



# 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

We had an excellent turnout of 60 for our meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, of which 45 were members. Five new members were inducted, so that our membership has passed 150, making us the third largest chapter in the Virginia Society and certainly the largest per capita. Three of our five WorldWarII veterans were present and recognized – Reggie Beane, Fred Satterwhite and Clyde Spence. The speaker, Bill Welsch, president of the American Revolution Round Table of Richmond, gave an interesting presentation on Washington's Generals.

The 259<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration ceremony for Fifth President James Monroe took place in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond on April 28<sup>th</sup>. First was an official speech and wreath-laying by the U.S. Army (Monroe was an officer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army). Second were comments by the James Monroe Memorial Foundation followed by heritage society wreath-layings. 22 groups presented including 8 SAR and 4 DAR. Bill Schwetke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President presented for VASSAR and your president for our chapter.

For many years our Chapter has participated with Colonial Williamsburg in Memorial Day ceremonies. We in turn invite our Virginia Society and other SAR and DAR chapters to participate with us. On Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> we will all gather at the Governor's Palace at 9:45 am. CW provides their senior Fife and Drum Corps, a Militia Unit and speakers. Our Chapter provides the Color Guard Unit and various SAR/DAR organizations provide wreath carriers and presenters. Wreath-laying will take place at the Palace, Bruton Parish Church and the Capitol with parade marching in between. SAR and DAR members are invited to fall in behind the Militia Unit. The day is a fitting commemoration of the fallen of all wars, especially those of our Revolutionary War. Following the ceremonies we will gather in the garden behind Kings Arms Tavern to enjoy a wonderful lunch and hold a short Chapter Meeting to induct new members.

- Harley



## Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

### Upcoming Events in Our Region & Beyond

May 13, 2017

**Raid on Martin's Station  
Commemoration  
Cumberland Gap, VA**

May 29, 2017

**Memorial Day  
Commemoration  
Colonial Williamsburg, VA**

June 10, 2017

**Ramseur's Mill  
Commemoration  
Lincolnton, NC**

June 26, 2017

**Battle of Spencer's Ordinary  
Commemoration  
James City County, VA**



## May 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter Luncheon

The Williamsburg Chapter invites all members and their guests to attend the May luncheon held at King's Arms Tavern in Colonial Williamsburg following the Memorial Day ceremonies. Please note that at this luncheon guests order from the tavern menu and are individually responsible for their charges. Also please note that reservations are still required and the reservation form is on the last pages of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Date:** Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Location:** King's Arms Tavern  
Colonial Williamsburg

Meeting: 12:00

**Please see the RSVP information on the last page of this newsletter.**

**Reservations MUST be received no later than Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## Virginia History Day

Williamsburg Chapter, Don Swain and Steve McGuffin volunteered as judges for the annual History Day competition held April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. The Virginia Historical Society in addition to becoming the permanent home for History Day in Virginia sponsored three special awards. The VHS set a new standard for the event. They deserve our thanks and patronage.

8 entries qualified for the VASSAR award, the winners: Annabelle Critze, Ananda Daniel and Alanna Newcomb, were awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship medal and \$ 50.00 each. For "The Spies That Saved America.

## Registrar's Corner

Gentlemen, the Registrar is IN, and the price is right. I need some referrals from other than our officers. We are the third largest chapter in Virginia. Can you imagine the result if everyone in the chapter recommended just one new member each year? I would need an assistant.

And your referral may be just under your nose. That is, your sons and grandsons. That is how the two larger chapters got so big and continue to expand.

Your progeny might not be so interested at the moment, but I can practically guarantee their gratitude at some future date. I don't believe we have more than ten sons or grandsons in the chapter.

Supplemental applications are welcome too. We all wish the processing time was shorter, but every application starts sometime. Why not now? Jim Hess [jimhess42@gmail.com](mailto:jimhess42@gmail.com)

- Jim Hess

## Memorial Day Ceremony

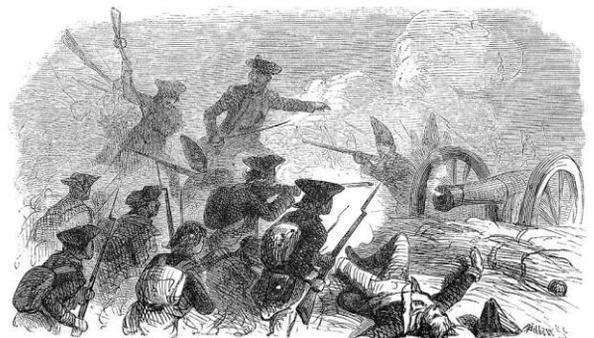
Please join The Williamsburg Chapter SAR and Colonial Williamsburg as we honor our military veterans who died in service to our country. The ceremonies will commence at 9:45am on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in front of the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg. The Williamsburg Chapter will present a wreath along with several

other patriotic organizations. The Chapter Color Guard will participate along with the Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum corps. The ceremony at the Palace will conclude with a musket salute.

Following the presentations at the Palace, the ceremony will be led to Bruton Parish Church by the Fife and Drums. At the church, Col. Dick Estes (USAF Retired) will accept a wreath on behalf of the Church, and deliver a short Memorial Day message.

The ceremony will then proceed down Duke Of Gloucester Street to the Capitol where a brief ceremony will be conducted honoring the French soldiers who are buried nearby.

Immediately following the conclusion of the ceremonies, the Williamsburg Chapter SAR members will adjourn to the King's Arms Tavern for their May luncheon meeting. Reservations are required. Please see the reservation form on the last page of this newsletter.



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## Chapter Happenings



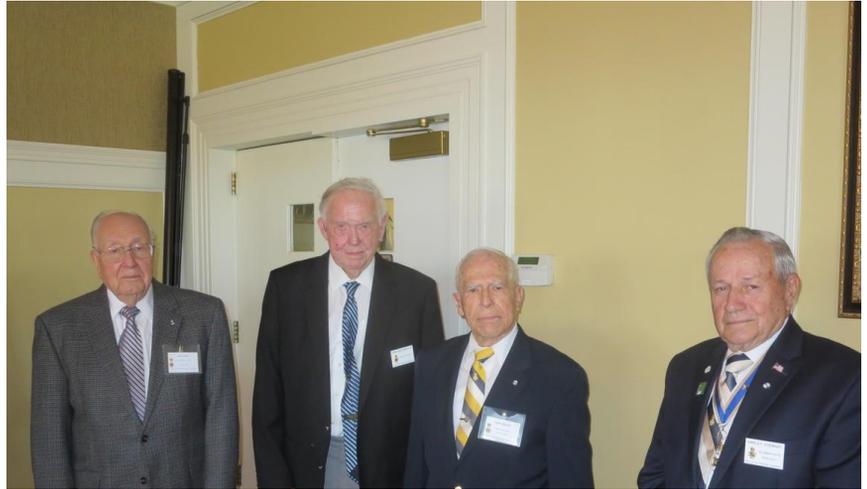
### VASSAR Honors Bob Davis

L-R Bob Davis is presented with a Virginia SAR Presidential Certificate by Harley Stewart, Williamsburg Chapter President on behalf of Ed Truslow, VASSAR President. Bob was honored for his outstanding work in securing members their Patriotism Awards.

### World War II Veterans Honored

Three World War II Veterans were recognized for their service to our country at the April luncheon.

L-R Reginald Beane, Fred Satterwhite, General Clyde Spence, (ret.), Harley Stewart, Williamsburg SAR Chapter President



### Williamsburg Chapter Hears Presentation on Washington's Generals

The presentation by William Welsch included a review of Washington's subordinate Generals. L-R Harley Stewart, President Williamsburg Chapter, Jay Smith, Vice President, William Welsch, President of the American Revolutionary Round Table of Richmond.



## Chapter Happenings Cont'd



### Williamsburg Chapter Wins Annual Scrapbook Award

The Williamsburg Chapter of SAR was awarded the Best Chapter Scrapbook of 2016 at the annual meeting of the Virginia SAR Society in Richmond. L-R Steve McGuffin, 2017, Historian, Bill Greaf, 2016 Historian.



### VASSAR Donates To American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

VASSAR President, Mike Elston, Stands next to the donor plaque at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown which recently held it's grand opening. VASSR donated \$25,000 to help fund one of the outdoor exhibits that were built during the conversion of the old Victory Center over to the new museum.



## Chapter Happenings Cont'd

### Williamsburg Chapter Honors James Monroe at Birthday Ceremony

On the left: Harley Stewart, President of the Williamsburg Chapter, stands with the wreath that he presented on behalf of the Williamsburg Chapter at the celebration of the birthday of our fifth President, James Monroe, at his resting place in the Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

Below: The recently rebuilt tomb of President James Monroe is shown with the wreaths that were placed by 22 patriotic and heritage societies which attended the ceremony to honor his 259<sup>th</sup> birthday.



#### From your Flag Chairman:

Unless you are a patriotic American who flies the flag every day, it's time to remind folks that we're entering flag flying season for those who only display it on appropriate holidays. Memorial Day (29 May), Flag Day (14 June) and Independence Day (July 4th) are almost upon us; you are encouraged to give Old Glory some fresh air, especially on those days. If your flag is tattered or torn, stop by Nelsen Funeral Home and they will exchange it for a brand new one. The old flag will be properly disposed of by them.

The Chapter expects to be distributing miniature American flags at the Merchants Square Independence Day Concert; we always have plenty of volunteers. More on that in the June edition.



## In Memory Christine Carla Swords

It is with sadness that I report the recent passing of Christine Swords, wife of Williamsburg Chapter compatriot Jim Swords. Christine passed away on April 5<sup>th</sup> after a lengthy illness.

The Williamsburg Chapter offers its condolences to Jim and the entire Swords family.

## No Book Raffle in May

As is the custom, due to the nature of the venue, there will not be a book raffle at the May luncheon meeting at King's Arms Tavern. Book raffles will be starting again with the June meeting.



## 2017 Williamsburg Chapter Officers

<b>President</b>	Harley Stewart	<b>Registrar/Genalogist</b>	Jim Hess
<b>Vice-President</b>	Jay Smith	<b>Historian</b>	Steve McGuffin
<b>Secretary</b>	Roger Cross	<b>Chaplain</b>	Jack Lee
<b>Treasurer</b>	William Greaif	<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Richard Newsome
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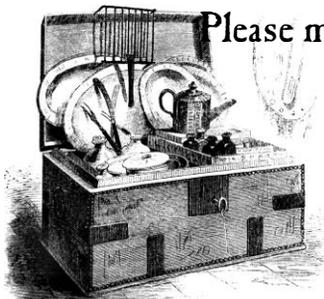
### Reservation for the Saturday, May 29th 2017 Chapter Luncheon:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ attendees

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

Guests will be ordering and paying individually from the Tavern Menu for this luncheon.

Please mail reservation form to arrive by May 20th



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