



Col. William Grayson Chapter *Sons of the American Revolution* **-Newsletter-**



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COL. WILLIAM GRAYSON CHAPTER CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Colonel William Grayson Chapter of VASSAR celebrated its 10th Anniversary Saturday, 13 May at a dinner held in the Brass Cannon Restaurant at Stonewall Golf Club in Gainesville. The Chapter hosted current, and former SAR officers, current officers of the Virginia Children of the American Revolution CWG Chapter, elected officials, and thirteen honored CWG Chapter Charter members.

The evening was kicked off by the presentation of colors led by Chapter Color Guard Commander Paul Chase in Continental uniform. Color Guard participants included a DAR member in Colonial dress, other chapter members in Revolutionary uniform, a member of Children of the American Revolution, a junior member of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, and a newly inducted junior member of the CWG Chapter.

Festivities included the induction of 14 new members, 12 who were present and two who had membership certificates accepted by relatives.

VASSAR President Michael J. Elston was the keynote speaker. He challenged the CWG Chapter to continue on their path of excellence and not to rest on their laurels.



Color Guard Preparing to Present Colors.

The Honorable Richard Anderson, a Virginia House of Delegates and CWGC member, presented a proclamation from the 51st House District congratulating the chapter for selection as the 2016 VASSAR Best Very Large Chapter. Prince William County Supervisor for the Gainesville District, The Honorable Peter Candland, also a chapter member, awarded a Gainesville Hero proclamation to the Chapter.

Jim Bayne delivered a talk on his vision leading to the establishment of the CWG Chapter, Thad Hartman talked about the process leading to the Chartering of the Chapter, and Bill Collier spoke on the ten-year accomplishments of the chapter.

The CWG Chapter started with twenty-five members in 2007; Chapter membership has grown to 191 members with membership continuing rapid growth. Members have become active in the community and participate in a great many patriotic events throughout Virginia and adjoining states.



New Members and Guests.

L-R: Michael Elston, Royer Family (John, Chris, Theodore & William),
Eric Wadlin and son Conner, Charles Bourgeois and son Thomas,
Chris Harris, Albert Parr, Richard Underwood, Roy Richey.

President's Message

More than two hundred years have passed since the Revolutionary War Patriots were successful in their fight for independence from Great Britain. We, as members of SAR, carry out patriotic, historical and educational activities to perpetuate the memory and sacrifices of our ancestors who fought or aided in the American Revolution. I am proud to tell you that several members of the CWG chapter, most notably Paul Chase, our chapter Sergeant-at-Arms and Color Guard Commander, are visible to the community. They wear the uniforms of our ancestors and attend events where we can talk about SAR and the tremendous sacrifices our ancestors made in winning the Revolution.

Another ongoing SAR program of historical and educational interest is to locate and mark the final resting place of those Patriots who participated in the struggle for freedom. On June 22, several chapter members, many in uniform, participated in a Grave Marking ceremony in Alexandria, Virginia for Patriot James Campbell, 5th great grandfather of chapter members Mark Almquist and myself. A hearty THANK YOU to our chapter members who take time from their many daily activities to honor those who took time from their lives to establish our independent nation.

T. Michael Taimi

Upcoming Events

August: No events are scheduled. The Newsletter will continue with the Sept.-Oct. issue.

9 SEP, 11 a.m.: Battle of the Capes, Fort Story, Virginia Beach, Va.

15-17 SEP: VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting, Newport News, Va.

17 SEP: Afternoon Dedication of plaque honoring British soldiers killed in action during the siege of Yorktown.

14 Oct, 11 a.m.: CWG Chapter meeting in the Brass Cannon Restaurant at Stonewall Golf Club, Gainesville, Va. Lunch is \$20 (cash or check). Registration details will be sent via email by Chapter Secretary Ken Morris about two weeks before the meeting.

Chapter Activities

5 May: SAR Burial Ritual for Compatriot and CWG Member Robert Covey. CWG Chapter executed the SAR Burial Ritual at Arlington National Cemetery. CWG members that attended: President Mike Taimi, VP Barry Schwoerer (Militia uniform), Secretary Ken Morris, Bill Collier (acting Chaplain), Paul Chase (Continental Uniform), Mark Almquist, George AX. Compatriots Bill Schwetke and Pete Davenport, both in Continental Uniform participated in the Color Guard. Color Guard consisted of Bill Schwetke, Pete Davenport, and Paul Chase.



SAR Contingent ready to render honors to the entry of the Casket bearing Compatriot Robert Covey to the Old Post Chapel.



SAR Funeral Ritual Team graveside at Arlington National Cemetery.
L-R Mike Taimi, Barry Schwoerer, Ken Morris, Bill Collier
Color Guard: L-R Pete Davenport, Bill Schwetke, Paul Chase.

10 May: Operation Ancestor Search: Barry Schwoerer conducted Operation Ancestor Search for Sergeant Katherine Delgado, United States Army Warrior Transition Battalion, Ft Belvoir, at the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run. Sergeant Delgado was severely injured in a non-combat accident while deployed to Qatar.

10 May: SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Award and certificate. Bill Collier of The Colonel William Grayson Chapter presented Police Lieutenant Alan L. Hanson the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Award and Certificate.

The citation reads:

“Lieutenant Alan L. Hanson has distinguished himself by the sustained superior performance of duty while serving as the Assistant Commander for the Sully District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department. He consistently performs his myriad of duties and responsibilities with efficiency and enthusiasm setting the example for his fellow Police Officers. Most noteworthy is Lieutenant Hanson’s recent performance in collaboration with the country of Nigeria. He was selected to team with other police experts and regional universities to advance public safety models overseas. He studied how modern police practices in the United States could benefit local tactics, procedures, and policies. As a result, his team developed a scenario based curriculum to teach international police officials how to utilize de-escalation techniques to promote a culture of safety and mutual respect in community municipalities. The project was so successful that the Nigerian police force adopted their program for all ranks across the entire nation. Lt. Hanson was the lead ambassador for this institutional endeavor and received numerous accolades for his talents, professionalism, and direct contribution. Lieutenant Hanson’s performance of duty is a credit to the Law Enforcement Profession, the Fairfax County Police Department, himself, and the United States of America.”

13 May: 10th Anniversary of the CWG Chapter. The Color Guard consisted of CWG Chapter members Paul Chase (Continental Uniform), Barry Schwoerer (Spanish Colonial Army Uniform), Paula Schwoerer (DAR-Period dress), and David Adamy (Continental Uniform). Other Color Guard members were Justin Thomas (SAR Jr. Member), William Elston (CAR Historian), and Conner Wadlin (newly inducted CWG Jr. Member).

20 May: CWG Attended **Nokesville Day** with a booth. Ken Morris, Richard Anderson, and Trafton Parr, with his son Lincoln (age 4), represented the Chapter. Richard Anderson marched in the parade as a Delegate, not as a member of the CWG Chapter. Overall attendance was less than normal, activity at our booth was slow. One man indicated interest in joining SAR. Subsequently, Mike Weyler (Chapter Registrar) sent the gentleman a welcome letter and basic instructions on how to apply for membership.

23 May: Naturalization Ceremony. CWG Compatriot Paul Chase (Continental Uniform) participated in Color Guard at the Naturalization Ceremony for 34 new citizens at Fort Lincoln. Ft Lincoln is on the grounds of the Old Soldier's Home in Washington DC. Paul participated with the VASSAR Color Guard Commander Bill Schwetke and Compatriot Vernon Eubanks.



L-R: Vernon Eubanks, Paul Chase, Bill Schwetke with new U.S. Citizens.

24 May: CWG Compatriots Mike Taimi (Continental Sailor Uniform), Barry Schwoerer (Militia uniform), Paul Chase (Continental Uniform), Ken Morris, and Mark Almquist attended Multiple events at the Bull Run Warrior Retreat in Haymarket, Va. They observed the Court of Honor for new Eagle Scout Aidan Tamke. At the conclusion of the Court of Honor, Ken Morris presented Eagle Scout Tamke the NSSAR Eagle Scout Certificate.

- Barry Schwoerer presented the Bull Run Warrior Retreat (BRWR) representative Chris Wrinkle the NSSAR Flag Certificate for proper display of the U.S. Flag at the Retreat.
- New Eagle Scout Aidan Tamke and his father Eric Tamke signed applications for membership in NSSAR.
- CWG Chapter planned and executed a Flag Retirement Ceremony for the BRWR. Compatriot Paul Chase in Continental Uniform presented Colors while commanding a Color Guard squad consisting of his Grandsons, Nicholas and William Chase and President Mike Taimi in Continental Navy Uniform. Chapter Vice President Barry Schwoerer acted as Master of Ceremonies in militia Uniform. President Mike Taimi in, Connecticut Sailor uniform, read "I am Old Glory." Compatriot Mark Almquist acted as Chaplain, and Chapter Secretary Ken Morris observed. The ceremony integrated Boy Scout Troop 91 who had just completed a Court of Honor for awarding Aidan Tamke the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout Tamke received the honor of carrying two retiring United States Flags to the disposal fire. During the ceremony bugler, Sergeant Kari Brewton U.S. Army (Retired) played the National Anthem while the audience joined in singing. As the Flag was lowered into the disposal Fire, Sergeant Brewton rendered Taps.



L-R: Paul Chase, Paul's son Steven, his grandsons Nicholas & William, CWG President Mike Taimi.

26 May: Prince William County Board of Supervisors presented a Proclamation to the CWG Chapter commemorating the 10th Anniversary and selection as 2016 Best Very Large Chapter in VASSAR. Barry Schwoerer accepted for the chapter; Ken Morris attended and photographed the presentation.



Cory Stewart & Barry Schwoerer.

28 May: CWG Chapter mailed a Certificate of Appreciation to Bugler Sgt Kari Brewton for her support of the Flag Retirement event at the Bull Run Warrior Retreat on 24 May.

29 May: National Memorial Day Parade: CWG attendees were: David Adamy (Continental Uniform), Don Day, Ken Morris, Mike Weyler.

29 May: Memorial Day Ceremony at the Culpeper Veterans National Cemetery. Mike Taimi (Continental Sailor uniform) and Paul Chase (Continental Uniform) participated in the color guard. The Culpeper Minuteman Chapter presented a wreath on behalf of NSSAR; there was a rifle salute followed by a rendering of Taps.



Memorial Day 2017 (29 May) Culpeper Veterans National Cemetery
L-R: Pete Davenport, Mike Taimi, and Paul Chase.

29 May: Patrick Henry's Birthday observed with a non-Memorial Day event at his tomb in the Patrick Henry National Memorial at Red Hill Plantation, Brookneal, Va. CWG Chapter planned and executed the celebration. Color Guard presented and retired colors: Barry Schwoerer Color Guard Commander in Militia uniform, Paula Schwoerer DAR, in period dress. Mrs. Melyssa Stratton-Webb, Regent Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill (EMH) Chapter in Manassas, gave a short talk and presented a wreath. Barry Schwoerer presented a wreath for the CWG Chapter and gave a short talk celebrating Patrick Henry. Mrs. Diane Zalinski also of the EMH Chapter of DAR attended. Additional attendees included: three members of the Patrick Henry National Memorial Staff, an American History Graduate student from UVA, and three guests of the National Memorial. The Patrick Henry National Memorial Advertised the birthday celebration on their Facebook page. An editor from a Lynchburg Newspaper interviewed SAR and DAR participants, took pictures and told us she would publish a story about the event in a newspaper. The Memorial Staff took photos and will post a story and photos on their Facebook page. The Memorial Staff invited us back for a birthday celebration next year.



Patrick Henry Birthday commemoration.

L-R: Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill DAR; Diane Zalinski, Paula Schwoerer (period dress), Regent Melyssa Stratton-Webb; CWG VP Barry Schwoerer (Militia uniform)

5 June: CWG Chapter sent A Certificate of Appreciation to the Patrick Henry National Memorial for their support of CWG Chapter's commemoration of Patrick Henry's birthday on 29 May 2017

6 June: 2017 Wayne's Crossing Commemoration Leesburg, VA. Mike Taimi (Continental Sailor Uniform) and Paul Chase (Continental uniform) participated in Color Guard. Mike Taimi presented a wreath on behalf of the CWG Chapter

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“Let us remember that it all began right here with the Potomac crossing and march through Leesburg of General ‘Mad Anthony’ Wayne,” said Jeff Thomas, president of the Fairfax Resolves chapter.

During Saturday’s ceremony, Mayor Kelly Burk read the Town Council proclamation declaring the day as Wayne’s Crossing Day in Leesburg. Eight chapters of the SAR, DAR, and Children of the American Revolution participated in the ceremony, including the Fairfax Resolves, Culpeper Minutemen, and Colonel William Grayson SAR chapters; the Ketocin, Stone Bridge and Fauquier Courthouse DAR chapters; and the Rev. John Marks and Colonel William Grayson CAR societies. Members of the Loudoun County Heritage Commission, Lovettsville Historical Society, Purcellville Historical Society and the Friends of Balls Bluff also attended.

The ceremony included historical readings and presentation of wreaths commemorating the 236th anniversary of the event.”



Presentation of Colors: Wayne’s Crossing Commemoration Leesburg Courthouse, with Paul Chase leading the Guard. Mike Taimi is 4th from Left.

17 June: Historically Fairfax Fair, Celebrating Fairfax County's 275th Birthday & dedication of a plaque honoring 47 Fairfax County patriots who died in service to their country during the Revolutionary War.

The celebration of Fairfax County's 275th birthday took place on the grounds surrounding the Old Fairfax County Courthouse. Multiple historical organizations and societies had booths with many personnel wearing uniforms or clothing of the period of their respective organizations. Examples include French and Indian War, Revolutionary War (Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution), War of 1812, Civil War (Blue and Gray), World War One and World War II. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln re-enactors interacted with attendees.

The Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution provided personnel to man the VASSAR Booth. Paul Chase in Continental Uniform and Barry Schwoerer in Militia uniform took shifts in the booth.

The highlight of the day was the 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dedication of a plaque honoring forty-seven Patriots from Fairfax County, Va. who died while in service during the Revolution.

CWG Members were part of the VASSAR Color Guard: Paul Chase in Continental Uniform, Barry Schwoerer in Militia Uniform. Ken Morris presented the CWG Wreath.

Other CWG Members Attending the dedication were: Sean Schwoerer, Jacob Schwoerer (Junior SAR and C.A.R dressed in Period male child costume/Militia uniform), Mike Weyler, and Ken Morris. Although not part of CWG Chapter, Mrs. Paula Schwoerer (DAR) and granddaughter Arianna Schwoerer (C.A.R.) attended the dedication dressed in period clothing.



Color Guard: Barry Schwoerer far right.



Presentation of wreaths; Paul Chase Far Left; Ken Morris 2nd from left.



Patriot plaque.



Paul Chase, Mike Weyler, Schwoerer family (Arianna, Barry, Jacob, Paula).

22 June: Captain James Campbell Grave Marking; Old Methodist Cemetery, Alexandria, Virginia. The Colonel William Grayson Chapter marked the grave of Captain James Campbell, 5xGreat Grandfather of Chapter President Mike Taimi. Thad Hartman was the Master of Ceremonies, and President Mike Elston represented the Virginia SAR. Four Virginia SAR Chapters, two DAR Chapters, and one C.A.R. Society participated in the ceremony: Colonel William Grayson, Culpeper Minutemen, Fairfax Resolves, George Washington, Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill Chapter, DAR, Fauquier Court House Chapter, DAR, and Colonel William Grayson Society, C.A.R.

MC Thad Hartman opened the ceremony with the presentation of colors by the combined SAR/DAR/C.A.R. Color Guard, followed by the rituals and ceremonies appropriate for the occasion. President Mike Elston presented greetings from the Virginia Society and explained the importance of these ceremonies to the goals of the SAR. Colonel William Grayson Chapter President Mike Taimi followed with a biography of Captain Campbell, his ancestor.

Next Thad Hartman, Barry Schwoerer, and Mike Weyler conducted the SAR Dedication ceremony and unveiled the marker. After the unveiling of the marker, eight wreaths were presented. The program ended with the playing of taps by U.S. Army Sgt Kari Brewton (Ret).



Captain James Campbell's Headstone and NSSAR grave-marking medallion.



Color Guard.

In 1908, James J. Campbell, grandson of James Campbell wrote the following:

I know little about grandfather ... Captain James Campbell, only that he was a native of Scotland, born near Dumfries. He settled on the eastern shore of Maryland, from there he came to Quantico, VA on the Potomac River – from there to Alexandria, VA.

In 1781, while in Somerset County, Md., James Campbell was recruited into the Continental Army, married, and had two children. In 1788, James Campbell moved to Prince William County, Va., bought a lot and built a dwelling home in Carrborough (now Quantico), thus giving him rights, privileges, and immunities of a Virginia citizen.

In 1793, James Campbell moved to Alexandria, Va. He served as the Alexandria gaoler (jailer) from 1799 top 1816 and the Messenger to the Alexandria Town Council from 1816 until his death in 1821.

His tombstone, located in the Old Methodist Cemetery (now Trinity United Methodist Church Cemetery) reads: *In Memory of Captain James Campbell, a native of Scotland who departed this life March 18, 1821 in the 76th year of his age.*

4 July: Independence Day Annual March to the tomb of George Washington.

The Colonel William Grayson Chapter was well represented at the 56th Annual March to the tomb of General/President George and Mrs. Washington. Starting at the Mt. Vernon Administration Building, the VASSAR Color Guard led the march through the parade grounds in front of the mansion and then to a grassy area near the tomb where an invocation, Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance and welcoming speeches delivered. The VASSAR Oration contest winner presented her winning speech. Following the benediction, the VASSAR Color Guard led the way to the tomb where they formed up on each side of the entrance. For the first time in the history of the annual March to the tomb a father-daughter team (Michael and Emily Elston) as Presidents of VASSAR and VASC.A.R., co-presented a wreath in honor of George Washington, Commanding General of Revolutionary Forces. Following the presentation of the wreath members of NSSAR, NSDAR, NSC.A.R., and the public presented carnations at the foot of the casket of General/President and Mrs. Washington.

Colonel William Grayson Chapter participating members were:

Color Guard March to the Tomb: Mike Taimi (Continental Navy Uniform), Barry Schwoerer (Militia Uniform) Carried VASSAR Flag, Dave Adamy (Continental Uniform with musket), and Paul Chase (Continental Uniform with a sword).

March to the Tomb: Ken Morris, Dave Button, Mike Weyler, and Kevin Schwoerer.



Color Guard assembled at ceremony grounds.
Barry Schwoerer brown coat in the center,
And Mike Taimi far right.



Color Guard at the Tomb.
L-R: Bill Schwetke and
Peter Davenport.

4 July: Independence Day festivities (an NSSAR National level event).

The Culpeper Minutemen chapter participated in Culpeper's annual 4th of July parade. Chapter members climbed aboard a decorated trailer and led the parade down Main Street in Culpeper, followed by the DAR handing out 500 small flags to the crowd, and the C.A.R in a decorated van. The Culpeper Minutemen were joined by Col William Grayson President Mike Taimi for the parade.



Culpeper Minute Man trailer.

11 JUL: Speaker's Bureau. "NSSAR, who are we, what do we do? Genealogy lessons learned" presented by Chapter Vice President Barry Schwoerer to the Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Association. Chapter member Scott Reid is a member of Relic Hunters and arranged for the presentation. One person expressed interest in joining NSSAR.

28 JUL: Letter of Appreciation to Ms. Gail Stone, Principal Rippon Middle School.

Vice President Barry Schwoerer presented a Letter of Appreciation on behalf of President Mike Taimi in appreciation for the support of American/Revolutionary War History programs and student participation in a wreath laying at Quantico National Cemetery. Chapter Compatriot, and Rippon Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Thomas Warzywak suggested the Letter of Appreciation. Specific actions supporting Patriotism and American/Revolutionary History include:

- During the period 2013-2017 Ms. Stone Approved and funded the Geography/History Bee Club, a weekly student group that met from October through February and focuses on preparation for school-wide competitions in the National Geographic Bee and the National History Bee. In support of the growth of this program, Ms. Stone approved and funded the participation and transportation of students to regional and national competitions. In 2017 when she arranged an all expenses paid trip for Social Studies teacher Tom Warzywak and two students to participate in the National History Bee finals at the National History Fair in Atlanta, Georgia.

- During the 2016-2017 school year, Ms. Stone approved and supported the hosting of two major events, the first of which was the first annual Prince William countywide Geography Bee, which included students from various middle schools from throughout Prince William County. Ms. Stone also supported the hosting of the National History Bee regional finals at Rippon Middle School, which included more than 400 students from throughout the Washington, D.C. area competing to qualify for the national finals.
- Ms. Stone also supported an annual student outing for the last three (3) years to the Sergeant Mac Foundation's National Wreath Project at Quantico Cemetery in December each year. Ms. Stone coordinated transportation for 60-80 students to attend the event each year where students assist in the unloading and laying approximately 10,000 wreaths on the graves of Veterans at Quantico National Cemetery. The wreath project provides an excellent community service opportunity for Rippon Middle School students and contributes to student awareness and appreciation for Veterans who served the country and helped create the society we live in today. The experience laying wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery is invaluable in helping students connect class room discussions with the real world in a very meaningful way.



Gail Stone, Barry Schwoerer.



Gail Stone, Thomas Warzywak.

Registrar's Report

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED

APPLICANT	DATE	PATRIOT
Ian A. Anspaugh; Fairfax, Va.	5/19/2017	Moses Renfrews; Border Warfare in Virginia
Scott W. Fowler; Manassas, Va.	5/25/2017	Adijah Fowler; Connecticut town committee to provide for soldier's families
David N. Forney; Fairfax, Va.	6/2/2017	William Fuller; Massachusetts Militia
David L. Shutt; Woodbridge, Va.	6/9/2017	Robert Gresham; Virginia Militia
William O. Collier (junior member); Centreville, Va.	7/14/2017	William Winchester; Committee of Observation, Maryland
William M. Shackley; Springfield, Va.	7/14/2017	Isaiah Strawn; Provided substitute for service, Pennsylvania
Leamon Duncan; Dale City, Va.	7/17/2017	Gerard Green; Virginia Militia
John Harvey; Haymarket, Va.	7/17/2017	Isaac Harvey; Overseer of Roads, N.C., Oath of Allegiance

REINSTATED JUNIOR MEMBERS

Gabriel Chase; New Jersey		Grandson of Compatriot Paul Chase
Nicholas and William Chase; Ashburn, Va.		Grandsons of Compatriot Paul Chase

Historical Highlights; 1775-76

May 10: Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys seize Fort Ticonderoga.

May 10: The Second Continental Congress meets in Philadelphia.

June 15: George Washington named Commander in Chief of the Army.

June 17: Battle of Bunker Hill; The British drive the Americans from Breed's Hill.

July 3: George Washington assumes command of the Continental Army.

July 8, 1776: The Declaration of Independence is read publicly.