



Liberty Gazette

"Give me liberty or give me death!"

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

Summer, 2022

Richmond Chapter * Virginia Society * Sons of the American Revolution

Richmond Chapter active in state events

April 28th marked President James Monroe's 264th birthday. The Richmond Chapter was present at two major events celebrating and commemorating the life of our fifth president, who was the only president other than George Washington to actively fight in the American Revolution.

Richmond Chapter President Bill Haskins presented a wreath on behalf of the chapter at Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery. The ceremony featured full military honors and many local officials presiding. Beau Robertson also attended and represented the chapter.

Chapter members also attended and participated in the ceremony at the James Monroe birthplace, in Colonial Beach.

Chapter member and James Monroe Memorial Foundation Vice President Peter Broadbent emceed much of the program.



Beau Robertson and Bill Haskins



Peter Broadbent



Chris Yohn, Beau Robertson, Cort Yohn and Chuck Yohn

Chris Yohn presented a wreath on behalf of the chapter while Cort Yohn, Beau Robertson, and (James Monroe relative) John Harler also attended and represented the Richmond Chapter.

The James Monroe birthplace is a recently opened, faithful reconstruction of the original home and is well worth a visit.

Richmond Chapter at the National Memorial Day Parade

The Washington, D.C. National Memorial Day Parade was back on, this spring as hundreds of thousands of spectators joined in person and via television to honor America's fallen heroes.

The SAR was well-represented with notable participants including: SAR Foundation President and past SAR President General Joe Dooley, SAR President General Davis Wright, Virginia SAR President Bruce Meyer, District of Columbia SAR President William O. "Bill" Ritchie, Jr., noted playwright and author compatriot Calvin Ramsey, host George Washington Chapter President Richard Rankin and a full SAR color guard.



Affiliated representatives who marched with the SAR included: CAR National President Cagle Kaough, Virginia CAR Senior State President Anne-Cabrie Forsythe, Virginia CAR State President Will Elston and District of Columbia DAR Manor House Chapter Member Elise Forrester.

Chris and Cort Yohn joined the SAR contingent and represented the Richmond Chapter.

**A Memorial Day tribute to those who gave the last full measure
by Richmond Chapter Compatriot R.E. Halpern**

Because of you

Because of you, I can stand so tall.

Lucky me didn't have to go and see what you saw.

Because of you we can freely speak.

We didn't have to watch our brothers fall.

It was you who allowed us our choice of and type of church.

We didn't witness the mass graves of genocide.

I didn't have to be out in the freezing cold,

laying on cold wet rocky ground instead of a warm comfy bed.

Due to you we get to choose who rules our country,

while others fear theirs, whom often cause the trouble you partake.

It's because of you . . .

. . . we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy.

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:

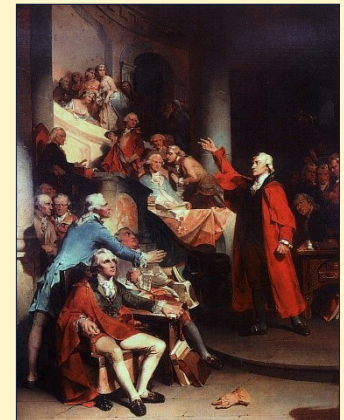
Injunctions of George Washington in his farewell address

“ . . . In contemplating the causes which may disturb our Union, it occurs as a matter of serious concern, that any ground should have been furnished for characterizing parties by geographical discriminations: northern and southern, Atlantic and western; whence designing men may endeavor to excite a belief that there is a real difference of local interests and views.

“Towards the preservation of your government, and the permanency of your present happy state, it is requisite, not only that you steadily discountenance irregular oppositions to its acknowledged authority but also that you resist with care the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretexts.”



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Timothy B. Whitt - Thomas Harrison
William Wilderman - Jacob Wilderman, George Wilderman
Chris Yohn - Henry Vanderslice

Richmond Chapter concludes spring meetings

The chapter held regular monthly meetings at Willow Oaks Country Club in April and May. As has traditionally been the case, that concludes spring monthly chapter meetings, which will resume in September.

Many online and in-person state events continue through the summer. Stay close to the virginia-sar.org calendar pages for details.



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, these local, state and national events take planning and involvement. Committees are already being formed in the 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 on how to get involved in an area of your interest.

