



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. Fred Siegel did a stand out job in his first year as moderator of the program. Your president welcomed everyone in honoring all veterans especially first veterans of our war of independence. Mr. Christopher Andrews then gave a welcome on behalf of Colonial Williamsburg. Following a Fife and Drum procession of Revolutionary War Flags, and singing of National Anthems, the Marquis de Lafayette (Mark Schneider) was introduced by Tom Campbell and spoke on the "Role of the French in the Revolutionary War." Following the laying of wreaths by eight patriotic heritage organizations the ceremony concluded with the playing of "Chester" and "Taps."

The meeting that followed at Colonial Heritage featured recognition of the many veterans present including three of WWII. Attendance totaled 74 and included many guests. Four new members were inducted and welcomed into our ever-growing membership – Scott MacLeod, Rick Morgan, Nathan Scoggin, and Emery Conyers. Awards were made for service to the SAR. The NSSAR Liberty Medal was awarded to Ron Losee for the 7th time; the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service to Don Swain; the Meritorious Service Medal to Rev. Dr. Jim Henry; the Bronze Roger Sherman Medals to Roger Cross, Bill Greaf, Bob Schmidt, and Jay Smith; a Distinguished Service Certificate to Eric Ely; and a Certificate of Appreciation to Bob White. A Bylaw amendment was approved unanimously. Officers and Managers for 2018, as nominated by Don Swain and his committee in October, were elected. The speaker was Major General Craig Boice USA (Ret), who critiqued battle strategies from the American Revolution, the Civil War, and Vietnam. General Boice is the most decorated general officer in the history of the U.S. Army with 12 valor medals. He was drafted in 1960 as a Private and retired in 1989 as a Major General.

As in the past, there will be no chapter meeting in December. Please plan to attend our annual joint meeting with the Gov. Thomas Nelson Jr Chapter in the evening of Saturday January 13th at the Colonial Heritage Club. Our chapter will host the dinner meeting and Virginia Society President Michael Elston will speak and install 2018 officers of both chapters.

Finally, it is time to say farewell to Richard Newsome, Newsletter and Website Editor. In this role, through the last three years, Richard has produced a premier, world-class product. It has been a source of information and pride to our members as well as attracting the attention and interest of non-members. His products have gained the admiration and respect of our society and chapters throughout Virginia. Richard owns his share of credit in helping lift our chapter to a new level. In February 2017 he was awarded a well-deserved Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his service. Thank you, Richard Newsome.

Chapter News

Veterans Day Ceremony Governor's Palace Colonial Williamsburg



Veterans Day Ceremony Posting of the Colors and Marquis de Lafayette



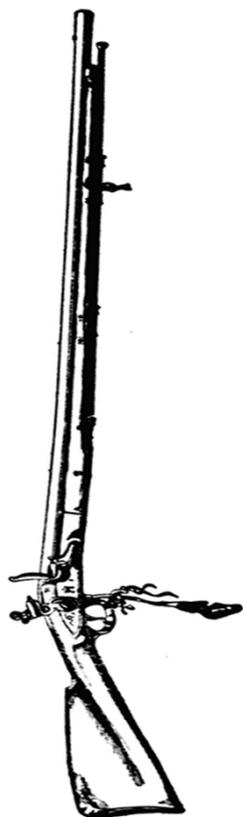
Laying of our Wreath



Presentations...Awards...and Acknowledgements



Harley Stewart presented Bronze Roger Sherman Medal Awards to (l-r) Roger Cross, Bill Greaf and Jay Smith - Nov 11, 2017



The Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Bob White for his service on the Color Guard and assistant to the Sargent at Arms.

L-R, Harley Stewart, Chapter President, Bob White

New Members Welcomed by Sons of the American Revolution



New members were inducted to the Sons of the American Revolution at the November monthly meeting of the Williamsburg Chapter. L-R Harley Stewart, Williamsburg Chapter President, Scott MacLeod, Rick Morgan, Nathan Scoggin, and Emery Conyers

Medal of Distinguished Service Awarded



The highest medal that can be awarded during each year, The Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service was awarded to Don Swain by the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. L-R Harley Stewart, Chapter President, Don Swain



Distinguished Service Certificate to Eric Ely by Harley Stewart - Nov 11, 2017

Liberty Medal Award



The Liberty medal is awarded by the National SAR, for recruiting 10 new members. Ron Losec was awarded a total of 7 oak leaf clusters to his medal for recruiting 70 new members. L--R Harley Stewart, Chapter President, Ron Losec.





**Presented a
Certificate of Appreciation
by Harley Stewart
and Jay Smith**



Guest speaker - Maj. Gen. (Ret) Craig Boice



Bill Greaf accepting the Presidential Gavel from Harley Stewart

Chapter/VASSAR Calendar

Upcoming Events in Our Region & Beyond

Sat. December 2, 2017

**Commemoration
Battle of Great Bridge
Chesapeake, VA**

Mon. December 11TH, 2017

**Williamsburg Chapter SAR/
Board of Managers Meeting
10:00am Williamsburg Library
Williamsburg, VA**

Sat. January 13, 2018

**Joint Chapter Dinner Meeting
With Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter**



A reminder to everyone that the 2018 Dues deadline was Wednesday, November 15, 2017. If you have not already sent in your dues, please mail your check to our Treasurer.

Guaranteed Delivery !

Several days after the luncheon President Harley Stewart visited the homes of Compatriots Bob Schmidt, the chapter database manager, and Jim Henry, former chaplain. Both were unable to attend the membership meeting.

"Compatriot Schmidt, a past president who has held numerous offices, including the color guard, was awarded the bronze Roger Sherman medal. Compatriot Henry was Chapter chaplain most of the past decade, served as Historian and also was in the chapter color guard. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal."

Gentlemen,

On Wednesday the 15TH our historian, Steve McGuffin, presented the "power point" SAR overview he created to Crown Colony. (seven members of Crown colony are chapter members.) Comments from the 40 plus attendees were very positive. Thanks and Well done, Steve.

Don Swain



New Newsletter Editor

Compatriots,

I would like to thank all the Board members for their support in helping me gather "The Magazine News" for my first issue.

My plan is to keep the general format created by Richard Newsome and gradually add my own format following suggestions and ideas from the membership.

Any input by the 25th of each month will allow me sufficient time to assemble it for mailing before the month's end.

Have added a "live" pro-active link on page 11. (positive/negative comments accepted). Just click below the mouse.

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The Chapter's Eagle Scout Recognition program is gaining momentum. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.

Our chapter Scout committee chairman is Heath Richardson, who is with Troop 414 in Norge. Since his appointment, six SAR certificates have been presented at Courts of Honor. Twelve more are pending at various troops in the area.

Although President Harley Stewart has been assisting, they need several volunteers to help. The duty only entails attending a Scout ceremony, saying a few words (they are in print), presenting the award and posing for a photo. Accompanying Harley or Heath to an event is adequate preparation. You don't have to be a former scout to volunteer. You'll find it a very inspiring experience.

The Chapter is dedicated to patriotic events and especially when we can gain the attention of the young men in the community who are achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Call Harley at (757)564-1897 for more information.

The Revolutionary War in Four Minutes: Washington's Crossing

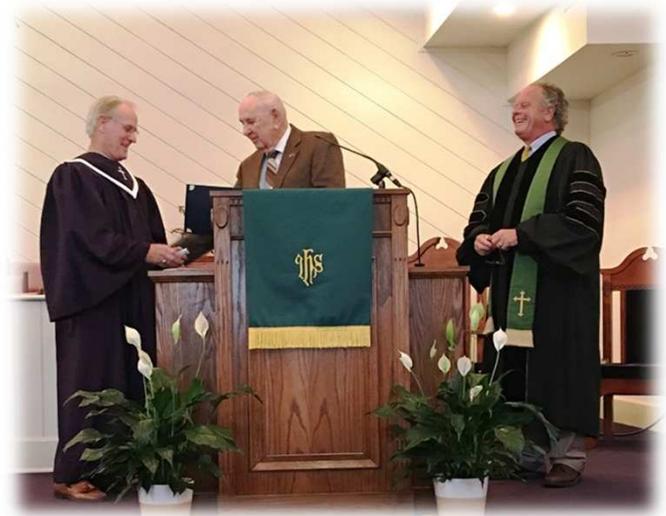


The video this month is a brief 4 minute description of General Washington's crossing of the Delaware river on Christmas eve.

Just click the link below the mouse.



<https://youtu.be/NUeAMUBov9U>



"Compatriot David Givens was awarded the SAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps medal by Ron Losee at November 12 services at the Jamestown Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Danny Klein on the right".

VETERANS

Honorably discharged service members will be able to access tax-free shopping through the Military Exchange Online stores beginning Veterans Day.

The change in policy, which was announced earlier this year by the Department of Defense, means nearly 20 million more service members will have access to this service.

Those who wish to see if they qualify for this can visit www.vetverify.org



Please join your fellow SAR compatriots at 11:00am on December 2nd at Great Bridge Battlefield Park in Chesapeake VA for the ceremonies commemorating this battle. A "Dutch Treat" luncheon at Vino's Restaurant will follow the event.

2017 Williamsburg Chapter Officers

President	Harley Stewart	Registrar/Genealogist	Jim Hess
Vice-President	Jay Smith	Historian	Steve McGuffin
Secretary	Roger Cross	Chaplain	Jack Lee
Treasurer	William Greaif	Newsletter Editor	Richard Newsome
Public Relations	Lew de Seife	Sergeant-at-Arms	Eric Ely
At-Large	Ron Losec	At-Large	Tom Campbell

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NO CHAPTER MEETING FOR DECEMBER



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