

THE DEFENDER

FAIRFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER FALL/WINTER 2012

President's Message

I would like to thank all of our chapter members for another terrific year for Fairfax Resolves! It's hard to believe that the year is already coming to an end, but I have been honored to serve as Chapter President for 2012. It seems like I was installed as president just a couple months ago!

One of my most favorite jobs as Chapter President has been installing new members, and I have been fortunate to install many fine compatriots into the Sons of the American Revolution. With the outstanding contributions of our Registrar Extraordinaire, Jack Sweeney, our chapter roster now exceeds 120 members. The Chapter owes many thanks to Jack Sweeney, and I had the pleasure of awarding Jack the SAR Liberty Medal during our November meeting for his efforts. The Liberty Medal is awarded to a member who signed as first-line sponsor on the application of ten new members, and I'm positive that we will be adding numerous oak leaf clusters to Jack's medal!

I am very happy to announce that two of our chapter members have been nominated as state officers. Howell Sasser has been nominated as the 2013 VASSAR Chaplain, and Jack Sweeney has been nominated as the 2013 VASSAR Registrar. Please congratulate these two fine individuals for the well-deserved nomination to serve at the state level.

On January 24, I encourage all members to attend one of my favorite meetings of the year, our Youth Oration Contest, at Falcons Landing. If you have not had the chance to attend a chapter Oration Contest, this is a chance to experience the amazing talents of young adults in our community. We are lucky to have the VASSAR Chairman of the Joseph E. Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Darrin Schmidt, a Fairfax Resolves member, leading this fine program.

I would like to thank 1st Vice President Phil Ray for an outstanding job with our speaker program this year. Phil has put forth an amazing effort to find inspirational speakers with interesting topics, including numerous authors, who have held book signings during our meetings. Phil's speaker introductions, speaker selection, and revamping of the speaker gifts have enhanced this very enjoyable part of our meetings.

Please continue your incredible support of Fairfax Resolves, and support President Phil Ray as he leads the chapter in 2013. Our chapter success is based on your participation, and I challenge every member to become more involved with chapter activities. Be safe and enjoy the holiday season.

Fraternally,
Dan Rolph
Immediate Past President



"Saratoga: The Turning Point" is the 2012-13 C.A.R. National Theme. Led by National President Greg Thorne from Texas, members in nationwide societies are learning about the importance of the Battle of Saratoga and supporting a monument being built at the Saratoga Sword Surrender Site in NY.

Registrar's Report—06 December 2012



Registrar
John E. Sweeney
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Assistant Registrars:

- J. Clarke Bursley
- Donald G. Cooper
- Lawrence E. McKinley

Thirty three New Member Applications and three Supplemental Applications have been approved. There are now 122 active paid-up Compatriots in the Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter.

Continuing Activities: Two Supplemental applications (ACNs 51448 & 51449) are awaiting NSSAR review and one more was mailed to VASSAR on 15 Dec 2012. While there are currently no New Member Applications awaiting NSSAR Genealogical Staff approval, there are about six to ten New Member Applications nearing completion. There are about twenty

Prospective Members in varying stages of research. SAR & Chapter recruiting brochures, with a hard-copy application worksheet are placed at the Fairfax City Regional Library Virginia Room, Alexandria City Library Kate Waller Barrett Branch Virginia Room, and the DAR Library in Washington, DC These combined with the Chapter website and some VASSAR New Member Helper referrals Prospective Members continue to be identified. However, **no recruiting is more effective than personal contact by our Chapter**

Compatriots with Prospective Members. Compatriots are encouraged to actively seek out and provide Prospective Member information (name, address, phone no., & e-mail address) to the Chapter Registrar by email or mobile phone: 703-470-2264. The wearing of SAR paraphernalia and having SAR business cards helps develop initial contacts and Compatriots are encouraged to wear SAR clothing (hats, shirts, jackets) and routinely carry SAR business cards to give to prospects. I do these things and they work.

REMINDER:

**DUES ARE DUE
 DECEMBER 31st!**

New Members	Ancestor	Service	Approved - NSSAR
Richard Brian Weaver	Jedediah Cleveland	MA	07/23/2012
Thomas Arthur Kane	Abraham Winslow	MA	08/03/2012
Michael William Kane	Abraham Winslow	MA	08/03/2012
Stewart W. Bentley, Jr.	Efford Bentley	VA	01/26/2012
Otho Allen Ezell	Hudson Berry	NC	09/19/2012
Curtis James Herrick, Jr.	Israel Herrick	MA	09/19/2012
Richard Leslie Davis, Jr.	Josias Cofer / Coffer	VA	10/09/2012
Samuel Preston Adams	Peter Varner/Warner	PA	10/31/2012
Charles deMarchi Adams	Peter Varner/Warner	PA	10/31/2012
William Quincy Adams	Peter Varner/Warner	PA	10/31/2012
James William Lewis	Peter Varner/Warner	PA	10/31/2012
Michael Cameron Lewis	Peter Varner/Warner	PA	10/31/2012
Marc Christopher Lewis	Peter Varner/Warner	PA	10/31/2012
Mark Morris Piper	George Grant	NJ	11/21/2012*
Approved Supplementals	Ancestor	Service	Date Approved - NSSAR
Kenneth D. Williamson	Mary Howell	VA	10/23/2012 (Forgotten Patriot)
Submitted Supplementals	Ancestor	Service	Date Received - NSSAR
Andrew W. Gutowski	Jonathan Cowherd	VA	03/10/2011***
David Edward Cook	David Wherry	VA	11/30/2012
David Edward Cook	William Gray	VA	11/30/2012
David Edward Cook	James Mackey	MD	12/15/2012**

- Key:
- * Not yet inducted
 - ** Patriot Life & Times not yet presented
 - *** Pended by NSSAR

Important information about the updated application document and record copy requirements can be found in the complete Registrar's Report on our Chapter [Registrar's Page](#).

Atlantic Middle States Meeting, Wilmington DE

Seven State Atlantic Middle States Meeting in Newark Delaware. Chapter members Larry McKinley and Darrin Schmidt participated in seminar workshops and activities of the Region including endorsement of candidates for National Office.

Past Atlantic Middle States VPGs attending the meeting in Wilmington, DE.



CHRISTMAS AND OFFICER INDUCTION

December marked the annual Chapter Christmas party. This festive event was an opportunity to relax and socialize with fellow compatriots and families. The Chapter Officers were installed by Larry McKinley, Past VPG of the Mid-Atlantic District.

2013 Officers

- President** - Phil Ray
- 1st Vice** - Bill Price
- 2nd Vice** - Woody Bentley
- 3rd Vice** - Vernon Eubanks
- Secretary** - Larry McKinley
- Treasurer** - Preston Adams
- Registrar** - Jack Sweeney
- Chaplain** - Howell Sasser
- Webmaster**—Darrin Schmidt
- Historian** - Vacant

Board of Managers

- 3 year term.....Dan Rolph
- 2 year term.....Jack Sweeney
- 1 year term.....Darrin Schmidt
- 1 year term.....Jim Compton



Above: Immediate Past President Dan Roph presents incoming Chapter President Phil Ray with the ribbon of the office of Chapter President.



The passing of the Gavel.

Below: Past VPG Larry McKinley installs the new chapter officers.



225th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution

September was a busy month this year with the addition of a national event commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution.

Compatriots Eubanks, McKinley, and Schmidt joined VASSAR Compatriot Chris Melhuish at the event to march down the field from Independence Hall to the Constitution Center. Numerous tourists were on-hand to enjoy and colorful display and take pictures.



Kings Mountain

Thomas Jefferson called it "The turn of the tide of success." The battle of Kings Mountain, fought October 7th, 1780, was an important American victory during the Revolutionary War. The battle was the first major patriot victory to occur after the British invasion of Charleston, SC in May 1780. The National Park Service preserves the site of this important battle.

Major Patrick Ferguson of the British Army had arrived in North Carolina in early September 1780 with the purpose of recruiting for the Loyalist militia and protecting the flank of Lord Cornwallis' main force. Ferguson issued a challenge to the rebel militias to lay down their arms or suffer the consequences. In response, the Patriot militias led by James Johnston, William Campbell, John Sevier, Joseph McDowell and Isaac Shelby rallied for an attack on Ferguson.

A contingent of Fairfax Resolves members go nearly every year to both the Battle of Kings Mountain and the Battle of Point Pleasant, considered by many to be the first battle of the American Revolution, October 10th, 1774. This year it was the same day so we chose Kings Mountain.



Darrin Schmidt salutes the memory of the Patriots who fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Vernon Eubanks presented the Fairfax Resolves colors. Larry McKinley was on hand as photographer and as a colorguardsman.

Coming Soon: CROSSING OF THE DAN

General Greene was able to escape the potential demise of the southern patriot army by crossing the Dan River in Virginia and getting fresh troops and resupply from the Virginia mainly. After the chase and a month later a stalemate victory/defeat at Guilford Courthouse, General Cornwallis decided to travel to Yorktown to resupply—his and the British Army’s eventual downfall.

Larry McKinley is coordinating a trip to South Boston on February 16th for this year’s observance. Please contact him if you are interested in attending this year’s observance.



Fairfax Resolves Compatriot Larry McKinley, in his Continental Line uniform, carries the “Virginia Blue” in the procession of Color Guard and dignitaries down to bank of the Dan River where General Nathanael Greene crossed with his army.

Yorktown Day

Each year a contingent of Fairfax Resolves compatriots journeys to Yorktown for two reasons. One to honor Gov. Thomas Nelson and lay a wreath at his grave in Yorktown and two to participate in the ceremony honoring and acknowledging the last battle of the Revolution. The parade is led by the President’s own, 3rd Infantry, Drum and Fife Corps.



Darrin Schmidt, Larry McKinley and Vernon Eubanks with Virginia SAR Members in attendance at the Thomas Nelson Wreathlaying.



A HOLIDAY KICK-START



On December 1, several compatriots and their wives attended a concert of The United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own," at DAR Constitution Hall.

Compatriots were proud to honor their military service (and those of their families and all veterans) during the playing of the official songs of each military service branch.

President Phil Ray encourages Compatriots to look out for more social activities for Chapter Compatriots this year.



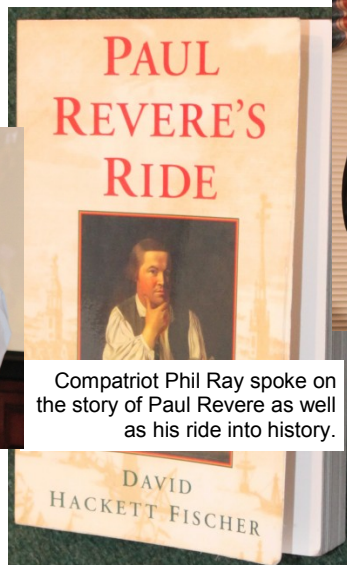
Chapter members Darrin Schmidt (left) and Larry McKinley (right) and their wives attended the DAR Open House to show support for our sister organization.

CHAPTER PROGRAM SERIES

Fairfax Resolves continues to provide stellar presentations at each of its chapter meetings..



Adam Freeman (no picture available) presented a review of the American Revolution and its heroes in our school system.



Compatriot Phil Ray spoke on the story of Paul Revere as well as his ride into history.



Phil Ray presents a flag to Anthony Pitch. Mr. Pitch spoke on the Burning of Washington: The British Invasion of 1814

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Past-President Dan Rolph said, “We have had so far and expect an outstanding group of speakers for the remainder of the year.” Please refer to our web-site for additional detail but below is a summary of what has happened and will take place through April of next year.

January

All Compatriots and spouses are encouraged to attend to provide a large audience for our Chapter's Oration Contestants as they compete for the chance to go onward to the VASSAR and hopefully National SAR contests.

February

Col (USAF Retired) Norman McDaniel was a Prisoner of War (POW) in North Vietnam for six and one half years. He began his life as a son of Southern Share-cropper in segregated North Carolina. He worked his way through college, at North Carolina A&T State University, and was commissioned a 2nd Lt in the United States Air Force in 1959. He subsequently earned his Masters Degree in Systems Management from Florida Institute of Technology.

During his period of captivity, he was awarded the Silver Star for Valor for his leadership in the POW camps. He is also the recipient of three Legions of Merit, Bronze Star with “V” Valor Device and three Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Purple Heart and the Vietnam Service Medal with fourteen bronze stars.



March

When the United States needs eyes and ears in critical places where no human can reach - be it over the most rugged terrain or through the most hostile territory - it turns to the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). The NRO is the U.S. Government agency in charge of designing, building, launching, and maintaining America's intelligence satellites. Whether creating the latest innovations in satellite technology, contracting with the most cost-efficient industrial supplier, conducting rigorous launch schedules, or providing the highest-quality products to its customers, the NRO never loses focus on who they are working to protect: our Nation and its citizens.

April

Located on the picturesque and historic setting of the Mount Vernon estate, the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington will serve as a worldwide repository for expertise about Washington, his achievements, and his legacies. Equally important, the multi-faceted facility will aggressively disseminate knowledge about Washington to the widest range of audiences, using state-of-the-art technology and cutting edge approaches to sustain our growing national network of George Washington experts and enthusiasts.

The Study of George Washington will open in September, 2013.



National SAR Congress, Phoenix AZ

Annually Congress is convened and is an opportunity to change programs for the better. Those changes happen through committee membership as well as participating in the program committees at the Leadership Meetings held twice annually. I want to emphasize one youth activity that we were able to affect at Congress this year.

We established an endowment improvement goal to allow the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place orators to benefit from a greatly enhanced orations endowment. For example: the 1st place needs to increase from \$3,000 to \$10,000, etc. For a contribution of \$250 the Warren Medal was approved and is now awarded to all those who have contributed at that

level. For \$1,000 contribution you receive a Patron campaign bar. *(See attached brochure on the last page of this newsletter and please consider contributing!)*

Since approval of the Warren medal we have raised nearly \$30,000 nationally and that is since July of this year. Our goal is to raise \$700,000 so that the endowment will be worthy of distributing over \$35,000 in scholarships each year.



Congress was held on the grounds of the beautiful Biltmore Resort in Phoenix



Larry McKinley briefs the contestants at the Orations Com-

These student orators are worth all the effort!



National Orations Contest Participants from 14 states with President General Magerkurth and members of the SAR Orations Committee .

DR. JOSEPH WARREN MEDAL



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.

The Rumbaugh Orations Contest’s National level awards are not currently competitive among nation-

wide contests, and the national Youth Activities Coordinator (Compatriot Larry McKinley) and the Orations Committee are seeking to rectify this with an enhancement to the current endowment. Significant financial support is required annually to operate the orations contest. The goal of the committee is to increase the national award to \$30,000 annually. This represents awards given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place contest finalists and recognition to all national competitors. The current disbursement is \$11,000 annually.

A donation of \$250 or more will be recognized with the standard and miniature sized medal set, and donations of \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a campaign bar for the standard medal.

The medal features a picture of Dr. Joseph Warren, with a quote from his Boston Massacre oration, and is suspended from a blue, gold and white drape.

Donations of any amount will help support the growth of the endowment!

Donor Name: _____

Email / Tel. Number: _____

Contribution Amount: *Check payable to NSSAR, Memo: "Orations Endowment"*

Mail To: Larry McKinley – 12158 Holly Knoll Circle – Great Falls VA 22066-1226

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch the website for more details about these upcoming events and more!

January 24th—Chapter Meeting & Orations Contest (Falcons Landing)

February 13th—Chapter Meeting (Vinson Hall)

March 14th—Chapter Meeting (Vinson Hall)

April 11th—Chapter Meeting (Vinson Hall)

May 18th — Chapter Meeting (Falcons Landing)

July 5-10 — National SAR Congress (Kansas City, MO)

* Directions to Vinson Hall and Falcons Landing are available on the Chapter website

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Input Requested:

If you have any suggestions for interesting programs that you would like to see in our upcoming meetings, please let Bill Price know! He is putting together the lineup for the 2013-2014 Event Calendar.

Now's your time to speak up!