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DANA K. LAW, Jr. ELECTED CHAPTER PRESIDENT FOR 2019-2020

William M. Haskins, Christopher T. Yohn, William J. Bray, Jr
To Serve as Vice Presidents Following Dec. 2, 2018 Inductions

New Era of Leadership as Chapter Prepares to Welcome
NSSAR National Congress in 2020



Chapter President's Message

by Dennis C. Peterson, President 2017-18



Dear Compatriots:

All things must pass, as the song suggests. My term as Chapter President has come to an end now. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Two years ago I promised to do my best, a promise I kept although others will have to say if my best was good enough.

We met several goals for which I take pride, principally reducing the operations deficits we were running and increasing average attendance at our events. Our finances are sound. Membership is up due to better retention boosted by record new memberships through the work of our Registrar.

After years without one, we reestablished a Chapter website, which has been a big help in telling our story, along with our quarterly Newsletter.

Nothing gets done without the assistance and contributions of our officers and members. To each of you I say thank you for helping us do more than a few things right. To our new officers, congratulations. I'm proud to leave you something very good to build upon.

Best Wishes - Dennis

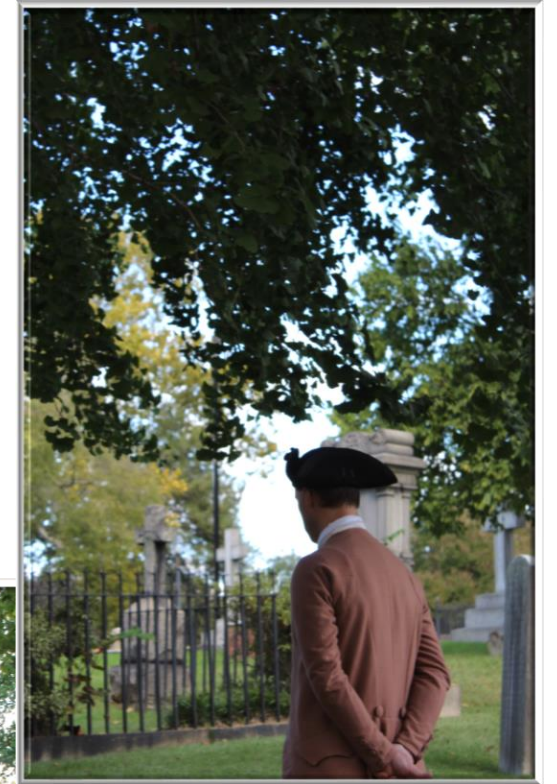
SAR Ceremony and Plaque Recognize Rev. War General Robert Lawson at Historic St. John's Church Cemetery



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Assisted by the General's 5th Great Grand Daughters (at right) Sue Porter (L) and Sharon Rose (R), Richmond Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson unveiled a stone marker recognizing the burial of Brig. Gen. Robert Lawson at Richmond's St. John's Church on Oct. 15, 2018. The General's original stone is lost to history. Lawson led the 4th Va. Regiment to war's end at the Siege of Yorktown. At left, the VASSAR Color Guard finds a new recruit in young Jack Akers of the Spotswood Society of the C.A.R. as the ceremony opens.

**Historic St. John's Church
Richmond, VA
Oct 15 2018**



BRIG. GEN. ROBERT LAMBSON
1748-1808
SON OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

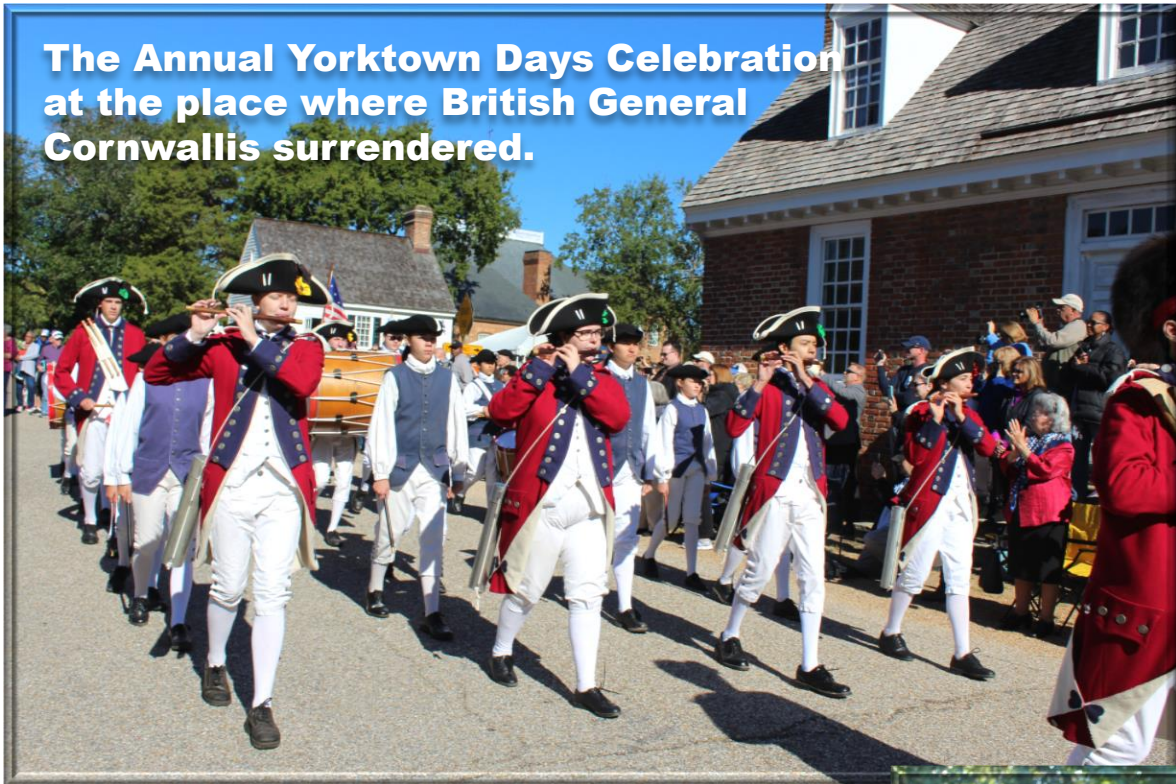


OCT 19, 1781

The Richmond SAR Celebrates The Day at Yorktown When We Gained Our Independence as a Nation



**The Annual Yorktown Days Celebration
at the place where British General
Cornwallis surrendered.**



Jack Akers, with his grandparents Bill and Nancy Akers, represented the Alexander Spotswood Society of the C.A.R.

Top right – President Dennis C. Peterson and incoming President Dana Law honor Declaration Signer Thomas Nelson interred at Yorktown’s Grace Episcopal Church. Lower right - President Law visits his parents resting place, also in the Grace Episcopal Church Yard at Yorktown.



Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors

The Richmond Chapter Memorial Fund

Kenneth L. Bage - *Col. John Hinton*

Sean Bamman - *Abner Thayer*

Mark S. Brennan, Sr. - *Hendrick deHart*

Peter Broadbent - *Lt. Richard Talbott*

Lt. James Marshall; Capt. Alexander Wells

Roderick D. Brown - *Judge Benjamin Waller;*

Thomas Dew

Richard Spencer Burke - *Hendricus Deyo*

A Brian Cowardin - *John Cowardin*

Douglas Cumins - *George Philip Keister*

James H. DeMent, Jr. - *George DeMent*

Ronald James DePue, Sr. - *Benjamin DePue*

Thomas Anthony Evans - *Anthony Evans of VA*

Lowell K. Flickinger - *Pvt. Ralph Cherry*

Charles L. Grant - *Brig. Gen. William Russell*

Andrew Paul Griffith - *James Griffith*

David Paul Griffith - *James Griffith*

Robert E. Halpern - *Ens. James Sproul*

Mark Travis Hannon - *Lindsey Carson*

Ronald M. Hannen - *Lindsey Carson*

John A. Harler - *William Sommerville*

William M. Haskins, Jr - *William Gannon*

L. Daryle Hurt - *Edward Pedigo*

Randolph Adams Jones - *Abraham Jones*

Vincent Warrick Kern - *Lewis Hott; Michael Hott*

Dana K. Law - *Pvt Henry Law*

Robert E. Lusk, Jr - *Lt. Reese Bowen, Lily McIlhaney*

Brian K. Miller - *Abel Sholes; Theophilus Avery*

Edward G. Moore - *Capt Samuel Townsend;*

Brent Dean Morgan - *Fauntley Muse*

Dennis C. Peterson - *Sgt. John Justice; Capt. John Wyatt;*

Marmaduke Coate

Harry A. "Hal" Raddin, Jr. - *Benjamin Bullard Raddin*

Mark T. Ruffin, III - *Benjamin Denson*

D.M. Schwartz - *Jos. Walkup*

Samuel Smith - *Samuel Smith*

Darryl F. Starnes - *Levy Starnes*

Connell "Alec" Stewart - *Lt. William Stewart*

James E. Strawn - *John Lucas*

Loren C. Sullivan - *John Parmley*

Art H. Taylor, III - *Silas Call*

Rudy J. Wadle, Jr. - *Thomas Connell*

Cullen C. Walker, Jr. - *Paul Carrington*

Thomas R. Mays - *William McGeetee*

Louis T March - *John March*

From donations posted by Nov. 26, 2018





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Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution**

2019-2020

Chapter Leadership

Officers and Executive Committee

Dana K. Law, Jr. – President danalawjr@aol.com

William M. Haskins, Jr. – 1st Vice President/Registrar

Christopher T. Yohn – 2nd Vice President

William J. Bray, Jr. – 3rd Vice President

Mark Samples – Secretary

Dana K.. Law, Jr., Acting Treasurer

Brian K. Miller – Chancellor

Rev. Theodore “Ted” McConnell – Chaplain

Harry “Hal” Raddin – Chapter Surgeon

Board of Managers

Brent D. Morgan – Chairman Pro Tempore

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John Harler, MD

Merle “Beau” Robertson

Dennis C. Peterson

(all Past Chapter Presidents have voting privileges on BOM)

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Annual Fall Dinner Sept 18 A Hit Despite Hurricane Delay

Richmond SAR “History Teacher of The Year” award was presented to Glen Allen HS educator and Gen. Assembly Delegate Schuyler VanValkenburg. (below left) who was also our guest speaker.

Former NSSAR Vice President General Mark S. Brennan, Sr. presented details about 2020 NSSAR National Congress to be held in Richmond. (2nd from left)



Chapter Registrar William Haskins (center below) was honored at the 2018 NSSAR National Congress in Houston for his outstanding work qualifying new Members of the SAR. His certificate and medal were presented by President Dennis C. Peterson at our Fall Dinner. Honored guest Sarah Whiting, Executive Director of the St. John’s Church Foundation, congratulated our Chapter for two events held at SJC this year. (below right)

Photo Credits Beau Robertson



Photo Credit Christopher Yohn



Inductees Sworn In and Welcomed at Sept 18 Fall Dinner



Photo Credit Beau Robertson

Left to Right - James Kidd; Robert Lusk, Jr.; David L. Dalton, Sr.; James Ralls; Douglas R. Carneale; Dan B. Brooks; Richard J. Brooks; Russell B. Brooks; Andrew Austin and Christopher Yohn, who transferred his membership from Pennsylvania to the Richmond Chapter, VASSAR earlier this year.

SAR Wreath Laying at Iconic Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery

Richmond SAR President Peterson Attends As Invited Guest of George Washington Chapter



NSSAR President General Warren M. Alter (front right) placed the SAR wreath at the foot of the historic tomb on a rainy wind swept day in Arlington.

President General Alter was escorted by the VASSAR Color Guard as well as SAR leaders from across Virginia. The ceremony was held Saturday, Sept 8.

Photo Credits Aljean B. Peterson

SAR Flag Award Presented to Chesterfield's Clover Hill High School

Principal Dr. Deborah Marks Accepts for Outstanding Display of our National Emblem On School Grounds



Photo Credit Dr. Hal Raddin

Presentation was made by Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson at the CHHS Faculty Assembly Aug 27, which started the 2018-19 School Year. Chapter Surgeon Hall Raddin, a member of our Board of Managers, assisted. History and Social Studies Teacher Nathaniel Henry looks on. "To understand and appreciate what the Stars and Stripes truly represent first requires someone who taught by example and deed," said President Peterson while praising the assembly of educators.

Fall Program Speakers and Awards



Paul A. Chase, (left) author and Member of the Col. William Grayson Chapter of VASSAR, described the plight of Revolutionary War P.O.W.s to our Oct. luncheon audience.



Photo credits Christopher Yohn

Henricus Historical Park Interpreter John Pagano (center above) described Benedict Arnold's Richmond area history at our November luncheon.



VASSAR presented 1st VP Dana Law (left above) a Certificate of Appreciation for his work coordinating registration at VASSAR's Annual Meeting last Feb.

New Members Take SAR Oath at October 11 Luncheon Meeting



**Displaying their NSSAR Membership Certificates are (left to right):
Michael A. Saxon, Jr., Christopher T. Small, Scott Meacham and David G. Meadows.**

In Remembrance . . .



**Paul Spotswood Roper
1949-2018**

Our Compatriot Paul Spotswood Roper died unexpectedly August 18, 2018 and was buried at the historic Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg, VA.

“Spot” was a long time member of the Richmond Chapter of VASSAR who attended most of our luncheons and dinners with his wife Donna “Kay” Hines Roper. They lived in Midlothian.

He was a graduate of Petersburg H.S. and Hampden-Sydney College. In 2005 Spot retired from the Phillip Morris/Altria company and remained active in Woodlake United Methodist Church in Chesterfield County.

Richmond SAR President Dennis C. Peterson and 1st Vice President Dana K. Law, Jr. paid respects to his family at a visitation held at the Morriss & Son Funeral Home in Petersburg. Also attending was his friend and Compatriot DeWitt B. Casler.

Nov. Inductees Receive Warm Welcome from Richmond SAR

Mark Samples, Charles Cheek Recognized for Supplemental Memberships



(Left to Right) New Compatriots James V. Law, Jr.; James A. Terpening;
Wilson Bage, Jr. and Walter L. Smith



LAST REMINDER

Don't let your Membership Lapse.
If you haven't returned your Membership Renewal Form
and Dues for 2019 be sure to mail them in now.

Contact Dana Law
danalawjr@aol.com
for a replacement form
if needed.

Deadline to avoid Reinstatement Status
is Dec. 7, 2018





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