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Fairfax Resolves Best Small Chapter

The VASSAR annual meeting was an opportunity to provide many awards for citizens, public servants, youth and chapters. Fairfax Resolves was once again judged the Best Small Chapter in the State by scoring excellent in 12 of the 14 programs. In looking at the programs we simply were consistent in producing Citizen awards, Public Servant awards, Youth programs, Marking Revolutionary War graves, producing a Veterans program and actively participating in all other required programs. My thanks and appreciation go to the Compatriots of Fairfax Resolves for their efforts in all categories, because winning the best chapter is a team effort—it is never done on an individual basis. This award was particularly good since we all wanted to produce this for President Pat Bray—we wish you well, Pat!! Let us all work to own this award.



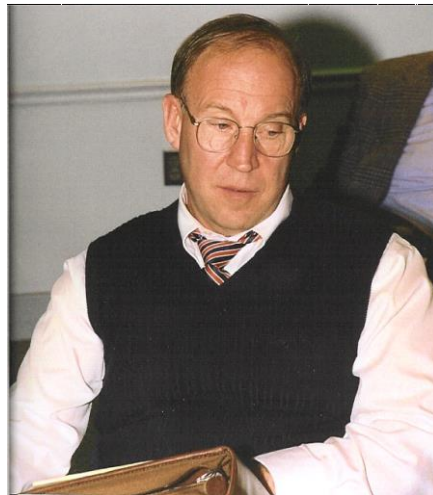
Clark Gregory accepting "Best Small Chapter Award from VASSAR Pres. Trice Taylor. PG Rice Aston is in background.

Nominations are in & Board Votes

The Nominating Committee returned the nominations and subsequently the Board of Managers has voted the following slate of Officers for 2003-04:

President.....John (Jack) Pitzer
1st VP.....William E. Youngs
2nd VP.....Capt. Dennis Hickey, IV
Secretary.....Larry McKinley
Treasurer.....Richard E. Spurr
Ristrar.....Ward (Bud) Ginn, Jr.
Chaplain.....Darrel Stearns
Chaplain Emeritus.....William E. Youngs

Congratulations to these Compatriots and **may all of us support each of them** in their opportunity at the helm of the best small chapter in the State of Virginia.



**Our new President-Elect
John (Jack) Pitzer**

Committee Assignments for '03-'04

The following Committee Assignments were approved by the Board of Mngrs.:

Law Enforcement.....Larry McKinley
Fire Safety.....William E. Youngs
Revolutionary War Graves....John Sinks, PhD
Rumbaugh Oration.....Capt. John N. Dickie
Knight Essay.....Larry McKinley
JROTC/ROTC.....Pless Lunger
Eagle Scholarship.....Ward (Bud) Ginn
Flag Committee.....William E. Youngs
Veterans Comm....Capt. Dennis J. Hickey, IV
Teacher of the Year.....Jack Pitzer
Citizen of Year.....Capt. Dennis J. Hickey, IV
Census Chairman.....Ward (Bud) Ginn

One Committee Assignment turned successful
Capt. John Dickie, Orations Chairman with our



chapter and State winner **Ben Mulloy**. He is from Bishop O'Connell High School



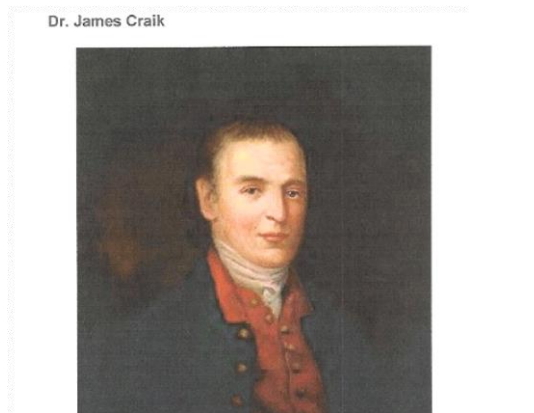
Dr. John Sinks and Capt. John Dickie along with Robert Hitchings receive C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation from VASSAR President Trice Taylor.

Dates to Mark on your Calendar

- **May 8, 2003** 6 p.m. Installation and Awards Banquet, Washington Golf and Country Club. \$35 per person, contact Richard Spurr.
- **May 10, 2003** 12 noon-dedication of Joseph Martin Memorial at Cumberland Gap State Park.
- **May 18, 2003** 4 p.m. Marking of the Grave of Dr. James Craik, personal Physician of George Washington and Army Surgeon General- Alexandria, VA.
- **May 18, 2003**-Tri-Chapter Meeting, Belle Haven Country Club. Time 5 p.m. Menu NY Strip or Salmon. Cost is \$40 per person. Black Tie preferred. Pay at door. We are hoping to have the new Exec. Dir. Jim Randall, NSSAR as speaker.
- Annual Congress, Chicago, IL, Sat **July 5th-Wed July 9th,2003** Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk. Registration info in the SAR magazine.
- **July 25-26**- Atlantic Middle States Conference, Harrisburg, PA reservation information not available at this writing.
- **August 22-23** VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting at Roanoke. Hotel Roanoke and Convention Center. Info included in this newsletter.
- **September 11**, 7 p.m. first meeting after summer break, McLean Government Center.
- **October 9th**, regular meeting, McLean Government Center
- **November 13th**, regular meeting McLean Government Center.
- **December 6th** -annual bi-chapter meeting with George Mason at Gunston Hall, 12 noon.

Revolutionary War Grave marking

On May 18th, Fairfax Resolves is organizing a grave marking that has National prominence. **Dr. James Craik** was the personal Physician for George Washington and was at the bedside of both George and later Martha as they departed this earth. The location is the **Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Alexandria, VA** and the time is **4 p.m.** Mr. Jim Randall, newly hired Executive Director of NSSAR is to represent National and the Craik Family from Louisville, KY, direct descendants of Dr. Craik have been invited.



Dr. John Sinks leading the Grave Marking at Pohick Church for Patriot Lee Massey—Fairfax Resolves consistently has been a leader in Virginia marking graves of those with Military, Civil and, Patriotic Service to our Revolutionary War.

Did You Know?

The reason that Fairfax Resolves is one of the most decorated Chapters in VASSAR is that we work the National and State SAR programs—the results is a win/win situation for the community we live in, the youth we have participate, and the heritage we acknowledge and honor. Just how successful? In the last 10 years:

Eight (8) Best Small Chapter Awards

Five (5) Chapter Excellence Awards

(Chapter Excellence is for working the program and performing in an outstanding manner in nearly all program areas)

Four (4) Sustained Achievement Awards (for being in the Rumbaugh Oration Contest every year since 1992)

Three (3) Donald Baldwin Awards (placing 1st place in the Oration Contest)

Three (3) Excellence in Revolutionary War Graves Marking (Awarded for marking graves 4 straight years which is tough compared to registering graves)

Two (2) Jennings H. Flathers Awards (for best newsletter)

Two (2) eagle Scout Scholarship winners (1st Place)

Various other streamer awards on the Chapter Flag are for Essay (Youth) contests, Fire Safety awards, History Teacher of the Year, and various Historic celebrations.

At the Installation and awards banquet take a look at some of the streamers on the chapter flag—there is a reason the Chapter is the best small chapter in Virginia.

Financial and People

Fairfax Resolves is Financially healthy according to our illustrious Treasurer **Richard Spurr** with @\$1,400 in the bank and 48 members. **Bud Ginn**, our tireless Registrar, is working on 6 new applications.