leading the September meeting while I was out of town. New member David Ledbetter was inducted at the meeting. Please welcome David when you see him at a chapter event or luncheon. Our October speaker is William G. Chrystal, a leading scholar/performer of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. His bio can be found in this newsletter, and I encourage you to attend the upcoming luncheon meeting on October 9 to learn more about Alexander Hamilton.

I want to thank Harley Stewart for representing the chapter in my absence at the recent VASSAR semi-annual meeting. Harley participated in a VASSAR sponsored multi-chapter flag retirement ceremony taking a flag provided by George Corbett. Chapter member and VASSAR 3rd VP Bill Greaf also attended the meeting.

John Lynch helped by representing the chapter at the Historic Virginia Land Conservancy celebration of the Church on the Main, A Land Conservancy Success Story event on September 23.

While most events for Yorktown Day have been cancelled, the Virginia SAR wreath laying at Gov. Thomas Nelson's grave will be held at 9:15am on 10/19. In addition, a special Order of Founders and Patriots (OFPA) plaque dedication will be held at 2:30pm at Charles Church Cemetery in York County. Details were provided in Secretary Milt Holt's September 21 Eblast.

At this time, our Veterans Day commemoration will be held outside in front of the Governor's Palace in conjunction with Colonial Williamsburg.

Unfortunately, I need to inform you of a chapter management change. Jeff Wooldridge has notified me that he will be relocating from Williamsburg and will not be able to complete his term as Treasurer. The Board has confirmed, by majority vote, my nomination of Jim Hess to fulfill the remainder of Jeff's term as Treasurer.

I would like to thank Jeff Wooldridge for his service on the Board in 2020 as an At-Large member and his service this year as Treasurer, all while working full time. I also want to thank Jeff for serving as the chapter point of contact with Colonial Williamsburg. He helped maintain and grow that important partnership during very challenging times. I know we all wish him the best in his upcoming move from Williamsburg. Finally, you should receive your 2022 chapter dues notices by snail mail shortly. Jim Hess' address is provided on the dues notices and in this newsletter for future luncheon reservations.

Roger W Cross



# Calendar

**Saturday Oct 2, 2021**

9:00 Wreath laying  
James Monroe Birthplace  
Colonial Beach, VA.

**Monday Oct 4, 2021**

10:00 BOM meeting  
by ZOOM

**Saturday Oct 9, 2021**

11:30 Social gathering  
12:00 Chapter meeting  
Colonial Heritage CC  
(reservation on last page)

**Tuesday Oct 19, 2021**

Yorktown Day  
09:15 Wreath laying Grace Church  
Gov. Thomas Nelson's grave  
(additional details on page 9)

**Tuesday Oct 19, 2021**

2:30 Plaque dedication  
Order of Founders and Patriots  
Charles Church Cemetery  
919 Yorktown Road  
York County

## Chapter News

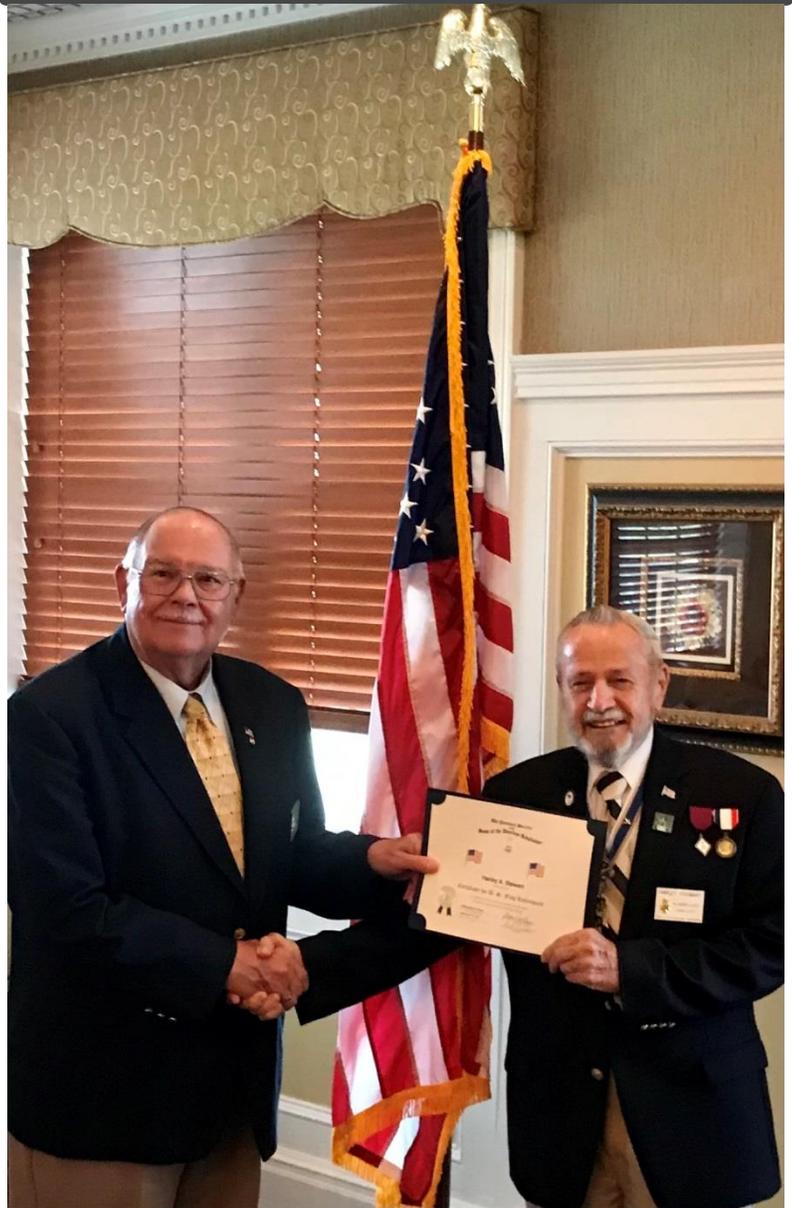


Photo by Ron Adolphi

The Williamsburg Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented a National Society Flag Retirement Certificate to chapter past president, Harley Stewart, on 18 September 2021 at the chapter's monthly meeting. Mr. Stewart attended the semi-annual Virginia State Society meeting near South Boston, VA, 10 - 11 September, and participated in a flag retirement ceremony during the meeting. He brought a used American flag to the ceremony to be properly retired with appropriate ritual. Pictured (Left to Right) is George Corbett, chapter Flag Recognition Committee chairman, and Mr. Harley Stewart.

## Continuing with other Recent Notable Events



The Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR, presented the NSSAR Flag Retirement Certificate to VFW Post 4639 in Williamsburg, Va. on 13 September 2021. Pictured is (L to R) Mark Maggio, post junior vice commander and George Corbett chapter flag recognition committee chairman and a life member of the VFW.

Vice-President Steve McGuffin presenting an SAR Certificate of Membership to David Ledbetter, who had just been inducted into chapter membership and discussed his patriot ancestor.



Vice-President Steve McGuffin presenting a Certificate of Appreciation and a Jefferson Cup to Kirk Lovenbury, who spoke to the chapter on the Anglican Church and Colonial America.

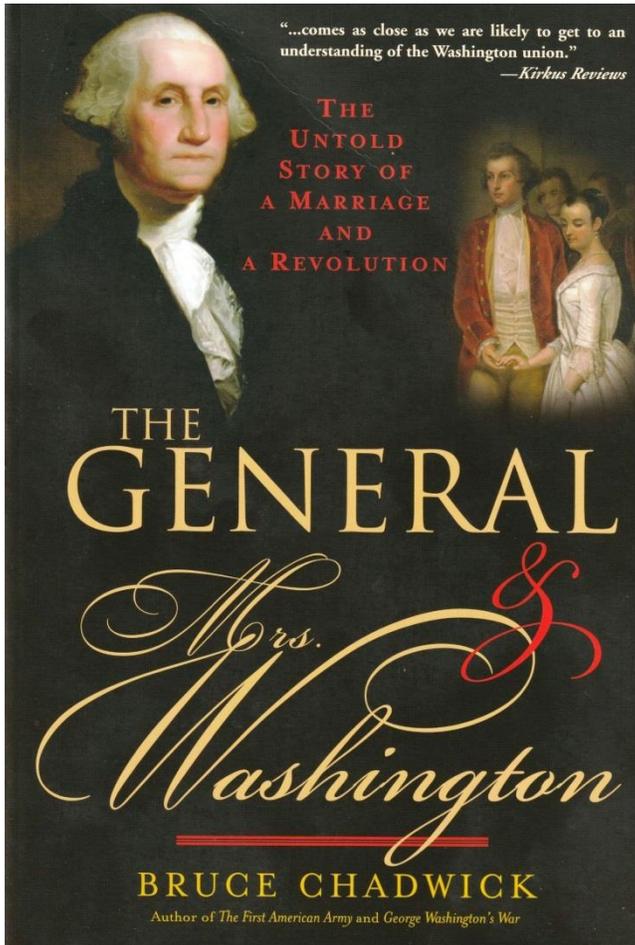


PHOTOS by HARLEY STEWART

## “Book of the month”

# The General and Mrs. Washington: The Untold Story of a Marriage and a Revolution

by Bruce Chadwick



Until now the story of the American Revolution has been incomplete. Many have told the stories of blood and battle, of heroes and traitors, but no one has told the tale of the union that helped form the Union. The history of America's First Family is inexorably tied to the workings of the revolution. Martha's son Jackie was 28 when he died at Yorktown. George's own life would have been lost on multiple occasions if not for Martha. Only she could bring comfort and grace to the winter camps and it was in this manner that the revolutionaries came to see Martha not only as a kindred spirit, but as a beloved heroine. Here is the story of the fateful marriage of the richest woman in Virginia and the man who could have been king. In telling their story, Chadwick explains not only their remarkable devotion to each other, but also why the wealthiest couple in Virginia became revolutionaries who risked the loss of not only their vast estates, but also their very lives.



"One of George Washington's secret weapons in his rise to power and immortality was the extraordinary woman he married. The story of the half-century-long married love affair of George and Martha Washington is truly inspiring." —Willard Sterne Randall, author of *George Washington, A Life*

"Chadwick puts a more human face on Washington by creating a very detailed portrait of how he and the outgoing Martha lived: their food, their slaves and servants, their health, their furniture, their daily life together."—*USA Today*

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 - Sgt. of Arms

# Guest speaker for October

*Alexander Hamilton Author/Scholar/Historical Interpreter*

*John Adams Historical Interpreter*

*Niebuhr Family Author/Scholar*



Dr. William G. (Bill) Chrystal is an authority on the theologian and political philosopher Reinhold Niebuhr and his family. His books have been widely utilized by scholars and praised for their ground-breaking research. His latest book on the Niebuhr family is called *Niebuhr Studies*.

In addition, Bill is a leading scholar/performer of two Founding Fathers, John Adams and Alexander Hamilton. He is the author of *Hamilton by the Slice: Falling in Love with Our Most Influential Founding Father*.

Bill's present passion involves uncovering new material about Alexander Hamilton, someone he calls "a badly misunderstood founder." He is the Founding Editor of the *Alexander Hamilton Working Papers*, an occasional publication devoted to new research and information. In February 2012, Bill Chrystal was named the first National Alexander Hamilton Scholar by The Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society.



Bill Chrystal as Alexander Hamilton



Bill Chrystal portrays John Adams

# Registrar's Corner

Dave Ledbetter was inducted as a new member on September 18th at the chapter's lunch meeting, and Bob Jones will be inducted at our October lunch meeting. We currently have three new member applications, four supplemental applications and a memorial application in Louisville pending approval. There are seven new member applications and two supplemental applications in progress, and 13 prospects in the pipeline. Thank you to those compatriots that have referred prospects for membership to me.

**Hunt Berryman Registrar**

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## Sybil Ludington Was A 16 Year Old Girl Who Warned The American That The British Were Coming In 1777



Sybil Ludington rode nearly 40 miles overnight at only 16 years old, raising 400 men, and even fighting off a highway man with her father's musket to alert Americans that the British were coming. It was double the length of Paul Revere and she was personally thanked by General George Washington for her service.



### June 14, 1775: The birth of the U.S. Army

The Army flag was dedicated and unfurled to the general public on 14 June 1956 at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, on the 181st anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Army by the Continental Congress in 1775. Measuring 4 feet 4 inches by 5 feet 6 inches, the flag is of white silk with a blue embroidered central design of the original War Office seal. "United States Army" is inscribed in white letters on a scarlet scroll, with the year "1775" in blue numerals below. The Secretary of the Army designates the Army headquarters and agencies authorized an Army Flag.

Source: Department of the Army, Army Information Digest, September 1963.



Photo by Karen Corbett

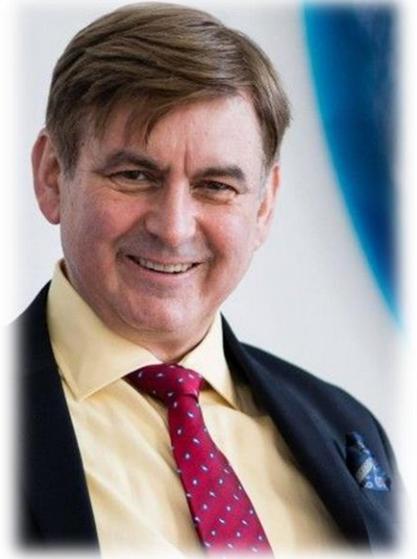
On 11 June, the Williamsburg chapter, VASSAR, presented a NSSAR Flag Recognition Certificate to the James City County Fire Department Station #1 for their proper display and care of the flag of our great nation. Pictured are Mr. Michael Power's, Public Relations Officer, on the left and George Corbett, chapter flag recognition committee chairman on the right. This station also houses the Bruton Rescue and EMS personnel and was founded in 1948 as the first such station in the county.

## Greetings from your friends at St. John's Church Foundation!

I want to share with your chapter that we are excited to welcome Dr. Andrew O'Shaughnessy to Historic St. John's Church on Thursday, September 30th as our next Walter W. Craigie Speaker Series speaker.

Dr. O'Shaughnessy is Vice President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello, the Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, and Professor of History at University of Virginia.

His talk will be entitled *The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership, the American Revolution, and the Fate of the Empire*. His book of the same name won eight national awards.



Event information including ticketing can be found using the link below.....

<https://www.historicstjohnschurch.org/events/2021/walter-craigie-speaker-series>

**Tickets are \$10.**

Thank you for everything you do to promote history and to preserve historic sites. It's definitely appreciated.



**Stephen P. Wilson | Executive Director**

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*Our mission is to spark a global appreciation for understanding the role that Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech had in setting America on its path to liberty for all, and to ignite the public's commitment for preserving the historic site where it happened.*

# Virginia Society

*Sons of the American Revolution*

Compatriots,

As many of you may have already heard, the following events associated with this years Yorktown Day celebration have been cancelled or attendance has been limited:

Monday evening dinner at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown has been cancelled

DAR morning coffee cancelled (this event was by invitation only)

Parade has been cancelled

Alliance Monument exercise attendance will be by invitation only

DAR Reception at the Custom House is cancelled

The good news is, the Virginia SAR wreath laying at Gov. Thomas Nelson's grave will be held at 9:15am on 10/19. In addition, a special Order of Founders and Patriots (OFPA) plaque dedication will be held at 2:30pm at Charles Church Cemetery in York County.

We are encouraging all compatriots who had planned to come to Yorktown Day to consider attending the wreath laying at Grace Church, then go for a leisurely lunch close by, followed by a drive to the OFPA plaque dedication.

**All questions/comments concerning this event are to be directed to Gary Hodges at [gary.hodges1@verizon.net](mailto:gary.hodges1@verizon.net).**

The following is directions and information for the OFPA plaque dedication:

Charles Church Cemetery, 919 Yorktown Road, York County, Virginia 23693, is located about 10 miles south of the Riverwalk Restaurant on US 17 to Yorktown Road. **If you plan to lay a wreath at this event or have questions/comments, contact Mike Weyler at [meweyler@aol.com](mailto:meweyler@aol.com).**

We regret these cancellations/changes have occurred but encourage participation at the two events still scheduled for October 19th.

## ***R. Wayne Rouse***

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& Awards Committee Chairman  
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You may also access the public folder of the Virginia SAR YouTube channel with videos from several of our public events at the following link: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCJrzGKzULSPLsSUDXvxgtuw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJrzGKzULSPLsSUDXvxgtuw)

## From the Chaplain

Jim Morford

### The Victorious Month of October



Around these parts October is an especially important month. While much of the rest of the country pays little attention to October 19, historians, and patriots in and around the Historic Triangle recognize this important date. For it was on October 19, 1781, after a three-week siege and naval blockade the British Army under the command of General Lord Cornwallis officially surrendered to the American and French Armies at Yorktown. With the British disheartened, and the Americans and French encouraged, negotiations to end the war were soon underway. A free and independent United States of America was born.

Today, 240 years later, our country is facing a watershed. The values upon which this nation was built, and which have served us well through a Civil War, two World Wars, several "lesser" wars, economic peaks, and valleys, through good times and bad, just do not seem to sustain us anymore.

We who are Sons of the American Revolution bear a special obligation to be vigilant. It is well and proper to honor the past with ceremonies and commemorations, but when our country is in crisis and our liberties threatened, we must do more. To honor the legacy of our forbearers who fought and sacrificed to bequeath to us what was to become the greatest and freest nation on earth, we must not let that for which they fought be taken from her people.

As we cannot remain silent, we know that we cannot stand alone but must call on the Almighty to give us strength and courage to face our adversaries and save our country.



**God of our Fathers**, we look to You because the people of this nation and everything in it belong to You. We are not here by accident. You are the one who set us in this nation at this time. When You gave us life You gave us Free Will and with that goes responsibility over our affairs. But Father, people in this country are turning against each other. We no longer live like brothers and sisters. We are no longer a tolerant people.

Lord, send Your spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. Give us Your light and Your truth to guide us in our ways so that we may seek to do Your will in our lives and in the world around us. **AMEN**

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**October 9<sup>TH</sup> Chapter meeting at Colonial Heritage Club**

Nominations for our 2022 Board officers will be presented

6500 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg

**Social at 11:30**

**Meeting at 12:00**

**RSVPs and checks must be received by Monday, October 4<sup>TH</sup>.**

Fits well in a #6 envelope

**Reservation for the Saturday October 9<sup>TH</sup> 2021 Luncheon Meeting**

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

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ regular meals at \$21.00

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

Please make checks payable to

**“Williamsburg Chapter SAR”**

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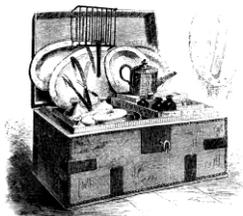
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<https://store.sar.org/storefront.aspx>



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(Name Tag) - Pocket  
Attachment Nametag

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