2018 Multi-Chapter Meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, 15 of our members and their spouses traveled to Syria, Virginia for the 2018 VASSAR Multi-Chapter Meeting, held annually at Graves Mountain Lodge. As in past years, our chapter was well represented. Since the Colonel William Grayson Chapter was this year’s host chapter, our own President Mike Taimi was the master of ceremonies,

For new Colonel William Grayson Chapter members and those who have never attended the Multi-Chapter meeting, seven chapters participate. They are Col. Fielding Lewis (East Piedmont Area), Col. James Wood II (Northwest Virginia Area), Culpeper Minutemen (Central Piedmont Area), Col. William Grayson (Prince William County & Western Fairfax County Area), Fort Harrison (Harrisonburg Area), Gen. Daniel Morgan (Staunton Area) and Thomas Jefferson (Charlottesville Area).

The first event of the day was the gathering of an urn of Virginia soil that was carried by VASSAR President Pat Kelly to South Carolina where on May 26 he spread the Virginia soil on the mass grave of Virginians who died there in the Battle of Waxhaws.

VASSAR President Pat Kelly was also the guest speaker. He spoke on the Revolutionary War on the western frontier of Virginia, with emphasis on the involvement of the Indian tribes in that area. For those who were not present and missed his presentation, he will be our guest speaker at our October 13 meeting speaking on the same subject. All are encouraged to come.
President’s/Vice President’s Report

This newsletter’s President’s/Vice President’s Report was prepared for us by Mike Weyler, CWG Secretary, and Compatriot responsible for tracking and promoting CWG day to day activities, most of these activities are reported in this and our other newsletters.

Mike Taimi
President Colonel William Grayson Chapter

We have had a very busy and productive first-half of 2018. We added twenty-two new Compatriots to our chapter during the first six months of 2018, and we continue to grow. In May and June, the two months since our last newsletter, our members have traveled around Virginia for some major VASSAR events. Starting with a large attendance by chapter members at the VASSAR Multi-Chapter Meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia, to the commemoration of the Raid on Martin’s Station in Ewing, Virginia, way down in extreme Southwest Virginia, to the National Memorial Day Parade, our members have represented our chapter very well. Our members have also been wreath presenters at a couple of wreath-laying ceremonies closer to home; the commemoration of Wayne’s Crossing of the Potomac in Leesburg and the commemoration of the Virginia Declaration of Rights at Gunston Hall, George Mason’s home, in Lorton. As usual, our Color Guard Commander Paul Chase was present in uniform in whatever events he attended.
Although many of us are now heading into summer vacations, the next few months will include some additional state-wide events. The first one being the Atlantic Middle States Association Annual Meeting in Newport News, Virginia, August 10-11, where VASSAR will host the representatives from the seven state societies that make up the Association. A month later, September 14-15 in Charlottesville, all are invited to the VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting. On October 19, we celebrate Yorktown Day in Yorktown, Virginia, in remembrance of the day Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington. We encourage as many as possible to attend these great Virginia events.

**Upcoming Events**

13 Oct.: *CWG Chapter meeting*. The next regular meeting of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter will be on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, at Giuseppe's Ristorante Italiano, located at 15120 Washington Street, Haymarket, VA 20169. Opportunity to meet and greet starts at 10:30 AM, with the meeting being called to order at 11:00 AM. Dress code now includes business casual, optional. The cost of lunch is now $30 — $10 for children. Please notify Mike Wyler by Tuesday, May 15, 2018, if you plan to attend.

17 Nov.: *CWG Chapter meetings*: Venue as above.

8 September: Chapter to join PG Guzy for a wreath at the tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery

11 September or date TBD: Chapter to participate in local 9-11 commemoration events

4 November or TBD: Chapter to participate in the annual Greater Manassas Veterans Day parade.

12 November-Veterans Day: Chapter to place flags on the graves of known/locatable Rev. War Patriot graves in Prince William County.

December, date TBD: Chapter to participate in the Sgt. Mac wreath-laying event on veteran graves at Quantico National Cemetery. Also will participate in Wreaths Across America.

December, date TBD: Chapter to lay wreaths on the graves of Rev. War Patriots in Prince William County.
Chapter Activities

30 April 2018: Cadet 1st LT Jennifer Richardson of Battlefield High School is the recipient of three Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) awards. She was awarded the Col. William Grayson Chapter (CWG) Certificate of Achievement for her nomination for the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Enhanced Cadet Competition. Cadet Richardson won the competition and was presented the Bronze SAR Enhanced JROTC Cadet Medallion with Certificate and a check for $100.00.

As the Colonel William Grayson Chapter’s nominee to the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) competition, Cadet Richardson won second place and received a Chapter Certificate of Achievement. Also, she received a $500 check from VASSAR, the SAR Bronze JROTC Outstanding Cadet Medal with Certificate.

Compatriot John Callaway presents Cadet 1st Lt. Jennifer Richardson the SAR Outstanding JROTC Cadet bronze medal with a certificate.
**1 MAY:** Compatriot Dave Button presented the Outstanding Cadet certificate and medal to Senior Airman Jesse Bruce at the annual AFJROTC awards ceremony at Freedom High School, Woodbridge, Va. At the ceremony, the unit’s new leadership for the 2018-2019 was announced and introduced. Senior Airman Bruce received a promotion to Master Sergeant.

![Dave Button and MSgt. Jesse Bruce.](image)

**May:** The Little Rocky Run Homeowners Association in Clifton, Virginia was awarded a National Society Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificate for proper display of the United States Flag. The Flag at the HOA Office is displayed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and it is always lighted at night.

Mike Taimi — President of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society of the SAR, and Little Rocky Run resident — presented the certificate to Joe Stein, Vice President of the HOA.

The Sons of the American Revolution perpetuate the ideals of the war for independence. It is a historical, educational, and patriotic organization that seeks to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, and the value of American citizenship. The Certificate of Commendation reads: “This Certificate of Commendation is presented to the Little Rocky Run Homeowners Association in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America.”

![Mike Taimi presents Flag Certificate of Commendation to Joe Stein, Vice President of the Little Rocky Run Homeowners Association.](image)
**8 May: Manassas, VA.** Paul Chase presented his book “The American Revolution: A Compendium of Terms and Topics” to the Bull Run Rotary Club at City Tavern this morning. This Speakers Bureau engagement resulted in the sale of two books and may result in the recruiting of a new member. Paul will next talk to the Manassas Kiwanis Club.

![Paul Chase presenting his book at the Bull Run Rotary Club.](image)

Photo courtesy of Theresa Coates Ellis, Bull Run Rotary Club.

**12 May: Dumfries, VA; Dumfries Charter Day.** The City of Dumfries and the Weems-Botts Museum in Dumfries sponsored Dumfries Charter Day on 12 May commemorating the establishment of Dumfries as the first of seven townships in Prince William County. Dumfries received its charter on May 11, 1749, making it the oldest continuously chartered town in Virginia.

Although Dumfries produced many Patriots of the American Revolution, one of the most recognized is Colonel William Grayson. Grayson established a law office in Dumfries before the Revolution and was instrumental in events leading to the Revolution. He commanded a company of militia and was selected by George Washington as Aide de Camp. Grayson wintered with Washington at Valley Forge, fought in several battles and was one of the first elected senators to the United States Congress after the ratification of the Constitution. In remembrance of Colonel Grayson, the bandstand at Dumfries Merchant Park carries his name.

Planners for the 12 May event invited the Colonel William Grayson chapter Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution to participate in the Living History venue. The CWG Chapter asked members of Children of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution, many in Revolutionary War-era costumes or uniforms, to also attend.

Children of the American Revolution demonstrated Colonial children games, and one member used toy muskets to recruit and train visitors in basic Manual of Arms and the operation of a Revolutionary War musket. Paul Chase, Compatriot with CWG Chapter, was stationed in a second-floor garret (Attic) of the Weems-Botts museum; set up as the office of the Commander of the Third Virginia Regiment, Continental Line. Other members of the CWG Chapter, in militia uniform, displayed the equipment carried by a typical militia soldier including a replica Charleville musket.
12 May: Alexandria, VA. CWG Compatriot Paul Chase in Continental Army uniform represented the chapter by participating in Color Guard for the grave marking of four patriots of the American Revolution: John Turpin Brooks, Joseph Dean, William McKnight and Dennis Ramsay. The patriots are interred at the Presbyterian Cemetery and Columbarium on Wilkes Street in Alexandria.

Planned by the George Washington Chapter VASSAR, the ceremony was attended by approximately 20 members of VASSAR, VADAR, and parishioners of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. The Virginia SAR Color Guard provided a dignified tribute to the ceremony by advancing and posting colors.
**12 May: The Raid at Martin’s Station.** On May 12, 2018, at the Virginia Wilderness Road State Park, there was a ceremony paying tribute to the pioneers and patriots who fought at Martin’s Station against Indian tribes in that area who were allied with the British.

We were represented by our chapter Secretary, Mike Weyler, who presented a wreath on behalf of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter.

President Pat Kelly was the keynote speaker and led the Virginia Society participation in the Raid at Martin's Station Ceremony. Participating were representatives from Virginia and Tennessee, including ten Virginia chapters: Colonel Fielding Lewis, Colonel George Waller, Colonel William Grayson, Culpeper Minutemen, Fincastle Resolutions, General William Campbell, Martin's Station, New River Valley, Overmountain Men, and Thomas Jefferson. Chaplain General John Wakefield represented NSSAR. William Cheak, Vice President of the Martin's Station Chapter, was the Master of Ceremonies, and Barney Penley, Secretary of the Overmountain Men Chapter, conducted the wreath presentations.

![Image of participants at the Raid at Martin's Station ceremony]

VASSAR Participants, L-R: Bill Schwetke, Culpeper Minutemen Chapter; John Hamilton, Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter; Dennis Fritts, Fincastle Resolutions Chapter; Mike Weyler, Col. William Grayson Chapter; and Chaplain General John Wakefield.
14 May: Woodbridge, VA. The Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship medal to Rippon Middle School Head of Social Studies and classroom teacher, Thomas Warzywak.

The award citation read: *For Outstanding Achievement as Head of the Social Studies Department at Rippon Middle School, Woodbridge, VA where Mr. Warzywak planned, coordinated and directly supervised transporting middle school students to Quantico National Cemetery in December 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 for placement of wreaths on Veterans Graves as part of the Sgt Mac Foundation annual wreath for Veterans effort. Starting with eight (8) honor students in 2014, his efforts have reached a high of 60 students and an average of 47 per year. His efforts directly contribute to his students better understanding the sacrifices Veterans make to our country and instilled a sense of patriotism in every student.*

Mr. Warzywak says that it is one thing to cite the Pledge of Allegiance every school day, and quite another to place a wreath on the grave of a veteran who fought for our country.

In addition, Mr. Warzywak initiated a History bee that culminates in the best students going to the National competition in Georgia. For Outstanding contributions to Patriotism and preserving history, the chapter is proud to present the bronze good citizenship medal to Thomas Warzywak.

The Sgt. Mac Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to honor the memory of Marine Sgt. Eric McColley, Sgt. McColley was killed along with seven fellow Marines and two Airmen when two Marine CH-53e helicopters collided off the coast of Djibouti, Africa on February 17, 2006. Eric, like so many other servicemen and women, gave his life doing what he loved, serving his country.

Barry Schwoerer, Vice President of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, made the presentation at a staff meeting with Mr. Warzywak’s peers and Principal. Mr. Warzywak is a member of the Chapter and a descendant of Elexious Muscik and Moses Stepp, both Patriots of the American Revolution.

L-R: Rippon Middle School Principal Scott Bergquist, Thomas Warzywak, Barry Schwoerer.

Tuesday evening Boy Scout Troop 577, chartered by the Little Rocky Run Home Owners Association and based in Clifton/Centreville, VA conducted a Troop Court of Honor. These events are conducted several times a year to recognize the advancements and achievements of Scouting youth and adult Scouters. On this specific occasion, the unit was joined by three Compatriots from Colonel William Grayson (CWG) Chapter of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, Barry Schwoerer, Paul Chase, and Leamon Duncan, who served as special Color Guard for the evening.

Later in the evening, they honored 10 Eagle Scouts by presenting Certificates of Recognition and partnership patches. Certificates and patches were prepared for three additional scouts who did not attend the function. The SAR contingent also presented information regarding the Eagle Scout Scholarship.

Eagle Scouts receiving patches and certificates were: David Bunin, James Conard, Jameson Crouse, Prashant Desai, Lucas deVos, Neil Dolan, Alexander Harrison, Gannon LaCroix, Collin Nelson, and Kevin Quirici. Those not attending were: Jacob Bowman, Matt Candy, and Jacob Kintzing.

Troop Scoutmaster Aaron Bills and his son Alex became CWG members in 2016. Exposure and preparation for this event also inspired several families to review their patriot history and the chapter is pleased to welcome Jameson Crouse as a new member applicant.

For additional information on SAR, including the application process, visit the Colonel William Grayson website at <http://colonelwilliamgrayson.virginia-sar.org>
24 May: Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Station #39: Technician Paul Serzan of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station #39 was awarded the SAR Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medal and Certificate by CWG Compatriot William C. (Bill) Collier.

The citation read:

“Technician Paul Serzan — Fire and Rescue Station 39, A-Shift — Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department has distinguished himself for over ten years as an Emergency Medical Technician. He is an outstanding provider who consistently received high evaluations on all re-certification and quality assurance reviews. His extensive knowledge, skills, and abilities have enabled him to be a mentor for new Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers, and he constantly puts the interns through their paces to prepare them to handle calls on their own. Additionally, Technician Serzan is a member of FEMA Virginia Task Force One as a K-9 handler. He has deployed with Task Force One to respond to Hurricanes Irma and Maria. His greatest attribute is his advocacy for his patients. He does not hesitate to put his patients and their families ahead of all other concerns. Technician Serzan’s performance of duty reflects great credit on himself, The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, and the entire Emergency Medical Service profession.”

Technician Paul Serzan, Fairfax Fire & Rescue Station #39 and Bill Collier, Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society SAR.
28 May: This Memorial Day, members of the Colonel William Grayson chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution joined Culpeper Minutemen and Fairfax Resolves chapter members to participate in the Color Guard and presentation of chapter wreaths at the Memorial Day celebration at the Culpeper National Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia. Compatriot Charles C. Jameson of the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter was the Keynote speaker for the event.

Color Guard members: Mike Taimi, Colonel William Grayson chapter, Dave Cook, Fairfax Resolves chapter, Charles Jameson, Culpeper Minutemen chapter and Paul Chase, Colonel William Grayson chapter, not pictured Mike Dennis, Culpeper Minutemen chapter.

Keynote speaker: Charles C. Jameson, Culpeper Minutemen chapter.

Presentation of chapter wreaths: Mike Dennis, Mike Taimi, and Paul Chase, CWG Chapter, and Dave Cook, Fairfax Resolves Chapter.
2 June: The Fairfax Resolves chapter hosted the commemoration of Wayne’s Crossing at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg. Mayor Kelly Burk of Leesburg offered remarks and presented a Proclamation from the Town Council declaring it Wayne’s Crossing Day. General Anthony Wayne and his Pennsylvania troops crossed the Potomac and marched through Leesburg on June 3, 1781, on their way to reinforce Lafayette’s army in Virginia.

Eleven chapters and societies of the SAR, DAR, and CAR, presented wreaths. Paul Chase ably represented the Colonel William Grayson Chapter. The VASSAR Color Guard Commander, Bill Schwetke, led nine Color Guard members in presenting the colors and re-enacting Wayne’s march through Leesburg as part of the program.

VASSAR Color Guard (L to R): Bill Schwetke, Justin Thomas, Mike Dennis, Jeff Thomas, Rick Abbott, Paul Chase, Charles Jameson, Brett Osborn, and David Cook.

Paul Chase with Chapter Wreath.
8 June: Daniel R. Coleman awarded Good Citizenship Medal. The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate was awarded to Daniel R. Coleman at the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony at All Saints Catholic School in Manassas on Friday, 8 June. Social Studies teacher, Ms. Devon Bell, selected Daniel for his outstanding citizenship and academic excellence. Colonel William Grayson Chapter Virginia Society SAR Vice President Barry Schwoerer presented the award.

Daniel will attend Saint John Paul The Great Catholic High School in Dumfries, VA starting in the Fall of 2018. In addition to receiving the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Daniel received recognition and several awards at Friday’s graduation ceremony. These included: The Benedictine Service Award, President’s Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Second Place Winner in the Bishop J. Louis Flaherty Assembly 2018 Patriotic Essay Contest, and Honor Roll.

L-R: Ms. Devon Bell, Daniel Coleman, Barry Schwoerer.
9 June: Declaration Day at Gunston Hall. Colonel William Grayson Compatriot Steven Powers and his Compatriot sons Christian, Erik, Otto, and Henry, represented the Colonel William Grayson Chapter at the 9 June celebration of Declaration Day at Gunston Hall in Lorton, VA.

Declaration Day commemorates the signing of the *Virginia Declaration of Rights* written by founding father George Mason. The Declaration was signed in June 1776 by delegates representing Virginia Counties. Steven and his sons joined with the George Mason and George Washington chapters on the 242nd anniversary of the signing of the Declaration. Steven presented the Chapter wreath at the tomb of George Mason.

L-R: Gene Thomas, Chaplain George Mason Chapter; John Murphy; Dave Thomas Vice-President George Washington Chapter; Scott Stroh, Executive Director, Gunston Hall; Steven Powers, Colonel William Grayson Chapter.
19 June: Three seventh grade Social Studies/American History Students at All Saints Catholic School, Manassas, VA received recognition for producing the best tri-fold brochures for the annual Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Brochure Contest sponsored by the Colonel William Grayson Chapter Virginia Society, SAR.

Eliza Rhodes won first place with a brochure on the United States Constitution. She was awarded $50, a certificate, a first place blue ribbon, and a SAR Good Citizenship pin. Mary Collins won second place with a brochure on the Bill of Rights. She was awarded $25, a certificate, and a second place red ribbon. Mehek Jamil won third place with a brochure on the Declaration of Independence. She was awarded $15, a certificate and a third place white ribbon.

Ms. Devon Bell was the teacher for classes that produced a total of eighteen brochures for the contest. For her support of the Brochure contest, she was presented with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation. Presenting the awards was Colonel William Grayson Chapter Vice President Barry Schwoerer, who wore the uniform of one his Patriot Ancestors, a member of the New Hampshire Militia.

All members of SAR must prove they are lineal descendants of a man or woman who provided support for the American Revolution. For additional information on SAR and the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, please visit their webpage at <http://colonelwilliamgrayson.virginia-sar.org> or on Facebook by searching for Colonel William Grayson chapter, SAR.
July 8: Heather Moser wins inaugural The Paul Alan Chase Scholarship. Heather Moser, a senior and honor student at Gar-Field High School in Woodbridge, Virginia, has been named the winner of the inaugural Paul Alan Chase Scholarship, sponsored by The Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution and will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

One of Heather’s teachers at Gar-Field wrote this about her, “Heather is a young woman of unusual academic gifts and intellectual promise. She is proven to me to be a highly respectful, motivated young woman with an unparalleled sense of altruism. I have seen her willingness to embrace opportunities and reach out to others translated into action in my classroom. While she always stands out as a leader through all her venues, she never hesitates for a moment to reach out to help anyone who feels isolated or has less ability than she.”

While at Gar-Field, Heather served as an officer for the National Honor Society, Model United Nations, and Gay-Straight Alliance while also serving the Healthy Communities – Healthy Youth and Women’s Leadership Clubs. She previously earned an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Certificate, Spanish Department Award, and was a four-year Academic Award recipient. Heather’s winning application included an essay about Colonel William Grayson. This fall Heather plans to attend the University of Virginia to study Economics.

About the Paul Alan Chase Scholarship. High school seniors from Prince William and portions of Fairfax County can apply for the Paul Alan Chase Scholarship. The goal of the scholarship is to increase interest and knowledge of American History with a specific emphasis on the American Revolution, the events that led to the Revolution and events that led to the formation of the Government we know today. Finalists for the scholarship are selected based on their academic record, leadership skills; participation in extra-curricular activities, and most importantly, their original referenced essay about the importance of a site or person in the Revolution. Paul Alan Chase, an officer in The Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution, generously established the scholarship from proceeds of his work on the Revolutionary War titled, The American Revolution: A Compendium of Terms and Topics. Additional information about the scholarship can be found at http://colonelwilliamgrayson.virginia-sar.org/ChaseScholarship.pdf

Heather Mosher at the grave of Col. William Grayson.
12 July: Dave Button, Flag Committee Chairman, presented a certificate to Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas. Accepting the certificate for Pierce Funeral Home was Ernest Myers. Pierce Funeral Home displays the National Flag 24/7, and it is lighted at night.

[Image of Dave Button (L) and Ernest Myers]

Dave Button (L) and Ernest Myers.
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