



Col. William Grayson Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

—Newsletter—



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SAR-DAR WORKING TOGETHER

7 April 2018. Paul Chase, Sean Schwoerer, and Barry Schwoerer represented the CWG Chapter today at the regular meeting of the EMH Chapter NSDAR. This visit is part of our participation with other organizations to expand and further promote efforts to preserve and educate Americans about their Revolutionary heritage.

A Color Guard consisting of Acting Color Guard Commander Barry Schwoerer, in Militia Uniform carrying a musket; Paul Chase carrying a sheathed sword presented the U.S. Colors; Paula Schwoerer in period dress presented the Virginia Commonwealth flag; new NSDAR member Tammy Schwoerer presented the NSDAR Flag.

Melyssa Webb, Regent of the Elizabeth McIntosh Chapter, DAR, asked our chapter for support for the following events:

1. Present the Colors at a Flag Retirement on 21 April at the Church of Latter Day Saints in Manassas, Va.
2. Melyssa is working with the Manassas City Council secretary to schedule a 5-10 minute DAR-SAR presentation of what we can do for Manassas. She asked for one or more of us in Revolutionary War uniform to participate.
3. Melyssa is also working with the City of Manassas to rent the Harris Pavilion for a Patriotic Family Night where a family friendly Patriotic movie is shown. SAR, DAR, and C.A.R would have tables of material and members available to talk with people about our societies, give starter hints on genealogy, and more. Ideally DAR, SAR, and C.A.R would have members in Uniform or Period clothing. Other options discussed are the possibility of a demonstration of a musket (no firing) and display of weapons of the Revolution.



L-R: Melyssa Webb, Paula & Barry Schwoerer, Paul Chase.

CWG Chapter presented Melyssa the SAR/DAR Medal of Appreciation for her outstanding Support of NSSAR and our Chapter goals, as well as participation in many of our activities. First, she encouraged her husband, Ken, to join SAR. SAR Genealogy approved his application on 7 March.

Throughout 2017 Melyssa frequently partnered with our chapter to make events special. She gave remarks and presented a wreath at our first commemoration of Colonel William Grayson on a cold March day. She and Ken attended our tenth anniversary. Melyssa and two other DAR ladies drove four hours to Patrick Henry's Red Hill Plantation to join us as we commemorated Patrick Henry. She gave remarks and presented a wreath for the DAR. She marched with us in the Greater Manassas Veterans Parade and invited our chapter to participate in a commemoration of the Manassas men killed in action during WWI at the Historic Manassas Courthouse. Melyssa joined us at the celebration of the surrender at Yorktown where her ladies presented a wreath in honor of Governor and General Nelson, and then marched in the parade.

President's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already one-third of the way thru the 2018 year. I am most proud of the chapter as we promote the ideals of the war of Independence. We have sustained a rigorous schedule of attending several patriotic events, often in the uniform or dress of our patriot ancestors, we have presented recognition certificates for exemplary patriotism to citizens and companies for the proper display of the US flag, and we participated with and supported several DAR and C.A.R. societies on their special occasions.

We are entering that time of year when we celebrate holidays that are of vital importance in remembering our patriot ancestors and their valiant efforts to achieve an independent nation. I hope that on these particular dates we will each take a moment to remember our ancestors who participated to create our free country.

A reminder that CWG chapter supports Serve Our Willing Warriors, especially at the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run where wounded warriors may spend a week of relaxation and rejuvenation away from their rigorous treatment schedules at Walter Reed or Fort Belvoir. The Warrior Retreat has a campus of about 37 acres where Compatriot Mark Almqvist visits every Wednesday maintaining and repairing several pieces of lawn mowing equipment. The Retreat is always looking for volunteers to help with their many ongoing projects. If you have any interest in helping our Veterans with volunteer work at the Retreat, please give them a call at (866) 227-5853.

Mike Taimi

Vice President's Corner

The Chapter continues cranking out printed newspaper and Internet news articles to give the public a perspective of what SAR does and who we are. March and April saw our members involved in a wide variety of events, many where our members wore the uniforms of their Patriot Ancestors. Three programs stand out as events where our efforts paid off with a terrific display of Patriotism.

First: Four Uniformed CWG Chapter compatriots led SAR Night at the Ballgame by organizing the presentation of colors at the Potomac Nationals opening baseball game for the 2018 season. Joining CWG were representatives of four Chapters of VASSAR; along with two members of Children of the American Revolution; and one member of the Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill Chapter of DAR. In all, we had eleven uniformed or costumed

people presenting colors. It was a terrific turn-out and an extraordinary display of Patriotism.

Second: Our Chapter worked with the Colonel William Grayson Chapter Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R) to execute a dual grave marking by placing C.A.R. grave markers for Colonel William Grayson and his brother Spence Grayson. Our chapter installed the markers before the ceremony and had thirteen compatriots attend the ceremony, four members in Revolutionary War uniform.

Third: Hats off to John Callaway our JROTC and Sea-Cadet Committee Chairman. By the time the 2018 school year is over, John will have presented six JROTC medals and certificates in Prince William County and two medals and certificates to programs in PUERTO RICO...Yes, Puerto Rico. Huzzah John! These events show how involved our chapter is across our area of operations and how willing our Compatriots are to recognize deserving young people regardless of where they are. Hats off to all of the Compatriots who continue to contribute their time and effort to make these events a success.

Barry Schwoerer

Upcoming Events

5 May: Virginia SAR Multi-Chapter meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge; 3636 Old Bridge Turnpike, Syria, Va. at 11 a.m.

12 May: Commemoration of Raid on Martin's Station at Ewing, Va.

19 May: CWG Chapter meeting. The next regular meeting of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter will be on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at Giuseppe's Ristorante Italiano, located at 15120 Washington Street, Haymarket, VA 20169. Opportunity for meet and greet starts at 10:30 AM, with the meeting being called to order at 11:00 AM. Dress code now includes business casual, optional. The cost of lunch is now \$30 — \$10 for children. Please notify Mike Wyler by Tuesday, May 15, 2018, if you plan to attend.

Our guest speaker will be Charles "Chuck" Poland, the current president of the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia and a member of the Jamestowne Society. Chuck will talk about: The Indian wars in Virginia, including the role played by Indian tribes in the Revolutionary War. Finally, he will summarize the current status of the tribes in Virginia and talk about the American Indian NSSAR Chapter from Virginia, expected to be chartered this year.

28 May: National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

4 Jul.: March to George Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon, Va.

12-14 Jul: 128th Annual SAR Congress in Houston, Tex.

Chapter Activities

5. Mar.: George Thomas, Chapter Registrar, gave a presentation to the Lake Frederick Genealogy Club. His talk covered aspects of how to start researching your family tree and lineage, starting with sketching a paper version of the family tree based on personal knowledge and interviews with relatives. Also, covered were specific tools for preparing digital family trees, online research tools and repositories for all documentation. An overview of the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution along with membership requirements was presented.

10 Mar.: Gabriella Lucchetti wins Local Oration Contest. Miss Gabriella Lucchetti, a Junior at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA, won first place in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest sponsored by the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR). Gabriella is pictured with her proud mother, Karen, and chapter Vice President Barry Schwoerer as she received her award: a \$100 check, a National Society SAR Oration bronze medal, and certificate.



L-R: Barry Schwoerer,
Gabriella Lucchetti, and
Mrs. Karen Lucchetti

Gabriella also won third place in the Virginia SAR state-wide oration contest. She competed against contestants representing twenty-seven (27) Chapters throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. She was recently selected to represent VASSAR at the National Society SAR Oration Contest at the SAR National Congress in Houston, Texas in July 2018.

The topic of her oration was “The Green Mountain Boys,” the story of a Vermont Militia unit commanded by Ethan Allen, and their relationship with General Benedict Arnold, soon to be a turncoat. The oration examines the role of The Green Mountain Boys in the capture of Fort Ticonderoga and eventual success of the Revolutionaries to stop a British invasion from Canada.

10 Mar.: Alyssa Walburger wins Essay Contest. Miss Alyssa Walburger, a senior at Forest Park High School in Woodbridge, Virginia, won first place in the George & Stella Knight Essay Contest sponsored by the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Alyssa is pictured with her proud father, David Walburger, and chapter Vice President Barry Schwoerer as she received her award: a \$100 check, NSSAR Essay Bronze medal, and certificate.



L-R: David Walburger, Miss Alyssa Walburger, and Barry Schwoerer.

The topic of her essay was “Patriotic Dedication,” the story of one of her ancestors, a fifer during the Revolutionary War.

Alyssa said: “I cannot imagine the thought of going into battle and being given the important responsibility to relay critical orders to troops. I can relate to playing an instrument, though. I’m a musician as well; playing the cello for my high school orchestra. I don’t think I could play my instrument with the stress of the battlefield.” Her ancestor enlisted for three years, never missed a day of duty and did not get a scratch from his wartime service.

10 Mar: Woodbridge, VA. Mission BBQ at 13890 Shoppers Best Way, Woodbridge, VA was awarded the NSSAR Flag Certificate for proper display of the United States Flag. Mission BBQ displays their flag on a fully lighted pole 24 hours a day, seven days a week. General Manager Duane Clark accompanied by Community Ambassador Ms. Casey Davis, accepted the certificate for Mission BBQ. Three Compatriots of the CWG Chapter: Dave Button, Flag Committee Chairman; Leamon Duncan, CWG Chapter Quartermaster; and Barry Schwoerer, Vice President made the presentation.

Mission BBQ proudly supports those who serve, whether they are military, firefighters, police officers, first responders or any other heroes who serve the public and help make our Nation great. Check out their story at <https://mission-bbq.com/our-story>.



L-R: Dave Button, Duane Clark-General Manager Mission BBQ, Barry Schwoerer, Leamon Duncan, Ms. Casey Davis-Mission BBQ Community Ambassador.

10 Mar.: Inductions of New Members. At today's meeting, the CWG Chapter inducted six new members and recognized two additional new members who could not attend our meeting. Three of these members received recognition for military service. Vice President Barry Schwoerer conducted the meeting, inducted new members and presented awards.



L-R: New Compatriots-Michael Cook, Curtis Robb, Arch McCleskey, Kenneth Myers, Gary Roseman, Lisa Roseman with Alexander (newest Junior Member).
Not pictured: Sons of Michael Cook, Trevor and Joshua Cook living in Port Orchard, WA.

Michael D. Cook was inducted and presented with certificates of membership for sons **Joshua and Trevor** who live in Port Orchard, WA. The Cook Family Patriot is Ephraim Wemple. Michael also received the NSSAR War Service Medal. Michael retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years service as a Machinists Mate 1st Class, Nuclear Propulsion-Surface. His War service included Kuwait and Southwest Asia.



Induction of Michael D. Cook and presentation of the War Service Medal.

Curtis W. Robb was inducted and presented an NSSAR Military Service Medal. Curtis served in the USAF from 1967-1972, achieving the rank of Captain, USAF. Curtis is a descendant of Patriot Daniel Dodge.



Induction of Curtis W. Robb and presentation of the Military Service Medal.

Arch W. McCleskey was inducted and presented an NSSAR Military Service Medal (MSM). Arch served in the U.S. Navy from 1990-1999 advancing to Machinist Mate First Class, Nuclear Propulsion-Submarine. His Patriot Ancestor is James McCleskey. His wife Lisa pinned the NSSAR rosette on Arch's lapel.



Induction of Arch W. McCleskey and presentation of the NSSAR MSM.

Kenneth Myers was inducted. His Patriot Ancestor is Samuel Vail. His wife, Mary pinned the NSSAR rosette on Ken's lapel.



Induction of Kenneth N. Myers.



Mrs. Mary Myers pins Rosette on Ken.

Gary Roseman and his son **Alexander** were inducted. Their Patriot Ancestor is Martin Huffman. Mrs. Vera Roseman pinned the NSSAR Rosette on Gary's lapel and received the rosette for 3-year old Alexander, our newest Junior Member.



Gary Roseman and son Alexander induction.



Vera Roseman pins Rosette on Gary.

10 Mar.: Awards. Compatriot Jim Bish received a Chapter Certificate of Appreciation for his work as Chairman of the *History Teacher and Teacher of the Year Committee*. In 2017 his nominee for Chapter History Teacher of the Year, Matt McDonald of Colgan High School in Prince William County, was selected as VASSAR History Teacher of the Year.



Jim Bish receives Certificate of Appreciation from VP Barry Schwoerer.

Compatriot Paul Shimp received a Chapter Certificate of Appreciation for his work as Patriot Graves Registration Committee Chairman. During 2017 he registered eight Patriot graves, most in VASSAR.



Paul Shimp receives Certificate of Appreciation from VP Barry Schwoerer.

Compatriot Robert Brunner received a Chapter Certificate of Appreciation for his work as Historian and Chapter Scrapbook. In 2017 Robert received archived Historical files for the life of the chapter and produced the first-ever CWG Chapter Scrapbook. The scrapbook was runner-up at the February 2018 VASSAR Annual Meeting.



Bob Brunner receives Certificate of Appreciation from VP Barry Schwoerer.

The Roger Sherman bronze medal was presented to Compatriot Owen Jacobs by George Ax and VP Barry Schwoerer at Owen's home on Tuesday, 6 March. Owen is a charter member of CWG Chapter and has produced 100% of all Award Certificates presented by the chapter for the ten years the Chapter has been chartered. He has met every request accurately and on-time, sometimes with very little notice. Congratulations to Owen Jacobs.



L-R: VP Barry Schwoerer presents the Roger Sherman bronze Medal to Owen Jacobs.

CWG Chapter was awarded the Wayne & Wink Rouse award/streamer for Youth Programs, the only VASSAR Chapter winning the award in 2017. Vice President Barry Schwoerer presented the streamer to the Chapter. He then presented the streamer to Quartermaster Leamon Duncan who attached it to the streamer ring on the Chapter Flag.



L-R: CWG Quartermaster Leamon Duncan receives Wayne & Wink Rouse Streamer from VP Barry Schwoerer.

Ken Morris presented the Chapter a Streamer for the 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford on 27 January 2018. Compatriot Robert McRorie of Charlotte, NC attended for the Chapter. Robert is a long-time, personal friend of Ken Morris.



Ken Morris with Streamer for Cowan's Ford.

17 Mar.: Patrick Henry's Speech Two Hundred and forty-three years ago Virginia Country Lawyer, Patrick Henry, gave a speech that set the stage for revolution and eventual independence. At the Second Virginia Convention on 23 March 1775, the Virginia delegates met to debate whether or not to raise a Militia and enter a posture of Defense. The convention narrowly adopted the Resolution proposed by Mr. Henry. One month later the first shots of the Revolution were fired at Lexington & Concord, and in July 1776, delegates signed the Declaration of Independence.

The Richmond Chapter of Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) sponsored the first annual commemoration of Mr. Henry's speech at Historic St. John's Church in Richmond. Three Compatriots (Michael Weyler, Barry Schwoerer, and Andrew Monahan) represented the Colonel William Grayson Chapter serving Prince William County. They teamed with three members of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Children of the American Revolution, sisters Arianna, Sophia, and Gracelynn Schwoerer. The sisters participated in the event wearing period dresses and bonnets. Their grandparents accompanied the girls. Their grandmother, Paula Schwoerer, wore a period dress and hat. She represented the Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Their grandfather, Barry Schwoerer, wore clothing typical of a Revolutionary War Militia soldier.

The highlight of the commemoration was a reenactment of Mr. Henry's famous speech by re-enactor Joseph Bromfield with debate stimulated by Convention President Edmund Pendleton, portrayed by re-enactor Chris Dunn.



Front L-R: Arianna, Sophia, and Gracelynn Schwoerer.

Back L-R: Edmund Pendleton (Chris Dunn), Mike Weyler, Patrick Henry (Joseph Bromfield), Paula Schwoerer, Barry Schwoerer, and Andrew Monahan.

17 Mar.: Virginia District 5 History Day. Compatriot John Callaway, Colonel William Grayson Chapter, selected/Judged winning entrants from four divisions: Historical Papers, Jr. Group Documentary, Jr. Group Web Site, and Jr. Individual Web Site. John, with the assistance of Compatriot Vernon Eubanks of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, awarded Good Citizenship Certificates with medals to the four winning students. Historical Papers, Charlie Schilling, “Choosing the location of the United States Capitol;” Jr. Group Documentary, Petra Davis, and Sylvia Rahim, “Hamilton vs. Jefferson and Madison;” Jr. Group Web Site, Michelle Andzie-Mensah, Nancy Dofour and Sabrina Suleman, “The Great Compromise;” Jr. Individual Web Site, Lillian Schirano, “The Federalist and Anti-Federalist Papers.”

20 Mar.: SCHOLARSHIP FUND CREATED by The Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution is proud to announce the Paul Alan Chase Scholarship Fund for High School Seniors who have interest in the History of the American Revolution.

Enterprising Prince William County High School Seniors may apply before 15 May 2018 by contacting the Chapter Vice President by email at cwgc.vp@gmail.com or by downloading the application form from the Colonel William Grayson Chapter website at <http://colonelwilliamgrayson.virginia-sar.org>.

The winner will receive \$1,000. The contest is open to public, private, parochial or home-schooled students throughout Prince William County and Cities within the county. The National Society Sons of the American Revolution is a non-profit organization focused on preservation of American History, respect of our founding documents and commemoration of the people who contributed to winning our Independence.

Learn more at <http://colonelwilliamgrayson.virginia-sar.org> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cwgcsar/>.

3 Apr.: Gainesville, VA. Mission BBQ at 13944 Promenade Commons Street, Gainesville, VA, was awarded the NSSAR Flag Certificate for proper display of the United States Flag. Mission BBQ displays their flag on a fully lighted pole 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Director of Operations, Western VA, David Clark, and Community Ambassador, Victoria White, accepted the certificate for Mission BBQ. Four Compatriots — Dave Button, Flag Committee Chairman; Mike Taimi, President; Barry Schwoerer, Vice President; and Mike Weyler, Secretary — of the CWG Chapter presented the certificate. Mission BBQ proudly supports those who serve, whether they are military, firefighters, police officers, first responders or other heroes who serve the public and help make our Nation great. Check out their story at <https://mission-bbq.com/our-story>.



L-R: Barry Schwoerer,
Dave Button, Victoria White,
David Clark, and Mike Taimi

4 Apr.: The Colonel William Grayson Chapter presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Certificate and Medal to Virginia State Trooper Sergeant Robert P. Alessi of Bristow, Va. The presentation took place at the McConnell Public Safety Transportation Operations Center in Fairfax, VA.

Sergeant Alessi, a retired Army Warrant Officer (aviator), was surprised and appreciative. SAR cited Sgt. Alessi for his efforts in developing and implementing an automated license plate reader for use in the National Capital Region. This system has been used to capture felonious subjects.



Sgt. Alessi receives his award from Bill Collier.

21 Apr.: Four members representing the Colonel William Grayson Chapter attended the celebration of President James Monroe's 260th birthday at his birthplace in Westmoreland County, Virginia. The ceremony took place on the site of the reconstruction of his boyhood home.

Our chapter's wreath was one of twenty-four presented at the morning ceremony. Our wreath presenter was Andrew Monahan, our Assistant Chapter Secretary.

Highlights of the ceremony were remarks by the guest speaker, Sara Bon-Harper, Executive Director, James Monroe's Highland, his home in Charlottesville, plus a tour of the reconstruction of Monroe's childhood home in Colonial Beach, Westmoreland County by Charles Belfield — manager of the reconstruction effort.

Sara Bon-Harper noted that due to the minimal available documentation concerning James Monroe's childhood, the reconstruction of the Monroe home and farm, for which there is ample data to replicate the house, the farm, and its economy, can give great insight into James Monroe's formative years.



L-R: Ken Morris, VP of George Mason Chapter and dual member of CWG; Andrew Monahan, CWG Asst. Secretary; Jim Logan, a CWG carter member; and Mike Weyler, CWG Secretary.



James Monroe's boyhood home; Under reconstruction.



Michael Dennis, Culpeper. Minutemen Chapter.

28 Apr.: On Saturday, April 28, 2018, Dave Button represented the Colonel William Grayson Chapter at the celebration of the 260th birthday of President James Monroe. The ceremony was held in Richmond at Hollywood Cemetery. Hollywood Cemetery is a resting place for both President Monroe and President John Tyler as well as many other luminaries of United States history. Thirty organizations attended and placed wreaths in addition to the wreath placed by order of the President of the United States. Members of the Fort Lee Army Band played the National Anthem. Virginia Senator Amanda Chase and United States Representative David Brat made remarks. Mr. Peter Broadbent of the James Monroe Foundation read a declaration from Governor Northam. Each organization's representative made brief remarks upon the presentation of that organization's wreath.



Dave Button and the CWG Wreath.

Registrar's Report

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED

APPLICANT	DATE	PATRIOT
Douglas Horstman, Haymarket, VA	21 Mar 2018	Ebenezer Wright, Lt in CT Militia
Jeffery and Michael Johnson, Dumfries, VA	21 Mar 2018	Moses Johnson, Lt in VT Militia
Kenneth Webb, Manassas, VA	21 Mar 2018	John Pulsipher, PVT in VA Militia
Marc Meadows, Ashburn, VA	30 Mar 2018	John Kincaid, Juror, VA
Tony Grayson, Gainesville, VA	30 Mar 2018	John Grayson, Road Observer, VA

SUPPLEMENTALS APPROVED

APPLICANT	DATE	PATRIOT
Kurtis and Kevin Schwoerer, Aldie, VA	23 Mar 2018	John Kalb, Supply Tax, PA
Sean and Jacob Schwoerer, Aldie, VA	23 Mar 2018	John Kalb, Supply Tax, PA
Jacob Schwoerer, Aldie, VA	23 Mar 2018	Jedediah Pratt, Furnished Supplies, CT
Aldred Neer (Memorial)	23 Mar 2018	John Cunard, Paid Substitute, VA

Historical Highlights

A few facts:

1. About 25,700 Americans died during the American Revolution. Less than one-third of those (7,200) died in battle; 10,000 succumbed to disease or exposure, and about 8,500 died while in British prisons.
2. One-quarter of the slaves in South Carolina and Georgia escaped from bondage during the Revolution when the Northern states outlawed slavery or adopted gradual emancipation plans.
3. The states also adopted written constitutions that guaranteed religious freedom, increased the legislature's size and powers, made taxation more progressive, and reformed inheritance laws.