

Liberty Gazette

"Give me liberty or give me death!"

Patrick Henry - Richmond, Virginia

March 23, 1775



Spring, 2023

Richmond Chapter * Virginia Society * Sons of the American Revolution

Richmond Chapter January meeting

The Chapter is off to a productive start in 2023. Our first meeting of the year took place on January 25.

Attendees were treated to Compatriot Jim Russell's presentation of the contributions of his Patriot Ancestor Benjamin Russell. Jim shared the roles Benjamin played in the Boston Tea Party, in support of the U.S. Constitution and in many significant historical events through the remainder of his life.

Thanks to Jim for sharing his time and knowledge!



Jim Russell

Samuel Harrison Jones III honored



Samuel Harrison Jones III and Bill Haskins

Photos courtesy of Beau Robertson

Richmond Chapter Compatriot Samuel Harrison Jones III was honored for his military service at his last chapter meeting before moving out-of-state.

Samuel is authorized by the SAR to wear the war service medal for service to his country in Panama during *Operation Just Cause*.

All SAR Compatriots who've served in the U.S. military (in combat or non-combat) have earned an SAR military or war service medal.

If you've served and haven't received this honor, please notify Chris Yohn: cy.rva.sar@gmail.com And, thank you for your service!

Richmond Chapter at the Virginia Society annual meeting

Chris Ackiss, Richard Brooks, Philip Barnard and Chris Yohn represented the Richmond Chapter at the Virginia Society annual meeting, which took place at the Berry Hill Resort on February 10-11.

The Chapter was honored with two streamers for 100% participation in the Flag Recognition program and participation in the Flag Retirement program. Thanks to Chapter Flag Program Chairman Robert Halpern for his outstanding efforts! Also, thanks to Chapter Registrar Mark Samples and State Registrar Bill Haskins for their efforts in the Chapter receiving a member reinstatement bounty.



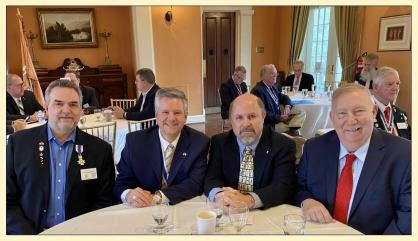
Berry Hill Resort

Photo courtesy of Beau Robertson

Individual Richmond Chapter member recognition included:

- Mark S. Brennan, Sr. Certificate of Appreciation for service as head trustee of the Mark S. Brennan, Jr. Memorial Fund
- Bill Haskins Certificate of Appreciation for service as Virginia SAR Registrar
- Bill Haskins Presidential Award for outstanding support as the Central Region Membership Vice Chair
- Chris Yohn Presidential Award for outstanding support as the Central Region Community Affairs Vice Chair

In addition to the awards dinner, the meeting featured: a Presidential reception and time to meet and socialize with statewide compatriots, the youth oration competition finals and awards, a Virginia Society Compatriots memorial service, the official 2023 Virginia Society business meeting and the President's banquet with more awards and 2023 Virginia Society



Philip Barnard, Chris Yohn, Chris Ackiss and Richard Brooks
Photo courtesy of Joe Dooley

officer inductions, in which Bill Haskins was reinstated as the 2023 Virginia State registrar.

The meeting officially concluded with everyone assembling on the front steps of the resort for an outstanding closing fireworks display.

The Virginia Society semi-annual meeting will take place in Winchester, in September.

Richmond Chapter at *The Crossing of the Dan*

The Crossing of the Dan is a National SAR event. The 2023 event coincided with the Virginia society annual meeting. Richmond Chapter members Chris Ackiss, Richard Brooks, Philip Barnard and Chris Yohn represented the chapter.



The crossing

The event commemorates General Nathaniel Greene's successfully leading his army across the Carolinas to safety in Virginia. Greene's superior planning avoided conflict with the British while his newly inherited army was unfit for battle. Greene's tactics preserved his army and demoralized the British. The pursuit eventually ended when Greene's men crossed the Dan River into Virginia, where the British couldn't follow for a lack of boats. After a single week's rest, resupplying and reinforcement, Greene's army recrossed the Dan and eventually met the British at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse; a tactical victory for the British but a very costly one that eventually led them on the road to Yorktown.



The event featured a Revolutionary War music concert, a parade to the Dan River crossing site, numerous color-guard participants, a re-enactment of the crossing using a replica batteaux and a wreath-laying ceremony.



Wreath-laying ceremony
Photo courtesy of Philip Barnard

March meeting

The Richmond Chapter kicked off American Revolution 250th anniversary commemorations by holding an observance of the resolves to create the Virginia Committee of Correspondence at its March meeting. Virginia created its Committee of Correspondence on May 12, 1773 to establish communication with the rest of the American Colonies. The action led to the eventual creation of the first Continental Congress.



Richmond Chapter reads, discusses and commemorates the resolves to create the Virginia Committee of Correspondence on the 250th anniversary of the event

New member



Welcome William Morgerson!



Jim Russell - Certificate of Appreciation

Benjamin Russell presentation

Awards



Libby McNamee - Certificate of Appreciation Susanna's Midnight Ride presentation



Bill Haskins - Past-president recognition for outstanding service and with great appreciation

New member and awards photos courtesy of Cort Yohn

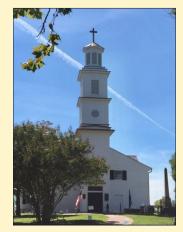
What makes an SAR member?

Richmond Chapter members are proud of mission of the Sons of the American Revolution. We continue to examine the meaning of being an SAR member in this and ongoing issues of the *Liberty Gazette*.

The SAR Mission

The purposes of the sons of the American Revolution are patriotic, historical, and educational, and include those intended or designed:

- 1 to perpetuate the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;
- 2 to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;
- 3 to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
- 4 to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
- 5 to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;
- 6 to mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials;
- 7 to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period;
- 8 to foster true patriotism;
- 9 to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and
- 10 to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.









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, Guilliam Bertholf, Jonathan Varian

Mark S. Brennan, Sr. - John Oliver

Robert S. Bridges, Jr. - William Jordan

Peter E. Broadbent, Jr. - Lt. Richard Talbott, Cpt. Alexander Wells, Lt. James Marshall

A. Brian Cowardin - John Cowardin

James E. Creech, Jr. - William Ragland

Doug Cumins - George Keister, Nathaniel Wilson

Wyatt F. Davis - Alexander Guthrie

Ronald J. DePue, Sr. - Benjamin DePue

Richard Dohm - John Gibson, Jr.

Charles Lewis Grant - William Russell

Robert Halpern - Ens. James Sproul

John Harler - William Sommerville

William M. Haskins, Jr. - William Gannon, Moses Preston, Gilbert Stevens, Thomas Prather

Dana K. Law - Henry Law

Brian K. Miller - Theophilus Avery, Abel Sholes

Hal Raddin, Jr. - Benjamin Raddin

Philip M. Revene - William Withers, William Slack

Mark Samples - Jane Porter Green

Christopher Small - Hugh Hayes

Walter Smith - Casparus Pruyn, Sylvanus Smith

Arthur H. Taylor III - Silas Call

Cullen Walker - Paul Carrington

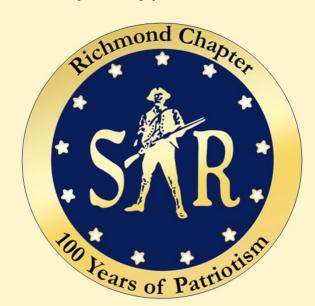
Chris Yohn - Lt. Jacob Vanderslice

Next meeting - Richmond Chapter celebrates 100 years of patriotism!

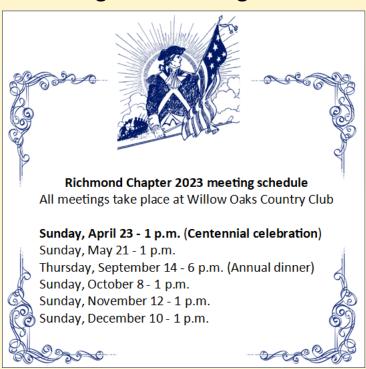
Don't miss the chance to be a part of this historic Richmond Chapter event on April 23, at 1 p.m.

We'll celebrate the centennial with a color guard, state officers, special guests, chapter history, favorite memories of past presidents and a few surprises along the way!

Please access the <u>virginiasar.org</u> calendar for full event details and to register yourself and guests. Remember, you must be logged-in to view and register for chapter events. *Your username is your national SAR number. Click forgot password on your first login to set a new password.*



Remaining 2023 meetings





Winter issue update . . .

The October 19, 2022, Yorktown Day Celebration described in the *Liberty Gazette* winter issue was also attended by Richmond Chapter member Drew Wajciechowski.





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