



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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Message from the President

At the September board meeting we accepted the resignation of "The Magazine" editor, Jim Swords. Significant family medical treatment requires his full attention. We offer our prayers for a total recovery. Richard Newsome, our Historian, has assumed responsibility for the "Magazine" and Bill Greaif has taken on Richard's previous responsibilities as chapter Historian. Thank you both. Board action was also taken to make the Magazine Editor a permanent member of the board.

In other actions the tasks of the Sergeant at Arms, George Bridewell, were identified and enlarged to include: responsibility for luncheon place cards, name tags, luncheon room set up, the raffle, and accountability of our banners, flags etc. and, most important, greeting each member and guest. To support these additional activities George has enlisted three able assistants: Bob White, Eric Ely, and Steve McGuffin. Thank you, Gentlemen.

Ed Truslow, Jack Lee, Harley Stewart and I attended the Virginia Society SAR semi-annual meeting in Roanoke on September 18 and 19. Our chapter was presented a certificate for "Partners in Patriotism". The chapter was also singled-out for the number of new members (12) thus far in 2015. Well done Registrar Ron Losee! Our chapter will host the state wide VASSAR event in September 2016.

Our V.P. Jay Smith secured another excellent speaker for our September meeting. John Millar, who came attired in an authentic U.S. Revolutionary War naval uniform, provided historically interesting insights into the French involvement in the Revolution.

Over 40 attendees enjoyed his presentation. Mark your calendars now for our 10 October meeting and the annual Wednesday 11 November Veterans day meetings.

- Don Swain

Registrar's Corner

A few words from your registrar: With barely a quarter of 2015 remaining, we have exceeded last year's good recruiting effort and should attract a few more "good men" before the end of the year. Many of our new members learn of the SAR through our web site, newsletter and newspaper photos; some are recommended by colleagues who are with them in other Williamsburg organizations. If you know of someone who would like to join, and has some ancestor genealogy, give him my e-mail address, or contact me via e-mail, and I'll contact them. My last trip to the DAR Library is in late October.

- S.F. Ron Losee



Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming SAR Events in Our Region & Beyond

OCTOBER 2nd-4th, 2015
235th Anniversary of the Battle
of Kings Mountain
Blacksburg, SC

October 6th, 2015
Commemoration of the
Battle of Kings Mountain
Kings Mountain, NC
(Hosted by NCSSAR)

OCTOBER 10th, 2015
Williamsburg Chapter Meeting
Williamsburg, VA

NOVEMBER 11th, 2015
Veterans Day SAR Governor's Palace
Williamsburg, VA

NOVEMBER 11th, 2015
Williamsburg Chapter Meeting
Williamsburg, VA

December 5th, 2015
Commemoration of the Battle of
Great Bridge
Great Bridge, VA

REMINDER
No Chapter Meeting in December



October 10th Chapter Luncheon

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their ladies to attend the October luncheon meeting.

There will be an excellent guest speaker, Doug Cummings. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Date: Saturday, October 10th, 2015

Location: Fort Magruder Inn
& Conference Center

6945 Pocahontas Trail (Rt. 60 east)

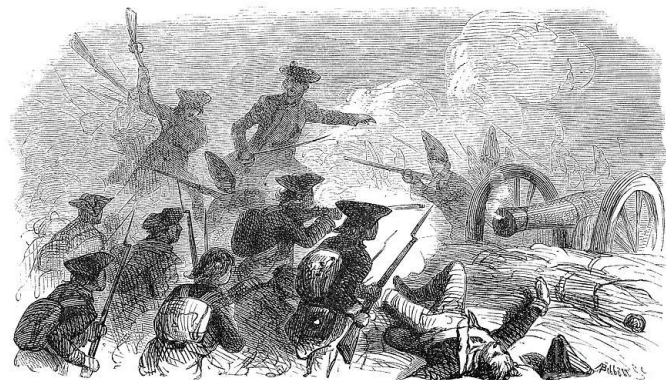
Social: 11:30 am

Meeting: 12:00 noon

Sign-up Form on page 7 for the Saturday
October 10th Meeting @ 12:00 noon.

Reservations MUST be received not later than
Wednesday, October 7th.

OCTOBER 19th, 2015
Commemoration of the Battle of
Yorktown (NSSAR Event hosted by
VASSAR)
Yorktown, VA



CAPTURE OF A REDOUBT AT YORKTOWN.

VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, Sept. 18 -19, 2015

Williamsburg Chapter, SAR President Don Swain shows the “Partners in Patriotism” certificate awarded to the chapter by NSSAR for its work with veterans groups. The certificate was presented at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society, SAR, September 18, 2015 in Roanoke, VA.



Board members Jack Lee and Harley Stewart represented the chapter at the meeting with Don.

DAR Presents Award to Robert Schmidt



A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Virginia Snyder Lee, Regent, Williamsburg Chapter, DAR to Robert Schmidt, Williamsburg Chapter, SAR, with grateful appreciation for his service to the Williamsburg Chapter, DAR, for volunteering to produce the 2015-2017 Pictorial Board Roster and the Committee Chairmen Roster.



October Luncheon Speaker: Doug Cummings

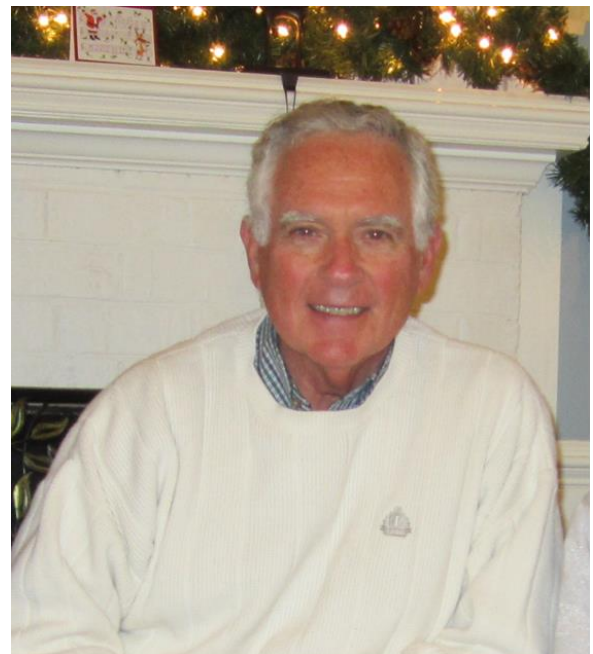
Doug is a native New Yorker who was born on Long Island, grew up in Manhattan for 18 years, lived in the Bronx for 2 years, Staten Island for 25 years, Morristown, NJ for 10 years and now has been a resident of Williamsburg for 16 years.

He attended Manhattan College on a baseball scholarship (tryouts with the San Francisco Giants & Detroit Tigers in 1959) and from which he holds a BBA degree. In addition, he holds an MBA degree from Pace University and an MA degree in History from Wagner College. He has also done post-graduate work in Colonial History in the Ph. D program at NYU.

Doug spent 34 years in the Telecommunications industry in various management and executive positions at NY Telephone, AT&T and Bell Communications Research before retiring in 1997. In retirement, Doug has volunteered with the Disaster Services unit of the American Red Cross both in NJ and in Williamsburg, the Social Ministry of St. Bede's Church, is a driver for Meals on Wheels, volunteers at the Kimball Theatre for Colonial Williamsburg, has volunteered with Elderhostel for William & Mary, is a Pilot Advisor for the Youth Aeronautical Education Foundation, is Treasurer for the Spotswood Senior Golf Assn, is an instructor and A/V committee member for the Christopher Wren Association at William & Mary and is a battlefield tour guide for the National Park Service at the Yorktown Battlefield for the past 16 years.

Doug is an instrument-rated private pilot and a member of the Tidewater Flying Club at Newport News airport and has been a Board member and Secretary for over 5 years. He currently has about 750 hours of flight time, has logged over 500 flights and enjoys flying in Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina.

He has been married to his wife Eileen for 53 years. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren (ages 8 to 23) who live in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Florida and Texas.



Doug's presentation is titled: "Following the 4 major players to the momentous battle of Yorktown"

Williamsburg Chapter Meeting, September 12th, 2015



The Williamsburg SAR Chapter had the pleasure of inducting four new members, Steven Riddle, Ward Gypson, Duncan Sutherland and Lynn Dievendorf, at the September luncheon meeting. Pictured from left to right are: Sydney Riddle, Steven Riddle, Erin Walsh (Granddaughter of Ward Gypson), Candy Gypson, Ward Gypson, Duncan Sutherland, Vernell Sutherland, Lynn Dievendorf, and Sallie Dievendorf

Williamsburg Chapter SAR President Don Swain (left), and Chapter Vice-President Jay Smith (right) present a certificate of appreciation and a Jefferson cup to John Millar, who gave an especially interesting account of his involvement in the building of several replica sailing ships and the real story of why the French were willing to offer aid to the American Revolution.



Williamsburg Chapter Meeting, September 12th, 2015 (cont.)

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President Don Swain
presenting Robert
Macnider Davis III
with the SAR War
Service Medal for his
service during the
Viet Nam War.



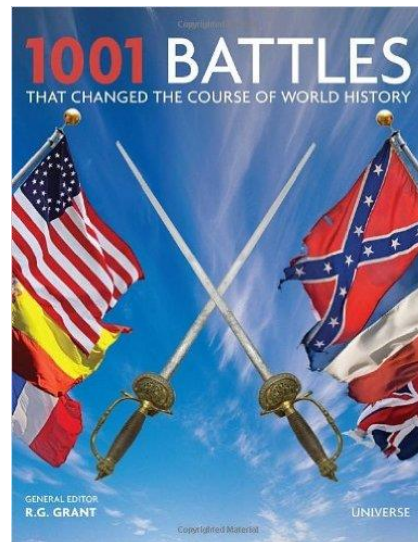
William Greif, on
the left, was
introduced as the new
Williamsburg
Chapter SAR
Historian, replacing
Richard Newsome,
on the right, who
assumed the duties of
editor for the chapter
newsletter



October Book Raffle

The Book Raffle selection for October is titled "1001 Battles That Changed The Course Of World History", General Editor, R.G. Grant, A Quintessence Book, Universe Publishing, New York, NY 1001, 2011. This book traces 5,000 years of armed conflict around the globe, from the small-scale battles of the ancient world to the epic military engagements of the American Civil War, the devastating world wars, and the smaller military actions of today.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 7 tickets. Tickets may be purchased at the October chapter meeting.



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Reservation for the Saturday, October 10th 2015 Chapter Meeting:

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$20.00

Name(s) _____

of Vegetarian Dinners _____

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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