

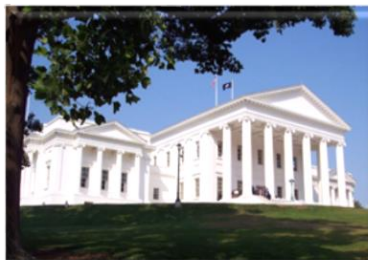


The Richmond SAR Newsletter

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“Liberty, honor, and safety are all at stake, and I trust Providence will smile upon our efforts, and establish us once more, the inhabitants of a free and happy Country.”

General George Washington to the Officers and Soldiers of the Pennsylvania Associators, Aug 8, 1776

President’s Message from Dennis C. Peterson

As many of you know because you were there, your Chapter was not asleep between our June luncheon and our Fall Social and Dinner. In between we continued the mission of our wonderful fraternal organization with the addition of new Compatriots. We celebrated our Declaration of Independence. We honored the one remembered as “First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his Countrymen.” Along the way we shouted “Play Ball!” as we enjoyed our National Pastime while honoring our country too before a stadium crowd on a warm summer night in July.

If you never participate in the variety of programs and events we support, you are missing half the fun and much of the satisfaction we enjoy as Compatriots of the Sons of the American Revolution. We now begin a new season in the SAR calendar. We hope you will enjoy all that we do in honoring our Patriot Ancestors and their sacrifices to establish this nation.

Your Richmond SAR Compatriots look forward to seeing you soon.

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Honoring The Father of Our Country
Richmond SAR at
56th Annual Independence Day March to
George Washington's Tomb
Mt. Vernon, VA July 4, 2017



Photo courtesy George Washington Chapter, Tom Roth



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On a sweltering July 4th morning over 50 SAR Compatriots from around Virginia celebrated the life of Commander In Chief of the Continental Army and 1st President of the United States George Washington. It was the 56th Annual Independence Day March to Washington's Tomb organized and hosted again in 2017 by the George Washington Chapter of VASSAR. Thousands of Mt. Vernon visitors, along with SAR family and friends, watched the parade and viewed a wreath laying at the President's tomb after the gate was opened, a rare occurrence. Richmond Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson made the march past the Mt. Vernon mansion and paid respects at the tomb of President Washington and our first First Lady Martha Washington.

2017 Speakers and Programs Announced

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 The Richmond SAR Christmas Holiday Social and Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Dr. Henry P. (Phil) Williams, III



Christmas time was an all together different experience for Washington's beleaguered army camped at Valley Forge, PA in 1777. The future of the Revolution hung in the balance. You'll understand why after hearing

Dr. Phil Williams of Charlottesville explore the human side of war during that fateful Winter. He is a past President of VASSAR who earned degrees from the University of Virginia, the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and the University of Florence, Italy among others. He'll be wearing the authentic uniform of the Continental Army.



Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 Richmond SAR Luncheon Program

Guest Speaker: Maj. Gen. Celia Adolphi, USAR-Ret.



Recognizing Patriotism When She Sees It.

Maj. Gen. Celia Adolphi was the first woman ever to reach this rank in the U.S. Army Reserves. Her military career began in 1977 as an enlisted member of the Women's Army Corp. Over the years she advanced in rank regularly to become Deputy Director of the Defense Logistics Agency at Ft. Belvoir, VA. She would be inducted into its Hall of Fame in 2016. General Adolphi speaks of patriotism she recognized in her career and is sought by organizations everywhere Including the Citadel Military College in South Carolina.

Thursday, Oct 12, 2017 Richmond SAR Luncheon Program

Guest Speaker: Arthur H. Taylor III



Revolutionary War History In Plain Sight

The road to independence from England wound its way through Hanover County, Va. Our Compatriot Art Taylor is a former President of the Hanover County Historical Society and is considered an authority on the Hanover history of favorite son Patrick Henry and roads traveled by the Army led by Lafayette. Today's highways and by-ways of Hanover County cross the paths of numerous sites important to the Revolution. You'll be enriched after hearing the passionate telling of this important American story from our past Chapter President Art Taylor.

New Compatriots Mays, Evans and Bamman Inducted Sept 14



Thomas Richard Mays II of Chesterfield County (left), Thomas Anthony Evans of Kenbridge, VA (center) and Sean Michael Bamman Sr. of Glen Allen were administered the SAR oath at our Fall Dinner Sept. 14. Mays also represented family members Richard Mays III and Daniel R. Mays under the “Family Membership” plan submitted for them by Registrar Bill Haskins.

Cavedo Receives Star Pin For Supplemental Ancestor



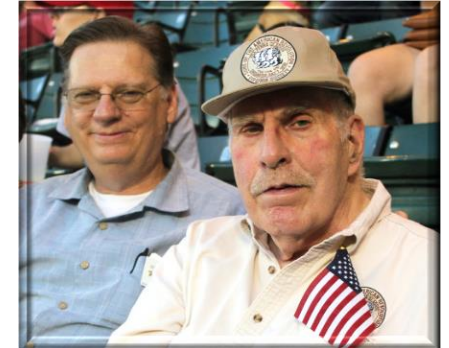
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Compatriot Bradley Cavedo received a Star on Sept 14 recognizing his Supplemental Patriot Ancestor James Brent. His wife Pamela Cavedo placed the pin next to his SAR Rosette proudly worn by SAR Compatriots.

Richmond SAR Night at the Diamond July 24, 2017



VASSAR Color Guard



Richmond Flying Squirrels Host Richmond SAR; Our Chapter Was First Game In Elston’s VASSAR Presidential Initiative

About 2,000 Richmond baseball fans were introduced to the Sons of the American Revolution on a July 24 SAR Night at the Diamond. The ball players themselves paid respects to America when the VASSAR Color Guard marched in presenting the colors while the stadium crowd sang the Star Spangled Banner. In the bottom of the 4th the stadium announcer welcomed our enthusiastic group to the ballpark. Most sat together while others sat in other sections no doubt to be closer to the concession stands where they could cash in their “Acorn Dollars.” We were all proud to read a welcome message posted on the outfield scoreboard.

VASSAR President Mike Elston and VASSAR Secretary Wayne Rouse drove in from Northern Virginia. Color Guard members from around the state, like 3rd VASSAR Vice President Bill Schwetke, stayed for the ballgame after their work was done. We had a great time with many opportunities to introduce the fans to our great organization



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Reminder



2018 Membership Renewal Forms
will be distributed via e-mail this month.

Please remember the deadline
for returning dues is December 15, 2017.

Your dues are distributed
between NSSAR, VASSAR and the Richmond SAR
to support the mission of our organization.

Renewal dues apply to all members of record
before Sept 1, 2017.

We're glad you are a member of the Richmond SAR.

Please contact our Chapter President about reinstatements.



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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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Fall Dinner Features Good Citizenship Award To Former T-D Editorialist Todd Culbertson; Dinner and a Movie Too



Sept 14, 2017
Westwood
Club



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VASSAR Honors Rev War Patriots Buried At Pohick Church Near Mt. Vernon; Ceremony Attended By Richmond SAR July 29



Washington Prayed Here

VASSAR has dedicated a handsome plaque in memory of 14 Revolutionary War veterans buried in Pohick Church cemetery. Our Richmond SAR presented a wreath at the ceremony which also honored 9 War of 1812 veterans. The Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia partnered with this project.

VASSAR Registrar Dave Thomas of Woodbridge (above right) welcomed Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson to the ceremony. Pohick Church is near Lorton, VA. George Washington and George Mason both served in the church vestry and regularly attended services here. Visitors today can sit and pray in the “box pews” of these two Founding Fathers just as they did.

VASSAR Leadership Debates Membership Qualifications; Semi Annual Meeting Held In Newport News Sept. 15-16



Photo Credit Dana Law, Jr.



The Richmond SAR sent two voting members to the 2017 VASSAR Semi Annual Meeting last month. President Dennis C. Peterson and 1st VP Dana Law. The issue was left to NSSAR’s Board of Trustees including members from VASSAR. At left President Peterson accepts certificate in behalf of Compatriot Brian Cowardin who was given the rank of Sgt. in the First Virginia Regiment. The Annual VASSAR Meeting will be held in Richmond February 9-10, 2018.

The SAR honors Patriotism of those who sacrificed their lives and served America in all Wars. They should include thousands of brave Merchant Mariners who perished at sea after our country entered World War II.

Congratulations to our Compatriot Jim Robeson and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association for their faithful work adding Virginians to the Wall of Honor at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond.

Ceremonies were held Oct 7, 2017 attended by members of the Richmond SAR.

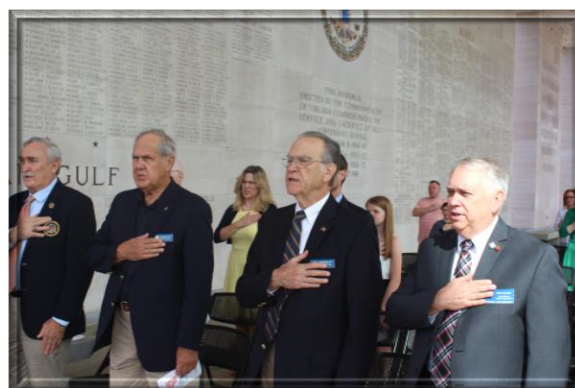
“Merchant Mariners were on the front lines the moment their ships left U.S. ports, and were subject to attacks by bombers, kamikaze, battleships, submarines, mines and land based artillery.”

6,635 Merchant Mariners received the Mariner’s Medal for their service and sacrifices for America in World War II. The Mariner’s Medal was awarded by the U.S. Maritime Administration to seamen who were killed or wounded by actions of “opposing armed forces.”

Not Forgotten



The Richmond SAR



Coming Events.....

- Oct. 12, 2017 Richmond SAR Luncheon, Westwood Club, 12 Noon
- Oct. 19, 2017 Yorktown Day commemorating Battle of Yorktown and British Surrender ***
*Hosted by VASSAR. 9:00 AM Thomas Nelson Gravesite Ceremony, Grace Episcopal Church;
Followed by parade to Yorktown Victory Monument with SAR marchers.*
- Nov. 9, 2017 Richmond SAR Luncheon, Westwood Club, 12 Noon
- Nov. 11, 2017 Veterans Day - various events – Compatriots invited to represent Richmond SAR *
- Nov. 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Day National Observance
- Dec. 2, 2017 Battle of Great Bridge Commoration, Chesapeake, VA, hosted by VASSAR ***
- Dec. 3, 2017 Richmond SAR Christmas Social and Luncheon, Westwood Club, 1 PM
- Dec. 25, 2017 Christmas Day
- Jan. 11, 2018 Richmond SAR Annual Awards Luncheon, Westwood Club, 12 Noon
- Jan. 13, 2018 Battle of Cowpens Commemoration, Gaffney, SC, hosted by VASSAR ***
- Feb. 9-10, 2018 VASSAR Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, Richmond SAR Host Chapter
- Feb. 16-17, 2018 Crossing of the Dan Commemoration, South Boston, VA ***

* See VASSAR website at virginia-sar.org for details

Remembering.....

Lemuel Wilmer “Chip” Houston Jr. Lt. Col. USMC-R (Ret) of Chesterfield County, VA died July 9, 2017. He was a former Member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR).

Chip Houston was commissioned 2nd Lt. in the USMC in 1961 following graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. After active duty service he remained in the USMC Reserves where he retired as a Lt. Col. in 1982. He made his civilian career in the trucking industry retiring as Executive Vice President of Operations of his company and then retiring from corporate life in 1982, according to his published obituary.

Our former Compatriot devoted many of his retirement years to public speaking while active in the American Legion, the VFW and the Marine League in Richmond among other organizations and causes.



Lemuel W. “Chip” Houston, Jr.
1938 - 2017



Compatriot Howard E. Bartholf arranged for our Chapter to receive a very warm greeting at his church’s Freedom Sunday program July 2. The Monument Heights Baptist Church in Richmond’s West End hosts the program celebrating America every year on or near July 4. Howard (at left) is a former President of our Chapter and has accepted the job as Acting Chaplain of the Richmond SAR. He succeeds our former Chaplain William G. Winn, Jr. of Mechanicsville, VA who receives our thanks for a job well done.





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