



Col. William Grayson Chapter *Sons of the American Revolution* —*Newsletter*—



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President's Comments: Michael Wilson

Since March 26th, 2023, I have had the privilege to bring greetings and to represent the compatriots of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter at five (5) VASSAR Chapter sponsored events; one (1) multi-Chapter sponsored event; two (2) multi-Patriot SAR Grave Marking events; three (3) Eagle Scouts Courts of Honor; two (2) VASSAR sponsored events; two (2) VASSAR CG work shop events; one (1) VASSAR CG (firing) event; one (1) VSDAR sponsored event; (1) VSCAR sponsored event; one (1) NSCAR sponsored event; one (1) VASOFPA Grave marking Ceremony, and with sadness two (2) Compatriot Funeral ceremonies. Below are just some of those events:

- 280th Anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson at the Jefferson Memorial Ceremony
- Annual Multi-Chapter meeting held at Graves' Mtn. Lodge, Syria, VA
- 265th Birthday Celebration Ceremony at President James Monroe's Birthplace House
- 249th Anniversary of the Signing of the Prince William Resolves at Merchant Park Weems-Botts Museum, Dumfries, VA
- The NSCAR 2023 National Convention, Arlington, VA
- Grave Marking Ceremony of Theodorick Bland in Charles City, VA
- CPT. James McIhaney and CPT Wm. Harwar Parker Patriot Grave Marking in Hillsboro, VA
- 242nd Anniversary of Gen Anthony Wayne's Crossing of the Potomac, Leesburg, VA
- 247th Anniversary of the Virginia Declaration of Rights Commemoration at Gunston Hall, VA

- Gen Daniel Morgan and the Bee Line March Commemoration, Winchester, VA
- V.S.C.A.R. Flag Retirement Day, Great Falls Library, VA
- Commemoration of Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, James City Co., VA
- Multi-Patriot Monument Dedication, Friedens Church Cemetery, Mt. Crawford, VA

As we, the compatriots of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, head into the summer of 2023, we wrap-up the 2022-2023 school year's youth and education programs. I would like to congratulate Past President Ross Schwalm, John Callaway and Tim Cline on another excellent year for the JROTC and Eagle Scout programs at the V.A.S.S.A.R. and N.S.S.A.R. contest. As you might have heard, both John Callaway's (chairman of the ROTC/JROTC program) and Tim Cline's (chairman of the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout program) JROTC cadet Anjali Ghafoerkhan and Eagle Scout Ethan Morlu took first place, respectfully, at State-level and both placed within the top fifteen at Nationals. Great Job! This makes the second consecutive year of winning first place at the State-level.

I would also like to recognize William "Bill" Collier, chairman of the Public Service and Heroism Committee (PS&H) for his continued efforts to recognize and honor individuals in our public sectors of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and Emergency Medical Services for their heroic acts. Just this week, Past President Bill Collier honored Virginia State Trooper Matthew E. Spalding with the SAR Lifesaving Commendation and Medal and Virginia State Trooper Justin C. Clack the SAR Heroism Commendation and medal.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank Past President Ross Schwalm and Citizen Leader for the Prince William County (PWC) Memorial Project, for his continued efforts to raise funds for and bring awareness to the Revolutionary War Memorial Park that will be located next to the William Ordinary Historical building in Dumfries, Virginia. For more information about the Prince William County Revolutionary War Memorial Project go to (url) <https://preservepw.org/historic-properties/>.

Vice President's Report: Andrew Mills

Recently, President Wilson and I attended Eagle Scout ceremonies with the Chapter's Eagle Scout Coordinator Tim Cline. As we visited the various Scout Troops, President Wilson and I learned about the journeys these Eagle Scouts have taken to achieve a rank so very few scouts have been able to achieve. We were honored to be part of the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Matthew Hanshaw on June 4 and then on June 13, we were able to award our State Eagle Scout Winner, Ethan Morlu, with his certificates and awards.

With our participation in youth activities beginning to grow, it is important that members of our chapter complete the SAR Youth Protection Training Program. Officially, the SAR requires all officers, committee members, and color guard members to complete this training. As a chapter, President Wilson and I would like for all chapter members to complete the Youth Protection Training program. The process is very simple. Go to the SAR website (www.sar.org) and log in to the website. Using the Search button, type in Youth Protection Training and follow the instructions from there. If you have any questions or difficulties, feel free to contact me at fedallgen@yahoo.com

Registrar's Report: Mike Blythe

To date we have had ten new members approved in 2023. Six more applications are waiting for review at State or National, one memorial is waiting for a signature, and two more new member applications have been initiated this week.

So far this quarter we have inducted:

- Matthew Kendle, a Bristow resident, whose ancestor Jabez Beebe was a Captain in the Connecticut Militia.
- Jeff Brown from Warrenton, a descendant of Private Edmund Fair who served in the 5th Virginia Regiment of Foot. Jeff's entire line back to and including the Patriot resided in Prince William County.
- James Collier, Bill's grandson, who is a descendant of William Winchester, a member of Maryland's "Committee of Correspondence."
- William Groth, an additional Bristow resident, is a descendent of Benjamin Riegel, who was a Private in the Northampton County, Pennsylvania Militia.

For Compatriots interested in genealogy or working on supplemental applications, remember that the SAR Magazine recently introduced a new series of genealogy related articles and helpful hints which the editors call "Genealogy Corner." If you have friends or relatives interested in joining the SAR, don't hesitate to have them reach out for assistance.

Color Guard Commander's Report: Andrew Mills

“Muster Roll”

On June 10, members of the CWG Color Guard came out to support the fundraising efforts of the Prince William County Historic Preservation Department in the creation of a memorial for those Patriots from Prince William County who served during the American Revolution. With over a hundred visitors coming to the events, Compatriots Andrew Mills, Charles Mills, Jack Mills, Ross Schwalm, and Michael Wilson engaged with the visitors, discussing the contributions made by Prince William Patriots and other historical aspects of the Revolution.

For those who are interested in joining the Color Guard, please contact the Color Guard Commander, Andrew Mills, via email at fedallgen@yahoo.com. Please place in the subject line “Color Guard Recruit” when contacting the Commander.

For anyone who is looking to obtain their own 18th century clothing when coming out to an SAR event, there are a number of different companies to choose from. Our recommendation for the top three to work with are the following:

- Samson Historical \$
- Jas. Townsend and Son \$\$
- G. Gedney Godwin \$\$\$

Be sure to remember to take on the Color Commander’s Challenge for 2023: Attend one (1) event this year. Attending events helps the Chapter when it comes to the Americanism report and shows other Chapters how actively involved our members are. Please contact the Commander if you are interested in joining us at one of the following upcoming events:

July 4: March to the Tomb, Mount Vernon, Virginia

July 22: 249th Anniversary of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves, Lorton, VA

August 12: Reading of the Declaration of Independence, Leesburg, VA

August 26: Grave Marking for Lt. George Kilgour, Herndon, VA

September 17: Vigil at Washington’s Tomb, Mount Vernon, VA

October 1: Founding of the Fairfax Independent Company, Fairfax, VA

Upcoming Events

Note: All events subject to change or cancellation; monitor e-mails and vssar.memberclicks.net for changes

July 1, 2023: Reading of the Declaration of Independence and Wreath Presentation, at Warren Heritage Society, 101 Chester St. Front Royal, VA

July 2, 2023: Military Appreciation Night at the Ball Field, at Fireman's Field Park, 250 S Nursery Ave., Purcellville, VA

July 4, 2023: 9:30 am, Independence Day and March to the Tomb at George Washington's Mount Vernon, VA

July 8, 2023: 247th Anniversary of the Battle of Cricket Hill, to take place on Saturday, July 8th at 11:00 am at Morningstar Marinas, 249 Mill Point Road, Hudgins, VA 23076. [Click here to register.](#) Please register no later than Friday, June 30th.

July 9, 2023: Fourth of July Celebration at Abingdon Muster Grounds 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon, VA – NSSAR EVENT (NATIONAL)

July 14-20, 2023: Annual NSSAR Congress in Orlando, FL, NASSR EVENT (NATIONAL)

July 22, 2023: 249th Commemoration of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves, 11:00am, Pohick Church 9301 Richmond Highway Lorton, VA (US 1 & Telegraph Road) VASSR EVENT (STATE)

August (TBD) 2023: Eagle Scout recognition for Luca Moseby, Charles Nowicki, Kyle Hogan and Charan Duggireddy Troop 1547, Prince William County, VA

August 12, 2023: Reading of the Declaration of Independence, Leesburg. 11:00am, Location: Loudoun County Courthouse, Spirit of Loudoun Rev War Memorial, 18 East Market St., Leesburg, VA.
Event Level: Chapter. Host/POC: Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter

August 19, 2023: Nansemond Indian Pow Wow, 12:00 pm, Location Mattanock Town, 1001 Pembroke Lane, Suffolk, VA. Host/POC: Nansemond Indian Patriot Chapter VASSAR / Tom Badamo. This is a two-day Native American cultural celebration, including music, dance, food, and crafts. The pow wow is located at the end of Pembroke Lane, which runs off Godwin Boulevard (across from Oakland Elementary School) in the Chuckatuck area of Suffolk.

August 26, 2023: Grave Marking for Lt. George Kilgour in Herndon, 11:00 am, Location Chestnut Grove Cemetery, 831 Dranesville Road, Herndon, VA. Event Level: Chapter. Host/POC: Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR / Dave Cook, cook006new@yahoo.com

August 26, 2023: Battle of Long Island (Brooklyn Heights), at the Green-Wood Cemetery 500, 25th Street Brooklyn, NY, NASSAR and NYSSAR EVENT (NATIONAL)

September 9, 2023: 242nd Commemoration of the Battle of the Capes

Host/POC: Norfolk Chapter VASSAR/ Bob Bruce at bobbruce@norfolksar.net

September 15-16, 2023: VASSAR Semi-Annual Conference

Event Level: State

Host/POC: VASSAR Secretary Tim Dioquino - timdio@live.com

Location: George Washington Hotel, 103 E Piccadilly St., Winchester, VA 22601

September 17, 2023: SAR Vigil at Washington's Tomb

Event Level: National

Host/POC: NSSAR Color Guard / Scott Collins

at 8:00am, Location: George Washington's Mount Vernon, Alexandria, VA

September 17, 2023: President General's Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns

Event Level: National, at 10:00 am, Location: Arlington National Cemetery.

September 21-23: 2023 Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY (login to sar.org for more details)

Chapter Activities and News

April 13, 2023: 280th Anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's Birth

Compatriots from the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution were asked to participate in a Virginia State wreath presentation to honor Thomas Jefferson. The event was conducted on the 280th Anniversary of Jefferson's birth and held at the Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D. C. The ceremony was conducted by the Washington, D.C. Society of the SAR along with the National Park Service.



The participants from Virginia, from left to right: Bill Schwetke, Tom Roth, Peter Davenport, Ernie Coggins, Michael Wilson, Jocelynn Wilson and Dale Corey. (Photos courtesy of Tom Roth)

April 20, 2023: Compatriot John Kennedy Honored for Contributions to Scouting and Sea Scouting

Compatriot John Kennedy, Sea Scout Ship 1942 received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Award for his contributions to Scouting and Sea Scouting. The award was presented by The US Army National Guard - Aviation, Hail and Farewell on April 20, 2023.

John is an Eagle Scout from class of 1980 and a member of the OA, 20 year Veteran Scouter, and trained member of Ship 1942's Committee. He is a member of the NCAC Aquatics Committee and has received his Scout Leader's Training Award for Sea Scouts and is also trained in Aquatics Supervision, Paddle Craft Safety, Swimming and Water Rescue, BSA Lifeguard, American Red Cross Lifeguard -with Waterfront among others. John is an NRA RSO, Shotgun, and Rifle Instructor who also supports NCAC Shooting Sports Committee when needed.

John is a retired State Trooper Master Pilot and the Current Army Aviation Standardization Office at National Guard Bureau.

John would like to thank his wife, Charleen Kennedy, Ship 1942 Advancement and Training Chair, and Skipper Emeritus Tom Ballew, for facilitating the award process in conjunction with the military and support of those pictured. Photo Credit: Charleen Kennedy



Colonel Burns, CW4 Tom Bottini, also a Cub Scout Den Leader, CW5 John Kennedy, his son William Kennedy, Boatswain of Ship 1942, and Boatswain, National Service Territory 12.

April 22, 2023: James Monroe's 265th Birthday Celebration

President Mike Wilson and Secretary Dave Button participated at a wreath laying ceremony at the reconstructed birthplace of President James Monroe at Colonial Beach. Over 40 heritage organizations and chapters participated in the wreath laying ceremony to celebrate the birthdate of the Fifth President of the United States.



President Wilson (L) and Secretary Button (R).

April 26 – 29, 2023: High School ROTC Awards



Cadet 2Lt Tristan Evans, Freedom High School, received the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate from Compatriot Ross Schwalm during a Freedom High School awards ceremony 26 April 2023.

Cadet Gabriella Brown, Battlefield High School, was presented the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate by Chapter President, Michael Wilson, during a Battlefield High School awards ceremony 26 April 2023.

c/SSgt Kennesha N. Lartey, C. D. Hylton Senior High School received the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate from Chapter President, Michael Wilson, during a C. D. Hylton Senior High School awards ceremony, 28 April 2023.



Cadet Liam Ward, Woodbridge Senior High School received the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate from Compatriot Ross Schwalm, during a Woodbridge Senior High School awards ceremony, 29 April 2023. Compatriot Richard Potter assisted.

May 10 -23, 2023: High School ROTC Awards



Cadet Andrew Phan, Unity Reed Senior High School, received the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate from Compatriot Richard Potter during the Unity Reed Senior High School awards ceremony.



c/CPO2 Evan Lally, Potomac Senior High School, received the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate from Compatriot John Callaway during a Potomac Senior High School awards ceremony, 16 May 2023.



Cadet Jonathan Kim, Osbourn Park Senior High School, received the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate from Compatriot John Callaway, during an Osbourn Park Senior High School awards ceremony, 16 May 2023.



c/CSM Alanna Rios Diaz, Antilles Military Academy, received the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate from CSM Patricio Cardona Vega during the Antilles Military Academy awards ceremony, 22 May 2023.



Compatriot Ross Schwalm, presented Cadet CPT Anjali Ghafoerkhan a Certificate of Achievement for her nomination to compete in the Colonel William Grayson Chapter SAR Enhanced JROTC Cadet Competition during the Gar-Field Senior High School awards ceremony. Additionally, Cadet CPT Anjali Ghafoerkhan received the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate.



Welcome to the Colonel William Grayson Chapter, SAR new Compatriots (L-R) James Williams, William L. Groth III, Harry Fulwiler V, Harry Fulwiler III, and Matthew Kendle.



Congratulations to our Color Guard Commander Andrew Mills for receiving the 250th Anniversary Silver Color Guard medal.



CWG President Michael Wilson thanks guest speaker Dr. Charles Niemeyer who spoke on “The Men Who Served in the Continental Army”

May 27, 2023: Helping Out While Away

During a recent visit, Compatriot Ray Hawkins assisted DAR members in cleaning veteran gravestones in the Pinckney Cemetery in Ionia Michigan.



May 28, 2023: Memorial Day

Compatriots Andrew and Jack Mills placed flags by Patriot graves in the Dumfries Cemetery, one of the oldest cemeteries in Prince William County. SAR members continue educating the local community on their local Patriots and their service to our nation.



June 2, 2023: Forest Park Senior High School awards ceremony



c/Major Martin Dilick, Forest Park Senior High School, received the Sons of the American Revolution ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate from Compatriot Dave Button during a Forest Park Senior High School awards ceremony, 2 June 2023.

June 10, 2023: Fund Raising event at Williams Ordinary, Dumfries, Va.

The Colonel William Grayson Chapter (CWG) in cooperation with the Prince William County Office of Historic Preservation has undertaken the project to erect an American Revolution Memorial in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary in 2026. The monument will be located on public land in Dumfries, the place where county troops mustered during the Revolution.

The Prince William County Office of Historic Preservation will provide a list of all Prince William County Revolutionary War units and combat actions that these units supported.

A fund raising event was held at Williams Ordinary in Dumfries on June 10 in support of the monument project.



(L-R) Compatriots Chuck Mills, Jack Mills, Andrew Mills, Ross Schwalm



CWG President Michael Wilson at Williams Ordinary

June 10, 2023: 247th Anniversary of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, Gunston Hall, Va.



(Photograph courtesy of JoDell Wilson)

June 13, 2023: Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Occoquan, Va.



State Eagle Scout Winner, Ethan Morlu, received his SAR certificates and awards.
(L-R) Andrew Mills, Tim Cline, Ethan Morlu, Michael B. Wilson (Photograph courtesy of JoDell Wilson)

June 14, 2023: Compatriot Charles Wagner's Toast to the Flag on Flag Day

Compatriots Charles Wagner and James Williams collaborated in producing this stirring “Toast to the Flag” for Flag Day.



<https://fb.watch/lgpulgqj9d/>

June 17, 2023: Gen. Daniel Morgan Bee Line March Commemoration, Winchester, VA



Participants from the DAR and SAR standing l. to r. Michelle Phillips, Brett Osborn, Ann Simmons, Jim Cridge, Jim Simmons, Mark Day, Bill Schwetke, Kelly Ford, Ken Bonner, Marc Robinson, Ernie Coggins, Bryan Buck, Pete Davenport, Brian Bayliss, Barry Schwoerer, Allan Phillips, Michael Wilson, Paul McComb, Mark Jackson, Ken Morris, Catherine Collins, and Paul Christensen. Kneeling l. to r. Doug Hall, Chip Daniel, Chris Melhuish, Sean Carrigan, Dale Corey, Marc Crain, and Mark Sink. (Photo courtesy of Brian Bayliss.)



Wreath presenters l. to r. Pete Davenport, Ernie Coggins, Paul Christensen, Ken Morris, Mark Crain, Dave Cook, Bryan Buck, Michael Wilson, Mark Day, Katherine Collins, Michelle Phillips, Jocelynn Wilson, and Ken Bonner. (Photo courtesy of Brian Bayliss.)

June 22, 2023: SAR Heroism Commendation and Medal presented to Virginia State Trooper Justin C. Clack

Compatriot William C. Collier presented the SAR Heroism Commendation to Virginia State Trooper Justin C. Clack at the Virginia State Police Area 45 Office in Arlington, Virginia.

His citation reads:

On November 15, 2022, at approximately 1454 hours, Trooper Justin Clack attempted a traffic stop, on a 2020 Dodge Charger, on northbound Interstate 395, at Duke Street for reckless driving charges. The driver of the Dodge Charger failed to yield to Trooper Clack's instructions and accelerated at a high rate of speed. Trooper Clack initiated a traffic pursuit which continued northbound on Interstate 395 until the vehicle crashed with a civilian vehicle at Boundary Drive, just prior to Washington DC. The civilian driver was checked out by fire and rescue but refused transport. All four occupants of the fleeing vehicle were detained at the scene. Trooper Clack recovered three firearms, two Glocks and one "ghost gun" that had no serial number. All were loaded and chambered with ammunition. Trooper Clack also recovered approximately 30 blue pills, suspected to be Fentanyl. There were also three small baggies of a crystal rock substance, suspected to be methamphetamine. Trooper Clack secured 13 warrants related to this pursuit / traffic stop. Trooper Clack's actions are in the highest traditions of the Virginia State Police.

Trooper Clack was recognized by the SAR for the Law Enforcement Commendation in 2021.



Compatriot William C. Collier (L) with Trooper Justin Clack

June 22, 2023: SAR Life Saving Commendation and Medal presented to Virginia State Trooper Matthew E. Spalding

Compatriot William C. Collier presented the SAR Life Saving Commendation and Medal to Virginia State Trooper Matthew E. Spalding at the Virginia State Police Area 45 Office in Arlington, Virginia.

His citation reads:

On December 15, 2022, Trooper Matthew E. Spalding saved the life of an individual who was unconscious, in a vehicle that was on fire. At approximately 1057 hours, Trooper Spalding responded to a call concerning an accident in the area of southbound Interstate 495 and Route 7. When Trooper Spalding arrived, the front of the vehicle began to catch fire. As Trooper Spalding approached the burning vehicle he noticed the driver, in the driver's seat, appeared unconscious. Trooper Spalding attempted to get the driver's attention verbally and when unsuccessful, he then opened the door and physically removed her from the vehicle. Trooper Spalding then dragged her to a safe location, away from the vehicle as the fire continued to spread towards the driver compartment. Trooper Spalding remained with the operator of the vehicle who was in and out consciousness, until Fire and Rescue personnel took over her care. The operator was transported to the hospital, for further medical evaluation, and while in transport stopped breathing. The operator had to be administered NARCAN, which revived her. The operator received additional medical evaluation and services at the hospital. Trooper Spalding's swift and decisive actions were instrumental in saving a life. Trooper Spalding's attention to detail and quick response reflects greatly upon himself, the Virginia State Police and the entire Law Enforcement Profession.



Compatriot William C. Collier (L) with Trooper Matthew Spalding

June 25, 2023: Multi-Patriot Monument Dedication, Friedens Church Cemetery, Mt. Crawford, VA

Sunday, the 25th of June 2023, came alive for the descendants of Johan George Gangwer, Valentine Huffman, Valentine Saufley, Leonard Tutwiler and Mathias Wilberger at the Friedens Church Cemetery located in Mount Crawford, Virginia as compatriots of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), along with Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Children of the American Revolution (CAR) came together to acknowledge and commemorate the five Patriots of the American Revolution and their ancestors in a Sons of the American Revolution Grave Marking ceremony.

The story of our Patriots does not stop on the pages of a book, or the etching on marble stone, it continues beyond that, through the diligent efforts of Sons' and Daughters' research and locating of Patriots like the five above, and the eight additional ceremonies held in the great Northern Virginia area this year. Through our continued efforts to locate other unmarked Patriots' graves, we will not only bring the necessary attention during the America's 250th Anniversary of their great gift to us: our Constitution, the Bill of Rights and an independent Supreme Court, but also honor their sacrifice and dedication to a nation of free men.



(L-R) Michael B. Wilson, Ernie Coggins, Dale Corey (Photo courtesy of JoDell Wilson)

Historical Notes:

To George Washington from Colonel William Grayson



Dumfries [Va.] April 8th 1777.

Dear Sir.

I wrote you by the two last posts respectively, and hope that my letters have safely got to Head Quarters.

Since the date of my last, Dr. Alexander has applied to me, to know, whether I would purchase his medicines; He has assured me, the principal part of them, have been imported within these two years; the assortment consists in general of useful medicines, & with the assistance of a proper proportion of bark, would answer extremely well for a regiment; I have prevail'd upon him, not to dispose of them, till I hear from you.

With respect to the recruiting service, I wrote you fully in my two last letters, since which there has been no material alteration; the Georgia officers are forbid by Governor Henry's proclamation, to recruit any more; but I am inform'd there are several South Carolina officers inlisting men on our frontiers without any authority from this Government; I beg leave to inclose you a letter from Capt. Granville Smith, a gentleman of unexceptionable character, & who is very anxious to get into the service, by which you will perceive some of the difficulties we labor under of recruiting men in this State.

A report prevailing here, that General Lee, has been tryed by a Court martial & acquitted, & that he is admitted to his parole in New York, the Hessian Field Officers, have importun'd me to write to you on the subject, & to know your pleasure with respect to their enlargement from close confinement; A line from you on this head would (they say) lay them under the greatest obligations. I am with the greatest regard yr Affect. frd & most Obedt Servt

Willm Grayson

In Memoriam:



It is with great sadness that the V.S.C.A.R. communicates the death and final services of Robert Wayne Rouse, Senior State Assistant Treasurer.

Robert Wayne Rouse was born in Washington, D.C. on October 6th, 1942. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Wayne is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cheryl (we all knew her as “Wink”); son Paul Rouse (Kim); daughter Kimberly Armsworthy (Eddie); stepson Russ Williams (Ally); and grandchildren Nicholas, Meg and Laurel.

Everyone, from family and friends to organizations like the SAR and C.A.R., knew Wayne as an outgoing man, selfless in actions and always willing to lend a hand. Wayne loved working with the Children of the American Revolution. His involvement with the organization never wavered through two relocations to other States. His commitment to serving the V.S.C.A.R. as Senior Assistant Treasurer, SAR, both chapter (Col Fielding Lewis) and State (VASSAR) as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer were commitments he made until his passing. Wayne will clearly be missed by all of us.

After graduating from Suitland H.S. in Maryland, Wayne joined the United States Marine Corps in 1960 and served as a member of the Reserves until 1968. He had a full career with the Potomac Electric Power Company in Washington, D.C., retiring in 1998.

Throughout his career and beyond, Wayne continually found ways to serve. He was a volunteer firefighter in Maryland; a member of the Freemasons, and the National Sojourners, Inc. allowing him to serve in even more ways. Wayne routinely sought out ways to help others in need with nearly anything from home electrical work to event coordination to income tax counseling.

A celebration of life service was held at 11 am on Monday, June 26th at Regester Chapel (RUMC), located at 106 Regester Chapel Road in Stafford, Virginia. A wake service was held immediately after the celebration of life across the parking lot at the Youth Activities Building. A Compatriot Grave marking was held following the wake service at ACUMC cemetery, 1732 Brooke Rd., Stafford, VA (@3 miles from RUMC).

The family requests in lieu of flowers, a donation to one of the charitable causes Wayne was passionate about: The Mark Brennan, Jr Memorial Trust Fund; Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; Attn: Frederick Elofson, Treasurer; 21 Paula Maria Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. Please make checks payable to the Virginia Society SAR.

The Stafford Masonic Lodge No.279; 2001 Courthouse Road, Stafford 22554. Please make checks payable to Stafford Lodge No.279 A.F.& A.M.

Drew Wajciechowski
Virginia Chaplain

Larry McKinley
Sr. State Chaplain