

THE DEFENDER

FAIRFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER SUMMER 2011

President's Message

Summer is a busy time of year for SAR events. July 4th saw participation of Chapter Members at multiple events, and I hope you had time to reflect on our Independence over the holiday weekend.

As I write this, Holly Lynne and I are in Winston-Salem for SAR Congress. We are happy to be joined by Past Presidents Jack Sweeney (and Carol) and Larry McKinley (and Mary Frances). We will have lots of information to report at our September Meeting!

Later this month, I'll be traveling to support the Children of the American Revolution Regional Tour in South Carolina. If you're not already familiar with C.A.R., I encourage you to review their Web site at www.nscar.org to learn more about the organization, and the many intersections with SAR values and programs.

It has been many years (before most of us were members)

since the Fairfax Resolves Chapter has had the opportunity to support one of our own at the National level. At this Congress, Larry McKinley was elected Vice President General of the Middle Atlantic District. He did an excellent job exciting the attendees about the Atlantic Middle States Conference (less than a month away!). We look forward to supporting him as a sponsoring chapter for the AMS Conference this August.

Our new program year is just around the corner, so keep an eye on the website for meeting dates and information.

The Registrar and Membership Committee will be holding an orientation for new Compatriots in August. If the terms "Color Guard", "Commendation Medals", "Supplementals" and "Recessional" aren't part of your everyday vernacular, please plan to join us!

Fraternally,
Darrin M. Schmidt, President,



"Living The American Dream" is the 2011-2012 C.A.R. National Theme. Led by National President Mary Lib Schmidt from Virginia, members in nationwide societies are supporting local Fisher Houses as the National Project.

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Registrar's Report—07 July 2011



**Registrar
John E. Sweeney**

Assistant Registrars:

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

2011 To Date: Five New Member and three Supplemental applications have been approved.

Eight New Member and eight Supplemental applications are cited in the NSSAR Application Status Report as having been

received. A "Pended" (not approved pending receipt of additional documentation) New Member application, based on a brother's application submitted through the Arizona State Society, is being worked for resolution. One Supplemental

application, submitted directly to the VASSAR Registrar and NSSAR, circumventing this Chapter's Registrar, is also "Pended" and remains unresolved but appears moving to a solution with a rebuttal letter being finalized with new research and evidence.

New Members	Ancestor	Service	Approved - NSSAR
Glenn Allen Snow	Joshua Danforth	VA	4/4/2011
Howell C. Sasser	Henry Lansford	VA	4/26/2011
Richard E. Weeks	Augustine Prestwood	VA	6/14/2011
Michael A. Weeks	Augustine Prestwood	VA	6/14/2011
Paul J Kirkegaard	Augustine Prestwood	VA	6/14/2011
Applicants	Ancestor	Service	Date Received - NSSAR
Percy M. Floyd	Thomas Stanley	VA	01/26/2011***
David W. Ross	Thomas Ray	NC	3/23/2011
Jeffrey C. Turner	Thomas Gaddis	VA	4/13/2011
Robert P. Turner	Thomas Gaddis	VA	4/13/2011
Ian J. Turner	Thomas Gaddis	VA	4/13/2011
Michael R. Mase	John Lyle	PA	4/25/2011
Ryan L. Maxwell	James McDuffee	NH	5/13/2011
Michael A. Owens	Moses Allen	VA	5/25/2011
Delmont G. "Steve" Stephens, Jr.	John Cook	VA	VASSAR 06/09/2011
Approved Supplementals	Ancestor	Service	Date Approved - NSSAR
Andrew W. Gutowski	Baldwin Dade, Sr.	VA	03/17/2011 **
William W. Price	William Hudnall	VA	03/31/2011 **
Lawrence E. McKinley	Charles Parsons	VA	04/12/2011 **
Submitted Supplementals	Ancestor	Service	Date Received - NSSAR
J. Clarke Bursley	Samuel Thomas	MD	3/16/2011
J. Clarke Bursley	Winthrop Smart	NH	4/25/2011
Joseph Paton Marshall	James Washburn	MA	4/4/2011
John E. Sweeney	Peter Hill	MA	4/25/2011
Andrew W. Gutowski	Jonathan Cowherd	VA	09/09/2010***
William W. Price	George Norvell	VA	VASSAR 06/06/2011
William W. Price	James Norvell	VA	VASSAR 06/06/2011
William W. Price	Nimrod Newman	VA	VASSAR 06/06/2011
William M. Walker, Jr.	Henry Christian	VA	VASSAR 06/06/2011

Encourage family members to join SAR! Your hard work makes their application easier!

Key:

* Not yet inducted

** Patriot Life & Times not yet presented

*** Pended by NSSAR

APRIL MEETING REVIEW

At the April meeting, Hon. William Page Johnson, II, a direct lineal descendant of two signers of the Declaration Of Independence (Gov. Thomas Nelson, Jr. and Carter Braxton) gave a presentation on Thomas Nelson, Jr.

Thomas Nelson, Jr., a signer of the Declaration of In-

dependence, was the Governor of Virginia in 1781, succeeding Thomas Jefferson. Nelson represented Virginia in the Continental Congress and was a statesman from Yorktown, Virginia. This talk will give a brief discourse of Nelson as a politician and Commanding General

during the Revolutionary War.

President Schmidt also invited Shanna Bishop, Fairfax Resolves' 2010 Essay Contest Winner, to present her essay to the attendees. President Schmidt presented her with a certificate and monetary award.

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Sully Plantation Naturalization Ceremony

On June 3, the members of the Fairfax Resolves and George Mason chapter color guards along with members from the First Virginia Regiment presented Colors at a

naturalization ceremony conducted at Sully Plantation in Chantilly, VA.

Darrin Schmidt, Andrew Johnson and Larry McKinley with members of the First Virginia Regiment present the Colors.

Photos by Don Sweeney



C.A.R. National Convention Support



The NSSAR Color Guard can be seen through the star shaped entrance used by the C.A.R member officers.

On April 15, Fairfax Resolves President Darrin Schmidt and Vernon Eubanks marched with the NSSAR Color Guard in support of the National Society Children of the American Revolution National Convention. To our knowledge, this is the first SAR Color Guard event at the C.A.R. National

Convention. In addition to the opening night pageantry support provided by the SAR Color Guard, Larry McKinley worked tirelessly before and during the Convention as the C.A.R. Senior National Credentials Chairman.

C.A.R., the nation's oldest, largest, patriotic youth organization, offers membership to anyone under the age of 21, lineally descended from someone who rendered material aid or service to the Revolutionary War

BLOCKHOUSE OBSERVANCE

On May 28, the Virginia SAR Color Guard supported the Blockhouse Observance at Natural Tunnel State Park. Fairfax Resolves President Darrin Schmidt carried the Fairfax Resolves banner and Larry McKinley presented the wreath on behalf of the Chapter.

Darrin and Larry were also able to attend the Virginia Society C.A.R. Society Officer installation at the Blacksmith's Shop. Following the installation, the members were able to help add chinking (mud, straw, grass) between the logs of the newly built shop on the Blockhouse grounds.



Pictures from the Blockhouse Observance



MAY MEETING AT VINSON HALL



First Virginia Regiment representatives explain a flag flown during the Revolutionary War

Compatriot Brandt Heatherington, along with other soldiers of the First Virginia Regiment, presented the historical aspects of various military personnel during the Revolutionary War, including officers, non-commissioned officers, riflemen, horse, and artillery troops.

Representatives from the First Virginia Regiment, modern day reenactors, joined Mr. Heatherington to demonstrate the various uniforms and equipment of the Revolutionary troops of the Virginia Continental Line.

SAR ANNUAL CONGRESS—WINSTON-SALEM, NC

The SAR Annual Congress was held in Winston-Salem, NC with events starting on Saturday July 9.

Virginia's essay candidate (Amanda Schanz) took first place! Virginia's oration candidate (Alan Booth) represented Virginia well. (And Larry

had some great "snippets" while the Judges wrote comments!)

Larry presented Public Safety and Heroism Awards at Monday's session.

Tuesday, we attended the Atlantic Middle States Breakfast and voted for National

Officers.

Wednesday, we elected Vice Presidents General, and installed the new President General and officers.

More details to come at the September Meeting!



The Fairfax Resolves Chapter representatives at the Tuesday night banquet

July 4th Events at Congressional Cemetery and Mount Vernon

The 4th of July found Fairfax Resolves Chapter members participating in several events in our area.

A grave marking ceremony was held at Congressional Cemetery for Benjamin Harrison. Bill Price (Fairfax Resolves Graves Registration Chairman), DC SAR President Rob Warren, and MD SAR Past President Duane Tackitt conducted the ceremony. Past Fairfax

Resolves Presidents Jack Sweeney and John Sinks attended the ceremony and helped to dedicate the marker on behalf of the Chapter.

At the same time, Darrin Schmidt and Larry McKinley participated in the VAS-SAR Color Guard muster at the George Washington Chapter's ceremony and Wreath Laying at Mount Vernon.



Fairfax Resolves Chapter Members participate in July 4th events at Mount Vernon (Above) and Congressional Cemetery (Below).



ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES CONFERENCE 12-13 AUG



The planning committee for the Atlantic Middle States Conference invites you (and your guests) to attend this year's Conference!

In the footsteps of our Founding Fathers, the 2011 AMS Conference will be held in Alexandria, with a trip to Mount Vernon and an evening of Virginia Hospitality at Belle Haven

Country Club planned for our guests.

The Virginia State Society is honored to host this year's Conference.

At this Conference, you can meet many of the candidates for National Office, find out about programs for the upcoming SAR year, and meet our President General.

Hampton Inn and Suites

Old Town Area

**5821 Richmond Hwy
Alexandria, Virginia
22303**

**Mention SAR Atlantic
Middle States
Conference**

**for our special rate of
\$109/night plus tax.**

More information and registration information can be found at

http://www.sar.org/madist_sar/

ARLINGTON CEMETERY WREATH LAYING

Fairfax Resolves' Color Guardsmen Darrin Schmidt and Larry McKinley participated in the 2011 SAR wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. President General David Sympson laid the wreath and graciously posed for pictures with the Color Guard following the ceremony.

Before the ceremony, the VASSAR Color Guard greeted an Honor Flight of veterans from Iowa, including a Medal of Honor recipient.



FLAG DAY FLAG RETIREMENT IN GREAT FALLS

Fairfax Resolves and members of Northern Virginia C.A.R. Societies conducted the annual flag retirement ceremony at Great Falls Library on Flag day (June 14), 2011.

The Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department was on hand to help dispose of worn out flags safely and properly.

Flags flown at Revolutionary Patriot graves were among those retired during this ceremony.

For future years, worn flags may be brought to any Chapter meeting (collected by Larry McKinley), brought to the ceremony or left at the Great Falls Library.



The C.A.R. participants with a Great Falls Volunteer Firefighter who participated in the flag retirement ceremony.

2011 Law Enforcement Awards

Members of the Fairfax Resolves attended the Fairfax County Law Enforcement awards ceremony to present this year's recipient with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation medal.

Chapter President Darrin Schmidt and Law Enforcement Chairman Bud Walker made presentations to a

very deserving candidate, MPO Pete Davila.

MPO Davila's time as an instructor at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy has been truly exceptional. He has been instrumental in the development of new curriculum and the modernizing of current curriculum, always with an eye on officer safety and public service.



Photo courtesy of Fairfax County Police Department

President Schmidt also had the honor of presenting the 2010 chapter award winner, Detective Shawn M. Monaghan, with the State (VASSAR) recognition including a monetary award.

See the complete nominations for MPO Davila and Detective Monaghan on the Chapter Web site, under *Programs, Public Service, Law Enforcement Medal*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch the website for more details about these upcoming events and more!
<http://www.fairfaxresolvessar.org>

August

- Atlantic Middle States Conference—12-13 August in Alexandria
Fairfax Resolves is one of the Host Chapters!
Larry McKinley will be presiding Vice President General.
- New Member Orientation— August 27 at Vinson Hall

September

- September Meeting

October

- October Meeting
- Kings Mountain Historical Observance
- Point Pleasant Battle Days and Wreath Laying Ceremony
- Yorktown Day Historical Observance (SAR Wreath Laying at Thomas Nelson grave + Parade)

Input Requested:

If you have any suggestions for interesting programs that you would like to see in our upcoming meetings, please let Dan Rolph know!

He is putting together the lineup for the 2011-2012 Event

Calendar. Now's your time to speak up!