



# The Richmond SAR Newsletter

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## Dennis C. Peterson elected Chapter President for 2020 Term

A familiar face, former Chapter President Dennis C. Peterson of Chesterfield, has been installed to lead the Richmond SAR for the 2020 term.

Dennis served as Chapter President in 2016-18 and was elected again by the Board of Managers following the resignation of President Dana K. Law, Jr. (2019). Dennis was installed by VASSAR 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President William Schwetke at our December 1 Christmas Social and Luncheon.

William M. Haskins, Christopher T. Yohn and William J. Bray, Jr. will continue as our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents respectively, as will all other Chapter officers.

“It is going to be a busy year each of us should be excited about,” Dennis said following his induction.



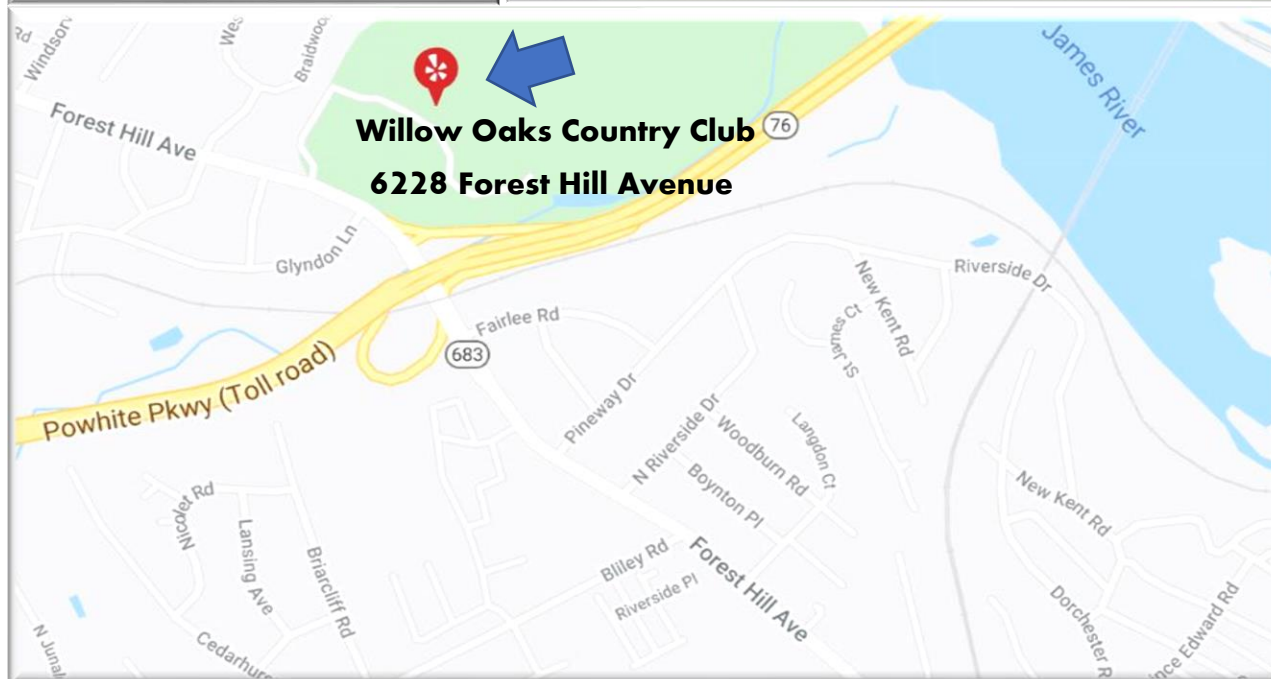
Dana K. , Jr. (L) accepts NSSAR's Past President Certificate from successor Dennis Peterson (R).



# Willow Oaks Country Club New Home for Richmond SAR

**First luncheon set for  
Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 12 PM**

The Richmond SAR will be holding our regular schedule of luncheons and Fall Dinner at the Willow Oaks Country Club in 2020 and thereafter.



Luncheon costs are \$25 PP  
Fall Dinner and  
Christmas Social \$30 pp

**Don't Forget**

WILLOW  
OAKS



**Another Great SAR Christmas Social at the Westwood Club;  
Brings Compatriots and Guests Together as Chapter Prepares to Relocate.  
Sunday, Dec 1, 2019**





# Photo Gallery



## Getting Down To Business at 2019 Christmas Social



Incoming VASSAR President William Schwetke had plenty to do besides enjoying lunch when he visited the Richmond SAR at our Annual Christmas Social. Besides inducting a new Chapter President, Bill presented a VASSAR health report with emphasis on membership development.



Luke Cooper Wade is a young man on a SAR mission. President Schwetke presented Luke a NSSAR Supplemental Ancestor Certificate recognizing his Patriot Ancestor Thomas Cary, Capt., Warwick Cnty, VA Militia. Proud parents Donald and Jennifer Wade and sister Elizabeth look on. Luke is a grandson of our Compatriot Charles Cheek.



Our Compatriot Gresham Crane of Crewe, VA also received a NSSAR Supplemental Ancestor Certificate at the Christmas Social. Gresham descends from John Armstrong, Capt., Lower Battalion, St. Mary's County, MD.

# Busy October 2019 Luncheon Welcomes New Compatriot, Recognizes Military Veteran, Honors Members for Service



John Ortiz (right) welcomed by VASSAR Registrar Bill Haskins.



President Dana Law (left) presents Certificate of Appreciation to our Compatriot DeWitt Casler III



Compatriot James Vincent Law, Jr. (left) is now a Lifetime Member of SAR with paid dues forever.



Flag Chairman Robert Halpern, (left) recognized for promoting proper flag etiquette



Compatriot Robert E. Lusk, Jr asks Members to support National Wreaths Across America program



Veterans Affairs Chairmen John Harler congratulates James G. Ralls, Jr. (right) for receiving NSSAR's Military Service medal.





**The Richmond Chapter  
Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution**

**2019-2020  
Chapter Leadership**

**Officers and Executive Committee**

**Dennis C. Peterson, President** [denny234@verizon.net](mailto:denny234@verizon.net)

**William M. Haskins, Jr. – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Registrar**

**Christopher T. Yohn – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**William J. Bray, Jr. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

**Mark Samples – Secretary**

**Dennis C. Peterson, Acting Treasurer**

**Brian K. Miller – Chancellor**

**Rev. Theodore “Ted” McConnell – Chaplain**

**Harry “Hal” Raddin – Chapter Surgeon**

**Board of Managers**

**Dana K. Law, Jr. – Chairman Pro Tempore**

**Howard Bartholf**

**Peter Broadbent, Jr. Esq.**

**John Harler, MD**

**Merle “Beau” Robertson**

**(all Past Chapter Presidents have voting privileges on BOM)**

***Learn more about the Richmond SAR at***

[richmondchaptersar.org](http://richmondchaptersar.org)

[virginia-sar.org](http://virginia-sar.org)

# 130th Annual National Congress Set for Richmond

July 10-16, 2020 at Downtown Marriott

Richmond's Revolutionary War heritage will be in the National spotlight next July when a thousand plus delegates and guests arrive for NASSAR's Annual National Congress.

The Fall 2019 issue of SAR Magazine has published a two-page feature story on the week long event where a variety of activities and tours are described. Richmond Compatriots do not have to be registered Congress Delegates to participate and enjoy most of the schedule.

"Planning for such an event is serious business," said Mark Brennan, head of VASSAR's Planning Committee for the National Congress. Serious enough to find NASSAR's veteran

Coordinator for the Annual Congress, Paul Callanan (above left) and Thomas Manning, NASSAR President General (above right), touring Congress venues such as the Richmond Marriott on Oct 15.

"Every detail matters," Mark added.

This stop included a welcome from Glade M. Knight whose company, Apple REIT, owns the Richmond Marriott.

(Seen to right of President General Manning)

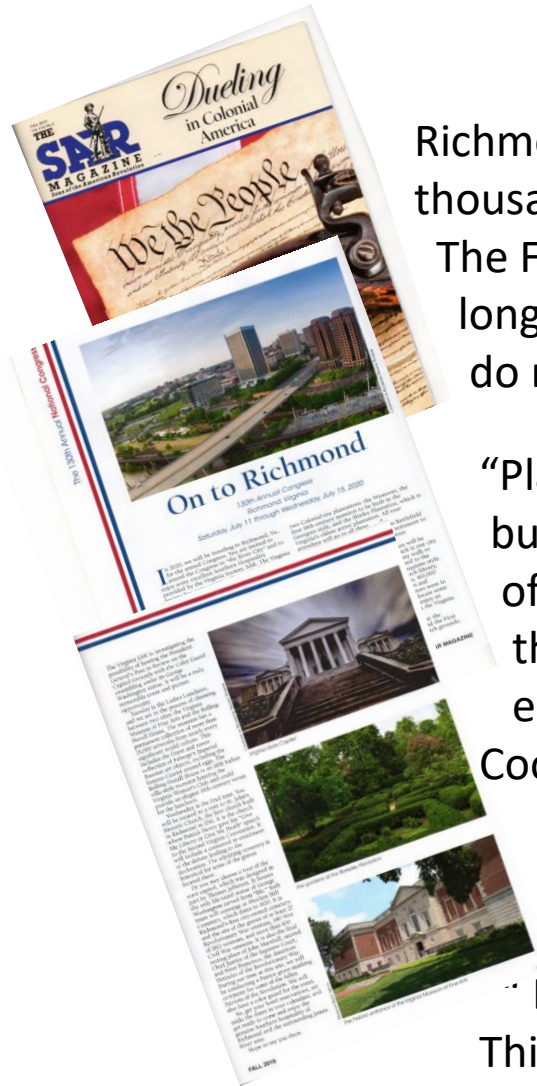


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# Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors

## *The Richmond Chapter Memorial Fund*

**Howard Bartholf** – *James Varian,  
Gilliam Bertholf, Jacobus Bartholf*

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

**Peter Broadbent** – *Lt. Richard Talbott*

**Roderick D. Brown** – *Judge Benjamin Waller;*

**Richard Spencer Burke** – *Hendricus Deyo*

**A Brian Cowardin** .– *John Cowardin*

**Lewis Taylor Cowardin** – *John Cowardin*

**Douglas Cumins** – *George Philip Keister*

**Ronald James DePue, Sr.** – *Benjamin DePue*

**Lowell K. Flickinger** – *Pvt. Ralph Cherry*

**David Paul Griffith** – *James Griffith*

**Robert E. Halpern** – *Ens. James Sproul*

**John A. Harler** – *William Sommerville*

**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*

**Brent Dean Morgan** – *Fauntley Muse*

**Dennis C. Peterson** - *Capt. John Wyatt*

**Lester N. Oberg III** – *James Monroe*

**Irvin Owings III** – *Richard Owings*

**Harry A. "Hal" Raddin, Jr.** – *Bemjamin Bullard Raddin*

**James G. Ralls, Jr** – *Samuel Huckstep*

**Daniel Renfro** - *Victor Renfro*

**Mack T. Ruffin, III** – *Benjamin Denson*

**Donald M. Schwartz** – *Joseph Walkup*

**Art H. Taylor, III** – *Silas Call*

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

**Alfred B. Whitt** – *Thomas Harrison*

From donations posted by Dec. 19, 2019

Your \$10 donation to this special fund honors your Patriot Ancestors and supports the programs and work of the Richmond Chapter of VASSAR.





# Commemorating Victory at Yorktown

Richmond SAR Joins VASSAR at Annual Ceremony October 19



Martha Atkinson hoists replacement Flag at SAR memorial site at Petersburg's Blandford Cemetery. Seen at left with Dana Law. Martha is from the Petersburg Preservation Task Force.

Photo Credit Dana Law



Jan Lazenby (left) and Janet Lenhart (Right) of the Bermuda Hundred DAR gave Dana Law a thank you gift for speaking to their luncheon meeting Dec. 17.



Flag Chairman Robert Halpern honored Village Bank at Chesterfield Town Center with SAR Flag Award. Seen here with Branch Manager Sandra Davis is her Associate Peggy J. Harvey. Oct 3.

Photo Credit Robert Halpern



Our Annual Fall Dinner welcomed one of the largest classes of new inductees ever. (Bottom Left) John Aiken II, Fred Ridgeway, William Wilderman. (Bottom Row Center) Neil Hoyt, Jr, Neil Hoyt, Harry Garretson, Tom Hassell, Al Bridger. Guest speaker Louis T. March of Staunton (right) lauded President James Monroe and the "Era of Good Feelings." It was another great SAR event at the Westwood Club.

# Upcoming Schedule of the Richmond SAR

- Jan 9 2020 **Awards Luncheon Program** 12 PM Willow Oaks Country Club, 6228 Forest Hills Ave, Richmond, VA 23225  
RSVP to: denny234@verizon.net \$25 pp at the door. All reservations firm unless canceled in writing 48 hours in advance.
- Jan 25 2020 Board of Managers Meeting Time and Location to be announced
- Feb 7-9 2020 VASSAR Annual Meeting Omni Hotel 100 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Richmond, VA 23219 Registration Info to be distributed
- Feb 15 2020 Crossing of the Dan Re-enactment & Ceremony 10 AM 700 Bruce Street, South Boston, VA
- Mar 12 2020 **Monthly Luncheon Program** 12 PM Willow Oaks Country Club Richmond, VA 23225  
RSVP to: denny234@verizon.net \$25 pp at the door. All reservations firm unless canceled in writing 48 hours in advance.
- April 4 2020 Patrick Henry Speech Commemoration, Re-enactment at Historic St. John's Church  
2319 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23223 11 AM Boxed Lunch to Follow Details to be distributed
- April 25 2020 James Monroe Birthday celebration at Westmoreland County, VA birth site, 4460 James Monroe Highway, Colonia Beach.  
Hosted by James Monroe Memorial Foundation 10:30 AM
- April 28 2020 James Monroe gravesite ceremony, 11 AM Hollywood Cemetery, 512 South Cherry Street, Richmond, VA
- May 14, 2020 **Monthly Luncheon Program** 12 PM Willow Oaks Country Club, 6228 Forest Hills Ave., Richmond, VA 23225  
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All dates and events subject to change



# Mark Your Calendar

July 10-16, 2020

130<sup>th</sup> SAR National Congress

# SAR

Downtown Marriott Hotel is HQ  
5<sup>th</sup> and Broad Street

**Richmond SAR volunteers are needed in support of Congress events and schedule. Wives and guests are invited too.**

Contact Dennis C. Peterson  
Richmond SAR President  
[denny234@verizon.net](mailto:denny234@verizon.net)





**Order your  
2020 Congress Medal today.  
There will never be another one.**

**Only while supplies last.**



## **NSSAR's Official 2020 Congress Commemorative Medal**

Center rendering of Seal of Virginia  
Surrounded by inscription  
"National Society Sons of the American Revolution  
130<sup>th</sup> Congress \* Richmond VA"

Submit your order with \$35 donation  
Add \$3 for shipping or pick up at Chapter Event  
Check or cash payable to VASSAR.

Send to Dennis C. Peterson  
President, Richmond SAR  
13815 Winterberry Ridge  
Midlothian, VA 23112

**Keep up with the Richmond SAR and the Virginia Society of the SAR online at**

[richmondchaptersar.org](http://richmondchaptersar.org)

[Virginia-sar.org](http://Virginia-sar.org)



## 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](mailto:danalawjr@aol.com)  
for a replacement form  
if needed.

Deadline to avoid Reinstatement Status  
is Dec. 31, 2019







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