



Col. William Grayson Chapter Sons of the American Revolution —Newsletter—



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Cadet Gunnery Sgt Patrick Kelley wins 2016 Enhanced Junior ROTC Competition

Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Patrick Kelley won the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Enhanced Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Competition for 2016 and subsequently won first place in the Virginia Society SAR (VASSAR) competition. Cadet Kelley attends Quantico Middle/Senior High School, where he is a member of the school's Marine JROTC Program.

To be nominated for the award, a cadet must be a Junior, in the upper 25% of their academic class and also in the upper 10% of their JROTC class. The nominees are evaluated on academics as well as school and extra-curricular activities. The nominees must also submit an essay on "How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America.

The winner of the Chapter Award receives a



John Callaway and Cadet Patrick Kelley.

nomination for the State Award. By winning first Place at VASSAR, Cadet Kelley is the nominee this year for the National Award, representing the Virginia Society SAR. The Winner of the National

Competition will be announced later this Spring.

The Colonel William Grayson Chapter is honored to support all JROTC Programs in Prince William County through recognition each year of an Outstanding Cadet at each school offering JROTC in its curriculum and sponsoring the Enhanced JROTC Cadet Competition each year.

President's Message

Compatriots – On February 11, 2017, at the 127th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR), the Colonel William Grayson Chapter was recognized as the Best Very Large Chapter in the Commonwealth of Virginia. To be recognized with this award, a Chapter needs to demonstrate breadth and depth: participation and excellence in all of the various State and local programs and activities open to either Chapter participation or sponsorship. In addition to the overall award, the Chapter received streamers recognizing excellence in programs and activities. Details of the awards appear in the Virginia Dispatches, whose link is <http://www.virginiasar.org/>.

My personal Thank You to all members of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter who worked hard in 2016 to make this recognition possible.

T. Michael Taimi

Chapter Business

January: Election of officers

On 7 Jan 2017, VASSAR Vice President (and President-elect) Mike Elston installed the 2017 slate of officers for the Colonel William Grayson Chapter. These officers were elected at the November 2016 chapter meeting.

Office	Name	Previous Position
President	T. Michael (Mike) Taimi	Vice President
Vice President	Barry Schwoerer	Registrar
Registrar	Michael Weyler	Assistant Registrar
Historian	Robert Brunner	
The following officers hold the same position as in 2016		
Secretary	Kenneth Morris	
Chaplin	Richard Potter	
Treasurer	Jeffery Windland	

Chapter Activities

14 JAN: Commemoration of the Battle of the Cowpens. Paul Chase represented the chapter in Continental Uniform.

24 JAN: Funeral of SAR Compatriot Lt. Cooper at Arlington National Cemetery. Colonel William Grayson Compatriots Mike Weyler, Barry Schwoerer, Paul Chase (Continental Uniform) represented the Chapter. SAR Executed the SAR Burial Ritual following the cemetery services.



LT Cooper Burial at Arlington National Cemetery.
NSSAR Members rendering salute during rendering of TAPS.

1 FEB: Presentation to Manassas Rotary Club: "NSSAR What is it, what do we do?"
Presenter: Speaker's Bureau member Barry Schwoerer

8 FEB: Crossing of the Dan: Chapter Attendees were Mike Taimi, Paul Chase (in Continental Uniform), Ken Morris, Mark Almquist

9 FEB: Mark Almquist and Mike Taimi toured the Bull Run Warrior Retreat. Mark Almquist discussed SAR and how SAR can support the Retreat with Retreat Coordinator Heidi Tamke.

10-11 FEB: VASSAR Annual Meeting: Chapter attendees were: Bill Collier, Mike Taimi, Ken Morris, Mike Weyler, Bill Broadus, John Callaway, Paul Chase (in Continental Uniform for Saturday dinner), Thad Hartman, Gary Howard, and Barry Schwoerer.

20 FEB: George Washington Birthday Parade at Alexandria, VA. Chapter Attendees were Paul Chase (Continental Uniform), Ken Morris, Fred Pope.

20 FEB: Wreath laying at Tomb of unknown Revolutionary Soldier, Alexandria, VA. Fred Pope Chapter was the chapter representative for laying of the wreath. Ken Morris and Paul Chase in Continental Uniform also attended.



Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier, Alexandria, VA
L-R Bill Schwentke, Paul Chase, unknown ladies in period dress.

21 FEB: SAR Law Enforcement Commendation award presented to Master Police Officer Richard McEachin, Fairfax County Police Department Traffic Division, by Bill Collier.



L-R Bill Collier, Master Police Officer Richard McEachin.

23 FEB: Presentation to Cub Scout Den 8, Pack 2013 of Aldie, VA by Speaker's Bureau member Barry Schwoerer in Revolutionary War Militia Uniform. Barry discussed the uniform and equipment of a typical Militia soldier. He also gave a brief talk on how to construct a Family Tree.

25 FEB: 251st Celebration of Leedstown Resolves at Stratford Hall. CWG Chapter Representative Barry Schwoerer presented a wreath for the Chapter. DAR member Paula Schwoerer accompanied him.

The Leedstown Resolves (a k a Westmoreland Resolves) were signed 27 Feb 1766. William Grayson was one of the signers.



Leedstown Resolves wreath presentation: Barry Schwoerer.

Also in February, the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, VASSAR, selected students from Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA as winners of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest and the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.

The Essay winner was Bradley Magee, and the Oration winner was Ellie Cooke. The Winners were recognized by Compatriot Thad Hartman at a ceremony in April 2017 at Bishop O'Connell High School. School Principal Carl Patton and Assistant Principal of Academics, Sister Catherine Hill, attended the awards ceremony.

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest calls for an original researched and proven topic written in English. The topic of the essay shall deal with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution; the Declaration of Independence; or the framing of the United States Constitution. Students must source at least five references with the minimum of three being published works to allow for verification of sources if necessary.

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest subject shall deal with an event, a personality, or a document about the Revolutionary War, showing the relationship it bears to America today. The oration must be an original composition,



L-R: Principal Carl Patton, Bradley Magee, Ellie Cooke, Thad Hartman, and Sister Katherine Hill (IHM Asst Principal for Academics).

NEW MEMBER STATUS

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED

APPLICANT	DATE	PATRIOT
Richard L. Anderson	1/20/2017	James Charlton; Virginia Militia
Robert E. McRorie	1/20/2017	Tunis Hood, Sr.; Furnished supplies, N.C.
Steve P. Money Penny	1/20/2017	Leonard Simmons; Virginia Militia
Christopher M. and John M. Royer	1/20/2017	Christian Royer; Pennsylvania Militia
Theodore M. and William W. Royer (Junior members)	1/20/2017	Ebenezer Howard; Massachusetts Militia