



Liberty Gazette

"Give me liberty or give me death!"

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

December, 2021 Richmond Chapter * Virginia Society * Sons of the American Revolution

Richmond Chapter participates in statewide events

The Richmond Chapter stayed active throughout 2021 and participated in many statewide commemorative events. One took place on May 28 and didn't make the August issue so we'll catch up with it, now.

Patrick Henry's Red Hill (his last home and burial site) celebrated the patriot's 285th birthday. Kenny Bage presented the Richmond Chapter's wreath during the ceremony. This was the first time the Virginia Society celebrated Henry's birthday together at one location.



Kenny reported 20 S.A.R, D.A.R and C.A.R chapters participated in the wreath laying ceremony. The day was highlighted by an artillery demonstration and guest-speakers from across the commonwealth.



*Photos courtesy of Kenny Bage

James Monroe birthplace celebrates grand opening

The Richmond Chapter took part in another recent statewide event and presented a wreath at the grand opening of the James Monroe birthplace home, on October 2.

The day marked the culmination of decades of fundraising, archeological study, research and hard work to faithfully re-create the fifth president's birthplace home.

Monroe was the only U.S. President to actively serve in the American Revolution, aside from George Washington. He played a critical role in the victory at Trenton and he carried the wounded Lafayette off the field at Brandywine.

Vice President of the James Monroe Memorial Foundation and Richmond Chapter member Peter E. Broadbent, Jr. called the roll of the more than 50 organizations presenting wreaths at the ceremony.



James Monroe Memorial Foundation Vice President and Richmond Chapter member Peter E. Broadbent, Jr.



Richmond Chapter members Chris Yohn, Cort Yohn and Beau Robertson



*Photos courtesy of Beau Robertson

Fall meetings

The Richmond Chapter resumed in-person meetings, this fall, beginning with the traditional September kickoff dinner.

Regular October and November Meetings followed.



Welcome new members:



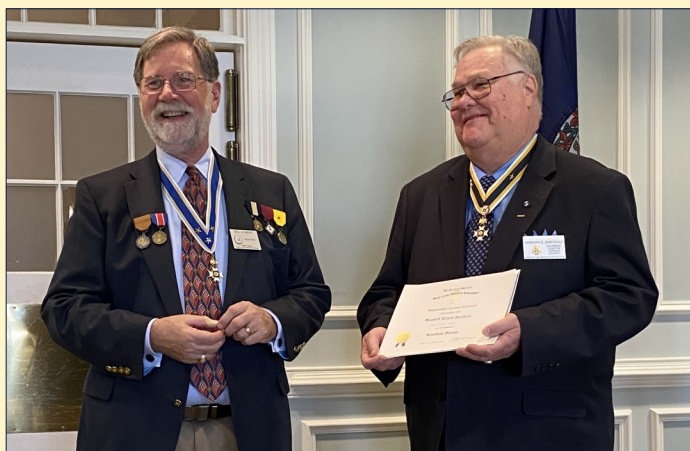
Phillip Barnard, Jr.



L - R: Robert "Mitch" Mitchell, Keith Barker, Christopher Ackiss, Jason Gagnon and Chris Wampler



Dewit Casler was recognized for supporting the Virginia Society annual meeting



Howard Bartholf added a supplemental ancestor

*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 2)

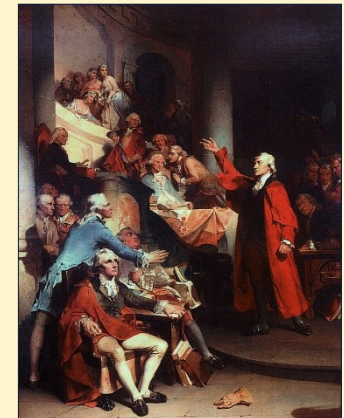
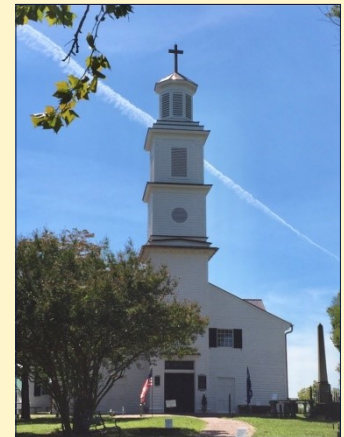
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The force fueling the bright light of hope that inspires the world is our Constitution. The Constitutional Convention, in 1787, produced a document of only about 4,400 words. It is the oldest and shortest written constitution of any major government in the world.

John Adams declared, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. Public virtue . . . *virtue* . . . public virtue cannot exist in a nation without private virtue, and public virtue is the only foundation of republics."

Without virtue, a republic cannot succeed, nor can our organization.

Pride in our American heritage is instilled by making a connection with the spirit of our patriot ancestors and the uniquely American principles of government established by our nation's founding fathers. This is not only the primary mission of S.A.R., but it must also guide our vision so every decision is consistent with fulfilling our obligations to our patriot ancestors.



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:

Jason Gagnon's research led him to his patriot ancestor William Kindred.

William's father Bartholomew moved his family from England in 1774 and settled at Monticello, where he became Jefferson's head weaver.

William served as a private in the 9th and 1st Virginia Regiments.



Supplemental ancestor spotlight:

Howard Bartholf's research allowed him to add supplemental patriot ancestor Jonathan Varian.

Jonathan was appointed to the Manor of Scarsdale, NY Committee of the Freeholders to implement prohibitions to harboring enemies of the United States.



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
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Donald Schwartz - Joseph Walkup
Christopher Small - Hugh Hayes
Arthur H. Taylor III - Silas Call
Cullen Walker - Paul Carrington
Alfred Whitt - Thomas Harrison

Season's Greetings



May the warmth of the holidays find you and your family happy, healthy and safe.

Have a wonderful Christmas, a happy Hanukkah and the best of all holidays you may celebrate.

Here's to a bright and happy new year . . .

