



Virginia SAR Presidential Initiative

“First in War, First in Peace, First in the Hearts of his Countrymen.”
The Indispensable Man * Father of His Country

For more than 150 years, the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association has protected and preserved the home of General George Washington, and the Virginia SAR is proud of its more than six decades of friendship with and support of **Mount Vernon**. No single place loomed larger in Washington’s life than Mount Vernon. Today, Mount Vernon is not just an historic site and a preserved 18th century home – it is a center of scholarship on the life of the most important Founding Father and the Founding Era of our country. It is also the site of the long-overdue presidential library for our first president.

The Virginia SAR has the opportunity to become the premier sponsor of **Washington’s Friends and Foes** at Mount Vernon’s Washington Library. This project will make Mount Vernon a repository to safeguard the papers of Washington’s friends and foes who do not have libraries, institutions or descendants. We will help to protect and collect valuable documents and letters related to the era and make them available for study by scholars and researchers. The project eventually will also have an internet presence. As the premier sponsor, the Virginia SAR will receive lasting credit for providing the original seed money to set this worthy, long-duration initiative into motion.

The Elston Family will match the first \$3,000 donated toward this initiative, and the Knight/Patty Fund will match the first \$20,000 in contributions. Here’s how you can participate:

INDIVIDUALS: Make your contribution to the Mount Vernon Initiative and the Knight/Patty Fund and (1) earn credit toward your rank in the 1st Virginia Regiment,* (2) earn credit for your chapter toward the chapter competition described below, and (3) for gifts of \$250 or more by new Mount Vernon donors, complimentary one-year membership in a Mount Vernon Donor Society.**

CHAPTERS: Make your contribution to the Mount Vernon Initiative and the Virginia SAR and (1) earn credit on your Virginia SAR annual report for a contribution of any amount, (2) receive recognition at the 2018 Annual Meeting in the chapter competition as follows:

<p>Top Chapter (including matching funds) — Gold & Silver Double Streamer Second and Third Chapters (including matching funds) — Gold Streamer The Next Five Chapters (including matching funds) — Silver Streamer \$1000 (including matching funds) — Bronze Streamer \$500 – Blue Participation Streamer</p>

PLEASE USE THE FORM ON THE BACK TO CONTRIBUTE

* 1st Virginia Regiment cumulative giving levels: Sergeant \$100; Captain \$300; Colonel \$500; General \$1000; General of the Virginia Militia \$5000.

** Mount Vernon Donor Society Memberships: Colonnade at \$250, Cupola at \$500, Regent’s Circle at \$1000.



Virginia SAR President Mike Elston's
Mount Vernon Initiative



Yes, Mike — I/We want to support the Virginia SAR and Mount Vernon's Washington Library. Let's take the opportunity to be the Premier Sponsor of the Washington Library's *Friends and Foes* initiative!

FOR AN INDIVIDUAL DONATION*:

Individual Donor(s) Name: _____ Chapter: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

FOR A CHAPTER DONATION:

Chapter: _____

Chapter Contact: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Contribution Amount: \$ _____

Make checks payable to VASSAR Knight/Patty Fund with "Mount Vernon" in the memo line.

Mail Form and Check To:

W. Vernon McHargue, Jr.

15437 Duckling Place

Woodbridge, VA 22191-3786

_____ **OPT ME OUT:** Please don't send my contact information to Mount Vernon – I will forego any benefits from Mount Vernon that would otherwise result from this donation.

* Individual donors will receive credit toward their commission or a promotion in the First Virginia Regiment.