



Liberty Gazette

"Give me liberty or give me death!"

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

Fall, 2022

Richmond Chapter * Virginia Society * Sons of the American Revolution

Richmond Chapter meetings resume

The Richmond Chapter kicked off its slate of regular fall meetings with the annual fall dinner held on Thursday, September 8th.

Many members' spouses and family members also joined the chapter for the meeting, which featured awards, recognition and multiple new member inductions.

Chapter Secretary and Registrar Mark Samples was honored with the War Service Medal for his military service in a combat zone. Military service medals are awarded to those SAR members who served in any capacity, whether in combat or non-combat. If you've served, please notify President Haskins to receive this award in honor of your service.

Board of Managers member Kenny Bage added supplemental ancestor Frederick Schlempe and also became a lifetime member.



Chapter President Bill Haskins



Bill Haskins and Mark Samples



Bill Haskins and Kenny Bage

Welcome new members!



The chapter was honored to induct seven new members at the September meeting.

Welcome



Andrew Akers and William Smith III



Brandon O'Neal and Drew Wajciechowski



Charles Culver, Patrick Culver and James Smith III



September meeting extras

During the meeting Bill Haskins shared the very interesting history and symbolism of the SAR member badge.

The insignia was created in the very early days of the society and its design was largely based on that of the ancient chivalric order of St. Louis.

It bears the SAR motto: *Libertas et Patria - Liberty and Country*, the laurel wreath of republican victory and the bust of George Washington.

Every SAR member is entitled to wear the member badge.



New Richmond Chapter member and Col. Alexander Spotswood Chapter CAR President Drew Wajciechowski addressed the meeting and shared the Virginia CAR's efforts to raise funds in support of the National Park Service's educational programs at the Yorktown Battlefield.

Funds will be used to purchase the equipment needed to show a new Yorktown Visitor Center introductory film, support historic weapons demonstrations and more.

Those interested in helping the cause can refer to the addendum on page seven for more details.

More new member news



James B. Thomas and Bill Haskins

In his capacity of Virginia Society SAR Registrar, and at the request of the Colorado Society, Bill Haskins recently traveled to Bedford, VA to induct James B. Thomas as a member of the Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado Society.

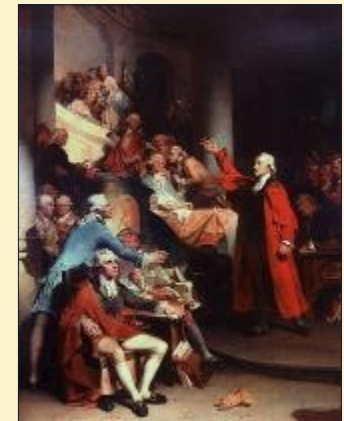
Compatriot Thomas will most likely maintain dual membership or entirely transfer his membership to the Patrick Henry Chapter, Virginia Society SAR.

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 Values

- ◆ Love of God, Country and family
- ◆ Valuing our members and encouraging growth of membership
- ◆ Providing opportunities for all members to express their interests and passions
- ◆ Appreciation and support of the service and sacrifices of our Patriots, veterans and active-duty military
- ◆ To recognize, embrace, support and defend the distinctly American principles of government established in our Constitution and the Bill of Rights that are greater than any one individual
- ◆ Preservation of the great traditions and symbols of American freedom and liberty
- ◆ Understanding and appreciating the value of our American heritage and demonstrating reverent pride toward all Patriots
- ◆ Serving in communities - local chapters are the face of SAR
- ◆ Sharing our knowledge with others, assisting with historical education for youth and sharing correct historical information at all times



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The Richmond Chapter Memorial Fund



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work of the
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Jack Akers - John Lester
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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

Participation opportunities

New chapter officers: The current roster of chapter officers is about to complete its term. Those who are interested in becoming more involved in chapter activities and taking more of a leadership role are encouraged to contact President Bill Haskins wmhaskins@comcast.net to express their interest and see what roles are available. There are many ways to become involved in areas to fit all interests. Becoming an officer or committee chair offers members the chance to deepen their membership appreciation, broaden their network across chapter and state societies and to enjoy a broad range of meaningful activities.

The nation is quickly approaching its 250th anniversary. Observances are planned across the 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.

Committees are already being formed for 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.

Next meeting

Plan to join us in person at Willow Oaks Country Club for our next Richmond Chapter meeting on Thursday, October 13 at 12 noon. In the meantime, stay close to state and other nearby chapter events via the Virginia Society SAR website: virginia-sar.org.



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Addendum: Virginia CAR support of the National Park Service's Yorktown Battlefield education program.



2022-2023 Virginia C.A.R. *Patriots of the Round Table Project Patrons*

The Virginia Society of the Children of the American Revolution invites you to become a V.S.C.A.R. Project Patron by supporting the Virginia State Project at the Yorktown Battlefield in Colonial National Historic Park. Just as the legendary King Arthur's Camelot depended on the support of the famous and not-so-famous knights of the Round Table, the success of the American Revolution depended on thousands of lesser-known Patriots who supported or fought alongside Generals Washington, Lafayette, and Nelson. This year, the Virginia C.A.R. will celebrate the lesser-known Patriots without whom the victory at Yorktown would not have been possible.

The state project will raise funds to support the National Park Service's educational programs at the Yorktown Battlefield. The first \$5000 raised will help purchase the audio/visual equipment required to show a new introductory film at the battlefield Visitors Center. Additional funds raised will support the historic weapons demonstration program, which will resume after a hiatus of over two years, by making it possible for the Park Service to purchase the gunpowder, period-appropriate attire and other things needed by the volunteers.

Your voluntary support of the state project is greatly appreciated, and donors will be recognized in the State Conference Banquet Program at the following levels:

\$25 Squire \$50 Knight or Dame \$100 Knight or Dame of the Round Table

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