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BROADUS TAKES OFFICE



Bill Broadus shares a hearty moment with outgoing President Kent Webber

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW STATE PRESIDENT: BILL BROADUS

Greetings fellow VASSAR Compatriots.

Please accept my thanks for electing me to serve as your VASSAR President. I am truly honored to have been selected and look forward to working you during the 2014-2015 term.

There are a few important activities that I would like to place emphasis on for this year.

First, I encourage all Members and Chapters to increase their involvement in the many VASSAR on going programs and activities that are offered.

Second, as new programs and activities evolve, I encourage VASSAR Members and Chapters to become pro-actively involved in making those successful.

Third, it is important to note that VASSAR now has the four SAR National Events: Battle of Great a Bridge, Battle of Yorktown, Crossing the Dan, and Raid at Martin's Station. One of my goals for this term will be to continue to place greater emphasis on these events.

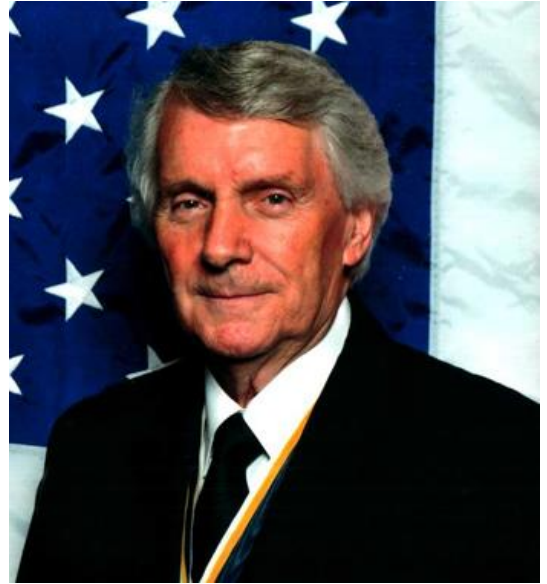
Fourth, I have laid out a few Presidential initiatives to be achieved during the year. The first is a scheduled event the form of a Joint Revolution War/War of 1812 Plaque Dedication in the Dumfries, Virginia Cemetery, to be held on June 14 at 2:00 PM.

Please keep a lookout, as I am still working on plans for two more addition events and will let you know as soon as possible when details for those events have been finalized.

Fifth, I will note a very special event: The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, located in Plymouth, Michigan has scheduled a ten day trip to perform at a selection of Revolutionary War Historical Sites and Battlefields. This year they have selected Virginia. I have asked Wayne Rouse and Edward Truslow to coordinate all of the necessary arrangements.

And finally, I would like to again thank you for this honor you have bestowed upon me.

With best regards,
W. A. "Bill" Broadus, Jr
President, Virginia Society, SAR



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REPORT FROM GUILFORD - BY BOB VOGLER

The observance program of the 233rd anniversary of the battle of Guilford Courthouse was held on March 15, 2014 at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park located in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The large Virginia contingent was led by President General Joe Dooley who addressed the crowd on the significance of the famous battle. Also, providing remarks were Charles Cranfield, the park's superintendent, Randy Moody, the South Atlantic Vice-President General and Ed Deaton, the president of the Guilford Battleground Company.

Mr. Cranfield pointed out that the ground on which the ceremony was held was where the Virginia militia battled the British Army on the second American line on that fateful day.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of wreaths by representatives of the participating SAR and DAR chapters. Second Vice President Dr. Reverdy Wright presented the VASSAR wreath escorted by color guardsmen Darrin Schmidt and Larry McKinley.

A final salute was rendered by the Guilford Fife & Drum Corps and the New Jersey Light Infantry reenactment regiment.

The Dedication of the Grave Ledger of Col. Edward Hack Moseley, Jr. and The Plaque Honoring Founders, Patriots, and War of 1812 Veterans Saturday, May 17, 2014, 11:30 am



**Old Donation Episcopal Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia
4449 Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia**

Order of Founders and Patriots of America
Society of Colonial Wars
Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century
Sons of the American Revolution
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Daughters of 1812
Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia
Children of the American Revolution

Contact Tom Whetstone for more information. twhetstone1@cox.net

JOSEPH VARNER GRAVE CEREMONY - BY BOB VOGLER

Until November 30, 2013, Joseph Varner since his death had no head stone as a burial marker other than a field stone. The Colonel George Waller Chapter successfully worked with the family to obtain a Veteran's Administration marker and, the Chapter placed a SAR brass marker at the grave site.

The keynote speaker was Virginia House of Delegates member Charles Poindexter and other speakers included Varner's descendants, members of the General Joseph Martin, Patrick Henry, Virginia's Old Carolina Road, and Allegany Chapters of the DAR as well as Compatriots of the Colonel George Waller Chapter-SAR. Joseph Varner at age 22 enlisted in January 1780, in Chesterfield County, VA, in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line for the duration of the war

Upon reaching Major General Nathanael Greene's army in February 1781, Varner was immediately assigned to help escort British POWs taken at Cowpens, South Carolina north to keep them from being rescued by Lord Cornwallis' army.

Varner's 2nd Virginia served at the battles of Guilford Courthouse (on the third line), Hobkirk Hill, SC, and the Siege of Ninety-Six, and he was at Eutaw Springs, SC. Prior to the battle at Eutaw Springs, due to attrition, the 1st and 2nd Virginia Regiments of the Continental Line were reduced in size to the strength of two separate battalions of the Virginia Continental Brigade.

At the end of his service, Varner was transferred to the infantry component of Light Horse Harry Lee's Legion. He was discharged from Greene's army at Charleston, SC in June 1783. In 1818 at age 62, he received a pension from the US government of \$8.00 a month



FORT HARRISON CHAPTER CELEBRATES LAW ENFORCEMENT HONOREE



Hammer Presented Law Enforcement Award

The Fort Harrison Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its monthly meeting March 8 at the Bethesda Theatre, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community with 17 members and nine guests present.

Harrisonburg Master

Police Officer Rachel Hammer, winner of Fort Harrison Chapter's and the state's Law Enforcement award, was recognized for her accomplishments and was presented a commendation certificate and trophy, along with a check for \$500. Also present for this

award ceremony was Hammer's supervisor, Captain Richard Sites, and Harrisonburg Police Chief Steve Monticelli.

Fort Harrison Chapter earned five awards at the state's annual meeting Feb. 14-16.

Guest speaker Richard Martin discussed 18th-

century architecture.

The next meeting will be held April 12 in the Bethesda Theatre, Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.; the meeting will follow at 9 a.m.

For more information, visit fortharrisonsar.org.

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More happenings...

RAID ON MARTIN'S STATION

Martin's Station & Overmountain Men Chapters Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Invites you to participate in the 14th Anniversary Celebration of The Raid on Martin's Station May 9th-May 11th 2013



See the Virginia SAR website for details.





More happenings...

WILLIAMSBURG CHAPTER HAS SPECIAL SPEAKER

Daniel Preston, editor of the papers of James Monroe, gave a history of the life of James Madison, our fifth President and last of the “Founding Fathers” of the United States to a recent Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution luncheon. Madison was very familiar with Williamsburg, having been a student at William & Mary, and raiding the Governors Palace for arms for the Virginia Militia.



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Mr. Preston has published a book entitled “James Monroe: An Illustrated History”, is a former Mellon Fellow at the Virginia Historical Society, and is a winner of the annual prize awarded for the best article published in the *Journal of the Early Republic*.

FESTIVAL AT SPENCER-PENN CENTER—BY BOB VOGLER

On April 12, members of the Colonel George Waller Chapter Historical Interpreter’s Group set up a living history camp at the Spencer-Penn Centre at its April community festival.



Members of the group used the opportunity to teach camp visitors about a soldier’s or a camp follower’s life during the American War for Independence. The Interpreter’s group included a member of the General Joseph Martin Chapter -DAR and a re-enactor who portrays a British soldier.

Visitors to the camp included those attending events at the community fair, several men who are working on their applications to join the SAR, as well compatriots of the Colonel George Waller Chapter and members of the DAR who

stopped by to lend a hand. It is worth noting that the Spencer-Penn Centre is located on George Taylor Road which is named after a local Revolutionary War soldier.

PRESIDENT GENERAL DOOLEY VISITS LT. DAVID COX CHAPTER

The Lt. David Cox Chapter Sons of the American Revolution met Saturday, March 8, 2014 for a luncheon meeting and special address from NSSAR President General Joe Dooley at Porky's Steak Restaurant in Galax, Virginia. In addition to the NSSAR President General, special



guests included Dr. Reverdy E. Wright, First Vice President of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution and his wife Lydia, Mrs. Susan Story representing the New River Pioneers Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and Mrs. Alice Sweeney representing the Appalachian Trail Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

COMMEMORATION OF LEEDSTOWN RESOLVES

The Richard Henry Lee Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), participated in the Commemoration of the 1766 Leedstown Resolves in the Martin Kirwan King Center at Menokin, Warsaw, VA. Chapter members and others provided the color guard. The Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society hosted this annual event that occurs on February 27 of each year, the date of the signing of the Resolves in 1766.

The Leedstown Resolves or Westmoreland Resolves, authored by Richard Henry Lee set forth a courageous protest against the Stamp Act of 1765, a new tax levied on the American colonies by the British Crown. The signers of the resolves viewed the act to be a taking of colonist's property without their consent since they were not represented in the British Parliament. At great risk of retribution by the Crown, the signers resolved to resist the tax and to protect each other and others who associate should any one of them have their liberty or property taken. This protest was the forerunner to the Declaration of Independence.

Richard Fickling, President of the chapter, along with Charles Belfield, Brennen Belfield, and Mike Lyman represented the SAR Richard Henry Lee Chapter at the ceremony. For more information about the chapter or becoming a member please contact the chapter registrar at (804) 438-5407.



GUILFORD COURTHOUSE COMMEMORATION - REPORT BY BOB VOGLER

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PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE

GRAVE MARKING - HISTORIC DUMFRIES CEMETERY

14 JUNE 2014 – 2:00 pm

Compatriots,

To remove any aspect of ambiguity the original notice of this event may have contained, this follow-up is being forwarded. The grave marking is scheduled for 2:00 PM on June 14th. The ceremony will be held at historic Dumfries Cemetery which is located at 17821 Mine Rd., Dumfries, VA 22026. This ceremony is an entirely separate event from the host chapter's (Colonel William Grayson Chapter) meeting which will be held at the Globe & Laurel Restaurant, commencing at 11:00 AM. While the host chapter has invited compatriots from other chapters (and their guests) to attend its meeting, the meeting is not part of President Broadus' initiative. Compatriots can attend/participate in the grave marking without attending the chapter meeting.

Also, wreath laying by chapters is encouraged. Representatives of chapters interested in laying a wreath should notify Compatriot Keith Rouleau at rouleaukeith@aol.com, providing him with the name of the chapter and the compatriot's name who will lay the wreath.

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Col. Robert D. Pollock, USAF (ret.)
President of the District of Columbia Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution

*cordially invites you to the Dedication of a Grave Marker
honoring*

Thomas Tudor Tucker

Son of Bermuda, Patriot, Physician, and Treasurer of the United States

**Saturday, May 31, 2014,
at 10 a.m.**

Congressional Cemetery
1801 E Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.

Honored Guest:

Joseph W. Dooley
President General of the Sons of the American Revolution

Guest Speakers:

Cheryl Packwood, Esq.
Overseas Representative of the Government of Bermuda
and Director of the Washington, D.C. Office

Michael J. Elston, Esq.
Third Vice President, Virginia Society S.A.R.,
and Co-Director of the SAR-DAR-C.A.R. Bermuda Gunpowder Plot Program

With a Special Appearance by
"Thomas Tudor Tucker"
played by Mr. Mark Maloy

THE 233RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE CROSSING OF THE DAN
The Boost Given By NSSAR "Historical Event Sanctioning"

It is hard to adequately express the quantum jump in so many aspects of this growing commemoration. The local Southside media took a very active role in responding to the new significance of this event given by the National Society.

"This year, the re-enactment was recognized for the first time as a[an] Historical Event of National prominence, joining the Battle of Great Bridge and the final Victory of Yorktown [and The Raid on Martin's Station]." Quoting Phil Williams, The Danville Register and Bee, Sunday February 23, 2014.



The Gazette-Virginian banner headlines of February 24th, with eleven large event photos, read "The Crossing of the Dan – CROWDS make History – Bolstered by national status - attendance skyrockets for re-enactment".

Just to draw your attention to the breadth and depth of participation this year, consider the following. SARs attended from Indiana, Kentucky (a big contingent), Florida, Georgia, The Carolinas and, of course, Virginia. PG Joe Dooley sent Secretary General Lindsey Brock to bring NSSAR Greetings. Registrar General Michael Tomme and SAR Foundation President Sam Powell joined the gathering. The VADAR was represented by State Historian Mary White and the C.A.R. President Chas Leiss and C.A.R. Senior President Heather Simpson also brought Greetings.

From the Southside area, Greetings were brought by Halifax County Historical Society President Barbara Bass and South Boston Mayor Ed Owens who said, "The town of South Boston is extremely proud of our heritage and of the divine creation of this Country". Other officials speaking included Congressman Robert Hurt (SAR eligible we think and are working on it) who brought his wife and two children.

Of course, Dan River Chapter President Bernard Baker and Chapter Compatriot and author of The Race to the Dan, VASSAR Historian Larry worked tirelessly with Berryman Greene DAR Chapter President Nancy Chandler and Past Chapter President Anne Raab to play host to a fantastic weekend, including a Friday night dinner which had 75 attendees, where there were 30 the year before and fewer still in the early years going back to 2005 when this commemoration was launched.

Other persons of note include David Hutcheson who, with Larry Aaron as historical advisor, created the outstanding Documentary of The Crossing of the Dan [which now may be purchased] and Messrs. David Haney and Emmett Abernathy who donated their labor for free in the skillful recreation of a 36 foot replica ferry used by Gen. Greene and his men to get the cannon, horses and Army of the South across the Dan just head of the British. Happy to say that their ferry stood up to the 18 ft. swollen levels of the Dan, normally 12 ft., and successfully cabled and poled their way, with rebels aboard, through the powerful currents to the thrill of a cheering crowd who saw the

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English regiments frustrated as they looked upon Greene's men safely ensconced on the North side of the river.

Saturday's Program, as noted in a follow up article in the South Boston News and Record and Mecklenburg Sun, "the Chastain Theater (in the Prizery) was filled to capacity – plus some – as visitors sat close together to hear about the military action that was to prove crucial to George Washington's Victory at Yorktown".



One of the highlights of the Program was the portrayal of Patrick Henry by his 5th Great Grandson (down from Ohio), Patrick Henry Jolly, who regaled the audience with his recollections of "what if" this event did not happen, or had happened later, then... He elicited heartfelt laughter from the audience when he called into question the notion that President Washington was the Father of his Country, when he had had no children and he, Patrick, had fathered 17. Later in the Program, VASSAR President Bill Broadus, in the first event of his tenure, took the helm, together with VASSAR Secretary and Awards Committee Chair Wayne Rouse, to bring Greetings and to recognize with awards and medals, S. Boston/Halifax County, DAR and SAR officials and ferry builders who worked so hard to make this event so

splendid.

One of those officials, the Town Manager Ted Daniel, addressed a letter to me which speaks volumes to me, to the Society and to all those who worked so hard to further elevate the prominence of this event.

"I really have to struggle to find the words to describe the pride I have in being a recipient of The SAR Award. I have been awarded numerous citations throughout my military and public Administration careers, but there will be no award placed on my wall that will mean more to me personally than the Silver Good Citizenship Medal of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Knowing that I have been judged worthy of special recognition by such a marvelous organization composed of such distinguished Americans is very humbling. I look forward to establishing my membership in the SAR in honor of my patriot ancestor, Isham Meadows of Virginia, and will be pursuing it with the assistance of Larry Aaron..."

I would be remiss if I did not also mention that city support for this commemoration includes the entire 6th grade of S. Boston, over 500 children who learn about and The Revolution, the Crossing and the Southern Campaign. They all gather in the Prizery on Friday leading up to the DAR-SAR celebration. This year's theme was to write about and re-enact some of the costly decisions made by Cornwallis which wasted precious time in their pursuit of the Americans. They were also treated to Travis Bowman, known to many of us, who portrays his ancestor, Peter Francisco, "The Hercules of the Revolution". The participation of the entire community and the school system adds immeasurably to the importance and success of this commemoration.

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Never before, in no small measure due to media pre-event coverage, area residents turned out by the hundreds for the Program in the Prizery followed by the parade down to the Riverside Monument to Nathanael Greene and his men – lead by the Fifers and the VASSAR Color Guard, its Commander Darrin Schmidt and former NSSAR Color Guard Commander Michael Tomme. They were joined by Virginia, Kentucky and Carolina Guardsmen.

The Riverside ceremony saw nearly 50 wreaths presented by many NSSAR, VASSAR, VADAR, C.A.R., SAR Chapters, the NCDAR, the SR, Order of Founders and Patriots and The Society of the War of 1812 among others.

In the words of the Danville Register, “The event culminated in a short march from the Prizery to the muddy bank of the Dan River, where onlookers enjoyed a battle re-enactment and a display of the struggle endured by American Troops in their effort to cross the river.”

What more can one say? National “Sanctioning” surely played an important role in enhancing the significance and attendance of this event. The Crossing is alive and well. And, Compatriots, if you have not yet experienced this historic celebration, put it on your calendar for February of 2015. You will not be disappointed. HUZAZH!

NSSAR Trustee for VASSAR and Ad Hoc VASSAR Chair of the Crossing Committee - Phil Williams

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Message from the Editor:

Your help is needed!

One thing about doing a newsletter, is that it isn't hard to come up with content. There seems to be enough folks out there willing and able to contribute stories and articles. The real struggle is that we don't have enough contributing photographers. Often, photos that were taken at events, are passed around to other people before ever making it to the newsletter staff, and sometimes the staff doesn't receive those photos at all. If you are interested in covering events, please feel free to do so. I prefer SLR quality photos - common point-and-shoot cameras often create technical issues with the publication. Because of the file size of SLR-quality photos, I must insist that you do not email those to me.

What we have on the SAR website is a FTP folder that you can use to upload images. What is FTP?

Well, how to use FTP to upload photos is beyond the scope of this newsletter. Let's just say, if you are interested in being a contributing photographer, please contact me. I will tell you how to install FTP software, and how to move your photos into the VASSAR FTP dropbox. If you are handy with computers, this will be a walk in the park for you.

Just drop me a note at webmaster@virginia-sar.org.

Thanks a bunch,
Andy Doss

