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BEST VERY LARGE CHAPTER IN VIRGINIA 2012, 2014; BEST LARGE CHAPTER 2007-2010



Charter members Mike Brotton and Stephen Halbrook



Compatriots
Dennis Hickey
and Mike Brotton
were awarded 50
year SAR service
anniversary pins.
They are both
national emeritus
members

Stuart Steen and his three sons became new SAR Life Members, pictured with Life Members Dan Rolph, Jeff Thomas and Dave Cook



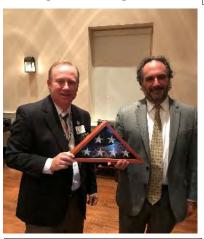


Fairfax Resolves Presidents (L-R) Jeff Thomas, Dennis Hickey, Darrin Schmidt, Steve Halbrook, Vern Eubanks, Dan Rolph and Larry McKinley

FAIRFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER CELEBRATES 38TH ANNIVERSARY

On October 25th, the Fairfax Resolves chapter celebrated Founders Day and the chapter's 38th anniversary. Dinner was held at Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant in Historic Fairfax, followed by the evening's program at the Historic Fairfax Courthouse, where the chapter was chartered 38 years ago.

Charter members Steve Halbrook and Mike Brotton both attended the event. Steve Halbrook, the chapter's chartering president, spoke about the founding of the chapter. The chapter's original charter was on display at the courthouse, where the chapter's founding officers were installed on October 25, 1979. Dr. Edward Lengel was the keynote speaker on First Founder George Washington.



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Founding President Stephen Halbrook, standing by the chapter's charter, discusses the founding of the chapter

Seven chapter presidents were in attendance and two of our members were presented with 50-year SAR service anniversary pins. Charter president Steve Halbrook was awarded the 35-year SAR service anniversary pin. In addition, we welcomed four new life members and inducted our newest member, Richard Ryan, during the event.



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CHAPTER NEWS

President's Message



Compatriots,

Our year is rapidly coming to a close and I wanted to let you know what a tremendous honor it has been to serve as President of the Fairfax Resolves chapter. I am so proud of our chapter's rich history and all that we have accomplished this year. It is a wonderful time to reflect on our many successes during the year. We have celebrated our chapter's

heritage through our 38th chapter anniversary and the 243rd anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves. We have sponsored inaugural commemorations such as Patriots Day at Arlington National Cemetery and Wayne's Crossing in Leesburg. We have initiated significant outreach to local elementary schools through classroom visits, programs and presentations in addition to establishing significant relationships through our Scout outreach. These efforts should yield significant fruit for our Youth programs. We have increased our publicity in the community and enhanced our public service programs. We have grown our membership by registering 45 new members and increased the ranks of our Color Guard, participating in over 30 historical observances and ceremonies this year, including 8 national events and 5 grave markings.

All of our successes this year have helped lay the groundwork for next year. We have much to be excited about in the coming year. The chapter elected new officers for 2018 during its Veteran's Day meeting. The newly elected officers are listed on the masthead to the right. These officers will be installed at our December meeting. A list of upcoming 2018 events is provided on the next page. I believe our future is bright and look forward to all that the new year will bring.

Regards, Jeff Thomas

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Editor Jeff Thomas

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MEMBER NEWS

Upcoming 2018 Events

January 13 **Battle of Cowpens**

Gaffney, SC

Chapter Orations Contest January 25 7pm

Falcon's Landing, Sterling, VA

February 10 **VASSAR Annual Meeting**

Richmond, VA

February 17 **Crossing of the Dan**

South Boston, VA

March 3 **National History Day**

Mount Vernon H.S.

Spring Leadership Meeting

Louisville, KY

March 10 **Chapter Meeting and Tour**

The Falls Church (built in 1769) 1-3pm

March 17 **Battle of Guilford Courthouse**

Greensboro, NC

April 16 **Patriots Day Commemoration**

Arlington National Cemetery

May 12 Chapter Spring Luncheon

Past Chapter President Charles Boggs, Jr. Passes Away

Dr. Charles Harmon Boggs, Jr., 94, of Roanoke, passed away on Sunday, October 8, 2017. Dr. Boggs was the Fairfax Resolves Chapter President in 1993-1994. He was also VASSAR Chairman of Historic Sites and Observances from 1994-2004 and as VASSAR Surgeon in 2003-2004. He was a current member of the Fort Harrison chapter.



Dr. Boggs was born on July 4, 1923 in Washington, DC and was a World War II veteran. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy for two years in the Pacific and was awarded three military service ribbons. After the war, he graduated from West Virginia School of Medicine before earning as Masters in Surgical Research at Northwestern University School of Medicine. Dr. Boggs was a general surgeon at the V.A. Medical Center in Salem, VA, from 1956 until retiring in 1991. He was also an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Virginia School of Medicine for twenty years.

Larry McKinley Speaks at **Veteran's Day Assembly**

Major Larry McKinley, U.S. Army (ret) was the keynote speaker at the Veteran's Day Assembly at Bull Run Elementary School on Friday, November 10th. McKinley spoke to over 800 students about the importance of teamwork and working together to achieve a mission. Major McKinley was a medivac helicopter pilot in Vietnam and Desert Storm. He recruited students from the audience to serve on a medical evacuation mission aboard a helicopter and explained how each member of the team had a role to play to ensure the success of the mission.







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NEW MEMBERS

Richard Ryan Discusses Patriot Ancestor Dr. Samuel Claggett

Dr. Samuel Claggett Jr. was a surgeon in the Revolutionary War and served with George Washington at Valley Forge.

According to his pension, affidavit of William Horner:

"He entered the army in the Maryland line as stated by his widow in the year 1777 as an Assistant Surgeon (he then being a student of medicine with doctor Gustavus R. Brown of Port Tobacco, MD) and served until the middle of February 1780, he then resigned and went to sea. On his return he again entered the service in the same capacity and served to the end of the war. He often spoke of his services as assistant surgeon at the Bethlehem Hospital and Valley Forge, and in New York and other places."

He was born in 1756 at Snowhill, Fauquier Co., VA and settled in Virginia after the Revolutionary War. He married on September 15, 1785 Amie Jane Ramey of Cameron Parish at Leesburg, Loudoun Co., VA and had nine children together. He died March 25th, 1821 in New Baltimore, Fauquier, VA.



Vern Eubanks pins the SAR rosette onto new member Richard Ryan during the 38th anniversary program



President Jeff Thomas welcomes new member Steven Daugherty at the Veteran's Day program at National Memorial Park on November 11, 2017.

Steven Daugherty Discusses Patriot Ancestor Elijah Graves

Patriot Elijah Graves is the son of Henry Graves of Hanover County, Virginia, and his second wife, Mary William. He was born around 1730 and is a direct descendant of Captain Thomas Graves, a stockholder of the Virginia Company of London and a 1608 settler of Jamestown. Elijah contributed to American Independence by providing supplies and serving as an officer in the Virginia Militia.

Records show Elijah provided supplies to support the cause of independence including hogsheads (casks), corn, horses, musket, and a wagon, team and driver with provisions.

Elijah Graves received a commission as an ensign in the First Battalion of the Mecklenburg County, VA, Militia in October 1777. In 1781, Elijah was promoted to the rank of Captain and served under Regimental Commander Colonel Lewis Burrell. Captain Graves commanded a company during the Siege of Yorktown in the fall of 1781.





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CHAPTER AWARDS

Chapter Presents Fire Safety and EMS Awards



Compatriots (L-R) Larry McKinley, Vern Eubanks, Jeff Thomas and Ken Bonner stand in front of the 100-foot long Tiller Truck, also known as a hook and ladder truck, at Fire Station 29 in Tysons Corner

Several members of the chapter attended the Fire Safety and EMS awards presentation at Fire Station 29 in Tysons Corner on October 10, 2017. President Jeff Thomas, Fire Safety Chair Vern Eubanks, 2nd VP Ken Bonner and Secretary Larry McKinley attended the event.

The chapter presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal to Lieutenant Raymond E. Foster, an officer of Tiller Truck 429, and the SAR EMS Commendation Medal to Technician Tory Albertson, lead provider of an EMS transport unit. Both are veterans of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.



Lieutenant Raymond E. Foster, a ten-year veteran of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, was the recipient of the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal. He currently serves as the officer of Tiller Truck 429 in Tysons Corner.



Technician Tory Albertson was the recipient of the EMS Commendation Medal. With 3-years of service in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, he currently provides advanced life support medical care in the capacity of lead provider on an EMS transport unit.

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COMMEMORATIONS



BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN COMMEMORATION - October 7, 2017

Compatriots Jeff and Justin Thomas presented the chapter's wreath at the commemoration of the 237th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain in North Carolina on October 7, 2017. Their Patriot ancestor Daniel McJunkin, a member of the South Carolina militia, participated in the battle. A musket volley was conducted at the end of the ceremony at the Kings Mountain Monument.







JOHN PAYNE GRAVE MARKING - October 1, 2017

Compatriot Dave Cook presented the chapter's wreath at the grave marking of John Payne (1619-1690) at Ingleside Plantation in Westmoreland County, VA on October 1, 2017. Two signers of the Fairfax Resolves, brothers William Payne and Edward Payne, were descended from John Payne.

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YORKTOWN DAY



GRAVE OF GOVERNOR THOMAS NELSON, JR.

Compatriots Rick and Rich Garlick stand with chapter Color Guard members Darrin Schmidt and Jeff Thomas at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, one of Virginia's Revolutionary War governors. VASSAR President Mike Elston presented keynote remarks on the Life of Governor Thomas Nelson during the ceremony.

FAIRFAX RESOLVES MEMBERS ATTEND YORKTOWN DAY EVENT Six members of the

Six members of the chapter attended Yorktown Day on October 19, 2017, in commemoration of the 236th anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, VA. Color Guard members Darrin Schmidt, Larry McKinley, Vern Eubanks and Jeff Thomas participated in the event and were joined by Compatriots Rich and Rick Garlick. The



Major General Lincoln

Garlick's Patriot ancestor is Major General Benjamin Lincoln, who was second in command in the Siege of Yorktown and accepted the British surrender sword.

The commemoration ceremony was held at Grace Episcopal Church, where Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. is buried. President Jeff Thomas presented the chapter's wreath during the ceremony, which was followed by the Yorktown Day parade to the Yorktown Victory Monument.



FAIRFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER COLOR GUARD

Fairfax Resolves chapter Color Guard members Darrin Schmidt, Vern Eubanks, Jeff Thomas and Larry McKinley stand with the chapter's flag in front of the Yorktown Victory Monument after the Yorktown Day parade. The parade route started near Grace Episcopal Church and proceeded down Main Street to the victory monument.



YORKTOWN VICTORY MONUMENT

Fairfax Resolves chapter members who attended Yorktown Day activities stand in front of the Yorktown Victory Monument including (L-R) President Jeff Thomas, Vern Eubanks, Rich Garlick, Darrin Schmidt, Rick Garlick and Larry McKinley.

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VETERAN'S DAY



LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD P. FORMICA

Lieutenant General Richard P. Formica was the keynote speaker of the chapter's Veteran's Day program, held at the 9-11 Memorial at National Memorial Park on Saturday, November 11th. After his keynote address on honoring all veterans, SAR military service medals were presented and a ceremony was held for Chaplain Emeritus Bill Youngs.



GENERAL FORMICA RECEIVES MOUNT VERNON FLAG

President Jeff Thomas presented General Formica with a flag that flew over Mount Vernon on Veterans Day 2017. General Formica was the keynote speaker, presented SAR Military Service Medals to Compatriots from each of the five branches of service and helped place flags on veteran's graves after the program.



SAR MILITARY SERVICE MEDALS

Recipients of SAR military service medals (L-R) were CDR Colgate Salomon, USN (ret), LT Tim Dioquino, USCG (ret), LTG Richard Formica (presenter), LTC Richard Garlick, Jr., USA (ret) and LTC Woody Bentley, USAF (ret). Not pictured is COL David Anderson, USMC (ret), who was unable to attend the ceremony.



FLAG PLACEMENT WITH SCOUTS

After the chapter's Veteran's Day program, members of the chapter joined the George Mason District Scouts and helped place flags on veteran's graves at National Memorial Park. There are approximately 7,000 veterrans interred at the cemetery, where Scouts place flags each year on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.





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COMPATRIOT GRAVE MARKING - CHAPLAIN EMERITUS BILL YOUNGS



COMPATRIOT BILL YOUNGS GRAVE MARKING

The chapter marked the grave of Compatriot Bill Youngs, Chaplain Emeritus of the Fairfax Resolves chapter, on Veteran's Day at National Memorial Park. Pictured (L-R) are Graves Chair Dave Cook, Vern Eubanks, President Jeff Thomas, Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, nephew Allen Sackadorf and daughter Renee Youngs.

FAIRFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER HONORS BILL YOUNGS

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter honored Bill Youngs during its Veteran's Day program at National Memorial Park. The chapter conducted a special dedication ceremony during the program, followed by the grave marking.

William E. "Bill" Youngs passed away on March 15, 2015 at 98 years of age. Bill was a World War II veteran and a past recipient of the SAR War Services Medal. He served with the Second Infantry Division



Headquarters during World War II for two years, including the invasion of Normandy. His service to veterans included being past president of the 2nd Division Indian Head Association, where he led Veterans Day services and co-organizer of Veterans Common.

Following his military service, he launched a 30-year film industry career with the U.S. Information Agency under the Department of State. He was patriotically inspired through his work on educational motion pictures that he showed to area embassies and government offices.

Bill was an active member of the Fairfax Resolves chapter for over 30 years, holding every office but Secretary/Treasurer. He was honored by the chapter in 2009 as its Emeritus Chaplain and served ten years as the VASSAR D.A.R. Liaison, supporting with his wife Mary Helen all levels of the C.A.R. and D.A.R.



COMPATRIOT AND NEPHEW ALLEN SACKADORF

Compatriot Allen Sackadorf and Bill Young's nephew, spoke during the chapter's Veteran's Day program about Bill Youngs' legacy as a World War II veteran, his film industry career with the US Information Agency under the Department of State and his lasting contributions to the Fairfax Resolves Chapter as a leader for over 30 years.



COMPATRIOT BILL YOUNGS GRAVE MARKER

The SAR Medallion, attached to Bill Youngs grave marker, reads "Member of the Sons of the American Revolution." This was the first Compatriot Grave Marking conducted by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter. Bill is one of only two Emeritus Officers of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, having served in every office except Secretary/Treasurer.





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MILITARY SERVICE MEDALS



LTC RICHARD GARLICK, JR. - U.S. ARMY

Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army following 24 years of service between 1967 and 1995. Served as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander in Korea. Served as Company Commander and Battalion Commander in Army National Guard for 10 years. Returned to active duty as a Logistics Staff Officer at the Pentagon and the Army Material Command at Rock Island, Illinois. Then contractor for Army Material Command for 8 years in their mission to support the Global War on Terror, an assignment he considers a highlight of his career.



CDR COLGATE SALOMON - U.S. NAVY

Retired as a Commander in the U.S. Navy following 25 years of active duty as a Naval Flight Officer from 1980 to 2005. Conducted over 400 maritime missions including 60 aerial surveillance and reconnaissance missions in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the First Iraq Gulf War. Served in the NATO Maritime HQ during the Kosovo aerial bombing campaign, conducted missions following the bombing of the USMC barracks in Lebanon and represented the Navy as an exchange officer at the Norwegian National Defense University.



LTC WOODY BENTLEY - U.S. AIR FORCE

Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force after 28 years of service from 1956 to 1984. Served as a Missile Launch Officer at the Forbes, Vandenberg and Minot Air Force bases. Transferred to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, supervising criminal investigations and counterintelligence operations. Served as the Commander, Kunsan AB, Korea; Unit Commander at Wiesbaden and Ramstein AB, Germany. Completed his career at the Headquarters of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations in Washington DC.



LT TIM DIOQUINO - U.S. COAST GUARD

Retired as a Lieutenant with the U.S. Coast Guard following 21 years of active duty from 1976 to 1997. First served as a staff officer at U.S Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, where he managed the service's communications stations. Assigned as Deputy Squadron Commander in Miami Beach, FL in support of security zone deployment for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He then completed his career at the Telecommunications and Information System Command in Alexandria, VA, where he upgraded the service's legacy data network.





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GENERAL WILLIAM BROWN HIGHWAY MARKER DEDICATION



U.S. ARMY FIFE AND DRUM

The U.S. Army Fife and Drum, followed by the Fairfax Resolves Color Guard, led the procession to the new highway marker after the dedication ceremony on the steps of Pohick Church. Following the unveiling of the highway marker, the procession continued to the gravesite of General William Brown, MD.

HIGHWAY MARKER DEDICATED TO FAIRFAX RESOLVES SIGNER PHYSICIAN GENERAL WILLIAM BROWN

A highway marker to General William Brown, MD, was dedicated at Pohick Church during a ceremony at 11:00am on Veteran's Day. Brown was Physician General during the Revolutionary War who served under General Washington and was in charge of hospitals between the Hudson and Potomac Rivers.

Six members of the chapter attended the event including President Jeff Thomas, 2nd VP Ken Bonner, Tim Dioquino and Color Guard members Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt and Vern Eubanks.

Dr. Brown was the youngest member of the Fairfax County Committee of Safety in 1774-75 and was a signer of the Fairfax Resolves. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war as a military surgeon and served until 21 July 1780, becoming Surgeon General in 1777 and Physician General in 1778 for the middle division of the army. He published the first American Pharmacopia reference book for use in army hospitals. He died 11 Jan 1792 and was buried in his Continental uniform at Preston Plantation near Alexandria. He was later reinterred at Pohick Church in 1933.



GENERAL WILLIAM BROWN HIGHWAY MARKER

VASSAR President Mike Elston (second from left) stands with Fairfax Resolves chapter members at the new highway marker honoring General William Brown (L-R) 2nd VP Ken Bonner, President Jeff Thomas, Secretary Larry McKinley, Vern Eubanks, Tim Dioquino and Darrin Schmidt.



GENERAL WILLIAM BROWN GRAVE AT POHICK CHURCH

Dr. William Brown's tombstone inscription:

His zeal and fidelity as a patriot; his patience, diligence and skill as a physician; his benevolence, courtesy and integrity as a man secured him the applause of his country, the honor and endowment of his profession, the respect of the wealthy and the veneration of the poor.





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COMPATRIOTS HONOR PATRIOT ANCESTOR DAVID BAKER

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DAVID BAKER

From November 5-7, 2017, Compatriots Jeff and Justin Thomas traveled to Pennsylvania and New Jersey to walk in the footsteps of their Patriot ancestor David Baker. During the trip, they visited many of the battlefields where he served, as documented by his pension application of 1832. Baker enlisted in Culpeper County and served as a Corporal in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in Washington's army from February 1776 to February 1778 during the northern campaign of the Revolutionary War. Jeff and Justin visited Washington Crossing Historic Park, where Washington crossed the Delaware, the monuments to the Battles of Trenton and Princeton, Princeton Battlefield, the Philadelphia Campaign sites of Brandywine Battlefield and Chew House in Germantown and the Virginia Day Memorial Service held at Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge.



BATTLE OF TRENTON December 26, 1776



BATTLE OF PRINCETON January 3, 1777



WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK



BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE September 11, 1777



BATTLE OF GERMANTOWN October 4, 1777



VIRGINIA DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE AT VALLEY FORGE

DAVID BAKER'S PENSION - September 26, 1832

We were marched to the north crossing the Delaware and the Battle at Trenton was the 26th of December. I was guarding the baggage during the battle and had a brother by the name of Richard killed in that action. The cannonading at Trenton took place and then the Battle of Princeton was fought and General Mercer of Virginia was killed. From Princeton we went into winter quarters at Morristown. The next battle I was in was the Battle of Brandywine. Lafayette was one of our generals and Washington commanded in which 46 were killed and wounded of our regiment. The next Battle was that of Germantown in which Washington was commander. General Stephen was broke of his command for misconduct in that battle. I was then marched to Valley Forge and there stationed until I was discharged in February 1778.