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"Give me liberty or give me death!"

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

March, 2022

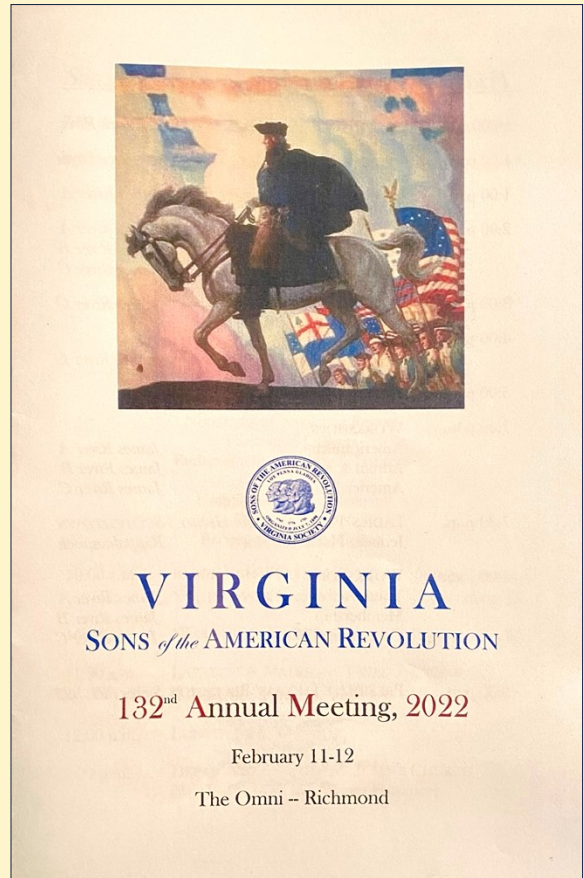
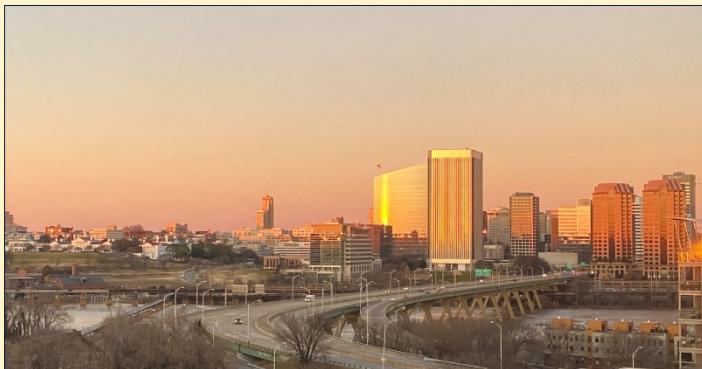
Richmond Chapter * Virginia Society * Sons of the American Revolution

Richmond Chapter supports Virginia Society annual meeting

Every February, The Richmond Chapter SAR turns out in force to support the Virginia Society's annual meeting.

"As the host chapter, it falls to us to provide the volunteers needed to make sure the meeting runs smoothly," said Richmond Chapter President Bill Haskins. "I couldn't be more proud of our members and their willingness to fulfill this responsibility so well each year."

The annual meeting is where the state society conducts its business and lays the strategies that perpetuate the values of the SAR. It's when the state executive and regional committees and all of Virginia's SAR chapters meet in person and set the plans for the coming year. It's also the venue for workshops, ceremonies, awards and more.



But, none of that could happen without local members who are willing to serve during the two-day event. It takes a lot of volunteers to man the registration tables, greet guests, pass out programs, answer questions and guide visiting compatriots who are looking for directions . . . or maybe just a good local restaurant.

Annual meeting volunteers



Jim Russell, Diane and Phillip Barnard



Dana Law, Jim Russell and Bob Lusk



Dale Burgess, Phillip Barnard and Jim Russell



Chris Yohn, Dana Law and Cort Yohn

Richmond Chapter volunteers not pictured:

Chris Ackiss

Keith Barker

Doug Cumins

Bill Haskins

Brian Miller

Robert Mitchell

St. John's Church

The annual meeting's public service awards, new chapter chartering, installation of officers and memorial service took place at historic St. John's Church, in the same room where Patrick Henry rallied the colonies to fight for independence in his famous *give me liberty . . . or give me death* speech, 247 years earlier.



Richmond Chapter awards



Virginia Society JROTC Chairman Spurgeon Keith awards President Bill Haskins the third-place award for Richmond Chapter-sponsored JROTC scholastic contestant Cadet Sgt. Owen Wolf



Virginia Society President Jeff Thomas awards Richmond Chapter oration winner James Wentzel third-place in the Virginia Society Oration contest

Richmond Chapter-sponsored George and Stella Knight Essay contestant Colby Taylor (not pictured) was also recognized with third-place honors. And, the Richmond Chapter earned a flag streamer for 2021 participation in youth programs.

March meeting

After COVID challenges eliminated the January chapter meeting and February was filled with Virginia Society annual meeting responsibilities, the chapter headed back to Willow Oaks for an in-person meeting, in March.

President Haskins shared an annual meeting review and outlined upcoming chapter plans.



March meeting achievements and awards



S. Keith Barker - Lifetime membership



Kenny Bage - Certificate of Appreciation for supporting and representing the chapter at multiple events



Mark Samples - Certificate of Distinguished Service
Richmond Chapter Secretary and Registrar



Chris Yohn - Certificate of Distinguished Service
Richmond Chapter Second Vice President and Newsletter Editor

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:

Who we are

We are a brotherhood of adult and youth males united by lineage connections to the patriots who sacrificed their lives and fortunes to give us the United States of America.

Descent from those patriots bears a responsibility to reverently honor their lives and sacrifices.

The SAR provides us with opportunities to share our passions and interests in our communities, our states and the nation.

Just as our patriot ancestors worked together to overcome obstacles and achieve high levels of success, we work together to achieve common goals.



SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Patriotic ★ Historical ★ Educational

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.**

Jack Akers - John Lester
Will Akers - John Lester
Kenneth L. Bage - John Hinton, John Hinton, Sr.
Phillip Barnard, Jr. - Joel Barnard
Howard E. Bartholf - Cpt. James Varian, Jacobus Bartholf, Guillian Bertholf
Mark S. Brennan, Sr. - Hendrick de Hart
Robert S. Bridges, Jr. - William Jordan
Peter E. Broadbent, Jr. - Lt. Richard Talbott, Cpt. Alexander Wells, Lt. James Marshall
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Charles Lewis Grant - William Russell
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William M. Haskins, Jr. - William Gannon, Moses Preston, Gilbert Stevens, Thomas Prather
Steven James Hughs - John Lester
Dana K. Law - Henry Law
Robert Lusk, Jr. - Reese Bowen, Lillie McIlhane Bowen
Brian K. Miller - Theophilus Avery, Abel Sholes
Brent Morgan - Fauntly Muse
John Ortiz - Robert Sheffield
Hal Raddin, Jr. - Benjamin Raddin
Philip M. Revene - William Withers, William Slack
Mark Samples - Jane Porter Green
Christopher Small - Hugh Hayes
Arthur H. Taylor III - Silas Call
Cullen Walker - Paul Carrington
Alfred Whitt - Thomas Harrison
Timothy B. Whitt - Thomas Harrison
William Wilderman - Jacob Wilderman, George Wilderman
Chris Yohn - Henry Vanderslice

Looking forward

The Richmond Chapter will hold monthly in-person meetings for the remainder of the spring, according to its regular second-Thursday of the month schedule. The April 14 and May 12 meetings will take place at Willow Oaks Country Club, as usual. For save-the-date purposes, there will also possibly be a June 9 meeting, but that has yet to be finalized.

Participation opportunities

The nation is quickly approaching its 250th anniversary. In just a few years, observances are planned across the following ten-year span that corresponds to the events of the Revolution.

Like the 1976 bicentennial celebration, this spotlight on American liberty marks an outstanding opportunity to share with our communities the principles and values our patriot ancestors fought to secure: equality for all, justice, individual determination and all the rest of the tenets of freedom Americans hold dear.

Of course, making these local, state and national events successful takes planning and Involvement. Committees are already being formed in that effort.

If you'd like to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, please contact President Bill Haskins wmhaskins@comcast.net who can advise you on how to get involved in an area of your interest.

