

**Annual Reports
of the
Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution
Officers, Committees, Resolutions
and Other Reports/Documents**



**The 128th Virginia Society
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Richmond, Virginia
February 9 – 10, 2018**



"Among the natural rights of the colonists are these: First a right to life, secondly to liberty, and thirdly to property; together with the right to defend them in the best manner they can"— *Samuel Adams*

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President Annual Report

Dear Compatriots:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our great society as its 97th president. No words can describe how proud I am of all that you have accomplished in your individual chapters and as a state society. I set aggressive goals for us in my Call to Arms last year. We set out to establish partnerships and build relationships in the community; honor our Patriot ancestors by telling their stories; and renew our commitment to retaining and increasing our membership. And you have responded to the call!

One of the most important ways we build relationships in the community is through our youth programs, including the poster (elementary school), brochure (middle school), essay, orations and JROTC contests. This year, we raised \$8,500 for the Mark S. Brennan Jr. fund to support the state-level awards for our youth contest. To encourage participation in those contests, we established a new award – the Wayne and Wink Rouse Award – for the chapter(s) involved in the most state youth contests. We have also renewed our commitment to the Children of the American Revolution, serving as senior leaders and contributing to its state project and its operating. It was, of course, a privilege to work closely with the State President of the Virginia C.A.R. this year, who just happened to be my daughter, Emily Elston (the first time our two state organizations have been led by a father-daughter team).

We took a critical look at how the SAR could be more relevant by more effectively participating in the public square. Under the leadership of our Chancellor, we promoted legislation to enhance the Virginia War Graves Maintenance program, which we administer for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. We also took a strong stand against a series of bills that would have weakened the legal protections for Revolutionary War monuments and memorials.

We engaged the community in many other ways, but we perhaps had the most fun at the SAR/DAR/C.A.R. Night at the Ballpark events, led by our Color Guard. This year we held three events, one each with the Potomac Nationals, the Richmond Flying Squirrels and the Norfolk Tide. To help us become more visible in the community, we made VASSAR logo clothing available to anyone, in any color or style, on demand through our new Lands' End storefront, <https://business.landsend.com/store/virginiasar/>.

We recognized the service of veterans, police officers, fire fighters, EMTs and other citizens and public servants throughout the state. Among those efforts, the Virginia SAR presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to the Hon. Dana Boente, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Julie Langan, Director of Historic Resources for the

Commonwealth. We will present the same medal to the Hon. Ron Wittman, Member of Congress for Virginia's 1st Congressional District, at our Annual Meeting.

We shared our love of the SAR and brought in new members. More than 340, in fact. But, more importantly, we achieved a net gain of 144 members. (Please thank your very busy state registrars!) Eleven chapters achieved net gains that entitled them to the first Virginia SAR Chapter Operations Grants: Col. James Wood II (10%); Col. William Grayson (25%); Fairfax Resolves (10%); Gen. William Campbell (25%); George Mason (25%); Martin Station (10%); New River Valley (50%); Rappahannock (10%); Richard Henry Lee (10%); Thomas Jefferson (10%); and Williamsburg (10%). And we began an exciting new chapter expansion effort with eligible descendants of a Nansemond Nation Patriot of the Revolution.

We honored our patriot ancestors in many ways, all year long. At the state level, we dedicated – with our war of 1812 Society friends – a new plaque honoring the Patriots buried and memorialized in the cemetery of Historic Pohick Church in Lorton. During Fairfax County's 375th anniversary celebration, we publicly dedicated a plaque commemorating the Patriots from Fairfax who died during the Revolutionary War. We contributed the efforts of the Friends of the Buford's Massacre Battlefield to erect a new monument at Waxhaws (Buford's Massacre) in South Carolina that lists the known names of the Patriots who fought there, most of whom were from the 3rd Virginia Regiment. We joined with a chapter in West Virginia to restore a long-lost Patriot grave at Harper's Ferry. And we turned out in force to honor the last President who was also a Patriot of the Revolution, James Monroe, at his birthplace on the 259th anniversary of his birth.

Our effort to place a marker to note the final resting place of some of our enemies at Yorktown is off to a fair start, but I just ran out of time for that initiative. Rest assured that I will continue on with the project and hopefully complete it in 2018 or 2019.

We have worked hard to build partnerships and relationships with other organizations so that, together, we can be more effective in accomplishing the objectives of the SAR. Among the many such projects were the following:

- We celebrated the formal opening of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, made possible in part by the Virginia SAR's \$25,000 contribution under President Ed Truslow's 2016-17 initiative.
- We partnered with other SAR state societies and the Civil War Trust 1776 Campaign to help save a portion of the Princeton Battlefield that was threatened with development, donating \$2,000 to that effort.
- In what I have described as a model public-private partnership, we have supported the James Monroe Memorial Foundation's effort to build a reconstruction of James Monroe's birthplace home on the original site in Colonial Beach, both through a \$5,000 donation and the hard work on the ground (literally) of members like Charles Belfield and Art Buswell.

- We have committed \$5,000 per year for three years to sponsor education and outreach programs at Menokin, the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee, a Virginia signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Last but not least, through your generosity, we raised just over \$40,000 for our new partnership with Mount Vernon. The money will be used to launch a new project at Mount Vernon's Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington called *Washington's Friends and Foes*. 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 to protect and collect their valuable documents and letters related to the era. The Virginia SAR will receive lasting credit for providing the original seed money to set this worthy, long-duration initiative into motion.

Congratulations, gentlemen, on a fantastic, amazing year!

There are too many people to thank for all of the successes of this past year, so I will not even attempt it. But I must acknowledge the fantastic support of my own chapter, the George Washington Chapter. GW members committed their time, treasure and talent to help make my year as Virginia SAR President a success, and I am eternally grateful. I must also thank the three most important people who made it possible for me to serve our society this year: Julie, Emily and William Elston. Their patience, love and support has been a wonderful blessing.

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Following my installation as President on February 11, 2017, I have participated in the following meetings, activities and events on behalf of the Virginia SAR:

February 11	Adjourned the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Virginia SAR.
February 12	Led a meeting of the Convention Planning Committee, N.S.C.A.R., in Arlington, VA.
February 13	Attended the public lecture of the first SAR Visiting Professor at King's College London, Andrew O'Shaughnessy, in the Great Hall on the Strand Campus of King's, London.
February 14	Visited the Royal Archives and the Royal Library at Windsor Castle with Professor O'Shaughnessy, President General Joe Dooley and Oliver Urquhart Irvine, Royal Librarian and Keeper of the Queen's Archives.
February 18	Represented the Virginia SAR at the 236 th anniversary commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, VA; installed three new officers of the Dan River Chapter.
February 20	Served as the guest speaker at the annual Washington's Birthday breakfast at Historic Pohick Church in Lorton, VA.

	Participated in the SAR unit in the annual Washington's Birthday Parade in Alexandria, VA.
February 25	Spoke at the commemoration of the 251 st anniversary of the Leedstown Resolutions at Stratford Hall, Westmoreland County, VA.
March 2-4	Attended the SAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY, including meetings of the national Executive Committee and the SAR Foundation Board.
March 10-11	Attended and brought greetings at the 90 th V.S.C.A.R. State Convention, Staunton, Virginia; presented the Virginia SAR's annual support for the C.A.R. and the Silver SAR-C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation to State President Alexandra Slaughter.
March 24	Attended and brought greetings at the DAR Annual Conference in Roanoke, Virginia; presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation to immediate past State Regent Virginia S. Storage.
March 27	Participated in a meeting of the 2020 Congress Committee by telephone. Participated in a NSSAR Executive Committee teleconference.
March 30	Presided at a teleconference meeting of the Virginia SAR ExCom.
March 31	Represented the Virginia SAR at the Grand Opening Reception, American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.
April 1	Attended a meeting of the "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society, Virginia C.A.R., Woodbridge, VA. Attended and spoke at the luncheon celebrating the 20 th Anniversary of the Lane's Mill Chapter, N.S.D.A.R., Centreville, VA.
April 8	Attended the April meeting of the George Washington Chapter and presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Dana Boente, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and acting Deputy Attorney General of the United States.
April 13	Presented the Virginia SAR wreath at the D.C. SAR commemoration of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson at the Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC.
April 15	Spoke at the annual Graves Mountain Multi-Chapter Meeting in Syria, VA.
April 21-23	Attended the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention in Arlington, Virginia, and served as the Senior National Convention Chairman.
April 29	Gave the keynote address and presented the Virginia SAR wreath at the 259 th anniversary celebration of James Monroe's Birthday at his birthplace in Colonial Beach, VA.

- Presented the Virginia SAR wreath and spoke at a joint Virginia/West Virginia SAR grave marker dedication ceremony for William Broadus at Harpers Ferry, WV.
- May 6 Attended a meeting of the “Light Horse Harry” Lee Society, Woodbridge, VA.
- May 13 Keynote speaker at the gala celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Col. William Grayson Chapter in Gainesville, VA.
- May 21 Spoke at the Rappahannock Chapter plaque dedication ceremony at Menokin, site of the ruins of the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- May 27 Spoke and presented the Virginia SAR wreath at the annual South Carolina SAR commemoration of Buford’s Massacre (Battle of Waxhaws) in Lancaster, SC.
- Spoke at the dedication ceremony for a plaque listing the known members of the 3rd Virginia Regiment who fought at the Battle of Waxhaws sponsored by the Friends of the Buford’s Massacre Battlefield, Lancaster, SC.
- May 29 Marched in the SAR unit in the National Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC.
- June 10 Attended the June chapter meeting of the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter, Fredericksburg, VA.
- June 14 Attended the Fairfax Resolves Chapter Flag Day flag retirement ceremony at the Great Falls Library, Great Falls, VA.
- June 17 Attended and gave a eulogy at the Memorial Service for President Ed Truslow, Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg, Virginia.
- June 22 Attended and spoke at the Col. William Grayson Chapter’s grave marking ceremony for Capt. James Campbell, Old Methodist Cemetery, Alexandria, VA.
- June 25 Presided at a meeting of the Virginia SAR Executive Committee at the Newport News Marriott at City Center. The meeting was followed by meetings with hotel staff regarding the upcoming Semi-Annual Meeting.
- July 4 Participated in the Independence Day ceremony at George Washington’s Mount Vernon; presented a wreath at the tomb of General & Mrs. Washington with Virginia State C.A.R. President Emily Elston.
- July 7-8 Attended the C.A.R Mid-Southern Region Meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, where I served as the Senior Regional Registrar.

- July 9-12 Attended the SAR Congress, Knoxville, Tennessee, and participated in meetings of the national Executive Committee and the SAR Foundation Board; elected to serve as Virginia's National Trustee
- July 22 Attended and spoke at the ceremony commemorating the 243rd anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves at the Fairfax County Courthouse.
- July 24 Served in the Color Guard and attended SAR-DAR-C.A.R. Night at the Ballpark at the Richmond Flying Squirrels game in Richmond, VA
- July 29 Attended and brought greetings on behalf of the Virginia SAR at the Virginia C.A.R. First State Workshop in Lorton, Virginia. Over 90 members and seniors were in attendance.
- Participated in the dedication of the Virginia SAR and War of 1812 Society plaque honoring the Patriots of both wars buried or memorialized in the Pohick Church Cemetery, Lorton, Virginia.
- Presided at a meeting of the Virginia SAR Executive Committee in Lorton, VA.
- Served in the Color Guard and attended SAR-DAR-C.A.R. Night at the Ballpark at the Potomac Nationals game in Woodbridge, VA.
- July 31 Met with York County, Virginia, official regarding the proposed marker for British dead in Yorktown, VA.
- August 11-12 Attended the Atlantic Middle States (AMS) District Meeting, in Gettysburg, PA, and gave the Virginia Society's report. Among other things, Virginia retained the Jersey Devil Award.
- August 19 Attended and brought greetings on behalf of the Virginia SAR at the Virginia C.A.R. Second State Workshop in Lexington, Virginia. Approximately 56 members and seniors were in attendance.
- August 26 Attended and spoke at a luncheon meeting of the Lt. David Cox Chapter in Galax, Virginia. The meeting was a joint meeting with three DAR chapters and two C.A.R. societies.
- August 27 Presented the Rappahannock Chapter with its charter at a meeting of the chapter at the home of President Carl Strock in Hustle, Virginia.
- September 2 Attended a meeting of the "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society of the Virginia C.A.R. in Woodbridge, Virginia.
- September 9 Attended the September meeting of the George Washington Chapter.
- Participated in the President General's wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.
- September 15-16 Presided at meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Managers, and the General Membership at the Semi-Annual Meeting at

- the Newport News Marriott City Center; presented the SAR Bronze Citizenship Medal posthumously to Ed Truslow, 96th President of the Virginia SAR, and the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to Julie Langan, Director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.
- September 28 Attended a meeting of the SAR Foundation Board in Louisville, KY.
- September 29 Represented the Virginia SAR at the SAR Fall Leadership and Trustees' Meeting in Louisville, KY.
- October 6 Attended a meeting of the SAR South Atlantic District in Spartanburg, SC.
- October 7 Represented the Virginia SAR and presented our wreath at the commemoration of the Battle of King's Mountain at the King's Mountain National Military Park in South Carolina.
- October 15 Attended a meeting of the "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society, Woodbridge, VA.
- October 9 Represented the Virginia SAR and presented our wreath at the Columbus Day ceremony in Washington, DC.
- October 15 Attended a meeting of the "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society, Woodbridge, VA.
- October 18 Represented the Virginia SAR at the Yorktown Day Association dinner at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.
- October 19 Spoke at the annual ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson Jr. and presented the Virginia SAR wreath; led the SAR unit in the Yorktown Victory Day parade with President General Larry Guzy; and represented the Virginia SAR during the Patriotic Exercises at the Yorktown Victory Monument in Yorktown, VA.
- October 21 Led a meeting of the Convention Planning Committee, N.S.C.A.R., in Fredericksburg, VA.
- October 23 Attended the George Washington Chapter's presentation of the SAR Heroism Medal and the EMS Medal to members of the Prince William County Fire Department in the chambers of the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County.
- November 4 Attended a meeting of the "Light Horse Harry" Lee Society, Woodbridge, VA.
- November 5 Represented the Virginia SAR at the Virginia and New Jersey state service at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge.
- November 11 Participated in and spoke at the Lorton, VA dedication of a Virginia Historical Marker near the grave of General William Brown, MD, who was a member of the Fairfax County Committee of Safety, a physician in

the 2nd Virginia Regiment, and later a surgeon general and physician general of hospitals established in the Continental Army.

Attended the George Washington Chapter Veterans Day ceremony at the Tomb of General George Washington at Mount Vernon.

- November 18 Attended and spoke at the November breakfast meeting of the Col. James Wood II Chapter in Winchester, VA.
- Attended the annual meeting planning session at the Omni Richmond.
- December 2 Represented the Virginia SAR at the celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge in Chesapeake, VA.
- December 3 Attended a meeting of the “Light Horse Harry” Lee Society, Woodbridge, VA.
- December 9 Attended a joint meeting of the George Mason and George Washington Chapters at the Mount Vernon Country Club in Alexandria, VA, and installed the 2018 officers of both chapters; commissioned Hon. Richard Kusserow a General of the Virginia Militias in the SAR 1st Virginia Regiment.
- December 18 Attended the luncheon meeting of the Richard Henry Lee Chapter in Irvington, VA, and installed the chapter’s 2018 officers.
- December 28 Presented a Flag Certificate to the United States Postal Service (headquarters).
- January 9 Attended the dinner meeting of the Norfolk Chapter in Virginia Beach, VA, and installed the chapter’s 2018 officers.
- January 13 Attended a meeting of the “Light Horse Harry” Lee Society, Woodbridge, VA.
- Attended the January luncheon meeting of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter in Fredericksburg, VA, and installed the chapter’s 2018 officers.
- Attended the formal dinner and joint chapter meeting of the Thomas Nelson Jr. and Williamsburg Chapters in Williamsburg, VA, and installed the 2018 officers of both chapters.
- January 16 Attended the January luncheon meeting of the Fincastle Resolutions Chapter in Roanoke, VA, and installed the chapter’s 2018 officers.
- January 16 Attended the dinner meeting of the Fort Harrison Chapter in Harrisonburg, VA, and installed the chapter’s 2018 officers.
- January 17 Attended the dinner meeting of the General Daniel Morgan Chapter in Staunton, VA, and installed the chapter’s 2018 officers.
- January 27 Attended the January meeting of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter in Warrenton, VA, inducted two new members, and installed the chapter’s

2018 officers (including President Tom Hamill via FaceTime from Denver).

February 3 Attend a meeting of the Lane's Mill Chapter, NSDAR, as the chaperone of the guest speaker, Emily Elston, State President, Virginia C.A.R.

Finally, on February 10 and 11, 2018, we will celebrate the achievements of the past year, honor outstanding youth and public servants, and elect our 2018-19 officers at the annual meeting at the Omni in Richmond. We will present the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to the Hon. Rob Wittman, Member of Congress for Virginia's First Congressional District. We will also welcome some new friends to the Virginia SAR family, and we will install Pat Kelly as our 98th President.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the SAR, our Commonwealth and our country as your President.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael J. Elston

Michael J. Elston
President

1st Vice President Annual Report

The following are the meetings, activities and events: attended since the report that I filed in advance of our semi-annual meeting:

15-16 September-Virginia Society Semi-Annual Meeting

6-9 October-Point Pleasant, Battle Days WV

11 October -Visit to Discuss Sar Funding Of 116th Infantry Museum at Verona, VA

15 October-Attended Thomas Jefferson Heritage Society Meeting in Charlottesville

18 October-Lafayette Society Dinner

19 October-Thomas Nelson Grave Ceremony

21 October-Dan River Chapter Business Meeting

3 November-Thomas Jefferson Chapter BOM

4-5 November Color Guard at NSDAR Chapel Service, Valley Forge, PA

9 November-Attended NSDAR Defense Luncheon

11 November -Acted as master of ceremonies and presented Virginia Society Wreath Veterans Day Ceremony

14 November-Sar Planning Meeting in Richmond

3 December-Thomas Jefferson Chapter Meeting

December 11-Winchester, Virginia for 2020 Congress Powder Horn Acquisition

December 16-Wreaths Across America Ceremony, Charlottesville

January 12-13 Cowpens Ceremony, Gaffney, SC

January 26-27 Battle of Cowan's Ford Ceremony

Respectfully,

Patrick M. Kelly
1st Vice President

2nd Vice President Annual Report

Represented the SAR at the following meetings and events February 2017 through February 2018:

2017

February 10-12	Virginia Society Annual Meeting, Richmond, Executive Committee Meeting
February 17-18	Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan, South Boston, NSSAR event, laid Norfolk Chapter wreath
March 09	Installed Richmond Chapter SAR officers, Richmond, presented awards
March 27	2020 NSSAR Congress Planning Meeting, Richmond
March 30	VASSAR Executive Committee Meeting, teleconference
April 01	Opening of Museum of the American Revolution, Yorktown
June 14	Great Bridge NSDAR Flag Day Ceremony, Norfolk, Laid VASSAR wreath
June 14	Reception for exhibit opening, Museum of the American Revolution, Yorktown
June 17	Funeral of Immediate Past President Edward Truslow, Williamsburg
June 25	VASSAR Executive Committee Meeting, Newport News
July 07-13	NSSAR Annual Congress, Knoxville, TN, Virginia Delegate
July 11	2020 NSSAR Congress Planning Meeting, Knoxville, TN
July 29	Plaque Dedication, Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton, VASSAR Executive Committee Meeting, SAR Group Event, Potomac Nationals Baseball Game, Woodbridge
August 14	Keynote Speaker, New Citizens Nationalization Ceremony, Hoffman Federal Court House, Norfolk
August 19	SAR Group Event, Norfolk Tides Baseball Game, Norfolk

August 23	2020 NSSAR Congress Planning Meeting, Richmond
September 09	Commemoration of the Battle of the Capes, Virginia Beach, Laid VASSAR wreath
September 15-16	VASSAR Semi-annual Meeting, Newport News, Executive Committee Meeting
September 22	Groundbreaking Ceremony for Visitors Center, Great Bridge Battlefield Memorial Park, Chesapeake, Interviewed by ABC TV station for its evening news broadcast
October 19	Yorktown Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the tomb of Thomas Nelson, Jr., Yorktown
November 11	Veterans Day Ceremony, Governor's Mansion, Williamsburg, Laid VASSAR wreath; attended Williamsburg Chapter Meeting
November 28	Met with new Mayor West about the Great Bridge Ceremony, Chesapeake
December 01	Dined with PG Larry Guzy and other Great Bridge Ceremony guests, Founders' Inn, Virginia Beach
December 02	Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration, Chesapeake
December 09	Installed Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter officers, Fairfax
<u>2018</u>	
January 07	VASSAR Executive Committee Meeting, teleconference
January 09	Norfolk SAR Chapter Annual Dinner & Officer Installation, Virginia Beach
February 9-11	Virginia Society Annual Meeting, Richmond, Executive Committee Meeting
February 16-17	Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan, South Boston, Will lay Norfolk Chapter wreath
February 24	George Washington Birthday Luncheon, The Tidewater Regents' Club, VADAR, Norfolk

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. J. Thomas Whetstone
2nd Vice President
Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

3rd Vice President Annual Report

As the Virginia SAR representative, acted on behalf of the Virginia SAR President at the following events from February 2017 through February 2018:

April 12	241 st Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves, Halifax, NC
April 28	James Monroe's 259 th Birthday Memorial, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA
June 3	236 th Anniversary of Wayne's Crossing, Leesburg, VA
June 17	Fairfax County 275 th Anniversary & Revolutionary War Plaque Dedication, Fairfax, VA
January 13	Lt. David Cox Chapter Meeting and Installation of 2018 chapter officers.
January 20	Colonel James Wood II Chapter meeting and installation of 2018 chapter officers.

As Virginia SAR 3rd Vice President attended the following meetings and events from February 2017 through February 2018:

March 3-4	NSSAR Spring Leadership/Trustee Meeting, Louisville, KY
June 25	Virginia SAR EXCOM Meeting, Newport News, VA
July 7-13	NSSAR 127 th Congress, Knoxville, TN
August 11-13	Atlantic Middle States Association Meeting, Gettysburg, PA
September 15-17	Virginia SAR Semi-Annual Meeting, Newport News, VA
September 27-30	NSSAR Fall Leadership/Trustee Meeting, Louisville, KY
October 21	Dan River Chapter Meeting, South Boston, VA

In other capacities attended fifty-two other SAR events, the Virginia DAR Annual Meeting in Roanoke, VA, and the NSDAR Congress in Washington, DC. While 3rd Vice President traveled 19,748 miles and spent 30 nights away from home serving the Virginia SAR.

Respectively submitted,
Bill Schwetke
3rd Vice President, Virginia SAR

Secretary Annual Report

As may be seen by the below statistics, we had a banner year as far as new member and this is believed to be the largest annual increase ever seen in the Virginia SAR.

2017 VASSAR Membership

January 1, 2017	1829
New Members	+343
Memorial Members	+2
Reinstatements	+76
Reinstatement- Transfers	+4
Transfers In	+14
Deceased	-26
Drops/Resigns	-215
Transfers Out	-14
January 1, 2018	2013

The above figures include 120 Junior Members and 24 Emeritus Members. In addition, 90 Supplemental Applications were registered during the year. The Virginia Society continues rank third in terms of SAR state society membership behind the Texas and Florida Societies.

The majority of the 76 reinstatements were compatriots who did not pay their 2018 dues by the 12/31/17 cutoff date. As shown by the number of drops/resigns, we still have work to do in member retention.

We continue to digitize all new and supplemental members' record copies and all other membership records in order that Virginia Society compatriots may have local access to this information rather than having to make inquiries from NSSAR.

We also continue to reconcile member contact data and chapter information listed on the NSSAR and VASSAR data bases to provide society and chapter officers with accurate reports from both sources.

Finally, I thank all officers and committees who submitted reports for this booklet thus providing an accurate and complete accounting of Virginia SAR goals and accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Rouse

Virginia Society SAR-Balance Sheet
As of December 2017

	<u>Dec 31, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Cash Accounts	
10100 · General Fund	119,573.61
10200 · Flathers May Fund	24,629.36
10300 · Howard Hamilton Fund	175,643.91
10400 · Knight-Patty Fund	470,113.30
10500 · Frantz-Philen Fund	27,167.29
10600 · Brennan Fund	46,733.63
10800 · War Graves Preservation & Maint	14,441.06
10900 · Special Funds	2,177.81
Total 10000 · Cash Accounts	<u>880,479.97</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>880,479.97</u>
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	<u>294.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>294.00</u>
Total Current Assets	880,773.97
Fixed Assets	
Total Fixed Assets	2,207.83
Other Assets	
Total Other Assets	<u>1,208.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>884,189.80</u></u>

Virginia Society SAR-Balance Sheet
As of June 2017

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>Dec 31, 17</u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
28000 · Other Current Liability	
28250 · 1st Virginia Regiment	1,000.00
28400 · Deferred Revenue - VASSAR Dues	14,345.00
28800 · Deferred Revenue - NSSAR Dues	22,845.00
28900 · Suspense - Other	153.00
Total 28000 · Other Current Liability	<u>38,343.00</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>38,343.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>38,343.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>38,343.00</u>
Equity	
34600 · Tmp. Restrict.-NSSAR Congress	1,867.37
31000 · Funds-Perm. Rstrct. Net Assets	
31100 · Flathers-May Fund	21,905.92
31200 · Howard Hamilton Fund	153,155.69
31300 · Knight-Patty Fund	344,045.86
31400 · Frantz-Philen Fund	26,816.75
31600 · Brennan Fund	38,310.00
Total 31000 · Funds-Perm. Rstrct. Net Assets	<u>584,234.22</u>
32000 · Funds-Unrestricted Net Assets	
32100 · Flathers-May Fund	2,587.42
32200 · Howard Hamilton Fund	20,829.89
32300 · Knight-Patty Fund	71,827.82
32400 · Frantz-Philen Fund	1,347.11
32600 · Brennan Fund	979.74
Total 32000 · Funds-Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>97,571.98</u>
33000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	71,726.35
34500 · Funds-Tmp. Restrict - War Graves	14,586.24
Net Income	<u>75,860.64</u>
Total Equity	<u>845,846.80</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>884,189.80</u></u>

Virginia Society SAR Profit & Loss

January through December 2017

	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>
Income	
43000 · Contributions	22,651.00
45000 · Investment Income	
45100 · Interest	681.90
45200 · Dividends	17,239.51
45500 · Gain(Loss)-Change in Mkt. Value	40,489.88
Total 45000 · Investment Income	<u>58,411.29</u>
47000 · Program Income	
47100 · Membership Fees	
47140 · VASSAR Dues - Surcharge	14,880.00
47120 · NSSAR Dues	57,650.00
47130 · VASSAR Dues	35,725.00
47150 · Application Fees	2,436.00
Total 47100 · Membership Fees	<u>110,691.00</u>
47200 · Society Meetings	7,255.00
Total 47000 · Program Income	<u>117,946.00</u>
48000 · Other Income	<u>11,217.25</u>
Total Income	<u>210,225.54</u>

Virginia Society SAR Profit & Loss

January through June 2017

Gross Profit	210,225.54
Expense	
60900 · Business Expenses	35.00
62100 · Contract Services	6,000.00
65000 · Operations	29,677.15
65100 · Other Expenses	11,249.86
67200 · Program Expense	
67210 · Membership Fees	
67211 · Annual Dues	57,731.00
Total 67210 · Membership Fees	57,731.00
67220 · Meetings	8,238.76
67230 · Certificates/Medals/Misc Awards	3,543.50
67240 · Cash Awards	10,675.00
67250 · Graves Maintenance	2,970.00
67299 · Miscellaneous Program Expense	1,500.00
Total 67200 · Program Expense	84,658.26
68300 · Travel and Meetings	2,563.63
69000 · Miscellaneous Expense	181.00
70000 · Uncatgorized Expense	0.00
Total Expense	134,364.90
Net Income	75,860.64

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February 8, 2018, 2017

Mr. Wayne Rouse, Secretary of the Virginia Society

RE: Activities of the Chancellorship, to February, 2018

Dear Compatriot and Exaltedly Honorable High Excellency Secretary Rouse:

Since my report as Chancellor of this august body at the 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting, I have done the following:

1. Lobbied the General Assembly on our two identical bills currently pending, HB153 and SB177, which would increase the number of Revolutionary War graves currently recognized from 541 to include all of the over 4000 Mike Lyman's team have documented. There is a \$5.00 per grave appropriation, which can also be used for memorials, monuments, etc., so this would be a significant increase in funding. I don't know whether it is due to patriotic fervor or the fact that my wife is his boss, but our House of Delegates patron has been particularly solicitous and helpful. Our Annual Meeting will be in my seventh trip to Richmond in the span of 2½ weeks, and I am pleased to inform the Society that the people who live at the house just past the intersection with Rte. 360 in Burkeville apparently just bought a brand new Buick Enclave, and the folks at 374 A.L. Philpott highway in Halifax County have replaced their shutters last week.
2. Visited Philadelphia for a healthy dose of Independency. The new Museum of the American Revolution is well done and not quite as PC as might be feared. Independence Hall is most impressive, with woodwork which, frankly, surpasses that of the Capitol at Williamsburg—for some unknown reason I had always assumed the Continental Congress met on the second floor, which is not the case. If you visit, be sure to tour the adjacent Congress Hall where Congress met for the first decade of our Republic. This, you may recall, was a period in which Congress was actually capable of passing legislation, and it did in fact pass significant laws while there.

Incidentally, in the great “Dueling Philly Cheesesteak Diners Debate,” my entire family preferred Pat’s over Geno’s. A visit to the *USS Olympia*, Dewey’s flagship at the 1898 Battle of Manila Bay, her guns heralding our emergence as a world power, is also highly recommended.

3. Otherwise, I have not done a whole lot of Chancellorizing. You all seem to be content and alarmingly non-litigious, and no-one has run over anyone, so that’s nice. Doubly nice, because my paid job has, of late, been an absolute zoo--so my sincere thanks for the quietude.
4. Dialogued with diverse stakeholders to craft a synergy of viewpoints, proactively impacting our Mission Statement, and envisioning a win-win for the Community.

**I have the Honor to remain, Sir—
Yours faithfully,
Eric Helms Monday
Chancellor of the Virginia Society**

Registrar Annual Report

VASSAR Registrar's report 01 January thru 31 December 2017.

New Member Applications

- Approved by NSSAR: 347
- Currently Pended by NSSAR: 3
- Awaiting NSSAR Review: 38

Supplemental Member Applications

- Approved by NSSAR: 91
- Currently Pended by NSSAR: 1
- Awaiting NSSAR Review: 33

Total 2017 NSSAR Approved Applications: 438

David R. Thomas
VASSAR Registrar

David E. Cook
VASSAR Assistant Registrar

David J. Hazel
VASSAR Assistant Registrar

Laura Hazel
Special Assistant

Chaplain Annual Report

The following are the activities of the Chaplain since the previous Chaplain's report to the Virginia Society at the February 2016 annual meeting in Richmond, Virginia.

The Chaplain has participated in the following VASSAR activities:

Friday and Saturday, 19-20 February – Attended the Virginia Society Annual Meeting. Gave Invocation and Benediction at the several meetings.

Saturday, 23 April – Attend Annual meeting of chapters at Grave's Mountain Lodge. Gave Invocation and Benediction. Participated in VASSAR Color Guard.

Friday and Saturday, 16-17 September – Attended the Virginia Society semi-annual meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Saturday, 3 Dec – Attended and gave Benediction at the NSSAR and NSDAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, Virginia.

Participated in all meetings of the Fort Harrison Chapter. Gave Invocations and Benedictions.

Corresponded with family and Chapter members to express sympathy.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your VASSAR Chaplain this year.

Respectfully Submitted:

The Reverend Dr. Roy Abbott Martin, Jr.

The list of names below represents those Virginia Society Compatriots whose deaths have been reported to me since the 2016 Annual Meeting:

Nat'l Number	Name	Death Date	Chapter
199093	Wesley Benjamin Covey	12/17/42	Col. William Grayson
200380	John R. Musick	02/10/00	Col. William Grayson
200378	Charles Joseph Washington	07/19/15	George Washington
122819	William Ragsdale Long	12/04/15	George Washington
198295	Robley Kenneth Covey	02/09/16	Col. William Grayson
150450	James Francis Hoak	03/05/16	Fort Harrison
161062	George Alan Morledge	03/14/16	Williamsburg
152560	Charles Doering Hunter	03/17/16	Thomas Jefferson
183114	James Madison Brown, Jr.	03/22/16	Williamsburg
159581	Palmer Gleason Tunstall	04/03/16	George Washington
104466	James Clarence Cox, Jr.	04/04/16	Lt. David Cox
172080	John Fravel Reiley	04/12/16	Col. James Wood II
134637	Neil McKay Chapin	04/14/16	Richmond
178327	Franklin McTier Halsey	04/14/16	Thomas Jefferson
147946	Kent Shepard Webber	05/04/16	George Mason
140584	Reed Halstead	05/13/16	Richmond
97195	Homer Howard Haisten, III	06/10/16	Norfolk
165443	Richard Ernest Hendrix	06/13/16	Col. William Grayson
171369	James Milton Baumgardner	07/05/16	Thomas Nelson, Jr.
123413	David Harold Harpole, Sr.	07/21/16	Richmond
137538	John Nevin Dickie	07/23/16	Fairfax Resolves
156125	Robert Ellwyn Davis	07/25/16	Richard Henry Lee
194808	David McKay Post	08/01/16	Thomas Jefferson
146983	Arthur Lynn Shipe	08/12/16	Fort Harrison
199548	William Dabney Parrish, Jr.	08/13/16	Rappahannock
136170	Harry Gilly Penley	08/17/16	Overmountain Men
160954	Robert Edgar Dunnells	08/21/16	Williamsburg
108140	Joseph Byron Yount III	10/02/16	Fort Harrison
163229	Forest Tayloe Tolson	10/05/16	Fort Harrison
139531	Dale Crissey DeButts	11/15/16	Col. Fielding Lewis
167830	Fred Amos Wilson	01/08/17	Williamsburg
167513	Burness Ferdinand Ansell, Jr.	01/27/17	Richmond

NOTE: If there are names to be added or corrections made to this list, please write them down with Chapter, National, and State Number and give them to the Chaplain and the Secretary.

Historian Annual Report

The VASAR State Historian has received the documents and records of VASAR held by my distinguished predecessor, Dr. Larry Aaron, together with copies of the databases of scanned VASAR minutes and other records created by Compatriot Aaron. I continue to archive and scan new documents as appropriate, including awards and certificates received by VASAR and committed to my custody. I have responded to several inquiries from Compatriots and Chapters concerning various matters related to the history of VASAR and its chapters, including award nominations; and attended or participated in a number of events as an officer of VASAR, including the Col. William Grayson Chapter's Tenth Anniversary Dinner, the ceremonies dedicating a plaque at Pohick Church in honor of patriots from the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 buried there, and the 2017 Atlantic Middle States Conference. Your Historian has also been approached to review a new historical study of Women in the American Revolution to be published this year.

I am available to accept and archive documents related to the functioning of VASSAR as well as awards from the National Society, plus any materials relative to chapters and personnel. Records will eventually find their way to the Virginia Historical Society for preservation, after being inventoried for the State Society.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas M. Roth, III

Surgeon Annual Report

As your Surgeon, I must report that over the past year I have faced ever increasing problems with the supply, the cost and the quality of the medicines available to me for adequately caring for our forces. On a number of occasions improvisation became a necessity in order to offer care for the myriad of complaints with which I have been presented. In a past report, I spoke of the problem faced with the quality of the leeches which are available. This limits my ability to treat headaches since, as many of my contemporaries know, one accepted therapy is to apply leeches behind the ears of the patient and also give him an elixir of castor, twenty drops of which he is to take in a glass of water frequently. Without good leeches, this treatment is far less effective. As for nosebleeds, the needed salt Prunella for the cold compresses to be applied to the back and sides of the neck is in very short supply. Of course, the other accepted option, bleeding in the foot, can be substituted. Some very simple remedies still are, however, somewhat readily obtainable. Tobacco can be found and the blowing of its smoke into the affected ear of a patient suffering from an earache has been reported to be quite beneficial as has been the use of an onion to frequently rub until red the affected areas of the scalp in someone with baldness. Again, the need to improvise in the face of a lack of proper medicines will remain a great challenge.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher N. ("Kirk") Sheap MD
VASSAR Surgeon

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees Committee's report will be provided at the BOM and General membership meeting.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Elston,
Virginia Society SAR National Trustee, 2017-2018

VASSAR Audit Committee
Annual Report

The Audit Committee's report will be provided at the BOM and General membership meeting.

Respectfully,

Patrick M. Kelly, Chairman of Audit Committee
Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin
C.G. Thomas

Nominating Committee Annual Report

The VASSAR Nominating Committee hereby endorses the following compatriots to serve as 2018-2019 Virginia Society Officers for election by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting to be held on February 10, 2018.

President	Patrick M. Kelly (Thomas Jefferson Chapter)
1st Vice President	Peter M. Davenport (George Mason Chapter)
2nd Vice President	William L. Schwetke (Culpeper Minutemen Chapter)
3rd Vice President	Jeffrey D. Thomas (Fairfax Resolves Chapter)
Secretary	R. Wayne Rouse (Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter)
Treasurer	Frederick N. Elofson (Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter)
Chancellor	Eric H. Monday, Esq. (Col. George Waller Chapter)
Registrar	David R. Thomas (George Washington Chapter)
Chaplain	Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin, Jr. (Fort Harrison Chapter)
Historian	Thomas M. Roth III (George Washington Chapter)
Surgeon	Dr. Christopher N. Sheap, MD (Fort Harrison Chapter)

The VASSAR Nominating Committee hereby recommends the following compatriots to serve as 2018-2019 National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee for endorsement by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting to be held on February 10, 2018 with election and installation at the 2018 NSSAR Annual Congress.

Trustee	Michael J. Elston, Esq (George Washington Chapter)
Alternate Trustee	Peter M. Davenport (Thomas Jefferson Chapter)

Respectfully submitted

Reverdy E. Wright, PhD
Chairman, VASSAR Nominating Committee

Cc: Mark S. Brennan, Sr
Ernest B. Coggins, Jr.
Joseph W. Dooley
Kenneth E. Wood

Membership & Support Committee Annual Report

The Membership & Support Committee's report will be provided at the BOM and General membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Thomas Whetstone III, PhD
Chairman of Membership & Support

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
December 31, 2017 COMMITTEE REPORT

Name of Committee: Flathers/May Fund

Name of Chairman: Eric H. Monday

Names of other Trustees: William L. Schwetke, Frederick N. Elofson

Actions Taken During Period:

One-half of the annual income from the investments will be added to the Fund principal and the remaining one-half may be used toward the costs of maintaining and publishing The Virginia Bulletin.

Flathers/May Fund
Summary of Assets for the period ending December 31, 2017

Beginning Balance 06/30/2017	\$24,558.34
Additions – earnings	\$71.02
Additions - Contributions received	\$0.00
Disbursements	- <u>\$0.00</u>
 Ending Balance 12/31/17	 <u>\$24,629.36</u>

Holdings:

Flathers/May Fund:

BB&T CD	\$21,502.10
BB&T Checking	<u>\$3,127.26</u>
 Ending Balance 12/31/17	 <u>\$24,629.36</u>

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
December 31, 2017 COMMITTEE REPORT

Name of Committee: Frantz-Philen Memorial Fund

Name of Chairman: O. D. Philen, Jr., PhD

Names of other Trustees: Frederick N. Elofson, Eric H. Monday

Actions Taken During Period:

The Frantz-Philen Memorial Fund was established at a Wachovia Bank, now Wells Fargo Bank, September 28, 2007 in the amount of \$25,000 as a CD. The interest is pledged to support funding of \$1,000 a year to the Friends of the Wilderness Road State Park for the spring festival WRSP Martin's Station Raid and other activities.

Additional private support of \$500 or more would be pledged each year as needed to the Friends of the Wilderness Road State Park until CD interest earnings would be sufficient to support the VASSAR per year \$1,000 pledge. Records indicate that VASSAR supported Friends of the Wilderness Road State Park \$500 in 2007 thru 2008 and 2010, \$1,000 in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016 & 2017. A private pledge of \$1,000 supported the Friends of the WRSP in 2012 & 2015.

We are in process of setting up a brokerage account in order to invest in bonds.

Frantz-Philen Memorial Fund
Summary of Assets for the period ending December 31, 2017

Beginning Balance 06/30/2017	\$27,165.25
Additions – Earnings	\$2.04
Contributions	\$0.00
Disbursements	\$0.00

Ending Balance 12/31/17	<u>\$27,167.29</u>
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Holdings:

Frantz-Philen Memorial Fund:

BB&T – Checking	<u>\$27,167.29</u>
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Ending Balance 12/31/17	<u>\$27,167.29</u>
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VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
December 31, 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Howard Hamilton Fund

Name of Chairman: Edward W. Truslow

Names of other Trustees: Frederick N. Elofson, Michael J. Elston, R. Wayne Rouse, Eric H. Monday, Patrick M. Kelly, J. Thomas Whetstone III, PhD

Actions Taken During Period:

Through the generosity of Dr. Howard Hamilton, President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (1982-1983) the Howard Hamilton Trust Fund was set up for VASSAR. Half of the income from the fund is retained by the fund to further its growth; the other half is given to VASSAR to support its activities.

All Howard Hamilton Fund monies are currently on deposit with Fidelity Funds.

The 2007 (\$3,079.55), 2008 (\$2,361.19) and 2009(\$2,059.90) contributions to VASSAR from the Howard Hamilton Fund were waived by the Executive Committee to help build the fund balance. These amounts are half of the total dividends of 2007 (\$6,159.11), 2008 (\$4,722.37) and 2009(\$4,119.79). The 2010 earnings were \$5,307.26 of which \$2,653.63 was disbursed to VASSAR General Fund; the 2011 earnings were \$4,076.76 of which \$2,023.38 was disbursed to VASSAR General Fund. The 2012 earnings were \$2,235.91 of which \$1,117.97 will be transferred to VASSAR General Fund. The 2013 earnings were \$1,546.34 of which \$773.17 will be transferred to VASSAR General Fund. The 2014 earnings were \$1,998.62 of which \$999.31 will be transferred to VASSAR General Fund. The 2015 earnings were \$3,015.05 of which \$1,507.53 will be transferred to VASSAR General Fund. A transfer of \$4,397.98 to VASSAR General Fund was done in December 2016. The 2016 earnings were \$3,362.12 of which \$1,681.06 will be transferred to VASSAR General Fund.

Howard Hamilton Trust Fund
Summary of Assets for the period ending December 31, 2016

Beginning Balance 06/30/2017	\$175,889.78
Additions – earnings	\$1,347.18
Additions - Contributions received	\$0.00
Disbursements – Transfer to VASSAR General Fund	\$0.00
Change in investment value	<u>\$ -1,593.05</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/17	<u>\$175,643.91</u>

Holdings:**Howard Hamilton Fund:**

Fidelity Cash Reserves (FDRXX)	\$9,609.91
Fidelity Interm Gov't Income (FSTGX)	\$166,034.00
Total Market Value 12/31/17	<u>\$175,643.91</u>

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
December 31, 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: George Knight/Kenneth C. Patty Memorial Trust Fund

Name of Chairman: Christopher N. "Kirk" Sheap, M.D

Names of other Trustees: Frederick N. Elofson, Michael J. Elston

Actions Taken During Period: 2017

The trustees wish to thank you for the confidence that you have placed in us. It is an honor and privilege to serve as trustees of the George Knight/Kenneth C. Patty Memorial Trust Fund.

Established in 1974, the Knight/Patty Fund is an important source of annual revenue that is used to support VASSAR programs. The stated purposes of the trust are "patriotic, historical, educational and charitable, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of the men who achieved the independence of the United States of America, especially during the period of the years 1775 to 1783; to inspire their descendants and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research relative to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of individual services of the patriots of that war, as well as the documents, relics and landmarks; [and] to mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials."

By making a tax deductible contribution to the fund through the 1st Virginia Regiment Program, you ensure that VASSAR will continue to be able to help underwrite worthwhile historic projects for decades to come.

ASSETS AND INCOME

The Knight/Patty Trust Fund ended 2017 with total assets of **\$470,113.30**, an increase of more than \$55,000 than the total assets at the end of 2016. The increase in total assets resulted mainly from unrealized gains due to appreciation in the value of the fund's assets and donations for the Washington's Friends & Foes initiative. During the same period, the fund had income from interest and dividends totaling \$14,775.61 (approximately \$2,500 more than 2016). For purposes of comparison, the value of the fund at the end of the past nine years was as follows:

2008	\$ 207,638.42	2011	\$ 298,462.68	2014	\$ 402,660.24
2009	\$ 256,387.95	2012	\$ 320,076.35	2015	\$ 385,644.66
2010	\$ 283,687.43	2013	\$ 380,219.25	2016	\$ 414,453.84

DISBURSEMENTS

The following disbursements were made by the trustees in 2017:

George Washington Chapter (Fairfax County War Memorial)	\$ 1,000.00
NSSAR (SAR Academic Conference)	\$ 2,000.00
George Washington Chapter (Pohick Church Marker)	\$ 1,650.00
VASSAR (Lt. William Broadus marker in West Virginia)	\$ 1,018.38*
VASSAR (AMS Princeton Battlefield Initiative)	\$ 2,000.00
James Monroe Chapter (James Monroe Memorial Foundation)	\$ 5,000.00
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Total grants paid January 1-December 31, 2016	\$12,668.38

* The trustees approved an increased grant for this project of \$1,352, and \$333.00 was paid in 2016.

For comparison purposes, the trust made payments of grants in the following amounts in the past nine years (please note that some payments made in 2012 and 2015 were for requests made and approved in the previous year):

2008	\$ 7,697.50	2011	\$ 5,855.04	2014	\$ 4,700.00
2009	\$ 3,730.45	2012	\$12,358.00	2015	\$17,573.64
2010	\$ 300.00	2013	\$ 7,314.85	2016	\$27,831.00**

** This amount included new donations for President Truslow's American Revolution Museum at Yorktown initiative as well as the matching grant approved by the trustees.

PENDING REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

There are no grant requests pending before the trustees. The trustees agreed to a \$20,000 matching grant for the Washington's Friends & Foes initiative, which we expect to pay in 2018 along with the donations made to the fund in 2017 and 2018 for that initiative. Additionally, disbursements may be made for grants that have been approved previously:

Culpeper Minute Men (Culpeper Minutemen Monument) up to \$16,115.00

If you have any questions regarding the Knight/Patty Fund, please contact any of the trustees, all of whom are directly or indirectly elected by you.

Best regards,

Christopher N. "Kirk" Sheap, M.D., Chairman
Michael J. Elston, Trustee
Frederick N. Elofson, Trustee

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
December 31, 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Mark Sheridan Brennan, Jr. Memorial Fund

Name of Chairman: Mark S. Brennan, Sr.

Names of other Trustees: Frederick N. Elofson, Eric H. Monday, Esq.

Actions Taken During Period:

Primarily through the generosity of Mark S. Brennan, Sr. the Mark Sheridan Brennan, Jr Memorial Trust was set up for VASSAR. Each year ninety (90%) percent of the annual income earned from the principal of the trust (net of expenses) is allocated to help fund the Youth Activities and Programs of VASSAR.

There was a distribution of \$330.00 during the year to support the activities of the Knight Essay Contest.

**Mark Sheridan Brennan, Jr. Memorial Fund
Summary of Assets for the period ending December 31, 2017**

Beginning Balance 06/30/2017	\$42,244.42
Additions – Earnings & Change in Market Value	\$-310.79
Additions - Contributions received	\$4,800.00
Distributions – Knight Essay	\$0.00
Ending Balance 12/31/16	<u>\$46,733.63</u>

Holdings:

Mark S. Brennan, Jr. Memorial Trust Fund:

BB&T MM	\$5,615.97
BB&T Bond Fund	<u>\$41,117.66</u>
Total Market Value 12/31/17	<u>\$46,733.63</u>

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Communications

Name of Chairman: Lance M. Lyngar

Names of other Committee Member: Ernest B. "Ernie" Coggins,
Kenneth E. Morris, R. Wayne Rouse, Bill. Schwetke, Bob Vogler

Actions Taken During Period:

- Website was recently updated with several data flashes from VASSAR Secretary which kept the website data accurate.
- The Newsletter Editor is Bill Schwetke of the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter. The format for the newsletter is a blog, and renamed Virginia Dispatches. The blog format will allow the near real-time publication of articles and the ability to publish more articles than the traditional format would reasonable allow. Officers and chapters are encouraged to submit articles and pictures to editor@virginia-sar.org.

The blog-style newsletter can be accessed at:

<http://virginia-sar-bulletin.weebly.com/>.

- Additionally, with the help of Mike Elston, we have spent a lot of time revitalizing and adding content to our Virginia SAR Facebook page.
"Like us on Facebook!" <https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaSAR1776/>.
- Website contest:
Contest winners were determined and will be announced at the Awards Ceremony during the Annual meeting
- Newsletter contest:
Contest winners were determined and will be announced at the Awards Ceremony during the Annual meeting
- Communications team:
 - Lance Lyngar – Chairman-Webmaster
 - William L. Schwetke– Bulletin Editor
 - Ernest B. "Ernie" Coggins (Photographer)
 - Kenneth E. Morris (Asst. Photographer)
 - Wayne Rouse – Calendar & Data Base
 - Bob Vogler – unofficial – content writer

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Council of Past Presidents

Name of Chairman: Reverdy E. Wright, PhD

Actions Taken During Period:

The Council was not called upon to comment on any issues



THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY
SONS *of the* AMERICAN REVOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution conducted its 128th Annual Meeting on February 9 and 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Meeting was held at the Omni Richmond Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the management and staff of the Omni Richmond Hotel rendered exceptional and gracious hospitality to the Society, thus ensuring the success of the Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the management and staff of the Omni Richmond Hotel conducted themselves in an exemplary manner expected of the high standards of the Omni Hotels and Resorts group;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution expresses its sincere gratitude to the management and staff of the Omni Richmond Hotel.

*Given under my hand this 10th day of the month of
February, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen,
and of the Republic the two hundred forty-second*

Secretary of the Virginia Society



THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY
SONS *of the* AMERICAN REVOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution conducted its 128th Annual Meeting on February 9 and 10, 2018 in the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Meeting was held in the geographic region of the Commonwealth of Virginia represented by the Richmond Chapter of the Society; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Chapter served as Host of the Annual Meeting in the style and manner befitting Virginia Gentlemen, thus ensuring the success of the 128th Annual Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Chapter has rendered great service to Society, and brought Honor to itself by its conduct as an exemplary Host of the Annual Meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT **RESOLVED**, that the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution expresses its sincere gratitude to the Richmond Chapter.

*Given under my hand this 10th day of the month of
February, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen,
and of the Republic the two hundred forty-seconds:*

Secretary of the Virginia Society

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: *Virginia Revolutionary War Veterans' Graves Care and Maintenance Program*

Name of Chairman: *Bill Schwetke*

Name of Other Committee Members: *Rick Elofson and Erick Monday*

Report:

Forty-two of the seventy-one authorized graveyards participate in the program. In 2017 eleven new cemeteries with forty-two graves became active in the program. \$2520 has been distributed to the newly participating cemeteries, which caught them up through FY2017. For FY2018 a total of \$2020 has been sent to cover all forty-two participating cemeteries with a total of 404 covered graves. Currently we have a balance in the checking account of \$4487.86, and in the Money Market Account approximately \$10,772.30.

The most important task being worked by the committee is revised authorizing legislation that has been drafted by Chancellor Eric Monday, a committee member. This legislation, HB153 and SB177 are progressing through committees and Chancellor Monday has been providing updates on the progress of the bills.

Forty-nine of the authorized graveyards were visited in 2017 and in all we found the Revolutionary War Veterans' graves properly cared for, even in those graveyards not participating in this program. Where possible, the veteran's tombstone was photographed and GPS coordinates for each marker recorded.

Efforts to enroll the remaining graveyards in active participation in this program continue. For twelve of the non-participating graveyards we do not have a good address or name of the responsible person. Any help that can be offered would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Schwetke
Administrator

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: REVOLUTIONARY WAR PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Name of Chairman: Myron (Mike) E. Lyman Sr

Names of other Committee Chairman: Dale Corey, James Wood II Chapter; Bill Collier, Colonel William Grayson Chapter

Actions taken during period: 2017

VASSAR Publication, “Genealogical, Burial, and Service Data For Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Virginia” was published in October by Colonial Roots, Genealogy Books and Publishing of 34491 Sunset Drive, Millsboro, DE 19966. It has Library of Congress Control Number 2016955575 and ISBN #978-1-68034-351-9 and is copyrighted by VASSAR with all rights reserved. The undersigned is the editor and compiler of the book.

Status: VASSAR initially purchased 100 copies from the publisher for society use and to sell to members at a discounted price consisting of 50 hardbacks and 50 softbacks. Running low in February, 50 more copies were purchased consisting of 30 softbacks and 20 hardbacks. As of Feb 1, 2018 50 hardbacks and 62 softbacks have been sold leaving a current inventory of 18 softbacks and 19 hardbacks. (One hardback has been given to a patriot for Virginia Tech) The undersigned holds the inventory. Copies will be available for purchase at the registration desk at the annual meeting. Softback books for SAR members are \$35.00 each and \$45.00 for hardback copies. Non SAR purchasers add \$5.00 each. If ordering by mail from me, make checks out to VASSAR including a mailing cost of \$4.00 each. The address is VASSAR Publications Chairman, 21 Summers Lane, Whitestone, VA 22578. Currently 130 more patriot burials have been identified and will be furnished with each book sold.

VASSAR has agreed that hardcopies of the book should be presented to the nine research libraries in Virginia. They are: College of William and Mary, George Mason University, University of Mary Washington, University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute, Library of Virginia, George Washington University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Tech. The compiler needs VASSAR representatives to present a copy to the above

Recommendations:

- a) With more research and with site visits, the written content about each veteran can be expanded and improved and additional burials

undoubtedly will be identified. These new finds and up-dates should be reported on graves registry forms to NSSAR and the state graves chairman, with the plan for a second edition to be published in a few years

- b) VASSAR should consider providing copies of this book to selected libraries and chapters should consider furnishing copies to other local libraries in their area
- c) More advertising that this book has been published should be made
- d) Chapters should refer to this book before conducting grave marking ceremonies in their chapter area.

Respectfully submitted

Myron (Mike) E. Lyman, Sr.
Chairman

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of State Committee: The SAR/C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) Liaison Committee

Name of Committee Chairman: Lawrence E. McKinley

Actions Taken During Period: Annual Report to VASSAR, January 15th, 2018

This Committee is made of one person and given that activities are limited to those deemed critical as outlined in the VASSAR handbook:

Function:

- Establish contact with the appropriate senior C.A.R. officers including the Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution (V.S.C.A.R.) senior State President and State Board Members. Reason for this contact are:
 - Ensuring important State meetings of both V.S.C.A.R. and VASSAR are attended, represented and participated in as well as valuable information transferred to support both organizations' objectives commitment

Actions:

- Maintained a communications link with the V.S.C.A.R. **Senior State President Mrs. Donna Sayre** as well as **V.S.C.A.R. President Ms. Emily Elston, Light Horse Harry Lee Society , Woodbridge, VA.** Two workshops were organized and conducted by VSCAR to provide direction and contest information on the National and State projects to the VSCAR and 32 Local C.A.R. Societies.. Personally was unable to attend either workshop but understand they were well attended. One workshop, Pohick Church, Lorton, VA (site of the State Project) was held July 29th. **The National Theme is "Browsing History" and the National Project is : "James Monroe On Line". This involves raising funds for the creation of James Monroe on line (JMO) in partnership with James Monroe's Highland and the University of William and Mary. JMO will be a free and open on line portal to access images and transcriptions of the archival collections of our Nation's fifth President James Monroe.**
- **The state Theme is "History Awakens". The State Project is to raise monies to replace the late 1890s steps on the south west side of the**

Pohick Church (The mother church of Northern Virginia). Pohick church is the colonial parish of George Washington and George Mason. The steps to be replaced lead to one of the main entrances used in colonial times. This entrance is one that George Mason and his family likely used. The second portion of the project is the installation of the plaque recognizing DAR as the organization responsible for raising the money to have the Vestry House built in 1932. A match has been arranged through Historic Pohick Church Foundation, therefore the total funds to be raised is approximately one-half of the nearly \$27,000 required.

- This chairman was asked by the Senior State President, Mrs. Donna Sayre, to be the leadership chairman for not only the Children but for the Seniors. This C.A.R. Officer will conduct brief leadership workshops for the Children demonstrating how efficient teamwork is.

Function:

- Encourage Virginia Society Chapter support of C.A.R. Societies. Additionally, the SAR President General Larry Guzy, as well as Michael Elston, State President of Virginia is encouraging all States and Virginia in particular to involve the C.A.R. in all our activities. Example, at the first State Workshop at Pohick Church, the George Washington Chapter and Virginia State Color Guard involved the State C.A.R. Officers and Local Society as participants at a SAR grave marking.
 - This support is more than once a year contribution. These C.A.R. Societies need leadership, ideas, understanding of their programs and support for their activities from our men. Money helps but it shouldn't end there. There is a commercial that says having money is great but applying your time and volunteering your time to develop a youth is "priceless".

Actions:

- I am aware of several chapters who sponsor and work with their C.A.R. organizations and I encourage the communication of these activities in presidential reports and meetings where we share best practices.
 - Example: Again, The Fairfax Resolves Chapter each year sponsors the Col. William Grayson Society and others (such as Providence, Lt. Horse Harry Lee, etc.) as they become the focal point in the community of Great Falls for the proper disposal of worn and used American Flags. The SAR supplies a new U.S. Flag for the Great Falls Library and supervise the children as they dispose of the old ones from the community and renew the Library's Flag.

The Children get a lot of press, they learn a very patriotic function and they are becoming a focal point in the community for a necessary activity.

- Example: Activities in the Southwest where SAR's are 50% of the C.A.R. Leadership and the Shenandoah Valley, Ft. Harrison Chapter sponsorship of their respective C.A.R. Societies are commendable as well as memorable for those in the C.A.R.

Function:

- Encourage recruiting male C.A.R. members to become active/contributing SAR members when they become 18 years of age.
 - I believe we are concentrating in the chapters on recruiting all male members of the family into the SAR, but we are falling short in specific activities to get the junior members involved in. They can be color guard, one to lead the Pledge to Our Flag or singing the Star Spangled Banner, escorting members to their seats, help place wreaths of other people once they place their wreaths at historical observations, etc.

Function:

- Recommending the awarding of the C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation or Good Citizenship Medals to C.A.R. members and senior advisors as appropriate.

Action:

- These last two functions will be conducted as a by-product of my National Office with the C.A.R. as Honorary Senior National VP. Recommendations for awards to SARs who work with C.A.R. organizations is a method of stimulating continued efforts. I intend to do that.
- Activity of encouraging male members to join SAR is an ongoing adventure.
- Stimulating involvement in the SAR student scholarship contests was conducted all across the country. Most C.A.R.s unaware of contests and were very interested in becoming involved.

Function:

- Recommending the participation of local C.A.R. Societies in Northern Virginia to participate in U.S. Immigration Service District Office granting citizenship to the children of brand new citizens---welcoming the children by the children.

Action:

- These last two functions will be conducted as a by-product of my involvement in the VASSAR and Chapter color Guard. The ceremony takes place usually in July at Sully Plantation near Dulles Airport in Chantilly. I intend to do that.
- Activity of teaching children of new citizens, games played in the Revolutionary War time period before and after the ceremony.

Function:

- Support the C.A.R. committee chairman at State Conference with contest judging, reporting and planning to display Society winners not only at State but at National.
- Qualified Virginia for the C.A.R. Activity Streamer for 2016-2017 at Annual Congress, Knoxville, TN.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of State Committee: SAR/DAR Liaison Committee

Name of Committee Chairman: Darrin M. Schmidt

Names of other Committee Members:

Bill Schwetke

Culpeper Minutemen Chapter

Actions Taken During Period: 2017

Compatriot Bob Swartwood of the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter has served the Society as the VASSAR DAR Liaison chairman for a several years but had to step down last year. President Elston has appointed Compatriot Darrin Schmidt as the new chairman.

The SAR/DAR Liaison Committee promotes and facilitates communication and interaction between the SAR and DAR at the state level and as an extension of the national committee's initiatives.

Judy Surber is the current Virginia DAR State Regent, serving a three-year term from 2016 to 2019. The State Regent's Project is the underwriting of a conference room in Claude Moore Hall, Center for the Constitution at Montpelier, home of James Madison, at a cost of \$200,000. For more information, please visit www.vadar.org.

SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. share same desire to improve public awareness of historic events, and this committee looks forward to supporting co-hosted events. Please contact this chairman if you are not actively engaged with a local DAR chapter!

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Strategic Planning

Name of Chairman: Bill Schwetke

Culpeper Minutemen Chapter

Names of other Committee Members:

Mike Elston, Pat Kelly, Tom Whetstone, Wayne Rouse, and Bruce Wilcox (one position is vacant).

Actions taken during period: 2017

The Strategic Planning Committee was established by President Mike Elston, and will be continued by Presidential Nominee Pat Kelly, to take a longer view as to what Virginia SAR wants to achieve, and set in motion plans to those ends. At appropriate times the groundwork by the Strategic Planning Committee will be handed over to a specific committee/chapter that will conduct the planning and execution. For example, while we have a committee planning the 2020 Congress, it would be appropriate to explore when we would next like to host the Congress, say perhaps 2031 to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Yorktown. The Strategic Planning Committee would begin to work toward making that a reality; then in 2027 turn the planning over to a specific Congress Planning Committee that would prepare the presentation to NSSAR to compete for the 2031 Congress selection. As we have already begun celebrating the 250th Anniversaries of events connected with the American Revolution there will be quite a bit for this committee to consider.

The Strategic Planning Committee also provides a forum for chapters to propose Virginia SAR Presidential Initiatives. The make up of the committee is ideally suited to consider such requests, prioritize them, and pencil them to future calendars.

The committee members are the president, each of the three vice presidents, the secretary, the immediate past president, and two other distinguished past presidents, who act as senior advisors.

The committee has not yet met to organize, but will do so soon, most likely by conference call. As chapters make future plans please keep the Strategic Planning Committee informed so that we can orchestrate support from the Virginia SAR leadership and committees. For example the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter will celebrate its 50th Birthday in 2024 and would very much like to have the Virginia SAR leadership participate in the celebration. That will be penciled in on the Strategic Planning Calendar. What are you planning? Think ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Schwetke

Chairman, Virginia SAR Strategic Planning Committee

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: *Americanism Committee*

Name of Chairman: *Jeff Thomas*

Name of Other Committee Members: *Ken Morris, Vice Chairman, and Wayne Rouse, Awards Committee Liaison*

Actions taken during the period (12 Feb 2017 to 10 Feb 2018):

- Visited over 100 elementary schools in continental uniform during the year making classroom presentations, supporting the SAR's educational outreach mission and promoting the Americanism poster and brochure contests
- Presented a workshop on the Americanism report and score sheet at the Virginia Semi-Annual Meeting on September 15, 2017
- Attended the National Americanism Committee meeting in Louisville, KY on September 30, 2017
- Communicated relevant information and key deadlines to the chapters for submitting the 2017 Annual Americanism Report. Responded to comments and questions from the chapters about completing the report in a timely and accurate manner
- Provided recommendations to the chapters on their annual report submission regarding format, acceptable entries and revisions to increase overall points
- Provided an Americanism Report Chapter Summary to the VASSAR Awards Committee to facilitate decisions on chapter annual awards and attended the Awards Committee meeting on January 15th, 2018

It is my honor to report that 27 out of 27 chapters submitted 2017 annual Americanism reports of their activities. I would like to congratulate all of the chapters for their accomplishments this year and for supporting the transition to this new annual report. You are all to be commended for this tremendous accomplishment.

By March 2, 2018, this committee will make available to all chapters the Americanism Report Chapter Summary that was provided to the Awards Committee. This will provide chapters with a comparative ranking and analysis of all chapter annual reports by chapter membership category.

The committee would recommend that chapters begin now and leverage the annual Americanism report as a planning tool for 2018-chapter activities. This will enable chapters to maximize their Americanism activities, effectively allocate chapter resources and promote the SAR's mission in the communities we serve.

All entries to the Americanism Poster and Brochure contests are due to the committee chairman by March 31st, 2017. The address and contact information is

provided below. This deadline is consistent with prior year deadlines for these contests to align with the timing of curriculum on the Revolutionary War and Foundational Documents taught in Virginia elementary schools in the 4th and 6th grades respectively.

- *The theme of the Americanism Poster contest for the 2017-18 school year is Revolutionary War Events. Entries from grades 3-5 are eligible to participate in this contest. The curriculum on Revolutionary War is taught in Grade 4 in Virginia between December and February.*
- *The theme of the Americanism Brochure contest for the 2017-18 school year is Foundational Documents of the United States to include the U.S. Constitution, U.S. Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation and the Federalist Papers. Entries from grades 6-8 are eligible to participate in this contest. The curriculum on Foundational Documents is taught in Grade 6 in Virginia between February and March.*
- *I would encourage you to continue building relationships with schools, scouts and C.A.R. societies in your area. Now is the perfect time for visiting schools and doing presentations in uniform, participating in Colonial Days or attending assemblies and other activities. Forming these partnerships with schools and youth groups is essential to engaging our elementary and middle school youth in our Americanism contests.*

Lastly, I would encourage chapters and compatriots to support our Americanism youth programs by making a financial contribution to the Americanism youth endowment fund. The Americanism Youth Contest Medal (below) is presented for a contribution of \$250 supporting the poster and brochure contests. The goal is to increase the award amounts for our elementary and middle school contests to make them more competitive with the contests of other national organizations. This should help increase participation in our contests as they reach parity with these other national contests. Please see the committee chairman for the contribution form to support this initiative.

Thank you for all you do to support the Americanism program and further the patriotic, historical and educational mission of the SAR in your community.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Thomas
Chairman

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VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Eagle Scout Programs (ES) COMMITTEE

Name of Chairman: Lance M. Lyngar Culpeper Minutemen Chapter

Names of other Committee Members:

Stephen A. Atkinson Virginia Headquarters Chapter

Spurgeon C. Keith, Jr. Fincastle Resolutions Chapter

White M. Wallenborn, MD Thomas Jefferson Chapter

Actions taken during period: (01 Jan to 01 Dec 2017)

Committee Activities: The chairman answered numerous requests from individuals and chapters regarding Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition, Certificates of Recognition and other scouting related items.

2016 VASSAR Eagle Scout Competition winner were awarded at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Richmond Virginia.

1st place Robert J.T. Maloney, , **Fairfax Resolves Chapter,**
2nd place Robert C. Redman III, **Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter,**
3rd place William Cather, **Col Fielding Lewis Chapter.**

To the Chapter Eagle Scout committees, I wish to commend you again on another successful year. Congratulations to the Dan River, Norfolk., and Fincastle Resolutions Chapters and all those that participated in the 2017 VASSAR Eagle Scout Competition Scholarship Program.

To all those who took the time out of their busy schedules to score this year's winners I am gratefully apperceive of your service to this committee. You all deserve big thanks you.

2018 VASSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition deadline is December 31 2018. The winners will be presented their award at the Annual Meeting in Richmond Virginia, February 2019.

As a member of the Virginia delegation to the Spring Leadership and 127^h National Congress attended the NASAR Eagle Scout committee meetings.

The Virginia Society Eagle Scout Recognition Program is available to award or provide Certificates of Recognition to all Virginia Eagle Scouts, either annually or upon specific request, and usually in advance of an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Requests for certificates should be directed to the VASSAR Eagle Scout Chairman at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Court of Honor ceremony.

The Virginia Society Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. (The application year is the calendar year, 01 January to 31 December.) Eagle Scout Scholarship Program offers applicants opportunities to win awards at all three levels: Chapter, State, and National. To participate in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program in Virginia, eligible Eagle Scouts must be sponsored by one of the Virginia Society Chapters, unless sponsored by the Virginia Society, in the event no regional chapter representation exists.

College plans do not have to be completed in order to receive the cash scholarship. Three cash scholarship awards are given: As the National First Place Winner - \$10,000; Runner-up - \$6,000; 2nd Runner-up - \$4,000. You may apply more than one year if you meet the age requirements but no more than \$10,000 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout at the national level.

The Virginia Society (VASSAR) offers three cash scholarship awards: First Place - \$1,000; Runner-up - \$500; 2nd Runner-up - \$300. You may apply more than one year if you meet the age requirements and have not won the national level. Additional prizes and recognitions may be awarded at the Chapter level.

Entrants need complete only one application - the one for the Chapter competition. The application of the Chapter winner is forwarded to be used in the State and National competitions as appropriate.

The application consists of three parts:

- 1) Eagle Scout Scholarship Application Form**
- 2) Four Generation Ancestor Chart**
- 3) 500 word Patriotic Themed Essay**

The competition is conducted in three phases, local (Chapter), State (Society), and National. The competition is usually entered through the Chapter level. In

Please see website for details: <http://scouts.virginia-sar.org/eagle-scout.htm>

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award

The Virginia Society can now submit 4 Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award Annually. If you believe you may have someone at your chapter that qualifies please contact me and I will forward you the application or see the following website for details <http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/reb-volunteer-award-app.pdf>

The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is for scouters of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is an honor due to members of the SAR who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award acknowledges the service of the recipient to Scouting and is awarded by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The BSA has agreed to recognize the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award by including it among similar awards that are recognized by its Community Organization Award

The SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Program Endowment

The Sons of the American Revolution, recognizing the common bonds of purpose and principles shared by the SAR and the BSA, seeks out for special recognition the young men who attain the Eagle Scout rank and offers generous rewards for Eagle Scouts nationwide. The three top national winners, chosen from state scholarship entries, receive awards of \$10,000, \$6000, and \$4000.

The NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee is working to increase its endowment to a level which will make the program self-sustaining and will insure the continuation of the generous awards program we have sponsored for over thirty years. We ask you help us reach our goal. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated

If you wish to contribute to Eagle Scout Scholarship Program Endowment please see the following website for details <http://www.sar.org/sites/default/files/eagle-scholarship-fund-brochure.pdf>

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Knight Essay Contest Committee

Name of Chairman: Richard Morey Sherman George Washington Chapter

Names of other Committee Members:

Darrin Schmidt,	Fairfax Resolves Chapter
Matthew Jones,	George Washington Chapter
Joseph Merten,	George Mason Chapter

Actions taken during period: (01 Jan to 01 Dec 2017)

The year began with Mitchell Woods, representing the Thomas Nelson Jr. Chapter, being announced as the winner of the 2016-17 contest. He represented us well at the National Congress, but was not among the finalists. Eight chapters submitted entries for the 2017-18 contest; I received many inquiries over the past year from students wanting more information about the contest, but it seems only a few actually submitted essays. Hopefully the winning essay this year will do us proud. Participating chapters are to be commended for their continued support of this contest and our youth programs in general.

Please make a concerted effort again this year to recruit high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors in your schools, youth organizations (scouts, etc.), churches and neighborhoods to write an essay for this year's contest. This contest is a great way to recognize some of the outstanding youth in your area as well as an excellent way to obtain good publicity for the SAR in your local community. Basic information about the contest can be found on the national SAR website at <https://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest>, including rules and application forms. Please email the name of the compatriot in your chapter responsible for essay and/or youth contests, to the state chairman, and keep him updated on any changes.

The winning contestant at the state level will receive a \$1000 cash prize, the oration medal and a certificate. The second-place contestant will receive a \$500 cash prize, and the third-place contestant will receive a \$300 cash prize. The top prize at the national level has been increased to \$5000 plus \$500

toward travel expenses to attend the 2017 Congress; \$2500 for second place, and \$1000 for third.

Another way to participate is by serving as a judge for the state or national competition. If any of your chapter members are interested in serving as judges, please contact the essay chairman.

After three years I am concluding my service as VASSAR chairman of the essay contest. Please provide your full support to the new chairman. Best wishes for the upcoming contest period.

Yours in service,

Richard M. Sherman

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Joseph S. Rumbaugh Orations Committee

Name of Chairman: Darrin M. Schmidt Fairfax Resolves Chapter

Names of other Committee Members:

Larry McKinley, Fairfax Resolves Chapter

Bill Broadus, Col. William Grayson Chapter

Actions taken during period: (01 Jan to 01 Dec 2017)

Five Virginia Chapters participated in the 2017 contest at the State level: Colonel William Grayson, Fairfax Resolves, George Mason, George Washington, and Richmond. A Thank You to all of the oration chapter chairmen (Thad Hartman, Larry McKinley, Michael Keays, Rick Sherman, and Dennis Peterson) and their chapters for sponsoring a contestant this year. This contest would not be possible without their efforts. Additionally, this committee recognizes and appreciates the challenge faced by the judges at the local and state levels to pick a person to advance.

At the State Level, the following awards were presented:

- **First Place** – Kelly Shepperson (sponsored by the George Mason Chapter) received \$1,000, Orations Medal and First Place Certificate
- **Second Place** – Samuel Barge (sponsored by the George Washington Chapter) received \$500 and Second Place Certificate
- **Third Place** – Elizabeth “Ellie” M. Cooke (sponsored by the Colonel William Grayson Chapter) received \$300 and Third Place Certificate

SAR Congress 2017 (Knoxville, TN)

Miss Kelly Shepperson went on to represent Virginia at the National Congress in Knoxville, TN. Miss Shepperson represented Virginia well, but was edged out from advancing to the finals by the stellar contestants from other states. Kelly will continue her high school career at Bishop O'Connell in the fall.

National Congress!

Virginia will be sending this year's winning orator to the National Congress in Houston, TX. Compatriots and guests are encouraged to attend and support our candidate on Sunday evening before the start of Congress

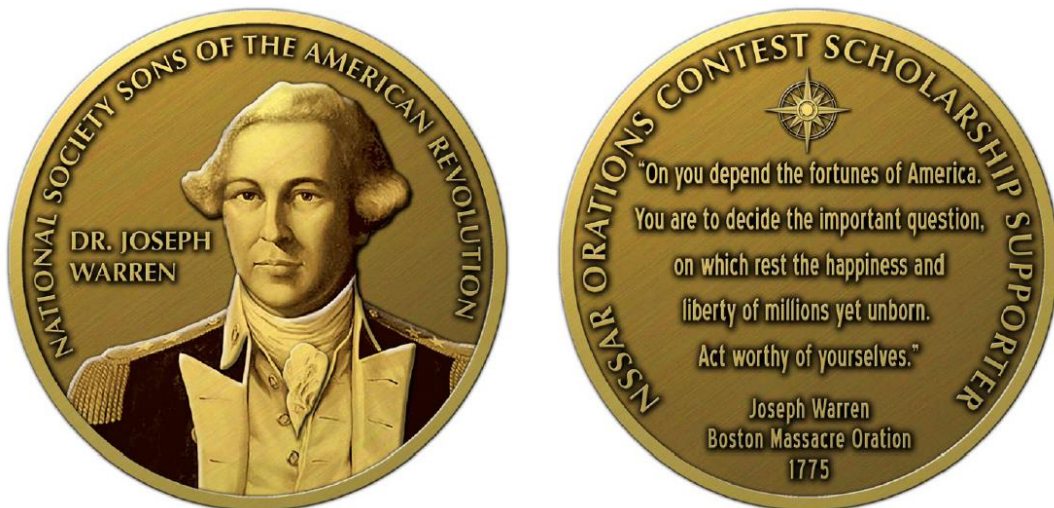
A Special Note for VASSAR Compatriots:

The Rumbaugh Orations endowment fund continues to grow, with a great amount of support from Virginia. While the award amounts are slowly moving up, they are a long way from the levels that will make SAR competitive with other national contests. Currently, the program disperses \$14,000 annually where competitive levels are closer to \$30,000. The National Orations Committee is seeking to rectify this disparity with an enhanced endowment.

The Warren Medal has been hugely successful, raising awareness of the contest and nearly \$70,000 since its inception. However, this is a mere fraction of the national committee's goal. The national committee is now seeking corporate donations to augment the fundraising efforts and has developed a corporate sponsorship packet. This packet summarizes the purpose and importance of the oration contest, highlights talking points for SAR emissaries, and provides companies an opportunity to make a difference in our nation's youth.

If you are interested in being an emissary to corporations for this effort, or know a company that would be interested in supporting this cause, please contact Larry McKinley (703-450-6041 / dustoff@verizon.net) for more information.

As always, your support for the Warren Medal and the program are appreciated.



Joseph Warren, a Boston doctor, was the orator selected to commemorate the anniversary of the Boston Massacre. Because the orator would be heckled by unforgiving British officers and sympathizers, Warren bravely presented his speech with a steady and firm voice. Warren's stirring oratory skill recruited more patriots and moved others to support the Revolution.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: ROTC/JROTC Programs Committee

Name of Chairman: Spurgeon C. Keith, Jr. Fincastle Resolutions Chapter

Actions taken during period: (01 Jan to 01 Dec 2017)

In our annual Enhanced Cadet competition for 2018 we had only 6 entries, and none were as strong as Pat Kelley, our VASSAR winner last year, who also won second place in the national competition. Judging was on a ten-point system in eight categories (80-point Maximum score):

- the 500 to 700-word essay,
- the application information,
- Senior instructor's letter,
- Principal's letter,
- JROTC activities,
- scholastic achievements,
- extra-curricular/community service activities,
- and special recognition awards.

All candidates were very tightly grouped in the 47 to 54-point scoring range. Winners were:

1st Place - MCJROTC Cadet Scarlett Reyes, representing the George Washington Chapter;

2nd Place – AFJROTC Cadet Jennifer Richardson, representing the Col. William Grayson Chapter;

3rd Place – JROTC Cadet Guillermo Lopez-Mejia, representing the Fort Harrison Chapter.

I now call on all chapters to appoint a chapter JROTC/ROTC program chairmen who should immediately contact the Senior Instructors in each of your area High Schools and Colleges with JROTC or ROTC programs and determine the outstanding cadets who will receive our Bronze ROTC Medals for high school cadets and our Silver ROTC Medals for college cadets. It is important for you to make this contact because these instructors often misplace your chapter contact information or simply overlook asking for presentation of our prestigious Bronze and Silver ROTC Medals. Note: Remember to stipulate to the Senior Instructors that they are to make their selection from candidates who are in the upper 25% of their academic class and to inform you in sufficient time to complete the accompanying Certificate. And I also encourage each chapter to

send a representative to the awards ceremony this spring to present these medals in person.

I would appreciate a feed-back from each chapter to skeithjr@cox.net that lists the schools where medals were awarded and schools in your area where awards were not made. I would like to include those statistics in my Semi-annual Conference report this fall.

Respectfully submitted by
Chairman Spurgeon Keith.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Battle of Great Bridge Observance

Name of Chairman: Kenneth L. Hawkins Norfolk Chapter

Email: drklhawkins@gmail.com Telephone: (757) 763-8361

Names of other Committee Members:

Donnel Hubbard	Culpeper Minutemen Chapter
Christopher Melhuish	Norfolk Chapter
Kenneth Hawkins	Norfolk Chapter
*Donna Crisp	Great Bridge Chapter N.S.D.A.R.

Reporting Period: January 1- December 31, 2017

ACTIONS TAKEN DURING REPORTING PERIOD:

A meeting was held on August 30 to begin preparations for the 6th Annual NSSAR Battle of Great Bridge Observance held on Saturday, December 2, 2017. In attendance were Kenneth Hawkins (President, Norfolk chapter SAR), Donna Crisp (Regent, Great Bridge chapter, DAR) and Lin Olsen of Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways History Foundation.

On November 30th the Mayor of Chesapeake, Rick West, presented Kenneth Hawkins, Donna Crisp, and VASSAR 2nd VP Tom Wetstone Great with the Battle of Great Bridge Observance Day Proclamation.

Due to construction near the monument, this year's ceremony was moved to Great Bridge Presbyterian Church.

This year the entire commemoration took place on Saturday, December 2, 2017 only.

The activities included:

- 1) **The formal NSSAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge started at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 02, 2017, in Great Bridge Presbyterian Church.** Dr. Phil Hamilton of Christopher Newport University, spoke on the history of the Battle of Great Bridge and Its Pivotal Importance. The ceremony included the 64th annual wreath laying led by Great Bridge Chapter N.S.D.A.R. Dr. Hamilton was presented the Silver Good Citizenship medal in recognition of his support of the Great Bridge ceremony and the Norfolk chapter. Caroline Phillips received the Battle of Great Bridge medal for her sustained

outstanding service to the event.

Over 30 chapters of SAR, DAR, C.A.R., and other genealogical organizations presented wreaths.

2. Norfolk Chapter SAR hosted a luncheon immediately after the ceremony at Vino's Italian Restaurant. It was a time of good fellowship. Kenneth Hawkins presented Donna Crisp the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her efforts and support of the Great Bridge event

Additional Information:

On Saturday afternoon, all compatriots were encouraged to visit the colorful re-enactment of the battle and the re-enactor encampment. Docents were available for tours of Great Bridge Battlefield Park and the reenactment site all day Saturday and Sunday

Medals. A new SAR medal commemorating the Battle of Great Bridge was available to all compatriots attending.

The committee anticipates another occasion of good fellowship, patriotism, and education at Great Bridge on December 1st, 2018. Please join us.

Respectfully submitted,

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VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Raid on Martin's Station Commemoration

Name of Chairman: Tom Coker

Martin's Station Chapter

Names of Other Committee members:

William M. Cheak,

Martin's Station Chapter

Bobby D. McConnell

Overmountain Men Chapter

J. Barney Penley

Overmountain Men Chapter

Actions taken during period: 2017

Committee Activities:

The Martin's Station Chapter oversees the event and coordinates the initial portion of the event that is held near the Wilderness Road State Park Visitors Center. The Overmountain Men Chapter coordinates the wreath laying portion of the program that is held at the SAR monument near the reconstructed frontier fort. Flyers announcing the event have normally been sent out a couple of months or so in advance. This was the second year the formal committee was in place.

The SAR event at the Raid on Martin's Station took place on 13 May 2017 at the Wilderness Road State Park, near Ewing, Virginia. It is held the second Saturday each May. The program lasted from about 0930 to about 1130. All were encouraged to attend the battle and other activities scheduled at the park following the event.

Colors were presented by some of the Thomas Walker JROTC and VASSAR, TNSSAR and KYSSAR Color Guard members. The Welcome was presented by Scott Bowen, the park manager. Special guest was Sula Jacobs, the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park Superintendent. Greetings were presented on behalf of the National Society by Mark Brennan. Greetings were presented on behalf of the Tennessee State Society by David Johnson. The main speaker was Patrick Kelley, 1st Vice President of the Virginia Society. A parade to the monument area by the reconstructed frontier fort that was led by the various Color Guard units followed the last speaker. Wreaths were then presented at the monument. That was followed by a musket salute and the playing on bagpipes of Amazing Grace and Taps.

Prior to the event, we received word that 19 wreaths would be presented. One was to be presented on behalf of the National Society, one from the Virginia Society, one from the Tennessee Society, seven from Virginia SAR

Chapters, one from Kentucky SAR Chapters, two from Tennessee SAR Chapters, one from Alabama SAR Chapters, three from DAR chapters and one from CAR Chapters. The total number of actual wreaths presented was actually 22 but there were two less from Virginia SAR Chapters, one less from KY Chapters, four more from TN Chapters, one less from AL Chapters and three more from the DAR. This was the fourth year that all participants were presented with streamers or stars.

Very Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Coker
Chairman

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SEMI-ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Yorktown Day Commemoration

Name of Chairman: Kenneth E. Wood, Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter
804-642- 4642 email kennethwood2@cox.net

Names of Other Committee Members:

Robert Dillon Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter;

Reporting Period: 2017

Actions Taken During Period:

Attended all meetings of the Yorktown Day Association (YDA). Established the time for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave of Thomas Nelson, Jr. at Grace Episcopal Church Cemetery for 9:15 am. Reserved the Grace Episcopal Church for the ceremony in case of inclement weather. Arranged to have members of the Fifes and Drums of York Town to perform at the Wreath Laying Ceremony. Prepared Parade Participation Application and introduction of the VASSAR Marching Unit for CNHP. Confirmed and identified the honorary VASSAR flag bearer Compatriot Thomas Nelson, Jr. and identified the platform representative VASSAR President Michael Elston for the Patriotic Exercises of 2017. Reserved 25 seats for VASSAR members at the site of the Patriotic Exercises.

Assisted the Yorktown Day Association by mailing invitations to SAR members for the Appreciation Dinner on the 18th of October at the American Revolution Museum and the reception on the 19th of October held on the grounds of the Custom House in Yorktown. Also, mailed with the invitations, was a wreath laying application form for the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Wreath Laying Ceremony. The invitations were mailed on time in August with the help of Gwen Wood who printed the mailing labels. She also assisted VASSAR Secretary Wayne Rouse by helping to make dinner arrangements for SAR members who attended.

The Thomas Nelson, Jr. Wreath Laying Ceremony was a great success with over 40 wreaths being presented from many organizations. This was the best mid-week turn out that has been recorded. Wreath presenters received a streamer or star for their participation.

After the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Wreath Laying Ceremony there was a large contingent of SAR members who participated in the 10:30 am Yorktown Day Parade. The SAR Marching Unit was led by NSSAR President General Larry Guzy, VASSAR President Michael Elston and the VASSAR Color Guard.

Planned Committee Action:

Attend all Yorktown Day Association Meetings and keep abreast of the planning for the 237th Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown.

Mail invitations for Yorktown Day 2018 and prepare for wreath laying at Grace Episcopal Church on Friday, October 19, 2018, at 9:15 a.m.

Thanks to all who gave their assistance during the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Wood, Chairman
Yorktown Day Commemoration Committee VASSAR

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Forgotten Patriots

Name of Chairman: T. Michael Taimi

Action taken during reporting period: 2017

Chapter	Member	Forgotten Patriot	Stars & Streamers	State	Date
Col. Wm. Grayson	T. Michael Taimi	William Boots	1 star	MD	01/09/2017
Col. Wm. Grayson	T. Michael Taimi	John March, Sr.	1 star	MD	01/12/2017
Col. Wm. Grayson	T. Michael Taimi	James Campbell	2 stars	MD&VA	05/01/2017
Col. Wm. Grayson	Alfred Austin Pope	Johannes Seuffer	1 star	NY	6/23/2017
Col. Wm. Grayson	Alfred Austin Pope	George Etel	1 star	NY	6/23/2017
Col. Wm. Grayson	Ralph Frederick DeWalt	Christian DeWalt	1 star	PA	9/25/2017
Col. Wm. Grayson	Paul A. Chase	Thomas Hill	1 star	MA	10/9/2017
George Mason	Michael Carter Quinn	Anne Bramblett	2 stars	VA	10/23/2017
Col. James Wood	Harold Edgar Goodman	Joseph Goodman	2 stars	VA	12/7/2017
Col. James Wood	Lawrence & Carl Liles	Sarah Ligon	2 stars	VA	12/7/2017
Col. James Wood	Lawrence & Carl Liles	William Atwood	2 stars	VA	12/7/2017
Col. James Wood	William D. Wood	Jonathan Hawks	1 star	MA	12/15/2017

NOTE: Chapters receive a Streamer for their first Forgotten Patriot. Chapters also receive one star for their Streamer for each Forgotten Patriot and an extra star if the Patriot is a Virginian.

Respectfully submitted:

T. Michael Taimi

T. Michael Taimi Chairman

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES COMMITTEE

Name of Chairman: Myron (Mike) E. Lyman Sr.

Names of other Committee Chairman:

Dale Corey, Assistant Chairman

James Wood II Chapter,

Thadeus L.Hartman,

Colonel William Grayson Chapter;

Dennis Fritts,

Fincastle Resolutions Chapter

Actions taken during period: 2017

Committee Activities: The chairman has processed all grave registration forms received during the reporting period and has corresponded with numerous chapters regarding grave markings and grave registrations

Grave Marking Ceremonies: Grave marking ceremonies were conducted by at least twelve chapters including CFL, CMM, CWG, Thom Jeff, RHL, James Monroe, Thomas Nelson Jr, Geo Wash, James Wood; Fincastle Resolutions, New River Valley and Martin Station, Requests for reimbursement for the cost of a grave marker by a chapter must show evidence that a ceremony was conducted and to provide a copy of the marker invoice to the chairman NLT the end of the year. Chapters James Monroe, RHL and Thomas Nelson, Jr requested reimbursement. To obtain the VASSAR Sustained Achievement Award ribbon or star for grave marking, a chapter must conduct a ceremony four years in a row after receiving the last award. **There are no awards for presentation at the 2018 annual meeting**

Graves Registrations: Chapters to receive a ribbon or star in February 2018 at the annual meeting need to submit ten registrations counted as one point for a new submission and one half point for an update. Registrations submitted in previous years are counted until ten points are achieved. Before SAR members or chapters prepare the graves registration form they should first see if the grave has already been registered with NSSAR. The site to visit is the Patriot Look-up at <http://patriot.sar.org> Some SAR members do not realize that the grave to be registered does not have to be for a relative, or be located in Virginia. **For Virginia burials consult the new VASSAR burial book to see if a registration has already been submitted (See Publications Chairman's report).** Each chapter needs at least one copy of the burial book for grave markings and registrations. **Awards for presentation at the 2018 annual**

meeting are for the following chapters: CFL, CWG, GW-2, Martin Station, and RHL

NEW NSSAR PATRIOT GRAVES REPORT FORM: The new NSSAR Grave Report Form is found at <https://www.sar.org/node/1878> To assist NSSAR in up-dating the national data base, chapters must use this form and submit data directly to them by e-mail following the instructions on the form. The Virginia Registry form is no longer used. **For Virginia burials, please list all the information about the patriot found in the VASSAR burial book to include the sources of service and burial listed in Appendices C and D of the book** To receive VASSAR registry credit, copy the undersigned's email melyman@va.metrocast.net to the e-mail submitted to NSSAR. Please fill in all the data asked for on the form. If you do not know all the data please make an effort to obtain it. Incomplete forms are not desired.

SUGGESTION: Before submitting a graves registration form or conducting a grave marking the chapter graves chairman should visit the below site to see if an approved NSDAR application on the patriot has been submitted. If so, note the information that the NSDAR has on the person .Please give credit to the NSDAR if you use the information
http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=5&Tab_ID_Sub=2&Action

NSSAR GRAVE MARKING MEDAL: SAR members who have participated in at least fifteen grave markings ceremonies since March 15, 2011 other than a member of the color guard are eligible for this award. The form which shows the categories of participation is available on the NSSAR website. Contact the undersigned if needed for the requirements and instructions for filling out the form. At least eight of the 15 ceremonies must involve an SAR individual grave marker unveiling and only five patriots can be from one SAR plaque or monument. After completion, making sure all blanks are filled in, forward the form to the undersigned who if filled out correctly will forward to VASSAR president for signing and forwarding to the NSSAR Patriot Grave Marking Chairman. Upon receipt of the approved form, VASSAR may order the NSSAR National Grave Marking Medal and Certificate. VASSAR is responsible for the preparation of the certificate and the scheduling of the medal presentation.

VASSAR 2016 Graves Registration Status Table

CHAPTERS	CARRY OVER S 2015	2016 NEW REG	2016 UP- DATE REG	2016 TOTAL S	2016 AWARD ?	CARRY OVER FOR 2017	NEEDED FOR 2018 AWARD
Clinch Mountain Militia	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Colonel Fielding Lewis	5.5	5	12	16.5	yes	6.5	3.5
Colonel George Waller	2.5	0	0	2.5	no	2.5	7.5
Colonel James Wood, Jr. II	1.5	3	9	9	no	9	1
Colonel William Grayson	3.5	4	11	13	Yes	3	7
Culpeper Minute Men	.5	0	2	1.5	no	1.5	8.5
Dan River	8	0	0	8	no	8	2
Fairfax Resolves	7	0	0	7	no	7	3
Fincastle Resolutions	1	0	0	1	no	1	9
Fort Harrison	0	0	0	0	no	0	10
General Daniel Morgan	0	0	0	0	no	0	10
General William Campbell	0	0	0	0	no	0	10
George Mason	1	0	0	1	no	1	9
George Washington	5	5	34	27	Yes(2)	7	3
James Monroe	6.5	0	0	6.5	no	6.5	3.5
Lt David Cox	9.5	0	0	9.5	no	9.5	.5
Martin Station	7.5	2	1	10	yes	0	10
New River Valley	1	0	.5	1.5	no	1.5	8.5
Norfolk	2.5	0	0	2.5	no	2.5	7.5
Over Mountain Men	.5	0	0	.5	no	.5	9.5
Richmond	0	0	0	0	no	0	10
Rockbridge Volunteers	2	0	0	2	no	2	8
Richard Henry Lee	1.5	8	.5	10	yes	0	8.5
Thomas Jefferson	9.5	0	0	9.5	no	9.5	.5
Thomas Nelson, Jr	3	0	0	3	no	3	7
Williamsburg	3	0	0	3	no	3	7
Rappahannock	0	0	0	0	no	0	10

Respectfully submitted
Myron (Mike) E. Lyman, Sr.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: *Color Guard*

Name of Chairman: *Bill Schwetke*

Name of Other Committee Members: *Paul Chase, Peter Davenport, C. Dennis Fritts, Larry McKinley, Christopher Melhuish, and Darrin Schmidt*

Period February 12, 2017 through February 9, 2018:

Events:

Since the Annual Meeting last February, the VASSAR Color Guard has supported seventy-four National, District, State, and local events in the Commonwealth and in nearby states. Unfortunately, not all requests for support could be honored, but supported events during the period included the following:

1. 236th Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan – South Boston, VA – 18 Feb 2017
2. Revolutionary War Tomb of the Unknown Wreath Ceremony – Alexandria, VA – 20 Feb 2017
3. Washington's Birthday Parade – Alexandria, VA – 20 Feb 2017
4. Washington's Birthday Commemoration – Culpeper Masonic Cemetery, VA – 22 Feb 2017
5. 251st Anniversary of the Leedstown Resolves – Warsaw, VA – 25 Feb 2017
6. NSSAR Spring Leadership – Louisville, KY – 3-4 Mar 2017
7. 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Court House – Greensboro, NC – 18 Mar 2017
8. Grand Opening of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown – Yorktown, VA – 1 Apr 2017
9. SAR Day/Night at the Ball Park – Richmond County, VA – 7 Apr 2017
10. SAR Day/Night at the Ball Park – Northumberland County, VA – 8 Apr 2017
11. 241st Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves – Halifax, NC – 12 Apr 2017
12. Thomas Jefferson's 274th Birthday – Washington, DC – 13 Apr 2017
13. Graves' Mountain Multi-Chapter Meeting – Syria, VA – 15 Apr 2017
14. Greer Grave Marking – Charlottesville, VA – 17 Apr 2017
15. DC SAR Annual Banquet and Officer Installation – 25 Apr 2017
16. James Monroe's 259th Birthday – Colonial Beach, VA - 29 Apr 2017
17. William Broadus Tombstone Dedication – Harper's Ferry, WV – 29 Apr 2017

18. Tribute to Patriots and Pathfinders – Duffield, VA – 29 Apr 2017
19. 300th Anniversary of Hebron Lutheran Church – Madison, VA – 20 Apr 2017
20. Compatriot Richard Covey Burial – Arlington National Cemetery, VA – 5 May 2017
21. Children’s Naturalization Ceremony – Chantilly, VA – 9 May 2017
22. Raid at Martin’s Station – Ewing, VA – 13 May 2017
23. 10th Anniversary of the Colonel William Grayson Chapter – Gainesville, VA – 13 May 2017
24. Menokin Plaque Dedication – Warsaw, VA – 21 May 2017
25. Children’s Naturalization Ceremony – Washington, DC – 23 May 2017
26. 237th Anniversary of Buford’s Defeat – Lancaster, SC – 27 May 2017
27. Memorial Day Parade – Washington, DC – 29 May 2017
28. Memorial Day Ceremony – Culpeper National Cemetery, VA – 29 May 2017
29. Memorial Day Ceremony – Montross, VA – 29 May 2017
30. Memorial Day Ceremony – Berryville, VA – 29 May 2017
31. 236th Anniversary of Wayne’s Crossing – Leesburg, VA – 3 Jun 2017
32. Shockoe Hill Cemetery Grave Marking – Richmond, VA – 4 Jun 2017
33. Culpeper Minutemen Memorial Ceremony – Culpeper, VA – 10 Jun 2017
34. 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Ramsour’s Mill – Lincolnton, NC – 10 Jun 2017
35. Memorial Service for Past President Ed Truslow – Colonial Williamsburg, VA – 17 Jun 2017
36. 275th Anniversary of Fairfax County - Revolutionary War Plaque Dedication – Fairfax, VA – 17 Jun 2017
37. Campbell Grave Marking – Alexandria, VA – 22 Jun 2017
38. 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Spencer’s Ordinary – Williamsburg, VA – 26 Jun 2017
39. Dove Grave Marking – Gretna, VA – 1 Jul 2017
40. March to Washington’s Tomb – Mount Vernon, VA – 4 Jul 2017
41. Declaration of Independence Ceremony – Culpeper, VA – 4 Jul 2017
42. Independence Day Parade – Culpeper, VA – 4 Jul 2017
43. NSSAR 127th Congress – Knoxville, TN – 7-13 Jul 2017
44. DAR Daniel Morgan Marker Dedication – Winchester, VA – 7 Jul 2017
45. 250th Anniversary of Pittsylvania County, Gretna, VA – 15 Jul 2017
46. 243rd Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves – Fairfax, VA – 22 Jul 2017
47. Patriot Pride Day – Middletown, VA – 22 Jul 2017
48. SAR Day/Night at the Ball Park – Richmond, VA – 24 Jul 2017
49. Pohick Church Plaque Dedication – Lorton, VA – 29 Jul 2017

- 50.SAR Day/Night at the Ball Park – Woodbridge, VA – 29 Jul 2017
- 51.Tunnel to the Towers Home Dedication – Sumerduck, VA – 1 Aug 2017
- 52.Atlantic Middle States Association Conference – Gettysburg, VA – 11-13 Aug 2017
- 53.SAR Day/Night at the Ball Park – Norfolk, VA – 19 Aug 2017
- 54.President General's Wreath Presentation at the Tomb of the Unknown – Arlington National Cemetery, VA – 9 Sep 2017
- 55.236th Anniversary of the Battle of the Capes – Virginia Beach, VA – 9 Sep 2017
- 56.National Day of Service and Remembrance – Culpeper, VA – 11 Sep 2017
- 57.Weaver Cemetery Grave Marking - Bristol, TN - 15 Sep 2017
- 58.Virginia SAR Semi-Annual Meeting – Newport News, VA – 15-16 Sep 2017
- 59.NSSAR Fall Leadership – Louisville, KY – 29-30 Sep 2017
- 60.Point Pleasant Battle Days – Point Pleasant, WV – 7-8 Oct 2017
- 61.Mt. Airy Historical Highway Marker Dedication – Lynch Station, VA - 14 Oct 2017
- 62.Yorktown Victory Day – Yorktown, VA – 19 Oct 2017
- 63.Greater Manassas Veterans' Day Parade – Manassas, VA – 4 Nov 2017
- 64.Virginia Memorial Service at Valley Forge – Valley Forge National Military Park, PA – 5 Nov 2017
- 65.Veterans' Day & Marine Corps Birthday Banquet – Stephens City, VA – 11 Nov 2017
- 66.Veterans' Day at Culpeper National Cemetery – Culpeper, VA – 11 Nov 2017
- 67.Veterans' Day at Washington's Tomb – Mount Vernon, VA – 11 Nov 2017
- 68.Veterans' Day at Norfolk, VA – 11 Nov 2017
- 69.242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge – Chesapeake, VA – 2 Dec 2017
- 70.Honor and Remember Dinner for Gold Star Families – Virginia Beach, VA – 3 Dec 2017
- 71.Wreaths Across American – Culpeper National Cemetery, Culpeper, VA – 16 Dec 2017
- 72.237th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens – Gaffney, SC – 13 Jan 2018
- 73.237th Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford – Huntersville, NC – 27 Jan 2018
- 74.128th Annual Meeting of the Virginia SAR – Richmond, VA – 9-10 Feb 2018

State of the Guard:

The Color Guard Roster currently contains the names of 74 active Color Guardsmen, 58 of whom have participated in Color Guard events in the past year. 17 guardsmen attended events that would make 2017 a qualifying year for the National Color Guard Silver Medal (3 national and district events). Additional volunteers are always welcome; no experience needed! We hope that more compatriots will join us.

The Regional Commands (Northern Virginia, Western Virginia, and Tidewater) under the capable leadership of Larry McKinley, Dennis Fritts, and Chris Melhuish continue to extend our ability to support multiple events throughout the state. Paul Chase has filled the new position of Color Guard Adjutant and he has proven that both himself and the position of adjutant are very valuable.

Please include the Virginia SAR Color Guard in the early planning of your next event; we will do our best to support your plans to make your event what you want it to be.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Schwetke
Commander, Virginia SAR Color Guard

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VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Name of Committee: Flag

Name of Chairman: *Christopher N. ("Kirk") Sheap M.D*

Name of Other Committee Members: *Robert L. ("Bob") Bowen*

Period 2017

For the 17th consecutive year, VASSAR has qualified for the Admiral William R. Furlong Award from NSSAR. VASSAR began its participation in this program in 2001 under the Committee Chairmanship of Robert L. Bowen and following the example that he set, we have qualified for this award ever since. This is a very enviable achievement since the qualification for this award is having over 50% of the Chapters of a State Society, and the State Society itself, be recognized for the presentation of at least one Flag Certificate. In the recent past we did so with all of our Chapters participating which is truly a remarkable achievement considering the number of Chapters in VASSAR. This year we can again celebrate that achievement of 100% Chapter participation through the efforts of the Officers and Compatriots of our twenty-seven Chapters. My sincere thanks go to all of you and to the Officers of VASSAR. While a number of our Chapters have presented more than one Certificate this year, please remember that all it takes is one such presentation from each of our Chapters and one from VASSAR for our qualification not only for this award but to also receive recognition for 100% Chapter participation. If a Chapter presents more than one, that is wonderful and every presentation will count on that Chapter's Americanism Report, but it truly is the first one that counts the most. Hopefully, through your efforts, we again can achieve 100% Chapter participation in 2018 which will be my last as Chairman of this Committee.

Respectfully Submitted

Christopher N. Sheap MD,

Chairman

Robert L. Bowen

VASSAR SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ANNUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Name of Committee: Public Safety and Heroism

Names of Chairman: William C. Collier, Col. William Grayson Chapter

(wcol72@aol.com)

Names of other Committee Members:

Harvey J. Hague

Paul K. Bowen

Thomas Whetstone

William Schwetke

Thomas Jefferson Chapter

Overmountain Men Chapter

Norfolk Chapter

Culpeper Minutemen Chapter

Reporting Period: 1 January through 31 December 2017.

This committee is responsible for promoting the recognition of outstanding individuals who serve their communities in a civic capacity in one of the four categories listed below:

The Law Enforcement Program

The Fire-Safety Program

The Emergency Medical Service
Program

The Heroism Medal Program

The Public Service and Heroism Program is accomplished by individual Chapters. Annually at the end of the calendar year, the VASSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee select one winner, from each category, taken from the award citations individual chapters have submitted to NSSAR and VASSAR for the calendar year.

Each Chapter was encouraged to recognize outstanding individuals in each of the four areas and present them with the appropriate Certificate and Medal. Chapters then report their award recipients directly to NSSAR following the NSSAR process outlined at the following web address: <https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/201/Sh5coWc5cxHj.pdf>. The NSSAR handbook outlines the award criteria. Please bear in mind that the NSSAR year goes from 1 July to 30 June. Reports to NSSAR that are made before June 1 will be included in the Public Service Awards Booklet at the NSSAR Congress for that year.

When the chapter reports their Public Service and or Hero award recipient to NSSAR, they should copy the Public Service and Heroism Committee Chair for VASSAR records and for the VASSAR award consideration.

The VASSAR Committee has received 44 Public Service and Heroism Commendations. Public Service and Hero breakdown is: 14 Law Enforcement; 19 Fire Safety; 8 Emergency Medical Service; and 3 Hero. This is the same as 2016 effort. Ten (37%) VASSAR Chapters participated in the Public Safety and Hero Program in 2017, up by 3%. Below is the reported chapter activity roll-up.

The VASSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee would like to thank Compatriot Paul K. Bowen, Overmountain Men Chapter, for his years of service to the committee. The VASSAR Public Service and Heroism Committee is seeking a volunteer to serve on this committee to replace Compatriot Bowen.

Actions Taken During the period:

VASSAR Chapter Public Safety and Hero Activity for 2016

Chapter	Law Enforcement	Fire Safety	EMS	Hero
Clinch Mountain Militia				
Col. Fielding Lewis				
Col. George Waller		1	1	
Col. James Wood II	1		1	1
Col. William Grayson	2	1	1	
Culpeper Minute Men				
Dan River	0			
Fairfax Resolves	1	1	1	
Fincastle Resolutions	1	1	1	1
Fort Harrison	1			
Gen. Daniel Morgan				
Gen. William Campbell				
George Mason				
George Washington	6	13	3	
James Monroe	1	2		
Lt. David Cox				
Martin's Station				
New River Valley				1
Norfolk				
Overmountain Men				
Rappahannock				
Richard Henry Lee				
Richmond				
Rockbridge Volunteers				
Thomas Jefferson				
Thomas Nelson, Jr.				
Williamsburg	1			
	14	19	8	3

Respectfully Submitted: William C. Collier