

## **Col. William Grayson Chapter**

Sons of the American Revolution

# -Newsletter-



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#### PAUL ALAN CHASE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Your CWG Chapter leadership team is pleased to announce the formation of the Paul Alan Chase Scholarship Fund for High School Seniors in Prince William County representing public, private and parochial schools. Funds donated by Paul Chase from proceeds of his book and rebates of VASSAR dues for the chapter meeting for exceeding VASSAR chapter growth targets will be the basis of the operating funds for this effort. Compatriots may donate to the fund by identifying the "Paul Chase Scholarship Fund" on their check. If needed, money from the Chapter General Fund will be allocated by the Board of Managers. Awards will be in the amount of \$1,000 to the winner and \$250 to a runner-up. The process for selecting the winners and definition of a Theme is under development. The first awards will be made before Graduation in May or June 2018.



Paul A. Chase



### President's Message







Continental Sailor uniform.

Congratulations and a VERY WELL DONE to all Compatriots of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter for your contributions that made 2017 a tremendous year. In every measure, the chapter did more, went to more events, sponsored new events, and expanded our participation in Youth Programs. Although we did not repeat as Best Very Large Chapter, VASSAR recognized us at their February 2018 Annual meeting as a leading chapter in VASSAR in many areas.

I am extremely proud that our Chapter was the <u>ONLY chapter to win the 2017 Wayne</u> and <u>Wink Rouse Award for Outstanding Performance in Youth Programs</u>. This win was the direct result of many of you putting in a great deal of effort in JROTC, Oration, Essay, Eagle Scout, and Poster Contests and going the extra mile of documenting your efforts. This year we already have eighteen (18) brochures, a first for our chapter.

We continue to lead VASSAR in Chapter membership growth, identification of Forgotten patriots and Keith Rouleau is the VASSAR leader for Virginia History Day in District V (Northern VA). Our nominee for History Teacher of the Year, Matt McDonald of Colgan High School was selected as the VASSAR Teacher of the year and will compete against nominees from other State Societies. Our JROTC winner was chosen as the #2 JROTC Cadet in VASSAR, and our Oration winner came in 3<sup>rd</sup> at VASSAR. A summary of awards and recognition given to our chapter is in the table below:

VASSAR CATEGORY	COMMENTS		
Wayne & Wink Rouse Award	Best Youth Programs (Only winner)		
Chapter Excellence	Excellence in all categories		
Most Chapter Growth	VASSAR will rebate 25% of VASSAR dues		
Graves Registration	Exceeded requirements		
Flag Certificates awarded for the proper display of the US Flag	Exceeded requirements		
History Day Support	Led District V for VASSAR		
Forgotten Patriot Recognition	Led VASSAR with 8 Patriots recognized		

Looking forward to 2018 we have hit the ground running by attending 100% of the events scheduled by VASSAR or NSSAR. Our Brochure and Poster contests are off to an excellent start with eighteen brochures submitted and a poster in hand with more to come. Plans are in place for recognizing top JROTC Cadets in schools that work with us.

VASSAR installed a new slate of officers at the February 2018 Annual meeting with Compatriot Patrick Kelly being installed as our new VASSAR President. President Kelly has established new VASSAR Presidential Initiatives he expects all Chapters to achieve. These initiatives are:

#### VASSAR PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES 2018

INITIATIVE	CWG POINT OF CONTACT
SAR/DAR/C.A.R Day-Night at the Ballpark	Fred Pope
Brennan Fund Contributions	Treasurer: Jeff Windland
Mt. Vernon Friends and Foes Contributions	Treasurer: Jeff Windland
Focus on Membership	Vice President: Barry Schwoerer
(Growth & Retention)	Registrar: George Thomas
7 APRIL Grave Marking: Patriot Robert Vicars	Membership
28 APRIL Block House Commemoration	Membership
12 MAY Martin's Station Commemoration	Membership
8 SEP Accompany NSSAR PG at a wreath laying at	
the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National	Membership
Cemetery	

Details on these initiatives can be found in the calendar on our Chapter website, are distributed by email and in Officer reports distributed one week before chapter meetings.

<u>Colonel William Grayson Chapter Officer Changes:</u> On 15 January Ken Morris resigned as secretary of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter and subsequently announced transfer to the George Mason Chapter where he is both Secretary and Vice President. In accordance with Chapter by-laws and our Constitution, I requested, and the Board of Managers approved the following: Mike Weyler moved from Registrar to Secretary, and George Thomas moved from Assistant Registrar to Registrar

As a result of Ken Morris' resignation and the moves of Mike Weyler and George Thomas, changes to committee assignments were required. A Big <u>THANK YOU</u> to the Compatriots listed below who volunteered to execute the positions noted:

- Assistant Secretary: Andrew Monahan
- Eagle Scout Committee Chairman: Aaron Bills
- Quartermaster: Leamon Duncan
- Assistant Registrar & Webmaster: Paul Thornton
- Facebook manager: Leamon Duncan

Thanks to all of you for making the Colonel William Grayson a leading chapter in VASSAR.

T. Michel Taimi

### Vice President's Corner





In military uniform.

My personal THANK YOU to all Compatriots who made 2017 a fantastic year. We participated in multiple public events wearing the uniforms of our Patriot Ancestors, partnered with DAR and C.A.R to have their members join us, and we join them. We significantly increased the number of news articles published in local newspapers and electronic media and are now current in publishing our Newsletter, Grayson's Dispatch.

In 2018 we will start placing wreaths or flags on the graves of Revolutionary Patriots in Prince William County, and a few in neighboring counties close to the Prince William County border. Wreaths or flags will be placed for significant commemorations such as Flag Day, the 4th of July, Veterans Day, and the Christmas season. Compatriot Bruce Downs is using his mapping skills to locate each Patriot grave on a map and develop specific driving directions for our members traveling to place wreaths or flags.

There are forty-four (44) Revolutionary War Patriots buried in our area of operations. Several are intered with other Patriots; nine (9) in Historic Dumfries Cemetery. It is our desire is to have members select a few gravesites nearest their homes so we can minimize travel and time. Our objective is to give each person placing a wreath or flag a short biography of what each Patriot did in the Revolutionary War and for the biography to be read aloud before placing the wreath or flag. If you want to participate in this important and **CWG** Patriotic event Chapter initiative, please send an email bschwoerer@comcast.net.

This year our annual commemoration of Colonel William Grayson will be combined with a Grave Marking by the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R). C.A.R will install Patriot Grave markers for Colonel William Grayson and his brother, Chaplain Spence Grayson. This commemoration will be the first grave marking for C.A.R in Northern Virginia. The event will be a 2:00 pm on 8 April 2018 at the Grayson Crypt located at 2338 Longview Drive, Woodbridge, VA. Our Chapter is providing support to the C.A.R chapter for leading and participating in color guard, installing the grave markers, and helping direct traffic and assist attendees to the grave site. We need volunteers to install the markers and four members to help with parking and giving help to those needing assistance.

Barry Schwoerer

## **Upcoming Events**

- **10 Mar.: CWG Chapter meeting at the City Tavern,** 9550 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. Registration and meet-and-greet start at 10:30 A.M. and the meeting will be called to order at 11:00 A.M. Lunch is **\$20** (cash or check).
- 16 Mar.: Commemoration of President James Madison, Montpelier, Orange, VA
- **17 Mar.: Patrick Henry Commemoration**; 11 a.m. at Historic St. John's Church, 2319 Broad Street, Richmond, Va. \$17 per person box lunch with pre-registration (by Monday, March 12). Re-enactment of Patrick Henry's "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" speech. Please contact Vice President Barry Schwoerer if you will attend and want a box lunch.
- **7 Apr: Grave Marking for Patriot Robert Vicars** at the Old Vicars Cemetery, Grassy Creek, VA
- 8 Apr.: Children of the American Revolution Mark the graves of Col. William Grayson and Chaplain Spence Grayson at the Grayson Tomb, Woodbridge, Va. Our chapter is a principal supporter of this ceremony. Please plan to attend this patriotic event.
- 12 Apr.: Commemoration of the Halifax Resolves; Halifax, N.C.
- **13 Apr.: Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Commemoration** at the Jefferson Memorial, Monticello, Va. Time TBD.
- 21 Apr.: Multi-Chapter Meeting; Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, Va.
- **21 Apr.: Commemoration of President James Monroe**; 10 a.m. at his birthplace in Chesapeake, Va. And at his tomb in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va.
- 28 Apr.: Commemoration of President James Monroe; Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond
- 28 Apr.: Block House Commemoration at Duffield, VA
- **5 May:** Virginia SAR Multi-Chapter meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge; 3636 Old Bridge Turnpike, Syria, VA.
- 12 May: Commemoration of Martin's Station at Ewing, VA
- **19 May: CWG Chapter meeting**, City Tavern

### **Chapter Activities**

17 Dec. 2017: Patrick Henry College, Purcellville, VA. U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Petty Officer 2 Mitchell Craig awarded SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. PO 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Mitchell Craig is an outstanding cadet, who has grown tremendously as a cadet and as a person during his time in the NSCC program. He has grown from a shy young man to a leader. At the beginning of this year, as a Squad Leader, holding the rank of Seaman, Craig had four cadets under his charge, most of whom were new to the program. He mentored his squad all while honing his leadership skills. He taught classes, ran close order drill, maintained order and discipline, and counseled cadets as needed. He was promoted to the rank of PO3 in May 2017. In August 2017 he was promoted to his current role of Company Commander in charge of multiple squads and squad leaders. He maintains a 100% attendance record for all mandatory events and earned the Commanding Officer's Commitment Award in May 2017 for his dedication to the unit.

Mitchell was a founding member of the unit's color guard in late 2016 and quickly excelled as a team member. In August 2017, he was promoted to Color Guard Commander, now managing the training, gear, and activity schedule for the busy team which performs 20-30 times per year. PO Craig has impressive military bearing and maturity and has established himself as an excellent role model for junior cadets by demonstrating excellence and encouraging others under his charge to strive for their best.

The officers in the unit appreciate Craig's positive attitude, effective leadership style, initiative, dedication to his responsibilities, commitment to the NSCC and the unit, and his willingness to learn and accept constructive criticism. In November 2017, Craig earned his

second promotion for the year, achieving the rank of PO2. In 2017, PO Craig attended 26 days of Advanced Training by attending two different training events, one where he earned Honor Cadet, and the other was the special COTC's award for best shipmate. Outside of sea cadets.

Craig is an accomplished varsity baseball player, National Honor Society member, Honor Roll student, a member of several clubs at school, and he devotes time weekly to mentoring elementary school students in his community. For his accomplishments over the past year, Petty Officer Second Class Mitchell Craig was selected to receive the Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Medal for 2017. Compatriot John Callaway made the presentation during an awards ceremony at Patrick Henry College for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps VIKING Division.



**10 Jan.: All Saints Catholic High School.** Barry Schwoerer in Militia Uniform and carrying the uniform of a Spanish Colonial Soldier known as "Soldado de Cuera" gave a presentation to two American History Classes at All Saints Catholic High School in Manassas. The presentation included hands-on examination of fire starting by flint & steel, items carried by a typical militia soldier, and examination of the uniform and "leather body armor" worn by some cavalry soldiers in the Southwest US Spanish Colonial Army during the Revolutionary War.

**12 Jan.: Front Royal Virginia.** George Thomas, CWG Registrar, presented Mr. Bill Long, owner of Auto Care Clinic in Front Royal, Virginia, a Flag Certificate for proudly displaying two U.S. flags every day of the year. Mr. Long is a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Military Police.



Bill Long (L) and George Thomas

**13 Jan.: City Tavern, Manassas, VA, NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS.** At the first meeting of the CWG Chapter in 2018, we were pleased to induct the Harvey family and Brian Schwetz into NSSAR and welcome them to the Chapter.

The Harvey's live in Haymarket, VA. The Patriot Ancestor of the Harvey's is Isaac Harvey who was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania and died in Orange County, North Carolina. Isaac performed patriotic service as overseer of roads, and he signed the Oath of Allegiance in Orange County, NC.

Brian lives in Manassas, VA. His Patriot ancestor was Benjamin Baxter from Connecticut where he was a private in the Connecticut Line from 1777 to 1780.



John Harvey with twin sons, Joshua and John III. His daughter Simona pinned the NSSAR Rosette on her father and brothers.



Brian Schwetz received the NSSAR Rosette from Registrar Mike Weyler.

13 Jan.: City Tavern, Manassas, VA, CWG Chapter 2018 Officers Installed. Past CWG President Thad Hartman installed 2018 CWG Chapter Officers at the 13 January 2018 meeting of the Chapter at City Tavern in Manassas. Officers installed include President-Mike Taimi; Vice President- Barry Schwoerer; Secretary- Ken Morris; Registrar- Mike Weyler; Historian- Bob Brunner; Treasurer- Jeff Windland; and Chaplain- Richard Potter (not present).

After the installation of officers Ken Morris resigned as Secretary. President Taimi recommended, and the Board of Managers approved, Mike Weyler for Secretary and George Thomas for Registrar. Mike and George assumed their new positions effective 18 January 2018.

L-R: Thad Hartman issuing oath of office, President Mike Taimi, Vice President Barry Schwoerer, Secretary Ken Morris, Treasurer Jeff Windland, Historian Bob Brunner, Registrar Mike Weyler. Not pictured: Chaplain Richard Potter



**20 Jan.:** CWG chapter applied for, and accepted, as a member of the Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC) of Greater Manassas. Greg Mason is our representative. The purpose of the ISCC is to coordinate events planned

by up to 20 service organizations in the greater Manassas area to minimize scheduling conflicts and identify opportunities to work together.

**20 Jan.: CWG Chapter presents Flag Certificate at Lake Frederick, VA.** George Thomas, CWG Chapter Registrar, presented a Flag certificate to Scott Larrabee of Lake Frederick, VA on January 20, 2018. Scott is a retired Army officer and West Point Graduate. He has two sons and one daughter that are also West Point graduates. His two sons are still on active duty.



George Thomas (L) & Scott Larrabee.

**22 Jan.: Manassas City Hall.** CWG Flag Committee Chairman Dave Button presented Mayor Hal Parish a Certificate for proper display of the U.S. Flag at the Manassas City Hall. The City displays the flag (24 ft x 7 ft) all year and illuminates the flag at night. The Mayor accepted the certificate on behalf of the City of Manassas as the City Council observed the presentation. Chapter Vice President Barry Schwoerer, in the uniform of a typical Revolutionary War militiaman, accompanied Mr. Button. The certificate is the second presented to a function of the Manassas City Government; the first was to the Manassas Museum in the Fall of 2017.



L-R: Barry Schwoerer, Dave Button, & Mayor Parish.

**25 Jan: CWG Chapter Compatriot Presents his Book to Manassas Lions Club.** Paul Chase of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter gave a talk to the Manassas Lions Club on the process of writing and publishing his book and a summary of the contents of his book: *The American Revolution: A Compendium of Terms and Topics*.

The talk described lessons learned in selecting a suitable topic, developing a manuscript, finding and choosing a publisher, and the publishing process. Paul gave a summary of the information in his book with a focus on Terms and Topics not adequately covered in other books on the American Revolution.

There were 17 Lions present at the meeting. Following the presentation, Paul sold and autographed six books. After the Lions meeting, Paul was invited to make his presentation to the Lifelong Learning Institute and their typical audience of about one-hundred members. Manassas Lions Club President Sharon Ashurst introduced Paul.



Paul Chase giving his talk.



Sharon Ashurst & Paul Chase.

9-11 Feb.: Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Colonel William Grayson Chapter attendees were: Barry Schwoerer, Mike Weyler, Paul Chase, Thad Hartman, Ken Morris (dual member), George Ax, and Bill Collier.

On 9 February, Paul Chase (Continental Uniform) and Barry Schwoerer (Militia uniform) participated in the Color Guard for the presentation and retirement of colors for the Board of Managers Meeting. Paul Chase in Continental uniform participated in all other Color Guard events except for the Saturday afternoon at the Virginia State Capitol.

CWG Chapter was the only chapter awarded the Wayne and Wink Rouse Award for Youth Programs. We also had the most growth of any chapter in VASSAR and will receive a 25% rebate of VASSAR Dues.



VP Barry Schwoerer accepts the streamer for the Wayne and Wink Rouse Award For Best Youth Programs



Retiring the Colors. VP Barry Schwoerer carrying the CWG Chapter Flag.



Paul Chase awarded the VSSAR Service Medal.



Oration Contest awardees: CWG winner & VASSAR 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner, Gabriella Lucchetti, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right.



Matt McDonald, Advanced Placement History Teacher, Colgan High School, winner CWG & VASSAR History Teacher of the Year with VA C.A.R President Emily Elston, former student of Mr. McDonald. Ms. Elston gave a personal tribute to Mr. McDonald and applauded his selection as VASSAR History Teacher of the Year.

11 FEB.: MANASSAS, VA. To meet a requirement to have a presentation by a Veteran the Colonel William Grayson Chapter Children of the American Revolution (CWG C.A.R) requested Barry Schwoerer, Captain USN (Ret) to speak to their regular meeting about flying off of Aircraft carriers. Barry is the former Commanding Officer of Sea Strike Squadron Thirty-Eight. He has eighteen years of carrier experience, deploying on five different carriers, two aircraft types, combat experience in Vietnam and operations in every major ocean of the world.

The CWG C.A.R chapter asked Barry to come wearing his flight suit, talk about flight gear, operations, the aircraft he flew, and what it takes to become an officer and carrier aviator. A bag of visual aids included helmet, oxygen mask, torso harness, survival vest, model of the S-3A and photographs of various aspects of launch and landing operations. Barry answered questions from the members of the CWG C.A.R chapter after the presentation.



Barry Schwoerer with a model of S-3A; pointing out the location of the pilot.

**15-16 Feb.: Colgan High School, Woodbridge, VA.** Matt McDonald, CWG Chapter nominee of History Teacher of the Year invited the Chapter to pre-judge Colgan High School products for Virginia District V History Day. Dave Button, Paul Chase, Mike Weyler, Barry Schwoerer, and DAR Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill Chapter member Paula Schwoerer judged presentations and documentaries from Colgan High School History and Advanced Placement History classes.

16-17 Feb.: 237<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan. Following an American Victory at the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina in January 1781, General Nathaneal Greene's Southern Army outran British Forces under Lord Cornwallis as both armies raced northward across the Carolinas. In what became known as the Race to the Dan, a few weeks later, on February 14, 1781, because "The Crossing" when Greene's Army crossed the Dan River to safety near South Boston, VA. The Crossing of the Dan became a turning point in the American Revolution, precipitating events that lead to the British surrender at Yorktown. Because of its historical significance, the National Society Sons of the American Revolution has now recognized the Crossing of the Dan as a Nationally sanctioned event.

The 237<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Revolutionary forces safely crossing the Dan River ahead of British Forces took place at South Boston, VA, 16-17 February. Representing the CWG Chapter were: Paul Chase, Mike Weyler, and Barry Schwoerer. On 16 February, attendees had a "Meet and Greet" at Ernie's Seafood Restaurant. On 17 February, the commemoration started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Prizery where Paul Chase (Continental Uniform) and Barry Schwoerer (Militia Uniform) participated in Color Guard. Mike Weyler displayed the CWG Chapter wreath around the perimeter of the room where other Chapter and Society wreaths were displayed.

Following the commemoration at the Prizery, a Parade formed for a march to Liberty Square in South Boston where wreaths were presented in celebration of the Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan. Paul Chase (Continental Uniform), Barry Schwoerer (militia uniform) and Mike Weyler (with CWG Chapter wreath) marched in the parade. At Liberty Square Barry Schwoerer presented the CWG Chapter wreath.



SAR wreaths on display honoring the Patriots involved in "Crossing the Dan."



The Parade to Liberty Square.

NSSAR and NSDAR members, a military
Color Guard, & other historical societies
and organizations.

19 Feb.: Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Alexandria, VA. Commemoration and presentation of wreaths were presented at the tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier in the cemetery of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Old town Alexandria. CWG Compatriots Leamon Duncan, Mike Weyler, Paul Chase (Continental Uniform), Barry Schwoerer (militia Uniform), Ken Morris (Dual Chapter member) attended. Barry and Paul participated in the Color Guard, Barry presented a wreath on behalf of the CWG Chapter and Leamon, Mike, and Ken laid carnations on the tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier.



Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier.



Plaque at Old Presbyterian Meeting House.

19 Feb.: George Washington Parade celebrating his 286th Birthday. SAR, DAR, and C.A.R Chapters, VFW, American Legion, Military Activities, and many other societies and organizations marched in the Annual George Washington Birthday parade in Old Town Alexandria. CWG Chapter members Leamon Duncan, Mike Weyler, Barry Schwoerer (Militia Uniform), and dual chapter member Ken Morris, represented our chapter. Barry participated in Color Guard by carrying the Virginia State Flag, and Mike Weyler took one end of the SAR Banner. We give a salute of thanks to Compatriot Jeff Thomas from Fairfax Resolves Chapter for carrying our Chapter Flag and being an honorary CWG Chapter Compatriot for the day. Despite a call by the VASSAR Color guard Commander for maximum Chapter Flags, our flag was the only VASSAR Chapter flag carried in the parade.







Barry Schwoerer.



VASSAR Parade team: Mike Weyler, left of banner, Barry Schwoerer, center right behind banner, Ken Morris, 4th from right. Leamon Duncan not pictured, took photo.

24 Feb.: Oak Grove, VA, 252<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Leedstown Resolutions. Over 150 people gathered at Ingleside Winery in Oak Grove, VA to celebrate the 252nd Anniversary of the Leedstown Resolutions. VASSAR President Pat Kelly led the Virginia SAR delegation which included seven chapters: Colonel Fielding Lewis, Colonel William Grayson, Culpeper Minutemen, James Monroe, Richard Henry Lee, Richmond, and Thomas Jefferson. The Color Guard included six Virginia SAR Color Guardsmen from three chapters, augmented by three members of the C.A.R. and three members of the Yorktown Fife and Drum Corps. CWG members Mike Weyler Andrew Monahan represented the chapter. Mike Presented a wreath on behalf of our Chapter.

It is important to note that Colonel William Grayson represented Prince William County at the meeting of Patriots that agreed on the Document known as the Leedstown Resolutions drafted by Richard Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee on 26 February 1766. Colonel Grayson signed the document as the representative of Prince William County. The paper was a protest against the Stamp Act and a significant step along the path of declaring the Colonies Independent of Great Britain.



Mike Weyler, 3rd from left, presenting a wreath.

## Registrar's Report

#### **NEW MEMBERS APPROVED**

APPLICANT	DATE	PATRIOT
Joshua & Trevor Cook; Port Orchard, WA	26 Jan. 2018	Ephraim Wemple; Paid taxes in DE
Michael Cook; Manassas Park, VA	26 Jan. 2018	Ephraim Wemple; Paid taxes in DE
Nathan D. & Nathan L. Gwaltney; Manassas, VA	2 Feb. 2018	Simon Groot; NY Militia
Curtis Robb; Bristow, VA	2 Feb. 2018	Daniel Dodge; Pvt., NY Levies
Alexander & Gary Roseman; Woodbridge, VA	2 Feb. 2018	Martin Huffman; Soldier, VA Militia

## **Historical Highlights**

#### Alexander Hamilton; a true patriot of many talents.

For someone who was born on the Caribbean island of Nevis, the illegitimate son of a Scottish immigrant father and a British West Indian mother, and never attained elective office, Alexander Hamilton had a major influence on our American political system.

He was a member of the Continental Congress, an author of the Federalist Papers, a champion of the Constitution, and the first secretary of the Treasury. While serving in the Treasury, Hamilton helped found the first national bank, the U.S. Mint and the Revenue Cutter Service — a tax collection bureau that would later become the U.S. Coast Guard. So deeply involved in the development of the Cutter Service was Hamilton that the original naval communication guidebook he devised was still in use in 1962, during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

A strong proponent of manufacturing in the new nation, Hamilton and a series of private investors created the 'Society for the Establishment of Useful Manufactures,' which developed one of the first industrial centers in the United States, located in Paterson, New Jersey. In 1784 he founded the Bank of New York, America's oldest continuous banking organization. And in 1791, Hamilton started a daily broadsheet — then known as the New-York Evening Post. That paper grew into one of the country's most successful papers: the New York Post.