



Liberty Gazette

"Give me liberty or give me death!"

- Patrick Henry - Richmond, Virginia - March 23, 1775

August, 2021

Richmond Chapter * Virginia Society * Sons of the American Revolution

Richmond Chapter hosts Patrick Henry speech event

The Richmond Chapter hosted the Virginia Society's commemoration of the 246th anniversary of Patrick Henry's, "Give me liberty or give me death," speech.

Henry's impassioned plea convinced the Virginia Convention, being held at Richmond's St. John's Church, to vote in favor of his resolution to raise militia in opposition to King George III and ignited revolutionary sentiment across the colonies.



Virginia Society President Jeff Thomas welcomed attendees from multiple states and organizations to the virtual event. Richmond Chapter President Bill Haskins emceed. The observance was highlighted by actors from St. John's Church taking attendees on a guided tour of the building and sharing the background and significance of the speech.



Richmond Chapter hosts Virginia Society monument dedication

Richmond's historic Shockoe Hill Cemetery is the final resting place of many prominent people. Included among them are former U.S. Secretary of State and U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall and the *Hercules of the Revolution* Peter Francisco. These Revolutionary War veterans are joined by at least 18 others who are laid to rest in the cemetery.

When it was determined the 2020 SAR National Congress would be held in Richmond, it seemed entirely fitting to honor these brave men who contributed so much to our freedom. Dedicating a new monument to their memory was going to be one of the Congress' main events.

But, when the 2020 Congress was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic, the dedication had to wait. The time for the ceremony finally arrived in May. The Virginia Society marked the dedication as a state event, which was hosted and supported by the Richmond Chapter.



Bill Haskins - emcee



Mark Samples - registration



State-wide color guard members



The volley smoke and powder flashes of the unveiling salute



IN HONOR OF PATRIOTS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, BURIED HERE, DEDICATED BY THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY.
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ANSELMN BAILEY	CHARLES BROACH
WILLIAM FOSHUEE	PETER FRANCISCO
THOMAS GRIFFIN	JOHN LANE
JOHN POTTS	WILLIAM PRICE
GEORGE RAYBOURNE	PHILLIP SLAUGHTER

WILLIAM CARTER	PETER EPPES
JAMES GIBSON	ROBERT GREENHOW
JOHN MARSHALL	ROBERT POLLARD
JOHN PRYOR	NATHANIEL PUCKETT
ANDREW SMITH	JAMES VAUGHN

Back in person

In May, the Richmond Chapter met in person for the first time since October, 2020. Vaccines and CDC public safety guidance made it possible for members to gather and resume a familiar meeting experience.

This marked just the second in-person meeting since before the pandemic began. The gathering allowed for the induction of new members and some long due recognition.



Chapter President Bill Haskins presented Howard Barthoff the Congress Appreciation Medal for his work in supporting the 2020 SAR National Congress that was scheduled to be held in Richmond. Though the Congress didn't take place, many put in long hours of planning and preparation.

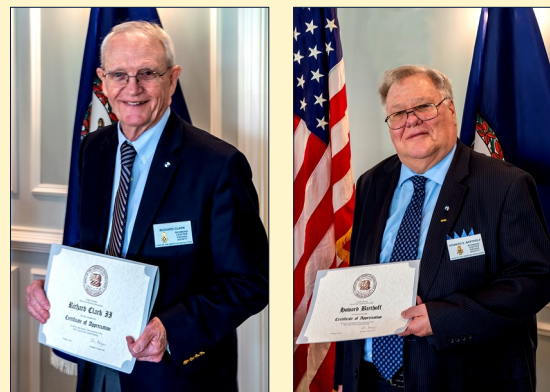


Welcome new members
Shown L-R

- Evans Heath Massie
- Cecil Harvey Creasey, Jr.
- Samuel Spencer McPeak



James Russell, David Griffith and Walter Smith added supplemental ancestors.



Richard Clark and Howard Barthoff received certificates of appreciation for their work on the Virginia Society annual meeting.

*Photos courtesy of Beau Robertson

What makes an SAR member?

In this and coming issues, we'll continue to investigate just what it means to be an SAR member by examining the various purposes and qualities described on the national SAR website. This time, we'll take a look at:

SAR Brand Mission and Vision (part 1)

Consider it your compass . . .

SAR members strengthen and preserve the American ideal by inspiring national pride and educating our next generation of patriots. Members are living ambassadors who share the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy and triumph of our patriot ancestors who achieved independence for the American people.

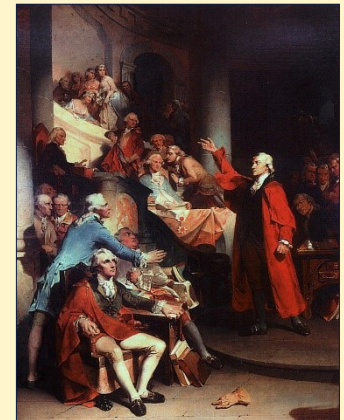
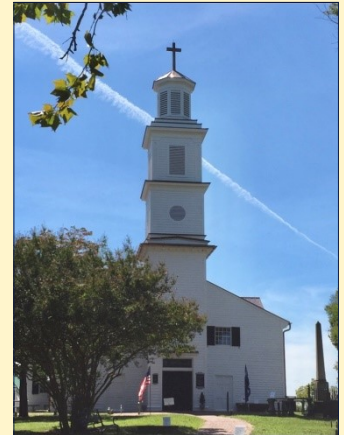
We believe these stories must be taught because, as President Reagan warned, "Freedom is just one generation from extinction. We did not pass freedom along to our children in the bloodstream."

We close every SAR meeting by vowing to ". . . remember our obligation to our forefathers who gave us a Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of free men."

What is that? What is our obligation?

We believe OUR obligation to our forefathers is not only to protect our inheritance of liberty, but to ensure our next generation understands the founding principles, ideals and values - the TRUTHs - that make our country a shining light of hope in an otherwise dim and hopeless world.

. . . to be continued.



Patriot ancestor spotlight

Researching and learning the story of your patriot ancestor is challenging, exciting and fun. Compatriots are justifiably proud of their heritage and the role their ancestor played in winning American freedom. Take a look at this issue's patriot ancestor spotlights:

New member ancestor spotlight:

Samuel McPeak's research led him to his patriot ancestor John McKenny, Jr.

John served as a private in Captain Thomas Ballard's company of the North Carolina Line.



Supplemental ancestor spotlight:

Walter Smith's research allowed him to add supplemental patriot ancestor Sylvania Smith.

Sylvania served as a private in Captain Abraham Salsbury's company of the Vermont Militia from 1780-1781.



The Richmond Chapter Memorial Fund



Your \$10 donation to this special fund honors your patriot ancestors and supports the programs and work of the Richmond Chapter SAR.

William M. Brown II - Peter Francisco
Kenneth L. Bage - John Hinton, John Hinton, Sr.
Howard E. Bartholf - Cpt. James Varian, Guillian Bertholf, Jacobus Bartholf
Robert S. Bridges, Jr. - William Jordan
Mark S. Brennan, Sr. - John Oliver
Peter E. Broadbent, Jr. - Lt. Richard Talbot, Cpt. Alexander Wells, Lt. James Marshall
Richard S. Burke - Hendricus Deyo, Sr.
Richard A. Clark II - Herman Munson
A. Brian Cowardin - John Cowardin
Lewis Taylor Cowardin - John Cowardin
L. Turner Cowardin II - John Cowardin
James E. Creech, Jr. - William Ragland
Doug Cumins - George Keister
Wyatt F. Davis - Alexander Guthrie
Ronald J. DePue, Sr. - Benjamin DePue
Barry Goodwin - Moses Bennett
Charles Lewis Grant - William Russell
Robert Halpern - Ens. James Sproul
William M. Haskins, Jr. - William Gannin, Moses Preston, Gilbert Stevens, Thomas Prather
Dana K. Law - Henry Law
Robert Lusk, Jr. - Reese Bowen, Lillie McIlhane Bowen
Brian K. Miller - Abel Sholes, Theophilus Avery
Lester Oberg III - James Fielder
Charlie Purkins - Alexander Douglass
Hal Raddin, Jr. - Benjamin Raddin
Philip M. Revene - William Withers, William Slack
James G. Russell - Benjamin Russell, Perrin Ross, Seth Nickerson, Benjamin Stearns
Donald Schwartz - Joseph Walkup
Christopher Small - Hugh Hayes
Arthur H. Taylor III - Silas Call
Cullen Walker - Paul Carrington
Alfred Whitt - Thomas Harrison

In memoriam

We honor and remember our Richmond Chapter compatriots who've departed this life.

Gene Fleming Lyon
1932 - July 28, 2021

Reno S. Harp, III
1931 - June 16, 2021
Richmond Chapter Past President



September meeting - save the date

The Richmond Chapter September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9 at 7 p.m. The meeting will kick off with a social mixer/cash bar followed by dinner. Wives and other family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The cost is \$30 per person. Stay tuned for more details and an official invitation to email, soon.

In the meantime, stay on the lookout for other state and chapter events, many of which can be attended virtually. You can always find the latest information at the Virginia Society website:

www.virginia-sar.org

