



Grayson's Dispatch

*Col. William Grayson Chapter,
Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution*



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The Presidents Pen

GREETINGS – Fellow compatriots. Although closing out 2008, my comments refer to the entire period our chapter has existed—May 2007 to the present. The Colonel William Grayson Chapter began with 22, but by the time the charter period closed, we had 35 members. Two of our charter members are no longer active in our chapter and regrettably, the third, Compatriot Wallace Smith, passed away early this year from cancer. With three new members registered through the chapter in 2008, we close the year with 35 members. Our chapter has experienced exceptional growth and as I'm writing we are expecting another application to be approved soon and more are in various stages of processing. Aside from growth, another indicator of chapter viability is the number of approved supplemental applications: six in 2008, and one awaiting approval by NSSAR. Two of the supplemental applications were for "Forgotten Patriot" ancestors submitted by compatriots Mike Lyman for his ancestor, John Hall, and Bill Collier for his ancestor, John Martin Beck. Compatriot David Adamy joined the SAR on a "Forgotten Ancestor," Richard Spear. Who else has a "Forgotten Patriot"? This is a program we need to support; expanding the pool of known Revolutionary War patriots is important.

We are participating in several SAR youth programs. Emily Hendrix (now a student at James Madison University) won the essay contest last year and awards were given to Prince William County and Manassas City JROTC cadets. We recognized a local businessman with the Outstanding Citizenship Award and awarded three flag display certificates. Yet, if there is room for improvement, it is our participation in the SAR community-oriented programs.

The chapter marked the graves of two Revolutionary War soldiers, Captain Bernard Hooe and Lieutenant William Flourance, both graves being in atypical locations. Hooe's grave is inside the Manassas Battlefield National Park and Flourance is buried in a local housing development.

Our chapter received very favorable coverage by a local newspaper, the Bull Run Observer, in an article written by Heidi Baumstark (newspaper staff) and published on 18 July 2008.

I'm very grateful to each of you for your participation in our chapter. Without you (and the vision and guidance of past-presidents Jim Bayne and Joe Dooley) the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution would not exist. I especially extend a heart-felt "thank you" to the other chapter officers for their support and good work, and the same to those who readily accepted special assignments. I also express appreciation for the VASSAR officers; being a chapter in a well organized state society is a tremendous benefit. I look forward to working with our new chapter president, Bill Broadus, and the other chapter officers in 2009. In fact, I expect our 2009 achievements to surpass our previous accomplishments.

Let us remember the mission of the SAR: Historical – Patriotic – Educational. May God bless us all, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

libertas et patria - e pluribus unum.

Thad Hartman,

Charter President,
Col. William Grayson Chapter
Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution

2009 Officers Elected

On Saturday, November 8, 2008 at Virginia Oaks Country Club the William Grayson Chapter held its elections for the new officers for 2009. There will be no meeting in December so in accordance with our Constitution, the new officers will take office at the first meeting in January next year.

The first order of business was to acknowledge by our applause the noble efforts of our out-going officers and especially our charter President. Thad Hartman has been our primary motivator from the very beginning. We know our club will always be deeply indebted to him for his bold initiatives and tireless dedication to the many activities of our chapter. I am sure the new president will continue to look to Thad for new ideas and guidance.

The chapter then proceeded with the election of the officers. The Nominating Committee made its report of the proposed slate of new officers. The floor was open for nominations and, hearing none, the motion was made and seconded to close the nominations and to approve the new officers by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously and the new officers elected are as follows

PRESIDENT: William "Bill" Broadus of Manassas. A charter member, Bill has been active for years in SAR throughout the state and national organizations.

VICE PRESIDENT: Vincent Knapp of Aldie who replaces Bill Broadus.

SECRETARY: George Ax of Clifton who replaces Robert McKeever. Rob did a wonderful job putting together our Constitution.

TREASURER: Bill Collier of Centreville has agreed to serve for another term. Bill has done a terrific job keeping our finances on track and will not need a bailout.

REGISTRAR: John Epperly has agreed to continue as Registrar and he will serve with our newest member, David Adamy.

CHAPLAIN: Rick Hendrix of Bristow has agreed to serve another term as Chaplain as well.

Submitted: Richard Potter, Nomination Chair

Recognition Awards

Carol Jayne Epperly was presented with the SAR Martha Washington Award in recognition of her service to the SAR. She has been a great help in genealogical research and in the processing of membership applications.



Other awards throughout the first administration have included the following:

WAR SERVICE MEDAL - William Crawford Collier, John F. DePue, Mark P. Siegel, George R. Ax

MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL - Roger Harrison Boyce, Larry Ray Alexander, W.A. Bill Broadus, Jr., William Charles Collier, Vincent Edward Knapp, Hork Dimon, Thadeus L. Hartman

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD - Conrad Holslag

ESSAY CONTEST - Emily Lenore Hendrix

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - Christopher Arthur "Kit" Bennett, Robert Glen McKeever II, William Charles Collier, W.A. "Bill" Broadus, Jr., John F. DePue, J. J. "Jim" Logan, Richard E. Hendrix, James M. Bayne, Thomas Owen Jacobs, Jack and Melanie Dickerson

FLAG DISPLAY AWARDS - LTC Michael Keith (USA, ret), LTC Ellery "Red Calkin, Sachett/Restive Family

Building for the Future

I thank the Chapter members for their faith in me by electing me the Chapter President for 2009. I also commend those who were elected and have agreed to serve the Chapter this year.

Before I share my thoughts and recommendations for this year, we must give thanks to Thad for his leadership, enthusiasm and dedication. He has provided an excellent foundation for the Chapter to grow and better serve our community. We cannot thank Thad enough for his personal efforts during this start up period.

VASSAR President Arthur D. Batten in his acceptance message stated that he wanted chapters to free themselves to concentrate on programs built on involvement in the various National programs or even better yet, develop some exciting programs on their own.

I agree, President Batten. For the coming year I would like to recommend that we concentrate on two main areas as follows:

1. For those elected positions, read the Chapter Bylaws covering the duties and responsibilities of the position.
 - As appropriate, report orally at meetings, in writing each quarter, and written summary for year.
 - Maintain meeting attendance record. Have those in attendance sign in and note any change in personal data, e.g. Phone number change.
 - Prepare written highlights of each meeting and/or special event attended.
2. Continue current programs and increase programs and activities
 - Establish a committee of one or more for each program and activity.
 - Current programs and activities
 - Oration
 - JROTC
 - War Graves
 - Flag
 - Chapter Speaker/Program
 - Essay

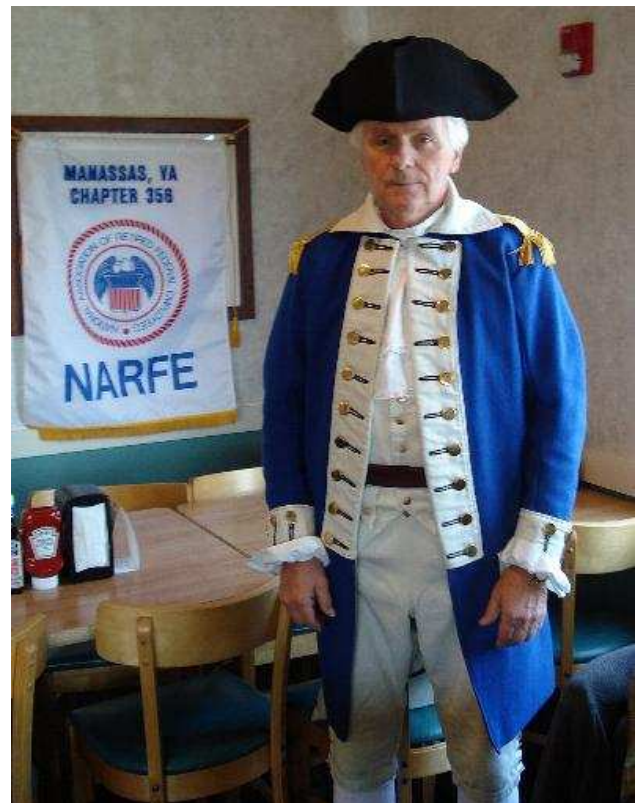
- Recommended additional programs and activities
 - Eagle Scout
 - Outstanding Student
 - Good Citizenship
 - Public Safety
 - Joint Activities
 - Support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage Capital Campaign

The Chapter has accomplished much in its short existence, let us continue and increase these accomplishments.

I look forward to working with each of you during the year.

W. A. Broadus, Jr.

President Elect
Col. William Grayson Chapter
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President Elect Bill Broadus in his new uniform

Captain Bernard Hooe Honored with Grave Marking



From Left to Right: Thad Hartmen, Chapter President Presiding; and Color Guards Lon Lacy of Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Larry Alexander; and Past VASSAR President Jim Bayne.

On March 9, 2008, members of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, VASSR, assembled at the Manassas, Battlefield to dedicate a newly-installed grave marker for Captain Bernard Hooe, a second cousin once removed to General George Washington through the General's mother, Mary Ball

Captain Hooe, was born in 1740 in Virginia and served as commander of the Prince William County Militia, commanding a company in 1777 and 1778. Following the Revolutionary War, he served as Prince William County Sheriff and was one of the original trustees for the Town of Haymarket, located in the western part of the County. He died in 1825 at Hazel Plain, Prince William County.



Captain Hooe was interred in the family plot, which is now located in the vicinity of Chinn Ridge and the remains of the Chinn House on the Manassas Battlefield. The original family headstones had been destroyed and their remnants lost many years ago. With the cooperation and assistance of Park officials and employees, Chapter members succeeded in obtaining and installing a Veterans Administration Grave Marker, as well as an SAR Revolutionary Veteran's marker.

The dedication ceremony featured remarks by Chapter President T had Hartman, a wreath laying, a gun salute by Lon Lacy, a member of the Culpeper Minute Men Color Guard, and the playing of taps by Ryan Calonder, a student at the University of Virginia.



A Gun Salute in Heavy Rain.

We wish to thank the Park Service, the Veterans Administration, our bugler and others who made the dedication ceremony a success.

John DePue,
Historian

Revolutionary War Commemorative Knife

The Colonel William Grayson Chapter is offering a one-of-a-kind, recently manufactured, custom Buck sheath knife (with sheath) to VASSAR members. Originally a one-in-50 limited edition knife, it has been further customized by Buck's now-retired chief custom knife maker, Leroy Remer, making it even more unique.



The 5 inch blade was originally made in 1975/76 for a bi-centennial commemorative Buck knife; however, more blades were manufactured than were used at the time. The excess blades were preserved by Buck and now used for this limited edition. The blade is etched with a depiction of Paul Revere making his ride, a minuteman, the Liberty Bell, busts of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, an eagle with ribbon "our rights and our liberties," and the inscription "Spirit of 76".

This one of a kind knife with 9 ¾ overall length was customized Remer and now has a handle is moose stag and an added finger guard. The sheath is leather with Liberty Bell embossed.

The knife comes in original Limited Edition box with a certificate of authenticity as a limited edition Buck knife.

TICKETS: \$5 each

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DRAWING: 10 October 2009

Revolutionary War History Lectures.

During the past year our chapter was fortunate to be the recipient of two Revolutionary War history lectures, presented by Glenn Williams, a retired Infantry officer who is presently on the staff of the U.S. Army Center of Military History. During our April meeting, Mr. Williams topic was "1777 -- The Year of the Hangman. He discussed British alliance with the Iroquois nation, and Iroquois raids on the Pennsylvania/New York frontier during 1777. Building on that foundation, he then addressed General Sullivan's campaign during the summer and fall of 1778 to neutralize the Iroquois threat by the destruction of their villages in upper New York State. Mr. Williams is the author of a recently-published book entitled "Year of the Hangman -- George Washington's Campaign Against the Iroquois."

During the Chapter's July meeting, Mr. Williams addressed the Yorktown campaign, covering its initial planning stages, cooperation of the French Army and Navy, the march of Washington's Army from the Hudson Highlands to Yorktown, and, finally, the seige itself. The discussion was notable, not only for its comprehensive nature but also for the discussion it also included concerning 18th century seige warfare. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Williams for his outstanding presentations which not only enriched our knowledge of the Revolution, but also enhanced our appreciation of the sacrifices made by our patriot-forebears.

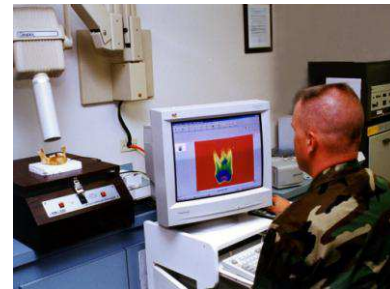
John DePue,
Historian

Fallen but Not Forgotten

At its November meeting, members of the chapter were fortunate to have a presentation by COL Ward B. Nickisch (USA, ret) on the topic of "The Search and Recovery of POW/MIAs From Prior Wars". COL. Nickisch's last assignment was as the Director of Casualty and Memorial Affairs for the US Army. In that position he supervised the US Army's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI), which conducted the search, recovery, identification

and repatriation of the soldiers (of all Services) whose bodies were never recovered from all prior wars. This unit became a part of the newly organized Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) in October 2003.

The presentation can best be described in COL Nickisch's own words from his brochures: The Presentation provides an update on the Nation's search and recovery operations to bring home the remains of those service members who remain "unaccounted for" from Southeast Asia, Korea and World War II.



Through the use of colored slides, the audience will be able to see actual recovery missions, and will be exposed to some of the

scientific processes (including mtDNA) used to identify the recovered remains and return them to the service member's family. Included in the presentation will be an update on recovery missions into North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) and a very significant recovery of WWII Marines from the South Pacific.

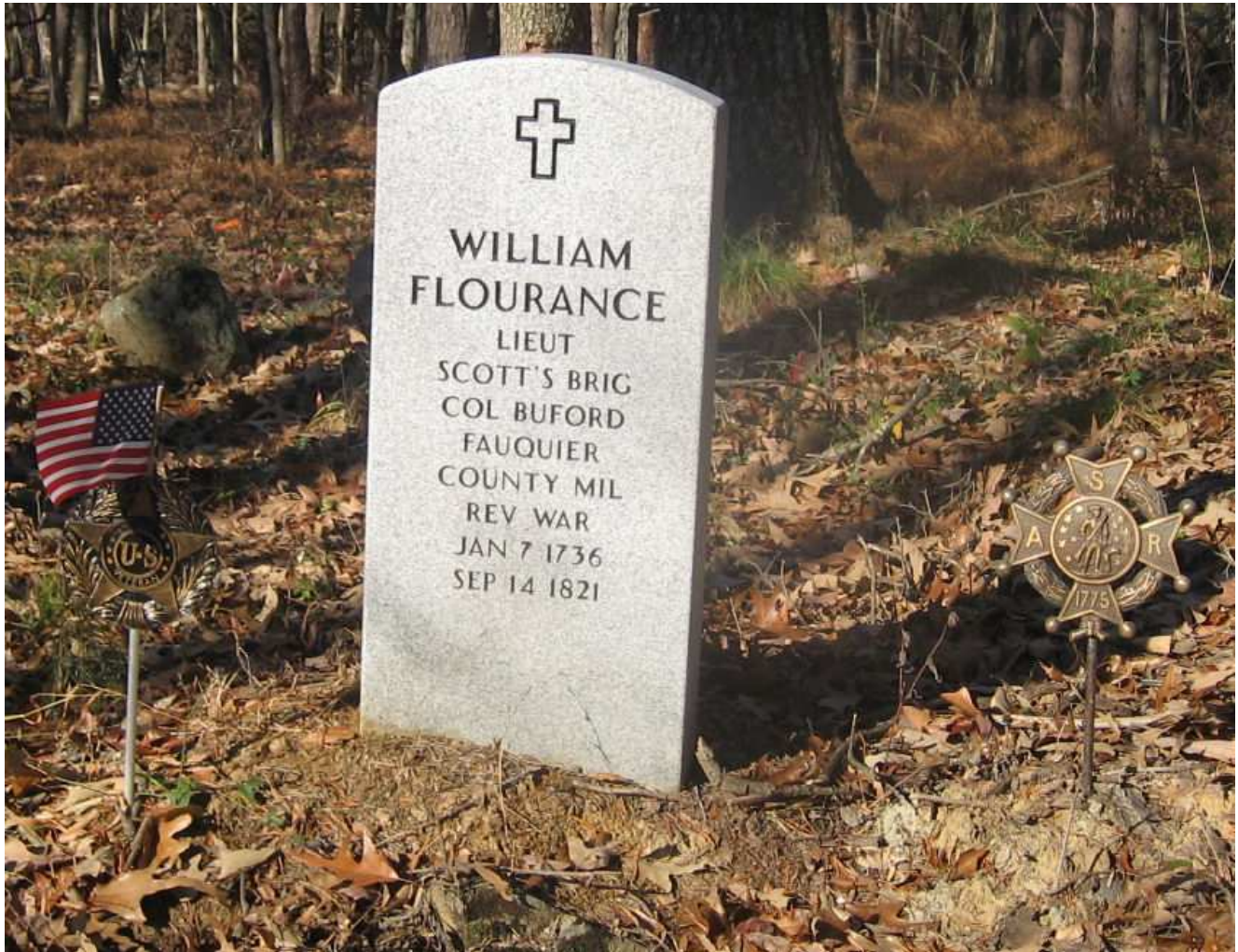
There are over 1,700 service members who remain "unaccounted for" from Southeast Asia; over 8,100 from the Korean War; and over 78,000 from WWII.

The audience will gain an understanding and appreciation for our Nation's commitment and the dedication of the soldiers and civilians who conduct this arduous duty to achieve the fullest possible accounting.



Col. Nickisch lives in Gainesville and is submitting papers to become a member of the Chapter.

LT William Flourance Honored with Grave Marking



On 13 September 2008, a commemoration service was held at the grave site of LT William Flourance, Jr. In attendance were members of the the Colonel William Grayson Chapter VASSAR, descendants of the patriot, interested neighbors from the surrounding housing subdivision and others.

LT William Flourance, Jr. was born 7 January 1736 and died 14 Sep 1821. LT Flourance served from Fauquier County, Virginia, and was engaged in the battles fought in North and South Carolina. Flourance ultimately moved to Prince William County and died at his son John's home and is buried in the family cemetery. This cemetery is now located in the Saranac subdivision (formerly Camp Glenkirk Boy Scout camp) off Glenkirk Road, Gainesville,

Virginia. After the Revolutionary War Flourance became a Baptist minister and was known as "Elder Flourance." Flourance family members owned several farms in the Gainesville area, including where the Virginia Oaks golf course and subdivision are located.

The commemoration ceremony was conducted by Chapter President Thad Hartman and Chaplin Rick Hendrix. Members of the family told of the life of LT Flourance and the profound effect that his story had on their own lives. This was followed with a gun salute by Compatriots Lon Lacy and Larry Alexander and by the playing of Taps by Nate Calonder, a student at Stonewall Jackson High School.

Where to Look for Proof of Service when the Standard Sources Fail?

This is the question posed and answered by Dr. John Sinks at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Col. William Grayson Chapter. That meeting was held on 11 August 2007 at the City Tavern Grill in Old Town Manassas. Compatriot Sinks is past VASSAR president and immediate past VPG of the SAR mid-Atlantic Region. He has graciously granted permission to publish his talking points.

What are the standard sources?

For Virginia

Military Service:

John H. Gwathmey, *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution*

Rendering Material Aid

Janice L. Abercrombie & Richard Slatten: Index to the Virginia Revolutionary "Publick" Claims

Two approaches

Look in other places

Look for services beyond military service and providing supplies

Furnished a substitute for military service

Defenders of forts and frontiers; rangers.

Prisoners of war, including those on the British ship "Old Jersey," and other prison ships

Physician, surgeon, nurse, or others rendering aid to the wounded.

Civil service under the Colonies from April 19, 1775, to November 26, 1783, inclusive

Member of committees made necessary by the war, such as

-Committee of Correspondence

-Committee of Inspection and Safety

-Committee to care for soldiers' families

or any other Committees which furthered the cause of the Colonies from six months before the Battle of Point Pleasant.

Any pledge to support the cause of the Colonies, such as signing the

-Oath of Fidelity and Support

-Oath of Allegiance

-Articles of Association

-Association Test

Signers of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the provisional and new state governments.

Persons accepting obligations or acting under direction of the provisional and new state governments, such as persons directed to hold elections, to oversee road construction, to collect provisions, etc.

Ministers known to be in sympathy with the Colonies, either by sermon, speech, or action.

SAR Form 910 provides a complete list of acceptable services

Military Service

National Archives

Consolidated Service Rolls

Muster and Pay Rolls

Pension Applications

Men, especially junior officers, may be indexed whose service is found no other place.

John Frederick Dorman

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Note: men could be rejected for a pension on technical matters of eligibility. Rejection does not mean they did not serve.

Louis Burgess, *Virginia Soldiers of 1776*

Gauis Marcus Brumbaugh, *Revolutionary War Records, Vol I, Virginia*

Virginia Military Records (from classic Virginia Journals)

Library of Virginia

http://ajax.lva.lib.va.us/F/FPNUIYFU1A4B1IVBBH8VICUQFQERRB45BQNHRI2TXX7D7YGF7B-012?func=file&file_name=find-m-lva01

- Dunmore's War
- Culpeper County Classes, 1781
- Revolutionary War Bounty Warrants
- Revolutionary War Land Office Military Certificates
- Revolutionary War Rejected Claims
- Revolutionary War Virginia State Pensions
- County Court Order Books
 - Provisions for wives
 - Commissions of militia
- Misc sources
 - County histories often point to records peculiar to a county, such as articles of association, Albemarle Declaration of Independence
 - Williamsburg Public Store Day Book
- Correspondence, especially of notable Revolutionary figures

Patriotic Service & Civil Service

- Revolutionary Public Service Claims
 - Library of Virginia—Also indexes Commissioners Books and certificates
 - Journals of the Council of the State of Virginia—early years of war
 - Oaths of Allegiance—Hard to find in Virginia. Some lists. Ct Order Bks.
 - Legislative Petitions—Virginia State Library
 - These may contain hundreds of names from a county. This is probably one of the best sources, and most overlooked sources for service from Virginia. Some of the early petitions are found under the papers of the Virginia Convention being petitioned. Most are found under the county organized chronologically. They are on microfilm, but there is no master index.
 - Governor's Correspondence—Virginia State Library
 - County Order Books—Jury service, justices, sheriffs, constables, road work, repairing court house
 - County Will Books—appraisal of estates; laying off dower

DAR, SAR, and C.A.R. Papers

- Some have found sources we have overlooked or are not accessible to us
- Do not go in on a closed line. A line might be close because:
 - Error in lineage
 - Identity question clouds the lineage—e.g. two men named John Dorris are on the 1812 militia census and 1820 census of Robertson Co., TN. Which one was the son of the Rev. soldier Isaac Dorris and which was the son of Isaac's brother Joseph, for which there is no known service?
 - Error in Service--e.g. Peter Minnich closed because he was dead before the service was performed
 - Identity Question clouds the service—DAR has closed the line from Lt. John Gaither of Montgomery Co. Md. Because they cannot figure out which of two men named John Gaither performed the service.
 - DAR has closed the line of William Wood of NC. The service cited was for a public service claim processed in a county well to the east of the residence of the ancestor of the 60+ DAR applicants who had joined on the man.
- Moral of the story—Resolve identity issues when you apply so the line will not be closed later.
- SAR generally accepts SAR papers that are not under a cloud
- SAR often does not accept DAR papers that were accepted at a time before it was not proper to ask a lady her age or sources.
 - Look for check marks to indicate verification.
 - Look for sources cited in references
 - Look for documentation provided with application.
 - In earlier eras documentation was returned to the applicant.
 - Generally applications from 1986 on are well verified. If the application is a short form, also get a record copy of the long form on which it is based

Membership Continues to Grow and Patriot Recognition Expands

At the time of the Charter Meeting on 5 May 2007, there were 22 charter members. However, in accordance with the charter adopted in April 2007, the charter membership rolls were held open until 31 December 2008. At the time the rolls closed there were 35 members as follows:

**Larry Ray Alexander
George Robert Ax
James Manuel Bayne
David Louis Bufkin
Christopher Arthur Bennett
Roger Harrison Boyce
W. A. (Bill) Broadus, Jr.
Gerald Lee Buhl
John Charles Collier
William Charles Collier
William Crawford Collier
McClernard Butler Crawford
Gaston de Béarn XIV
John Fichter DePue
Michael John DePue
George Huntington Dimon, Jr.
David Allen Doliber
Joseph William Dooley
John Moyer Epperly
Thadeus Lee Hartman
Richard Ernest Hendrix
Thomas Owen Jacobs
Lewis Prichard Kasper, Jr.
Kevin Friedrich Knapp
Michael Vincent Knapp
Vincent Edward Knapp, Jr.
Jimmie Joe Logan
Myron Edwin Lyman, Sr.
Robert Glen McKeever II
Clinton Buell Mullen
Brad Allen Potter
Richard Bowen Potter
Mark Paul Siegel
Timothy Christian Siegel
Wallace Dean Smith, Sr.**

In calendar 2008, the Chapter welcomed three new members to the chapter. They are: **Larry Keeling,**

Robert Gault, and **David Adamy.** Supplemental applications have been approved for Bill Collier (3), John Epperly (2), Vince Knapp (1).

At the present time, we are awaiting approval of two applications for membership. They are **David Mercer** and **Gary Howard.** Also waiting for approval is a supplemental application for Rob McKeever.

The Virginia State Society is encouraging locating “forgotten patriots.” These are individuals who have not been established as Revolutionary ancestors by either the Sons of the American Revolution or the Daughters of the American Revolution. Our chapter has submitted two names of forgotten patriots this year. These were David Adamy’s ancestor, Richard Spear, and Bill Collier’s ancestor, John Martin Beck.

The chapter currently has two prospective members: **Ward Nickisch** and **Mike Taimi.**

The application process for prospective members is as follows:

1. Completion of a worksheet and submission of evidence to document the bloodline to a Revolutionary ancestor and proof of his service.
2. Review of the worksheet and documentation by the chapter registrar
3. Preparation of the application form, obtaining the applicant’s signature and those of a sponsor and co sponsor and submission of the completed application along with required fees.
4. Review and approval by the state and national registrars
5. Induction of the new member at a chapter meeting.

It is vital to the chapter that current members encourage friends and acquaintances to seek membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. These names should be forwarded to the chapter registrar for follow-up.

John Epperly
Registrar

A Colorfull Meeting

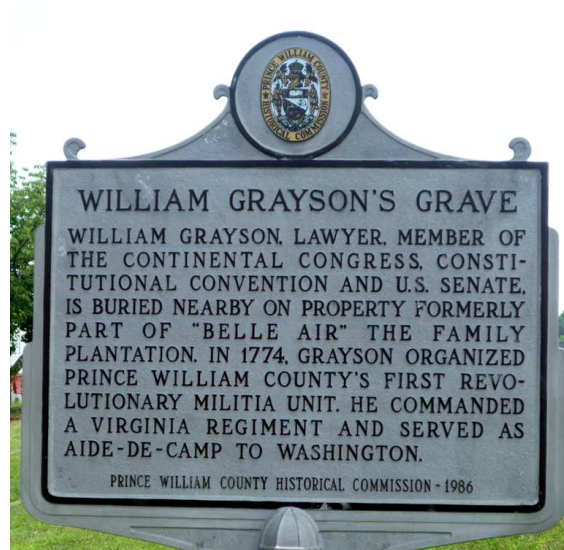


Outstanding color was present at the regular meeting of Col. William Grayson Chapter on 8 March 2008. In preparation for the grave marking of Capt. Bernard Hooe, participants in that ceremony attended in uniform. Shown here are color guard Jim Bayne, Lyn Lacy who fired a 3-round musket salute, color guard Larry Alexander, and Thad Hartman who led the service.

A Note from the Editor

Contributions from members are welcome. Please send complete write-ups, or notes about events of interest to our Compatriots. If you have a camera and take pictures at one of our events, these are especially welcomed. The editor can be reached through JLNV@Comcast.net.

Sign on Northbound side of Rt 1



This sign can be seen in front of MarumSCO Shopping Center in Woodbridge.