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## Fairfax Resolves Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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



*Wreaths were presented by the following SAR chapters: Virginia Society, Colonel Fielding Lewis, Colonel William Grayson, Fairfax Resolves, Fort Harrison, George Washington and Williamsburg; by the following DAR chapters: Elizabeth McIntosh Hammill, Fairfax County and Spotsylvania; and by the following CAR societies: Virginia Society, Colonel Alexander Spotswood and Colonel William Grayson*



**Virginia Society SAR President Mike Elston offered greetings to attendees and remarks on the significance of the historic occasion. He also presented the VASSAR wreath**

**George Mason, primary author of the Resolves, was the keynote speaker and discussed the key events leading up to the signing of the Fairfax Resolves on 18 July 1774**



## Chapter Commemorates 243<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves

On Saturday, July 22, a standing room only crowd packed the Historic Fairfax Courthouse to commemorate the 243<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves. 13 SAR, DAR and CAR chapters and societies presented wreaths to commemorate the signing of the Fairfax Resolves on July 18, 1774. The colors were presented by an SAR, DAR and CAR Color Guard. Virginia Society President Mike Elston brought greetings and presented a wreath. Fairfax Mayor David Meyer read a proclamation declaring the event as Fairfax Resolves Day.

George Mason, primary author of the Fairfax Resolves, was the keynote speaker and discussed the events leading up to the signing of the Fairfax Resolves. Several of the original signers, including Rev. Lee Massey, Rev. Townsend Dade, Jr., John Carlyle, Charles Broadwater and Robert Harrison, led readings from the Resolves, which freeholders in attendance approved with a hearty "huzzah!" Raymond Dade, a descendant of signer Rev. Townsend Dade, Jr., participated in the program and the readings.

Attendees also had an opportunity to visit the Fairfax Court's Historic Records Center to view documents dating from the founding of Fairfax County in 1742, including documents signed by George Washington, George Mason and many of the other signers of the Fairfax Resolves.



**President Jeff Thomas accepts proclamation for Fairfax Resolves Day from Fairfax Mayor David Meyer**



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## CHAPTER NEWS

### President's Message



Compatriots,

It has been a busy summer with the chapter participating in over 20 events since our May luncheon including commemorations, grave markings, naturalization ceremonies, parades, plaque dedications, public service awards, Eagle Scout awards and state, district and national SAR meetings. The highlight of our summer activities was the chapter's

commemoration of the 243rd anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves on July 22 at the Historic Fairfax Courthouse. Fairfax Mayor David Meyer and the city council issued a proclamation declaring it Fairfax Resolves Day.

We have many programs planned for our Fall calendar of events which began with our public forum and chapter meeting on Constitution Day. One of the highlights of our Fall calendar will be our Founders Day celebration of the chapter's 38th anniversary on October 25th. Please join us for a wonderful dinner in historic Fairfax followed by a program at the Historic Fairfax Courthouse, where our chapter received its charter and founding officers were installed in October 1979. Save the date and event details will be forthcoming shortly.

As we embark on our initiatives for the rest of the year, we should continue to lift high our commitment to the SAR's mission of patriotic, historical and educational outreach in the communities we serve. By building relationships in the community, we have an opportunity to raise the profile and the brand of the SAR and our chapter among the schools, scout troops and packs, ROTC programs, law enforcement and fire safety officers, civic and community organizations, historical and genealogy societies, teachers and veterans groups in the counties and communities we serve.

*Regards,*  
*Jeff Thomas*

### Fairfax Resolves Chapter Board of Managers

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Editor                      Jeff Thomas

In honor of Bill Youngs, Emeritus Chaplain and a member of the Fairfax Resolves chapter for 30 years, who created *The Defender* newsletter.



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## EVENTS

### Chapter Hosts Constitution Day Program

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter hosted a public forum on “The Current State of the U.S. Constitution” at Chantilly Regional Library on Constitution Day, September 17, 2017. Forty compatriots and other guests attended the event celebrating the 230th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. Ben Lenhart, adjunct professor of constitutional law at Georgetown University, was the keynote speaker.

In honor of Constitution Day, the chapter presented a framed replica of the U.S. Constitution to the library. Manager Steve Okrend accepted the constitution on behalf of the library and welcomed the opportunity to display it in a prominent place.

As part of the public program, the Fairfax Resolves chapter presented Joe Chudzik with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal as the 2017 Good Citizen of the Year. Joe has been a community service leader in Fairfax County for over 25 years. See article on the next page.



*President Jeff Thomas presents Constitution Day speaker Ben Lenhart with a Mount Vernon flag*



*Chapter President Jeff Thomas presents a framed replica of the U.S. Constitution to Manager Steve Okrend at Chantilly Regional Library.*

### Upcoming Fall 2017 Events

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| October 7   | <b>Battle of Kings Mountain</b><br>Kings Mountain, SC                     |
| October 19  | <b>Yorktown Celebration</b><br>Yorktown, VA                               |
| October 25  | <b>38<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary</b><br>Historic Fairfax Courthouse |
| November 5  | <b>Virginia Day @ Valley Forge</b>  |
| November 11 | <b>Veteran’s Day Program</b>  |
| December 2  | <b>Battle of Great Bridge, VA</b>   |
| December 9  | <b>Holiday Luncheon</b>   |



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### CHAPTER AWARDS

## Joseph Chudzik Named Good Citizen of the Year



**Fairfax Resolves Chapter President Jeff Thomas presents the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Joseph Chudzik as the chapter's 2017 Good Citizen of the Year.**

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter presented a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Joseph Chudzik at its Constitution Day Program on September 17, 2017 as the chapter's 2017 Good Citizen of the Year.

Joe has been involved as a leader for twenty five years in our community in many community service activities including the Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Election Officer, Fairfax County Airports Advisory Committee, Clean Fairfax Council and a number of local community associations including the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations and the Mason Neck Citizens Association among others, many of which he has served as President, Director and Chairman.

Joe is a leader in the Mason Neck Lions Club where he has organized and managed over 150 community service projects in the last 15 years (that's 10 per year if you do the math). In addition, he secured funding through the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program to build 39 park benches, that have been installed at parks, trails, schools, community centers and bus stops.

He supports Eagle Scout leadership projects for Boy Scout troops at Burke United Methodist Church and Ft. Belvoir. For 20 years, he has served as the Chief or Assistant Chief Election Officer at polling stations in the county. He is actively involved in Adopt-a-Highway litter cleanups along the Chudzik Family section of Gunston Road and has personally performed 16 cleanups.

Joe has been a champion of the Mason Neck Trail to improve pedestrian access to the many parks, recreational and historic heritage areas on Mason Neck. In the last 20 years, he has obtained \$1.7M in federal funds for the trail.

He was recognized as the Fairfax County Citizen of the Year in 2016. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand, a B-52 pilot in the USAF Strategic Air Command and a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State.

Joe exemplifies what it means to be a good citizen and has been a tireless advocate for our community and helping others.



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#### MEMBER NEWS



Chapter President Jeff Thomas inducted Cameron Clawson into membership on Constitution Day, Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the chapter meeting at Chantilly Regional Library. Compatriot Clawson spoke about his Patriot ancestor John Harkrider of Pennsylvania. Compatriot Rick Garlick is the chapter mentor.



Chapter President Jeff Thomas welcomed David Baker Huxsoll and his son Samuel Baker Huxsoll into membership at the Constitution Day meeting on September 17, 2017 at Chantilly Regional Library. His wife and daughter also attended the ceremony. Their Patriot ancestor is John Baker of Pennsylvania. Carl Loveland is the chapter mentor to the Huxsoll family.



Chapter President Jeff Thomas pins the SAR rosette on new Compatriot Bruce Shank after his induction into the chapter at the Constitution Day meeting on September 17, 2017 at Chantilly Regional Library. His Patriot ancestor is Elisha Bascom of Massachusetts. Compatriot Jack Sweeney is the chapter mentor.



Chapter President Jeff Thomas presented a supplemental Patriot certificate to Jim Briggs at the Constitution Day meeting on September 17, 2017 at Chantilly Regional Library. Briggs spoke about his Patriot ancestor Daniel Brewer of Massachusetts.



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### COLOR GUARD



**SAR NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK - July 29, 2017**

Compatriots Jeff Thomas and Vern Eubanks participated in the Color Guard during SAR Night at the Ballpark during a Potomac Nationals game. The Virginia Society SAR presented the colors during the National Anthem at the game. Virginia Society President Mike Elston also participated in the event.



**UNCLE SLAM - NEW COMPATRIOT?**

Compatriot Vern Eubanks makes friends with Uncle Slam, the Potomac Nationals mascot, at the SAR Night at the Ball Park on July 29, 2017. Uncle Slam has researched his family history and approached Compatriot Eubanks about joining the SAR and becoming a member of the Color Guard.



**NEWEST CHAPTER COLOR GUARD MEMBERS**

Jeff and Justin Thomas are the newest members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter Color Guard. The photo above was taken during the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on September 9, 2017. Jeff and Justin participated in the Virginia Society Color Guard during the ceremony.



**COLOR GUARD WANNABE?**

2nd Vice President Ken Bonner takes up arms at the March to Washington's Tomb at Mt. Vernon on the July 4, 2017. Ken has expressed an interest in the chapter Color Guard and has been researching uniform options. The chapter is seeking new members to join the Chapter Color Guard. Contact Darrin Schmidt for more information.



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#### EVENTS



**FLAG DAY RETIREMENT CEREMONY - June 14, 2017**

Compatriot Larry McKinley and Holly Lynne Schmidt led members of the Children of the American Revolution in a flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2017, at Freedom Memorial in Great Falls. Emily Elston, Virginia C.A.R. President, participated in the ceremony with members of the Colonel William Grayson and Providence societies. The C.A.R. presented a flag to the Great Falls Library and retired numerous flags with a help of the fire marshal. Virginia SAR President Mike Elston and SAR Genealogist General John Sinks attended the ceremony as did six Fairfax Resolves Compatriots including Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, Bill Denk, Dave Cook, Jeff and Justin Thomas.



**MARCH TO WASHINGTON'S TOMB - July 4, 2017**

Eight Fairfax Resolves compatriots participated in the annual March to Washington's Tomb on July 4 at Mount Vernon including Ken Bonner, Jeff Thomas, Larry McKinley, Vern Eubanks, Darrin Schmidt, Tim and Michael Dioquino and Justin Thomas. President Jeff Thomas placed a carnation at Washington's Tomb on behalf of the chapter. Over 50 compatriots from at least nine different chapters, plus DAR and CAR members, marched down the bowling green at Mount Vernon and participated in the annual ceremony at the grove by the tomb. Music for the march was provided by 10 members of the Frederick Town Fife and Drum.



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### COMMEMORATIONS



**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLAQUE DEDICATION - June 17, 2017**

On the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fairfax County, Compatriots Ken Bonner, Vern Eubanks, Dave Cook and Jeff Thomas participated in a plaque dedication to 47 Revolutionary War Patriots from the county who died during the war. Dave Cook presented the chapter's wreath on behalf of his ancestor Benjamin Chapin, listed on the plaque.



**JAMES CAMPBELL GRAVE MARKING - June 22, 2017**

Compatriot Vern Eubanks served as Color Guard and presented the chapter wreath at the Capt. James Campbell grave marking at Old Methodist Church in Alexandria. Campbell is the Patriot ancestor of Col. William Grayson. President Mike Taimi. Four SAR chapters participated in the ceremony attended by VASSAR President Mike Elston.



**POHICK CHURCH PLAQUE DEDICATION - July 29, 2017**

Compatriots Jeff and Justin Thomas, Vern Eubanks, Dave Cook and Tim Dioquino participated in the Pohick Church plaque dedication, dedicated to 14 Patriots of the American Revolution and 9 veterans of the War of 1812 buried or memorialized at the church, the home parish of George Washington and George Mason.



**TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER - SEP 9, 2017**

Compatriots Jeff Thomas, Justin Thomas and Vern Eubanks participated in the Virginia Society Color Guard as SAR President General Larry Guzy presented a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Virginia Society President Mike Elston also participated in the ceremony.





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### CHAPTER AWARDS



**LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD - June 5, 2017**

Second Lieutenant James Tanler was presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal by Fairfax Resolves Chapter President Jeff Thomas and Fairfax County Chief of Police Colonel Ed Roessel. Officer Tanler is a 35-year veteran of the Fairfax County Police Department and is currently the Property and Evidence Supervisor.



**EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS - September 26, 2017**

The Fairfax Resolves chapter participated in the Troop 893 Fall Court of Honor at Centreville United Methodist Church. The chapter presented three Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition to Noah Ehreth, Noah Laythe and David Treat. Members of the chapter Color Guard also presented the colors to open the ceremony.



**LIBERTY MEDAL AWARD - September 17, 2017**

Registrar David Cook was presented the Liberty Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters at the Constitution Day program. The Medal is awarded for being a Top Line Signer on ten new member applications and an Oak Leaf cluster is awarded for each subsequent ten applications. David is also an Assistant VASSAR State Registrar.



**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - September 17, 2017**

Compatriot Darrin Schmidt was awarded a National Society Certificate of Appreciation for his service as Chairman of the National C.A.R. Liaison Committee for 2016-17.



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### MEETINGS



**127th ANNUAL CONGRESS - July 7-13, 2017**

Four Compatriots from the chapter attended the 127th SAR Annual Congress in Knoxville, TN. Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt (photographer), Jeff Thomas and Rick Abbott were delegates representing the Virginia Society.



**VIRGINIA C.A.R. STATE WORKSHOP - July 29, 2017**

Compatriots Jeff and Justin Thomas attended the Virginia C.A.R. State Workshop at Pohick Church. Justin is a member of the Col. William Grayson C.A.R. society and the Chairman of the State Honor Roll Committee. Compatriot Darrin Schmidt is the Senior Leader for the Virginia C.A.R. Honor Roll Committee.



**ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES - August 12, 2017**

Compatriots Jeff Thomas, Justin Thomas and Dave Cook attended the Atlantic Middle States Conference at Gettysburg, PA. Part of the conference included a guided bus tour of the Gettysburg battlefield.



**VIRGINIA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING - September 15, 2017**

Compatriots Jeff Thomas, Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, Dave Cook and Vern Eubanks attended the Virginia Semi-Annual Meeting in Newport News. Compatriots Schmidt, Thomas and Eubanks served in the Virginia Society Color Guard at the meeting. Compatriots Thomas and Cook led workshops respectively on Americanism and Genealogy.