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Officers installed for 2014; Chapter president looks forward



Chapter officers being sworn in for 2014. From left to right are President Rick Hendrix, Vice President Gary Howard, Treasurer Jeff Windland, Secretary Keith Rouleau, Registrar Mike Taimi, Historian Jim Logan and Chaplain Richard Potter.



Richard Hendrix, 2014 President, Colonel William Grayson Chapter, VASSAR.

The Colonel William Grayson chapter had an excellent 2013, thanks to the efforts of many of our chapter members. We were recognized for our efforts with a Chapter Excellence Award at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

This year will be an exciting one, with chapter member W.A. (Bill) Broadus, Jr. serving as VASSAR state president. Two upcoming events deserve special attention.

Our June 14 chapter meeting will be held in Dumfries, in conjunction with a joint dedication (with the War of 1812 Society) of

a plaque in a Dumfries cemetery that has numerous Revolutionary War and War of 1812 soldiers interred. This is a state initiative of VASSAR President Broadus and will be similar to the dedication at the Mt. Hebron Cemetery last year in Winchester. More information will be forthcoming.

In September, we will be the host chapter for the VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting. This event will take a lot of planning and will require a lot of volunteers to pull off. The location will be finalized soon.

I'm looking forward to a great 2014!

Rick

Patriot Ancestors Honored

Sons of the American Revolution honor their patriot ancestors in multiple ways, including: a) special ceremonies to place grave markers on the final resting place of these patriots, b) telling stories about these patriots, c) providing certificates to persons who identify "forgotten patriots", and



Monument to Revolutionary War Patriots.

processing supplemental membership applications. A summary of 2013 activities of members of the Col. William Grayson Chapter is provided here.

Mt Hebron. On 24 August, the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, The War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and The Virginia State Society, United States Daughters of 1812 all came together to sponsor a special dedication ceremony at the General Daniel Morgan Veterans Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia. The purpose was the unveiling and dedication of a monuments to the Veterans of the American Revolution, engraved with the names 40 patriots, and a second monument to Veterans of The War of 1812, engraved with the names of 42 patriots.

The ceremony was hosted by the Col. James Wood II Chapter, VASSAR and featured Capt. Kent Webber, USN, Retired and President of the Virginia Society as War of 1812 society were Mike Lyman and Thad Hartman, both members of the Col William Grayson Chapter.



Monument to War of 1812 Veterans.



Eight Members of the Chapter and two spouses were present at Mt. Hebron.

Tebbs and Spence. Conducting services in the Tebbsdale Cemetery, Dumfries Virginia, the Col. William Grayson Chapter honored Regimental Quartermaster Willoughby Tebbs (1759-1803) and Surgeon John Spence (1766-1829).

2LT Tebbs served in Col. William Grayson’s Rgt during the Revolutionary War. He was a practicing attorney in Dumfries, a local businessman, and a plantation owner. He had post war militia ranks of Major and Lt. Colonel and became known a “colonel”. His father Foushee Tebbs served in the French and Indian War as a Prince William County militia captain and was a member of the House of Burgesses.

Surgeon John Spence was a practicing physician and a businessman. He acquired distinction as contributor to the American Medical Journal and for his research and practice in pulmonary “consumption”, which he himself suffered from when a young man.

The cemetery is located within Potomac Shores, a planned use community on the

Potomac River. Ed. Byrne, a representative of the developer described how Tebbsdale and several other cemeteries that will be preserved as historic parks linked by an eight mile network of trails for walkability and recreation that would be easily accessible to various neighborhoods.



President Rick Hendrix shown after unveiling the SAR marker in front of the Tebbs tombstone.



Members of the CWG Chapter and other participants in the Tebbsdale Cemetery grave marking. Shown on the far right is Ed Byrne who is a representative owner of the property and developer.

During 2013, five members and one prospective member told stories about their Patriot Ancestors.

Nathan Magruder. Peter Gray introduced his Patriot Ancestor, Nathan Magruder, who was born in Prince George’s County, MD about 1718 near what is now Andrews Air Force Base. In 1748, he was appointed County Justice of Lower Frederick County, MD (now known as Montgomery County), and in 1761, he was elected to the Maryland State House and served for 3 years.

In June, 1774, at the Hungerford Tavern (present-day Rockville), Magruder took part in a meeting in support of the Boston Tea Party to protest that “the town of Boston is now suffering in the Common Cause of America”, and it was resolved unanimously “that it is the opinion of this meeting that the most effectual means for securing American freedom will be to break off all commerce with Great Britain and the West Indies until the said act [of Parliament] be repealed, and the right of taxation given up as permanent principles.” A result of this meeting was that Magruder was named a member of the Committee of Correspondence for lower Frederick County, essentially a local shadow government that participated in a wide

variety of patriotic activities including the identification of disloyal elements through espionage, supplying wheat to the Continental Army, and encouraging resistance to the royal officials.

He was selected to attend The First Maryland Convention in Annapolis in June of 1774, which subsequently elected delegates to the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Nathan Magruder died in 1781, and his exact burial site is unknown; however, it is probably in the family graveyard on the property of his brother, Col. Zadok Magruder, which is now occupied by Magruder High School in Montgomery County.



Peter Gray during his presentation of Patriot Nathan Magruder.

John Hendricks. At the May meeting, Rick Hendrix introduced John Hendricks' whose great-great-grandfather, Albertus Hendricks, arrived in the New World in 1662 as an indentured servant. He was from Holland and lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania. His son, James (John Hendricks' great-grandfather), was an Indian trader and settled in what is now Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. John volunteered for the Army in Winchester, Virginia. He was a resident of Frederick County, Virginia, in an area that is now Jefferson County, West Virginia. He was sent to Fort Wheeling where he served for about six months. While there, some minor incidents with local Indians occurred, but they had no engagements with the British.



Rick Hendrix introducing Patriot John Hendricks.

John's brother, Solomon, who has no descendants, joined the Army in the Radford area and served in the 8th Virginia Regiment. He later was selected as one of Colonel Daniel Morgan's Rifle Corps and fought at the Battle of Saratoga. After his discharge in Valley Forge, he moved to the Watauga Settlement in what is now northeastern Tennessee. He was part of the Over Mountain Men who fought under

Colonel John Sevier at the Battle of King's Mountain.

John Hendricks joined his brother in Watauga after King's Mountain and served his community in a number of responsible positions.

Thomas West. Jim Bish told stories about Patriot Thomas West who was born about 1730 to Thomas and Sarah West in a part of Prince William County that in 1742 became Fairfax County, Virginia. The elder Thomas West was a brother to Hugh West, who represented Fairfax County, Virginia in the Virginia House of Burgesses from 1752 and 1754, and a nephew of Col. John West, who represented Fairfax County in the Virginia House of Burgesses from 1755, and in 1774, fought alongside George Washington.

By the 1750's, the younger Thomas West married Sarah Trammell and settled along the Ox Road area of southern Fairfax County. At about age 24, tensions with France resulted in his being called into duty with the Fairfax County Militia. Between the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War, Thomas appears to have been a farmer raising tobacco in Fairfax County. In spite of being in his forties, Thomas served in the military once again during the Revolutionary War. He served three years as a soldier in the Virginia State Line, but his exact duties are unknown. The Virginia State Line, in theory, was raised to defend the state, but the men often became attached to Continental forces with duties such as movement of prisoners and security of supply lines. Virginians attached to the State Line defended forts, kept the rivers open for the delivery of supplies, and held the frontiers against British and Indian attacks.

After the war, Thomas received a land warrant in Western Virginia (now Kentucky). It is assumed that Thomas West left in 1784-5 for the western frontier of Virginia to stake out some good land. Family tradition maintains that Thomas died during an Indian attack while searching for land. Supposedly, Thomas and a few other men in his party were attacked by Indians close to the Ohio River. His body was never recovered. Later, survivors of the attacked party made their way back to Virginia, and Thomas's family was informed of the tragedy. His family stayed in Fairfax County for a few years, living close to Henderson Road near Wolf Run Shoals Road. Between 1795 and 1805, all of Thomas West's family moved to western Virginia and into Ohio.



Jim Bish making a point about his Patriot Ancestor Thomas West.

John Barnes. Mike Eggleston, a prospective SAR member, presented Patriot John Barnes (1763-1834). John enlisted from Marlborough, Massachusetts in his father's company in the Massachusetts Regiment of the Line. He was very young, perhaps twelve years of age. His record states that he was about five feet tall, blond, blue-eyed, and very slender. The company

fought at Bunker Hill and later served at Valley Forge. The end of the war found John Barnes serving at West Point, and in his pension application, he stated that he was discharged by General Washington at Newburgh, NY. Following the war he resided in Chelsea, VT. Late in life he became a Shaker, strange for a man who had fought in the Revolution, been married (his wife was Sara Howe), and fathered many children. Some records say that John Barnes was buried in Chelsea, VT. Eggleston is not convinced of that conclusion, and he believes that it is more likely Barnes was buried in Lawrence, NY.



Mike Eggleston presenting his Patriot Ancestor John Barnes.

Ephraim Knap. Vince Knap presented Private Ephraim Knap, born in Taunton, Bristol County, Royal Colony of Massachusetts on 27 September 1762, the Great-Great-Great Grandson of Aron Knap, who arrived at Taunton, Plymouth Colony, Massachusetts in 1638. Upon the death of his father in November 1762, he was raised from infancy in Norton, Bristol County, Royal Colony of Massachusetts by his uncle Jonathan Knap, a French & Indian War veteran and his wife.

Private Knap's war service provides an excellent example of the expansion and contraction of the Army to meet needs without requiring a constant, large standing army. Between 24 July 1777 and 1 August 1780, Ephraim's service was 1 year, 4 months & 19 days. Among his assignments to various Massachusetts Regiments was duty in Rhode Island and at Valley Forge.

During his service about 1778, Ephraim married Abigail Wilbore, and they had a son Ephraim, Jr. Per his pension application dated 17 September 1833, he removed to Lyman, Grafton County, NH "at or about the close of the war". In 1801 he was living in Quebec, but the 1810 Census for New Hampshire lists him as living in Grafton County, and he later moved to New York State. At the time of his death on 19 October 1841, he spelled his name 'Knapp' and was living in Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, New York. He may be buried in Holmes Hill Cemetery in Stockholm, NY, the resting place of his daughter-in-law and granddaughter both of whom predeceased him by one month.



Vince Knap referring to presentation notes on Patriot Ephraim Knap.

Matthew Maddox. Phil Maddox told about Patriot Private Matthew Maddox who was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland in

1752 as a descendant of Samuel Maddox, who came to America from Wales and settled in St. Mary's County in 1665. At about the age of 18, Matthew Maddox married, and with the help of an inheritance, moved west over the Blue Ridge Mountains and into Indian Territory. It was then Dunmore County, named for Lord Dunmore. There, in 1769 he bought 401 acres in what is now part of the Shenandoah National Forest.

Matthew entered the Revolutionary War in Shenandoah County in October 1780 under the command of Captain Conway Oldham for a term of 18 months. Matthew marched with his command to Hillsborough, NC where he joined the 3rd regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Campbell in General Nathaniel Green's army. Green had taken command of the Southern Division on December 3, 1780. Matthew would see action at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and at the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill (also known as the second battle of Camden in South Carolina). It was at the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill where Matthew would receive a serious and debilitating wound which prevented him from further service. After the War he and his family moved to Harrison County in western Virginia. Matthew Maddox died in 1831 and is buried in Parkersburg, West Virginia.



Phil Maddox providing history of his Patriot Ancestor Matthew Maddox.

Forgotten Patriots. In January, a Forgotten Patriot Award was presented to Mike Taimi for identifying and documenting Peter Dyer as one of his Patriot Ancestors. This was Mike's fifth Forgotten Patriot Award. He received another Forgotten Patriot Award in October and four additional Supplemental Membership certificates throughout the year.



Mike Taimi receiving award for Forgotten Patriot Peter Dyer.

In March, an Award for a Forgotten Patriot was issued in the name of Kevin Schwoerer. In his absence, it was accepted by his father Barry, Schwoerer.



Barry Schwoerer accepting a Forgotten Patriot Award for his son Kevin.

In October, Gary Pope was awarded a certificate for identifying and documenting Davis Sagers as a Patriot Ancestor that had “previously been forgotten”. Sager signed an Oath of Allegiance in 1778. He was also recognized with Supplemental Patriot Ancestor Certificates for eleven patriot ancestors.



Gary Pope and Mike Taimi each showing Certificates for recognizing a Forgotten Patriot. As chapter Registrar, Mike reviewed the documentation for 11 supplemental applications submitted by Gary.

Supplemental Ancestors. In June, a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate was awarded to William Crawford Collier and accepted on his behalf by his father Bill Collier. The Supplemental Certificate was for his patriot ancestor, Henry Batton, from his mother's side of the family.

In October, Jim Logan received Supplemental Certificates for Patriot Ancestors John Hitt of South Carolina and Gilbert E. Johnstone of North Carolina.

Fort Laurens – A Family Affair

A ceremony for the remembrance of Fort Laurens was held in Bolivar, Ohio on 27 July 2013. CWG member and past president Thad Hartman, descends or is otherwise related to nine soldiers known or believed to

have been at Fort Laurens during its construction and brief garrison. Hartman, a former resident of the area was a speaker at the ceremony. Chapter member and current VASSAR vice president Bill Broadus was also in attendance.

Fort Laurens, Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort, was constructed in November 1778 along the Tuscarawas River near present-day Bolivar, Ohio. It was established under the command of General Lachlan McIntosh and named for the president of the Continental Congress, Henry Laurens. Interestingly, the fort was only staffed through August 1779 and some of the soldiers who worked on its construction did not remain as part of the garrison.

Life was anything but pleasant for the personnel at the fort. The weather was bad, there was a severe shortage of food, and the enemy attacked. Perceived by the British as a significant military facility, Fort Laurens was attacked by British and Indian forces resulting in 20 or more soldiers killed. The British did not want to lose control of The Ohio Country, a view that continued after the Revolution and became one of the causal factors leading to the War of 1812. An army historian identified the infamous Simon Girty, British Indian agent, as the person who targeted the fort for attack.

Among ancestors at Fort Laurens, Hartman, has identified a 4th great grandfather named Kinser Dickerson and his brother Thomas, the husband of a 5th great-aunt, and several cousins of various degrees. In addition, there are 17 other soldiers known to have served at Fort Laurens who, based on their surnames, military units and places of

residence may be related, but whose relationships are not readily ascertainable. It is easy to see why Hartman says "the construction and garrisoning of Fort Laurens was somewhat of a family affair." He further states "to me it is a real place built by real people".



Thad Hartman at a CWG meeting describing his presentation at Fort Laurens.

Fort Laurens was the western most Revolutionary War fort build during the war. It was intended as a staging post for the attack on Detroit, and a base from which to fight the Wyandot. It was erected for a significant reason but the concept was poorly thought out, resulting in a tactical error. The fort was a logistical nightmare and its strategic purpose proved to be impossible to meet. An inspection made in February 1779 reported 15 casks of powder, 19.5 casks of flint, 10 muskets, and five rifles – arms unfit for service. The fort was abandoned in August 1779 but the troops continued in service. Hartman's grandfather, a private at Ft. Laurens became a militia officer. A cousin, Benjamin Biggs, a 1LT at Saratoga and a CPT at Ft. Laurens, gained the rank of Brigadier General of the Ohio County Militia and commanded all Ohio County Troops in the War of 1812.

Public Servants Recognized

Past president Bill Collier has established partnering agreements with the Chantilly Sub Station Chief of Fairfax County Police Department and with the Sully District Fire Captain of Fairfax County Fire Department to recognize firefighters and EMTs annually. Rather than bringing honorees to a Chapter meeting as has been done in the past, it has been decided more appropriate that the awards be presented at their respective duty stations and among their peers.,

Representing the Col. William Grayson, Compatriot Bill Collier has presented Law Enforcement, FireFighter or Emergency Medical Service awards to six local government employees in recognition of their special service to the public of our area.

Michael E. Duffy. On 26 April Compatriot Collier visited the Fairfax Central Fire and Rescue Station 40 in Chantilly, Virginia and presented two awards. Master Technician Michael E. Duffy was recognized with an Emergency Medical Services medal and certificate.

Thomas P. Feehan. Similarly, Technician Thomas P Feehan was recognized as an outstanding Firefighter. The awards were presented in front of Battalion Chief Kenny Wolfrey and fellow firefighters and EMTs.



Compatriot Collier with Michael Duffey, Thomas Feehan, and Battalion Chief Kenny Wolfrey.

Raymond W. Roberts. On 12 July Bill visited Sully District Station, Fairfax County Police Department and presented the SAR Law Enforcement medal and certificate to Master Police Officer Raymond W. Roberts in front of his peers.



Master Police Officer Raymond W. Roberts with Compatriot Bill Collier.

Patrick R. Balchunas. Prince William County Police Officer Patrick R. Balchunas was presented a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. The ceremony took place at the Gar-Field Police Station in Woodbridge.



Police Officer Balchunas receiving certificate.

Kevin R. Dabney. Fire Station 415 in Chantilly, VA was the scene of presentation of two additional Medals and Certificates on 22 October. Fairfax County Technician Kevin R. Dabney was given a FireFighter Medal and Certificate.



Fairfax County technician Kevin R. Dabney receiving FireFighter Medal and Certificate.

David M. Bryant. At the same ceremony, Lieutenant David M. Bryant was given the Emergency Medical Services Medal.



Lieutenant David M. Bryant displays his EMT Medal and Certificate.

Chapter Reaches Out to Future Leaders

Col. William Grayson Chapter showed its support to area young people throughout 2013. Activities included the sponsorship of three individuals in essay/oration contests, participation as judges and other support to National History Day, recognition of an outstanding student in local Junior ROTC program, recognition of an Eagle Scout, and the induction of several new Junior Members to the chapter.

Essay and Oration. The highlights of the Chapter youth outreach in 2013 included three contest winners who appeared at a Chapter meeting and read an essay or give their oration. These three individuals were winners of three different SAR sponsored competitions. These competitions were The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest, The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest, and The Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship. Each of these contests starts at the chapter level with winners competing at state and the state winner competing at national,

The essay contest is designed to give high school students an opportunity to explore events that shape American History. Each contestant is required to develop a 1200 word essay addressing a topic (person, place, event, and document) associated with the Revolutionary War period that also draws a relationship with the present time. The competition is keen and the rules must be adhered to. The contest begins at the chapter level with the winner competing at the state level. The state contest winner becomes a contestant in the national society contest.

The oration contest is designed to explore the influence of the Revolutionary War on present day America. Contest is open to all students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private high schools who are in their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior (grades 9 through 12) year of study. The contestant makes a six minute oral presentation without notes (prompts are permitted and are given by the MC) based on a person, place, event or document. The contestant also submits a typed copy of his presentation. The contest begins at the chapter level and the winner matriculates the same as essay contestants. Participation promotes public speaking skills and is a resume enhancer for the contestant. Most state winners have participated in previous years.

The Eagle Scout scholarship contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. The contest is judged on a combination of criteria: 500 word essay, genealogy, merit badge achievement, and scouting experience.

Hapashi Twins. The Habashi twins made a return appearance to a Chapter meeting in January 2013.



The Habashi twins after presenting their essays. Bryan is on the left and Alexander on the right.

Alexander Habashi. The winner of the Chapter's Essay Contest was Alexander Habashi with his essay, "Espionage: the Secret Weapon." The essay detailed how spies in the Revolutionary War contributed to the overall victory, and provided examples, such as Nathan Hale and others. Also described were some of the tools and activities of spying, such as invisible ink, codes and cyphers, covert deception, and the use of slaves to spy on the enemy. After the presentation, Bill Collier presented him with a contest medal. Thad Hartman presented him a check for \$100 and asked him for a biographical sketch of himself.



Alexander Habashi describing himself and plans for the future.

Bryan Habashi. The winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Essay Contest was Bryan Habashi with his essay, "Naval Contributions to American Independence". The essay described the important role naval activities played in the Revolutionary War, and a number of examples were recounted. Described were the various roles of the Continental Navy and the Navies maintained by most of the colonies, as well as Privateers, which outnumbered the Continental Navy. Bryan was also given a contest medal and a check for \$100.



Bryan Habashi examining a patch to be worn on his Eagle Scout uniform.

Both Habashi brothers competed in the Virginia state level essay contest. As chapter winner, Alexander represented the Col. William Grayson Chapter and won second place at state. Since each chapter is permitted only one contestant, Bryan, our Eagle Scout essay contest winner, went on to state representing the George Mason Chapter and placing first, just ahead of his brother. Bryan went on to place first in the NSSAR contest.

Jethro Torczon. The 2012 winner of the Chapter's Rumbaugh Oration Contest was Jethro Torczon, who also competed and placed second at the VASSAR Annual Meeting in February. Jethro presented his oration at the Chapter meeting in March. His topic was on the Second Amendment to the U.S. Bill of Rights, that is, "...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms". He discussed the intent of this amendment by the original authors, and presented some current day arguments, pro and con.



Jethro Torczon after his oration.

National History Day. During 2013, the Col. William Grayson Chapter supported the National History Day program with financial contributions, judges, and administrative support. The program, as described in their web site, "makes history come alive for students by engaging them in the discovery of the historical, cultural and social experiences of the past. Through hands-on experiences and presentations, today's kids are better able to inform the present and shape the future. NHD inspires children through exciting competitions and transforms teaching through project-based curriculum and instruction."

As chapter coordinator to the program, David Allard reported that the 2013 National History Day District 5 competition involved 139 elementary, middle school, and high school students, associated with 73 separate competitive historical research presentations. The competition, with a theme of "Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events", was held on 2 March at Mount Vernon High School. The Chapter provided four judges to the competition. Three SAR awards were presented: a SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate, an Outstanding Citizenship Pin and certificate, and an SAR Certificate of Appreciation. For 2014, Allard is assuming the role of VASSAR District 5 National

History Day Coordinator. The 2014 theme is “Rights and Responsibilities in History”. As a result, the Chapter takes on the VASSAR support role for the district, including the acquisition, preparation, and delivery of awards of NHD awardees.

The 2014 NHD competition will be held at Mount Vernon High School on March 1, 2014 and is open to students in grade 6-12. Anyone interested in being a judge or providing other support is encouraged to contact Allard.

ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program.

SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “citizen-soldier”, exemplified by the Minutemen of the Revolutionary War days. The award is presented to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. The Chapter made five JROTC awards in 2013 – four at local high schools and one mailed to a high school in Puerto Rico.

Chase Curling. One outstanding JROTC medal and certificate was presented to Cadet Corporal Chase Curling, Marine Corp JROTC Company, Gar-Field Senior High School, Woodbridge, Virginia. It was presented by Compatriot John Calloway to Cadet Curling in front of his JROTC classmates and instructors.



Cadet Curling receiving JROTC medal and certificate from Compatriot John Calloway.

Ana Canas. Another of these awards was a SAR Outstanding JROTC Medal and certificate presented by Secretary George Ax to C/TSgt Ana Canas. It was presented during the 7th Annual Dinning-Out, Awards, and Presentation Ceremony at C. D Hylton High School in Woodbridge, Virginia.



C/TSgt Ana Canas displaying her Outstanding ROTC Certificate after presentation by Compatriot George Ax.

Eagle Scout Scholarship. Independent of the essay contest, Eagle scouts may be recognized for their achievement. Five Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates were awarded in 2013. Anyone knowing a new Eagle Scout is requested to inform Thad Hartman to arrange for recognition.

Junior Members. The SAR Junior Member program is open to males under the age of eighteen years who have met membership requirements of the SAR. A Junior Member gets a national number and a certificate, but he cannot vote or hold office. When he reached eighteen, he can join a SAR Chapter with nothing else needed since he has a national number.

Seven new Junior Members were processed through the chapter in 2013.

Guest Presentations

Stuart Butler. Guest speaker for March 2014 was Stuart Butler, who is retired from the National Archives and Records Administration and is currently a historian and author of a number of books and articles. Mr. Butler discussed his recently published book, *Defending the Old Dominion: Virginia and Its Militia in the War of 1812*. The book describes Virginia's important role in the War, which had not been extensively written about prior to this book. With the exception of New York and possibly Maryland, Virginia suffered more in damages and loss of property (more than a million dollars) than any other state.

Butler related a number of interesting facts and events dealing with Virginia's participation in the War. Later, he discussed the American Revolution as it tied in to the War of 1812. For example, a large number

of Virginia's military and political leaders in the War of 1812 had Revolutionary War experience, and were viewed at that time as the "greatest generation".



**President Rick Hendrix presenting a copy of -
*William Grayson and the Constitution, 1788 to
Stuart Butler.***

Don McAndrews. Attendees at the May meeting were very attentive as Don McAndrews appeared in character as George Mason. Don, who has submitted an application to become a member of the SAR and our Chapter, spoke about George Mason in his George Mason persona and period clothing, directing his comments to the Constitutional Convention held in Philadelphia, May – September 1787, to which George Mason was a delegate from Virginia.

He described how the original purpose of the meeting was to correct problems with the Articles of Confederation; however, when that appeared impossible to accomplish, delegates moved to create a new Federal Government. Thus, the Convention turned its effort towards writing a Constitution. McAndrews described an interesting tale of how these events unfolded as seen through the eyes of George Mason, anti-federalists. Once the Constitution was completed, Mason and two other delegates refused to sign the document, since it lacked the inclusion of a listing of States' and individual rights. Eventually, Mason and others prevailed, and the first ten

amendments to the Constitution were added and are known as the Bill of Rights.



Don McAndrews in the persona of George Mason.

This visit by George Mason was also featured in the September 2013 issue of *Inside Gainesville*.

Don was inducted in the SAR through the Chapter in January 2014.

Ron Mayer. For the June meeting, Ron Mayer's presentation, was entitled "The American Invasion of Canada". Mr. Mayer set the stage by showing a map of the Province of Quebec, which in the mid-1700s, extended down into what is now the United States to the West of the Colonies. The Province was owned by the French until 1763, when it reverted to British control following the end of the Seven Years War. In 1774, following the 1st Continental Congress, the Colonists were concerned that the British could surround the Colonies from Quebec in the West, and decided they needed to take action to protect themselves.

Mayer discussed the events leading up to the British surrender of Ft. Ticonderoga to Generals Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold on May 10, 1775. Subsequently, General Allen attacked Montreal but failed, resulting in his capture. Later, American General

Richard Montgomery did capture Montreal, and then joined forces with troops of General Arnold to eventually attack Quebec City on 31 December 1775. The British held off the attack, General Arnold was wounded and replaced by General Daniel Morgan who was captured. General Montgomery was killed as the American forces retreated. Over the next months, the British substantially reinforced Quebec, and eventually the Americans were driven out of the Province.

At the end of the Revolutionary War, the Americans and the British divided the Quebec Territory, with America receiving that land basically below the Great Lakes



Ron Mayer following his presentation on the American invasion of Canada in 1775.

Paul Chase. The topic of the November meeting was "Prisoners of War during the American Revolution" presented by Paul Chase, a member of the Colonel James Wood Chapter. Mr. Chase explained how the treatment of prisoners by the British was particularly harsh and differed greatly from that of the Americans. Although prior to the War international norms existed on the treatment of POWs, the British didn't apply these norms to American captives, as they considered them traitors and criminals rather than POWs. On the other hand, the American policy was generally to treat British prisoners well (although there were exceptions), perhaps in an attempt to persuade the British to do the same.

Approximately 220,000-230,000 American soldiers fought during the Revolutionary War, and about 30,000 became prisoners of the British. Although these were mostly combatants, there were also some American privateers captured by the British in other countries. About 18,000 (60%) of these prisoners died from starvation, abuse, wounds, and/or other causes. This is the highest percent of prisoner deaths in any U.S. war. There were three tiers or categories of treatment of American prisoners. First, the vast majority were incarcerated, mainly in ships in the U.S., although many naval prisoners were incarcerated in Britain and other countries. Second, some were paroled and permitted to be more or less free on their own recognizance. These were primarily officers or important persons. Third, prisoners were exchanged with the British for their prisoners or some other type of compensation.

It wasn't until 1782, almost a year before the war officially ended, that the British recognized American prisoners as POWs.



Paul Chase making a point during his presentation.

A Dynamic Membership Year

As registrar for the Col. William Grayson Chapter, Mike Taimi had a very busy year in 2013. With 26 chapters in the Virginia Society, Mike has submitted approximately 14% of both new applications and supplemental applications. Furthermore, his acceptance rate has been the best in the state. There has been sustained activity throughout the year as illustrated by the following table. The steady growth in the right hand column includes the effect of three transfers in from other chapters and addition of two new dual memberships.

Membership Activity -- Col. William Grayson Chapter, VASSAR								
	New Memberships			Supplementals			Forgotten Patriots	Membership*
	Submitted	Approved	Inductions	Submitted	Approved	Recognition		
2013 Start		16			7			77**
Jan 2013	4	3	4	5			1	80
Feb 2013		1			3			81
Mar 2013		4	3	1			1	85
Apr 2013	5				5			87
May 2013	4		6		1			87
Jun 2013	3	7				1		96
Jul 2013	1	3		10	3			99
Aug 2013	1	2		6	7			101
Sep 2013	1	1			5			102
Oct 2013		2	7		1	16	2	104
Nov 2013	2		6	4				104
Dec 2013		3		2				109
2014 Start	21	26	26	28	25	17	4	103**

* Includes Transfers and Dual Memberships
 ** Net of non-renewals

Subtracting six non-renewals, the 2014 membership begins with 103 members.

In addition to Mike, many CWG members have reached out to potential SAR members, encouraged them to honor their Patriot Ancestors, and helped them with their research.

Shown below are photos of several of these new members as they were formally inducted into the Chapter.



Bill Collier administered the membership oath to new members Jason Newman, Jim Wood, Peter Gray, and Gary Pope at the January meeting held in Heritage Hunt, Gainesville, VA.



Jason Newman's Patriot Ancestor was Nicolas Grindstaff.



Peter Gray's Patriot Ancestor was Nathan Magruder.



Jim Wood's Patriot Ancestor was Preserve Wood.



Gary Pope's Patriot Ancestor was Harry Davis.



Administration of membership oath to Chet Hahne, Reed Hyde, and Gary Gillette.



Chet Hahne receiving membership certificate.



Reed Hyde receiving membership certificate.



Gary Gillette receiving membership certificate.



Receiving his rosette from Vice President Gary Howard is Mike Pirnie. His Patriot Ancestor is Enos Stone, 1744-1851.



Standing with President Rick Hendrix after formal induction are new members Matthew Maddox, Kyle Maddox, Jim Maddox, Phil Maddox, and Mike Pirne.



Four of seven new members being sworn in during the October meeting. They are Niklas Kenneth S. Zhang, Scott James Keenan II, his father Scott James Kennan, and Glenwood Lee Gillette.



Niklas Zhang receiving his Membership Certificate from President Rick Hendrix.



Scott James Keenan receiving his Membership Certificate.



Scott James Keenan II receiving his Rosette from Vice President Gary Howard.



Glenwood Lee Gillette showing off his Membership Certificate.



Three more new members taking oath at the October meeting. They are William Stephen Barrow, Barry Arnold Eller, and James David Button II.



William Stephen Barrow after receiving his Membership Certificate.



President Rick Hendrix presents a Membership Certificate to James David Button II.



Barry Arnold Eller receives his Membership Certificate.



Michael Alan Nelson being inducted into SAR membership along with four junior members, Hayes Anderson Cox, Boyd Anderson Siegel, Timothy Christian Siegel, Jr., and William Reed Siegel. When they turn 18, the Junior Members can convert to Regular Membership.



Hayes Anderson Cox displaying his membership certificate.



Timothy Christian Siegel Jr. showing his new Membership Certificate.



Boyd Anderson Siegel with his membership certificate.



William Reed Siegel and his new Membership Certificate.



Michael Alan Nelson is apparently very pleased to show off his new Membership Certificate.



Also in November, Gary Gillette accepted a Membership Certificate for Gary Lane Gillette II who lives in another state.

Individual Members **Recognitions**

At the January meeting, outgoing president Bill Collier announced the issuance of following Certificates of Appreciation and presented them to those present:

1. Amy Howard for assisting with Treasurer duties
2. David Adamy for maintaining the Chapter colors and for color guard activities
3. David Allard for chairing the Chapter's History Day activities
4. George Ax for service as Chapter Secretary
5. W. A. (Bill) Broadus for coordinating Public Service and Heroism Awards and for work with the American Legion on the Manassas Veteran's Day Parade
6. Gaston de Béarn for arranging meetings at Evergreen Country Club
7. David Doliber for arranging meetings at Virginia Oaks Golf Club
8. John Epperly for all-around support for a variety of Chapter activities
9. Thad Hartman for chairing the Graves Registration and Grave Marking Activities and for chairing the Oration and Essay Contests
10. Timothy Headley for participating in rifle salutes and Color Guard Activities
11. Richard Hendrix for service as Chapter Vice President
12. Gary Howard for service as Chapter Treasurer
13. Owen Jacobs for preparation and printing of certificates
14. Jim Logan for service as Chapter Historian and for preparing the meeting agenda handouts
15. Steve Mark for past service as Chapter Registrar
16. Richard Potter for service as Chapter Chaplain

17. Mike Taimi for service as Chapter Registrar

4. Thad Hartman was presented a 30-Year SAR Membership Pin and Certificate.

Other awards throughout the year include the following:

1. Gary Pope was presented the Military Service Medal for his service in the US Navy



Gary Pope receiving Military Service Medals from President Rick Hendrix.



Thad Hartman receiving a 30-year certificate.

5. Mike Taimi was presented Vietnam and Southwest Asia War Service Bars for attachment to his War Service Medal

2. Don Sheehan was presented the Military Service Medal for is service in the US Marine Corps (No photo available)

3. Gary Gillette was presented a War Service Medal for his wartime service in Vietnam while serving the the US Air Force.



Mike Taimi receiving bars for his War Service Medal.



Gary Gillette receiving War Service Medals.

The Virginia Society Chapter Service Medal was awarded to the following five persons:

6. Gary Howard
7. Mike Taimi
8. Richard Potter
9. Carol Epperly
10. John Callaway



Show with their Chapter Service Medals are (left to right): Vice President Gary Howard, Registrar Mike Taimi, Chaplain Richard Potter, Associate Carol Epperly, and Compatriot John Calloway.

The Virginia Society Medal was awarded to the following two persons:

- 11. John Epperly
- 12. Owen Jacobs



John Epperly received a Virginia Society Medal.

Compatriot Jacobs is unable to attend meetings. He was recognized for the preparation of the certificates that have been given with all the medals and other services.

The SAR Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to two persons:

- 13. George Ax
- 14. Bill Collier



Secretary George Ax received the SAR Meritorious Service medal and Certificate.



Bill Collier receiving the SAR Meritorious Medal and Certificate.

The SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was awarded to:

15. Jim Logan.



Historian Jim Logan received a SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.

The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal was awarded to

16. Richard Potter.



Chaplain Richard Potter received the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate.

The SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal was awarded to:

17. David Adamy.



David Adamy received a SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal.

Related Activities

Members of the chapter participate in a variety of activities related to the functioning of the Sons of the American Revolution not reported in other sections of the *Dispatch*.

Multi-chapter meeting. On 27 April, nine chapter members and four spouses attended the multi-chapter meeting held annually at Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, VA. President Rick Hendrix, along with representative of other chapters presented a brief overview of their

respective Chapter activities. The guest speaker was Kent Webber, VASSAR President.

Haymarket Day. Throughout the day on 21 September, the chapter made its presence known at the festivities in Haymarket Virginia. Literature describing the mission and activities of SAR was available to the general public. Interested parties got information on membership as well as programs for future leaders such as essay contests, orations, and Eagle Scout awards. As a result prospective new members and future participants in essay/oration and Eagle Scout competitions were identified.

At one time all four of past and current chapter presidents were present at the booth.



Past and current Chapter presidents Thad Hartman, Bill Broadus, Bill Collier, and Rick Hendrix.

The report on Haymarket Day in the *Bull Run Observer*, had a feature section on the Sons of the American Revolution booth and on President Rick Hendrix.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On Saturday, 13 April, President Rick Hendrix joined three other Northern Virginia SAR Chapters in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Manassas Veteran's Day Parade. The Col. William Grayson Chapter of the Virginia Society was recognized as a participating parade unit in the parade held on 9 November. Among those

participating were Bill Broadus and Thad Hartman. Bill is also a member of the Manassas Veterans Day Planning Committee

Col. William Grayson Gravesite. A meeting was held on 1 May at the gravesite of Col. William Grayson in Woodbridge to assess what it would take to stabilize Grayson's tomb. The meeting was attended by Chapter members Bill Broadus and Thad Hartman as well as representatives from a number of county and private organizations. This is a complex issue since the tomb is on private property currently owned by a non-profit foundations. As VASSAR president for 2014, Bill Broadus expects to be able to designate this as a VASSAR level project.

David Adamy. In addition to serving as color guard for Chapter grave markings, David participated in a number of activities sponsored by other organizations and represents our Chapter in the process.

For the George Washington Birthday Parade in 2013, David marched as a member of the VASAR Color Guard. He also participated in the color guard activities of the 1st Virginia Regiment

David was also part of the support provided to the George Washington Chapter's celebration of Independence Day held at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. The ceremony includes wreath and flower laying.

David is always looking for additional Color Guard participants. Anyone interested should contact him directly or the Chapter President.

VASSAR VP Bill Broadus. As a member of the Chapter and a past president, when Bill Broadus attended functions of VASSAR, he not only represented the Virginia Society but also represented the Chapter. For example, he attended the Fort Laurens event reported on above. He also attended the dedication of a plaque inside Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg VA honoring three Patriots and other events throughout the state.

Colonel William Grayson Chapter,
Virginia Society, SAR
2013 Financial Statement

<u>Opening Balance</u> (1/1/2013):	\$5,622.73
<u>Income</u>	
Donations	\$596.65
2013 CWG New Member Dues	\$340.00
2014 CWG Dues	\$1,800.00
2014 VASSAR & NSSAR Dues	\$4,240.00
Lunch Reimbursements	\$541.85
<u>Total</u>	\$7,518.50
<u>Expenses</u>	
2014 VASSAR & NSSAR Dues	\$4,240.00
Administrative/Miscellaneous	\$1,205.17
2012 & 2013 CAAH Donation	\$1,000.00
Lunch Expense (Evergreen CC)	\$541.85
Medals/Awards/Certificates	\$519.00
Essay & Oration Awards	\$300.00
History Day Donation	\$300.00
Dr. Joseph Warren Oration Medal Fund	\$250.00
Thomas Jefferson Essay Medal Fund	\$250.00
Haymarket Day	\$150.00
Guest Speaker Expenses	\$144.00
<u>Total</u>	\$8900.02
<u>Closing Balance</u> (12/31/2013)	\$4,241.21
<u>Net Cash Flow</u>	(\$1,381.52)

Colonel William Grayson Chapter
Virginia Society, SAR
2014 Budget

<u>Projected CWG 2014 Income</u>	
Donations	\$600
2014 CWG New Member Dues (15)	\$300
2015 CWG Dues	\$2,100
2015 VASSAR & NSSAR Dues	\$4,990
Fund Raising	\$800
Lunch Reimbursements	*
<u>Total</u>	\$8,790
<u>Projected CWG 2014 Expenses</u>	
2014 VASSAR & NSSAR Dues	\$4,990
Administrative/Miscellaneous	\$950
Medals/Awards/Certificates	500
CAAH Donation	\$500
Miscellaneous Donations (Oration & Essay Medal Funds)	\$500
Veteran's Day Donation	\$500
Essay & Oration Awards	\$300
Haymarket Day	\$150
Guest Speaker Expenses	\$100
VASSAR Meeting Support	TBD
Lunch Expense (Evergreen CC)	*
<u>Total</u>	\$8,790
* Pass-through income & expense (Evergreen Country Club)	

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Editor

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Jim Logan, Editor