



Richmond SAR Newsletter

Fall 2016 Issue

### American Heroes Not Forgotten by Richmond SAR in 2016

A wealth of Richmond area historic sites with connections to titans of American history keep Richmond SAR members engaged throughout the year. Never forgotten is our Chapter mission *"to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism...."*

2016 began the next era of commemorations and higher visibility of our members who honored Presidents, the Flag, the Constitution and those who served and sacrificed to establish a Nation of liberty and freedom.



Richmond SAR Compatriots (L to R) Robert Bridges, Lowell Flickinger and George Corbett, raise the colors on permanent flag pole donated by our members at the site of a new VASSAR monument at Petersburg's Blandford Cemetery April 16, 2016. Photo credit – Ernie Coggins, VASSAR



Seeking the Lord's Blessing at Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, VA April 16, 2016. Nineteen previously unrecognized Revolutionary War veterans were remembered in dedicatory prayer by VASSAR Assistant Chaplain Eugene Thomas. (L to R) Richmond SAR 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dennis C. Peterson, Chapter President Brent Dean Morgan and VASSAR 2016 President Edward W. Truslow join in remembering American Patriots. Photo Credit: Josh Wilberger, Richmond SAR

2017 SAR membership renewal notices will be distributed next month.



Brent's Corner

Dear Compatriots - It is hard to believe my two year Presidency of Richmond SAR draws short. It is traditional that we swear in the next President at our Christmas luncheon. We will do so again this year on Dec. 4. To those who are stepping up to take leadership positions crucial to meeting our Chapter mission, I say thank you. I say the same to those who have worked with me these past two years. We did our best and I share your pride in this great organization. Please enjoy this Newsletter. It chronicles many of our achievements in 2016. I know under the leadership of my friend and successor Dennis Peterson, there are many more to come. As a past President I will look forward to doing my part to help build and grow our Chapter into the best in Virginia.

Sincerely, your Friend and Compatriot, Brent Morgan



## 2017-18 Officer Slate Announced by BOM

The incoming slate of officers to lead the Richmond SAR was announced by the Chapter Board of Managers August 24 following its Semi Annual meeting at the Westwood Club in Richmond.

The next Officers and Board of Managers are a mix of first time Chapter leaders and experienced members including all past Chapter Presidents.

Incoming Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson thanked the Board "for this tremendous opportunity to serve our great SAR organization and our Chapter." He especially praised the Officers and Board members nominated with him "who have stepped up to give of their time and talents to keep the Richmond SAR vital and growing." Compatriot Peterson has served as Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for three years as well as Registrar for over four years. He also served a simultaneous one year term as Assistant Registrar for the Virginia Society of the SAR.

The full Chapter membership will vote on the new officer slate at our November 10, 2016 regular luncheon meeting. An induction ceremony for the new leaders will be performed by VASSAR at our December 4, 2016 annual Christmas social and luncheon, also at the Westwood Club.

### 2017-18 Officers

- Chapter President - Dennis C. Peterson, Midlothian, VA
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Dana King Law, Manakin-Sabot, VA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Historian – Robert E. Halpern, Midlothian, VA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President - William G. Edwards, Midlothian, VA
- Secretary – William Lee Akers, Jr., Glen Allen, VA
- Treasurer - Vacant
- Registrar – William M. Haskins, Jr, Goochland, VA
- Chaplain – William G. Wynn, Jr., Mechanicsville, VA
- Surgeon – Harry A. (Hal) Raddin, Jr., Midlothian, VA
- Chancellor – Brian K. Miller, Richmond, VA
- Sgt at Arms – Lowell K. Flickinger, Prince George, VA

### 2017-18 Board of Managers

- Chairman Pro Tempore – Brent Dean Morgan, Mechanicsville, VA
- Howard E. Bartholf, Richmond, VA
- William L. Bray, Jr., Midlothian, VA
- Mark S. Brennan, Sr., Midlothian, VA
- Peter E. Broadbent, Jr., Richmond, VA
- Roderick D. Brown, Bon Air, VA
- George R. Corbett, Richmond, VA
- Taylor L. Cowardin, Glen Allen, VA
- Stephen S.F. Mick, Crozier, VA
- James Robeson III, Midlothian, VA
- Arthur H. Taylor, III, Beaver Dam, VA
- Joshua S. Wilberger, Henrico, VA







## Four New Compatriots Welcomed. Clark, Clark, Cavedo, Hurt



Four Compatriots were welcomed to the Richmond SAR by President Brent Morgan after he administered the NSSAR oath at our September 8 dinner. They are (4<sup>th</sup> from the left) **Hunter Clark**, a high school teacher, (5<sup>th</sup> from left) **Richard Clark II**, a retired school Principal, (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) **Bradley Cavedo**, a Judge for the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Richmond and (at right) **Daryle Hurt**, a civil service retiree. Also introduced but not present was new Compatriot **Trevor Clarke** of San Antonio, TX. Assisting President Morgan were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dennis Peterson and Chapter Registrar William Haskins.

Photo Credit: Beau Robertson, Richmond SAR

## Haskins New Registrar



Compatriot **William Haskins** was sworn in as Chapter Registrar Sept 8. "Bill" is an Investment Advisor in Glen Allen, VA. New and Supplemental applications should be submitted to Bill Haskins at [wmaskins@comcast.net](mailto:wmaskins@comcast.net).

## Research Rewarded

VASSAR President Ed Truslow congratulates new Compatriot **John Harler, MD**, and Supplemental Certificate recipients **Bill Haskins** and **Clayton Foster** on their successful applications while visiting Chapter March 10.







### Meeting Dates Announced

- Oct 13, 2016 Luncheon 12 PM
  - Nov 10, 2016 Luncheon 12 PM
  - Dec 4, 2016 Christmas Luncheon and Social 1 PM
  - Jan 12, 2017 Luncheon 12 PM Annual Awards Prgm
  - Jan 25, 2017 BOM Meeting 6 PM
  - Feb 9-10-11, 2017 VASSAR Annual Conference \*
  - Mar 9, 2017 Luncheon 12 PM
  - Apr 13, 2017 Luncheon 12 PM
  - May 11, 2017 Luncheon 12 PM
- \* No Chapter Meeting in Feb



The Westwood Club is home of the Richmond SAR. 6200 West Club Lane, Richmond, VA 23226



### Flag Awards



2016

Robert Halpern keeps his radar on for deserving recipients of the Richmond SAR Flag Award throughout the year. Above left he is presenting the award "For proper display of the American Flag" to Lt. Bryan Law representing the City of Richmond Fire & EMS Station #25. Robert heads our Flag Awards program and continues to serve the SAR as a Chapter Vice President. At right Robert is presenting the award to the Queens Mill Recreation Association represented by its President Bill Gomez. He noted their flag is displayed 24 hours and is lighted at night as an example of proper flag protocol.

### Richmond SAR Boosts Patriotism at 1812 and DAR Events Too.

Richmond Compatriots regularly participate in events hosted by other heritage organizations as we demonstrate our devotion to boosting Patriotism in America. Wreaths and presenters from our Chapter often travel many miles in and out of Virginia to honor the heroes of our nation's story.



Compatriot Dennis Peterson lead an April 28 grave marking service in Licking County, Ohio at the invitation of the Ohio 1812 Society for Pvt. Alden Hewitt, NY Militia.



Compatriot George Corbett assisted the Col. John Banister Chapter of DAR honoring Petersburg Revolutionary War veteran Elias Parker April 16 with a new plaque at his Blandford Cemetery grave.





## Farewell To Compatriots Harpole, Halsted and Chapin

HARPOL, DAVID H. SR.  
M.D.

**David H. Harpole, Sr., M.D.**, passed away July 21. He was a former VASSAR and Richmond SAR President. A memorial service was held in his honor Aug. 14 at River Road United Methodist Church, Henrico VA. David Harpole, Sr. was a retired thoracic surgeon.



HALSTED, REED

**Reed Halsted** died May 13, 2016 at his home in Richmond. Compatriot Halsted was a retired business owner. He once ran for the House of Delegates. Burial was at Stockbridge, MA.



NEIL M. CHAPIN

**Col. Neil M. Chapin**, USA-Ret. lived in Williamsburg but was a member of the Richmond SAR. He died April 14, 2016 and was buried in Dinwiddie County.

Col. Chapin was a 31 year Army veteran of three wars. He was in Gen. George S. Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army in WWII and later became Commanding Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armor Brigade at Ft. Knox, KY.

## Virginia To Host NSSAR Annual Congress in 2020.

### Richmond In Running As Host City

Virginia has won the competition to host NSSAR's Annual Congress in 2020. As of mid-September the host city has yet to be determined although Mark Brennan, NSSAR Vice President General, told VASSAR leaders meeting in Williamsburg that Richmond and Norfolk appear to be the finalists under consideration. Brennan is a former Richmond Chapter President who continues to serve on our Board of Managers. Williamsburg was the last Virginia city to host a NSSAR Annual Congress in 2007.

The 2017 Annual Congress will be held in Knoxville, TN July 10-12. The Holiday Inn Downtown Knoxville is receiving room reservations at 865-522-2800. Standard Room Rate \$130 per night.

Mark Brennan  
Vice President General - Mid-Atlantic District

## Akers of Heritage



There is no under-appreciating our Patriot Ancestors in the Bill Akers household. Our SAR Compatriot and former Marine serves too as President of the Col. Alexander Spotswood Society of the C.A.R. His wife Nancy is Co-President while active in the DAR also. Grandson Stewart Akers will soon be a Jr. SAR. Brother Jack is a leader in the C.A.R. as well. Joining them is Paige Jessee of the DAR Commonwealth Chapter at last April's Blandford Cemetery ceremony in Petersburg.





## Honoring Madison, Jefferson and Monroe

Again this year, the Richmond SAR honored President James Madison, President Thomas Jefferson and President James Monroe on the anniversary of their births. Representatives of our Chapter presented wreaths and participated in ceremonies at Montpelier, Monticello, Westmoreland County and Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery.



**President James Madison**, the Father of the U.S. Constitution, is buried steps away from his wife Dolly at their family grave site at Montpelier in Orange County, VA. Each year for the celebration of his birthday in 1751, Richmond SAR Compatriots honor this Founding Father with a wreath and our salute.

**Thomas Jefferson's** bed was behind these windows at his Monticello home near Charlottesville. Richmond SAR President Brent Morgan posed with other VASSAR leaders following ceremonies April 13, 2016.



Compatriots Peter Broadbent and George Corbett honored **President James Monroe** at separate events last Spring.

Peter, second from right with group, was M/C for annual ceremonies at the Monroe birth site in Westmoreland County April 23 and at Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery April 28 where the President is interred. Past Chapter President George Corbett presented our Chapter wreath at the ceremony in Richmond.



James Monroe's sarcophagus at Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery, 2016.



Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.



Honoring James Madison at Montpelier





## 2016. THE RICHMOND SAR YEAR IN REVIEW

Richmond SAR President Brent Morgan (right) greets VASSAR President Edward Truslow March 10. He would extend an invitation we host ceremonies at Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg April 16. Our members donated a lighted flag and landscaping at a new monument site there.

**Hanover Deputy Sheriff Barry Bland** saved a man from drowning in an icy cold pond last winter.

The Richmond SAR presented Officer Bland (center right) our 2016 Law Enforcement for risking his own life to save another's.



(Row 2) Daniel Renfro (left), Jason Buys (middle) and Wayne McDowell (right) are 2016 new Compatriots. McDowell was "pinned" with the SAR Rosette by wife Pat.

(Row 3) VASSAR and the Richmond Chapter welcomed Sam Parham, Vice Mayor of Petersburg, State Del. Lashrece D. Aird and State Sen. Rosalyn R. Dance as guest speakers at our Blandford dedication ceremony. Compatriot William A. Nash with his wreath presentation. (center frame) The VASSAR Color Guard fired their muskets.



(Row 4) Bernie Henderson is a speaker popular with our members. He is President of a Richmond based funeral company who shared last days stories of U.S. Presidents including George Washington. Richmond's many historic sites were reviewed by author and archaeologist Robert "Bert" Dunkerly (Row 4 Right).

Our Richmond Chapter placed a memorial wreath on April 13 at the grave of President Thomas Jefferson at Monticello. (right)



\* Thank you to Merle "Beau" Robertson for his long service as our Chapter Photographer. We appreciate his talent and good work.







## Richmond SAR Hosts Fall Dinner Sept. 8



Richmond SAR Compatriots enjoyed a wonderful evening with wives, guests and friends at our annual Fall Dinner, Sept. 8 at the Westwood Club. We welcomed five new Chapter members, administered the oath of office to our new Registrar and heard from guest speaker Jeffrey Burden, a long time leader with the Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery. Their plans include marking additional long neglected Revolutionary War graves.

Our Fall Dinner is the only night time general meeting and social on our calendar. Members should make plans now to attend our December 4 Christmas Social at Westwood.

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