



March 2018



“Why stand we here idle?...Is life so dear and peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”

Patrick Henry to the 2nd Virginia Convention, Richmond, VA., March 23, 1775



From Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson

In this edition are photos of what should be our signature event, an annual commemoration of Patrick Henry’s immortal speech at St. John’s Church held this year on Saturday, March 17. This iconic Revolutionary War event is unique to Richmond history and is known by all who remember the speech which ignited the American Revolution. “Long overdue” are the words I heard most that day. So it was. So it was. We are especially grateful to the St. John’s Church Foundation for their hospitality and assistance.

Our unofficial home remains the Westwood Club where most of our monthly meetings and socials are held. It has been nearly a decade since we have increased prices but alas the times have caught up with us. At its Annual Meeting January 27, your Board of Managers voted to raise the price for our monthly afternoon programs, effective April 12, \$1 to \$18, still a real bargain. Likewise, the Board voted to reestablish a fee for Supplemental applications at \$30 each. Original application fees remain \$60. Adjustments were necessary to remain in conformity with 501 C3 regulations. Spring has arrived.

Patrick Henry's Immortal "Liberty or Death" Speech

243rd Anniversary

**SAR Compatriots and Guests Treated to Special Re-enactment Program
at St. John's Church March 17**



Richmond SAR Honors Patrick Henry at March 17 Ceremony

Speech Unique to Richmond History.

Commemorating Patrick Henry's Immortal Speech
at Historic St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia
March 17, 2018



Celebrating the day "liberty found its voice," March 23, 1775
at the Second Virginia Convention

"Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death."



Richmond Chapter
Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Presentation of Wreaths

Patrick M. Kelly, President, VASSAR
Jennifer Kelly, Montpelier Chapter, National Society DAR
William M. Haskins, 2nd VP, Richmond Chapter, VASSAR
Charles Belfield, President, James Monroe Chapter, VASSAR
Ernie Coggins, George Washington Chapter, VASSAR
Jeff Thomas, 3rd VP, VASSAR, Fairfax Resolves Chapter
Stewart Akers, President, Alexander Spotswood Society, C.A.R.
James T. O'Kelley, President, Thomas Jefferson Chapter, VASSAR
(accompanied by Bailey Friedman)

Barry Schwoerer, Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter, VASSAR
Paula Schwoerer, Eliz. McIntosh Hammill Chapter, NSDAR
Sophia, Ariana, Gracelynn Schwoerer, Col. Grayson Chapter, C.A.R.
Wright Andrews, President, Rappahannock Chapter, VASSAR
John Humphrey, Chaplain, Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter, VASSAR
William L.S. Ross, Western Reserve Society SAR (WRSSAR) Ohio,
& Fincastle Resolutions Chapter, VASSAR
William Great, Williamsburg Chapter, VASSAR

Luncheon Note: Due to space limitations
the luncheon following today's program
is sold out. There are no walk up
boxed lunches for sale. Room and all seating must
be reserved for pre-paid lunch orders only.

Visit the Richmond SAR on the web at
richmondchaptersar.org
Our next Newsletter will feature coverage of today's
program

Prelude Music

Welcome by Dennis C. Peterson
President, Richmond Chapter, VASSAR
Invocation by Rev. Dr. Eugene Foster Thomas
Chaplain, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution
Presentation of the Colors
Color Guard of Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Pledge of Allegiance

The Star Spangled Banner
Greetings from Patrick M. Kelly
President, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Greetings from Joseph W. Dooley
Past President General
National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Guest Introductions

Presentation of Wreaths & Flags
Transition to Seating inside St. John's Church
Historic West Entrance SAR Members
North Entrance also available

Reconvene

Greetings from Sarah E. Whiting
Executive Director, St. John's Church Foundation

March 23, 1775

The Second Virginia Convention Debates
Delegates Edmund Pendleton & Patrick Henry
Re-Enacted by Chris Dunn with Joseph Bromfield as Mr. Henry

Patrick Henry Memories by Special Guest Clay Hamner
Benediction by Rev. Dr. Eugene Foster Thomas

Convention please exit and reassemble outside at
North Entrance for Retiring the Colors
Adjournment



Henry



Top left: Introducing Patrick Henry's 4th Great Grandson Clay Hamner. Center: Entry door the Patriots themselves entered in 1775. Bottom left: NSSAR Past President General Joseph W. Dooley with Patrick Henry (aka Joseph Bromfield) and Edmund Pendleton (aka Chris Dunn). 4



**"Give Me Liberty
or Give Me Death!"
Richmond SAR,
St. John's Church
March 17, 2018**





For making our program successful, thank you to VASSAR President Patrick M. Kelly, (upper left); VASSAR Chaplain Rev. Gene Thomas & Joseph W. Dooley, NSSAR Past President General; the VASSAR Color Guard; Sarah Whiting, Executive Director (above) & Sarah White, Special Operations Director, at St. John's Church Foundation; also to the St. John's Episcopal Church of Richmond, VA.





Richmond SAR Compatriots and guests from across Virginia and as far away as Cleveland and Pennsylvania enjoy post program lunch at St. John's Church Parish Hall.



Congrats to Col. Spotswood Society
for making Honor Roll of Virginia
Society C.A.R. for 2017- 2018



A little business was conducted when Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson presented our donation to the Col. Alexander Spotswood Society of the C.A.R. represented by young Jack Akers. Jack's Grandfather is Compatriot Bill Akers.

**Wreath Presenters Pose With Uniformed and Costumed Guests Following Ceremony.
Mr. Henry and Mr. Pendleton Were There Too.**



Annual Richmond SAR Awards Luncheon Held Jan 11, 2018

Community Service, Academic Achievement, Chapter Leadership



Sgt. Barrett Laine and Dpty Krystal Laine of Hanover Sheriff's Office (center) were honored for commendable service. 1st VP Dana Law (left) led our Public Safety Awards search.



Richmond SAR President Dennis C. Peterson (left) congratulates Lt. Aaron Robinson, Hanover EMS, and Max Frayser, Hanover Fire and EMS (left), for their commendable service.

Cpl. Harrison Hankins, Dpty. Matt Carrier and Cpl. Ryan Sheridan, Goochland Sheriff's Office (at right), received Law Enforcement awards. With them were wives Mandy Carrier and Angela Sheridan. (center)





Glen Allen HS Sr Cassie Coughlan earned 1st Runner Up VASSAR Award after winning Richmond SAR Essay Competition in 2018.



Compatriot Beau Robertson was awarded Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding work as Chapter Photographer.



Westwood Club Banquet Coordinator Kristen Lauer accepted our thank you for continued outstanding hospitality service.



Compatriot Lowell Flickinger (above right) received our Good Citizenship Award for years of admirable service as Chapter Sgt at Arms and for leading our Eagle Scout Awards.

Former 1st VP Robert Halpern and former Chapter Secretary Bill Akers (above left) were also honored for many years of SAR service. Compatriot Halpern led our Chapter Flag program. Compatriot Akers also leads and helps develop the next SAR generation with the Alexander Spotswood Society of the C.A.R.



Congratulations for new Supplemental Memberships awarded to Compatriots William M. Haskins, Chapter 2nd VP & Registrar, (above left) Kenneth Bage, Charles Cheek and Clayton Foster. Each are entitled to wear an additional lapel Star.

Photo credits: Beau Robertson



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 Burvell*

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.**

The background of the entire slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in detail.

Richmond Chapter

SAR

Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

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Why the SAR? Know The Full Story.

The purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution are patriotic, historical, and educational, and include those intended or designed:

- (1) to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;
- (2) to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;
- (3) to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
- (4) to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
- (5) to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;
- (6) to mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials;
- (7) to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period;
to foster true patriotism;
- (8) to foster true patriotism
- (9) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom;
- (10) to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

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2017-2018

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NEWS OF INTEREST



Protesting British Taxation with 1766 Leedstown Resolutions



New VASSAR President Pat Kelly



Birth home of 5th U.S. President under reconstruction



Honoring Father of the U.S. Constitution
James Madison

Photo Credits: Tom Roth; Aljean Peterson

Commemoration of the 1766 Leedstown Resolutions, hosted by Northern Neck Historical Society, was held this year at Ingleside Winery at Oak Grove, VA. (upper left). Reconstructing President James Monroe's birth home in Westmoreland County is a dream almost come true. The Richmond SAR will donate funds to the project April 21 when the James Monroe Foundation welcomes visitors to the nearly finished home painstakingly rebuilt from historic drawings. VASSAR's new President Patrick M. Kelly of Charlottesville (lower left) was administered the oath of office by Past NSSAR President General Joseph W. Dooley at VASSAR's Annual Meeting February 10 in Richmond. On March 16 Richmond SAR President Dennis C. Peterson presented a wreath at President James Madison's gravesite at Montpelier celebrating Madison's birthday (lower right).



**RICHMOND SAR NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND
THURSDAY JUNE 14, 2018**

Featuring VASSAR Color Guard

\$17 Reserved Lower Level Seating

Incl's 4 Food & Beverage *Acorn Dollars* per ticket

Pre-order your tickets at denny234@verizon.net

**Your Personal
Richmond SAR Name Badge
\$17**

**Request info on line
at danalawjr@aol.com or
Pick up Order Form at monthly luncheons.**



Compatriot
Jimmy Creech, Jr.



Did You Hear?
News You Can Use.

Historic St. Johns Church
2401 E. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23223

“Liberty or Death”
Summer Sunday Series

Doors at 1:00 PM Music at 1:30 PM Show at 1:45 PM

June 3	July 8	August 12
June 10	July 15	August 19
June 17	July 22	August 26
June 24	July 29	September 2
July 1	August 5	

July 4 Independence Day Shows

Morning Show:

Doors open at 10:45 AM
Music starts at 11:15 AM
Show starts at 11:30 AM

Afternoon Show:

Doors open at 1:00 PM
Music starts at 1:30 PM
Show starts at 1:45 PM

Tours Monday – Saturday 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Sunday 1:00 – 3:30 PM Visitor Center open until 4:00 PM



Historic St. John's Church - Where LIBERTY Found Its Voice

Information and tickets: HistoricStJohnsChurch.org



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