

## Virginia SAR Initiatives 2022-2023

### *Liberty and Country*

#### Vision Statement

***The Virginia SAR has a 5-year mission to make ready for America's 250th Anniversary. The Anniversary is a perfect chance to remind the American people of our founding Ideal, Liberty! It is love of Liberty that binds us together as one Nation.***

We will prepare the Virginia SAR by improving the collaboration of the Program Committees at the state level. Our new Regional Committees will ensure that program support is available for all Chapters. With the United States Semiquincentennial starting in 2023-2024, we will prepare the Virginia SAR to shine as we celebrate our country's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

#### **Youth Activities Committee - Chairman: Ernie Coggins, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

1. Encourage Chapters to initiate, if not already in place, the Patriot Chest and/or the Historic Flag Chest programs. We will continue to assist chapters who have conducted ten(10) or more presentations by paying the cost of a respective chest for the chapter.
2. Support of History Day: Sponsor a District contest with monetary award donations, judge or volunteer at the District or State contest and/or present awards to the winners of the District contest. Information at <https://virginiahistory.org/learn/virginia-history-day/contest-information>.
3. Chapters are encouraged to attend C.A.R. events. The Youth Committee requests Virginia SAR chapters to partner with nearby C.A.R. Societies. Ensure communications are continued through leadership changes of both organizations.

#### **Membership Committees and Subcommittees – Chairman: Bill Greaf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

1. Charter at least one(1) new chapter of the Virginia SAR.
2. Chapters are encouraged to develop new member guides, implement programs to promote growth by recruiting, retaining, and engaging members. **Chapter Grant Program:** Chapters who increase their membership over the calendar year may receive a percentage of their previous year's State dues paid. **Reinstatement Program:** Chapters who reinstate compatriots who dropped or resigned their membership in 2020 or earlier, will receive a rebate (bounty) of \$25.00/compatriot through Calendar Year 2022.
3. Chapters are encouraged to attend DAR events, invite your local DAR chapters to attend Virginia SAR chapter events, thus fostering cooperation between organizations.
4. Chapters are encouraged to have representation at the chapter's Regional Meetings by the Chapter President or his delegated Chapter Representative.

**Community Affairs Committee – Chairman: Mike Weyler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

1. Chapters are encouraged to sponsor, or play a role, in at least one Signature Event (i.e., America 250 SAR celebrations, Flag Day: June 14<sup>th</sup>, Constitution Day: September 17<sup>th</sup>, and/or Bill of Rights Day: December 15<sup>th</sup>) in their community.
2. Chapters are encouraged to increase the number of chapter Public Service awards and submit entries to the State Public Service Contests.
3. Chapters are encouraged to submit articles from Public Service presentations to the Virginia SAR Dispatches/Website, local newspapers, and the NSSAR Magazine.

**Fundraising Goal for 2022-2023**

Double the number of Generals in *The Virginia Society SAR* First Virginia Regiment. The Virginia SAR needs to have more Generals than the U.S. Army. They are congressionally capped at 231. We have no cap on Generals in the First Virginia Regiment!

1. Increase the principal in The Frantz-Philen Memorial Fund: This will be important to support the National Event honoring BG Joseph Martin of the Virginia militia during the American Revolutionary War.
2. Increase the principal in The Flathers/May Fund: This will be important for future information technology used to keep compatriots informed.

**Recognizing Patriots of the Revolution**

1. The dedication of the Colonel William Preston Memorial in Botetourt County is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Fincastle Resolutions Chapter's Rupert Cutler is Chairman.
2. May 14<sup>th</sup> in Martinsville, VA: BG Joseph Martin event (formerly the Raid at Martin's Station).
3. With a date yet to be determined, possibly in September, we are looking forward to the dedication of a monument to honor the memory of the courageous Black Patriots from the Northern Neck of Virginia. The monument will be located in Warsaw, VA. Chairman is Charles Belfield of the James Monroe Chapter.
4. Great Bridge Battlefield Park, Monument for James Bass of the Nansemond Tribe. The event is still in the early stages of planning.

**First, the Vice Presidents will meet via Zoom no less than four(4) times this year in 2022:**

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

- Youth Activities Committee - Chairman: Ernie Coggins, 1st Vice President
- Community Affairs Committee – Chairman: Mike Weyler, 3rd Vice President

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March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Zoom

- Membership Committee – Chairman Bill Greaf, 2nd Vice President

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

- Youth Activities Committee - Chairman: Ernie Coggins, 1st Vice President
- Community Affairs Committee – Chairman: Mike Weyler, 3rd Vice President
- Membership Committee – Chairman Bill Greaf, 2nd Vice President

August 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

- Youth Activities Committee - Chairman: Ernie Coggins, 1st Vice President
- Community Affairs Committee – Chairman: Mike Weyler, 3rd Vice President
- Membership Committee – Chairman Bill Greaf, 2nd Vice President

October 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

- Youth Activities Committee - Chairman: Ernie Coggins, 1st Vice President
- Community Affairs Committee – Chairman: Mike Weyler, 3rd Vice President
- Membership Committee – Chairman Bill Greaf, 2nd Vice President

Vice Presidents will send Zoom Meeting links to committee chairmen for their respective groups before the meetings.

***The Regional Committees are expected to set meeting dates within thirty(30) days following each of the above Virginia SAR Vice President's meetings.***

**The list of VP Committee Groups:**

<b>Virginia SAR 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>			
<b>Virginia SAR 1st Vice President (Youth Activities)</b>	A	Ernest B. "Ernie" Coggins, Jr.	George Washington
<b>Patriot Chest Program Chair</b>	A	Jim Russell	Richard Henry Lee
<b>Patriot Chest Program Vice-Chair</b>	A	James T. O'Kelley, Jr.	Thomas Jefferson
<b>Poster &amp; Brochure Contests Chair</b>	A	J. Thomas Hamill	Culpeper Minutemen
<b>SAR/C.A.R. Liaison:</b>	A	Lawrence E. McKinley	Fairfax Resolves
<b>Eagle Scout:</b>	A	Kenneth L. Hawkins	Norfolk
<b>George and Stella M. Knight Essay:</b>	A	Richard M. Sherman	George Washington
<b>Joseph E. Rumbaugh Orations:</b>	A	Darrin M. Schmidt	Fairfax Resolves
<b>ROTC/JROTC:</b>	A	Spurgeon C. Keith, Jr.	Fincastle Resolutions
<b>History Day Support:</b>	A	Keith W. Rouleau	Col. William Grayson
<b>Virginia SAR 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>			
<b>Virginia SAR 2nd Vice President (American Heritage)</b>	B	William D. Greaf	Williamsburg
<b>Membership and Support:</b>	B	Bill Greaf	Williamsburg
<b>SAR/DAR Liaison:</b>	B	Darrin M. Schmidt	Fairfax Resolves

<b>Battle of Great Bridge Commemoration:</b>	B	Kenneth L. Hawkins	Norfolk
<b>Crossing of the Dan Commemoration:</b>	B	Gary Hall	Dan River
<b>Raid at Martin's Station Commemoration:</b>	B	Thomas R. Coker	Martin's Station
<b>Yorktown Day Commemoration:</b>	B	Gary O. Hodges	Thomas Nelson, Jr.
<b>Revolutionary War Graves:</b>	B	Dale E. Corey	Col. James Wood II
<b>Virginia SAR 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President</b>			
<b>Virginia SAR 3rd Vice President (Community Affairs)</b>	C	Michael E. Weyler	Col. William Grayson
<b>Public Education</b>	C	Paul A. Walden	George Washington
<b>Flag Recognition:</b>	C	Kenneth E. Morris	George Mason
<b>Good Citizenship:</b>	C	R. Edmund Davidson III	Gen. Daniel Morgan
<b>Operation Ancestor Search (OAS):</b>	C	Gregory O. Bodge	George Washington
<b>Partners in Patriotism &amp; Veterans Affairs:</b>	C	Dale E. Corey	Col. James Wood II
<b>Public Safety and Heroism:</b>	C	William C. Collier	Col. William Grayson
<b>Youth Education:</b>	C	Mark R. Day	Thomas Jefferson

**The Regional Committee Chairmen highlighted below are expected to set meetings within thirty(30) days with their aligned chapters following the Virginia SAR Vice President's committee meetings.**

### Virginia SAR Regional Chapters and Chairmen

Chapter Name	Abbrev.	Region	Last Name	First Name
Dan River	DRV	Central	Hall	Gary
Fort Harrison	FTH	Central	Dove	Wesley
Gen. Daniel Morgan	GDM	Central	Davidson	Edmund
Patrick Henry	PTH	Central	Day	Mark
Richmond	RMD	Central	Haskins	Bill
Rockbridge Volunteers	RBV	Central	Jewett	Greg
Thomas Jefferson	TJF	Central	Cooke	David
Central Region Chair	DRV	Central	Hall	Gary
Youth Vice Chair	TJF	Central	O'Kelly	Jim
Membership Vice Chair	RMD	Central	Haskins	Bill
Community Affairs	RMD	Central	Yohn	Chris

Chapter Name	Abbrev.	Region	Last Name	First Name
James Monroe	JMR	Eastern	Belfield	Charles
Nansemond Indian Patriots	NIP	Eastern	Badamo	Tom
Norfolk	NFK	Eastern	Bruce	Robert

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Rappahannock	RPH	Eastern	Blackwell	Tom
Richard Henry Lee	RHL	Eastern	Rhodes	Michael
Thomas Nelson, Jr.	TNJ	Eastern	Priest	John
Williamsburg	WBG	Eastern	Laubach	Bruce
Eastern Region Chair	NFK	Eastern	Hawkins	Ken
Youth Vice Chair	RPH	Eastern	Russell	Jim
Membership Vice Chair	RPH	Eastern	Strock	Carl
Community Affairs	TNJ	Eastern	Hodges	Gary

Chapter Name	Abbrev.	Region	Last Name	First Name
Col. Fielding Lewis	CFL	Northern	Wachter	Jim
Col. James Wood II	CJW	Northern	Daniel	Chip
Col. William Grayson	CWG	Northern	Schwalm	Ross
Culpeper Minutemen	CMM	Northern	Hamill	Tom
Fairfax Resolves	FFR	Northern	Huxsoll	David
George Mason	GMS	Northern	Barth	Fritz
George Washington	GWS	Northern	Rankin	Richard
Sgt Maj John Champe	SJC	Northern	Bonner	Ken
Northern Region Chair	CJW	Northern	Corey	Dale
Youth Vice Chair	FFR	Northern	Schmidt	Darrin
Membership Vice Chair	SJC	Northern	Bonner	Ken
Community Affairs	CMM	Northern	Hamill	Tom

Chapter Name	Abbrev.	Region	Last Name	First Name
Clinch Mountain Militia	CLM	Southwestern	Calo	Chris
Col. George Waller	CGW	Southwestern	Marlowe	Jarred
Fincastle Resolutions	FRS	Southwestern	Haley	Robert
Gen. William Campbell	GWC	Southwestern	Jackson	Garrett
Lt. David Cox	LDC	Southwestern	Story	Harrel
Martin's Station	MTS	Southwestern	Coker	Tom
New River Valley	NRV	Southwestern	Ford	Jerry
Overmountain Men	OMM	Southwestern	Moore	James
Southwestern Region Chair	MTS	Southwestern	Monday	Eric
Youth Vice Chair	FRS	Southwestern	Keith	Spurgeon
Membership Vice Chair		Southwestern	TBD	
Community Affairs	GWC	Southwestern	Jackson	Garrett