



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

Happy Independence Day!!

239 years ago John Adams wrote the following to his wife:

“The second of July will be the most memorial epochal in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as a great anniversary festival. It ought to be celebrated as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parades with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other from this day forward forever more.”

As men of the SAR we should view Independence Day as uniquely our day of commitment to remind every citizen of America the debt owed to our colonial fore bearers. We personally have done nothing to earn membership in SAR. We became eligible by good fortune, luck or fate or in some cases by the diligence of Ron Losee!

By accepting membership we have assumed a responsibility that should not be shirked. Chapter luncheons, wreath presentations, color guard activities, the newsletter, assembly of chapter history, publication of SAR activities and photos are all ways of honoring Patriots Day and in some small way, reflect honor upon our patriot ancestors.

Ron Losee, and some helpers, will pass out small American flags to the audience at Colonial Williamsburg's July 1st concert on Duke of Gloucester street. Call Ron if you would like to help.

Our chapter will participate in a 4th of July Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving at Bruton Parish commencing at

9:00am. SAR members will serve as ushers, scripture reader and flag presenter. Our Chaplain, Reverend Jim Henry has coordinated this event and we encourage member attendance. At 11:00am the chapters' memorial wreath will be placed at the DARs' Berkeley Plantation July 4th ceremony. At 9:00am on July 6 your board members will render respects to the patriots who fought, died and are interned at Green Spring. All members are encouraged to join us. Our July 11th lunch meeting will convene at the Fort Magruder hotel at 11:30am. V.P. Jay Smith, has scheduled PhD Sean Heuvel, author and history professor, to discuss the relationship between British general William Howe and New York socialite, Mrs. Loring, during Howe's tenure as commander in Chief of the British forces in America.

- Don Swain

Registrar's Corner

On July 1 the Williamsburg Chapter will distribute about 1,000 miniature flags at the Merchants Square Independence Day band concert conducted by the Army's TRADOC band. Several members have volunteered to hand out the flags and explain they are donated by your SAR chapter. If you have names of any prospective applicants get in touch with the Registrar so he can contact them and provide an application worksheet. And do forget, you can recognize a patriotic neighbor or business by presenting an SAR flag certificate for their display of Old Glory in a proper fashion.

- S.F. Ron Losee

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar**Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond****JUNE 25th-July 1st, 2015****125th Annual Congress****Louisville, KY****JULY 1st, 2015****Flag Distribution****TRADOC Band Concert****Merchant's Square, Williamsburg****JULY 4th, 2015****Independence Day****SAR-Bruton Parish/****DAR-Berkeley Plantation****JULY 6th, 2015****Battle of Green Spring Commemoration****James City County****JULY 11th, 2015****Williamsburg Chapter Meeting****Williamsburg, VA****JULY 25th, 2015****Old Augusta Stone Church at Ft. Defiance****Grave Markings****Near Harrisonburg, VA****AUGUST, 2015****2015 SAR/DAR/CAR Bermuda****Gunpowder Plot Trip****Bermuda, British Overseas Territory****SEPTEMBER 12th, 2015****Williamsburg Chapter Meeting****Williamsburg, VA****July 11th Chapter Luncheon**

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their ladies to attend the Joint Thomas Nelson Jr./Williamsburg June luncheon meeting.



There will be an excellent guest speaker, Dr. Sean M. Heuvel. Dr. Heuvel is a faculty member at Christopher Newport University (CNU), in Newport News, Virginia, where he teaches in the Department of Leadership and American Studies. He holds a B.A. in Government, M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration and Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from The

College of William and Mary. He also completed an M.A. in History from the University Richmond.

An active scholar in the fields of American military history, higher education, and leadership studies, he has written five books as well as numerous articles for refereed journals, encyclopedias, and magazines. His interests include higher education history, the college presidency, the American Revolution, the American Civil War, World War II, and military leadership. Active in foreign study programs at CNU, Dr. Heuvel has also lectured at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, in the United Kingdom. He and his wife and two children live in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Date: Saturday, July 11th, 2015

Location: Fort Magruder Inn
& Conference Center

6945 Pocahontas Trail (Rt. 60 east)

Social: 11:30 am

Meeting: 12:00 noon

Sign-up Form on page 8 for the Saturday

June 13th Meeting @ 12:00 noon.

Reservations MUST be received not later than

Wednesday, July 8th.



Compatriot, 2015 United States Military Academy Graduate Samuel Thompson



Cadet Samuel Thompson, a 2011 graduate of Jamestown High School and member of the Williamsburg Chapter of the SAR, is pictured here with his father, Brian, (left), also an SAR member, and grandfather, Sam, (right), at his graduation in May from the United States Military Academy, West Point. Second Lieutenant Thompson will begin training soon as a medical evacuation pilot at Fort Rucker, Alabama. The photo represents three generations of West Point graduates, classes of 1963, 1989 and 2015.

June 13th, 2015 Chapter Meeting



Michael Kerley (l.) and Williamsburg Chapter President Don Swain

Michael L. Kerley, formerly Sr. VP, Mass Mutual, and currently Christopher Wren Constitutional Lecturer gave the Williamsburg Chapter of the American Revolution a presentation on the Constitutional Convention of 1787. There were 3 "Indispensable Men" at the Convention; James Madison, George Washington, and Benjamin Franklin. The keys to the success of the Convention were: Developing the right framework, Unity of purpose, and a willingness to compromise.

New Members inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution

Steve McGuffin and Roger Cross were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution by Williamsburg Chapter President Don Swain.



(L-R) Susan McGuffin, Compatriot Steve McGuffin, President Don Swain, Compatriot Roger Cross, Judith Cross.

Transferee from Delaware Society Sons of the American Revolution

The Williamsburg Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution warmly welcomes Delaware Compatriot Wil Phillips.



(l-r) President Don Swain, Compatriot Wil Phillips

Supplemental Patriots Certificate



(l-r) President Don Swain presents Supplemental Patriots Certificate to Compatriot John Wenrich.



Williamsburg-Yorktown American Revolution Round Table

Next meeting - August 6, Thursday 6:30pm
Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall
111 Church Street Yorktown, VA

Speaker: Norman Fuss □
"Artifact 18th Century Military Uniforms
in North American Repositories"

The American Revolution Round Table of Williamsburg/Yorktown is devoted to the study of all aspects of the Revolutionary period (ca. 1763-89). Composed of an open group of historically-minded individuals, the WYARRT provides a forum for the exploration, discussion, and sharing of knowledge about this interesting and critical period of our history. All are welcome to participate in this enlightening and enjoyable pursuit, regardless of knowledge level. We are always open to new members from the area. We meet bi-monthly in even numbered months. Our meetings are held in historic Yorktown at Grace Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 111 Church Street, Yorktown, VA.

Questions regarding Williamsburg/Yorktown ARRT?
Interested in joining us?
Please email wmbgyrktwnarrt@gmail.com

Compatriot Col. Mason Young Jr.



Colonel Mason James (Jim) Young Jr., US Army-retired, passed away June 6, 2015 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Born November 10, 1923 into an Army family in New Orleans, Louisiana, he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, DC in 1941 and from the US Military Academy at

West Point on D-Day, June 6, 1944, one year early due to the need for young officers at the front in World War II. A veteran of three wars, Jim served in WW II, Korea and Vietnam as an Artillery Officer and Commander as well as in post-War Japan for General Douglas MacArthur, and in Germany, Taiwan, Thailand and throughout the United States. He retired in 1974 at Fort Monroe, Virginia where he was responsible for Basic and Advance Individual Training across the US Army. He was wounded by the Nazis and received the Bronze Star for Valor in World War II. He earned the Bronze Star for service in Korea and Vietnam as well as multiple awards of the Legion of Merit and the Air Medal for service in Vietnam. In retirement he earned an MBA from The College of William and Mary and taught at Christopher Newport College. He served as an Officer in the Association of the US Army and also the Kiwanis Club. He was a dedicated usher at Bruton Parish Episcopal Church. Jim was a long standing member of the Scottish Saint Andrews Society, the Crown Colony Club and the West Point Society of Williamsburg, where he was the oldest graduate. Jim married his beloved wife, Helen Bullard Young, on July 16, 1945, a marriage that lasted 58 years. Following her death in 2003, he resided at Patriots Colony in Williamsburg. He is survived by a brother, William B Young of New York City and by 3 children: Mason James Young III, Lieutenant Colonel US Army Reserve-retired (married to Carolyn Lane Young) of Oak Hill, Virginia, Joanne W Young (married to Bruce Foreman) of Washington DC and Ambassador Stephen M Young (married to Barbara Finamore) of Londonderry, NH. His grandchildren are: Maureen Foreman Donnelly of Newark, Delaware, Mason James Young IV of Arlington, VA, Caroline Lane Young of New York, NY, Michael North Young of Washington, DC, Markley North Foreman Schlegel of Denver, Colorado, Clifford James Foreman, 2nd Lieutenant USMC, of San Clemente, California, Rebecca Anne Young of Seattle, Washington, and Patrick Stephen Young of Orange, California. His Great-Grandchildren are: Colin Donnelly and Owen Donnelly of Newark, Delaware as well as Mason James Young V and John Francis Young of Arlington, Virginia. Jim Young is remembered not just as a "Muddy Boots Soldier", Artillery Commander and decorated Veteran of three wars, but a man dedicated to country, family, friends, church and community, who lived by his values and was gracious to all. Services were held June 19, 2015 at 2 pm at Bruton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Burial Service was at 2 pm July 11, 2015 at St Peters Episcopal Church in Londonderry, New Hampshire with full Military Honors.



2015 SAR/DAR/CAR Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Trip

Compatriots,

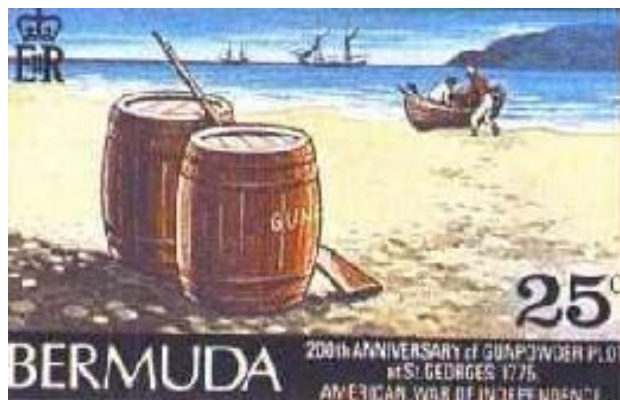
The SAR-DAR-CAR trip to Bermuda to commemorate the 240th anniversary of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot will take place in August 2015. We are planning four (perhaps more) very special SAR-DAR-CAR events, including the dedication of two historical markers (at the site of the gunpowder magazine and near the birthplace of two Bermuda-born Patriots) and an interpretive sign (at Tobacco Bay Beach, where the gunpowder left shore for waiting American ships). We likely will have participation by the Governor, the Premier and the U.S. Consul General. But there will also be time for participants to enjoy the stunning beauty of Bermuda, from its pink sand beaches to its world-class golf courses!

Our headquarters is the Fairmont Southampton, one of the finest hotels on Bermuda -- and just a short walk from the world-famous Horseshoe Bay Beach.

This trip is open to SAR, DAR and CAR members and their families. All of the special events will be joint SAR-DAR-CAR events with official participation from all three organizations.

For more information, please contact me at elston.sar@gmail.com or you can peruse the preliminary itinerary at:

<https://prod.groupandevent.net/register/bermudapatriots>
To access the site, use the password gunpowder15. Registration and a \$200/person deposit will hold your place on the trip.



Feel free to share this with other SAR and DAR members in your local area who you think may be interested in the trip. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Mike Elston

Battle of Spencer's Ordinary Sign Dedication, June 20th, 2015

The new sign, located outside the Freedom Park Interpretive Center, marks the area where hundreds of British and Continental soldiers met in a brief skirmish in the summer before the siege at Yorktown. The sign features a brief primer on the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, which occurred on June 26, 1781. About 400 British troops under the command of Lt. Col. John Simcoe, from the armies of General Lord Cornwallis and the Marquis de Lafayette respectively, engaged about 670 Continental troops led by Col. Richard Butler clashed near a tavern (the "ordinary") at a road intersection (now Longhill and Centerville). There was no victor claimed on either side. The clash was a small one during the lead up to the nearby Battle of Green Spring in July 1781. The sign contains information about the battle. Today the land is the site of Freedom Park, a 600-acre public park.



Attending the dedication ceremony were members of the James City County Historical Commission, JCC Parks Administration, a former historian for the National Parks service, and members of the Williamsburg Chapter SAR who provided a donation to pay for the sign. (l-r) Compatriot Fred Boelt, JCCHC; Ed Truslow, SAR; John McGlennon, JCC Supervisor; Nancy Ellis, JCC Parks; Alister Perkinson, JCC Parks; Frank Abbot, Chairman JCCHC; Martha McCartney, Historian; John Labanish, JCCHC; Andy Zellers-Frederick, JCCHC; and Don Swain, SAR.



Nancy Ellis of James City County Parks & Recreation accepts a Sons of the American Revolution Certificate of Appreciation from Compatriot Ron Losee (l.) and VASSAR 1st Vice-President Ed Truslow (r.).



Renowned Colonial Historian Martha McCartney uses a modern map with highlights to accurately locate and describe to the audience the British and American troop movements in and around Spencer's Ordinary.

Battle of Spencer's Ordinary Sign Dedication, June 20th, 2015 (cont.)



Williamsburg Chapter President Don Swain presents a Sons of the American Revolution Certificate of Appreciation and a Jefferson Cup to Historian Martha McCartney.



Color Guard Compatriots Tom Morr (l.) and Chaplain Jim Henry (2nd from r.) look on as Ed Truslow and Don Swain unveil the new Battle of Spencer's Ordinary interpretive sign.

Battle of Spencer's Ordinary Wreath-laying Ceremony, June 26th, 2015

The Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, Virginia, was fought on June 26, 1781, between Continental troops and local militia from the army of the Marquis de la Fayette and Loyalist and Hessian troops under British Lieutenant Colonel John Graves Simcoe.

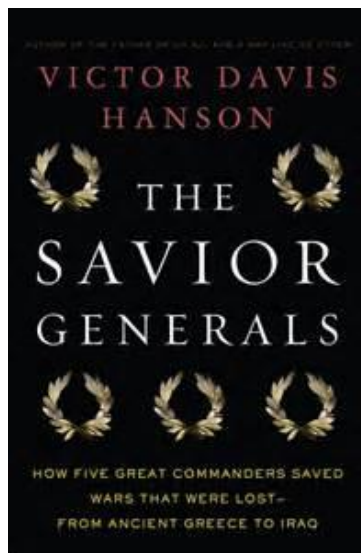
(l-r) Jim Henry, SAR Chaplain; Ron Losee, SAR Registrar; Jack Lee, SAR Treasurer; Don Swain CSAR Chapter President; Bob Spencer, Past SAR President; Harley Stewart, SAR Secretary





Remembrance Research Recruitment

July Book Raffle Selection



The Book Raffle selection for July is entitled: "The Savior Generals: How Five Great Commanders Saved Wars That Were Lost - From Ancient Greece to Iraq" by Victor Davis Hanson, Bloomsbury Press, New York, 2013. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00, and can be purchased at the Chapter meeting.

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Reservation for the Saturday, July 11th 2015 Williamsburg Chapter Meeting:

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$20.00

Name(s) _____

of Vegetarian Dinners _____

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