



The Richmond SAR Newsletter



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“The dons, the bashaws, the grandees, the patricians, the sachems, the nabobs, call them by what names you please. Sigh and groan and fret, and sometimes stamp and foam and curse, but all in vain. The decree is gone forth, and it cannot be recalled, that a more equal liberty than has prevailed in other parts of the earth must be established in America.”



John Adams, June 3, 1776
Letter to Patrick Henry

Celebrating Our Nation's Birthday



Chapter President's Message by President Dennis C. Peterson



Compatriots:

Flag Day, Independence Day, at the ball park and at schools which mold the next generation, this Summer your Richmond SAR has celebrated and honored our flag as we have never before.

Last Spring we honored the President who lead our nation in the "era of good feelings" with your financial contribution now assisting the reconstruction of James Monroe's boyhood home.

I am particularly pleased to report the historic St. John's Church Vestry has approved our request to honor a heretofore unrecognized Revolutionary War General buried in their cemetery with a plaque mounted on stone. We hope to place his stone this Fall. Gaining SJC permission was no easy task. We are proud and grateful for the opportunity to recognize Revolutionary War hero, Gen. Robert Lawson. Richmond SAR Compatriots can expect invitations to attend the ceremony.

Have a great Summer. The work of the Richmond SAR continues. See you at our Fall Dinner, Sept. 13.

Dennis

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Richmond SAR Leads 5000 Baseball Fans June 14 with Flag Day Celebration

VASSAR Color Guard Presents National Flag at Opening Ceremony



Photo Credit VASSAR Color Guard Beau Robertson

We like to think of it as Richmond SAR Night at the Diamond but we were really there to celebrate the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our National emblem. About 30 Richmond SAR Compatriots, family and guests led with their cheers when the Flying Squirrels introduced us to a nearly filled baseball park. This was our second year supporting this VASSAR Presidential Initiative.

SAR AWARDS CLOVER HILL H.S. FLAG COMMENDATION FOR “EXEMPLARY PATRIOTISM” DISPLAY



CHHS holds special
Vietnam War Vets
Memorial Program
May 25, 2018.

Names of fallen
servicemen and
woman from
Virginia were read
aloud
by student readers
in day long ceremony.



Students covered the
CHHS landscape with
one American Flag
for every five of the
58,316 service
members killed
in the Vietnam War.

Each was honored
with this inspired
display of Flags for
all to see.



The inspired leadership for this ceremony came from CHHS Principal Dr. Deborah Marks (center), Mr. Emmett L. Hickam (left) and Mr. Nathanial D. Henry (right) of the school’s Social Studies Department. Their certificates will be presented when school resumes in the Fall.

Celebrating Independence Day



Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson distributes American Flags along parade route of Brandermill's July 4 Parade. Flags courtesy Robert Halpern.



1st VP Dana Law (center right) joins SAR March to George Washington's Tomb at Mt. Vernon. SAR Compatriots marched up Mt. Vernon's bowling green.



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*
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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. Schell - *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
James H. De Ment, Jr. –
George De Ment

**Thank you Compatriots
for supporting
our events and programs
with your contributions to the
Richmond Chapter
Memorial Fund.**

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2017-2018

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News from The Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution



Letter from Eric Helms Monday, Chancellor, VASSAR

Gentlemen:

I am delighted that yesterday's resolution of the budget impasse has resulted in our new and improved War Graves Legislation. This legislation becomes State law July 1 and thereafter provides for an additional \$23,100 yearly funding. This is almost ten times the previous appropriated amount. State law now specifies our Virginia Society SAR as manager of these funds. Previously we merely operated under a "memorandum of understanding" with VDHR. There is little to fear (barring a truly catastrophic financial situation for the State) that the appropriation will not be automatically included in future budgets.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the Revolution, we should rejoice that Virginia has now at long last recognized essentially all (that we've identified) of the men and women, including people of color, who served the Glorious Cause from the Commonwealth. I believe Virginia now has the most extensive program of Revolutionary War Graves recognition in the entire nation. As we took the lead in the Revolution, it is entirely appropriate that we now lead in commemorating it.

For this we should be especially grateful to Mike Lyman and his team. Without their tirelessly heroic efforts documenting these graves, this legislation could not even be *contemplated*—much less achieved.

We should also be most thankful to Delegate Greg Habeeb (R-Salem) and Senator Bill Stanley (R-Moneta), who carried this legislation through their respective chambers, and even more importantly—saw to it that the money stayed in the state budget. I hope we will appropriately recognize their exemplary service on our behalf.

May 31, 2018

Fraternally,
Eric Helms Monday

ROTC/JROTC 2018 Leadership Awards

Presented by Richmond SAR Veterans and ROTC Chairman Dr. John Harler



Richmond SAR ROTC/JROTC 2018 Awards



Cadet Sean Gardner – George Wythe HS
Cadet Gordon Mathieson – Prince George HS
Cadet Ivangel Pacheco Hernandez – Huguenot HS
Cadet Joel Bonet – Hopewell HS
Cadet Maj. Chandler Heiser – Atlee HS
Cadet Capt. Edwin Cazun-Lima – Dinwiddie HS
Cadet Corporal Canisha Robinson – J.R. Tucker HS
Cadet SGT Justin Jamerson – Cumberland HS
Cadet Dakota Moore – Nottoway HS
Cadet LT. COL. Charvae Woodson – Hermitage HS
Cadet Ryan Snider – Powhatan HS
Cadet Deandre Tobias – Benedictine College Prep
Cadet Alfred Spratley – Surry HS
Cadet Ensign Kiara Moya Prera- James River HS
Cadet Seaman Rushawn Morton – Henrico HS
Cadet Capt. Jacob Pyle – Smithfield HS
Cadet Chief John Herrera – Lee-Davis HS
Cadet Tess Szatkowski – Deep Run HS
Cadet Sgt David Price – Highland Springs HS
Cadet Myles Osborne – Franklin Military Academy
Cadet Michael McGuire – Manchester HS
Cadet PO3 Theodore Beachley – Varina HS
Cadet PO2 Alexander Liu – U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps

List by Date of Award





Supporting Our Community; Increasing SAR Brand Awareness

The Annual Celebration of Freedom service was held Sunday, July 1 at Richmond's Monument Heights Baptist Church. Former Richmond SAR President Howard Bartholf (right) welcomed 1st Vice President Dana Law and his wife Cheryl who were introduced to the congregation.



The Richmond SAR participated in a patriotic program celebrating the American Flag at the McGuire VA Medical Center June 14. This program is presented each year by the VADAR District II Daughters of the American Revolution. Pictured below are (left to right) former Richmond SAR President George Corbett, Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson and Compatriot Robert Halpern. McGuire's Resident Veterans attended joining VADAR members



from across the State. Congratulations to K.J. Proctor-Corbett, VADAR Dist. II Flag Chair, for another successful program.



**Richmond SAR Presents
Wreath at Annual
Memorial Day
Ceremony at Virginia
War Memorial**



Representing us this year were Compatriots Beau Robertson (left) and Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson who presented our Chapter wreath.

Virginians who died for their country in all American Wars are honored throughout the year at the Virginia War Memorial.

**The Commonwealth Memorial Day Ceremony
May 28, 2018 at the Virginia War Memorial**



Richmond SAR Salutes Member Military Service at June 16 Luncheon



Compatriots heard guest speaker and honoree Jim De Ment (left) relive his experiences as a USAF B-52 bomber pilot in the Vietnam War. Compatriots Barton Campbell and David Griffith were also presented with certificates and medals as all three were installed in SAR's Military Service Corps.



Our luncheon was held Saturday, June 16 in Freedom Hall at the Virginia War Memorial. Our special guests were the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, American Division. Helping the Sea Cadets present their Missing Man Ceremony was Richard J. Stoud, LCDR USCG Ret. (upper right) LCDR Stoud drove from Williamsburg-Yorktown to attend. All Chapter military veterans were introduced as part of the program.

President James Monroe Honored by Richmond SAR at Birthday Commemorations



Maj. Gen. Paul C. Hurley, Commanding General Arms Support Command, Ft. Lee, VA reads Presidential Proclamation at President James Monroe's Hollywood Cemetery burial site. Rep. Dave Brat (7th-VA) was guest speaker. Master of Ceremonies was Richmond SAR Compatriot Peter Broadbent.

President James Monroe was honored this year with two birthdate commemorations. The first on April 21 at his soon to be reconstructed boyhood home in Westmoreland County. The second on April 28 where he rests in peace at Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery (above). Both ceremonies were hosted by the James Monroe Foundation and were attended by heritage organizations from throughout Virginia. At the direction of our Board of Managers, the Richmond SAR presented a check for \$2500 to support reconstruction of Monroe's boyhood home now scheduled for completion and dedication in April 2019, according to Monroe Foundation Vice President Peter Broadbent.



APRIL EVENTS

Thomas Jefferson; Native Americans



The 275th birthday of Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President of the United States, was celebrated at Monticello April 10 with a five layer cake. Representing the Richmond SAR were Beau Robertson (left) and 1st VP Dana Law (right) pictured with VASSAR President Patrick Kelly (center). President Kelly was also guest speaker at our April 12 luncheon (above) where he gave a studied account of Native Americans in the Revolutionary War era on the Western frontier of Virginia.

Registrar's Report from Bill Haskins



Welcome To Our Newest
Richmond SAR Compatriots.

Theodore "Ted" McConnell (left photo)
Taylor Koedel
John G. Koedel III
Douglas J. Cumins
Bruce A. Carney
Kramer Koedel (not pictured)



Researching their family trees has paid dividends to Compatriots Charles Cheek (above left), Sean Bamman (center) and Mark Samples (right). Each was recognized for adding three, two and one "Supplemental" Patriot Ancestors to their member profiles thus preserving the records of their families in the cause of the American Revolution for generations to come. Congratulations.

Pictured above with Registrar Bill Haskins is VASSAR President Pat Kelly.

Rev. War Uniforms and Weapons Demonstrated by Compatriot Owings at May Luncheon



Photo Credits Beau Robertson, Richmond SAR

Our May 10 luncheon group heard an excellent presentation on the uniforms and weapons of the Continental Army and State Militias in the Revolutionary War from our Compatriot Irv Owings.

Compatriot Owings also marches with the VASSAR Color Guard at events around Virginia. He helped present the Colors in the opening ceremonies of our Richmond SAR Night at the Diamond again this year.

Demand for VASSAR Color Guard appearances is great. Like to join VASSAR Color Guard? Contact VASSAR 2nd VP Bill Schwetke for details at

2nd-vp-vassar@virginia-sar.org

Irv Owings (at right) with VASSAR Color Guard Commander Bill Schwetke prepared for opening ceremony at Richmond's Diamond baseball park June 14.





Richmond Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution



Upcoming Events

Friday, July 13, 2018 128th Annual SAR Congress, Houston, TX

Saturday, July 28, 2018 9 AM Richmond SAR Board of Managers Meeting; Westwood Club

**Saturday, September 8, 2018 Wreath Laying at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery
by NSSAR President General**

Thursday, September 13, 2018 6:30 PM Richmond SAR Fall Social and Dinner, Westwood Club

Friday-Saturday, September 14-15 VASSAR Semi Annual Meeting, Charlottesville, VA

Thursday, October 11, 2018, 12 Noon, Richmond SAR Luncheon, Westwood Club

Friday, October 19, 2018, Yorktown Days Celebration and Parade, Yorktown, VA

Thursday, November 8, 2018 Richmond SAR Luncheon, 12 Noon

Sunday, December 2, 2018 12:30 PM Annual Richmond SAR Christmas Social and Luncheon



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