



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

Compatriots: we started out a new year with the installation of officers for the Williamsburg chapter. Congratulations to all and good luck to those of us who are serving on the Board of Managers (BOM) for the first time. These officers were sworn in along with the new officers of the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter from Yorktown during the joint meeting on January 8th. Jeff Thomas, President of the VASSAR, presided over this ceremony.

A thank you to Jeff Thomas for not only being present to install the new officers but also for his presentation of "Patrick Henry and the Road to Revolution", and the efforts to raise funds for the conservation of Leatherwood, one of Patrick Henry's homes. You should see more about this in this newsletter.

I want to thank Roger Cross, now our Immediate Past President, for his hard work as President of the Williamsburg Chapter of VASSAR. He has done an excellent job and I hope that I can perform my duties as well as he has.

February is going to be a busy month for all of us. Beginning with the commemoration for Billy Lee on February 5, at Mt. Vernon. The VASSAR annual meeting the weekend of February 11 to 13th. On the 18th of February, the First Commemoration of General Green at the Banister Encampment, Kings Bridge Landing, followed on the 19th by the Crossing of the Dan. The D.C. SAR celebration of George Washington's Birthday in Washington D.C. is on the 21st. Although I could not find any events for them, February is also the birth month of the following Signers of The Declaration of Independence: Abraham Clark (NJ), Thomas Stone (MD), and John Witherspoon (NJ).

There is also another excellent opportunity for us to participate in the District 6 Virginia History Day contest; I know that they are looking for judges and sponsors, here is a link to sign up <https://va-vadc6.nhd.org/?f=bcca865e-d927-4334-a303-9133685e4d4d>. I hope that some of you can help.

I hope that everyone stays safe and healthy.

Bruce Laubach



Calendar

Monday February 7, 2022

10:00 am BOM meeting
by ZOOM

Saturday February 19, 2022

11:30 am Social
12:00 pm Lunch meeting
Fords Colony Country Club
240 Fords Colony Dr. Williamsburg

February 11th – 12th, 2022 Friday Saturday – 132nd Annual Virginia SAR Meeting

Location: Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 S 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Chapter News



Photo by James Icenhour Jr.

President Bruce Laubach presenting VASSAR President Jeff Thomas a Jefferson Cup and Certificate of Appreciation for the installation of officers and his “Patrick Henry and the Road to Revolution” program.



A joint meeting was held on January 8th, 2022 at the Ford’s Colony Club House for the Induction of 2022 Officers for the Williamsburg & Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Induction was presided by Jeff Thomas, President, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The 2022 Board for the Williamsburg Chapter include L to R: Bruce Laubach, Pres., Dave Westenberger, Hunt Berryman, Jim Morford, Steve Perger, Jr, Eric Ely, John Lynch II, Gary Dunaway, Bob Davis & Steve Holm.

February Events

February 5th 2022, Saturday (3:30 pm) – Memorial Service for Billy Lee, Gen'l Washington's Valet

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR/Paul Walden at PaulWalden@live.com.

February 6th 2022, Sunday (Time TBD) – Patriot Grave Marking - Rev. Townshend Dade, Jr.

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter, Virginia SAR/Wm Forrest Crain at wfcrain@comcast.net.

Location: Monocacy Cemetery, Beallsville, MD

February 11th - 13th 2022, Friday - Sunday – 132nd Annual Virginia SAR Meeting

Event Level: State

Host/POC: Virginia Society SAR

Location: Omni Hotel, 100 S 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Details: Annual Meeting, Public Service, Memorial and Chapter Awards as well as the installation of 2022 – 2023 Officers and the Society's 102nd president.

PDF files of participation interest have been sent by our secretary. If you need them resent emails me at pal744@cox.net = Ed

February 12th 2022, Saturday (~10 am) – 243rd Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Creek

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Georgia Society SAR

Location: Washington, GA

February 18th 2022, Friday (5 pm) – 241st Commemoration of the Crossing of the Banister River at King's Bridge (New Event!)

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Dan River Chapter, Virginia SAR/Gary Hall at hallgl@aol.com.

February 19th 2022, Saturday (10 am) – 241st Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan

Event Level: National

Host/POC: Dan River Chapter, Virginia SAR/Gary Hall at hallgl@aol.com.

February 21st 2022, Monday (11 am) – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Jointly hosted by the George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR and the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter Virginia DAR. Paul Walden at PaulWalden@live.com.

Location: Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

February 21st 2022, Monday (est 1 pm) – George Washington Birthday Parade

Event Level: National

Host/POC: George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR/Paul Walden at PaulWalden@live.com.

Location: Old Town Alexandria - detailed muster directions forthcoming.

February 21st 2022, Monday (4 pm) – George Washington's Birthday and Reading of his Farewell Address

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Virginia SAR/Charles Jameson at ccj1947@gmail.com.

Location: Culpeper Masonic Cemetery, 1012 N Main Street, Culpeper, VA 22701

February 22nd 2022, Tuesday (9 am) – Wreath Laying at the Tomb of Gen'l George Washington

Event Level: Chapter

Host/POC: George Washington Chapter, Virginia SAR/Paul Walden at PaulWalden@live.com.

Location: George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121



Virginia History Day is the state affiliate of National History Day, a project-based learning program for students grades 4-12. This interdisciplinary research project helps students develop historical thinking and literacy skills while making the study of history engaging, relevant, and most of all, fun!

The 2022 NHD theme is Debate and Diplomacy in History

To update you on the 2022 District 6 contest and request your help to provide an outstanding experience and top rate contest for the students. Please be aware I fully intend for History day events to be one of the 2022 VASSAR Presidents Initiative, if elected.

The 2022 District 6 contest is now taking shape. The date will be March 12th 2020 at the Jamestown Settlement located at 2110 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg, VA. This year the Jamestown – Yorktown Foundation is hosting the contest and has been very supportive. The student will be able to visit the museum as they await judges interviews, in addition the parents will be given tickets to see the museum. With the outstanding support of the Jamestown team we have a great location and something for the students to do while they wait to interview with the judges. The Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter is coordination and organizing the contest as they have for the last two years, both virtual. For the 2022 contest we are preparing and hoping for an in – person contest but we are keeping the virtual plan ready if needed.

As it has been in the past the 2022 contest will be free for students. This is thanks to the support of the Williamsburg, Thomas Nelson Jr., Norfolk Chapters, the Jamestown – Yorktown foundation, Virginia SAR, and many other through the years. To ensure a great experience for the students judges are needed for the 2022 contest. Judging will require some of your time but I think you'll find it is time well spent. If you are willing please ask the membership of your chapter to volunteer as a judges. If your Chapter is able to offer additional support we will be grateful.

Ways to support the District History day contest.

1. Volunteer as a judge for the contest.

Volunteer judges can be anyone that may enjoy working with students, have a love of history, or like to learn new things! The only qualifications are the ability to write meaningful, detailed feedback and be kind to students. For more information and to register as a judge, visit the District 6 VHD State Contest website. To become a judge please register at:

<https://va-vadc6.nhd.org/?f=bcca865e-d927-4334-a303-9133685e4d4d>

2. Sponsor a special prize for the contest.

3. Funds are needed to cover the cost of winner's ribbons, donation welcome.

4. Sponsor a breakfast for the volunteer judges or the lunch for them.

5. We intend to give the students a bag with the program, we can place tickets, discounts coupons or any other "bling" from our supporting organizations.

Finally if you have any question or your chapter can help in any way please contact me. I will update the District 6 website with your chapters name and link to your website on the sponsor's page.

Warm regards,

R. Bruce Meyer

District 6 Virginia History day Coordinator



Virginia SAR

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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](https://www.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 Eloffson , VASSAR Treasurer, 21 Paula Maria Drive, Newport News, VA 23606

Registrar's Corner



Did You Know? There are twenty seven known SAR members who have received the nation's highest military honor. Their stories can be read on the sar.org website under the about tab. The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. It is generally presented by the president of the United States in the name of Congress and thus is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The chapter currently has two new member applications and seven supplemental applications pending in Louisville. There are six new member and four supplemental applications in progress, and twelve prospects being developed.

Hunt Berryman Registrar

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CALL TO THE COLORS!

Williamsburg Chapter's Color Guard seeks new members.



Color guard membership is an easy and enjoyable way to increase one's participation in the Chapter and SAR in general. Its activities contribute to our Chapter's Americanism report. Participation is not burdensome and does not demand much time. We support the Chapter four times a year: Memorial Day (May), Commemoration of Spender's Ordinary (June), Commemoration of the Battle of Green Spring (July), and Veterans Day (November). Combined, these four events represent a personal investment of four to five hours into the Chapter's Color Guard. Chapter color Guard members are automatically members of the VASSAR Color Guard. The VASSAR Color Guard supports chapter, state, and national events scattered across the Commonwealth and in other states. Participation in the VASSAR Color Guard is not required.

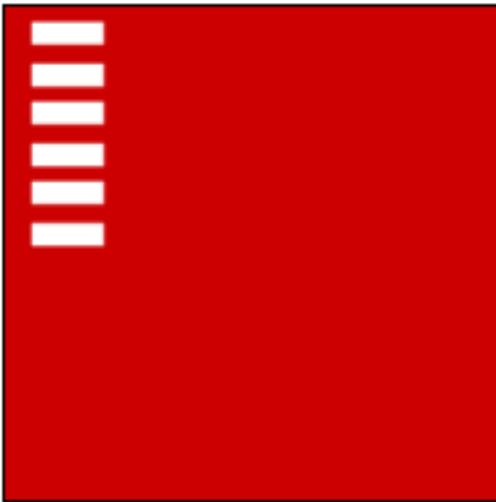


Williamsburg Chapter Vacancy Notice: Color Guard Commander.

Compatriots interested in becoming an officer in the Chapter are encouraged to apply for the open color guard commander position. Please contact John Lynch II cslasoz@aol.com for further details.

Flag recognition

The legend behind this interesting flag is that it was a British Regimental color captured on the first day of the American Revolution. Since there were no British Colors reported lost that day, and none of the regiments present carried any similar colors, the whole story is untrue. In fact, it is now believed this flag was actually a loyal militia flag. Major Samuel Forster, a Massachusetts officer, apparently acquired the flag sometimes during the war, and after his death, when his family discovered it among his belongings, they believed it to be a captured British flag.



Manchester Militia Flag



Photo by Karen Corbett.

The Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR, presented a NSSAR Flag Recognition certificate to the first responders of James City County Fire Department Station #2 located near Busch Gardens of US Route #60. The chapter flag recognition committee chairman, George Corbett, made the presentation on behalf of the chapter.

From the Chaplain

Jim Morford

Subjects vs Citizens



Our patriot ancestors risked all when they set out to separate themselves from being subjects of the British Crown to become citizens of independent states untied in the cause of liberty.

What's the difference between citizen and subject? Being a good citizen requires responsible involvement. As SAR compatriot citizens we are called on to further that which is good in our communities. We are obligated to promote patriotic citizenship by example and through education.

Obedient compliance is required of subjects. Citizens live their lives free from unwanted and undue control while obeying duly enacted laws. If those laws become unjust, citizens can throw off the shackles of unjust rule, as the Founding Fathers did. Those who are subjects can't do that, they're slaves to the system.

Citizens have the right to be represented in the government by people they elect. Subjects are not represented - they're ruled. Citizens do not have to thank any official for their rights – they are inalienable. They are the God given natural rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

For the last half century or so we have been coasting as a nation. We are complacent about the wisdom of our constitutional structure of balanced government based on separation of powers. One of the unique aspects of the United States is that we are the only multi-racial democracy that has worked. Most countries are uni-racial. We may be going through a cultural revolution at this time with some, mainly youth, demanding perfection. But we don't have to be perfect to be good. As a people we are good and that makes us better than the alternative. To be good citizens we strive to be productive, civil, fair, polite, and autonomous. Citizenship suggests that most – not all but most – marry, have their own home, raise a family, obey the law, and are self-sufficient.

Let us thank God that we are privileged to be citizens of the greatest nation in the history of the world.



Lord God, we desperately need Your wisdom. Thanks to our founders' faith in You, we are citizens of a great country, established on principles and truths from Your Word. We pray for servant-leaders who love the things You love. Motivate them to strive for integrity and wisdom in all the choices and decisions they make.

Heavenly Father, bless our nation with a renewal of faith, family, and freedom that only You can grant. Forgive us our sins, collective and individual. Guide us to treat all people as we ourselves would be treated.

Thank you, Lord, for this amazing nation, and those who defend her citizens every day. AMEN

February Guest Speaker

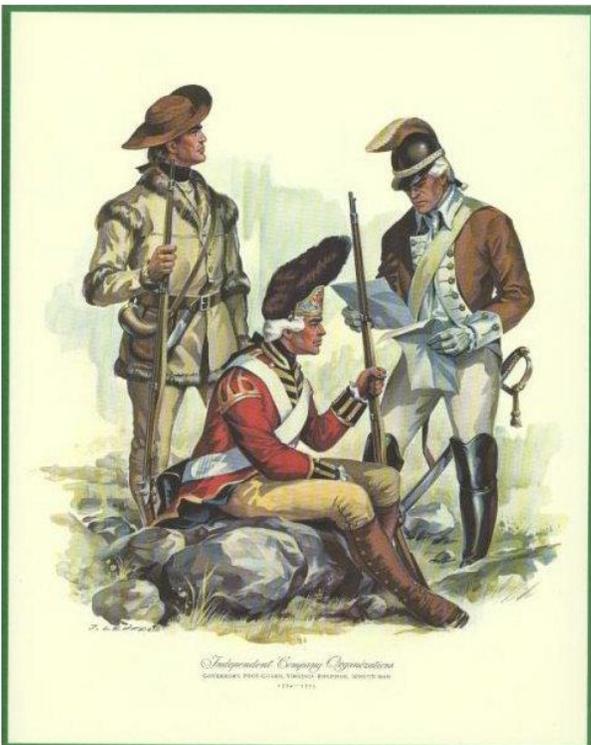
Lee Ann Rose is the co-owner Of Shades Of Our Past LLC which provides historical education and entertainment ranging from America's founding to WWII. She got her Theatre Degree at Davis and Elkins College and studied also in Richmond College in London, England. Lee Ann is not only an historical interpreter but a playwright writing such plays as "Are We Not One" and "Back to Our Kitchens". She is currently also doing a one woman show called "Stowaway on D Day" about Martha Gellhorn. Along with Martha Washington, Lee Ann also portrays First Ladies Mary Todd Lincoln and Edith Roosevelt. Her company also conducts World War II tours of Yorktown and Williamsburg showing that history in those two places didn't end with the Revolution.



Program

Being a General's wife: Life in the Public Eye

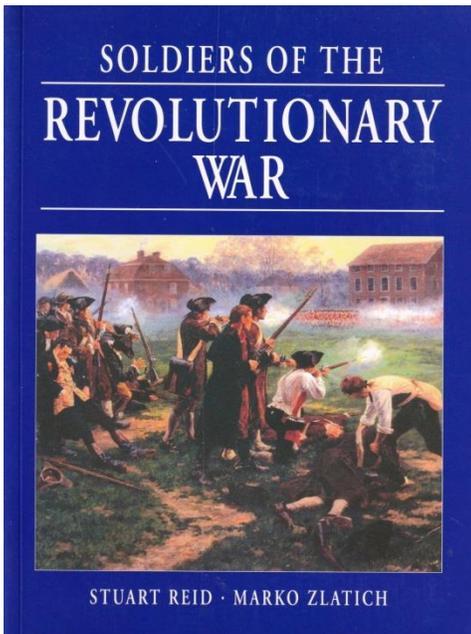
In 1783, Mrs. Washington talks about her experience in the Winter Camps and what it is like being the female face of the Revolution. And what sacrifices she made during the War for American Independence.



Uniforms of the Revolution

The standing figure in the short brown jacket is a member of the Philadelphia Troop of Light Horse founded in 1774 under command of Abraham Markoe, a Dane. This troop served as escort to George Washington on his trip to assume command of the Army. They also took part in that terrible winter at Valley Forge, where their services were very important due to their knowledge of the area. They still exist today as an active unit of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

“Book of the month”



Soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

The book examines in complete detail the uniforms and equipment used by the armies of George Washington and King George in the American Revolutionary War. George Washington's three armies, the New England Army of 1775, until renamed the Army of the United States in July 1776; and the forces established by the Continental Congress to serve for three years from January 1777 to the duration of the war. Throughout the American Revolution, the rebel armies consisted of regular troops paid for by the Congress and of militia, volunteers and regulars raised by the states. These organizations and soldiers obtained their clothing from a variety of sources until 1778. In 1778 the Army received 25,000 uniforms imported from France which allowed the majority of Washington's men to be dressed in identical brown and blue. This study focuses on the systems used by state and Continental authorities to procure clothing materials, the quantities they obtained and the specifications of the uniforms themselves. This book also investigates the gradual standardization of the of the dress and equipment of King George's army over the same period.

Volume I, focuses on the period 1775-1778. The text illustrations include examples of typical arms and equipment used by the regular and state forces. A unique feature of this volume is the photographs of the Smithsonian Institution's collection of military clothing from the period 1775-78. Color and monochrome illustrations depict many of the distinct uniforms of volunteer companies, Continental regiments of 1776, provincial regulars, light horse, artillery, Continental Line at Valley Forge, and independent Continental corps. Many of the descriptions are accompanied with color plates illustrating the soldiers dress in uniforms of various selected units.

Volume II of the book discusses and illustrates General Washington's Army from 1779-1783. It completes this overview of the history of American military uniforms of the Revolutionary War.

The remaining volumes discuss and illustrate King George's Army from 1740 to 1793, including organizations, Regiments, Officers, Soldiers, Weapons and tactics and personal equipment. These volumes also include many illustrations, diagrams, and color plates; like those described for American Soldiers.

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

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If you are planning to attend, please submit your check ASAP. Mail service is unpredictable, and Ford's Colony needs a final head count by Feb 12.

Reservation for the Saturday, February 19TH 2022 lunch meeting
 Ford's Colony Country Club Williamsburg

Name(s) _____

Please reserve _____ regular meals at **\$23.00**

Special need _____

Please make checks payable to
 "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

Mail to:

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



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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.

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