



Grayson's Dispatch

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Change of Command for 2015 is Underway

After a very active two years, Chapter President Rick Hendrix is passing the gavel to Gary Howard, as the incoming President. Gary served as Vice President during Rick's terms. Gary was inducted into Chapter membership in 2009 and served as Treasurer for years 2010 through 2012.

Filling the role as Vice president is Mike Taimi, after serving three years as Chapter Registrar. Mike is also taking on the role of Assistant Registrar for the Virginia Society; stepping into his role as Chapter Registrar is Barry Schwoerer. Serving again in 2015 are: Keith Rouleau as Chapter Secretary; Jeff Windland as Treasurer, and Richard Potter as Chaplain. David Adamy is replacing Jim Logan as Chapter Historian.

A statement from the President Gary Howard:

Greetings Compatriots – Happy New Year! I trust the holidays were relaxing and meaningful for each of you. We are all thankful for the gift of life, and the many blessings we enjoy – health, happiness and the love of family and friends.

I am honored to be the incoming President of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter of the Sons of the American

Revolution – thank you again for your support. Noteworthy with my election as President is the fact that I will be the first non-charter member to serve in that capacity. Therefore, a special thank you is extended to the “Founding Fathers” for their initiative in creating and sustaining the Chapter, and fostering its impressive growth. And I want to particularly thank our outgoing President, Rick Hendrix, not only for his leadership and commitment



President Elect Gary Howard presenting his Patriots Ancestor, Ebenezer Howard, in 2012.

over the last two years as President, but for being an active member and catalyst for growth since the Chapter's inception.

For 2015, I am committed to maintaining our high standards and goals for the Chapter. All of us should be mindful of the core mission of the SAR – honoring the sacrifice of our ancestors who forged our nation. Moving forward, we will continue to fulfill that pledge – through furthering membership growth and active participation, and increasing our outreach into the community. I expect one area where we can promote awareness is through enhanced use of social media. An ongoing challenge is maintaining and increasing member participation in the Chapter – and specifically engaging new members to utilize their talents on behalf of the Chapter.

As always, I will be open to all suggestions and offers of assistance throughout the year, so please do not hesitate to contact me. Finally, I want to recognize and thank in advance the dedication and efforts of our Chapter leadership team – they are all volunteers who give of their time and treasure.

Wishing you a great, safe, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Gary

A word from the Past President Rick Hendrix:

2014 was a very busy year for the Colonel William Grayson chapter. Our own Bill Broadus was sworn in as VASSAR president in February. We served as the host chapter for one of President Broadus' presidential initiatives, the dedication of a monument in the Dumfries Cemetery honoring numerous Revolutionary War and War of 1812 soldiers buried there.

In September, we were the host chapter for the successful VASSAR Semi-Annual meeting held in Fairfax.

All of this on top of our usual meetings and activities. We've added 25 new members this year and our membership number stood at 131 at the end of 2014.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served as chapter president for the last two years. I'm confident our new officers will continue to move our chapter forward in 2015.

Rick



Outgoing President Rick Hendrix with William Reed Siegel, one of our younger members.

Patriot Ancestors Honored

Col. William Grayson tomb receives heightened attention.

Chapter namesake, Col. William Grayson, received heightened attention during 2014, due in large part to the efforts of Bill Broadus, Chapter Charter Member, Past Chapter President, and Current President of Virginia Society, SAR.

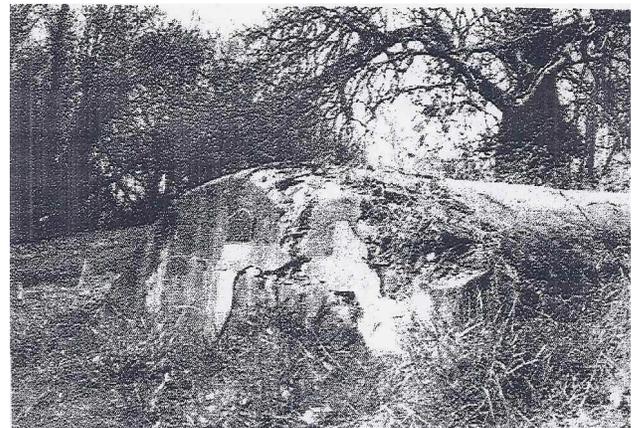
William Grayson was born in 1736 at the Belle Aire plantation near what is now Woodbridge, Virginia. He was well educated, first in what became the University of Pennsylvania and then in Great Britain for law training, after which he set up a law practice in the Prince William County town of Dumfries. He contributed to the Revolutionary War by raising a company to serve in the Continental Army, and later joined the staff of General George Washington. He spent the winter of 1777-1778 with the army at Valley Forge, and commanded a regiment in the Continental Army until 1779.

After the war, Grayson returned to Virginia and practiced law. In 1784 he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates and represented Virginia in Congress from 1785 to 1787. In 1779 he and Richard Henry Lee were elected the first United States senators from Virginia. After serving only one year, he died in 1790 and was buried in a hilltop tomb on the plantation where he was born.

The Grayson Family Burial Vault is built into the side of a hill near its peak where stood the Belle Aire Plantation House. The vault was built by Benjamin Grayson (c 1684-1757), the father of William Grayson. The first occupants of the vault were Susanna Monroe (wife of Benjamin and mother of William) and then Benjamin himself. It was also the burial site for William and his two brothers. The sides and interior of the vault were built of native stone

with grave slots built into the hillside inside the vault. The original was built with iron gates so people could look inside.

Over the years, the tomb had been vandalized, strewn with rubbish, and largely forgotten. During the organization of the chapter in 2006, the plight of this tomb was recognized by Chartering President Thad Hartman and others. Thus, in 2007, just a few after the chartering of the Chapter, historian John DePue wrote a letter to the officials of Prince William County expressing concern. The response was positive and the Prince William Historical Commission passed a resolution recommending the site for inclusion in the comprehensive Plan as a designated cultural resource. Based on prior agreements with Housing and Urban Development, assurance was also provided, that no construction on the site would occur before 2013.



Grayson tomb after a previous stabilization and sealing but in disrepair in 2013.

Then, little was done until recently. However, Bill Broadus continued to lobby, not only for preservation of the site but also for restoration and making the site more available to the general public. Ultimately, Bill Olson, a Prince William County resident and prominent proponent of restoration offered to buy the materials if the county would do the work. This work was described on Page B1 of the

September 29th print versions of *The Washington Post*, in a story entitled "Coming to the aid of a long-dead Va. senator". The Internet version of the story was entitled "In 224 years, Va. Tomb has seen war, hippies. And now public-private partnership." A similar report appeared in the September 24-30 edition of *Gainesville/Prince William Times* with headline "Residents pitch in to repair tomb of Virginia's first senator".



Grayson tomb after 2014 stabilization and resealing.

A rededication ceremony originally scheduled for November 15, 2014 has been rescheduled for February 7, 2015.



Markers at the Grayson Tomb by Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution dated November 15, 2014.

The tomb is on private property owned by the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation, but access is available to the public. The address is 2338 West Longview Drive in Woodbridge, VA. A historic marker is at the edge of a drive near the street.

Patriots honored at Historic Dumfries Cemetery

The eleven known Revolutionary Patriots and the nine known War of 1812 patriots buried in Historic Dumfries Cemetery now have a monument in recognition of their service. Started as a VASSAR presidential initiative, the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution was joined by the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia State Society of United States Daughters of 1812, and the Prince William Resolve Chapter of the NSDAR.



Combined VASSAR and Society of War of 1812 Color Guard assembling before the ceremony and receiving orders from Thad Hartman.

The project was managed by chapter member Thad Hartman who also acted as Master of Ceremonies. Local dignitaries attending and offering greetings included Supervisor Maureen Caddigan, Potomac District, Prince William County Board of County Supervisors. Also delivering greetings was Mayor Jerry Foreman, Town of Dumfries.

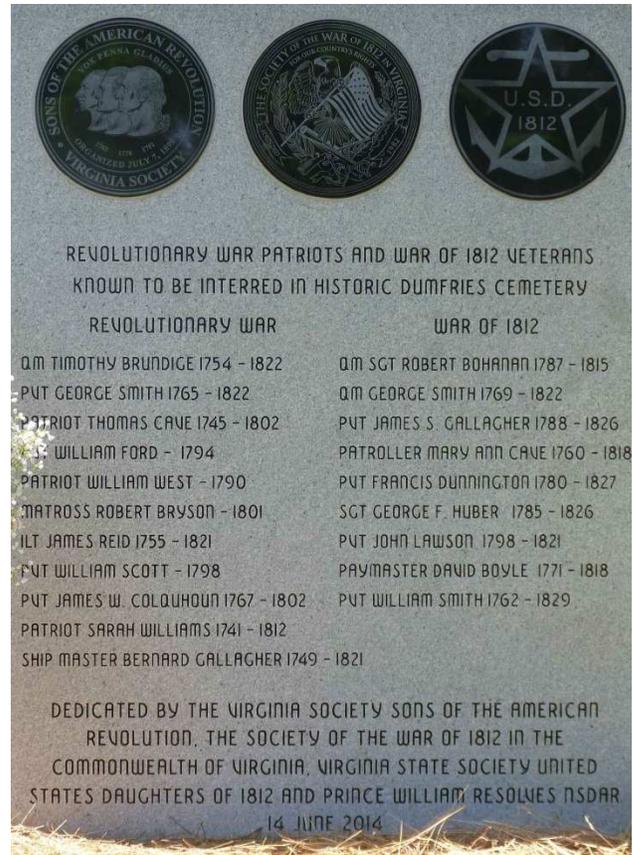
Wreaths were laid by representatives of 16 discrete organizations. A musket salute was offered by the VASSAR Color Guard and Taps was sounded by SSG Judy Havrilla.



Unveiling a monument in remembrance of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 patriots are (left to right): Marie Vayer, Regent for Prince William Resolves Chapter, DAR; Dennis Fritts, President, Society of the War of 812 in Commonwealth of Virginia; Bill Broadus, VASSAR; and Lynne Schulman, Virginia State Society United States Daughters of 1812.

William Alexander

A SAR Grave Marking Ceremony was held for LTC William Alexander at the Effingham Cemetery in a hill top near the community of Aden, Virginia. William Alexander was born in 1744, was a member of the PWC Committee of Safety in 1744 (serving with Chapter namesake William Grayson), and was a LTC in the PWC Militia during the Revolutionary War. Col Alexander (as he was later called) served as a County Justice from 1765 through 1790. William Alexander married Sigismunda Mary Massy and had 16 children. He is related to the Howison and Hooe families, members of which have been previously honored with grave marking ceremonies by the Chapter.



Details of monument placed in Historic Dumfries Cemetery.



Show here are three wreaths presented by Gary Howard (VP, CWG Chapter), Lance Lyngar (Chapter member and representing Culpeper Minute Men), and his father Andrew Lyngar (1st VP New Mexico Society, SAR). Also laying wreaths were William Price (Fairfax Resolves, DAR), Doris Harris (Price William Resolves, DAR), and Marsha Price (Providence. DAR).

John Alexander, the Patriot's great grandfather, emigrated from Scotland about 1653, was a surveyor, justice of the peace, sheriff, and captain of the Stafford County militia. However, he is best known for his purchase of a large parcel of land along the Potomac River, part of which became the town of Alexandria in 1749.



Duff Green, current owner of the property that includes the Effington Cemetery, described the history of the property and gave credit to local Boy Scouts for preparation of the cemetery for the ceremony. Shown also is John Callaway, Chapter member who served as Chaplain for the day.

Patriot Stories

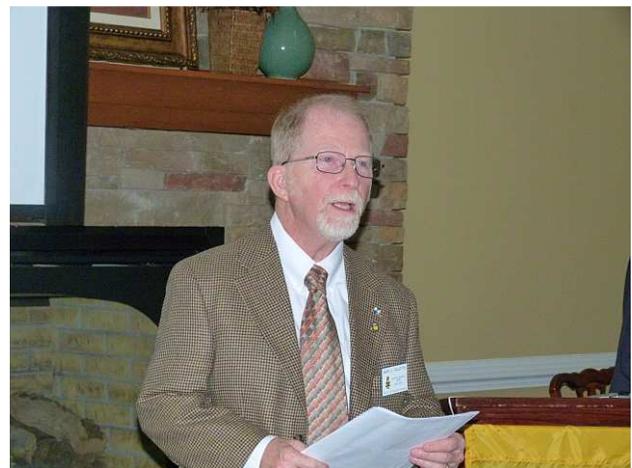
Three Chapter members presented their patriot ancestors in 2014.

Vince Knapp told about his Patriot Ancestor Captain Lemuel Holmes who was the Great Grandson of David Hume/Holmes, a Scottish prisoner of war captured at the *Battle of Worcester* on 3 September 1651 and subsequently transported to New England as an indentured servant.



Vince Knapp presenting his patriot ancestor Captain Lemuel Holmes.

Gary Gillette presented his Patriot Ancestor, Aaron Gillett.



Gary Gillett speaking about his Patriot Ancestor Aaron Gillett.

John DePue presented Private Benjamin DePue, a descendant of an early Huguenot family that was among the first white settlers of the Delaware Valley. Benjamin was born on December 14, 1756 to Johannes Depue and Maria Van Campen, the daughter of COL Abraham Van Campen, commander of the local militia during the French and Indian War. As a young man, Benjamin resided with his family in what is now Warren County, New Jersey. There, he farmed with his father and, during the off-season engaged in the flatboating trade, running Durham boats filled with grain and timber to Easton PA and on to Philadelphia when conditions on the Delaware River permitted him to do so. At the outbreak of the Revolution, he enrolled in Captain Jonathan Hasbrouck's Company of COL John Cantine's Regiment of the New York Militia. Although originally, called to duty to protect what was then the "frontier," the regiment with which Benjamin was then serving was called to duty with General Washington's Army during the summer of 1776 to assist in opposing the British Invasion of New York.



John DePue presenting Patriot Ancestor Benjamin DePue.

A Living Patriot

Major Richard Spooner, USMC (Ret.) was host for the June CWG meeting at the Globe and Laurel Restaurant in Dumfries, VA. Maj. Spooner is owner of the restaurant that is unique for its military and patriotic décor. After being recognized for his hospitality he was offered a chance to say a few words. Without hesitation, he gave rousing speech on America and her values --very fitting for the occasion,.



Maj. Richard Spooner, USMC (Ret.) accepting recognition from VASSAR President Bill Broadus.

Unofficial "Roving Ambassador"

Although a relatively new member to SAR, Paul Chase has been a very active one. He regularly attends SAR related events throughout Virginia and beyond, typically wearing his Revolutionary War uniform and participating with the Color Guard.

In November Paul reported attending wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb of Unknown Soldier in Arlington, VA and the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier, Philadelphia, PA. Earlier he had reported attendance at Guilford Courthouse, Cowpens, and Crossing the Dan.



Always a diplomat, Paul Chase is shown here conversing with Jodi Killeen, 1st VP of National Society, United States Daughters of 1812.

Paul is also a moving force behind various patriotically related fund raising activities such as the VFW project to support the Boston Burn Hospital. Working with members of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter, Paul has distributed Liberty Sprigs to raise funds that were split between the two Chapters. As a reminder, the Liberty Sprig is symbolic of the Sprigs of Hemlock worn by the Revolutionary War veterans participating in Shay's Rebellion fighting for economic justice. They wore the sprigs in their hats as a means of recognition.

Public Service and Citizen Recognition

Past Chapter President Bill Collier has continued his work with regional police and fire departments to recognize public servants for heroism or special dedication to duty. Candidates for recognition are nominated by their superiors after which Bill meets with the awardees at their home station to present the award in front of their peers.

In 2014, the following awards were presented:

Law Enforcement Commendation Medals were presented to Virginia State Police Troopers Michael Bullock and Jonathan Zarkauskas from Area 11 Office (Prince William County), Virginia State Police.



Trooper Bullock awaiting his Medal while Bill Collier pins a Medal on Trooper Zarkauskas.

An Emergency Medical Technician Commendation Award was presented to Linda Post at Fire Station 38, Centreville, Virginia.



Linda Post proudly showing her EMT Commendation Certificate.

A Fire Fighter Commendation Award was presented to Fairfax County Fireman Ampofo Davis of Fairfax County Fire Station 38 in Chantilly, Virginia.



Fireman Ampofo Davis receiving Firefighter Commendation Award from Bill Collier.

Private citizens are also recognized for act of patriotism such as proper display of the American Flag. Representing the Chapter, John Epperly presented certificates of recognition to Charles Midkiff, Frederick Walker, Dale Fox, and John Gould for their patriotic displays. All recipients were appreciative of the certificates. Most did not realize the Sons of the American Revolution awarded recognition for proper display. Special recognition requires the flags be on stand-alone flag poles and be illuminated from dusk to dawn with floodlights. An example of a properly displayed flag is shown below. Unfortunately there was no breeze to see an unfurled flag.



An American flag on a stand-alone flag pole with dawn to dusk illumination and an eagle perched on a stump facing the flag.

Chapter Support to Future Leaders

Annually, Col. William Grayson Chapter shows its support to area young people by awarding scholarships and certificates for outstanding participation in various activities such as orations or essays related to American History and Eagle Scout achievements.

Alexander and Bryan Habashi. Once again the Alex and Bryan submitted entries into the SAR Essay and Oration contests. They did not compete with each other and are both winners.

Alex entered the essay contest with his paper entitled "Tribute to Forgotten Heroes" which acknowledged the role of African Americans in the Revolutionary War. The essay earned him a medal and certificate as Chapter winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay contest. His essay was also a winner in the 2013 Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. In addition to certificates he was awarded scholarship awards of \$100 each. Alex reappeared at the May meeting as winner of the 2014 Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition.



Alexander S. Habashi proudly displaying certificates awarded for his essay. His medal is being held by President Rick Hendrix and a check is held by Essay/Oration chairman Thad Hartman.

Not to be outdone by his brother, Bryan did a first-person oration of Benedict Arnold and the role he played in the Revolutionary war. Bryan was given a medal and a \$100 scholarship check as contest winner of the Joseph S. Runbaugh Oration contest. Bryan went on to make his presentation at the VASSAR annual meeting where he received honorable mention against stiff competition; Thad Hartman said the overall quality of the orations was the best he had ever seen. Bryan was the VASSAR essay contest winter in 2013 and went on to win at National. That essay was featured in the Winter 2013-2014 issue of *The SAR Magazine*. Bryan is also an Eagle Scout, achieving that status at age 13.



Bryan M. Habashi proudly displaying certificate as essay contest winner.

ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program. SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “citizen-soldier”, exemplified by the Minutemen of the Revolutionary War days. The award is presented to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence.

JROTC awards coordinator John Callaway reported that there are 10 high schools in Prince William County with JROTC programs. In 2014, medals have been presented to cadets in seven of these schools and one has been mailed to a school in Puerto Rico where we have an affiliation. John noted that other Chapter

members participating in the program include George Ax, Bill Broadus and Richard Potter. He is inviting others to participate.

Member George Ax attended the 8th Annual Dinning-Out/Awards Ceremony for the C. D. Hylton High School, Woodbridge, VA in recognition of C/SrA Laura Del Gallego. She is in her junior year and has held the positions of Logistics Manager and Drill Team Commander.



C/SrA Laura Del Gallego after receiving a SAR Outstanding JROTC Medal and Certificate presented by George Ax.

Eagle Scout Scholarship. Eagle scouts may be recognized for their achievement. In 2014, Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates were awarded to Cotton Bradley, Ryan Farris, Carson Isaac, and Jonathan Nuckolls, all from Troop 924, sponsored by the Sudley Methodist Church of Manassas. Ken Morris represented the Chapter at the ceremony on October 26, 2014. In December Ken also presented a Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate to Cody Robert Session of Troup 1360 sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Gainesville, VA.

Junior Members. The SAR Junior Member program is open to males under the age of eighteen years who have met membership requirements of the SAR. A Junior Member gets a national number and a certificate, but he cannot vote or hold office. When he reaches eighteen, he can join a SAR Chapter with nothing else needed since he has a national number. Six new Junior Members were processed through the chapter in 2014.

Guest Presentations

Willing Warriors. At the January meeting, Jeff Glen made a presentation on Serve Our Willing Warriors (SOWW), a non-profit corporation whose mission is to “provide a peaceful retreat, encouragement and support our willing warriors and their families during their recovery process. In support of this mission, they are developing



Plan map for Bull Run Warrior Retreat currently under development

Bull Run Warrior Retreat on Waterfall Road in Haymarket. This location is close enough to either Walter Reed National Medical Center or Fort Belvoir Community Hospital to facilitate medical treatment as needed yet be a rural retreat. In contrast with the Fisher Houses at these locations, the Bull Run Warrior Retreat will provide a ‘home away from home’ off base where the warriors and their families can relax, reconnect and feel like they are at home. Grand Opening is scheduled for May 25, 2015.

Col. William Grayson. In March, Chapter Member and current VASSAR President, Bill Broadus made a presentation entitled “A Lost and Forgotten Patriot” in which he stressed the importance of Col. William Grayson (the Chapter’s namesake) in the founding of our country, including being an Aide de Camp to General George Washington. Bill also spoke of an initiative for the repair of the Grayson Tomb. He made a similar presentation at the multi-chapter meeting at Graves Mountain in April. The tomb has since been stabilized and resealed. See a story in the Patriot Ancestors Honored section above for further details.

Historic Dumfries. As a prelude to monument dedication in Historic Dumfries Cemetery (see Patriots Honored Section above), the June Chapter meeting was held at the Glove & Laurel Restaurant, South of Dumfries. It was well attended with representative from other SAR chapters and well as representatives from the War of 1812 and DAR societies. The guest speaker was Joann Barron, Curator and Director of the Weems-Botts Museum in Historic Dumfries. She is also director of Historic Dumfries Virginia Inc., a non-profit organization that promotes the appreciation of the historic heritage of Dumfries, Virginia. Joann spoke on the topic “Dumfries in the Colonial and Early American Periods”.



Joann Barron describing significance of Historic Dumfries.

With a 1749 origin, Dumfries claims to have the distinction of being Virginia's oldest continuously chartered town. It was established on the banks of Quantico Creek which provided a sheltered harbor away from the traffic of the Potomac River. It grew quickly and by 1763 rivaled the cities of New York, Philadelphia, and Boston in tonnage of goods shipped from its port. But prosperity would not last as land erosion and siltation of Quantico Creek prevented the larger ships from reaching the town docks and the shipping trade went elsewhere. The resulting collapse of the tobacco trade devastated commerce in Dumfries which was gradually transformed into a much smaller and forgotten settlement.

Dumfries is where William Grayson established his very successful law practice in 1765, after his education at Oxford and studying law at the Temple in London,

Proof of Lineage. The chapter was honored to have Genealogist General John D. Sinks as guest for October. As the senior genealogist for the National Society SAR, he provides guidance on genealogical problems related to applications for membership and supplementals.



Genealogist General John Sinks describing use of indirect evidence for SAR membership.

John's topic was on the "Use of Indirect Evidence in Proof of Lineage". Mr. Sinks explained what considerations go into determining patriot ancestry using indirect evidence when direct evidence doesn't exist. He illustrated with several examples that show the complexity of the subject. For example, several actions or situations that would seem to qualify according the rules may actually come about for non-qualifying reasons. Conversely, there are many examples of actions or situations that do indicate support for the cause that people don't generally think about. More information about this topic may be found at the NSSAR website under Genealogy (<http://www.sar.org/node/1847>).

Use of Irregular Warfare. In December, Bill Simpson, Past President of the Virginia Society of Sons of the American Revolution (2009-2010) described "Irregular Warfare in the Revolution". As distinct from many revolutionary war speeches that go into detail about a specific engagement, Bill's presentation stressed that successful execution of a war is much broader than how two forces maneuver and engage each other on the battlefield.

However, he did make references to several specific revolutionary war events as examples of several key factors that he grouped together under the term “irregular warfare”. Although this term may conjecture up other terms such as guerilla warfare, he described how it is now used as a full spectrum term in military education.



Bill identified several kinds of irregularities used before and during The Revolution and provided examples of each. He started with the Paul Revere’s engraving of the 1770 “Boston Massacre” as an example of propaganda that was very important in unifying opposition of the British presence. As an example of insurgency, he described how many county-level Committees of Safety had effectively taken control of the government from royally appointed officials well before there was a formal Declaration of Independence. The exploits of George Rogers Clark in the west were used as an example of unconventional warfare. In describing the process of tar-and-feathering of the royal tax collectors, he made a convincing argument that this was an example of an effective use of selective terrorism. He asserted that although his examples all related to The Revolutionary War, the principles are all applicable to modern military and political warfare.

Another Dynamic Membership Year

As registrar for the Col. William Grayson Chapter, Mike Taimi has been very busy again in 2014. He reports that 25 new membership applications have been submitted and 25 approved. This is an outstanding record. In addition there have been 18 Supplementals and 6 Forgotten Patriots.

Starting with 104 as of 1 January 2014 and adding newly registered members and transfers from other chapters count comes to 131. Unfortunately some members have moved to other chapters and several simply did not pay dues resulting in a net membership for 1 January 2015 of 122 members, including dual members and 14 junior members.

Shown below are photos of several of these new members as they were formally inducted into the Chapter.



Russ and Don McAndrews were inducted on basis of their descent from Roger Orton. Don is shown in his persona as George Mason. He previously appeared before the Chapter in May 2013 as featured speaker in the same persona.



Larry Cooper showing his new membership certificate.



David Older receiving Membership Certificate from President Rick Hendrix.



President Rick Hendrix presenting Certificate to Aiden Knapp, a new Junior Member.



Kenneth Eugene Morris receiving Membership Certificate from Rick Rendrix. Ken's Patriot Ancestor is John Hagler.



Michael Angelo Eggleston and John O'Connor Eggleston display their Membership Certificates based on their Patriot Ancestor John Barnes. Vice President Gary Howard made the presentation.



Richard Lawrence White receiving his Membership Certificate.



James Richard Hoffman accepting membership certificate from President Rick Hendrix.



Michael Ernest Weyler had the privilege of being formally inducted by SAR President General Joe Dooley. His patriot ancestor is David Stone. Standing with him is Ken Morris who recruited him and also pinned on his rosette.



Donald Day, Paul Thorton, and Daniel Priest taking membership oath. Don's Patriot Ancestor is Asa Day; Paul's is William Talley, Sr.; and Daniels is Jacob Priest.

Other members have honored additional patriot ancestors by identifying them and submitting supplemental applications. Members receiving Supplemental Ancestor Certificates included the following:



Displaying Supplemental Membership Certificates are (left to right): Richard Lee, Jim Bish (five Patriot Ancestors), Bill Collier, and Mike Taimi.



Mike Taimi received five additional Supplemental Ancestor Certificates at the June Meeting. He is shown here pretending to answer the question of how many he has received total. He received another one at the October meeting.



Vice President Gary Howard reading Supplemental Ancestor Certificate for William Stephen Barrow before presenting it to him.



Jim Bish receiving Supplemental Ancestor Certificates for ancestors John Liter/Lyter Sr. and for Philip Ament. These are in addition to the five received earlier in the year.



Barry Schwoerer receiving Supplemental Ancestor Certificate for his Patriot Ancestor John Townsend/Tonshend.



President Rick Hendrix presented Previously Forgotten Revolutionary Ancestor Certificates to Past President Bill Collier for Patriot Ancestor Benjamin Peck, and to Registrar Mike Taimi for Patriot Ancestor John March Sr.

Where a membership application or a supplemental identifies a patriot ancestor that has not previously been recognized, a special certificate for Remembering a Previously Forgotten Revolutionary Patriot is issued. Several recipients are shown below.



Mike Taimi started 2014 with certificates for Previously Forgotten Revolutionary Patriots John Marsh, Jr. and Isaac Willard.



Mike Taimi receiving an additional five certificates for Previously Forgotten Revolutionary Patriots in October.

Military Service Recognized

Throughout the year, several Chapter members were recognized for their military service and were presented with medals and/or theater bars including the following:

War Service Medals.



Russ McAndrews and Glen Gillette being recognized for their War Service. Russ served with the USN in SWA. Glen was with the USAF in Vietnam.



From left to right, David Hall showing certificate and medal for Army service in Samalia and Afghanistan; Mike Eggleston examining his medal for Army service in Vietnam; and Scott Keenan displaying his certificate for Navy service in Iraq. Each also received Theater Bars as noted. Gary Howard made the presentations.



Purple Heart recipient David Older was recognized for his War Service with the Army in Iraq and twice in Afghanistan.



Donald Day was recognized for his War Service with the Air Force in Vietnam.



Barry Schwoerer displaying certificate and medal for War Service in Vietnam with the Navy.



Mike Nelson receiving recognition for his War Service in Vietnam with the Air Force.



Mike Weyler with his certificate and medal for service in Vietnam with the Navy.

Military Service



John Callaway shown with his Military Service Certificate and Medal for service in the US Army.



Don McAndrews received recognition for his Military Service with the US Navy.



James Hoffman served in the US Air Force.



Ken Morris with Military Service Certificate for service with the US Army.



Daniel Priest was recognized for serving in the Air Force.



William Barrow received recognition for Military Service in both US Army and US Navy. Gary Howard made the presentation.



Paul Thornton with Certificate and Military Service medal for service in the US Army.

Theater Recognition



Purple Heart recipient Frank Harris was given Theater Bars in recognition of service during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He served 5 years in USCG and USN Reserves followed by 31 years active in USMC.



Mark Siegel, Joel Chase, and Paul Chase were each given membership certificates in The Vietnam War Veterans Corps.



Gary Gillette and Ward Nickisch were presented Theater Bars for service in Vietnam.



Mike Taimi and Gary Gillette were presented membership certificates in The Vietnam War Veterans Corps. In a separate event Mike also received certificate of membership in The Persian Gulf War Veterans.



David Allard was presented Vietnam Theater Bars for his previously awarded War Service Medal.

Other Awards and Events

Members of the chapter participate in a variety of activities related to the functioning of the Sons of the American Revolution not reported in other sections of the *Dispatch*.

Individual Recognition



Bill Collier received a Service Pin for 15 years of SAR membership.



John Epperly received a Service Pin for 20 years of SAR membership.



George Ax was recognized for his 35 years of SAR membership.



Acting as President of Virginia Society SAR, Bill Broadus awarded the SAR Martha Washington Medal to SSG Judy Havilla, US Army and member of the Army Band, for her support as bugler at many SAR grave marking ceremonies.



Daisy Logan was awarded a Martha Washington Medal for services to the Chapter.

VASSAR Annual Meeting

The highlight of the Annual VASSAR meeting was the installation of Chapter member W A (Bill) Broadus, Jr. as President of the Virginia Society. Bill was the second Chapter president serving two years in that position. Nine Chapter members and one spouse attended.

At the meeting, the Chapter also received recognition in the form of ribbons (streamers) for the Chapter flag. These included:

- Participation in the St. George Tucker Grave Marking
- Participation in the Joint SAR/War of 1812 Dedication at Mt Hebron Cemetery
- Financial support of the NSSAR Knight Essay Contest and Fund
- Support for National History Day
- Sponsor of the state winner for Best Fire Safety Person of the Year
- 100% Flag Participation
- Carrol Wright Award for the highest percentage increase in chapter membership
- Chapter Excellence

Stars presented to be added to previously awarded ribbons included:

- One star for Graves Registration
- Five stars for Forgotten Patriots

Color Guard and Patriotic Events

David Adamy participated with the VASSAR Color Guard in the George Washington Birthday Parade in Arlington, VA. The George Washington Chapter, VASSAR won first place in the Community and Fraternal Organizations section of the parade. David also participated in the National Washington DC Memorial Day parade in May



David Adamy (third from left) and Paul Chase as part of SAR participation at Monticello in commemoration of Thomas Jefferson's birthday. Behind the VASSAR wreath is Phil Williams, Immediate Past President of VASSAR.

Three Chapter members participated in the a Combined Color Guard at the Multi-Chapter Meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge, hosted by Culpepper Minute Men Chapter. These were David Adamy, Lance Lyngar, and Paul Chase.

Lance Lyngar and Paul Chase were part of the Virginia SAR contingent at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, led by VASSAR President Bill Broadus.



Virginia contingent of at Veterans Day Ceremony in Arlington, Virginia. Lance is second from right and Paul is mostly hidden in the back.

Gary Howard represented the Chapter in the commemoration of James Madison's birthday at the home of James and Dolly Madison.

Multi-Chapter Meeting

Following custom, the Chapter joins with other chapters each April to hold a joint meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge deep in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The featured speaker for 2014 was the Chapter's own Bill Broadus, VASSAR President. Eight Chapter Members and two spouses attended. Lance Lyngar, David Adamy, and Paul Chase also served in the Color Guard.



Chapter members assembled at Multi-Chapter Meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge. Not included here is Bill Broadus who was featured speaker. Two spouses also attended.



VASSAR President Bill Broadus at Multi-Chapter Meeting making a presentation concerning the legacy of Col. William.

VASSAR Presidential Activities

During 2014, when member Bill Broadus attended various SAR events, that attendance was primarily in his role as President of the Virginia Society, SAR. However, he also implicitly represents the Col. William Grayson Chapter. In addition to events mentioned elsewhere, he reports attendance at reenactment of the Raid at Martin's Station, Wilderness Road to Kentucky, and a Memorial Service for the Battle of Blue Licks regarded as the last battle of the American Revolutionary War.

Acknowledgements from the Editor

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