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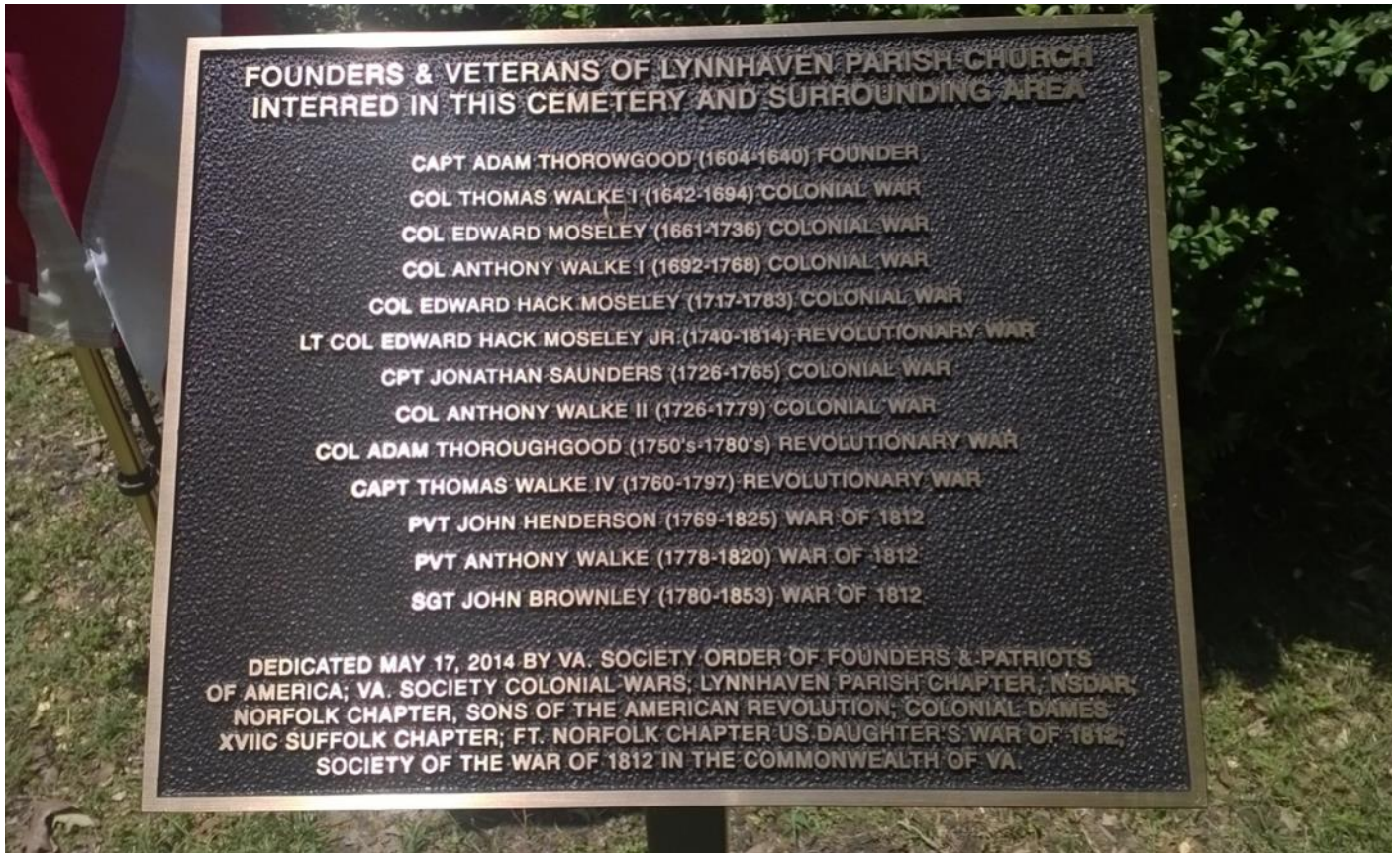
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## PATRIOTS AT OLD DONATION



On May 17, patriots buried at the Old Donation Episcopal Church were honored for their sacrifices.  
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The timeframe during which this issue covers is has many notable events that take place. Obviously, the most important is the commemoration of the Declaration of Independence. We also celebrated Memorial Day as well. Granted, this is typically a slow time of year as far as events go, and I suppose that is due to vacations and other things during the Spring and Summer months. That being said, we had several SAR related events take place. We have had great submissions that provide ample coverage of these commemorations. Keep them coming, we rely on you, our members, to drive the content of this publication. My thanks to you.

Recently, being a registrar, I gave a presentation to my chapter (Colonel George Waller) on genealogy. The title was - "Genealogy, what every SAR member should know". I expected this to be quite boring to the general membership. I was pleasantly surprised when it became apparent that the members not only were learning something from it, but that they actually were enjoying it.



*Andy, Callie, Nolen, and Lori Doss*

I don't know about you, but of late, I find members getting frustrated or even discouraged over the increasingly difficult requirements for proving bloodlines. Granted, I understand what the SAR goals are. And yes, I also find myself banging my head sometimes over what may seem to be petty requirements regarding documenting things. I decided to take the opportunity to stress how these stricter standards are creating bloodline proofs that will stand up to scrutiny when used by future generations. How these new standards, are helping to fix poor and sketchy documentation that may have been used in the past. Frankly, I looked back at some of the old applications that are online at Ancestry.com, and I can see that many of those members would never have been members today by using some of the source material listed.

I think that as SAR members, it is important that each of you understand what the application process entails. I encourage each of you to ask your registrar about it. If you are the registrar, then please, lead a discussion with your fellow members about what you do and why things are the way they are. Sure, we will always have to bang heads with the State Registrar over things (right, Jack?), but I have learned that when necessary, the State Registrar will go up to bat for you when it comes down to it. We are all a team here, and we are all working towards the same goal.

All my best,  
Andy S. Doss

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## FOR REGISTRARS - NOTES FROM JACK SWEENEY

Mike Taimi reporting from Congress, stated that effective with the end of the current NSSAR Congress, 24 Jul 2014, the application fee cost of regular Supplemental applications is increased from the current \$40 to \$60 and the application fee cost for Supplemental applications submitted as additional members of a family plan is increased from \$20 to \$30 each.

For example, in a family plan supplemental application package the lead member's application fee cost is now \$60 and each additional family member's application fee is now \$30.

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## OLD DONATION PATRIOTS REMEMBERED - DR. J. THOMAS WHETSTONE

On the gloriously sunny day of Saturday, May 17, 2014, Norfolk SAR and Lynnhaven Parish NSDAR dedicated a new grave ledger in the Old Donation Episcopal Church Cemetery for Colonel Edward Hack Moseley (1743-1814), veteran of the Colonial Wars and the American Revolution.

Rector Robert Randall and Old Donation Church were most gracious hosts, providing a worship service before the dedications and most delicious food and warm company at a reception for all attending.

In addition, Norfolk and Lynnhaven Parish joined with Virginia Society Order of Founders and Patriots of America, Virginia Society of Colonial Wars, Suffolk Chapter Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, Fort Norfolk Chapter US Daughters of 1812, Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Cavalier Society Children of the American Revolution in dedicating a bronze plaque memorializing thirteen



founders, patriots, and veterans buried in the historic church cemetery or the surrounding area. The men honored are church founder Cpt. Adam Thorowgood (1604-1640); six Colonial War veterans; three Revolutionary War veterans: Col. Edward Hack Moseley (1740-1814); Col. Adam Thoroughgood (1755s-1780s), and Cpt. Thomas Walke IV (1760-1797); and three veterans of the War of 1812.



Father Randall initiated the day's celebration with a worshipful Colonial Morning Prayer service using the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, 1559. The church choir sang and provided leadership for a robust singing of *The Star Spangled Banner* after the combined color guard had presented and posted the colors. Pete Owens and the church's Historic Traditions Committee, in Colonial attire, served as guides and ushers, and Church Historian Bob Perrine presented a biography of Colonial Moseley and an overview of the history of the church (founded in 1637). Ann Callis, a lineal descendant of church founder Captain Adam Thorowgood (1604-1640), also spoke, and in a most engaging manner. Norfolk SAR Chaplain Robert Hitchings closed the dedication ceremonies with a benediction after participants laid their organizations' wreaths.

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Photos and the reception concluded this special occasion. SAR wreath layers included VASSAR President Bill Broadus, Thomas Nelson, Jr. President Kenneth Wood, Williamsburg President Robert Spencer, Norfolk Secretary Scott Aiken, and Cavalier Society CAR President Aaron Naperala.

Norfolk SAR President Tom Whetstone served as “master of ceremonies.” But this day was made possible by the efforts of Lynnhaven Parish NSDAR Regent Vicki Kendall to carry out the vision of Virginia DAR Vice Regent Carol Mills Shrader for the new markers. Warm thanks go to the attending representatives of all the participating organizations, and to the generosity of Norfolk Monument Company and VASSAR Knight-Patty Memorial Trust Fund.

Dr. J. Thomas Whetstone, President Norfolk Chapter SAR



## **NOTICE!**

### ***Site of the 2014 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society, SAR September 19-20, 2014***

**Hyatt Fair Lakes**  
12777 Fair Lakes Circle  
Fairfax, Virginia 22033  
1-800-233-1234

*Please make your hotel reservations on-line by using the following link:*  
[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=11615678](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=11615678)

**--or--**

*call for reservations at: (703) 653-6051 and mention group code*

“Virginia Society of SAR”

The rate for SAR compatriots is \$89 per night, plus local room taxes.

*Cutoff date for reservations at the above rate is **TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2014!***

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## NEWS FROM FAIRFAX RESOLVES CHAPTER - BY BILL PRICE

Robert R. Newlen, the Library of Congress Assistant Law Librarian for Legislative and External Relations, was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal on May 17, 2014 during the annual Chapter Spring Banquet. The presentation was made by Chapter President William W. “Bill” Price in recognition of Mr. Newlen’s 35+ year career in the field of library science and his current efforts to coordinate the November 2014 exhibit “Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor; 800 Years of a Great Tradition.” The Chapter also presented Newlen with a \$600 donation to support the planned exhibit. Next year (2015) is the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, sealed by King John at Runnymede in June 1215.

“It is very exciting to be associated with this exhibit celebrating Magna Carta and the origins of the rule of the law as well as the appreciation for and preservation of original historical documents “ said Newlen. “I see the same enthusiasm for these activities in the Fairfax Resolves and the SAR. I am honored to have received this award.”

Magna Carta provides the first exemplifications of basic human rights and liberties that stand at the heart of English and American Law. “Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor” opens at the Library of Congress on November 6, 2014, and will include



*L-R :Mr. Robert Newlen and Chapter President William Bill Price*

treasures that the Library has preserved in its own collections. A series of special programs that include lectures, gallery talks, teacher institutes, educational materials, and docent-led tours are also planned. To learn more about Magna Carta, its planned visit to the United States, and other activities to celebrate the 800th anniversary of its sealing, please contact Jeanine Cali, Office of Legislative and External Relations, [jcali@loc.gov](mailto:jcali@loc.gov) or 202.975.2565.

Founded in 1800, the Library of Congress is the nation’s oldest federal cultural institution. The Library seeks to spark imagination and creativity and to further human understanding and wisdom by providing access to knowledge through its magnificent collections, programs, publications and exhibitions. Many of the Library’s rich resources can be accessed through its website at [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov).





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## DAN RIVER CHAPTER GOOD CITIZEN - BY BERNIE BAKER

Edward Troy Lewis of Danville received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from the Dan River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Lewis was named the Child ID Program coordinator in 1996 for the 38th Masonic District. He stepped down in 2013. During his tenure, nearly 12,000 children were fingerprinted with the help of his leadership and area Masons.

Lewis started out with a few ink pads and cards the first year. The program's support grew as fingerprinting child was a part of Wal-Mart's Back to School Week and the local National Night Out Activities.

Lewis said the program would not have been successful without the support of his fellow Masons. He added it did matter if only 7 children were fingerprinted or nearly 900, parents, it was important for families to have this type of record.

Lewis was honored for valuable providing a community service.



## SERVICE AT SPENCER'S ORDINARY - BY LEW DE SEIFE

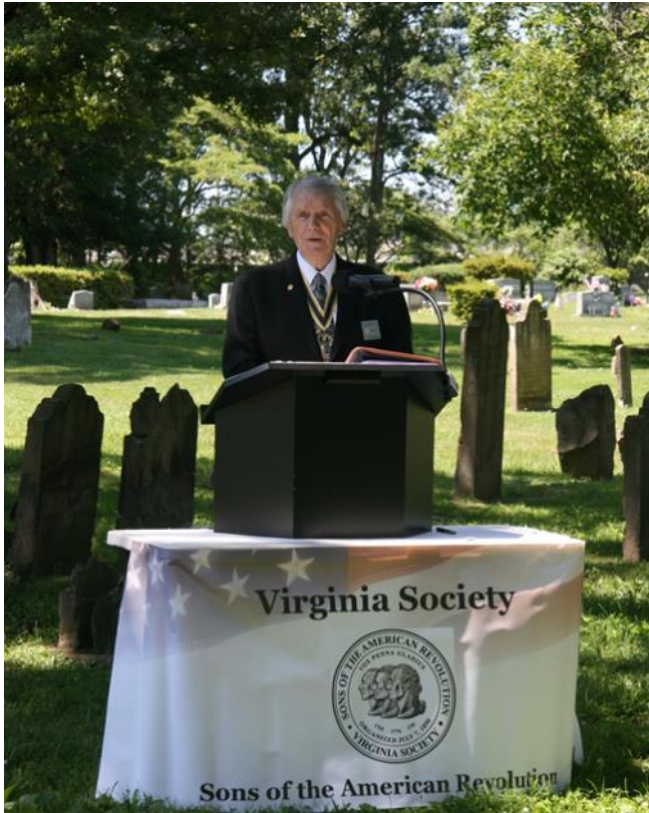


*Members of the Sons of the American Revolution gathered to conduct a memorial service for Revolutionary War patriots who died in 1781 at the Spencer's Ordinary battle with British troops near Williamsburg.*





## SCENES FROM DUMFRIES





## SAR NATIONAL CONGRESS 2014 UPDATES

SAR National President General Dooley pledged that if \$1 million was raised during his term for the SAR Center, he would have his head shaved at Congress. \$1.3 million was actually raised, and Joe kept his pledge. Thanks Joe, for being a good sport!



For the 13th consecutive year, VASSAR was recognized for its efforts pertaining to the Flag Program by being presented with the Admiral William R. Furlong Award.

For the first time, NSSAR also recognized those State Societies that had 100% Chapter participation. Six Societies were recognized for their success in 2013, one of which was the Virginia Society.

This was VASSAR's 4th consecutive year of having 100% of our Chapters recognized for having presented a Flag Certificate.

At right, VASSAR President Bill Broadus and Flag Chairman Dr. Kirk Sheap hold two Flag program certificates..



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NEWS FROM LT. DAVID COX CHAPTER - BY BILLY MITCHELL

The Lt David Cox Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met on Saturday, June 14, 2014 for their regular meeting at Porky's Steak Restaurant in Galax, Virginia. In addition to our regular attendees, Mrs. Susan Story was present representing the New River Pioneers Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

After a delicious meal was served, Compatriot President Billy Mitchell introduced Ms. Betty Patton. Ms. Patton was present to represent the Hale-Wilkinson-Carter Home Foundation in Hillsville, Virginia. To honor Flag Day, the Chapter presented the Hale-Wilkinson-Carter Home Foundation a Sons of the American Revolution Flag Certificate for their continuing and consistent efforts displaying the United States Flag at the Carter Home. Ms. Patton accepted the certificate on the Foundations' behalf and gave an informative update on the activities of the Carter Home.

Compatriot President Mitchell performed the induction ceremony for our newest member John David Adkisson. Compatriot Adkisson is descended from Revolutionary War Patriot Joseph Stonecypher.



*Billy Mitchell presents Flag Certificate to Betty Patton*



*David Adkisson is inducted into membership by Billy Mitchell*

One of the highlights of the meeting was an emotional presentation by Compatriot Gary Fraysier. Compatriot Fraysier had recently visited France to honor his cousin Howard M. Henry who is buried at the Normandy Cemetery. TEC 4 Howard Henry was a member of the US 1st Ranger Battalion who participated in the Allied Raid at Di-eppe, a small french costal village, on August 19, 1942. He was one of three Americans who died that day during the first Allied assault on Fortress Europe. Compatriot Fraysier shared his experiences about his visit throughout France, as well as, the trip to the Normandy Cemetery which is maintained by the French Government.



*Gary Fraysier at the gravesite of TEC 4 Howard M. Henry in Normandy, France*

Compatriot President Mitchell announced that our Annual Anniversary/Awards Luncheon will be held on September 13, 2014 at 12 Noon. Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution President William A. Broadus, Jr. will be the guest speaker.



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## FRENCH VISIT YORKTOWN - BY ED TRUSLOW

The La Fayette, a stealth frigate of the French Navy, while on its way to Norfolk, Virginia, decided to make a slight detour up the York River on Monday morning, June 2, 2014. The purpose was to honor the French sailors and soldiers and their American allies that participated in the siege of Yorktown in 1781, resulting in the surrender of British forces in the last major battle of the American Revolution.



Captain Serge Bordarier, escorted by 30 French sailors, came ashore and laid a wreath at the Monument to Victory and Alliance. The French Embassy was represented by Consul General Olivere Sadot- Alamas and Captain Luc Pages, French Naval

*(L-R) Gary Hodges, Chris Melhuish, Ken Wood, VASSAR 2nd VP Ed Truslow, VASSAR President Bill Broadus, Tom Nelson, Ben Fegan, Jack Lee and Walter Neville. The La Fayette is in the background*

Attache. The La Fayette, anchored in the York River below the Monument to Victory and Alliance then fired a 21 gun salute in honor of George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette.

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## ELSTON PRESENTATION TO WILLIAMSBURG CHAPTER - BY LEW DE SEIFE

The head of the Virginia Society, Sons of The American Revolution's St. George Tucker commemoration project, Mike Elston and his Daughter, Emily Elston, gave a presentation on the importance of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot to the success of the American Revolution. In his day job, Mike is the associate General Counsel and Chief Ethics and Compliance office for the U.S. Postal Service. He is a second cousin, eight generations removed, of George Washington.



**A SPECIAL FLAG HANDOUT - BY LEW DE SEIFE**

SAR members distributed miniature American flags at the Merchants Square USAF Band concert July 3rd. Reception by the several thousand attendees was respectful and appreciative. SAR has done this two out of the last three years (last year the concert was canceled because of rain.)



L-R Ron Losee, Don Brannon and John Moseley (and granddaughter) pictured, and Robert White, Jack Lee, (not pictured) made up the crew of flag distributors.

We gave away approximately 1,000 American flags. God Bless America!

*Virginia Society*  
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**CHAPTER DIRECTORY**

<b>Clinch Mountain Militia</b>	Tazewell area
<b>Colonel Fielding Lewis</b>	Virginia's Eastern Piedmont Region
<b>Colonel George Waller</b>	Martinsville area
<b>Colonel James Wood, Jr.</b>	Northwest Virginia
<b>Colonel William Grayson</b>	Prince William County area
<b>Culpeper Minute Men</b>	Virginia's Central Piedmont area
<b>Dan River</b>	Danville area
<b>Fairfax Resolves</b>	Fairfax County
<b>Fincastle Resolutions</b>	Roanoke Valley area
<b>Fort Harrison</b>	Harrisonburg area
<b>General Daniel Morgan</b>	Staunton area
<b>General William Campbell</b>	Abingdon area
<b>George Mason</b>	Arlington County
<b>George Washington</b>	Alexandria
<b>James Monroe</b>	Upper Northern Neck
<b>Lieutenant David Cox</b>	Galax/Independence
<b>Martin's Station</b>	Cumberland Gap
<b>New River Valley</b>	New River Valley area
<b>Norfolk</b>	Norfolk/Virginia Beach area
<b>Overmountain Men</b>	Gate City
<b>Richmond</b>	Richmond/Petersburg
<b>Rockbridge Volunteers</b>	Lexington
<b>Richard Henry Lee</b>	Lower Northern Neck
<b>Thomas Jefferson</b>	Charlottesville
<b>Thomas Nelson, Jr.</b>	Newport News/Hampton/Yorktown
<b>Williamsburg</b>	Williamsburg

**INDEPENDENCE DAY AT BRUTON PARISH - BY LEW DE SEIFE**

The Sons of the American Revolution held a special Fourth of July service at Bruton Parish Church to remember the American Patriots who gave their all in The Revolutionary War.

The Reverend Theodore "Ted" Bailey, a Fighter Pilot and First Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp (1943 – 1946), William & Mary Graduate (1947), who served Episcopal churches in Maryland and Virginia from 1958 to 1989 before retiring to Williamsburg in 1989, gave an inspired Homily.

