



The Magazine

Williamsburg Chapter
of the 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

Compatriots,

Congratulations to all of you members who enjoyed participating in the multiply (over nine) local events in June and July honoring our Patriot ancestors.

At your chapter board meeting in August the fall schedule was reviewed. High lights will be chapter luncheons on Sept 10, and Oct 10, Yorktown Day on 17 Oct and November Veterans day celebrations.

The VASSAR semi- annual meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Roanoke, September 18 and 19. Your President, Secretary and Treasurer will attend. If other members would like to join us please contact me soonest.

Our immediate past president, Bob Spencer, will be developing a slate of officers for 2016. Please consider giving Bob a positive response. Additionally we have a need for a member to make an inventory of our chapter paraphernalia (flags, wreaths, audio equipment). We also need a member to assist our Secretary with luncheon place cards and function as a greeter. Please contact me if you can assist with these tasks.

Very Respectfully,

- Don Swain

Each October...

Yorktown, Virginia

October 19, 1781

YORKTOWN IS WON!

Cornwallis' Sword is Delivered to American Forces

"The World Turned Upside Down"



OPEN TO ALL PARTIES, NOT INFLUENCED BY NONE.
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BE IT REMEMBERED!
THAT on the 17th Day of October, 1781, Lieut. Gen. Charles Earl CORNWALLIS, with above 5000 British troops, surrendered themselves prisoners of war to his Excellency Gen. GEORGE WASHINGTON, commander in chief of the allied forces of France and America.
LAUS DEO!

Registrar's Corner

We have a landslide of new applications under processing; nearly all that have been submitted to NSSAR have been approved and the latest new members will be inducted at the September and October luncheons. Please greet them and express your congratulations.

Just returned from my third trip to the DAR Library and it always adds good documentation to applications being processed. Going again October; it's an easy bus ride via a chartered bus and you're encouraged to express your sympathy to those drivers who aren't in the HOV lane!

- S.F. Ron Lasse

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond



SEPTEMBER 12th, 2015

Williamsburg Chapter Meeting

Williamsburg, VA

SEPTEMBER 17th, 2015

Constitution Day

SEPTEMBER 18th-19th, 2015

VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting

Roanoke, VA

<http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/autoindex.php?dir=VASSAR-Meetings/2015/Semi-Annual/>

OCTOBER 2nd-4th, 2015

**Commemoration of the
Battle of Point Pleasant**

Point Pleasant, WV

OCTOBER 7th, 2015

**235th Anniversary of the Battle
of Kings Mountain**

Blacksburg, SC

OCTOBER 10th, 2015

Williamsburg Chapter Meeting

Williamsburg, VA

OCTOBER 19th, 2015

**Commemoration of the Battle of Yorktown
(NSSAR Event hosted by VASSAR)**

Yorktown, VA

NOVEMBER 11th, 2015

Veterans Day SAR Governor's Palace

Williamsburg, VA

NOVEMBER 11th, 2015

Williamsburg Chapter Meeting

Williamsburg, VA

September Guest Speaker



JOHN FITZHUGH MILLAR

John Millar, born 1945, is a material-culture historian who has lived in Williamsburg since 1980, where he owns and operates historic Newport House on South Henry Street – the only B&B in the area that tries to be museum-perfect to about 1770.

When he lived in Newport RI, he built full-sized operational copies of the 24-gun Revolutionary War frigate Rose (which later starred with Russell Crowe in *Master & Commander*) and the 12-gun Continental Navy sloop Providence (first ship of the American Navy in 1775), and indeed he spoke to this group a few years ago about how the Continental Navy was founded.

Educated on both sides of the Atlantic, Millar graduated from Harvard in 1966, and received his MA in History from the College of William & Mary in 1981. He has written numerous historical books, including two in 2014-5 on colonial architect Peter Harrison (one mostly text, and the other mostly illustrations).

2015 SAR/DAR/CAR Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Trip

Members of the of the Virginia Society SAR, DAR and C.A.R were jointed by members of several other states in traveling to Bermuda from August 12-17. Members attending from the Williamsburg Chapter were Past National Society President General Bruce Wilcox and his wife Theresa and Virginia Society 1st Vice President Ed Truslow and his wife Laura. The purpose of the trip was to dedicate three markers commemorating the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot of August 1775.

The first marker was placed on the property where the conspirators St. George and Thomas Tudor Tucker were born and is now the site of the Port Royal Golf Club. The second marker was placed at the site of the Gunpowder Magazine near St. George where the 100 barrels of gunpowder were stored. An interpretive marker was placed near the beach at Tobacco

Bay where small boats were loaded with the stolen gunpowder and transported to a waiting American ship. Bermudians reenacted the theft to include the then "Royal Governor" running down the hill in a nightshirt after the thieves. He was unsuccessful in capturing anyone. On Thursday, the day after arrival, the group gathered at the U.S. Consulate for a reception hosted by Acting Consulate General Linda Rosalik. The following day the group attended a reception at Government House hosted by the Honorable George Fergusson, Governor of Bermuda. On Saturday our group attended a private luncheon at Camden hosted by the Honorable Michael Dunkley MP Premier of Bermuda. All in all, the various elements of the Bermuda government were very supportive of our commemorative activity. It was a great experience indeed.



(L-R) Emily Elston 2nd Vice President Virginia C.A.R., Ed Truslow, Holly Lynn Schmidt Senior Virginia President C.A.R., and J. Michael Tomme National SAR Secretary General shown dedicating the Tobacco Bay marker.



(L-R) Laura Truslow, Governor Geroge Fergusson and Ed Truslow





Remembrance Research Recruitment

September Book Raffle Selection

Instead of a book to raffle off for the month of September, the Board of Directors want to raffle off a VASSAR \$75 book bag that was given to the chapter. This book bag measures about 17" wide and 13" deep. It is made of sturdy heavy duty canvass with a leather handle, plastic zippers and heavy duty plastic clasps, and a heavy duty cloth adjustable shoulder strap. In the center is VASSAR Seal. The Board of Directors have authorized the raffle tickets for this prize item to be: \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 7 seven tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the meeting.

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Reservation for the Saturday, September 12th 2015 Williamsburg Chapter Meeting:

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$20.00

Name(s) _____

of Vegetarian Dinners _____

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

and mail to:

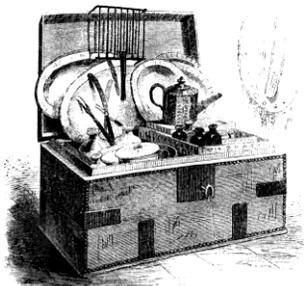
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The Kings Mountain Chapter, NC Society SAR & the Daniel Morgan Chapter, SC Society SAR invite you to attend the

235th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 11:00 am
Kings Mountain National Military Park
Blacksburg, SC

SAR, DAR, C.A.R. and other patriotic and lineage societies and chapters are invited to participate in the formal wreath laying ceremony at the United States' Monument. Participants desiring to present a wreath must deliver it to the park's Visitor Center no later than 9:30 am on October 7th for labeling and transportation to the ceremony site. Ground transportation will be provided for those needing assistance to the ceremony site. Continental, militia or period attire is encouraged.

Please complete the registration form provided on the following page and return it no later than Saturday, September 26th for the registration to be included in the printed program. Registration forms should be returned to Doyle Campbell at either: 1407 Merrimount Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or doylecampbell@carolina.rr.com.

Questions about the event can be directed to either Doyle Campbell or Mark C Anthony (mcgr90@bellsouth.net).

The official hotel for the 2015 Kings Mountain anniversary is the Courtyard by Marriott located at 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29303. A special room rate of \$119.00 plus tax is available. Reservations can be made directly at the following link: [Book your group rate for Kings Mountain Celebration - Spartanburg SC - October 6, 2015](#)

The hotel can be reached at 864-585-2400. The deadline for making a reservation at this rate is September 8th. Additional hotels are available in Gaffney, SC, Gastonia, NC or Kings Mountain, NC.

Tuesday, October 6th
2:00 pm

- General James Williams Grave Marking
Cherokee County Administration Building, N Limestone St, Gaffney, SC
Sponsored by the General James Williams Chapter, SC Society SAR
Wreath registration contact: Charles McKinney Sr at cmckinneysr@yahoo.com or 864-833-4457
- 4:30 pm South Atlantic District, National Society SAR District Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC
- 5:30 pm Kings Mountain Reception
Courtyard by Marriott, 110 Mobile Dr, Spartanburg, SC
- 6:00 pm The Night before Kings Mountain
Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Hwy, Gaffney, SC 29341
Presented by the Overmountain Victory Trail Association



Wednesday, October 7th

- 9:30 am Deadline for delivery of wreaths to Kings Mountain Visitors Center
- 11:00 am Wreath Laying Ceremony at the United States Monument
- 3:00 pm Arrival of the Overmountain Victory Trail Marchers / Commemoration Ceremony

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2015 Kings Mountain Wreath Registration

Deadline for registration so that it will appear in the printed program is
Saturday, September 26th.

Society Name: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Name of Presenter: _____

Title: _____

Wreath Dedicated to: _____

Registration forms should be returned to Doyle Campbell at either:
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