




1st VP and Registrar
William Haskins

BOM Votes to Cancel Sept. Dinner; Nominates Bill Haskins to be next Chapter President

After a thorough discussion, the Richmond SAR Board of Managers recommended the cancelation of our Annual Fall Dinner at its Semi-Annual Meeting July 25. An announcement was distributed to Chapter members Aug. 4. Our Sept. 2020 Fall Dinner is the latest victim of the COVID 19 pandemic. No decision was made about our October luncheon.

Current 1st Vice President and long time Registrar William Haskins was nominated to serve as our next Chapter President for the 2021-2022 term. The Chapter President is elected by the general membership with a vote now on our October schedule. A slate of Chapter officers will also be on the ballot with changes in the current line-up expected. Members willing to assist the Chapter as officers are encouraged to contact Chapter President Dennis Peterson at denny234@verizon.net. or Bill Haskins at wmhaskins@comcast.net

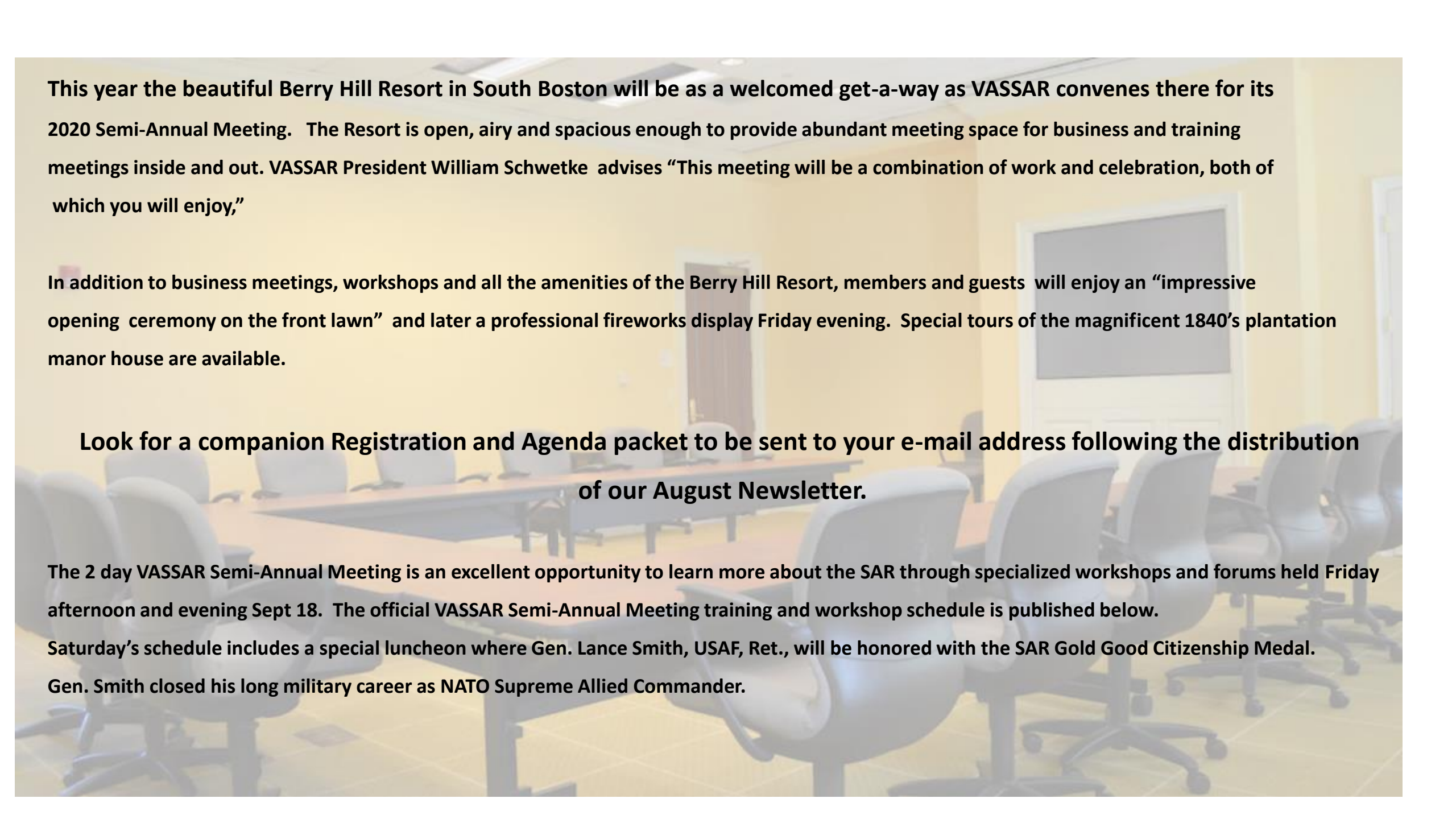


Plan to Attend
VASSAR's Semi-Annual Meeting
Sept. 18-19, 2020

Berry Hill Resort & Conference Center
South Boston, VA.

All Richmond Chapter Members Invited





This year the beautiful Berry Hill Resort in South Boston will be as a welcomed get-a-way as VASSAR convenes there for its 2020 Semi-Annual Meeting. The Resort is open, airy and spacious enough to provide abundant meeting space for business and training meetings inside and out. VASSAR President William Schwetke advises “This meeting will be a combination of work and celebration, both of which you will enjoy,”

In addition to business meetings, workshops and all the amenities of the Berry Hill Resort, members and guests will enjoy an “impressive opening ceremony on the front lawn” and later a professional fireworks display Friday evening. Special tours of the magnificent 1840’s plantation manor house are available.

Look for a companion Registration and Agenda packet to be sent to your e-mail address following the distribution of our August Newsletter.

The 2 day VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the SAR through specialized workshops and forums held Friday afternoon and evening Sept 18. The official VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting training and workshop schedule is published below.

Saturday’s schedule includes a special luncheon where Gen. Lance Smith, USAF, Ret., will be honored with the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

Gen. Smith closed his long military career as NATO Supreme Allied Commander.

As listed on the attached agenda, there will be youth program presentations on Friday afternoon. These will consist of:

Americanism Poster & Brochure Contests – Tom Hamill
ROTC/JROTC Recognition – Spurgeon Keith
Eagle Scout Recognition – Ken Hawkins
Knight Essay – Rich Sherman
Rumbaugh Orations – Darrin Schmidt

In addition, there will be five (5) workshops available on Friday afternoon and evening. An overview of these workshops is listed below to assist you in planning which workshop(s) may best suit your interest.

Color Guard (2 to 4 pm)

Facilitator – Ken Bonner

This workshop will focus on drill procedures and musket firing.

Admin/Awards (7 to 8 pm)

Facilitator – Rick Eloffson and Wayne Rouse

This workshop will focus on chapter administration, membership changes and chapter awards.

Veterans' Affairs & Partners in Patriotism (7 to 8 pm)

Facilitator – Dale Corey

This workshop will focus on Virginia SAR veterans' programs.

Americanism (8 to 9 pm)

Facilitator – Mike Weyler

This workshop will focus on completion of the NSSAR Americanism Annual Report.

Public Service (8 to 9 pm)

Facilitators – Bill Collier and John Blair

This workshop will focus on the NSSAR and Virginia SAR Public Service and Heroism Awards Contests.





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. – *Benjamin 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*

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



Richmond SAR Honors Outstanding Sea Cadet

Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Wyatt C. Perkins of Powhatan County was honored August 9 at the Annual Awards Ceremony of the America Division, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp. Their leadership awards presentations and luncheon were held at the American Legion Hall, Colonial Heights, Va. Richmond SAR President Dennis C. Peterson presented Petty Officer Perkins NSSAR's Sea Cadet Medal and accompanying certificate.

Mr. Perkins hopes to attend Old Dominion University and join their ROTC program upon graduation from high school next year.





Congratulations to our Newest Compatriots.

William Theo Drumright III of Colonial Heights

Spencer McPeak of Chesterfield, VA * Timothy Richard Fritts of Richmond, VA.

Evan Heath Massie of South Chesterfield, VA * Cecil Harvey Creasey, Jr. of Richmond, VA

William Melville Brown III of Richmond, VA

Supplemental Membership Certificates Awarded

David Paul Griffith * Douglas Ryland Carneale

Oaths to be administered and certificates presented at soon to be scheduled Chapter meetings.



Revolutionary War Patriot Burials In Virginia; List Updates Released by VASSAR

Mike Lyman is Editor/Compiler and VASSAR's Rev War Publications Chairman. This month he released a revised list of Patriot Burials in Virginia which contains "data on 4590 buried Patriots of which 2972 are on NSSAR's Patriot Records System."

To obtain a copy of this publication, e-mail Mike at melyman@va.metrocast.net. He adds, "If you know of more burials or see needed updates, please contact" me also.

Richmond SAR to Conduct Induction Ceremony at Historic Shockoe Hill Cemetery Aug 29. Members Invited.

One of the more interesting Patriots of the Revolutionary War was Peter Francisco who Google says “gained mythic status at the Battle of Camden (SC) where he “hefted” a 1,000-pound cannon barrel on his shoulders to keep it out of the hands of the British. There were other heroic feats attributed to the “Virginia Giant” who was memorialized by the USPS with a 1975 postage stamp.

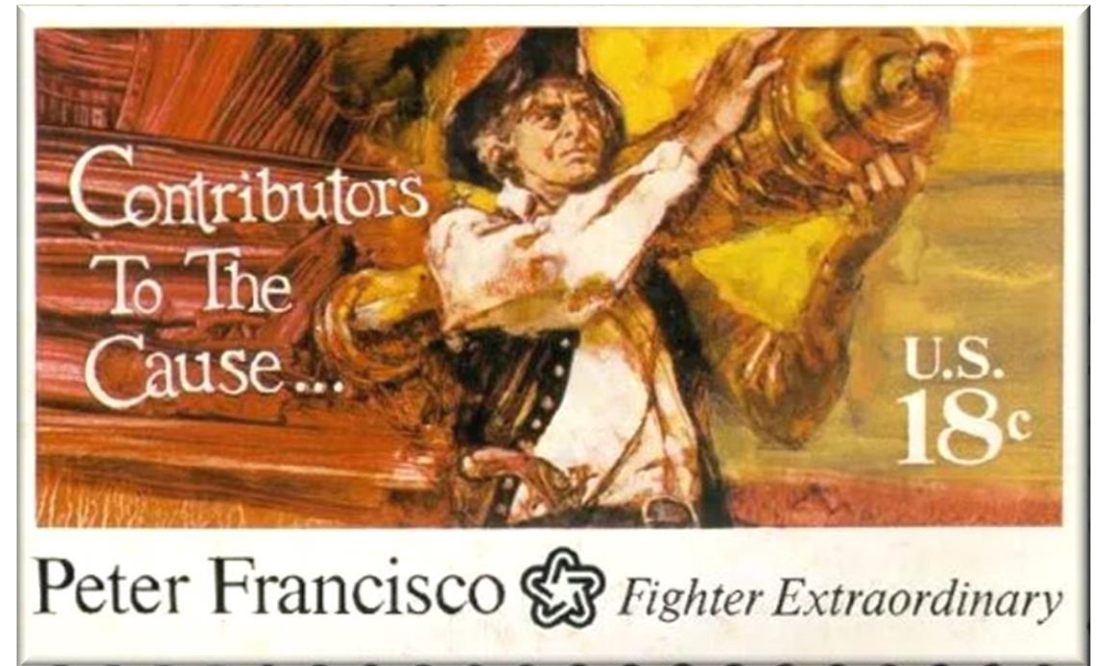
Peter Francisco is interred at Richmond’s Shockoe Hill Cemetery. On

Saturday, August 29 at 11 AM,

his 6th great grandson, William Melville Brown III, will be administered the SAR Oath there. It is not often that a Patriot Ancestor is buried in the same town as his descendant SAR member, which is the case for Mr. Brown.

We’ve had very few opportunities to meet with our Compatriots since the pandemic shut down began last March. Welcoming our new Compatriot to the Chapter at the site of his celebrated ancestor’s grave will give us a chance to participate in the work of our organization again. We’ll have an interesting program at an historic setting, outside where social distancing will be rather easy to maintain. Bring your own mask and let’s restart our Chapter engine. Hope you can make it.

**Induction Ceremony
Saturday, August 29, 2020, 11 AM
Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Hospital Street, Richmond**



**Fraternally – Dennis C. Peterson
President, Richmond Chapter, VASSAR**



The Richmond SAR Newsletter is a copyrighted publication of the
Richmond Chapter,
Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution.
Dennis C. Peterson, Editor
denny234@verizon.net