



The Defender

Fairfax Resolves Chapter

Sons of the American Revolution

Resolved that the fundamental principle of the people is being governed by no laws to which they have not given their consent

NATIONAL LIBERTY BELL AWARD, PRESIDENT GENERAL'S CUP 2017-18

FAIRFAX RESOLVES NAMED BEST CHAPTER IN THE NATION



Members of the Fairfax Resolves display the chapter's awards at the 2018 National Congress Award Ceremony. From left to right, Ken Bonner, Darrin Schmidt, Virginia Society President Pat Kelly, Jeff Thomas, Larry McKinley and National Trustee Mike Elston.

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter was recognized as the Best Chapter in the United States at the 2018 National Congress in Houston, TX in July. The chapter made a clean sweep of the top three national awards for chapters of 100-199 members, winning the Liberty Bell Americanism Award, the President General's Activities Award and the President General's Cup. The awards were presented to the chapter by President General Larry Guzy for having the most complete program of activities in 2017.

Four members of the chapter attended the National Congress including President Ken Bonner, Past President Jeff Thomas, Secretary Larry McKinley and Webmaster Darrin Schmidt.

The award ceremony took place on Monday night of the Congress.

PAST FAIRFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER PRESIDENT JOHN SINKS EARNS MINUTEMAN AWARD

Past Fairfax Resolves Chapter President John Sinks was presented the National Minuteman Award at the 2018 National Congress. The Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a Compatriot for active and distinguished service rendered to the National Society. Sinks is the second past chapter president to earn this prestigious award, joining Larry McKinley.

Sinks served as chapter President in 1985-86 and as Virginia Society President in 1994-95. He has served the National Society as Genealogist General for four terms and as a Vice President General. He has served on numerous national committees. Sinks is a first line sponsor on sixty one new members. He has attended eleven National Congresses and eighteen National Leadership Meetings. He is currently a member of the District of Columbia Society.

The National Society selects no more than six Compatriots for the award each year. There were six members in the Class of 2018.



Larry McKinley and John Sinks after the Minuteman Award Ceremony. Both are former chapter presidents.

President's Message



Compatriots,

As we begin our summer, I'd like to wish you an enjoyable season – whatever your plans portend and wherever your travels may take you!

In my Winter letter to the Chapter, I described an ambitious calendar of activities promoting community outreach by our Chapter for the spring. I

would like to take the opportunity here to recognize several members of our Chapter who continued to make impactful contributions this spring through our various outreach programs.

Patriotic and Youth Committees

- Jeff Thomas, for leading the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest, and numerous classroom presentations on Historic American Flags in Color Guard uniform
- Larry McKinley, for continuing to lead our Essay and Oration contests promoting high school competitions at Chapter, State, and National levels
- Bill Denk, for leading our Eagle Scout Committee and establishing partnerships with local Boy Scout Troops, to recognize Eagle Scout achievement

Color Guard

Darrin Schmidt, Commander of the Chapter Color Guard, which has grown in size to 12 members, further enhancing our community engagement and promoting the visual 'brand' of the SAR. Thank you to all Color Guard members for your personal investment in both gear and time!

I would also like to express my appreciation for the partnership of 1st Vice President Tim Dioquino, 2nd Vice President Rick Garlick, 3rd Vice President Rick Abbott and the entire Board of Managers for helping distinguish the Fairfax Resolves and lead the Best Very Large Chapter in Virginia!

We want to continue this momentum through the summer. Of special importance to our chapter, we will observe the 244th anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves on July 28th.

*Fraternally,
Ken Bonner, President
Fairfax Resolves, SAR*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming 2018 Events

- July 28** 244th Fairfax Resolves Anniversary
Historic Fairfax Courthouse, Fairfax, VA
- Aug 10-11** Atlantic Middle States Conference
Newport News, VA
- Sep 1** Battle of the Capes
Fort Story, VA
- Sep 8** President General Wreath Laying
Arlington National Cemetery - 4:15pm
- Sep 14-15** VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting
Charlottesville, VA
- Sep 22** Chapter Meeting and Dinner
An Evening Honoring the Color Guard
- Sep 28-29** NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting
Louisville, KY
- Oct 19** Yorktown Day
- Oct 25** 39th Chapter Anniversary Event
- Nov 11** Veteran's Day and Chapter Meeting
- Dec 1** Battle of Great Bridge
- Dec 8** Fairfax Resolves Holiday Luncheon

244th Anniversary Commemoration Signing of the Fairfax Resolves

Saturday, July 28, 2018 - 11:00am

You are invited to join in the celebration of the 244th anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves at the Historic Fairfax Court House.

Fairfax Mayor David Meyer will attend and read a proclamation declaring it Fairfax Resolves Day, followed by a select reading of the Fairfax Resolves and the presentation of wreaths.

There will be an opportunity to explore the Historic Courthouse, built in 1799, with the historic records center open just for us.

Lunch will follow at noon at The Auld Shebeen, one block from the courthouse.

Chapter Meeting and Dinner *An Evening Honoring the Color Guard*

September 22, 2018

Join us for our September chapter meeting, a social event with dinner, an evening to honor and recognize the contributions of our chapter Color Guard. The Fairfax Resolves Color Guard has now grown to a dozen members and have had a significant impact on the success of our chapter programs. The date was chosen because it was 21 Sep 1774 that Col. George Mason was authorized to raise the Fairfax County Militia, shortly after the Fairfax Resolves were signed. Jacket and tie, colonial attire. More details to follow shortly.

The American Revolution: A World War

Open June 26, 2018 - July 9, 2019

Exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum of American History presents the Revolution in its global context with a focus on France and Spain. Two paintings of the Siege and Surrender of Yorktown, both painted in 1786, and a Peale portrait of Washington, painted in 1780–1782, are united for the first time in a national museum since they were displayed together in the 1700s in Rochambeau's home. Other artifacts include a pistol given to Washington by General Braddock during the Seven Years War; a cannon used at Yorktown, Washington's Yorktown siege map drawn after the conflict; a ship model of Adm. de Grasse's Ville de Paris, which led the French fleet that blocked British ships; and memorabilia from Lafayette's visit to the U.S. for the 50th anniversary of Independence.

39th Anniversary Celebration of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter

October 25, 2018

You are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the 39th anniversary of our chapter. Come share in our successes as we celebrate the accomplishments of our chapter this year!

Take part in a wonderful dinner and program. View our original charter, mayoral proclamations for our commemorations, our State and National Best Chapter awards and streamers, our chapter scrapbook of programs and activities.

You do not want to miss this special evening. Jacket and tie, colonial attire. More details to follow shortly.

Law Enforcement Awards



Chapter President Ken Bonner and Law Enforcement Chair Larry McKinley attended the Fairfax County Police Meritorious Awards Ceremony on June 3 and presented SAR Law Enforcement Medals to Det Matthew Anderson (top) and MPO Travis Heiden (bottom) for their service to the community, with Chief Ed Roessler.

Compatriot Rick Abbott Elected Commander of Valley Forge Society



On June 16th, Compatriot Rick Abbott, accompanied by his wife Jan, was elected Commander-in-Chief of The Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge (Valley Forge Society). Compatriot Abbott was elected during the Society's annual Encampment at Valley Forge from June 13-16. Abbott is currently 3rd Vice President of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter.

The Valley Forge Society was founded March 25, 1976 in Valley Forge, PA, and dedicated to preserving the memory of those who entered the camp at Valley Forge between 19 Dec 1777 and 19 Jun 1778. Any person who can prove lineal descent from a patriot who wintered at Valley Forge is eligible for membership.

Halifax Resolves



David Cook participated in Color Guard and presented the chapter wreath at Halifax Resolves on April 12.

James Monroe's Birthday



David Cook participated in Color Guard and presented the chapter wreath at James Monroe's Birthplace on April 21.

Elementary School Americanism Poster Contest



Adarsh Iruvanti displays his poster on Valley Forge with his teacher Alice Luea and Fairfax Resolves Color Guard members David Cook, Jeff Thomas and Rick Abbott.



Adarsh Iruvanti, a 4th Grade student at McNair Elementary School in Herndon, VA, won the Fairfax Resolves Americanism Poster Contest this year. Adarsh competed against 235 total posters from 15 elementary schools. His winning poster was on the topic Valley Forge: Birthplace of the American Army. Adarsh was presented with a Good Citizenship Pin and Certificate on April 18th during a school assembly (photo left). Adarsh also won the Virginia Society Poster Contest and was presented a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate at his school on June 1 (photo above with Principal Joan Carter, Teacher Luea, Adarsh and mother, Jeff Thomas and 1st VP Tim Dioquino.



White Oaks Elementary Honored

The Fairfax Resolves chapter presented a framed replica of the U.S. Bill of Rights to Principal E.J. Cho at White Oaks Elementary on April 20 to recognize the school and the 4th Grade teachers for sponsoring the most posters in the chapter contest this year with 65 entries.

Colin Powell Safety Patrol

The Fairfax Resolves chapter visited Colin Powell Elementary School the first week of June and presented SAR Flag Certificates to members of the school's safety patrol.



The safety patrol was recognized for raising and lowering the U.S. Flag at school throughout the school year and for providing a safe environment for students at the school. Kindergarten students attended the patriotic program and sang "Grand Old Flag" during the awards ceremony. Members of the safety patrol demonstrated to the kindergarten students how to properly fold the flag. Patrol sponsor Jack Kelly and Compatriot Jeff Thomas discussed the U.S. Flag Code and how to show the proper respect for the flag.

Flag Day Retirement Ceremony at Freedom Memorial

The Fairfax Resolves chapter sponsored its annual Flag Day Retirement Ceremony at the Freedom Memorial in Great Falls on June 14, in conjunction with the Children of the American Revolution. Virginia CAR President Molly McCue attended the ceremony (top right). Members of the Providence and Col. William Grayson CAR Societies participated in the ceremony (bottom right). Over one hundred flags were retired during the event. President Ken Bonner presented a check for \$100 to CAR President McCue (below) to support her state project. Seven members of the chapter attended and many members of NSDAR chapters.



National C.A.R. Conference

Following the National C.A.R. Conference in Arlington, VA on April 21, Compatriot Larry McKinley and his daughter Holly Lynne McKinley Schmidt, were appointed Senior National Honorary Vice Presidents of the C.A.R. for the Classes of 2019 and 2020 respectively. The appointments were a tremendous honor, recognizing their long standing contributions to the C.A.R.



Compatriot Larry McKinley with his daughter Holly Lynne McKinley Schmidt

Virginia C.A.R. State Project



The Virginia C.A.R. held its First State Workshop in Williamsburg July 6-7 and toured the Robert Carter House, the 2018-19 State Project. Justin Thomas, Fairfax Resolves junior member, is the Virginia C.A.R. Membership Chair.

Knight Essay Winner



Seylon Edmundson, a Senior at Bishop O’Connell High School, was the winner of the chapter’s Knight Essay Contest. She attended the chapter’s Spring Luncheon at Gadsby’s Tavern on May 12 and read her compelling essay entitled “Changing the World” about Crispus Attucks and his role in the Boston Massacre.

Eagle Scout Winner

Matthew Lawley, an Eagle Scout with Troop 157, chartered by Herndon UMC, was the winner of the chapter’s Eagle Scout contest. Bill Denk, the chapter’s Eagle Chair, presented the award to him at the Troop Court of Honor on March 27. Darrin Schmidt, Rick Abbott and David Cook participated in Color Guard during the presentation.



Chapter Presents Eagle Scout Awards

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter presented certificates of recognition for achievement to five new Eagle Scouts of Troop 893 during their Court of Honor, held on April 3 at Centreville United Methodist Church.

“We were honored to be invited to participate in the Troop 893 Court of Honor and recognize the achievement of those who attained the rank of Eagle Scout,” said President Ken Bonner.

The Eagle Scouts recognized during the Tuesday evening event included Andrew Abrams, Ian Lachapelle, Scott Morrow, Taaren Singh and William Sutton.

Six members of the chapter’s Color Guard participated.



Six members of the chapter Color Guard presented colors during the Troop 893 Court of Honor and participated in the presentation of Eagle Awards including (L-R) Vern Eubanks, David Cook, Darrin Schmidt, Rick Abbott, Jeff Thomas and Larry McKinley

Naturalization Ceremony at Patent and Trademark Office



Three members of the Fairfax Resolves Color Guard, President Ken Bonner, Jeff Thomas and Larry McKinley, participated in a special naturalization ceremony at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria on May 18, 2018. The chapter Color Guard presented the colors during the singing of the National Anthem (top left), President Ken Bonner led the Pledge of Allegiance (bottom left) and gave remarks on the mission of the SAR in the community. Approximately 170 new Americans from 52 countries (below) took the Oath of Allegiance during the ceremony, including Carolina, a friend of the Bonner family.



Genealogy Merit Badge



Carl Loveland and Tim Dioquino of the Fairfax Resolves chapter performed a Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge class on 9 June 2018 at the Fairfax City Library. Scouts from Fairfax and Virginia Beach participated in the class.

SAR Night at the Ballpark



Four Color Guard members of the Fairfax Resolves, including David Cook, Jeff Thomas, Justin Thomas and Vern Eubanks participated in presenting the colors at the Potomac Nationals Opening Night, a VASSAR initiative.

National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC

Fairfax Resolves Color Guard members Jeff Thomas and Vern Eubanks (below) joined Virginia SAR President Pat Kelly (bottom right) and 22 total compatriots in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC on May 28 (top right). There were participants from both the DC and Virginia Societies, including from six chapters: Culpeper Minutemen, Dan River, Fairfax Resolves, George Mason, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. First time participants received the National Memorial Day Parade medal. The parade began on the Mall near the Capitol and proceeded down Constitution Avenue, passing the reviewing stand before ending near DAR Hall.



Memorial Day at Culpeper National Cemetery

Compatriot David Cook of the Fairfax Resolves chapter attended the National Memorial Day services at Culpeper National Cemetery hosted by the Culpeper Minutemen chapter. Compatriot Cook participated in Color Guard and presented the chapter wreath during the ceremony.

The Virginia Society Color Guard with members from the Culpeper Minutemen, Colonel William Grayson and Fairfax Resolves chapters also participated and presented the colors during the event.

The keynote speaker for the event was Compatriot Charles C. Jameson, Vice President of the Culpeper Minutemen chapter. One of Compatriot Cook's ancestors is buried in the cemetery.



Presentation of chapter wreaths: Mike Dennis, Culpeper Minutemen chapter, Mike Taimi and Paul Chase, Colonel William Grayson chapter, and David Cook, Fairfax Resolves chapter.

Wayne's Crossing Day

The Fairfax Resolves chapter hosted the commemoration of Wayne's Crossing on June 2, at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg. Mayor Kelly Burk of Leesburg offered remarks and presented a proclamation declaring it Wayne's Crossing Day. VP Tim Dioquino served as Master of Ceremonies. General Anthony Wayne and his Pennsylvania troops crossed the Potomac and marched through Leesburg on June 3, 1781, on their way to reinforce Lafayette's army in Virginia.

VASSAR officers participating in the event included 2nd VP Bill Schwetke, 3rd VP Jeff Thomas and Chaplain Gene Thomas. Eleven chapters and societies of the SAR, DAR and CAR presented wreaths. Participating from the SAR were the Virginia Society, Fairfax Resolves, Colonel William Grayson, Culpeper Minutemen, George Mason and Colonel James Wood II chapters. Participating from the DAR were the Stone Bridge, Falls Church and Fauquier Courthouse chapters. CAR participants included the Colonel William Grayson and Providence societies. Commander Bill Schwetke led nine Color Guard members in presenting the colors.



Mount Vernon March to the Tomb

The Fairfax Resolves participated in the Mount Vernon March to the Tomb on Independence Day, an annual event sponsored by the George Washington Chapter.

In photo, Tim Dioquino, Ken Bonner Sr, Ken Bonner Jr, Darrin Schmidt, Jim Murphy, Jeff and Justin Thomas, Steve, Brady and Houston Nelson, Dave and Sam Huxsoll. This was Sam's first event as a continental drummer with the Color Guard. Ray Dade and Larry McKinley also attended.



Patriot's Day Ceremony at ANC

The Fairfax Resolves hosted the second annual commemoration of Patriot's Day at the Lexington Minutemen Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery on April 16. The chapter was joined by the Virginia Society SAR, Providence and Arlington DAR chapters and the Providence C.A.R. Society. The chapter honored the eight men who died in the Battle of Lexington, the first engagement of the Revolutionary War on April 19, 1775

Patriot Grave Marking at Old Presbyterian Cemetery

The George Washington Chapter marked the graves of four Patriots located at the Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Alexandria, VA, on May 12. The Fairfax Resolves provided Color Guard for the ceremony. Darrin Schmidt was Color Guard Commander with participation by Jeff Thomas and Ken Bonner (top right). Jeff Thomas, VASSAR 3rd VP, dedicated the Patriot grave markers (bottom right). The four Patriots were John Turpin Brooks, Joseph Dean, William McKnight and Dennis Ramsay. The Fairfax Resolves presented the chapter wreath at the grave of Dennis Ramsay (below), son of Fairfax Resolves signer William Ramsay, a founder of Alexandria.



Vicars Grave Marking VASSAR Presidential Initiative



C.A.R. Grave Marking Ceremony

The Col. William Grayson C.A.R. Society marked the grave of their namesake on April 8, 2018 in Woodbridge, VA. The Fairfax Resolves chapter provided Color Guard for the ceremony. Participating were Jeff and Justin Thomas, David Cook, Larry McKinley and Darrin Schmidt. Col. Grayson was an aide-de-camp to George Washington during the war and one of the first two U.S. Senators from Virginia.



On April 7, 2018, a cold day with intermittent snow flurries, about 120 compatriots, DAR members and guests gathered to honor Robert Vicars, patriot of the revolution, by marking his grave in the Old Vicars Cemetery at Grassy Creek in Russell County. President Pat Kelly represented the Virginia SAR with representatives of nine Virginia SAR chapters. Larry McKinley and Darrin Schmidt participated in Color Guard and presented the chapter wreath. Representatives of five Tennessee SAR chapters also participated.

Compatriot Cook Wins Florence Kendall Award



Registrar David Cook was presented the Florence Kendall Award at the 2018 National Congress as one of the top three members who were the first-line sponsor for the largest number of new members during the prior year. VASSAR President Pat Kelly accepted the award on his behalf.

Chudzik Named VASSAR Citizen of the Year



The chapter presented the VASSAR award for 2017 Citizen of the Year to Joseph Chudzik at his Mason Neck Lion's Club chapter on March 28. President Ken Bonner and 2nd VP Rick Garlick presented the award. Bonner was the keynote speaker at the Lion's Club meeting.

Sassak Awarded Chapter Teacher of the Year



Erik Sassak of Brambleton Middle School was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal as Chapter 2017 Teacher of the Year. In top photo, the award is presented by Rick Abbott, Ken Bonner and Vern Eubanks. In bottom photo, Sassak celebrates with his 7th grade class.

DAR Medal of Appreciation



President Ken Bonner presented the DAR Medal of Appreciation to Debbie Yetman Larsen of the Henry Clay chapter in Annandale at the Fairfax Resolves Spring Luncheon at Gadsby's Tavern in May 2018. Larsen was instrumental in recommending nine new members from the Yetman and Larsen families to the chapter, including her father Capt. William Yetman.

SAR Flag Certificate



The chapter presented an SAR Flag Certificate to Bull Run Elementary on Flag Day for their patriotic display of a new U.S. Flag this school year. Chris Costanza, the school's flag patrol sponsor, accepted the Flag Certificate on behalf of the school. The chapter also presented flag certificates to 5 members of the school's flag patrol who raised and lowered the school's flag throughout the year.

Captain William Yetman Inducted into Chapter



President Ken Bonner congratulates Capt. William Yetman and his daughter Debbie after his induction into the chapter

Capt. William Yetman was inducted into the chapter at the Spring Luncheon at Gadsby's Tavern on May 12. Yetman's daughter, Debbie Yetman Larsen, attended the ceremony with him and pinned the SAR rosette on his lapel during the induction.

Capt. Yetman is one of nine new members of the chapter who are descended from Cornelius Peace of New Jersey. His daughter Debbie of the Henry Clay NSDAR chapter in Annandale was presented the DAR Medal of Appreciation at the meeting for recommending the nine new members from the Yetman, Larsen and Liang families.

James Kendley Joins Chapter in Transfer from Georgia Society

President Ken Bonner welcomed new member James Kendley at the Spring chapter luncheon at Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria on May 12, 2018.

Kendley joins our chapter as a transfer-reinstatement from the Piedmont Chapter in Georgia. Kendley became a member of the SAR in 2002. His Patriot ancestor is Private John China of South Carolina.



Board of Managers Recommends Dues Increase

The Fairfax Resolves Board of Managers, at its April 2018 meeting, recommended an increase in the chapter's membership dues to take effect in 2019. The Board recommends that the chapter increase dues from \$86.00 to \$95.00 per year, which includes chapter, state and national dues. This recommendation was brought before the chapter at its Spring luncheon at Gadsby's Tavern. Due to the success of our programs, the chapter has ran a deficit to its budget the past couple of years. This has required the chapter to tap our reserve to cover

operating costs. Examples include providing awards and certificates for our poster contest, which has grown to 235 posters from 15 schools, and our Eagle Scout program, which has grown to 35 Eagles from 5 troops. The success of our programs was reflected in the Fairfax Resolves being named the Best Chapter in the U.S. for 2017-18. Please send any comments to the chapter Treasurer at treasurer@fairfaxresolvessar.org. The chapter will vote on the proposed increase at its September chapter meeting.



Spring Chapter Luncheon Held at Gadsby's Tavern

The chapter held its Spring luncheon at Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria, VA on May 12, 2018. The speaker was Stephanie Breed of the Gadsby's Tavern Museum, who spoke to the chapter about the historic colonial tavern. Members were able to tour the museum prior to the luncheon and purchase a signed book on Gadsby's Tavern by Gretchen Bulova, Acting Director of Historic Alexandria and former Director of Gadsby's Tavern. The chapter presented Breed with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Mount Vernon flag.

During the program, Seylon Edmundson, a Senior at Bishop O'Connell High School and winner of our Knight Essay contest, read her compelling essay entitled "Changing the World" on Crispus Attucks and his role in the Boston Massacre.

The chapter welcomed new members Capt. William Yetman and James Kendley. President Bonner presented several awards including the DAR Medal of Appreciation to Debbie Yetman Larsen for recommending nine new members to the chapter.

Atlantic Middle States Conference



The Virginia SAR cordially invites you to the Atlantic Middle States Conference Newport News Marriott at City Center August 10-12, 2018

Join us for a tour of Historic Jamestowne

For registration and information, visit the link at <http://www.virginiasar.org/coming-events/atlantic-middle-states-association-conference-newport-news-va-aug-10-12-2018>

VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting



The Virginia SAR cordially invites you to Virginia Society Semi-Annual Meeting Holiday Inn, Charlottesville, VA September 14-15, 2018

Join us for the installation of officers for the Nansemond Indian Patriots Chapter

Registration and information coming soon!

Virginia is Named Best State Society in U.S.



At the 128th National Congress in Houston, TX, the Virginia Society was named the Best State Society in the United States of those with 1000+ members. The Virginia Society won both the national Americanism Award and the President General's Activities Award, the first time it has ever won both awards.

Fairfax Resolves Chapter Attends National Congress

Four members of the Fairfax Resolves chapter attended the National Congress in Houston, TX. Larry McKinley and Darrin Schmidt conducted the National Orations Contest. In top left photo, they introduce the Virginia contestant to PG Larry Guzy and Orations Co-Chairs. In bottom left photo, Darrin Schmidt, CAR Liaison Chair, presented a check for \$1,000 to CAR National President David Graham to support the National CAR Project. In below photo, Jeff Thomas and Ken Bonner participated in Color Guard.



VASSAR 2018-2019 Presidential Initiatives

Dress Your Lines and Advance Toward the Foe

Establishing Partnerships and Building Relationships

- A. Youth Contests - Increase chapter participation in Orations contest and raise \$10,000 for Brennan fund
- B. Mount Vernon - Raise \$50,000 to launch Washington's Friends and Foes Project at Library
- C. **116th Regiment Museum - Raise \$10,000 to construct Revolutionary War exhibit**
- D. Thomas Jefferson Heritage Society Journal - Raise \$,000 to support journal
- E. SAR Night at the Ballpark - Color Guard at minor league baseball games

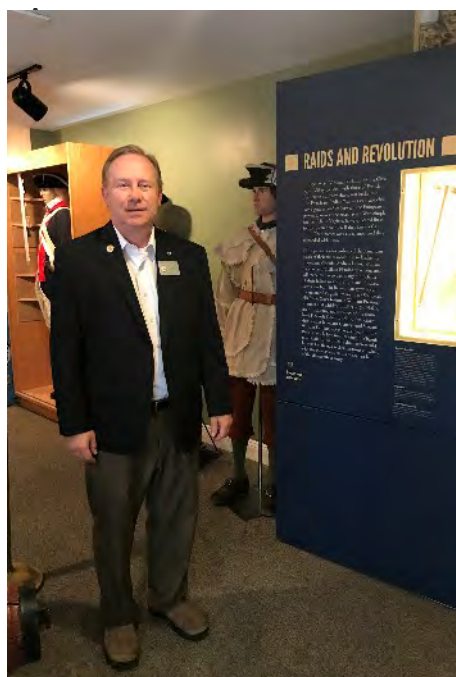
Honoring our Patriot Ancestors

- A. Grave Marking for Soldier Robert Vicars in Scott County, VA on April 7
- B. Lynchburg Cemetery Grave Marking June 2018 for Revolutionary and War of 1812 soldiers
- C. **Blockhouse Event, Natural Tunnel State Park April 28 to recognize contribution of Virginia Frontier settlers during the Revolution**
- D. Martin's Station on May 12 National SAR Event in Virginia

Membership and Retention

- A. Lands End SAR Storefront to show our pride in the Virginia Society
- B. Chapter Operations Grant Program for chapters that achieve a net increase in membership
- C. Chapter Service Medals for members who actively serve their chapters in leadership roles
- D. **Nansemond Indian Tribe Chapter - charter Virginia's first predominantly American Indian chapter**

Learn more at <http://www.virginiasar.org/latest-news/virginia-society-presidents-initiatives-2018-19>



116th Infantry Museum

Compatriot Jeff Thomas visited the Revolutionary War exhibit at the 116th Infantry Museum in Verona, VA. The 116th is the oldest continuous service regiment in Virginia, dating from 1742.



Siege at Blockhouse

Compatriot Jeff Thomas presented the Fairfax Resolves chapter wreath at the commemoration of the Siege at the Blockhouse at Natural Tunnel State Park in Virginia on April 28th.



Nansemond Indian Patriots

Compatriot David Cook attended the organizational meeting of the new Nansemond Indian Patriots chapter and participated in Color Guard. VASSAR President Pat Kelly inducted eight new members and elected chapter officers.