

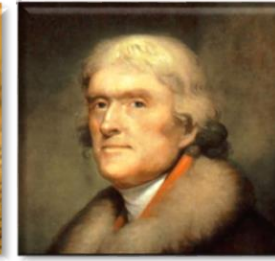


# The Richmond SAR Newsletter

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## Richmond To Host National SAR Congress In 2020 VASSAR and Richmond Compatriots Look To Future

### *President's Message by Dennis C. Peterson*

**C**ompatriots: We shouldn't be surprised that NSSAR has chosen Richmond, Virginia as the site for the historic 2020 National SAR Congress. The VASSAR search team demonstrated great judgement in recommending our city but was the choice really that hard? Richmond has the facilities and amenities needed for the week long event but we are also rich in history and accessible locations pivotal to the founding of our country. With company coming, the Richmond SAR should be ready to show pride in all the history our community has to offer our welcomed visitors.

Last December I was installed as your Chapter President, only the latest to lead the work required to keep us vibrant and strong. Because I believe every member should contribute some effort to our mission, I pledge my best to leave us better and stronger than the day I arrived. Membership in our Chapter is especially satisfying. We are here to honor the memory of events and Patriots who gave us liberty. We have exciting opportunities to make a lasting impact while preserving ideals forged by the American Revolution. I hope you will join me in making the most of them. Thank you.



President Mike Elston (L) and Richmond Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson (R) at VASSAR Annual Meeting Feb. 11, 2017.

# Richmond SAR Annual Awards Luncheon Held Jan 12

## Honorees From Chapter, Community and High Schools





**Past Chapter President Brent Morgan (2015-2016) presented Certificates of Appreciation** to his officers and committee leaders for their work in 2016. Left to right are Dana Law, Assistant Chapter Treasurer, Robert Massie, Co-Chairman of Teacher of the Year Search Committee, Brent Morgan, William G. Edwards, 3rd Vice President 2015-2016, Beau Robertson, Chapter Photographer and Lowell Flickinger, Chapter Sgt at Arms and Chairman of Chapter Eagle Scout Awards Committee. Not pictured are 2nd Vice President Robert Halpern, Chapter Secretary William L. Akers, Jr. and Mr. James Triesler who assisted the Chapter again in 2016 with our Orations and Essay Contests.



**Past Chapter President George Corbett (2013-2014) (L) and Compatriot James E. Creech, Jr. (R)** presented public safety service awards to Sheriff's Department Investigators Matthew McGrain and David Parish (above photo). The 2016 Firefighter of the Year Award was given to Fireman Adam Womble while the EMS Award was presented to Captain Lee Ann Ashby. All serve Hanover County, VA.



## VASSAR “Teacher of the Year” Nominated by Richmond SAR

Arthur Peebles, a History and Government teacher at Richmond’s George Wythe High School for 13 years, has been chosen by VASSAR as its “Teacher of the Year.” Just a month earlier Mr. Peebles received our Chapter’s Good Citizenship Certificate and accompanying Bronze Medal at our Annual Awards Luncheon. Combined, he received cash awards from the State and Chapter SARs totaling \$800. He was recognized and applauded at VASSAR’s Annual Meeting Feb. 11, 2017 for his teaching skills and commitment working with inner-city students. When introducing him, Wayne Rouse, Chairman of the VASSAR Awards Committee, said, “By all accounts Mr. Peebles succeeds in making history fun and pertinent for his students and for that VASSAR has chosen him as our “Teacher of the Year.” “ Compatriot Hunter Ross Clark provided essential assistance in our initial search for qualified teacher candidates.



Mr. Arthur Peebles  
George Wythe High School



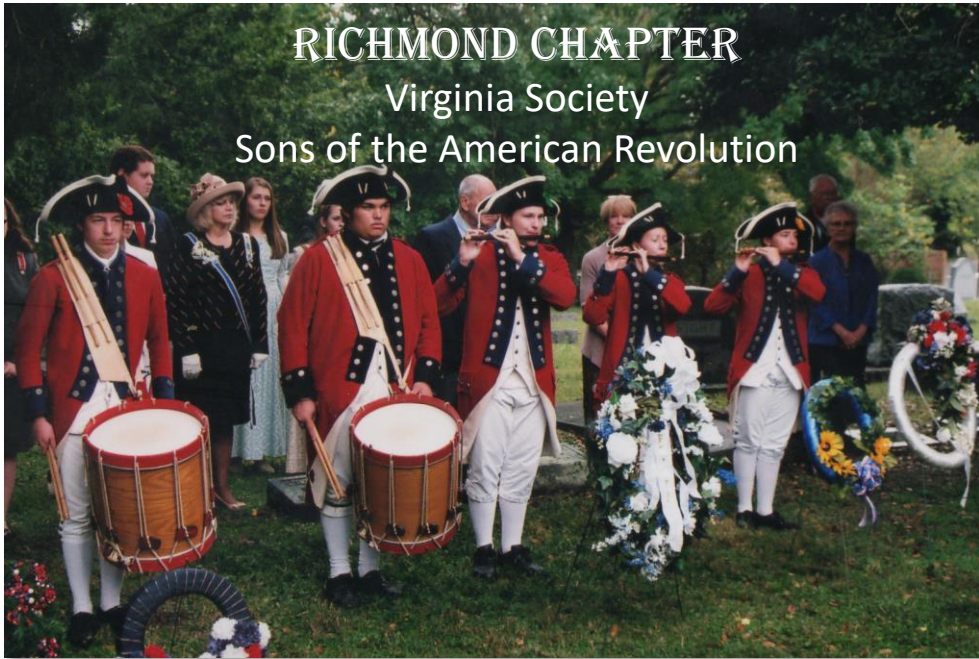
## Clover Hill High School Junior Parisa Ershadi Wins Chapter Orations Competition

After wowing our Compatriots with her talk, Miss Parisa Ershadi tackled the statewide competition in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest held annually at VASSAR’s Annual Meeting at Richmond’s Omni Hotel. After her speech Parisa received her VASSAR Certificate and Chapter cash award from her coach Jim Triesler (L) and Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson (R).

For her speech Miss Ershadi chose to analyze the strategically vital French and American relationship before victory at Yorktown and after. She is a Junior at Chesterfield’s Clover Hill High School.



Miss Parisa Ershadi  
Clover Hill High School




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**127<sup>th</sup> Annual SAR Congress**

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## HONORING MY PATRIOT ANCESTOR

The Richmond SAR Salutes Our Ancestors For Their Service and Support of the American Revolution

Thank you for supporting the Richmond Chapter Memorial Fund

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Dr. Burness F. Ansell, Jr.

## Remembering Dr. Burness F. Ansell, Jr.

The Richmond SAR lost a friend and long time Compatriot when Dr. Burness F. Ansell, Jr. passed away January 27, 2017. Members of the Richmond Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution were proud to call him our Compatriot.

Dr. Ansell loved his country. He was a Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve but his family recalls his love for the Boy Scout program and the honors and recognition he received there too. He was interested in developing character in young men.

He began his medical career at Richmond's McGuire Clinic in 1969 and was a Hematology/Oncology specialist.

Dr. Ansell was buried in the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia, VA. following services at the Second Baptist Church on River Road in Henrico County..

### C.A.R. Society Thanks Richmond SAR for 2017 Donation

The Col. Alexander Spotswood Society, Children of the American Revolution has sent a gracious thank you letter to the Richmond SAR for our \$150 donation. Their President-elect, 14 year old Stewart Akers, wrote to all Chapter members that "Your nice donation....will allow for us to do more things and attend more events."

The Col. Alexander Spotswood Society was recently rated a "Gold Star" and "Honor Roll" Society for 2016-17 by their Virginia C.A.R. organization. They were rated the "#1" C.A.R. Society at their Mar. 12 Staunton, VA. Convention.

Stewart is also a full member of the Richmond SAR. He was inducted Jan. 12. Both his Father and Grandfather are in the Richmond SAR too making theirs a three generation family membership.



Compatriot Stewart Akers

## Hanover High School Hosts Richmond SAR Awards Program

The Richmond SAR took our awards program to Hanover High School Feb. 9 where we presented Junior Michael Lenzi, our 2017 Essay Contest winner, his certificate and cash award check.

“While we were honored to have Michael and his family attend our Annual Awards Luncheon in January, we wanted to make our presentations before his classmates and teacher too, hoping to inspire interest in the Revolutionary War and new entries in next year’s competition,” said Dennis Peterson, President of the Richmond SAR.

Michael’s history and government teacher Justin R. Godard welcomed our delegation which included Compatriots Irv Owings of the VASSAR Color Guard, former Chapter Presidents Art Taylor and Brent Morgan, both Hanover County citizens.

Mr. Godard’s invitation was extended to include a repeat presentation before a second class of history students meeting the next hour.

Michael also competed in VASSAR’s George and Stalla Knight Essay Contest.







The Richmond SAR welcomed new Compatriots Thomas Norfleet and Stewart Akers after their induction oaths were administered Jan. 12. Compatriot Norfleet is pictured here third from left. Compatriot Akers stands next to his father, William B. Akers, Sr and younger brother Jack Akers (in uniform).



VASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dr. Thomas Whetstone from Chesapeake (L) administered the SAR Oath to new Compatriots (center L to R) Army Maj. M. Shane Hubbard, Kenneth Bage, Lee Balarmino, Greg Brewer and Will Burke. Seen second from left is Registrar Bill Haskins. Oaths taken at Westwood Club Mar. 9.



1<sup>st</sup> VP Dana Law (L) greets Thad Hartman, Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter, Prince William Co., at Feb. VASSAR Annual Meeting in Richmond. Also assisting registration were Richmond Compatriots Daryle Starnes, Robert Halpern, Charles Cheek, George Corbett and Brent Morgan.



Compatriot Wayne McDowell received his Membership Certificate in the SAR Veterans Corp from military affairs Chairman George Corbett Jan. 12. Members who served military duty from WW II to present day are eligible to wear special SAR war service medals and bars.



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***“Thanks to ace photographers Beau Robertson, William and Nancy Akers, Jim Robeson, Art Taylor, Josh Wilberger, Ernie Coggins and Dennis Peterson for their assistance with this publication.”***

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### **Raddin History Feature at Luncheons**

“This Month in the American Revolution” is a short talk now given at each Chapter luncheon by Surgeon Hal Raddin . In January Dr. Raddin discussed Thomas Paine’s pamphlet “Common Sense.” The freedom stimulus born from the French and Indian War was his topic March 9.



# The Heritage Trail

Representing the Richmond SAR Across Virginia



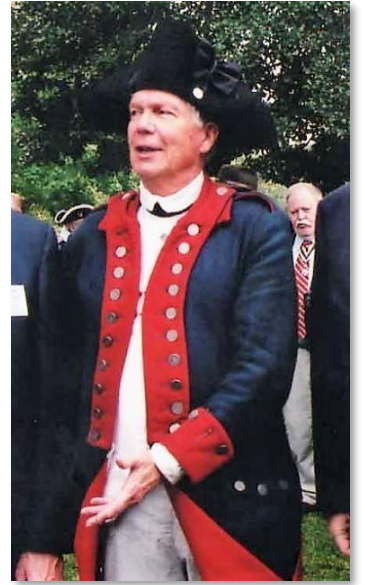
Crossing of the Dan Commemoration  
Feb 18, South Boston, VA



Saluting Declaration of Independence Signer  
Governor Thomas Nelson Gravesite  
Oct 19, Yorktown, VA



Blandford Cemetery  
Petersburg, VA



Battle of Great Bridge  
Commemoration  
Dec. 3, Chesapeake, VA.

Chief Justice John Marshall, Gravesite  
Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, VA



Leedstown Resolves Commemoration  
Feb 25, Stratford Hall, Montross, VA



Memorial Day, May 30  
Virginia War Memorial, Richmond, VA



Veterans Day Nov 11  
Chesterfield Court House, VA



## ***Flying the Colors. Chapter Flag Award.***

The Kroger food store at Midlothian's Bellgrade Shopping Center flies its American flag proudly and correctly. Their display of proper flag etiquette has earned the company and its Manager Albert Espinoza the 2017 SAR Flag Award.

The award was presented by Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Flag Committee Chairman Robert Halpern on Jan. 26.

A congratulatory VASSAR certificate and streamer was presented to Compatriot Halpern by VASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dr. Thomas Whetstone at our Mar. 9 luncheon meeting.

Flag and store are located near Huguenot and Robious Roads.



VASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Thomas Whetstone (R) shares a light moment with Richmond Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Robert Halpern (L).



## **Boost Interest In SAR With This Easy Step**

**Congratulations to Compatriot Bruce Strong** for suggesting we donate our used SAR Magazines to nearby public libraries. It is a great way to increase public visibility for the SAR. Remember to black out the mailing label first.

## **April 13 Richmond SAR Luncheon Program Announced**

Charles Belfield walks his audience through generations of family and Revolutionary War history. In period costume to boot.

Enjoy his presentation as our guest speaker Thursday, April 13. A program you'll enjoy. \$17 pp.



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with the Mother Country.**

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## Chapter Leadership Transition; VASSAR President-elect Elston Installs New Officers at Dec. 4 Christmas Luncheon



1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dennis C. Peterson was installed as Richmond SAR President for the 2017-18 term on Dec. 4 by then incoming VASSAR President Mike Elston of Lorton, VA. (left top row). Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Robert Halpern, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Dana Law and Chancellor Brian Miller were also administered the SAR Oath. Other officers and the Board of Managers were sworn in at subsequent meetings. Peterson succeeds Brent Morgan who served 2015-16 and was honored for his long SAR service.



Compatriots and Guests Enjoy Annual Richmond SAR  
Christmas Luncheon and Social at Richmond's Westwood Club, Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016

**A PHOTO ALBUM**



# Did You Know?

## Monroe Ceremony April 28

The annual wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of President James Monroe in Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery will be held Friday, April 28, 2017. The Commonwealth of Virginia's \$900,000 restoration of the site has been completed. The Richmond SAR will participate and all Chapter members are invited to this impressive ceremony. Thank you Compatriot Peter Broadbent.

## "Give Me Liberty....."

On March 23, 1775 Patrick Henry of Hanover, VA. implored his countryman to "Give me liberty or give me death" in a speech to the Second Virginia Convention at St. John's Church in Richmond, VA. The purpose of the "extralegal convention" was to elect delegates to the Second Continental Congress to be held May 10, 1775.

The grounds of St. John's Church, with an active congregation to this day, is the burial site of many Revolutionary War veterans. They were memorialized in 2007 when the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution placed a plaque there in their honor. Among those interred here is George Wythe, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

When Patrick Henry gave his speech the building was only the A-frame middle section of the present day structure.



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at Chapter luncheon at the Westwood Club.**

**New order deadline: April 13, 2017.**

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