



# The Richmond SAR Newsletter

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*“We Virginians do not go to the storied shrines of the past to do worship but rather to gain inspiration.”*

Douglas Southhall Freeman

## President’s Message from Dennis C. Peterson

The Richmond SAR Newsletter Summer issue should give any reader a good picture of just how active our Chapter members are in fulfilling our mission. These pages cover activities just for the three months since our last issue and even then I have a hard time presenting all the photos and news I would like too. We are a great Chapter taking care of SAR business.

New memberships are up. Average attendance is up. We are financially solvent. Our community support programs have never been more visible. And SAR membership has never been so “cool.” All thanks to the great work of our Compatriots. Are we the most dynamic VASSAR Chapter ever? There is more can be done but we are getting there.

The Richmond SAR is proud of our Patriot Ancestors and the cause they served. I encourage each of us to wear our rosettes whenever possible. We have a great story to tell. This newsletter presents just a part of it.

Hope you have a great Summer. See you September 14<sup>th</sup> at our Fall SAR Dinner.



Honoring President James Monroe  
Hollywood Cemetery  
Richmond, VA ♦ April 28, 2017



Richmond SAR Honors  
5<sup>th</sup> U.S. President James Monroe at  
Hollywood Cemetery Annual Ceremony  
Refurbished “Birdcage” Sarcophagus Revealed After  
18 Months and \$1 Million Restoration.



Photo Credit Alijean Peterson

Members of the Richmond SAR attending the 259<sup>th</sup> birthday ceremony for President James Monroe, April 28, 2017. (L to R) George Corbett, William L. Akers, Jr., William Nash, Dennis C. Peterson, Peter Broadbent, Beau Robertson, Taylor Cowardin.

The U.S. Army Command at Ft. Lee, VA, who represented the President of the United States, also the *James Monroe Foundation*, guests from VASSAR, the Richmond SAR and others, celebrated the first public viewing of James Monroe’s restored resting place April 28. Once painted black, Monroe’s famed “birdcage” sarcophagus now has its original “buff” color consistent with the President’s Richmond reinternment date in 1859. Pictured at left, former Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore praising the author of the Monroe Doctrine.

## Times-Dispatch Senior Editorialist Todd Culbertson Set As Speaker At SAR Annual Fall Dinner Sept. 14



Will Receive SAR  
**GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD**  
For Outstanding Essay On  
True Price Paid For Independence

“It is easy to forget that with an estimated 6,600 to 8,000 Patriot battle deaths, 10,000 killed by disease in camps, and up to 16,000 or even 19,000 who perished in captivity, the number of Patriot soldiers killed in the Revolutionary War would be well over 3 million in terms of today’s population.”

“More than 10 times as many Americans died, per capita in the Revolutionary War as in World War 1, and nearly five times as many as in World War II.”

*Todd Culbertson*

*Richmond Times – Dispatch June 1, 2017*

Don't miss a great program and social occasion when our Richmond SAR next meets Thursday, Sept. 14 for our annual Fall dinner meeting.  
**Westwood Club ♦ 6 PM Cocktail Hour ♦ 7 PM Dinner ♦ \$25 pp**

Early reservations now being taken at  
**denny234@verizon.net**

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# Chapter Military Veterans Saluted by Richmond SAR

June 15 SAR Luncheon Meeting  
at VWM Dedicated To Members  
With Military Service.

Standing in front of the Memorial Wall at  
the Virginia War Memorial, these Richmond  
SAR Compatriots and the widow of a late  
Chapter member pose for a ceremonial  
photograph following our special luncheon.

Our Chapter recognized all member Veterans  
who served active duty, the Reserves,  
Ready Reserves and war time Merchant  
Marines.

**From Left to Right –  
Dana Law, Jr, Brian Miller,  
Lowell Flickinger, Paul Heinrich, Mrs. Nancy  
Nicholls (widow of Compatriot William Nicholls),  
George Corbett, Dennis C. Peterson, Howard  
Bartholf, Jim Robeson, Peter Tribble, David Griffith.  
Attending but not pictured was  
William L. Akers, Jr.**



Photo Credit Beau Robertson

The Richmond SAR met June 15 in Freedom Hall of the Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond. The room is a special memorial to Virginians who died in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.



Photo credit Beau Robertson

Visiting the Virginia War Memorial was a new experience for many in our group. Named for Vietnam era American POW Cmdr Paul Galanti, USN-Ret and his late wife Phyllis, our meeting site was a sobering reminder of the pain and suffering inflicted by wars from the Revolutionary War to today. Our host and guest speaker was VWM Education Director Jim Triesler with special guide and interpreter Michael Bell. Both Mr. Bell and Mr. Triesler are former Richmond SAR “Teachers of the Year.”

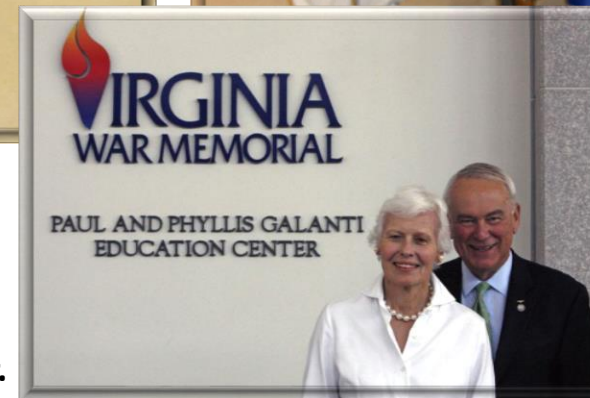


Photo courtesy Virginia War Memorial



### Virginia DAR and Richmond SAR Co-Host Flag Day Program at McGuire V.A. Medical Center June 13.

Above Left to Right – Robert Halpern, George Corbett, K.J. Proctor, Maj. Gen. Celia Adolphi, USA-Ret., Dennis C. Peterson, Pamela Meiring, Sydney Riddle, Dana Law, Virginia Lee

The NSDAR Williamsburg Chapter took the lead hosting the yearly Flag Day program at the McGuire V.A. Medical Center in Richmond. Richmond SAR Compatriots Halpern, Law, Corbett and Peterson assisted patients who were unable to navigate the hospital labyrinth on their own. DAR – SAR coordination was conducted by George Corbett, Richmond Chapter Military Affairs Chairman.



**Monday, July 24, 2017 6 PM**

**\$12 per person**

Includes 4 "Acorn Dollars" good for Discounted Food and Beverage

***Terrace Level Seating***

"A great way to introduce our Richmond SAR to the community while having a wonderful evening at the ballpark too." *Dennis Peterson - Richmond SAR Chapter President*

**Harrisburg Senators vs Richmond Flying Squirrels**

Cheer the VASSAR Color Guard at the pre-game colors presentation. Enjoy a scoreboard welcome from the Richmond Flying Squirrels and over the stadium PA system in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning.

RSVP to [denny234@verizon.net](mailto:denny234@verizon.net) by 19 July.

Pick up tickets game night 6 PM at Red Tent near ticket windows.

**"Bring a guest. Bring a kid. But bring someone with you if you can."**



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## HONORING OUR PATRIOT ANCESTORS

The Richmond SAR Salutes Our Ancestors For Their Service To The Cause of the American Revolution

Thank you for supporting the Richmond Chapter Memorial Fund

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Cullen Walker – *Paul Carrington*



# Trible, Perry, Griffith and Christensen Receive Certificates and Rosettes



**Peter Tribble, at left, is a retired Virginia Circuit Court Judge and now a member of the Richmond SAR. He was sworn in by Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson at our May 11 luncheon at the Westwood Club.**

Timothy Perry, at right, was also administered the SAR oath in May. He is the owner of a *Farmers Insurance Group Agency* in Richmond.



**David Griffith was introduced to his Richmond SAR Compatriots by Registrar Bill Haskins. With Compatriot Griffith are Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson at left and Registrar Haskins at right.**

“David’s was a family application with his son Andrew Paul Griffith qualifying too because of the research supporting his father’s lineage,” Haskins said. ‘As a result they realized a nice savings in their application fees.’”

Compatriot Griffith is retired. He previously managed “retirement, disability and survivor benefits for railroad employees.”

His induction was at the Virginia War Memorial.



**Jamie Christensen was presented his SAR membership certificate at our April 2017 luncheon at the Westwood Club. The SAR oath was administered by Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson. Registrar Bill Haskins presented his membership certificate.**

Compatriot Christensen is President and Founder of Richmond based *WorldView Solutions, Inc.* which provides its clients Spatial Analysis services.

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## Blandford Cemetery Site Refurbished

The flag installed by the Richmond SAR a year ago at Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg was replaced April 27 when Chapter members visited for landscape and site maintenance. The new flag was donated by 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Robert Halpern who joined Compatriots Bill Akers, Lowell Flickinger, George Corbett and Beau Robertson for raking and mulching duties. Our Richmond Chapter officiated the 2016 ceremony which installed a stone memorializing Revolutionary War vets interred at historic Blandford cemetery.



Photo credit Dennis C. Peterson

## New Rev War Headstones Placed at Shockoe Hill Cemetery

New headstones identifying the final resting place of eight Revolutionary War veterans were unveiled at a ceremony hosted by *Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery* in Richmond June 4. Helping to officiate were Richmond SAR Compatriots Taylor Cowardin, a past Chapter President, and Josh Wilberger. Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson placed a wreath at three of the gravesites with Jeffrey Burden, a long time officer with the cemetery preservation organization. Mr. Burden estimates a dozen more Revolutionary War gravesites have been researched and identified and are yet to be properly marked. The VASSAR Color Guard presented the Colors as part of the ceremony.

# 2017 ROTC-JROTC Cadets Recognized By Richmond SAR

Ceremonies Held At University of Richmond and Area High Schools



Photo Credit Dana Law, Jr.

ROTC Cadets Timothy J. Domzalski , University of Richmond, left, and Daniel B. Glass, Longwood University, right, received NSSAR's ROTC Awards from Richmond Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson at U of R ceremony April 11.



Richmond SAR Compatriots attending the Awards Ceremony at U of R were past Chapter President Taylor Cowardin, Compatriot William Nash and Chapter 1st VP Dana Law Jr.



NSSAR honors cadets who are in "good standing militarily and scholastically at the time of selection, as well as those showing high qualities of leadership, soldierly bearing and excellence of the whole person," says Compatriot George Corbett, Chairman of Richmond SAR Military Affairs.

Each awardee is sought out by Compatriot Corbett who administers the program with the assistance of ROTC/JROTC unit leaders.



## JROTC Cadets Honored In 2017

Sergio Aparilio – Mid Atlantic Sea Cadets  
Ryan Beasley – Dinwiddie H.S., Dinwiddie Co.  
Zachary Bowman – Highland Springs H.S., Henrico Co.  
Kevin Brandau – James River H.S., Chesterfield Co.  
Jonah Eger – Patrick H.S., Hanover Co.  
Mackenzie Fisher – Manchester H.S. Co.  
Alfredo Gonzalez-Gamino – Nottoway H.S., Nottoway Co.  
Rodney Gentry – Atlee H.S., Hanover Co.  
Justin Hatten - Henrico H.S., Henrico Co.  
Kyquan Higgin – George Wythe H.S., Richmond City

Stephen Jones – Surry H.S., Surry Co.  
Mark Kukoski – Benedictine College Preparatory School,  
Goochland Co.  
Benjamin – Powhatan H.S., Powhatan Co.  
Collin Mills. – Lee Davis HS. Co., Hanover Co.  
Paul Mustain – Deep Run H.S. Henrico Co.  
Andrew Polemni – Prince George H.S. Prince George Co.  
Noah Shope – Hermitage H.S., Henrico Co  
William Turner – Armstrong H.S., Richmond City  
Antonio Winston – Virginia State University

## Replica of Monroe Birth Home Targeted For 2018 Completion In Westmoreland Co.



Photo Credit Aljean Peterson



The Monroe home site was hardly more than a clearing in the woods when the *James Monroe Memorial Foundation* held its annual Monroe birthday ceremony April 29. Richmond SAR Compatriot Peter Broadbent, top photo at right, officiated as VP of the *James Monroe Memorial Foundation*. President Dennis C. Peterson extended greetings from the Richmond SAR. A small museum and welcome center stands near the home site located not far from the Potomac River.

## Revolutionary War Patriots Remembered At Memorial Day Ceremony



Photo Credit Cheryl Law

Dana Law, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> VP of the Richmond SAR, presented our Chapter wreath Memorial Day 2017 joining the annual ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond honoring the fallen from every American war.



### HALPERN BOOSTS NEW FLAG CARE AWARD TO NSSAR

Richmond SAR Flag Committee Chairman Robert Halpern recently Presented Susan Myer Allison, Director of Bon Secours, Summerhill at Stony Point in Richmond, our SAR Flag Award. The presentation was repeated when Compatriot Halpern and Director Allison met with Mr. Donald Dyer, President of the unit Homeowners Association.

Compatriot Halpern stresses proper “retirement” of American Flags in his search for Award candidates. In April the Pleasants Hardware Store in Midlothian was honored for properly collecting used flags.



Store Manager Allen Lanham and Assistant Manager Linda Waller accepted our Certificate of Appreciation.

“I feel strongly that a new Award for “Proper American Flag Care” is long over due,” Halpern recently wrote to VASSAR’s Flag Chairman Kirk Sheap. “Such an Award will encourage and educate on proper care and disposal of the American Flag.”

Robert’s idea has been given to James Alexander, Chairman of NSSAR’s Flag Committee.



Photo Credit Bon Secours Staff



## SPEAKERS ENLIGHTEN COMPATRIOTS

Long before the Beatles lamented the British “Taxman,” Britain’s American colonists cried foul and resisted. Charles Belfield, President of the James Monroe SAR Chapter, described the reach of British tax collectors when he spoke to our April luncheon audience. (at left)

Famed American General Nathanael Greene minded ongoing business enterprises while leading troops in the Revolution. Some of them in Virginia. Our May speaker, Neil Hening, a Hanover, VA History Author and Essayist, gave a deeper look into the General’s business affairs, including his successes and failures.

At right Mr. Hening is with Past Richmond SAR President Brent Morgan who arranged his appearance.



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## THIS MONTH IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

This fascinating tour of events important to the cause of the American Revolution is a regular feature of our Richmond SAR meetings. In April Chapter Surgeon Hal Raddin recounted the surrender of Richmond to British General Benedict Arnold. Without a shot.

Arnold, an American General before turning traitor has “his place in Richmond Revolutionary War history forever cemented. The antipathy of this American community rightly deserved,” Raddin reported.

In May, Compatriot Stephen Mick reminded that not every engagement was successful for the Americans. The Thomas Creek Massacre of May 17, 1777 was a failed attempt by American forces to invade East Florida. Loyalists and Indians took up arms to defeat the small band of Georgia Revolutionary War militiamen.

At our June luncheon, Dr. Raddin told the story behind Patrick Henry’s “Virginia Resolves” which gave history his second most famous quotation, “If this be treason, make the most of it.”



# Remembering.....

**Edward W. Truslow** passed away June 1, 2017. He was the 96<sup>th</sup> President of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution. His term was from February 2016 until February 2017. Prior to his service as a VASSAR officer, Ed was a President of the Williamsburg SAR.

He was a good friend to the Richmond SAR. He last spoke to our members at our March 2016 luncheon. The following April he asked the Richmond Chapter to conduct the dedication ceremony for the installation of a new stone memorial honoring Revolutionary War soldiers interred at Petersburg's Blandford Cemetery. It was one of his "Presidential Initiatives." Another was raising funds for the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, a great legacy all VASSAR members should be proud of.

A memorial service for Ed Truslow was held at Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg on June 17, 2017.



Edward W. Truslow  
1940 - 2017



Dr. William Allen Thurman, Jr.  
1930 - 2017

**William Allen Thurman, Jr., MD** died March 6, 2017 after a prolonged illness. His membership in the Richmond SAR was remembered by his family at his passing along with other lineage organizations such as the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

Dr. Thurman practiced radiology at Richmond Memorial Hospital. He had a lively interest in history and genealogical research. He was buried alongside his paternal grandparents, Dr. Allan Thurman and Mrs. Frances Thurman, in Oakwood Cemetery in Bedford, VA.

In lieu of flowers his family suggested a contribution in his honor to the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond.





# OUR SAR PHOTO ALBUM FOR APRIL — JUNE 2017



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