



# 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 signer's houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.*

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## Message from the President

The Williamsburg Chapter Sons of the American Revolution enjoyed a very successful 2014 year. This was due in large measure to the able leadership of our President Bob Spencer. During his administration our Chapter participated in an extraordinary number of local and state events.

In addition the Chapter experienced the largest new member growth in its history. President Spencer was ably supported by the following board members: John Moseley, Harley Stewart, Jack Lee, Lew deSeife, Ron Losee, Marvin Williams, Jim Henry, Jim Swords, Tom Mohr and Tom Campbell. The VASSAR vice president, Ed Truslow, continued to provide valued support to our chapter.

It is my hope that our 2015 meetings, speakers and participation in events will continue to reflect our respect and appreciation for our revolutionary war ancestors. Each of us needs to be personal witnesses to their commitment that created our America.

- Don Swain

## Registrar's Corner

As we close out the year 2014 the final regular application was submitted to VASSAR on 30 December. We have received approvals on 14 regular applications for new members this year and have six at NSSAR awaiting approval. A total of 10 supplemental applications were processed for chapter members.

As flag chairman I reported to VASSAR that the Williamsburg chapter presented 30 flag certificates to residences, businesses and government offices in 2014 for displaying Old Glory day and night in accordance with the flag code. The program continues in 2015 and anyone can play!!! And we could always use a helper when we distribute over 1,000 flags at the CW Independence Day band concert.

- S.F. Ron Losee



## Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region &amp; Beyond

JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Joint Williamsburg/Thomas Nelson Jr.

Chapter Meeting  
& Officer Induction  
Newport News, VA

JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens

Cowpens, SC

FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Williamsburg Chapter Meeting

Williamsburg, VA

FEBRUARY 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Commemoration of the  
Crossing of the Dan

Danville, VA

FEBRUARY 20-21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

VASSAR Annual Meeting

Richmond, VA

January 10<sup>th</sup> Joint Chapter Dinner

As is our custom, every January we come together with the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter for a joint dinner meeting and new officer installations for both chapters. VASSAR President Bill Broadus will be the installing officer. This year Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter will again be hosting the dinner at the Point Plaza Suites Hotel which is located just off Route 17 at 950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.. It's easy to get to via Exit 258B off of I-64. We will gather at 6:30pm for some social time with the meeting beginning at 7:00pm.

Date: Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Location: Point Plaza Suites at City Center  
950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd. Newport News,  
Virginia 23601

Dress Code: Coat and tie  
(Black Tie or Dress Kilt optional)

Social: 6:00pm (cash bar)

Meeting: 6:30pm

Sign-up Form on page 8 for the Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting

Reservations MUST be received not later than Monday  
January 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Notable Quote

*Be at War with your Vices, at Peace with your Neighbours,  
and let every New-Year find you a better Man.*

*-Quoted in Benjamin Franklin's 1755*

*Poor Richard's Almanac*



## Compatriot David Warren Ware Jr.



1946 - 2014



somebody—and always, most assuredly, to entertain whomever he met by regaling one of his many, many hilarious, real life adventures. Even if they weren't hilarious, David would work it in such a way that they were. You were usually guaranteed a good laugh by the time you left David.

He belonged to many organizations. He was not just a member in name only, but a full participating member—rolling up his sleeves and jumping in to make whatever organization a better place—always recruiting a crowd to accompany him to meetings. He belonged to the Society of the Cincinnati, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Mayflower Society, Jamestowne Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and Virginia Huguenot

Society.

For the SCV, he was instrumental in founding the 5th VA Cavalry chapter in James City County. David had just had his grandson Alex inducted as one of the youngest members. He was also very active in Operation Smile, and Hickory Neck Church. David also belonged to PeCK, a chicken owners association.

David is survived by his wife, Sherron, his daughters : Kate Gregory and Amanda Kizer, his son, Shane Hatchell, grandchildren: Alex and Ian Gregory, Lily and Theodore "The Beav" Kizer, Amanda Gregory and Tristan Hatchel, and his sons-in-law: Thorpe Gregory and Steve Kizer.

He is also survived by his mother, Martha "Sug" Ware, his brother, W. Walker Ware IV, his sisters, Martha Ware Petro and Mary Ware, and his brother-in-law, Joe Petro. He also had many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

David was baptized at Hickory Neck Church at the beginning of his life's journey, and his memorial service will be held there to commemorate the completion of his life's journey--New Year's Day at 11:00. Reception to follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in David's memory to Hickory Neck Episcopal Church in Toano or Operation Smile, 3641 Faculty Blvd., Va Beach 23453.

Compatriot David Warren Ware, Jr., 68, of Yorktown, died tragically Friday, December 19, near his home. He was born in Williamsburg, May 20, 1946 to David W. (deceased) and Martha Ware and moved to Toano at age 1. He attended Toano School, moving on to Matthew Whaley, and James Blair High School. He graduated from Christ Church Episcopal Boys School, and then the College of William and Mary. He was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity, where he was quite the life of the party.

He served as an infantry Lieutenant in the US Army, 1968-1972 graduating from OCS at Fort Benning, GA, and was stationed at Fort Dix, NJ and Watertown, NY. Through his sister, Martha, he met his first wife, Chase Ware. Together they had 2 daughters, Katherine Stafford Ware Gregory, and Amanda Chase Ware Kizer. His second and present wife of 24 years, Sherron Ware, brought the addition of her son, Shane Hatchell, to his family.

Over the course of his life, David ran the True Value Hardware Store, was general manager of the family shopping center, Colonial Towne Plaza, owned a roll off container business, and a construction company. He served on the James City County Board of Supervisors in the mid 1970's.

David was enjoying his "semi-retirement" from "real jobs" when his life was heartbreakingly cut short. He spent his days fishing, planting tomatoes and watermelons, raising chickens, and gathering eggs. He was known for his "famous" BBQ—providing the meals for churches, condo parties, charities, or anybody who just happened to stop by to say hello—They usually left with not only BBQ, but eggs, watermelons, fish, tomatoes, or whatever was thriving at his place that day. David was a very gifted pianist and would often treat visitors to rousing renditions at the piano. He and Sherron were also quite the ballroom dancers.

His absolute favorite activity was playing with and entertaining his grandchildren, Alex, Ian, Lily, and Theodore, ("The Beav"). He was always in his work van on his way to help somebody—to rebuild something, to repair something, to feed or to comfort

## **Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge**

The Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and the Great Bridge Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution was held on December 6, 2014 at Great Bridge, Chesapeake.

In the battle, which took place December 9, 1775, Virginia and North Carolina Patriots defeated British regulars and Loyalist troops, which led to the expulsion of British government from Virginia.



**Pictured at the 61st Annual Wreath Laying are:**

**Wayne Rouse, Past President, Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter SAR;**

**Caroline Fox, President, Cavalier Chapter Children of the American Revolution;**

**Sylvia Ryder, Regent, Princess Anne Chapter DAR; Harley Stewart, Secretary,**

**Williamsburg Chapter SAR; Lindsey Brock, President General, National Society SAR;**

**and Emily Holmes, Regent, Great Bridge DAR.**

## Record-Breaking Flag Recognition Program Effort

All I can say is that I am "speechless". What a wonderful effort and I have recorded all 30 presentations. I could not be more proud and appreciative of your efforts. The George Washington Chapter has held, from my records, the record for the most Flag Certificates presented in one year. This was 17 presented two years ago. Looks like the Williamsburg Chapter simply "blew them out of the water". Just wish I could get two more Chapters to participate this year. Twenty-four of twenty-six have done so. Just would like to see another 100% Chapter participation this year. Again, my sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to you and to all of the Officers and Compatriots of the Williamsburg Chapter for what has proven to be a stellar effort. Have a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

*- Kirk Sheap, UASAR Flag Recognition Program Chairman*

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Reservation for the Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 Joint Chapter Meeting & Induction:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$30.00

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

# of Vegetarian Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

and mail to:

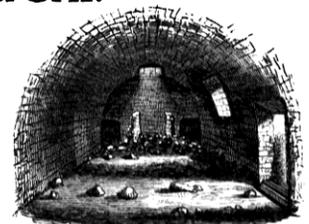
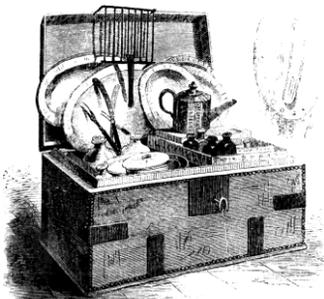
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*Coat & Tie I*

*Black Tie Optional*