

## The Richmond SAR Newsletter



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"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 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Convention, Richmond, VA., March 23, 1775



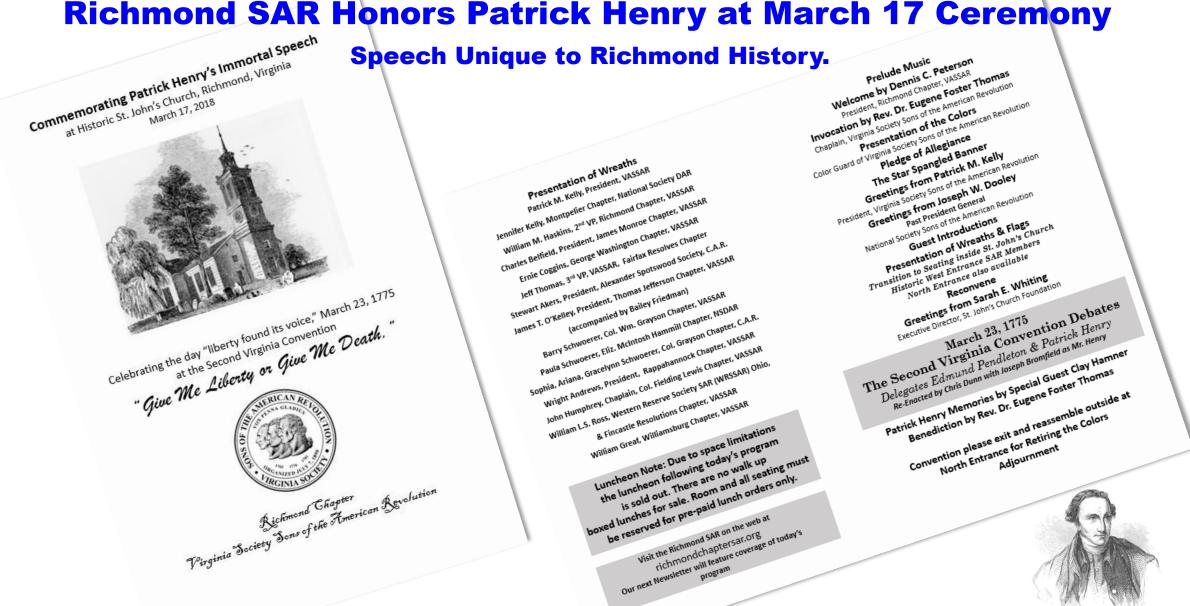
#### From Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson

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.



# Richmond SAR Honors Patrick Henry at March 17 Ceremony







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









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.



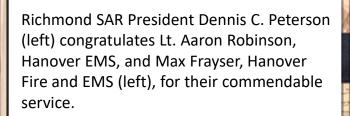
### Annual Richmond SAR Awards Luncheon Held Jan 11, 2018

### 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.



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)







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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Photo credits: Beau Robertson** 



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



## **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 Cowordin 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

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
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William E. Schall – Lt. Michael Schall

L. Daryle Hurt – Edward Pedigo; William H. Whitlow

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.





## 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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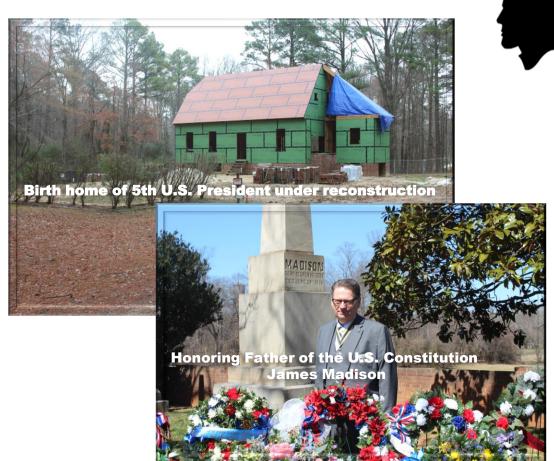
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All officers vote with the Board of Managers

### NEWS OF INTEREST





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).

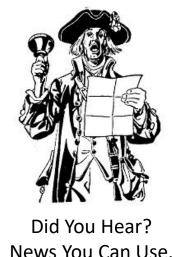


## RICHMOND SAR NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND THURSDAY JUNE 14, 2018

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.







### 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: Afternoon Show:

Doors open at 10:45 AM Doors open at 1:00 PM Music starts at 11:15 AM Music starts at 1:30 PM Show starts at 1:30 AM 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



Information and tickets: HistoricStJohnsChurch.org



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