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**“A regular army and the most masterly discipline. Without these we cannot reasonably hope to be a powerful, prosperous, or a free people.”**

John Adams, Massachusetts Delegate to 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress, 1776-1778

## Chapter President's Message

Compatriots - As we kick off a new year of Richmond SAR events and programs we are pleased to announce our long dormant Chapter webpage is now active. I hope you will view it often as it will be updated regularly to keep you better Informed. The Richmond SAR Website can be opened at [richmondchaptersar.org](http://richmondchaptersar.org) Thanks to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bill Haskins for his technical assistance.

As you see, we will continue publishing our Newsletter with a goal of four issues a year. Back issues can be located on the website also.

On Saturday, March 17 this year our Chapter will host what we hope will be our first annual program commemorating the speech which made favorite son Patrick Henry immortal. Our “Liberty or Death” program is in lieu of our previous 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays in March luncheons. We will still have a Chapter lunch but it will be on Saturday, March 17 at St. John's Parish Hall adjacent to St. John's Church following the Patrick Henry ceremony.

I hope you enjoy this Newsletter and our new website. My goal is to chronical our Chapter's events and keep you informed. As is said on page 1 of the Website, “We have a story to tell.” Happy New Year Richmond Compatriots!



**Dennis C. Peterson**  
Chapter President

# March 17, 2018. Honor Patrick Henry's Speech.

The Richmond SAR will commemorate the speech which launched the American Revolution in the very place, in the very month, where in 1775 Patrick Henry implored his countrymen to declare war against Great Britain. St. John's Church in Richmond, VA. No other SAR Chapter in the country can claim this historic site in its home.



**Patrick Henry. "A brilliant orator, a firebrand for freedom and individual rights. He stands as an American luminary."**



Artist's rendering, St. John's Church,  
Richmond, VA

Courtesy St. John's Church Foundation

**11 AM, March 17, 2018 is a Saturday. This will be our March meeting and luncheon too.** We have company coming from SAR Chapters around Virginia. We invite every member to enjoy this program and to welcome our visiting Compatriots and guests.

Don't miss this non weekday SAR event so many members have asked for. Your family and guests are welcome. Hear our special guest who portrays Patrick Henry deliver his famous words

**"Give me liberty or give me death."**

Post program lunch to be held in adjoining St. John's Parish Hall, \$17 pp. Lunch details to follow.  
RSVP to [denny234@verizon.net](mailto:denny234@verizon.net)





**Richmond SAR  
Enjoys Annual Christmas  
Social and Luncheon  
Dec 3 at Westwood Club**



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This year's guest speaker was George Washington, aka Phil Williams, a former President of VASSAR. He spoke of the terrible Winter at Valley Forge in Dec 1777.

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Acting Chaplain Howard Bartholf helped present special guest Randy Clipp our "Thank You" gift for singing his inspiring songs, including "The Statue of Liberty" and "God Bless America" to an appreciative SAR audience. Dr. Clipp is the Pastor of nearby Monument Heights Baptist Church.



# Richmond SAR Leadership 2017-2018

## Officers

Secretary - Open  
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Brent D. Morgan, *Chairman Pro Tempore*  
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## Committee Chairmen

John Harler - *Veterans Affairs/ROTC/J-ROTC*  
Dana Law - *Law Enforcement/Public Safety*

## Leadership Opportunities

Boy Scouts Awards *Coordinator*  
Flag Awards *Coordinator*  
Historian  
Sgt. At Arms  
Teacher of Year Program *Coordinator*  
High School Essay Contest *Coordinator*  
High School Orations Contest *Coordinator*



**Dennis C. Peterson**  
Chapter President

**William M. Haskins**  
2nd Vice President  
Registrar

**Dana Law**  
1st Vice President  
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# Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors

## *The Richmond Chapter Memorial Fund 2018*

Kenneth L. Bage – *Col. John Hinton*  
Sean Bamman – *Abner Thayer*  
Peter Broadbent – *Lt. Richard Talbett*  
Richard Spencer Burke – *Hendricus Deyo*  
Brian Cowardin – *John Cowardin*  
Ronald James DePue, Sr. – *Benjamin DePue*  
Christopher Joseph Evans – *Ens. Daniel Evans*  
Timothy Anthony Evans – *Anthony Evans*  
Lowell K. Flickinger – *Pvt. Ralph Cherry*  
Charles Lewis Grant – *Brig. Gen. William Russell*  
Paul Griffith – *James Griffith*  
David P. Griffith – *James Griffith*  
Robert E. Halpern – *Ens. James Sproul*  
John A. Harler – *William Sommerville*  
William M. Haskins, Jr. – *William Gannon*  
Roderick Dew Brown – *Judge Benjamin Waller;*  
*Thomas Dew*

L. Daryle Hurt – *Edward Pedigo; William H. Whitlow*  
Randolph Adams Jones – *Abraham Jones*  
Vincent Warrick Kern – *Lewis Hott; Michael Hott*  
Dana Law – *Pvt. Henry Law*  
Brian K. Miller – *Abel Sholes; Theophilus Avery*  
Brent Dean Morgan – *Fauntley Muse*  
Dennis C. Peterson – *Sgt John Justice, Cpt. John Wyatt;*  
*Marmaduke Coate*  
Harry A. Raddin, Jr. – *Benjamin Bullard Raddin*  
James Robeson – *Col. Thomas Robeson, Jr.*  
Paul Spotswood Roper – *Col. Lewis Burwell*  
Mark T. Ruffin, III – *Benjamin Denson*  
D.M. Schwartz – *Joseph Walkup*  
Samuel Austin Smith – *Samuel Smith*  
James E. Strawn – *John Lucus*  
*William E. Schall – Lt. Michael Schall*

Bruce Strong – *John Strong*  
Loren C. Sullivan – *John Parmley*  
Arthur H. Taylor, III – *Lt. Silas Call*  
Cullen Carrington Walker, Jr. –  
*Paul Carrington*

**Thank you Compatriots  
for your support of  
our events and programs  
by contributing to the  
Richmond Chapter  
Memorial Fund.**

## Richmond SAR Welcomes Newest Compatriots; Registrar Haskins Reports Supplemental Applications On The Rise

It is hard to remember when our Chapter Registrar had a busier or for that matter a more successful year. Interest in researching Patriot Ancestors has never been higher. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Registrar Bill Haskins presented new members for induction every Chapter meeting in 2017 with Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson administering the SAR Oath.



Holding their membership certificates after introductions are (L- R) George Edward "Ted" Chappell III; Jerome "Jerry" Guyant; Lewis Tuttle March; Thomas "Randy" Shannon.



After repeating the SAR Oath John Benedict Tuttle March had the SAR rosette pinned to his lapel by his mother Katherine March.(seen above)

New members Phillip M. Revene and James Edward Strawn take the SAR Oath and "reaffirm your ancestor's faith in the principles of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic." (picture 3 above)



Rudy Joseph Wadle, Jr (above) was sworn in at our Dec 3 Christmas Social and Luncheon program. Proud wife Jackie looks on.



Dale and Beth Burgess

Compatriot Dale Burgess (left) was awarded a Supplemental Certificate Dec 3 assisted by wife Beth.



## **Former Ft. Lee Deputy Commanding General Addresses Richmond SAR in November**

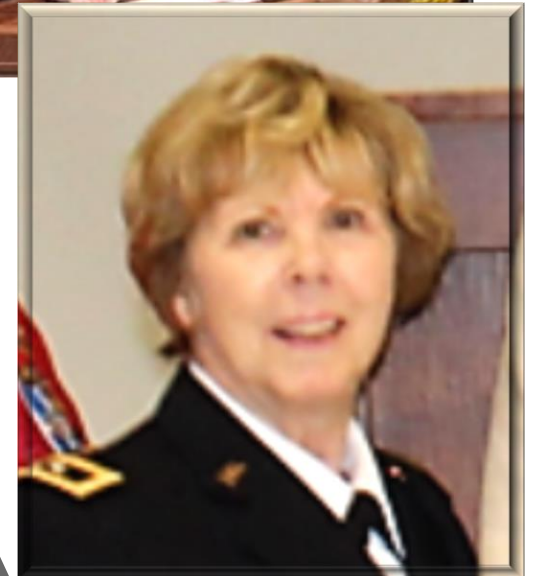
Maj. Gen. Celia Adolphi, USAR-ret, is the right person to remind any audience, including our Richmond SAR, of the often overlooked and underappreciated role women played in the Revolution. There had never been a woman promoted to this high rank in the Army Reserves before. She has a perspective seen through a unique prism.

Women performed many roles in the Revolutionary War from supportive jobs, like nursing and cooking, to more direct service such as “secret soldiers” disguised as men. Also as spies, truly earning the name Daughters of Liberty.

Gen. Adolphi told the story of Hannah Blair, a North Carolina Quaker, who gave food and medical care to American Patriots while hiding and offering them protection from “loyalist raiders.” When Blair’s neighbors discovered what she was doing they burned her farm to the ground robbing her means of support. Later, a grateful U.S. Congress awarded Hannah Blair a pension.

This was but one example of heroism and sacrifice cited by Gen. Adolphi. “Today I stand in awe of those women. Volunteers who fought freedom’s cause – from the Revolutionary War, Spanish American War and World War I – without a right to vote,” she said. “And also the women of World War II who faithfully served.... They now afford women opportunities to serve in the full spectrum of the military establishment.”

Gen. Adolphi, now retired, lives in Williamsburg and is active in the DAR and other organizations.







**Dana Law, Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> VP, marched Oct 19 in the Yorktown Day Parade as America celebrated the 236<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our climactic Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown, VA. Compatriot Law also presented our Chapter wreath at the gravesite of Gov. Thomas Nelson at nearby Grace Episcopal Church, an annual ceremony supported by the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution. Nelson was a Signer of the Declaration of Independence.**

# Yorktown Day Parade 2017



**VASSAR Color Guard**





Dr. John Harler (above) now coordinates our Chapter's ROTC/ JROTC program succeeding George Corbett who has transferred his membership to Williamsburg. On Nov 9 we awarded Compatriot Corbett NSSAR's Veterans Medal and Certificate for his long service to the Richmond Chapter, Virginia Society of SAR.



Stewart Akers, President of the Alexander Spotswood C.A.R. Society, and his brother Jack, participated in the "Wreaths Across America" program at Richmond National Cemetery Dec. 16. Young Stewart is a Junior Member of the Richmond SAR.



# Coming Events in 2018

## *The Richmond SAR Calendar*

- Jan 11 12 Noon Chapter Awards Luncheon Westwood Club \$17 pp
- Jan 27 9 AM Annual Meeting Board of Managers Westwood Club
- Feb 9 1 PM VASSAR Annual Meeting Omni Hotel Richmond
- Feb 10 8 AM VASSAR Annual Meeting Omni Hotel Richmond
- Feb 17 10 AM Crossing of the Dan Ceremony The Prizery, South Boston, VA
- Mar 16 1:30 PM James Madison Birthday Ceremony Montpelier, Orange County, VA
- Mar 17 11 AM “Liberty or Death” Commemoration St. John’s Church, Richmond, VA
- 12 Noon & Chapter Luncheon St John’s Parish Hall \$17 pp
- Apr 12 12 Noon Chapter Luncheon Westwood Club \$18 pp
- Apr 28 11 AM James Monroe Birthday Ceremony Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA
- May 10 12 Noon Chapter Luncheon Westwood Club \$18 pp
- June TBA Chapter Luncheon Program TBA
- Jul 28 9 AM Semi Annual Meeting Bd of Mgrs Westwood Club
- Sep 13 7 PM Chapter Fall Dinner & Social Westwood Club \$25 pp
- Oct 11 12 Noon Chapter Luncheon Westwood Club \$18 pp
- Nov 8 12 Noon Chapter Luncheon Westwood Club \$18 pp
- Dec 2 1 PM Chapter Christmas Lunch & Social Westwood Club \$25 pp





# Remembering .....

**Robert (Bob) Alstrum**, our Compatriot, died December 9, 2017 from the affects of a brain tumor. Formerly of New Haven, Conn., Bob was a retired pharmacist and is survived by his wife Nikki Nicholau.

He is remembered for his love of family research and genealogy which led to the discovery of his Patriot Ancestor and membership in the Richmond Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution.



Robert Alstrum  
1949-2017



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