

The Defender

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Best Large Chapter in Virginia – 2007 and 2008*

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Jack was born on Long Island, New York. After high school, he enlisted in the New York Army National Guard for six months active duty training and transferred to the Army Reserve while attending Kent State University in Ohio where he met his wife, Carol Lee Jenkins. He graduated in 1965, was commissioned through ROTC an Army 2nd Lt., Infantry and was soon in Vietnam combat as an infantry platoon leader. Jack's 28 ½ years of active Army service included assignments in the U.S., Europe and Asia. His post-college education comprises the normal Army schools as well as the National War College and two Masters Degrees. He retired in 1992 as a Colonel and then worked as a Department of Defense civilian, retiring again in 2006 with 15 years of civilian service.

Jack and Carol have two sons



VASSAR President Bill Simpson and outgoing Fairfax Resolves President Tom Speelman fit Jack Sweeney with the Presidential Neck Ribbon

and a daughter and are grateful for their six grand children. In addition to his SAR duties, Jack enjoys travel with Carol in conjunction with their genealogical research. Jack has eleven proven SAR patriots plus membership in the Society of Colonial Wars and Society of Mayflower Descendants. Carol is a DAR member.

Prior to assuming the Presidency of Fairfax Resolves, Jack was 2nd Vice President, Chapter National History Day Chairman, Grave Marking Committee Vice Chairman, and Assistant Chapter Registrar. With the exception of 2nd Vice President, he retains these duties.

2009/10 Fairfax Resolves Chapter Officers

On May the 9th, Fairfax Resolves held its annual Awards and Officer Installation Banquet. The following are the new officers for the 2009 / 2010 year.

President.....Jack Sweeney
First V.P.....Larry Lamborn
Second V.P.....Darrin Schmidt
Third V.P.....Bob Hampton
SecretaryPhil Ray
Treasurer.....Dan Rolph
Asst. Treasurer.....Joshua Myers

Chaplain.....Larry McKinley
Genealogist/RegistrarLarry McKinley
Asst. Genealogist/Registrar.....Jack Sweeney
Historian.....Rob Engle
Parliamentarian.....Darrin Schmidt

The Board of Managers

Three Year TermDennis Hickey
Two Year Term.....Donald Cooper
One Year term.....Lauris Eek

Additional details are provided on page 2.

Some words from Jack...

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the 2009-2010 Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter President and look forward to building on the accomplishments of the past leadership.

The new slate of Fairfax Resolves Chapter officers largely represents a transfer of responsibility from the traditional group of experienced chapter members whose selfless service resulted in the chapter's dramatic growth and accomplishments.

This Chapter epitomizes the purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution's U.S. Congressional Charter to perpetuate an appreciation of the sacrifices of our Nation's founding patriots. As direct descendants of those patriots, we retain the unique perspective of the SAR in performing this role. Of course, essential to sustaining the quality and positive influence on the community of our chapter's programs is an active membership.

This year it is hoped we can

promote an increase in both the size and involvement of our chapter's membership. The SAR recruiting environment in northern Virginia is very challenging with three viable SAR Chapters in this area, populated by men with busy work and family schedules. To address the busy life styles issue, a large chapter like Fairfax Resolves, enables members to select particular chapter activities of interest rather than attempting to participate in the full range of chapter programs. The periodic chapter membership orientation sessions explain in detail various chapter activities. Of course chapter officers can provide a good summary for anyone needed some assistance in finding a niche.

The following illustrate some of the chapter's recruiting initiatives: (1) SAR brochures, with chapter contact information, at various libraries and other genealogical research sites; (2) a first-class chapter website which accurately illustrates our activities which repeatedly proves to

be excellent advertising; (3) chapter participation in recruiting booths at fairs and other events; (4) Supplemental SAR applications and historical document research providing documentation that broadens the basis for membership applications and lures genealogically oriented individuals; and (4) enthusiastic Registrar follow-up on recruiting contacts with timely application assistance. Another simple effort that all members can implement is wearing SAR insignia and clothing and carrying SAR business cards for timely response to chance meetings with potential applicants.

I cannot close out these remarks without recognizing the loss on 8 June 2009 of our long-time chapter treasurer and at times secretary, Compatriot Richard E. Spurr, NSSAR 73222. He was a descendant of Timothy Blodgett of Middlesex County, Massachusetts who served in Captain John Parker's Company of Minute Men at Lexington and Concord, 19 April 1775. More importantly, Richard was a



Wonderful man and dedicated Compatriot of the SAR and our chapter. He is sincerely missed by all who knew him. The attendance of so many of Richard's SAR Compatriots at the visitation hours and his funeral was sincerely appreciated.

Once again, I thank all Fairfax Resolves Compatriots for your support and confidence and I will do all I can to ensure our collective success.

Compatriotically,
John E. (Jack) Sweeney

2009 - 2010 Chapter Officers Sworn In

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Positions not in our By-Laws for elections but are very important to the running of our Chapter today:

Web Master.....Darrin Schmidt
Publicist.....Rob Engle
Photographer.....Bill Youngs

Pictured (L-R): Phil Ray – Secretary; Joshua Myers – Assistant Treasurer; John Sinks – Outgoing Genealogist / Registrar, and

Parliamentarian; Larry Lamborn – First Vice President; Andrew Monahan; Darrin Schmidt – Second Vice President, Webmaster, and Parliamentarian; Jack Sweeney – President and Assistant Genealogist / Registrar ; Bill Simpson – VASSAR President

Not Pictured: Bob Hampton – Third Vice President; Dan

Rolph – Treasurer; Larry McKinley – Chaplain; Rob Engle – Historian; Bill Youngs – Photographer and Chaplain Emeritus



VASSAR President Bill Simpson administers the Oath of Office to the 2009-2010 officers.

Two Chapter Members Awarded Emeritus Status

Recently, Fairfax Resolves recognized two long serving members for their years of selfless dedication to Fairfax Resolves.

Richard S. Spurr (Ancestor Timothy Blodgett)



Richard Spurr accepts the Award for Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus

Richard Spurr is honored by Fairfax Resolves with an Emeritus Title for his significant contributions to our Chapter over the past 25 years and 58 years to the Sons of the American Revolution.

Richard came from Boston, Massachusetts to Washington D.C. in 1949 and started his government career, spending most of his 36 years with the National Archives. He was in charge of aerial photographs primarily for civilian and agricultural use. Richard's wife, Ivy, is no longer with us but his children are local—Dennis and Patricia.

Richard says that his entrance into the Sons of the American Revolution is a "long story", but honestly he didn't know what the SAR was! He was trying to enter the Society of Colonial Wars and was struggling with the paperwork so he called the registrar. Apparently, this guy was a very old man who lived in the apartment houses on K Street, and had a way of being brutally honest – or maybe just brutal. He told Richard that he couldn't get into the Society of Colonial Wars, but he ought to try the Sons of the

American Revolution. We won't argue how odd it is that his ancestor fought at the Battle of Lexington, but he was turned down in that "other" organization! The SAR did NOT turn him down and the D.C. Society welcomed Richard in 1951.

He came to our Chapter from the D.C. Society in 1984 – and we are certainly glad he did! He brought a new level of organization and detail to our Chapter as Secretary Treasurer. He served 15 years as our Secretary Treasurer and simultaneously served three different years in the 1970-1980's as the D.C. Society Executive Secretary.

There are several testaments to Richard's eye for details. For as long as any of us remembers, our books have been straight and accurate minutes have been recorded for each meeting. Richard was always on the phone collecting dues from those of us who were a bit slower than he thought we should be. His detailed record keeping and diligent reminders prevented many members from being "dropped" from our ranks, and kept our Chapter running in top fiscal form.

We honor Richard with an Emeritus position in Fairfax Resolves for "outstanding leadership and 58 years of service, decades as Secretary Treasurer; for inspiring and educating us in the principles of an organized historical, educational and patriotic Chapter allowing us to inspire and educate the community. All Fairfax Resolves treasures your presence and advice".

In Memoriam Richard E. Spurr

It is with sincere sadness that Fairfax Resolves learned our esteemed Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus passed away on Monday, June 8. Richard was a wonderful man and fellow compatriot who had served a numerous years as Secretary-Treasurer of Fairfax Resolves.

Richard celebrated his 85th birthday on January 30th. He was a wonderful gentleman, compatriot and friend. His cherished memory and legacy of kindness and service will live on.

Two Chapter Members Awarded Emeritus Status

William “Bill” Ellis Youngs

(Ancestor William Davidson & James Williams)



Bill Youngs accepts the Award for Chaplain Emeritus

Bill Youngs is honored by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter with an Emeritus Title for his contributions to our organization and for his lifetime achievements as an educator of the public in the principle objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution.

A native of the DC Area (since age 4), Bill contemplated entering the clergy following his High School graduation but he (quote) “didn’t think I could influence people enough”. He then turned to another influential industry –motion pictures. He was patriotically inspired through his work on educational motion pictures that he showed to area embassies and government offices while employed by the Washington Motion Picture Company.

After serving in the 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters during WWII, for two years including the invasion of Normandy, Bill declined an extension in the service as a Chaplain’s Assistant. Bill said that “God is getting me back for turning that down by making me the Chaplain Emeritus for Fairfax Resolves”.

Once stateside, he launched into a 30 year film industry career with the U.S. Information Agency under the Department of State. Upon his retirement, he “substituted” for someone at the Motion Picture Association and walked out the door 15 years later. He became active in his community through the University Film and Video Association and the Society of Motion Picture Engineers.

His service to Veterans includes being a past president of the 2nd Div. Indian Head Association, and as such, he led National Memorial Services on Veterans Day at the flaming sword monument on Constitution Avenue. He continues this service to veterans as the co-organizer of Veterans Common, where he helps to conduct multiple services per year.

A roll call of Bill’s SAR communication and leadership activities include: joining Fairfax Resolves in 1984 and holding every office but Secretary/Treasurer (That was Richard!!); creating the *Defender* newsletter and including historic articles in every issue; mentoring many Compatriots and contributing great patience, advice, counsel and encouragement; serving for over ten years as DAR Liaison for VASSAR; and spending countless hours, with his wife Mary Helen, demonstrating SAR support for all levels of C.A.R. and DAR.

He became the “Photographer General” for DAR, and served every President General since the mid 1980s.

We honor Bill with an emeritus position in Fairfax Resolves for “*Outstanding leadership and mentoring Compatriots as those Compatriots inspire and educate the Community in the principle objectives of the SAR. All of Fairfax Resolves give you our respectful salute and treasure your presence and advice.*”

Fairfax Resolves Special Ceremonies and Events

Fairfax Resolves has conducted and supported numerous special ceremonies and events during the past several months. Here are the details of just a few.

Law Enforcement Award Presentations

At the annual Awards Ceremony in May, Fairfax Resolves recognized two of Fairfax County’s finest officers for their outstanding contributions in their duties as police officers. Motorcycle Police Officer (MPO) Kevin Palizzi and Detective Raymond Betts were awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Medal for exceptional performance as a MPO performing multiple duties and as a Drug Investigation Detective. Their exemplary performance reflects great credit upon themselves and the Fairfax County Police Department. Additional photos and descriptions are available on the Fairfax Resolves web page.

Law Enforcement Award Presentations



Fairfax County Police Detective Raymond Betts receives the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from Compatriot Vernon Eubanks.



MPO Kevin Palizzi received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal from Outgoing Chapter President Tom Speelman. Deputy Chief, Lt. Colonel Suzanne Devlin also pictured.

McLean Day

The Freedom Hill Chapter DAR invited us to join them at their booth for McLean Day, May 16th. The purpose was to recruit members at a community fair. President Jack Sweeney, Don Cooper, John Sinks, Andrew Monahan, and Dennis Hickey all participated in the activity. The DAR booth is in a great location in the heart of it all.

Although business was slow many times during the day, we very much enjoyed good conversation with the ladies from the Freedom Hill Chapter. We were very impressed with the lady's smooth system of providing small white bags for their hand-outs with each bag having the "Chapter Logo"

professionally produced on a stick-on label. They very generously placed our hand-outs in their bags as well. We also provided a sheet on C.A.R. taken from the internet with objectives of C.A.R. and the National HQ contact information.

Freedom Hill rotated about 10 members through the operation throughout the day. It would probably benefit both organizations to have a uniformed Virginia Continental Line soldier at the tent during the midday to attract attention. We felt that for the day's effort we had two promising prospective members. One, Mason McAllister, has submitted his draft application.

Outstanding Students in American History

Each year the Fairfax Resolves Chapter recognizes outstanding students in seven secondary schools or programs. The following students were selected by their teachers as the outstanding students in American history based on overall performance throughout the year:

ELEANOR HEISEY	Wakefield High School
WES HORTON	Washington-Lee High School
JOHN RADCLIFFE	Christchurch School
JACKSON CRUM	Yorktown High School
HANNAH CLARK	Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
TESSA ANDREWS	H-B Woodlawn Program
JACQUELINE FILZEN	Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School

One student was selected for outstanding citizenship in his school:

KEVIN MILTZ	Christchurch School
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All students received a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal in recognition of their achievements. The medals were awarded at the academic awards assemblies of the seven schools.

C.A.R. Flag Disposal Ceremony

On Flag Day, four chapter members attended the C.A.R. flag disposal ceremony at Great Falls. John Dickie, Darrin Schmidt, Larry McKinley, and John Sinks retired several flags that had memorial significance such as marking the graves of a Revolutionary War Veteran, and one was donated by the volunteer fire fighters assisting with the ceremony. This flag had flown at the Great Falls Fire Station until it was no longer fit for display. Other flags had been proudly displayed by citizens of Great Falls and surrounding areas. More photos and details are available on the Fairfax Resolves web page.



Virginia Society C.A.R State President Robert Borgotti watches with members of the Fairfax Resolves and others as members of the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department retire worn flags.



John Sinks Retires the Flag That Was Flown Over His Ancestor's Grave, Benjamin Peachee.

New US Citizens Ceremony

On the 28th of August, Fairfax Resolves Compatriots Jack Sweeney and Dennis Hickey attended ceremonies to welcome the children of new citizens of the United States. The ceremony was held at the District Office of the U. S. Citizens and Immigration Service in Fairfax Virginia. The event was hosted by the Children of the American Revolution and supported by both the DAR and the SAR. At far right, members of the C.A.R., DAR, and SAR are pictured behind Alena Green, a brand new and very enthusiastic new citizen.



Alison Shell and Elyse Hawley present a small U.S. Flag and a laminated Bill of Rights to a new young citizen. Also shown in the photo is the U.S. CIS District Seven Director, Mr. Kim.



Bonnie Hawley, DAR adult C.A.R. leader from Lane's Mill DAR Chapter in Centreville, VA; Elyse Hawley, age 16, of the Lighthouse Harry Lee C.A.R. Society in Gainesville, VA; and Alison Shell, age 17, of the Muhlenberg C.A.R. Society of Woodstock, VA, and in the rear are Jack Sweeney and Dennis Hickey of the Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter in Fairfax County, VA.

Grave/Flag Markings

Fairfax Resolves has attended several grave markings and flag/wreath placements over the summer. Some of them are summarized below.

On the 4th of July, members of Fairfax Resolves attended memorial services at Veterans Commons and Congressional Cemetery in DC, Oakwood Cemetery in Falls Church and historic Mount Vernon Estate. Flags were placed at the graves of Revolutionary War veterans, Lt Col Samuel Shreve and Capt Simon Summers as well as drummer boy John Hunter.

During the annual wreath laying at Mount Vernon, Fairfax Resolves honored our nation's first President, George Washington, during a ceremony hosted by the Mount Vernon Chapter of the SAR.



Grave Ceremony for Capt Isaac Finch

On Saturday, August 15th, 2009 there was an SAR Grave Marking Ceremony in Peru Township, Clinton County, NY at the Blockhouse Cemetery to dedicate a Department of Veterans Affairs Marker and SAR Marker at the grave of Captain Isaac Finch, 4th Great Grandfather of Dr. John D. Sinks, formerly of the Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter of VASSAR. The Department of Veterans Affairs provided the brass plaque as an alternative to the tombstone they provide for missing or unreadable headstones. The SAR marker is the small lug type suitable for cemeteries that discourage headstones.

Also over the summer, compatriots George Gydesen and Jack Sweeney, Presidents of Oriskany Battle and Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapters respectively, participated in an Earlville, NY SAR Grave Marking Ceremony for Patriot

Thomas Higgins, New York State Militia and Continental Line. Compatriot William Higgins, 4th Great Grandson of Thomas, Col. Henshaw Chapter, Massachusetts (MA) SAR. Higgins represented MA SAR at a 2007 SAR Grave Marking for Sweeney's 4th Great Grandfather, Revolutionary War veteran buried in Warren, MA. Compatriots Gydesen, Sweeney, and Higgins shared this day with other descendants, locals, James Madison and Kate Waller Barrett DAR Chapter members and local American Legion color guard.



President Jack Sweeney Attends the Thomas Higgins Grave Marking Ceremony in Earlville, NY

Color Guard Activities

Members of the Fairfax Resolves Color Guard have had an extremely busy summer supporting numerous events. Here are summaries of just a few of the events. The Fairfax Resolves were well represented by Compatriots Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, and Dan Rolph. The following articles are presented by Larry McKinley.



Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington DC

On April 3rd, 2009 the VASSAR Color Guard was invited to support the Cherry Blossom Festival. We were asked to march at the Grand Banquet and present the colors for this international event held in Washington D.C. at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

It truly was an international affair complete with sushi bar and internal princesses as well as lovely princesses from many U.S. States and its held territories. We were pleased to participate in this event since it means publicity for the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution and a method of stimulating interest in American Revolutionary history. The Color Guard representatives were interviewed by Voice of America (VOA News) as to who we were, who we represented.

The members of the VASSAR Color Guard who endured the rigors of having their picture taken with the princesses were: Darrin Schmidt; Dan Rolph; Andy Johnson; and Larry McKinley. It was a “large sacrifice” to be sought after for photos and most everyone at the event (about 300) kept Guardsman Dan Rolph busy explaining his replica of a Brown Bess. Even through the “sacrifices” we would do it again for all the publicity the SAR receives. A special thank you goes to Kent Webber, VASSAR Secretary for getting us involved as he is part of the planning committee for the event—Keep throwing us into that “briar patch”.



Members of VASSAR Color Guard with Miss New Mexico. L To R: A. Johnson; D. Schmidt; Miss NM; L. McKinley & D. Rolph



Members of VASSAR Color Guard ready to present colors: L to R: D. Rolph; D. Schmidt; A. Johnson (D.C. Flag); and L. McKinley with sword.

Sarah Ann Howison Trone A Real Daughter of the American Revolution

On Saturday, April 4th, 2009, the Prince William Resolves Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution conducted a beautiful service for a true Daughter of the American Revolution in Dale City, Virginia. The VASSAR Color Guard was asked to present colors at the graveside service for Sarah Ann Howison Trone. We will call the Color Guard VASSAR Color Guard since we had multiple Chapters of the SAR represented.

It was great to directly support our sister organization, Daughters of the American Revolution, as they conducted the service. The VASSAR Color Guard led the group of about 30 people through the woods to the gravesite to begin the ceremony. We presented the colors and showed respect during the Pledge and singing of the Star Spangled Banner, by the New Dominion Choraliars. After the ceremony the VASSAR Color Guard reverently led the group from the gravesite through the woods to the clearing where their vehicles were parked.

Sarah Ann Howison Trone - Cont'd



**VASSAR Color Guard standing in salute to Sarah Trone.
L to R: D. Rolph; A. Johnson; L. McKinley, &
D. Schmidt hidden by flag.**

The Prince William Resolves worked closely with Prince William County District Supervisors in researching who should preserve and maintain historic graves within the county. The Supervisors of the county showed up to communicate about their newly researched and learned responsibility on the issue of burial properties on private/public property. The VASSAR President William Simpson, Jr. commended the county in their role of supporting this public commemoration of service of a daughter of a Patriot. Protecting and preserving history is the result.



Dan Rolph leads the group at the graveside reverently away from the site at the end of the ceremony.



VASSAR Color Guard Commander and Fairfax Resolves Compatriot Larry McKinley presents at Wilderness Road State Park.

Wilderness Road State Park, Ewing, Virginia

On May 9th, 2009 the VASSAR Color Guard was invited to support the annual Raid on Martin's Station. The historic site centers around a fort built by General Joseph Martin and his defense of more than 200,000 settlers as they passed through the Cumberland Gap on their way west from the 1760's through the 1780's. The Color Guard Commander, Larry McKinley, was asked to deliver the message at the park Visitor Center and he chose to speak to the children. The VASSAR Color Guard was joined by the Kentucky Color Guard and the Martin Station Militia. It was a great display of color on a rainy foggy day.

National Memorial Day Celebration

On May 25th, 2009 the VASSAR Color Guard was invited to support the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. The National Society Color Guard consisted of 12 members lead by National Color Guard Commander Larry Perkins from Ohio. The following States were represented: Virginia (5), Maryland (4), Vermont (1), Georgia (1) and Ohio (1). The Fairfax Resolves Chapter was represented by Larry McKinley and Darrin Schmidt.

The Color Guard formed in front of the Museum of Art on Madison and the parade kicked off right smartly at 2 p.m. There were well over 125 units in the parade and the National Society was unit 29, fairly close to the front. Rain held off long enough and our Drummer and Fifer could be heard all the way down Constitution Avenue in Washington D.C. from 7th Street to 17th (near the DAR building). There was a huge crowd standing five to six people deep nearly the entire route. This was the fifth annual parade and it keeps getting better as we go through the years.

We invite all members from Virginia to attend this event next year---it truly builds camaraderie and teamwork.



Members of combined National SAR Color Guard gather in preparation for the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.



Members of combined National SAR Color Guard march by during the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.



With Larry Perkins commanding from the front, three of the five Virginians can be seen here: Brett Osborne, rifleman, 1st row after fifer & Drummer on left side; Darrin Schmidt, back row on right side of row; and Larry McKinley, back row on far left.

Registrar's Report

2009 Accomplishments

Six new members have been approved in 2009. Also six members have had a total of nine supplemental applications approved. Of the fifteen approvals, seven have been for forgotten patriots. Three current applicants are shown but four more applications (Robert S. Kennedy II, Robert J. Kennedy, Joseph C. Kennedy, & William M. "Bud" Walker) are in the mail to NSSAR HQ, and four more applications (Adam Huftalen, Nicholas Mason, Todd Sipe, & Jan Taylor) are in chapter-level preparation. An additional supplemental application (J. Clarke Bursley) is also in preparation.

Application Status

Since the last issue of *The Defender* we have the following changes in application status.

Member	Ancestor	State of Service	Forgotten Patriot	Date Approved by NSSAR
New Members				
Brett Sweeney	Robert Hathaway	MA, RI		5/1/2009
J. Clarke Bursley	Nathan Wing	MA	Yes	5/11/2009
William Price	Jonathan Clower	NC		5/28/2009
Jack Simms	William Cooke	VA		6/2/2009
James Naughton, Sr.	John Davenport	VA	Yes	6/19/2009
James Naughton, Jr.	John Davenport	VA		6/19/2009
Applicants				Date Received by NSSAR
Elliot Berke	Vincent Hudson II	VA	Yes	5/7/2009
Mason McAllister	Abisha Horne	VA		8/5/2009
Allen Duane Wills	Thomas Bass	VA		8/21/2009
Adam C. Huftalen	Lewis Shive	PA		Chapter Processing
Robert J. Kennedy	Alvin Moxley	GA		Chapter Processing
Robert S. Kennedy II	Alvin Moxley	GA		Chapter Processing
Joseph C. Kennedy	Alvin Moxley	GA		Chapter Processing
Todd Sipe	Elisha Sheldon	CT		Chapter Processing
William "Bud" Walker Jr.	David Cook	NJ		Chapter Processing
Supplemental Applications Approved				Date Approved by NSSAR
John Sinks	Nathaniel Barker Sr.	VA	Yes	5/26/2009
Thomas Speelman	Christian Herring	PA		5/26/2009
Andrew Gutowsk	Alexander Waugh	VA		6/15/2009
John Sinks	Edward Laurance Jr.	VA	Yes	7/2/2009
Larry McKinley	William Lowther	VA		7/16/1009
Larry McKinley	Thomas Hughes, Sr.	VA		7/16/16009
Larry McKinley	William Stewart	VA	Yes	8/12/2009
Joshua Myers	Catherine Sharp	NC		8/12/2009
Robert Engle	John Ems	PA	Yes	8/12/2009
Supplemental Applications Submitted				Date Received by NSSAR
Phil Ray	James Ross	NC		3/11/2009
Jeremy Ray	James Ross	NC		3/11/2009
Larry McKinley	Adam Flesher	VA		5/28/2009
Larry McKinley	Henry Flesher	VA	Yes	5/28/2009
Larry McKinley	Joseph Staats	VA		5/28/2009
John Sinks	John Gaither	MD, NC		5/28/2009
Brett Sweeney	Jacob Troup	VA		7/16/2009
J. Clarke Bursley	Joshua Howard	MD		7/22/2009

Vignettes of the Revolution by John Sinks

Second Battle of Cedar Spring or Wofford's Iron Works, 8 August 1780.

Col. Elijah Clarke and Col. Isaac Shelby engaged a body of Tories under Col. Patrick Ferguson.

"Before [Col. Elijah] Clarke and [Col. Isaac] Shelby left their temporary camp on Fair Forest [South Carolina], Josiah Culbertson, who has been described as one of the bravest young men, obtained permission to visit his house only two or three miles away. His object was to make such observations and gain such information as he could in regard to the location, position and strength of the enemy. About daylight the next morning he rode fearlessly and unconcernedly into the camp he had left the evening before, supposing it to still be occupied by his friends, not knowing that Clarke and Shelby had decamped and that Dunlap had taken possession of it. Discovering his mistake, he leisurely rode out of camp until out of sight and then spurred forward rapidly to give Clarke and Shelby notice of the nearness of the enemy. As he passed through the camp he noticed that the dragoons were getting their horses in readiness. He knew from this and other preparations which were being made by the enemy that they were making ready to renew their line of march. He could only guess as to the route Shelby and Clarke had taken, and when he overtook them, he found them already in line of battle on chosen ground ready for the onslaught."

"During the progress of the fight, Culbertson had a personal adventure worthy of special notice. 'Meeting a dragoon,' says [Lyman] Draper, 'some distance from support, who imperiously demanded his surrender, the intrepid American replied by whipping his rifle to his shoulder and felling the haughty Briton from his horse. When the dead were buried the next day, this dragoon was thrown into a hole, where he lay, and covered with earth. He happened to have some peaches in his pocket at the time, from which a peach tree grew and for many years afterwards bore successive crops.'"

Dr. J.B.O. Landrum, *Colonial History of Upper South Carolina*, 1897, p. 141-142. Josiah Culbertson survived the war and was a pensioner. He died and is buried in Daviess County, Indiana. More of his exploits will be told in future vignettes. Howard H. Peckham in *The Toll of Independence* places American casualties in the action at 4 killed and 23 wounded.

Un-indexed Bounty Land Warrants

A bounty land application proved a key link the lineage for Elliot Berke, one of our new applicants. Elliot descends from Revolutionary soldier Vincent Hudson, who, along with two sons Vincent, Jr. and William, served as musicians in the War of 1812. There are approved SAR applications on Vincent Hudson, but they all involved a proof of lineage for the

soldier's granddaughter, Mary Jane, by preponderance of evidence: there was no document that stated explicitly who her parents were. All three of the soldiers were deceased before 1850, but at least two of the widows were still alive and had been found on the federal census. I decided to see if any of them applied for bounty land under the Act of 1850, 1852, or 1855. Under those acts veterans immediate heirs could receive bounty land, provided that the total bounty land did not exceed 160 acres.

The search was successful beyond expectations. The application of Priscilla Hudson provided the date and place of death of her husband, William. The first supporting document was a fair copy of a family record attested in court stating the date of marriage, Priscilla's maiden name, and the names of dates of birth of all three children. The application also proved that the proof by preponderance of evidence although appearing plausible was in fact incorrect. Priscilla was the widow of William, rather than Vincent, Jr. as stated on previous applications. Vincent had appeared on the tax lists but William had been omitted from tax list, perhaps because he was a sailor and at sea. The widow of Vincent, Jr. removed from the county where both men had lived, supporting the appearance that Priscilla was the widow of Vincent, Jr. Un-indexed bounty land applications proved the lineage beyond a shadow of a doubt.

The bounty land applications are part of Record Group 15. They are organized alphabetically by name, state, war, and unit. Most bounty land applications are un-indexed. In general, if there is a pension application for service in the Revolution or the War of 1812, any bounty land application would be combined with the pension application and indexed. These indexes do not cover hundreds of thousands of veterans, widows, and survivors who applied for land under these acts. The National Archives has commenced indexing the remainder of the applications and presently is up through the letter "F." This partial index is available at the Washington, DC location of the archives and is on CD instead of microfilm. Un-indexed bounty land applications are just that: un-indexed. To submit a request at the National Archives, one identifies the soldier, war, and unit, using the military service index for the appropriate war.

The National Archives provides an overview of bounty land in the publication, *Military Service Records* at the National Archives, which is available online at:

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/ref-info-papers/109/index.pdf>

I thank Dennis Edelin of the National Archives for providing further information.

Fairfax Resolves Calendar of Events

10 September 2009, 1900 – Vinson Hall Penthouse - Chapter Meeting: Compatriot Andrew Gutowski presents “War Comes to Virginia: 1781.” Except for some parting shots by Lord Dunmore as he fled his post as royal governor in 1776, Virginia had largely been spared the ravages of war until 1781. From 1776 to 1779, the campaigns had mainly been in the northern colonies, especially in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. But in late 1779 the British struck at the southern colonies, landing at Savannah and proceeding steadily northward toward Virginia. General Nathanael Greene conducted a masterful defensive campaign that wore out the columns of Lord Cornwallis. But now the British focused on Virginia - sending first the traitor Benedict Arnold to ravage and devastate the James River area. And Lord Cornwallis was fast approaching. Only Washington's brilliant French general, the Marquis de Lafayette, stood his ground to meet the British onslaught.

12 September 2009, 0900 – Vinson Hall Penthouse – New Member Orientation / Breakfast

The new member orientation is aimed at introducing new members to the programs and activities of the Chapter. This is also a chance for new members to express their goals and interests as members of the Fairfax Resolves. A light breakfast will be provided.

16 September, 2009 - Richmond, Va. – American Revolution Round Table – Richmond presents a program by Glenn F. Williams on “Yorktown: The 18th Century Doctrine of Siege Warfare in Operational Practice” in the Westhampton Room in the University of Richmond's Heilman Dining Center. Dinner will be available from 5:30 - 6:30 pm and will be followed by the meeting at 6:30 pm. For additional information contact Bill Welsch at (804) 755-1809, president@arrt-richmond.org. or <http://www.arrt-richmond.org>

17 September 2009, 1100 – Montpelier, VA - Constitution Day Recognition Ceremony

18-19 September 2009 - Virginia Beach Resort Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA - Virginia Society of SAR Semi-annual Meeting Additional information is available at the [VASSAR website](http://www.vassar.org).

3 October, 2009, 1800 – Vinson Hall Penthouse and Dining Facility - Fire and Rescue Banquet

19 October, 2009 – Yorktown, PA - Yorktown Victory Day

12 November, 2009, 1900 – Vinson Hall Penthouse - Chapter Meeting: Jerry Whipple presents “The Forgotten Men of the Continental Navy.” Everyone has heard of the great naval heroes of the Revolution such as John Paul Jones and John Barry, justly famous for their exploits at sea. But few have heard of Abraham Whipple, an extraordinary sea captain from Rhode Island whose sea duty did much to advance the cause of independence. It was Commodore Whipple, then a merchant sea captain, who led the June 1772 attack on the British revenue schooner, Gaspee, one of the earliest shots fired in the Revolution. Not

only that, but from 1775 to the war's end, Whipple clashed with British warships off New England and the Bahamas. In one daring episode, the Commodore and his "fleet" of three frigates captured a British convoy of ten ships off Newfoundland without a shot being fired. Yet after independence was won, Whipple was quickly forgotten and died penniless in Ohio in 1819. This great naval hero was certainly deserving of the title: *“The Forgotten Man of the Continental Navy.”*

5 December, 2009, TBD – Vinson Hall Penthouse and Dining Facility - Chapter Christmas Party

16-17 January, 2010 - Spartanburg and Cowpens, SC - Cowpens National Battlefield Ceremony Memorial at the statue of Daniel Morgan in Spartanburg and a wreath laying ceremony at Cowpens National Battlefield.

28 January, 2010, 1900 – Vinson Hall Penthouse - Oration Contest and Chapter Meeting with refreshments

11 February, 2010, 1900 – Vinson Hall Penthouse - Chapter Meeting

11 March, 2010, 1900 – Vinson Hall Penthouse - Chapter Meeting

8 April, 2010, 1900 – Vinson Hall Penthouse - Chapter Meeting

15 May, 2010, TBD – Vinson Hall Penthouse and Dining Facility – Chapter Awards Banquet and Induction of New Officers

Exhibits

Mount Vernon's Exhibit: "George Washington & His Generals."

Historic Mount Vernon, Va. - "George Washington & His Generals," a new temporary exhibition co-sponsored by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association and The Society of the Cincinnati. Over 120 paintings, prints, personal artifacts, and manuscripts associated with the generals of the Continental and French armies will be featured. These objects — drawn from the collections of Mount Vernon, the Society, and almost 40 of the nation's foremost fine arts museums, historical societies, and private collections — offer an unprecedented look at Washington's leadership and character as commander-in-chief by bringing to life the relationships that formed between him and his generals as they fought for our nation's freedom. The exhibition will remain on view through January 10, 2010, and will be located in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum, George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. Access is included in the Estate admission.

<http://www.mountvernon.org/learn/collections/index.cfm/pid/1220///cfid/27906135/cftoken/19108417>