



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

Our thanks to Tom Campbell for a well-planned, executed, and moving ceremony at the Governor's Palace cemetery in Colonial Williamsburg on Veterans Day. Also, thanks to Joe Spruill who served as moderator of the program. Beautiful tri-fold programs were available for the large crowd that attended. Your president welcomed everyone in honoring all our veterans and especially these, our first veterans, who established our free and independent country. The guest speaker was James Ingram of CW as Rev. Gowan Pamphlet on the roles of women and African-Americans in the revolution. The ceremony concluded by the playing of "Taps" by Richard Stoud, LCDR, U.S. Coast Guard.

The meeting that followed at Ft. Magruder featured a recognition of all veterans present and the stand-up was impressive. Patriotism Certificates and Medals were awarded to five more members by Veterans Chairman Bob Davis. That makes a total of 32 Veterans Corps members. Attendance totaled 64 and included many guests. Two new members were inducted and welcomed into our very growing membership – John Lynch and Davie Cottrell. Officers and board members for 2017, as nominated by Don Swain and his committee in October, were elected.

Congratulations and thanks are given to each of them for serving. The speaker, John Beakes, told the story of Otho Williams, a senior officer in the Continental Army and an example of Washington's building a team of outstanding military leaders.

As in the past, there will be no chapter meeting in December. Please plan to attend our annual joint meeting with the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter on the evening of January 14th. Virginia Society President Edward Truslow will install 2017 officers of both chapters

Finally, it is time to say farewell to Ron Losee as Chapter Registrar. I call your attention to the Registrar's Corner of this Newsletter - 110 regular and 65 supplemental applications in six years! What this compatriot has done for us is beyond astounding and defies my poor abilities to express. Ron is largely responsible for taking our chapter to a whole new level of possibilities. Let us thank him on every occasion. Now the good news: Ron will continue to serve on our Board of Managers.

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Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming Events in Our Region & Beyond

December 9th 2016

Battle of Great Bridge
Commemoration
Chesapeake, VA

January 14th 2017

Joint Dinner Meeting
And Induction of Officers
With Thomas Nelson Jr Chapter
Newport News, VA

Registrar's Corner

As my final transmission to the good men who are members of the Williamsburg Chapter I want to express my sincerest appreciation for your support and assistance to me while I served as the Chapter registrar. What started as a simple "I'll volunteer temporarily," when the former registrar passed away, resulted in a six year career commitment. During that time approximately 110 regular and 65 supplemental applications were submitted; all were approved by NSSAR. Among the 30+ submitted in 2016 will be the Chapter's 150th member. The job was immensely satisfying because Nan and I met some of the nicest people, many of whom have become close friends. Jim Hess has been elected registrar commencing in 2017; we wish him the best and ask that you give him your full support.

- S.F. Ron Lotze

There Will Be No Chapter Luncheon in December

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President's Message Cont'd.

It is also time to say farewell to Jack Lee as Chapter Treasurer, a position in which he has served for about five years – faithfully and most effectively. You have encountered him through meeting sign-ups and annual dues campaigns. We have known him as a contributor at board meetings and a participant in most chapter activities and events. He has also been our backup-up to Chaplain Jim Henry. But the culminating event of Jack's service was his chairmanship of Williamsburg Chapter's hosting of the Virginia Society Semi-Annual Meeting last September. Let us thank Jack for his service on every possible occasion.

- Harley



Chapter Happenings

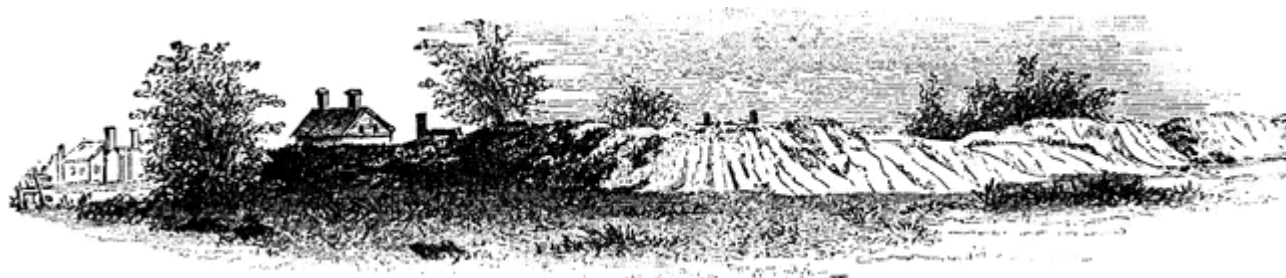


New Members Inducted at November Luncheon Meeting

New members John Lynch and Davie Cottrell were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution at the November luncheon meeting. L-R Ron Losee, SAR Registrar, Davie Cottrell, inductee, Cheryl Lynch, John Lynch, inductee, John Lynch Jr, Harley Stewart, Williamsburg SAR President.

John Beakes Presents History of Otho Williams, Revolutionary Hero

John Beakes receives a Certificate of Appreciation and a Jefferson cup for his fascinating presentation on Gen. Ortho Williams. L-R Jay Smith Williamsburg SAR Vice President, John Beakes, guest speaker. Harley Stewart, Williamsburg SAR President



SAR Honors Veterans on Veterans Day.

The Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution with the support of Colonial Williamsburg observed Veterans Day by conducting a Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Governor's Palace Revolutionary War Cemetery, November 11, 2016.

The ceremony included Colors, Fife and Drum, National Anthems, Procession of Revolutionary War Flags, a Speaker, Bag Piper, Wreath Laying, and a Bugler. The ceremony was held in the cemetery behind the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg.

The ceremony honored all veterans past and present along with the 158 "Forgotten Patriots" (156 men and 2 women) buried in unmarked graves in the garden cemetery behind the Palace. The Governor's Palace was converted into a hospital by General George Washington prior to the siege at Yorktown in 1781. These graves include skeletons of Loyalists, British 80th Regiment of Foote, Americans, and possibly French soldiers as well.

This year, the SAR continued to emphasize the contributions of "Forgotten Patriots" during the Revolutionary War which includes women and African Americans who fought for both the British and the Patriots...even though their freedom was not assured.

Gowan Pamphlet, a free man and minister, portrayed by Colonial Williamsburg's James Ingram, spoke about life as a slave and their contributions during the revolution. Ladies from the Americale Franconia represented the French contributions during the Battle of Yorktown and a wreath was placed for the 80th Regiment of Foote. A procession of Revolutionary War flags was featured by Boy Scouts of Troop 1932.

Many thanks to Tom Campbell for a well organized and executed event.





Left: Fife and drums open the ceremony to honor the Revolutionary War patriots interred behind the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg.



Right: The Williamsburg Chapter SAR Color Guard enters the ceremony bearing the colors.



Left: The Williamsburg Chapter SAR Color Guard posts the colors along with the Fife and Drum team.



Right: Flags representing the nationalities and organizations of the veterans interred in the burial ground are displayed by the local Boy Scout Troop 1932.



Left: Williamsburg Chapter SAR President Harley Stewart welcomes the attendees to the ceremony honoring the 158 “Forgotten Patriots”.



Right: The Rev. Gowan Pamphlet, played by Colonial Williamsburg interpreter James Ingram, spoke about life as a slave and the contributions of men of color to the Revolutionary War on both sides.



All In the Family

On October 6th, 1777, 300 Continental soldiers of the 5th New York regiment, 100 artillerymen of Lamb's Artillery, and some 300 Levies and militiamen defended the unfinished Fort Montgomery and Fort Clinton against a combined force of roughly 2,100 Loyalists, Hessians, and British regulars led by Lieutenant General Sir Henry Clinton attacked Forts Montgomery and Clinton from the landward side (which was only partially completed) with support from cannon fire from British ships on the Hudson River. The land columns attacking from west of the fort consisted of the New York Volunteers, the Loyal American Regiment, Emmerich's Chasseurs, the 57th and the 52nd Regiments of Foot. The Americans had emplaced an iron chain and a boom across the Hudson River, protected by four warships, to impede the British flotilla. Lt. Col. Mungo Campbell and several British regulars approach the fort with a flag of truce indicating that they wish to avoid further effusion of blood. Clinton sends **Lt. Col. William S. Livingston** to meet the enemy. The British officer requests that the patriots surrender. They are promised that no harm would come to them. Livingston, in turn, invites Campbell to surrender and promises him and his men good treatment. Fuming at this audacity, the British resume the fight. British ships working against an ebb tide attack the forts and American vessels. A steady volley ensues with each side receiving a share of the bombardment. British officers Campbell and Vaughan close in on all sides of the twin forts. Leading his men into battle, Campbell is killed in a violent attack on the North Redoubt of Fort Montgomery.

Vaughan's horse is shot from under him as he rides into battle at Fort Clinton. After a fierce battle lasting until dark, the British pushed the courageous Americans from the forts at the points of their bayonets. The defenders are overpowered by sheer numbers and the British gain possession of Forts Montgomery and Clinton. American casualties numbered about 350 killed, wounded and captured, while the British paid a price of at least 190 killed and wounded.

Lt. Col. Livingston was the cousin of Robert R. Livingston, who, along with Thomas Jefferson, as a member of the Committee of Five, was charged with drafting the Declaration Of Independence.

Lt. Col. Livingston is the patriot ancestor of Williamsburg Chapter member Richard Newsome.





The Officers for the Williamsburg Chapter wish all of the members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Williamsburg Chapter Officers

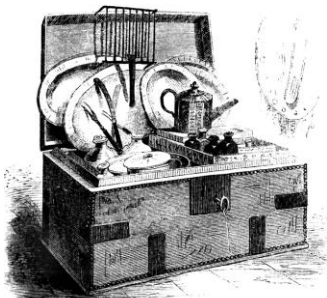
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