



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



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13 Jan.: Three Compatriots presented ten (10) Supplemental Patriot Certificates and two (2) Forgotten Patriot Certificates. Compatriots Dave Button, Ken Morris, Paul Chase and George Thomas received certificates for Supplemental Patriots. A Supplemental Patriot certificate is issued after an NSSAR member achieves membership and then registers subsequent patriots. Paul Chase and George Thomas were presented Forgotten Patriot Certificates for one Patriot each.

A Forgotten Patriot is one never before recognized by NSDAR or NSSAR. By identifying Forgotten Patriots, a Compatriot opens new genealogical lines for potential new members.



Dave Button with President Taimi.

Dave Button received Supplemental Certificates for:

- Patriot William Anderson – Patriot Anderson was born and died in Hanover County, Virginia. He was a Captain in the Hanover County Militia.
- Patriot Richard Allen – Patriot Allen was born in Baltimore, Maryland and died in Wilkes County, NC. He was a Captain in a Company of Minutemen from Wilkes County, NC.



Ken Morris with President Taimi.

Ken Morris received Supplemental Certificates for:

- Patriot Abraham Meisenheimer – Patriot Meisenheimer was born in Philadelphia, PA and died in Cabarrus County, NC. He was a soldier in the North Carolina Continental Line.
- Patriot Peter Quilman – Patriot Quilman was from Cabarrus County, NC where he signed the oath of Allegiance.
- Patriot Jacob Meisenheimer – Patriot Meisenheimer was born in Germany and died in Cabarrus County, NC. He furnished supplies to the Continental Army.
- Patriot Caleb Blackwelder - was born in Germany and died in Cabarrus County, NC. He furnished supplies to the Continental Army.



Paul Chase with President Taimi.

Paul Chase received Supplemental Certificates for:

- Patriot Soloman Chase – Patriot Chase was born in Middlesex County, Massachusetts and died in Seneca County, New York. He took the Oath of Fidelity in Kent County, Connecticut in 1779.
- Patriot Benjamin Chase – Patriot Chase was a doctor and died in 1778 in Connecticut of typhoid fever. He took the Oath of Fidelity in Kent County, Connecticut in 1777.

Paul received a Forgotten patriot Certificate for Patriot Benjamin Chase



George Thomas with President Taimi.

George Thomas received Supplemental Certificates for:

- Patriot Peter Thomas – Patriot Thomas lived and died in Berks County, Pennsylvania and provided Public Service by paying the Pennsylvania tax in the years 1780, 81 and 82.
- Patriot Richard Sackett – Patriot Sackett was born in Connecticut and died in Vermont. He was a private in the Vermont Militia in 1780.
- Patriot Abraham Leasure – Patriot Leasure was born in Europe and died in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He signed the Oath of Fidelity in 1777.

George received a Forgotten Patriot Certificate for Patriot Peter Thomas

CHAPTER CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION:

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George Thomas: During 2017 George was the Chapter webmaster and managed the Chapter Facebook page with substantial improvements to both. George was also the Assistant Registrar producing twenty-two (22) Supplemental applications.



George Thomas (L) and President Mike Taimi.

Paul Thornton: In 2017 Paul was our Information Technology (IT) “go to” person. He helped set up audiovisual equipment at meetings, formatted videos, such as the video of the CDR Robert Covey funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, designed the book cover for Paul Chase’s book and gave us advice on many other IT Related topics.



Paul Thornton (L) and President Mike Taimi.

Barrett Swink: Barrett prepared our first Chapter Newsletter in the past three years and published three successive editions for a full year’s worth of Newsletters. Barrett also has successfully accepted the challenge of issuing Chapter press releases, substantially increasing the Chapter’s presence in local publications.



Barrett Swink (L) and President Mike Taimi.

CHAPTER CERTIFICATES OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE:

The Certificate of Distinguished Service recognizes outstanding personal service to the CWG Chapter.

Ken Morris: Ken completed his second year as Chapter Secretary in an exemplary manner. He continues to do a great job as the Eagle Scout Program Coordinator, presenting at least six Eagle Scout Awards this past year.



Ken Morris (L) and President Mike Taimi.

Jeff Windland: Jeff continued to do a superb job as Treasurer for the 5th straight year. In 2017 the Chapter conducted the first audit of Chapter finances since the founding of the Chapter ten years ago. It is a testament to his work as treasurer that the audit found zero discrepancies.



Jeff Windland (L) and President Mike Taimi.

John Callaway: John as JROTC Committee Chair continued to expand and grow the JROTC and Sea Cadet Programs. In 2017, the chapter made 12 awards to JROTC and Sea Cadet students. Four of those cadets applied to the Enhanced JROTC Award, and the Chapter Winner also won 1st Place in VASSAR and 2d Place in the National SAR contest.



John Callaway (L) and President Mike Taimi.

Dave Button: Dave chairs the Chapter's Veteran's Committee as well as the Flag Committee. Last year the chapter presented five Flag Certificates. Dave took over in mid-year and personally presented two flag certificates, one to the Manassas Museum with a great deal of public exposure. Dave also coordinated our participation in the Greater Manassas Veterans Parade, our most successful for overall chapter member participation.



Dave Button and President Mike Taimi.

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP PIN AND CERTIFICATE:

Jacob Schwoerer: Jacob is our most active Junior Member. During 2017 he attended numerous SAR Events, including parades, and he has participated as a member of the Chapter Color Guard. Jacob frequently appears in uniform. In the photo, he is saluting the grave of Patriot James Campbell, ancestor of President Mike Taimi, during the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony conducted in June 2017. Jacob is recognized for his participation in SAR activities with the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate.

Jacob Schwoerer salutes.



VASSAR CHAPTER SERVICE MEDAL:

Barry Schwoerer: Barry, as Vice President for the past year, has brought a fresh, new dimension to the duties of this office. He helped develop a plan and a goal of having the chapter significantly expand its participation in Virginia Society and National SAR events and activities, as well as initiating Chapter sponsored events. Barry vigorously implemented this plan and coordinated activities on an almost daily basis, resulting in a vast increase in the Chapter's involvement in SAR and community activities, many in which he participated. He is also a member of the chapter Color Guard, and he organized for the first time, a Chapter Americanism Poster Contest with an entry to the VASSAR Poster Contest.



Barry Schwoerer (R) and President Mike Taimi.

Mike Weyler: Mike has been Registrar for the past year, and has enthusiastically and diligently worked with prospective new members to assist them in developing and submitting successful applications. His tireless efforts, attention to detail, and expertise in genealogy research resulted in the registration of 57 new SAR members since January 2017. Mike was also an active participant in SAR activities and events at Chapter, State Society, and National Level.



Mike Weyler (L) and President Mike Taimi.