



Fairfax Resolves Chapter,
Virginia Society SAR

The Defender

Mid-Atlantic States Regional SAR Conference

Compatriots Howell Sasser and Vernon Eubanks attended this event and took in an educational tour of the “homes of the Generals” which are original structures which Washington and his generals took for quarters in 1778-1779 during the “Middlebrook Cantonment” period of the American Revolutionary War.

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The NJSSAR Color Guard demonstrated loading and firing their cannon for conference attendees.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Much of the chapter's activity is out of sight for most members, but not by design. All members and friends are welcome to join in our patriotic, educational, and fun activities. I have included lots of photos in this issue to pique your interest. You don't need to wear a Continental Soldier's uniform or other attire of the period to enjoy these events.

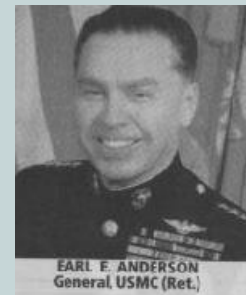
You will find new feature for the newsletter. I have requested some members write about their patriot ancestor or some other topic for each version of The Defender. We are fortunate to have 2 first class articles about our compatriots' ancestors for this new feature. We invite other members or close family members to document the story of their ancestors, or to write a short article of the Revolutionary War era for The Defender. Submitters may send their entry to:

President@fairfaxresolvessar.org.

Jamie Highfill (WOSAR) continues submission of the Literary Corner in this issue. Members, WOSARs, and friends are encouraged to submit their own review documenting an American historical literary work. Use your imagination to define literature— a book, poem, song, painting, sculpture, or just surprise us with your entry for the literature corner. Submit to:

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It is my sad duty to inform our membership of the passing of our dear compatriot General Earl E. Anderson, USMC (Ret) on 12 Nov 2015. He was 96. General Anderson was awarded the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal 6 months ago. His was a life well lived.





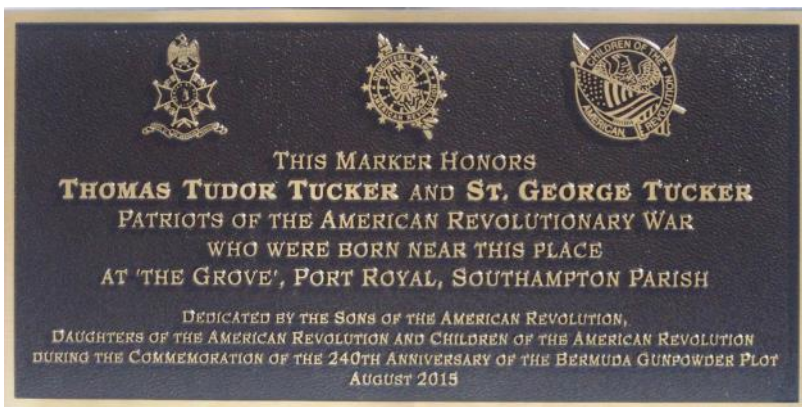
Local re-enactors provide a British response to the Patriot capture of Bermuda gunpowder supplies in August 1775.

THE BERMUDA GUNPOWDER PLOT

Never heard of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot? We have some answers for you in this issue. Read on.

Access to gunpowder was the highest priority for the American Patriots. Before the Revolutionary War there was no sustainable source for this valuable commodity in America. Bermuda immigrants Thomas Tudor Tucker and St George Tucker provided intelligence and other assistance in obtaining the Bermuda stores of gunpowder, which was guarded by a single guard. The British called this action “theft”, but the Patriots considered it to be “borrowed” and the gunpowder was returned to the redcoats with interest when the redcoats were repelled at Sullivan’s Island, SC June 28, 1776, and in other battles and skirmishes throughout the Revolution. Without this valuable resource, the Patriots may not have prevailed against the British.

For additional information - <http://www.sar.org/News/Bermuda-Gunpowder-Plot-Press-Release-Newspaper-Article>



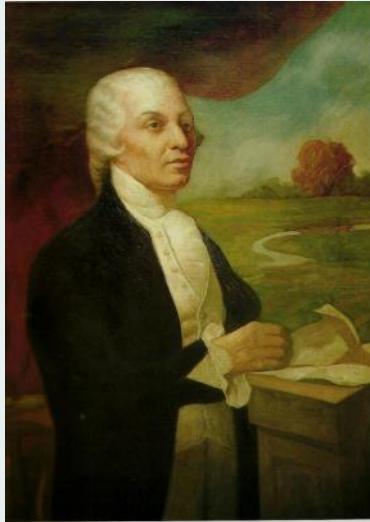
This marker was placed during a Bermuda visit in August 2015 to honor American Patriots Thomas Tudor Tucker and St. George Tucker, patriots of the American Revolution. Fairfax Resolves members Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, and families participated in a joint ceremony of the SAR, DAR, and C.A.R when placing the bronze memorial at this site.

AWARDS IN OUR AREA

Fairfax County Detective Robert LeBlanc is presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for his leadership and exceptional work within the Criminal Investigation Section of the department. LeBlanc was instrumental in apprehending two serial thieves who preyed on over 50 elderly, female shoppers in and around the county.



Vern Eubanks presents Det. Robert LeBlanc the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. Photo by Compatriot Darrin Schmidt.



HAYM SALOMON
 Courtesy of Haym Salomon Home for the Aged, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Gift of Mrs. H. Abikler



HAYM SALOMON: FINANCIER OF THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

BY COLGATE W. SALOMON, CDR USN (RET)
 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDSON

Haym Salomon was born in 1740 in Leszno, now Lissa, Poland to a learned Sephardic Jewish family that fled Portugal, likely to avoid rampant religious persecution. In his twenties, Haym travelled extensively throughout Europe educating himself in international finance and banking while developing great proficiency in several European languages. These skills would later play a critical role in his successful business activities and service to the new republic. He immigrated to New York City in 1772 as Poland was undergoing a political upheaval, likely stoking Haym's resolve to confront tyranny and oppression in the struggle for liberty in his new homeland. In New York, he soon established a thriving finance and banking business, earning a reputation as a skilled and trusted businessman of significant means.

Haym befriended a group of determined liberty-minded men, the Sons of Liberty, and became involved in efforts opposing harsh British colonial rule and gaining independence from Britain. He was arrested in 1777 and imprisoned by British soldiers accusing him of sheltering spies and smuggling a message from George Washington to the Sons of Liberty imploring them to set fire to ships and destroy warehouses. Haym subsequently gained favor and parole by the British by acting as an interpreter for German mercenaries in the British Army.

Haym Salomon returned to his activities with the Sons of Liberty and was arrested in 1778 by the British Army a second time. This time he was court martialed without defense and sentenced to death by hanging the following day on August 11, 1778. He was able to escape, however, by bribing a prison guard with gold coins concealed in his clothing. With his identity and allegiance to the cause of liberty completely compromised, he fled to Philadelphia with his family and reestablished a brokerage business until his death at age 45 in 1785.

In the late 18th century, our fledgling republic, saddled with a volatile and distrusted Continental government currency was as threatened by financial ruin as military defeat. Before, during, and after the Revolution, Haym Salomon critically intervened in buying, selling, and using his personal wealth to endorse bills of exchange to stabilize the value of substantial foreign government loans, primarily with France, Holland, and Spain, financing many needs of the revolu-

tion. He served as Broker to the Continental Superintendent of Finance, Robert Morris, and was appointed Broker to the Consul General of France and to the Treasurer of the French Army. He also directly provisioned for Washington's Continental Army, advanced personal loans to sustain Washington's Continental Army in the field, and tendered personal loans to many prominent colonial men including James Madison, Edmund Randolph, Generals of the Army, and other government officials.

Haym Salomon's vital role in the American Revolution is well documented by numerous publications and references. A commemorative US postage stamp was issued for Haym Salomon in 1975, depicting him as a Contributor to the Cause and Financial Hero, stating on the back 'Haym Salomon, businessman and broker, was responsible for raising most of the money needed to finance the American Revolution and later save the nation from collapse'. Memorials and sculptures are erected in Philadelphia, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Among other official recognition, his service is later mentioned in White House correspondence by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on November 13 1941, a testimonial address by President William Howard Taft, numerous Senate reports to Congress, and in the Congressional Record of March 25 1975.

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234th anniversary of the British surrender at Yorktown, VA 19 Oct 2015 -- Commemorating the 234th anniversary of the surrender of the British army under General Cornwallis at Yorktown, VA 19 Oct 2015. This is a huge celebration, with dozens and dozens of organizations participating in the wreath laying in commemoration of Governor/Gen Thomas Nelson Jr., a parade in celebration of the surrender, followed by a victory celebration at the Yorktown Victory Monument. The Fairfax Resolves Chapter is all over this event with chapter members and their families participating with SAR, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Children of the American Revolution (CAR), and American Friends of Lafayette. Fairfax Resolves participants were: Richard Garlick Jr, Rick Garlick III, & Helen Garlick Brien (Richard's sister from Michigan), Darrin Schmidt & Holly Lynne, Dave Cook, Larry McKinley, and Vern Eubanks. For more information: (<http://virginia-sar-bulletin.weebly.com/blog/october-19th-2015>)



VASSAR President Reverdy Wright, Color Guard Commander Darrin Schmidt lead SAR participants in the Yorktown Victory Parade.



VASSAR Color Guard Commander Darrin Schmidt, Larry McKinley, Vern Eubanks, and other color guard members at the tomb of Governor/Gen Thomas Nelson Jr, Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, VA. Photo by compatriot Rick Garlick.



President, Fairfax Resolves Chapter presenting wreath to VASSAR Color Guard Commander Darrin Schmidt at tomb of Governor/Gen Thomas Nelson Jr, Grace Episcopal Church. Photo by compatriot Rick Garlick.



Holly Lynne McKinley (CAR/DAR/WOSAR) and 1st Vice president of the National Society of the CAR present a wreath at the tomb of Governor/Gen Thomas Nelson Jr. Photo by compatriot Rick Garlick.



VASSAR President Reverdy Wright (center), Past SAR PG Joe Dooley, Larry McKinley, Rick Garlick III, Vern Eubanks & Darrin Schmidt pose for the camera following the Yorktown Parade.



Fairfax Resolves share Burke Centre Fall Festival in Opening Ceremony with Fairfax County Leadership

On 12 September 2015 Fairfax Resolves President Vern Eubanks presented Flag Recognition Certificates to the [Burke Centre Conservancy](#) and to Burke Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5412. These Civic and Veterans organizations respectively were recognized for their Patriotism in the display of the flag of the United States of America. In keeping with the Historic Traditions of Fairfax County the Burke Centre Conservancy was cited for their more than 20 years of unfailing proper display of the flag. The Burke VFW Post citation recognized its members who not only physically defended the U.S. Flag but who have rendered flag honors at patriotic observances and presented Flag Etiquette Lectures at schools throughout Fairfax County.

Also participating in the opening ceremonies were Fairfax County elected political leaders: Sharon Bulova, Chairman Board of Supervisors, John C Cook, Braddock District Supervisor, and Eileen Filler-Corn, Fairfax County State Delegate. Following the ceremony it was noted that the [Fairfax Resolves](#) original document, prepared and presented by George Washington and George Mason, could be viewed as representative of the historic Political Ancestry of Fairfax County. What followed was a mutually informative and amenable discussion between the elected County leadership and Fairfax Resolves Chapter members Vern Eubanks, President; Bill Price, Past President; and John Terry, Treasurer.

Chapter members discussed past County Patriot Grave Markings attended with Chairman Bulova as well as the wide range of patriotic and community service support activities engaged in by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter. The press release describing the breadth of our community, youth, public service recognition and patriotic activities was given to the Fairfax County leaders. This press release also highlighted the contribution of the Fairfax Resolves Document on the American Revolution and the Bill of Rights. Business cards were exchanged with Compatriots Eubanks and Price and the future possibility of the Chapter presenting the Colors at a Board of Supervisors meeting. Recognition of the Chapter's Community Service

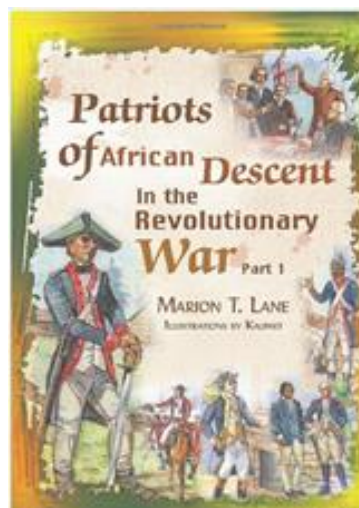


Literary Corner—Patriots of African Descent in the Revolutionary War by Marion Lane –Reviewed by Jamie Highfill

The children's book, [Patriots of African Descent in the Revolutionary War](#), written by Marion Lane, is a look at more than just a simple list of how many African Americans fought for this country's independence. It is a look at a family's history through questions a young boy has for his grandfather. Jeremy, a fifth-grade student is learning about the Revolution at school, and begins to wonder about the people who fought in it. That night at dinner, he asks his Pop-pop, his 86-year old grandfather, what he knows, and his grandfather tells him more than he thought possible.

Not only does Jeremy learn his own family history, we as readers all learn as well, as Jeremy's history is our history. Of particular interest to our members is an illustration contained within the story which points out a Memorial sign dedicated to "The Following Men of Color from Charles City County," by the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Marion Lane, the author, is a retired public school teacher, and one of the few African –American members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the [Society of Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge](#). She has researched her family history thoroughly, and her research sources listed at the back of the book are a great resource to use to get started on one's own research quest. The book is a must-read for enthusiasts on the Revolution and genealogy.



AWARD PRESENTATIONS



Fairfax Resolves Chap SAR 2015 EMS Award by proxy for Lieutenant Janet Norko; Fire Safety & EMS Photos by John Thrift, volunteer photographer

Technician Charles “Charlie” Harman is a 27-year veteran of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Over the years, Tech Harman has worked in various locations throughout Fairfax County, having primarily been assigned to the lower half of the county. Since 2005, Charlie has been assigned to the Woodlawn Fire Station, working as a Technician who is responsible for driving the ladder truck assigned to the station.

Lieutenant Janet Norko, fire station 25, B-Shift, was nominated for the 2015 EMS provider of the year. Lieutenant Norko has continually demonstrated through her exemplary performance and unyielding initiative and her commitment to the citizens of the Fairfax County Community. As an Advanced Life Support provider of nearly 20 years Lieutenant Norko has been called upon numerous times to develop new paramedics by administering their internships. Lieutenant Norko has been the recipient of several citations, the most recent of which was for the efficient treatment and expedient transport of an elderly citizen from a Merrifield Fire Station;



Introduction and SAR Briefing by Vern Eubanks. McLean area fire in December 2013.



Fairfax Resolves Chap SAR 2015 Fire Safety Award to Technician Charlie Harman

LOCAL HISTORIC PLACES - Historic Pohick Church

Discovering George Washington's Church - At the corner of U.S. Route 1 and Telegraph Road in Lorton, Virginia, stands Pohick Church, a colonial church that has witnessed over 240 years of American history. This is the church of influential men such as Founding Fathers George Washington and George Mason, both of whom were on the building committee.



The Historic Pohick Church Docent Guild has developed an interactive, hands-on children's tour to teach school-age children about life in northern Virginia in the 18th century.

Students will have an opportunity to compare life in 1775 to their lives today. How did people travel during the colonial period? What did their clothing look like? Did they grow their own food? Other topics will address the architecture of the colonial church, the type of box pews that parishioners sat in and why, as well as the differences between church services during George Washington's time and now. During the colonial period, religion and the church were important in daily life. The children will learn about the church's call to take care of the poor, widows and orphans, and to organize apprenticeships for young boys, so those children could learn a trade and take care of themselves in the future. Meeting in the courtyard after the service was an opportunity to discuss family business, such as baptisms and upcoming marriages, and sometimes the politics of the day.



Living History Interpreters, and from left to right are Carole Thomas, Susan Hayward – Costa, Daniel Cenci, Tom Costa, Laurie Kittle

Students have a chance to discuss pictures and short biographies of church members. Included in the profiles are George and Martha Washington, George Mason and his family members, and Alexander Henderson, father of Archibald Henderson, the longest serving commandant of the Marine Corps. As an activity, a Pohick Docent will demonstrate the bricklaying techniques used in building Pohick Church.

School groups, Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, homeschoolers and children visiting the church with their parents and grandparents are all welcome.

To support the educational programs and initiatives of the SAR, please consider this opportunity to have family and friends with young children join us for this educational tour.

To schedule a tour, please call 703-339-6572. The address of Pohick Church is 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton, Virginia, 22079.

Pohick Episcopal Church is still active, with several hundred members. For additional information, please visit the parish web site: www.pohick.org

We look forward to seeing you soon.
The Historic Pohick Church Docent Guild

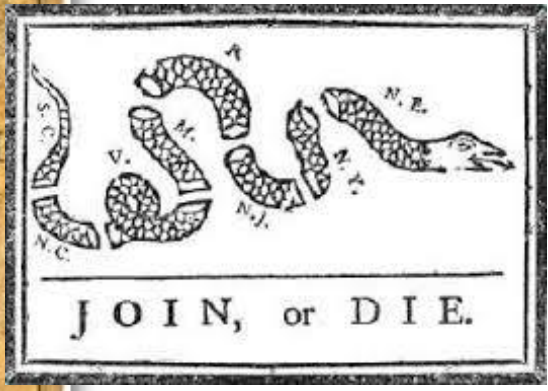
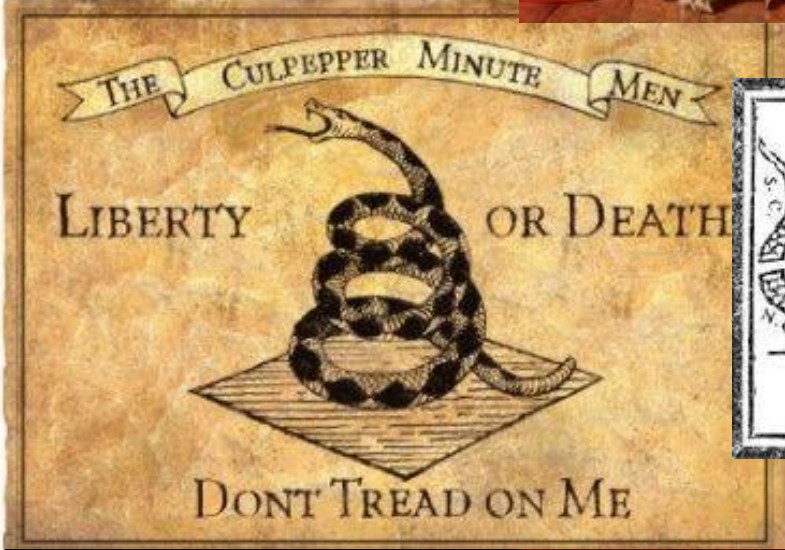


Children of the American Revolution Flag Retirement—Flag Day, 14 June 2015

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter, SAR, sponsors the Col. William Grayson Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution with their annual United States Flag Retirement event at the Great Falls Library. The accompanying pictures demonstrate CAR members preparing natural fabric flags for retirement assisted by Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, and recycling polyester flags by cutting them apart and preparing for shipment to a US factory for re-fabrication into new US flags.



AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN



A Letter to Cooper Davis Terry on the occasion of his induction into the
National Society,
Sons of the American Revolution

November 11, 2013 - Veterans Day

Dear Cooper,

My grandson, unlike you, I never knew my Grandfather. My father's parents divorced when he was a child and from then on he rejected his father and anything related to him. Although I had wondered on occasion what my grandfather was like and where he was from, it was not until you came to me with a school assignment to answer the question "Where do I come from"? I suspect that the question was intended to be a current day lesson in diversity and that expected responses would be the name of some foreign country. Here is my answer Cooper. At some past time everyone's parents came from somewhere other than the current foreign country they claim their heritage to be from. For you that claim is now. Your "Patria", or mother country, is American since you are as American as this country is American and the United States is the United States. Your genes as well as those of your Revolutionary War patriot Adam Rock Smith attest to this. Your heritage includes those who carried the burden of "Libertas", or liberty, when they came to this land; seeking Freedom, then winning Freedom, and for centuries thereafter protecting that Freedom.

As early as the 1630s your 10th Great Grandfather Thomas Terry, a pilgrim seeking Religious Freedom, was among the first English settlers in what is now New York. Another one of your Great Grandfathers, Lion Gardiner, was a major figure in the Pequot war that protected the Mayflower area settlers. Between the years 1755 and 1776 your 7th Great Grandfather Silas Graves fought in the French and Indian Wars and then served in the Revolutionary War. He served in both those wars as did George Washington and Marinus Willett, the commanding officer of the patriot we acknowledge today. Adam Smith was born in 1761 to one of the numerous Smith families that inhabited the Hempstead area of Long Island since the 1630s. In order to identify different family branches, the Smiths often prefaced their family names. Our branch is the "Rock" Smiths. Official records indicate that Adam Rock Smith was a Private in the levies of Colonel Marinus Willet and that he served on the Mohawk Frontier during the years 1780 and 1781. Levies in New York were short-term units drawn from the militia, or local Minutemen, to bolster under strength continental regiments, or to do duty on the Mohawk frontier. What is true today was also true during the Revolutionary War. Young military privates endure the heaviest burdens of warfare and unless they otherwise distinguish themselves, history all but neglects them. All warriors contribute, so identifying the units and place that they served and the battles they experienced is a measure of the Patriot.

The Mohawk valley located in north western New York State was strategically important to Revolutionary war efforts since it contained a major westward transportation route and was a vital source of grain and foodstuffs for Continental troops. When the levies of Colonel Marinus Willet entered

the conflict in the Mohawk Valley in 1781 the inhabitants had been subject to years of periodic raids during which their crops and homes would be burned, local militia killed and inhabitants taken prisoner. From 1776 to 1780 the valley population declined from 10,000 to 3,000. The forces opposing Colonel Willett and his forces included British elements from Canada, Tories or original settlers loyal to the King, and Iroquois Indians.

The first encounter of Willett's levies with invading enemy forces took place at the Battle of Sharon Springs on July 10, 1781. The invading force of 300 men sacked a local town and took prisoners and livestock. Willett sent a decoy force to fire on the invading men when they set up a camp. The Tories followed them into an ambush comprised of about 250 Patriots. An estimated 50 enemy soldiers were killed or wounded and the rest fled. Because of this victory neighboring settlements were spared from additional raids.

On October 25, 1781 in the Battle of Johnstown Colonel Willett's forces engaged an enemy force of approximately 700. This battle was one of the last battles of the Revolutionary War and was notable because a large contingent of regular British army participated in this border raid. Although outnumbered, Willett's forces outmaneuvered the enemy, surrounded them and forced their retreat. During the battle 11 enemy were killed, 11 wounded and 32 were captured. The success of Willett's levies effectively secured the Mohawk valley from future combat actions.

Adam Rock Smith returned to Hempstead and was married in 1783. He had four sons and three daughters. His last will and testament identified his occupation as a farmer. There is limited evidence that he, along with firmer evidence that his son Raynor Rock Smith, served in the War of 1812. As a final tribute to this Patriot, the Long Island Chapter of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution secured a Government issued gravestone for his burial site.

In the intervening years since Adam Smith a number of your ancestors served to insure your current freedom. You have ancestors who served in the Civil War. Your Great Grandfather, my dad Nelson D. Terry, served in the Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. As you are aware I entered the U. S. Navy in 1952 and served for 26 Years.

So Cooper, I thank you for asking the where do I come from question. I hope you learned something that will serve you well in the future and that you will stay true to your heritage. Remember the motto of the Sons of the American Revolution, Libertas et Patria, it is who you are and as of today who you now will represent.

Love, your Grandfather and Compatriot,

John R. Terry



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/15-16/2016: Battle of Cowpens - Gaffney, SC
- 1/28/2015, 7:00 p.m.: Fairfax Resolves Youth Oration Contest and Chapter Meeting - Falcons Landing
- 2/6/2016: Battle of Cowan's Ford - Charlotte, NC
- 2/11/2016: Fairfax Resolves Meeting - Details tba
- 2/12-13/2016: Crossing of the Dan - South Boston, VA
- 2/19-20/2016: VASSAR Annual Meeting - Richmond, VA

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The Patriot Project—Loudoun County Revolutionary War Memorial



Veterans Day—Leesburg, VA Courthouse grounds: The Loudoun County Revolutionary War Memorial was dedicated in a moving ceremony with local dignitaries present with speeches, handshakes, and photo ops throughout the day. Unlike other sculptures which glorify the individual soldier or general, this memorial features a minuteman bidding farewell to his family as he marches off to duty during the Revolutionary War. The Fairfax Resolves Chapter donated \$2500 for construction of the Loudoun County Revolutionary War Memorial, giving the chapter a prime location on the sponsors list, and an active part of the dedication. The chapter color guard had the honor of unveiling the sculpture for this first public viewing. Members participating in the dedication are shown in the above photo are L-R— Larry McKinley, Jack Sweeney, Bill Price, Vern Eubanks, VASSAR Pres. Reverdy Wright, Darren Schmidt, and Donald Cooper. Dave Cook is off camera. <http://www.loudounnow.com/2015/11/12/loudouns-revolutionary-spirit-memorialized-at-courthouse/>