

Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution
ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

Chapter Name: Fairfax Resolves

Chapter Size: Number of members as of December, 2009: 62

Person Completing Report: John E. Sweeney, Chapter President

Chapter Report Purpose: To provide chapters with a programmatic planning tool as well as a standardized means of recording accomplishments. The Virginia Society (“VASSAR”) encourages its chapters to be well-rounded, recognizing that chapters vary in size and may not be able to participate in all of the programs/activities promoted by VASSAR and NSSAR. To this end, fourteen (14) questions are designed to provide the Awards Committee and VASSAR officials with a picture of chapter performance across a broad range of patriotic, historical, educational, and fraternal (e.g., DAR/CAR/SCOUTS/AL) activities. Question fifteen (15) is a bonus question which comes under the category of a current President's initiative. And finally, Question number sixteen (16) provides Chapters with an opportunity to advise VASSAR about how it might better serve the needs of its members.

For award purposes, chapter performance will be reviewed according to membership size into the following categories: under 25; under 50; under 100, and over 100. Scoring of answers to questions follows a simple formula of negative (“-”) marks for failure to participate in an activity, a zero (“0”) for minimal participation and positive (“+”) marks for significant participation. Emphasis is placed upon programs which result in a notable impact upon a chapter's local community.

Historic Celebration participation is divided into three (3) tiers:

Tier 1: VASSAR and (NSSAR, as noted by *) priorities:

Yorktown Day Observance*, Martin's Station*, Crossing of the Dan, Guilford Courthouse, Point Pleasant, King's Mountain, Cowpens, and Valley Forge (every three (3) years jointly with DAR).

Tier 2: James Madison's Birthday, James Monroe's Birthday, Thomas Jefferson's Birthday, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, and Veteran's Day.

Tier 3: Other celebrations, e.g., including but not limited to, Battle of the Hook, Battle of Petersburg, Battle of Great Bridge, Vietnam Memorial Day.

Caveats:

- ◆ Chapter Reports are due By January 8, 2010 (except the Orations Contest).
- ◆ Make every effort to complete answers in the spaces provided.
- ◆ If attachments are critical, please make them brief and attach them to this report.
- ◆ Chapters are strongly encouraged to email their reports to VASSAR Third Vice President Henry P. Williams III, Ph.D. at hpwiii@attglobal.net. Electronic submissions must contain on the subject line: **VASSAR 2009 Report XYZ Chapter**. When preferred, reports may also be mailed to Dr. Williams at 841 West Leigh Drive, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901.

1. Revolutionary Graves

a. Revolutionary Grave Marking

How many Revolutionary graves did your chapter mark? 2

For each Revolutionary grave marked provide the name of the patriot.

(1) Pvt. William Baldwin (2) Capt. Isaac Finch

Did you prepare a paper or speech on the patriot and his/her service? yes
(1) Yes (2) yes

Copies of the papers were provided to the VASSAR Revolutionary War Graves Chairman.

Were organizations outside your chapter (e.g., C.A.R, DAR) invited to attend the ceremony? If so, provide date(s) and venue(s). yes

(1) The Daniel Guthrie SAR Chapter was invited to participate and did so. A local DAR chapter was also represented and participated. The President of the Daviess County, Historical Society and three descendants who live in the area were also Present as a result of newspaper publicity.

(2) The Valcour Battle SAR Chapter and Saranac DAR Chapter were invited to Participate in the ceremony at Blockhouse Cemetery, Peru, New York on 15 Aug 2009. Both did so. The Historian of Peru, New York was present for the ceremony. The Historian of Clinton County was invited but couldn't attend.

Did you notify the Virginia Society Revolutionary Graves Chairman? yes
(1) Yes (2) Yes

b. Grave Registration

How many Revolutionary graves did your chapter register? 11
Total of 11: 2 New and 9 Updates

New: (1) Pvt. Elisha Dick-Alexandria, VA and (2) Sgt. David Thompson-Rockville Cemetery, Madison, CT

Updates: (1) Col. John Carlyle-Alexandria, VA; (2) Col. Phillip Marsteller - Alexandria, VA; VA; (3) Lt. Samuel Cooper-Alexandria, VA; (4) Lt. James Lawrason – Alexandria, VA; (5) Lt. William Triplett-Camp Humphreys Engineer Center, Ft. Belvoir, VA; (6) Pvt. William Baldwin, Daviess County, IN; (7) Capt. Isaac Finch, Peru, NY; and (8) Sgt. Ambrose Hotchkiss-Windsor Locks, CT; and (9) Rev. and Corporal Jeremiah Moore, Fairfax County, VA

c. Other Graves Projects – provide details.

(1) Through the efforts of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, markers were obtained from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and placed at the graves of Capt. Isaac Finch (Blockhouse Cemetery, Peru, NY) and Pvt. Benjamin Harrison (Congressional Cemetery, Washington DC).

(2) The Chapter sent letters to the following Fairfax County churches: Falls Church, Pohick Church, and Oakwood Church promoting the SAR Revolutionary Graves Maintenance Program.

- (3) Two members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter attended a grave-marking ceremony honoring the Revolutionary Services of Pvt. Benjamin Wood, sponsored by the Maryland Society SAR, at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC.
- (4) Flags emplaced at the graves of 4 Revolutionary War soldiers for Memorial Day 25 May 09
- (5) Flags emplaced at the graves of 13 Revolutionary War patriots for Independence Day, 4 July 09.
- (6) Flags emplaced at the graves of four Revolutionary War Patriots for Veterans Day, 11 Nov 09
- (7) The chapter webmaster posted photographs of the graves of 12 Revolutionary War patriots whose graves have been marked by the chapter.
- (8)The Fairfax Resolves Chapter newsletter, "The Defender," routinely publicizes grave markings, registrations and updates, and Revolutionary War and other veterans' grave flag decoration activities.

2. Historic Celebrations and Observances

a. Did any of your members participate in Tier 1 celebrations (those sponsored/co-sponsored by VASSAR and/or NSSAR)?

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
<u>Battle of Cowpens, SC, 17 Jan 09</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Battle of Guilford Courthouse, NC, 15 Mar 09</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Martins Station Raid Commemoration, 9 May 09</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC, 7 Oct 09</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Battle of Point Pleasant, WV, 10 Oct 09</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Battle of Yorktown, 19 Oct 09</u>	<u>2</u>

b. Did any of your members participate in Tier 2 celebration events?

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
<u>National Memorial Day Parade, Wash., DC, 25 May 09</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Memorial Day Celebration, Johnston City, IL</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Memorial Day Celebration, Vienna City, IL</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Thomas Jefferson Birthday Memorial Service, Wash., DC,</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Veterans Day Celebration (Williamsburg Chapter), 11 Nov 09</u>	<u>1</u>
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c. Did any of your members participate in Tier 3 celebration events?

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
<u>Washington's Birthday Celebration, Ft. Ward, Alexandria, 16 Feb 09</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>George Washington Birthday Parade, Alexandria, VA , 16 Feb 09</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Fairfax Resolves Chapter Flag Disposal Ceremony, 14 Jun 09</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>George Washington's Tomb Wreath Laying, 4 Jul 09</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>John W. Hunter Grave Ceremony, Wash., DC (DCSSAR & C.A.R.), 4 Jul</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Veterans Common Ceremony, Falls Church, VA, 4 Jul 09</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Elbridge Gerry Memorial Service, Wash., DC, 4 Jul 09</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Battle of Green Springs, VA, 6 Jul 09</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Lafayette Hist. Marker Dedication, Orange Co. VA, 24 Oct 09</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Occoquan, VA Workhouse Suffragist Hist. Marker Dedication, 15 Nov 09</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Col. Frederick Hambright (Commander, Kings Mtn.), 7 Oct 09</u>	<u>3</u>

<u>Rhythm of Ireland Feis, 17 Oct 09</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>OFPA/SAR Luncheon plus Grave-marking, 17 Oct 09</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Firing Party, 31 Oct 09, Culpeper, VA</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Lt. William Porter (Norfolk Chapter Grave Marking), 26 Apr 09</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Vets. Day Ceremony with American Legion, Manassas, VA, 11 Nov 09</u>	<u>1</u>

3. Color Guard

If members of your chapter served in an SAR Color Guard:

a. Marches in Celebrations, Observances, and Meetings:

	Name/No. of Events	Avg. No. of Chapter Members Participating in Uniform	
Chapter Color Guard	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
VASSAR Color Guard	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	
Mid-Atlantic Color Guard	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
National Color Guard	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	
Colorguard,	January 17, 2009,	Cowpens,	National, McKinley, Schmidt, Rolph
Colorguard	Feb 13-15, 2009,	Annual Meeting	VASSAR, McKinley, Schmidt, Rolph
Colorguard	February 16, 2009	George Wash. Parade	VASSAR, Schmidt
Colorguard,	March 14, 2009,	Guilford Courthouse,	National, McKinley, Schmidt, Rolph
Colorguard,	April 3, 2009,	Cherry Blossom Festival,	VASSAR, McKinley, Schmidt, Rolph
Colorguard,	April 4, 2009,	DAR Grave mkg –Sarah Trone	Chapter, McKinley, Schmidt, Rolph
Colorguard,	April 11, 2009,	Congressional Cem. B. Wood,	Chapter, McKinley, Schmidt, Rolph
Colorguard,	April 26, 2009	Portsmouth-Lt. Porter	VASSAR, McKinley
Colorguard,	May 9, 2009	Wilderness Road	VASSAR, McKinley, Rolph
Colorguard,	May 25, 2009,	Memorial Day Parade,	National, McKinley, Rolph
Colorguard,	May 30, 2009	Blockhouse, Natural Tunnel	VASSAR, McKinley
Colorguard,	September 18, 2009,	Semi-annual Meeting,	VASSAR, McKinley, Schmidt
Colorguard,	October 4, 2009,	Pt. Pleasant,	National, McKinley, Schmidt
Colorguard	October 6, 2009	Col. F. Hambright, Gaffney, SC	National, McKinley
Colorguard	October 7, 2009	Kings Mountain	National, McKinley
Colorguard,	October 17, 2009,	Irish Festival,	VASSAR, McKinley, Schmidt
Colorguard,	October 17, 2009,	Grave Marking – Gloucester,	VASSAR, McKinley, Schmidt
Colorguard,	October 19, 2009,	Yorktown Day,	National, McKinley, Schmidt
Colorguard,	October 24, 2009	Orange, LaFayette Marker	VASSAR, McKinley
Colorguard,	October 31, 2009,	Firing Party, Culpeper	VASSAR, McKinley, Schmidt, Eubanks, Rolph
Colorguard,	November 7, 2009,	Manassas Vets. Day Parade	VASSAR, McKinley, Schmidt, Eubanks, Rolph
Colorguard,	November 11, 2009	Williamsburg Chapter support	VASSAR, McKinley
Colorguard,	November 15, 2009,	DAR Historical Marker, Occoquan, VA	Chapter, McKinley, Schmidt, Eubanks, Rolph

b. Did your Color Guard members carry out any special activities, i.e.,
conduct public demonstrations of 18th Century drill or explain Revolutionary
War era uniforms in schools? _____ No _____
Provide details:

**4. Perpetuating the memory of those who achieved the Independence of
the American people and established our American government.**
Do NOT report activities covered elsewhere in this report.

a. Did your chapter do something special to promote knowledge and understanding
of American history among its members? If so, briefly describe. _____ Yes _____

(1) Chapter meetings routinely include a guest speaker with 20-40 minute presentations on
American Revolutionary War or other American History topics. Question and answer sessions
follow.

(2) All new SAR member induction ceremonies and SAR Supplemental Application award
presentations include a presentation by the respective SAR Compatriot concerning the American
Revolutionary War Patriot's life and patriotic service.

(3) Articles written by compatriots concerning their respective patriots or other historically
significant events are included as part of every issue of the Chapter's newsletter. For example, one
article describes the 2nd Battle of Cedar Spring or Wofford's Iron Works, 8 August 1780 and the
roles of several prominent patriot Army Officers and another explains researching of un-indexed
bounty land warrants.

(4) A chapter special research group, led by Compatriot Phil Ray, Chapter Secretary ,
reviewed original 18th century text and posted 149 transcribed Fairfax and Loudon County Pension
Applications for services provided during the American Revolution. Work continues to add more
patriot names.

(5) Another chapter special research group has reviewed various pertinent 18th century
documents and transcribed those that identified Town of Alexandria, Virginia officials and Fairfax
County Tobacco Inspectors. These are posted on the Chapter Website as are the results of another
research project identifying the Justices of Fairfax County and the Town of Alexandria. These
provide important historical information as well as a basis for establishing ancestral patriotic service
for potential SAR and DAR applicants.

b. Did your chapter do something special to promote knowledge and understanding
of American history in the community? If so, briefly describe. _____ Yes _____

(1) Residents of Vinson Hall Retirement Community, where chapter meetings are held, are
routinely invited to attend the open portion of chapter meetings to hear guest speaker
presentations and the presentations given on patriot ancestors by newly inducted chapter
members and newly approved supplemental applications of chapter members' supplemental
patriot ancestors.

(2) Chapter Website (www.fairfaxresolvessar.org) has historical material postings as follows: (a)
Names, rank or other status as well as state of service for ancestor patriots of chapter
members; (b) a listing of American Revolutionary War civil servants in the Town of

Alexandria, VA which facilitates prospective member applications based on the service of these patriots; (c) Fairfax and Loudon County American Revolutionary War Pension Applications; (d) information about patriot graves marked by the chapter; (e) transcriptions of the legislative petitions from Fairfax County, including the Town of Alexandria, from the Revolutionary period; and (f) website posted chapter newsletters which contain historical articles, to include a new innovation where chapter members write well documented articles on their respective patriots under the banner of "Meet My Patriot." The value of these for assisting other applications is clear. Items (a), (d), and (f) were expanded during 2009 as part of the chapter's public outreach effort.

- (3) A Fairfax Resolves Compatriot has donated three copies of the book, *Descendants of John Hotchkin of Guilford, Connecticut*, compiled by Edgar E. Hotchkin, Gateway Press. Inc. Baltimore, MD, 1995. One copy each was donated to: NSSAR Library, NSDAR Library, and Guilford, Connecticut Free Library's History Room. John Hotchkin is an ancestor of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter Compatriot and the book provides valuable information on multiple family lines leading to American Revolutionary patriots and in one case to passengers (William and Alice Mullins and daughter, Priscilla) and crew (John Alden) of the 1620 first crossing of the Mayflower.
- (4) A Fairfax Resolves Compatriot donated to the Robertson County, Tennessee Archives documentation proving that Susannah Dorris, wife of Robertson County settler Isaac Dorris was the daughter of Nathaniel Barker (Sr.) of Loudon and Fairfax Counties, Virginia and proof of Revolutionary War service for Nathaniel Barker. Note: NSSAR has approved a supplemental application that depends on these proofs.
- (5) A Fairfax Resolves Compatriot donated to Carnegie Public Library in Washington, Indiana documentation proving that Thomas Baldwin of Prince Edward, Virginia was the father of William Baldwin who is buried in Daviess County and proof of Revolutionary War service for Thomas Baldwin. Note: NSSAR has approved a supplemental application that depends on these proofs.
- (6) The historical presentations at the monthly Chapter meetings by the guest speakers video recorded and posted on the chapter's website for anyone to view.

5. Historic Education and Youth: Essays, Orations, and History Day.

a. Oration Contest

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2009 VASSAR Oration Contest? yes

Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2009 VASSAR Oration Contest from a local oration contest in which there was more than one entry? yes

- John Matthew (Matt) Retterer from Bishop O'Connell High School was the Chapter winner from a field of three finalists.

b. Essay Contest

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2009 VASSAR Essay Contest? yes

Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2009 VASSAR Essay Contest from a local contest in which there was more than one entry? yes

- Hannah Clark from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology read her winning essay at the chapter's 12 Feb 09 meeting and awarded a \$50 check as a prize.

c. History Day

Did your chapter provide support for National History Day by:

How many judges (or alternates) did your chapter provide? 4

How many chapter members attended History Day
competitions (count judges)?
If so, briefly describe?

(1) National History Day Support, 7 Mar 09: four chapter compatriots along with one DAR spouse comprised the Fairfax Resolves portion of an nine person SAR Judging team for the District V, National History Day Competition at George Mason University. SAR/DAR judges were as follows:

- Robert Hampton, Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter
- Andrew Monahan, Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter
- John D. Sinks, Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter
- John E. Sweeney, Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter
- Carol Lee Sweeney, Kate Waller Barrett DAR Chapter (Fairfax Resolves Spouse)

How much money did your chapter and its members contribute? \$100
Did your chapter encourage participation by local schools? Yes
If so, briefly describe?

- (1) School (e.g., Langley High School & Bishop O'Connell High School) visits by chapter members making historical presentations in support of the history faculty classes publicize the National History Day competition
- (2) A Fairfax Resolves Compatriot is working with two National History Day contestants (Gabriel Viccaro & Anna Mishoe) from Blacksburg, VA on their projects in a non-District V competition. The projects involve NASA, Air & Space Museum Curators and Docents, of which the Fairfax Resolves Compatriot is one.
- (3) The Chapter's National History Day Chairman (John Sweeney) has coordinated with the George Mason University faculty coordinator to ensure that District V of National History Day documentation, on-line and in hard-copy, specifies the criteria for particular SAR awards as part of the National History Day competition.
- (4) Additionally, the SAR involvement in the awards program and the criteria for earning an SAR award are stipulated in the National History District V instructions to potential competitors. First place SAR award eligible competition category winners qualify for a SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and accompanying certificate. Second place merits a SAR pin and accompanying certificate. Third place, if applicable, merits a SAR certificate.

How many good citizenship medals or pins did your chapter award
to recognize outstanding History Day achievements? 7
(14 SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals awarded jointly with the
Culpeper Minutemen SAR Chapter: credit 7 to each chapter)

- d. Tom & Betty Lawrence National Society American History Teacher Award
Did your chapter submit an application to VASSAR for this award? Yes
(1) Frances L. Payne, Falls Church High School

6. Awards to Outstanding Youth

a. ROTC Program

How many Senior ROTC Medals (College/University) did your chapter present? 2

- (1) Name: Matthew Wilson, School: George Mason Univ., Army ROTC, Silver SAR ROTC Medal for Outstanding Cadet
- (2) Name Colin Cutler, Jr., School: Patrick Henry University, Army ROTC, Silver

SAR ROTC Medal for Outstanding Cadet

- How many Junior ROTC Medals (High School) did your chapter present? 3
- (1) Name Joan O'Bryan, School: Herndon High School Junior Naval ROTC, Bronze SAR ROTC Medal for Outstanding Cadet
- (2) Name: Ann Galeas, School: South Lakes High School Junior Army ROTC, Bronze SAR ROTC Medal for Outstanding Cadet
- (3) Name: Steven Apsley, School: Chantilly Academy Junior Air Force ROTC
Note: Chapter ROTC Committee Members (Robert Hampton and Dennis Hickey) attended ROTC awards ceremonies and parades.
- Did your Chapter submit an entrant to the VASSAR JROTC Award Program? no

b. Outstanding Student Program

- How many outstanding students did your chapter recognize? 8
- How many outstanding students were recognized with SAR medals or pins? 8.
- (1) Eleanor Heisey-Wakefield High School
- (2) Wes Horton-Washington-Lee High School
- (3) John Radcliffe- Christian Church School
- (4) Jackson Crum-Yorktown High School
- (5) Hannah Clark-Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
- (6) Tessa Andrews-H-B Woodlawn Program
- (7) Jacqueline Filzen-Bishop Denis j. O'Connell High School
- (8) Kevin Miltz-Christchurch School

c. Scout Program

- How many Eagle Scout certificates did your chapter award? 3
- (1) Dylan Drake, Troop 1128, sponsor - Andrew Chapel, United Methodist Church, Vienna, VA
- (2) Faysal Matin, Troop 1128, sponsor - Andrew Chapel, United Methodist Church, Vienna, VA
- (3) John H. Boshier, Troop 997, sponsor- St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, Ashburn, VA
- Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the VASSAR Eagle Scout contest? Yes
- John H. Boshier, Eagle Scout, BSA Troop 997, St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Ashburn, Virginia.

7. Children of the American Revolution

a. Participation

	No. of Events	Avg. No. of Members
C.A.R members in events sponsored by your chapter	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
(1) On Flag Day, 14 Jun 09, the William Grayson C.A.R. Society and other C.A.R. members Participated in a formal flag disposal ceremony organized by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter. Several U.S. Flags were retired to include those flown over the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department as well as others used to recognize U.S. Veterans of all wars to include the American Revolution.		
Members of your chapter in events sponsored by C.A.R.	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

- (1) On 28 Aug 09 two Fairfax Resolves Compatriots (Dennis Hickey & Jack Sweeney) worked with the C.A.R. and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Citizens and Immigration Service to support new citizenship ceremonies for children. Some of these were newly adopted by U.S. Citizens and others entered to the U.S. with their parents. All received flags and copies of the U.S. Bill of Rights from two C.A.R. members, Alison Shell and Elyse Hawley of the C.A.R.'s Lighthouse Harry Lee and Muhlenberg Societies respectively.
- (2) Fairfax Resolves member, Lawrence E. McKinley, attended the C.A.R. National Convention. He represented the SAR President General in extending greetings, awarding the C.A.R. Traveling Banner Award, and bestowing three Gold C.A.R./SAR Medals of Appreciation, 18 Apr 2009.
- (3) Two Fairfax Resolves members (Larry McKinley and Darrin Schmidt) attended the 6-8 Mar 2009 meeting of the State Society of the C.A.R..

b. Senior Leadership

Did your chapter provide active senior leadership for the C.A.R.? Yes
If so, list the leaders and their positions / contributions.

- Lawrence McKinley, Senior C.A.R. National Registrar
- Lawrence McKinley, Credentials Chairman for National Convention
- Lawrence McKinley, SAR Liaison to C.A.R., VASSAR

c. Other Support

Did your chapter provide monetary or other support for the C.A.R.? yes
If so, provide details.

- (1) On 23 Feb 09, the Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter Registrar delivered to a DAR Genealogist and the C.A.R. National Staff Genealogist correct documentation for the service of John Davenport of Berkely County, VA and evidence that the Continental services that had been ascribed to him were in fact performed by two different men of the same name.
- (2) Spring 2009 C.A.R Magazine published an article by Chapter Registrar on Frederick William Nagel: "Child of the American Revolution"
- (3) Two Fairfax Resolves members (McKinley and Sweeney) donated \$25 as "patrons" and paid \$170 each for reservations for the attendance of themselves and their wives at the 28 Nov 09 D.C.C.A.R. Patowmack Ball.
- (4) Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter donated \$125 worth of flags for Children's Citizenship Ceremony as well as \$80 (shared cost of individual member with National for Bill of Rights laminated handouts for our newest citizens)

8. Recognition of Public Service

a. Law Enforcement Program

How many Law Enforcement Medals did your chapter present? 2

- (1) 9 May 09 award of SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Motorcycle Police Officer Kevin Palizzi, Fairfax County Police Department for a wide range of duties.

- (2) 9 May 09 award of SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Detective Raymond Betts for exemplary illegal drug trafficking investigations and apprehensions.

Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? yes
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Law Enforcement Contest? yes

b. Fire/Safety Program

How many Fire Safety Medals did your chapter present? 1

- (1) Fairfax County Fire Dept. Captain William A. Garrett for SAR Fire Safety Award

Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? yes

Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Fire Safety Contest? yes

c. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program

How many EMS Medals did your chapter present? 1

Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? yes

- (1) Fairfax County Fire Dept. Lieutenant Matthew Malof for SAR Emergency Services Award

Did your chapter enter the VASSAR EMS Award Contest? yes

d. Teacher of the Year Program

How many teachers were honored by your chapter? 1

- (1) Francis L. Payne, Falls Church High School

How many were recognized with good citizenship medals? 1

- (1) Francis L. Payne, Falls Church High School

How many were recognized only with only a certificate? 0

e. Other Public Service Programs

How many other public servants did your chapter recognize? 1

- (1) SAR Chapter Citizen of the Year: Robert "Bob" Rosenbaum, Sr.

How many of these were awarded SAR medals? 1

- (1) Bronze SAR Good Citizenship Medal

9. Veterans Program

a. Support for Veterans

Please describe the support your chapter provided for veterans.

- (1) A Fairfax Resolves Chapter compatriot (Phil Ray) has contributed 5,425 items to the Washington, DC Veterans Administration Hospital. Items were personal size toiletries and other comfort items.

- (2) Fairfax Resolves Chapter compatriots have contributed an estimated \$ 2,500 worth of materials (clothes, furnishings, and other items) suitable for re-sale by veterans' organizations such as the Vietnam Veterans of America, Purple Heart, and AMVETS.

b. Other Veterans Program

Did your chapter carry out some other significant Veterans support program? Yes
 If so, briefly provide details.

- (1) Two Fairfax Resolves, Virginia Compatriots (CAPT Dennis Hickey, USNR-Ret. and 1st Lt. Brett Sweeney, U.S. Army National Guard and current member of Co. A, 116th Infantry) participated with other veterans in a U.S. Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) sponsored social and Premier of the History Channel film “Bedford, The Town They Left Behind.” The film concerns the terrible sacrifice of the Town of Bedford, VA from which 22 of 28 soldiers from the town died in conjunction with the D-Day Omaha Beach Landing and Normandy Campaign of the U.S. Army’s 29th Infantry Division’s Company A, 116th Infantry Regiment, the greatest per capita WWII losses of any U.S. Community.
- (2) One Fairfax Resolves Compatriot (Col. John E. Sweeney, USA-Ret.) provided information for a special Fairfax City memorial and recognition presentation and newspaper article about one of Fairfax City’s military heroes, posthumous Silver Star recipient Specialist Four Michael Balzer, US Army. Specialist Balzer was killed serving in the infantry company commanded by then 1st Lt. Sweeney in Vietnam in March 1967.
- (3) One Fairfax Resolves Compatriot (Dennis J. Hickey) is the NSSAR Representative to the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Advisory Committee at the Washington, DC VA Medical Center.

10. Other Community Programs

Please do NOT report medals given by your chapter for service to the SAR in this section.

a. Flag Program

How many flag certificates did your chapter award this year? 2
 Did you report the award to the VASSAR Flag Program Chairman? Yes

b. Other Awards in the Community (awards not reported elsewhere in this report):

Certificates of Appreciation to the following guest speakers at chapter meetings:

- (1) John Quarstein (Feb 09 meeting): “Battle of the Capes”
- (2) Alice McKenna (Mar 09 meeting): “All in the Family”(Virginia Randolphs)
- (3) Lt. Col. Thomas Hanson, USA (Apr 09 meeting) “Washington’s Tactical Masterpiece: The Trenton-Princeton Campaign”
- (4) Jerry Whipple (Nov 09 meeting) “The Forgotten Man of the Continental Navy”

How many SAR Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates of Appreciation did your chapter present?

Please list the recipients of each.

c. DAR Activities

	No. of Events	Avg. No. of Members
DAR members in events sponsored by your chapter	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>
Members of your chapter in events sponsored by DAR	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

Did your Chapter do something noteworthy with the DAR? Briefly describe. Yes

- (1) On 7 Mar 09, a Kate Waller Barrett DAR Chapter member (Carol Lee Jenkins Sweeney) participated with four other Fairfax Resolves Chapter members in an eleven member SAR judging team supporting District V National History Day competition at George Mason University.
- (2) On 4 Apr 09 Three members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter Color Guard participated as a major part of the VASSAR Color Guard in supporting the Prince William Resolves chapter of the DAR in a graveside DAR service for Sarah Ann Howison Trone, a true Daughter of the American Revolution in Dale City, VA. Prince William County officials were present and the importance of preserving historic burial and other sites in the area was impressively demonstrated.
- (3) On 25 Apr 09, as a result of the genealogical work and application submission, one of the Chapter member's mother and sister were approved as new NSDAR members of the Freedom Hill DAR Chapter.
- (4) On 16 May 09 five members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter Color Guard participated as a major part of the VASSAR Color Guard in supporting the Prince William Resolves chapter of the DAR in a graveside DAR service for Sarah Ann Howison Trone, a Real Daughter of the American Revolution, in Dale City, VA. Prince William County officials were present and the importance of preserving historic burial and other sites in the area was very effectively demonstrated for all in attendance.
- (5) On 28 May 09, a Fairfax Resolves Compatriot (J. Sweeney) and his DAR Member spouse (Carol Sweeney, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter) actively participated in a combined DAR (James Madison Chapter)/SAR Grave Marking Ceremony in Earlville, New York at the grave of Patriot Thomas Higgins, Revolutionary War New York Militiaman and American Revolutionary Army Teamster.
- (6) On 23 Feb 09, the then Chapter Registrar (John D. Sinks, PhD) delivered to a DAR Genealogist and the C.A.R. National Staff Genealogist correct documentation for the service of John Davenport of Berkeley County, Virginia and evidence that the Continental Army service ascribed to this patriot was in fact performed by two different men of the same name.
- (7) A DAR applicant was assisted in providing additional evidence for a supplemental application on American Revolutionary War Patriot, Samuel Dorris. Based on the assistance provided, the DAR Genealogist accepted the application, the first DAR had on this patriot.
- (8) On November 15, 2009, the VASSAR Color Guard composed primarily of Fairfax Resolves Chapter members (4 of 6) participated in the presentation and retrieval of colors for the DAR plaque dedication for Women Suffragists imprisoned at the Occoquan Workhouse. State Dignitaries, Elected Officials, School Board and local mayors attended the presentation.
- (9) DAR members, both spouses of Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter Compatriots and residents of the Vinson Hall Retirement Community participate in the open portion (guest speakers, awards, and presentations of patriot summaries in conjunction with successful initial SAR applications and SAR supplemental application recognitions) of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter meetings, routinely held at Vinson Hall, the chapter's routine meeting location.

d. VASSAR Good Citizen of the Year

Did your chapter submit an entry to the VASSAR Citizen of the Year program? Yes

- (1) Robert F. Rosenbaum, Sr.

e. Other Community Programs

Did your chapter carry out or participate in other civic programs in the Yes

community not reported elsewhere on this form? If so, describe briefly.

In celebration of Memorial Day, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter placed a total Of 27 U.S. Flags on the graves of U.S. Korean War, WWII, WWI, Civil War, War of 1812, and Revolutionary War Veterans at three different cemeteries: Nashville National Cemetery in Madison, TN; Johnston County, IL; Vienna, Johnston County, IL. Of note, a U.S. Flag was placed at the grave of a Fairfax Resolves Chapter Compatriot's Great Great Grandfather, a U.S. Civil War Veteran and three Confederate Flags were placed at Confederate Civil War Veterans' graves.

11. Chapter Meetings and Communications

a. Chapter Meetings

How many meetings did your chapter hold this past calendar year? 8

- (1) 29 Jan 09: 19 members present and 1 DAR member
- (2) 12 Feb 09: 17 members present and 1 DAR member
- (3) 12 Mar 09: 12 members present and 1 DAR member
- (4) 9 Apr 09: 18 members present and 1 DAR member
- (5) 9 May 09: 13 members present and 3 DAR members
- (6) 10 Sep 09 14 members present and 2 DAR members
- (7) 12 Nov 09 15 members present and 2 DAR members
- (8) 7 Dec 09 22 members present and 4 DAR members

Average meeting attendance? 16

b. Programs

How many non-compatriot speakers did your chapter have? 4

List the name and topic for each speaker.

- (1) John Quarstein (12 Feb 09 meeting): "Battle of the Capes"
- (2) Alice McKenna (12 Mar 09 meeting): "All in the Family"(Virginia Randolphs)
- (3) Lt. Col. Thomas Hanson, USA (9 Apr 09 meeting) "Washington's Tactical Masterpiece: The Trenton-Princeton Campaign"
- (4) Jerry Whipple (12 Nov 09 meeting) "The Forgotten Man of the Continental Navy"

c. Communications with Members

How many newsletters did your chapter issue during the calendar year? 4

Were chapter newsletters furnished to the VASSAR and NSSAR Chairmen? yes

Is your chapter using e-mail and/or the Web to communicate with members? yes

If so, briefly describe.

- (1) The chapter roster contains the e-mail addresses of most members. Routine announcements and other publications are provided to members regarding upcoming events to include anticipated details of upcoming chapter meetings. There are currently 10 members without e-mail accounts who are communicated with via phone and letters. Chapter newsletters are posted to the chapter webpage and members are notified of its posting via e-mail. Those without e-mail receive a hard-copy mailing of selected portions of the newsletter, keeping non e-mail account holder compatriots informed of chapter activities.
- (2) The chapter website also publicizes upcoming SAR and other lineage society activities or historical society attractions in the local area as well as nationally. It also posts the chapter newsletters.

d. Communications with the Community

How many press releases did your chapter issue about chapter events or activity? 2

- (1) National History Day, District V, activities: Fairfax Resolves Chapter and Culpeper Minutemen, and Kate Waller Barrett DAR Chapter members' service as judges and awarding officials in the competition at George Mason University. Press releases to: Connection Newspapers, Fairfax Times, Washington Post-Fairfax County Thursday Section, and Sun Magazine
- (2) A press release was issued for the flag disposal ceremony on Flag Day to the All Fairlington Bulletin and the Fairlington Commons Newsletter.

How many news media (newspaper, radio television) exposures did your chapter receive? Describe briefly. 4

- (3) Connection Newspapers, Fairfax Times, Washington Post-Fairfax County Thursday Section, and Sun Magazine coverage of District V National History Day and chapter involvement.
- (4) McLean Connector newspaper article on the chapter's award of the Good Citizenship Medal to Robert F. Rosenbaum, Sr. on 7 Dec 2009.
- (5) Flag Certificate award ceremony published in the Vinson Hall Bulletin
- (6) The SAR marking of the grave of William Baldwin, a 1st Bn. Of Minutemen and Prince Edward County, Virginia Militia, was a front page article in the Washington, Indiana Times-Herald

e. Publications

How many articles were submitted to the Virginia Bulletin by your chapter? 1

- (1) 10 Mar 09 – An article on the Fairfax Resolves Chapter's 7 Mar 09 support to National History Day was submitted.

How many articles by members of your chapter devoted to SAR purposes (patriotic, educational, historical) were published in other media, such as a local newspaper or The SAR magazine?

Describe briefly. 6

- (1) Fairfax Resolves Compatriot, Larry McKinley, compiled the lead article and the Face Page of the Spring 2009 SAR National Magazine, "Investment in youth activities, and investment in our future," which included National, State and local activities for all SAR youth programs across the U.S.A..
- (2) The Fairfax Resolves Chapter's dedication of a marker commemorating the Revolutionary War service of Surgeon's Mate Elisha Harrison, 4th Maryland Regiment buried in Congressional Cemetery Washington, DC was published on page 40 of the Winter 2009 SAR Magazine.
- (3) The 10,000 Name Petition, by John D. Sinks, PhD, tells the story of an early petition for religious freedom in Virginia. The 10,000 signers of this petition qualify as patriots. The article was published on page 17 of the Summer 2009 issue.
- (4) The Fairfax Resolves Chapter support to the District V National History Day competition was reported to the SAR Magazine and publicized on Page 37 of the Spring 2009 SAR Magazine.
- (5) An article by Fairfax Resolves Compatriot, John D. Sinks, PhD, "Frederick William Nagel: Child of the American Revolution" was published in the Spring

2009 issue of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)

- (6) At the request of the SAR Magazine Staff an article and photographs have been submitted to the SAR Magazine concerning the 28 August 2009 support by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter and the C.A.R to the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizens and Immigration Service New Citizen ceremonies where the SAR provided small flags and laminated Bill of Rights cards for presentation to new young citizens. It has not yet been published in the SAR Magazine.

f. Other Publicity and Public Relations

Did your chapter have some other noteworthy accomplishment in publicity or public relations? If so, briefly describe.

Yes

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter was named as a sponsor of the District V National History Day competition at George Mason University before a packed assembly of history teachers, parents, and students with the Chapter President on the main stage, with the GMU faculty, conferring SAR Good Citizenship Medals and for outstanding student competitors who qualified with outstanding American History projects concerned with the 1750 to 1800 historical period.

12. Membership and Dues

The Awards Committee will obtain information about membership and dues from the Virginia Society Office. Chapters should have an active recruiting program to enlist new members, a retention program, and should remit dues to the state office in the proper format on time.

Please provide the net gain or loss in number of chapter members in 2009

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Note: 2008: 55 end of yr. paid members/ 2009: (-14) losses and +21 gains = 62 paid members for the start of 2010

b. Other Recruiting and Retention Activity

Did your chapter have some other noteworthy accomplishment in recruiting and/or retention other than those already mentioned?? If so, briefly describe.

Yes

- (1) McLean Day Combined Freedom Hill DAR and Fairfax Resolves SAR Booth: On 16 May 2009 five Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter and seven Freedom Hill DAR Chapter members participated in a recruiting and DAR/SAR publicity activity with a booth at the McLean Day Fair. Interest in both organizations was apparent and potential new members were identified, one of whom has since become a Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter member.
- (2) The Chapter Registrar has served SAR applicants and the chapter beyond the call of duty by making trips to the DAR Library, Library of Virginia in Richmond, VA and elsewhere to research material and document applications for seven new members with Virginia ancestry. In one case the applicant could have joined under the grandfather clause based on a 1937 SAR application supported by no documentation whatsoever. Based on our chapter's Registrar's research the 1937 applicant's grandson will be eligible and currently has a Youth Registrant application in progress.
- (3) The Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter continues to have SAR information/recruiting brochures placed at logical genealogical research sites in the area such as: the City of Fairfax Library's Virginia Room; the Virginia Room of the Kate Waller Barrett Branch

- of the Alexandria Library in Alexandria, VA; the Annandale and Falls Church LDS Family History Centers, Hollin Hall Senior Center Genealogical Library in the Mt. Vernon area of Alexandria and the US. Army Center of Military History, Library-Archives Branch, Fort McNair, Washington, DC. All brochures and the stands contain chapter contact information for membership queries and requests for replenishment of the brochures. Periodic telephone call queries and on-site visits assure the adequacy of the brochures in the holders which are prominently displayed, with the concurrence of the management of the various facilities.
- (4) A total of 64 letters, not e-mails, were sent to former Fairfax Resolves Chapter members and former members of the Sgt. Major John Champe SAR Chapter in Loudon County. The letters, signed by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter President, encouraged re-joining or joining the Fairfax Resolves Chapter. A total of eleven compatriots have taken advantage of the offered opportunity and are now active dues paying members on the Fairfax Resolves Chapter roster for 2010.
 - (5) Consistent with the expansion of Fairfax Resolves Chapter activities, involving former Sgt. Major Champe Chapter members, the 28 Jan 09 Fairfax Resolves Chapter meeting which includes the youth oration contest is scheduled to be conducted at the Falcons Landing Retirement Center in Sterling, VA, the former location of meetings of the former Sgt. Major John Champe Chapter.
 - (6) The conduct of a Fairfax Resolves Chapter meeting at the Falcons Landing Retirement Community is expected to have a positive influence on other former Sgt. Major Champe compatriots to join the Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter as dues paying members. As is routine at the chapter's ordinary meeting location at the Vinson Hall Retirement Community, all residents will be invited to attend the 28 Jan 10 youth oration contest and very likely other former Sgt. Major John Champe compatriots who have not yet joined Fairfax Resolves will likely attend and hopefully be motivated to join the Fairfax Resolves Chapter.

c. How many Supplemental Applications submitted by your chapter were approved? 23
Three more have been approved by the VASSAR Registrar and are at National
 List the name of the members whose Supplemental Applications were approved.

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Patriot Ancestor</u>	<u>State of Service</u>	<u>Forgotten Patriot</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Bursley, Clarke	Joshua Howard	MD	***	10/22/2009
	David Colcord	NH	***	At National
Engle, Robert	John Ems	PA	Yes	8/12/2009
Gutowski, Andrew	Alexander Spottswood	VA	***	2/19/2009
	Alexander Waugh	VA	***	6 /15/2009
Lamborn, Lawrence	Josiah Lamborn	PA	***	1/7/2009
McKinley, Larry	William Lowther	VA	***	7/16/2009
	Thomas Hughes, Sr.	VA	***	7/16/2009
	William Stewart	VA	Yes	8/12/2009
	Adam Flesher	VA	***	9/10/2009
	Henry Flesher	VA	Yes	9/10/2009
Monahan, Andrew	Joseph Staats	VA	***	8/10/2009
	Thomas Coperhaver	PA	***	3/9/2009
Myers, Joshua	Catherine Sharp	NC	***	8/12/2009
Ray, Phil	James Ross	NC	***	10/20/2009

Ray, Jeremy	James Ross	NC	***	10/20/2009
Scott, Mark	John Stanfield	NC	Yes	At National
Sinks, John	John Maxey	VA	Yes	1/7/2009
	Jeremiah Jacob	MD	***	1/20/2009
Speelman, Thomas	Nathaniel Barker, Sr.	VA	Yes	5/26/2009
	Edward Laurance, Jr.	VA	Yes	6/30/2009
	John Gaither	MD, NC	***	9/11/2009
	Christian Herring	PA	***	5/26/2009
Sweeney, Brett	Jacob Troup	VA	***	10/20/2009
	Edward Barnard, Jr.	CT	***	At National
Sweeney, John	Edward Barnard, Sr.	CT	***	1/20/2009

13. Business Activity

a. Participation in State, District & National business meetings

Number of members of your chapter attended the *2009 VASSAR Annual Meeting*. 4

(1) Thomas K. Speelman, (2) Dennis J. Hickey, (3) Lawrence E. McKinley,
and (4) John E. Sweeney

Number attended the *2009 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting*. 3

(1) John E. Sweeney, (2) Darrin Schmidt, and (3) Dennis J. Hickey

Number of members of your chapter attended the National Congress. 1

(1) Lawrence E. McKinley

Number of members of your chapter attended the Atlantic Middle States Meeting 0

Number of members of your chapter are on VASSAR or NSSAR Committees. 4

(1) Lawrence E. McKinley: NSSAR/C.A.R. Liaison, VASSAR Nominations,
VASSAR Color Guard Chairman

(2) John N. Dickie: VASSAR Partners in Patriotism

(3) Dennis J. Hickey: VASSAR Awards, Veterans, and Good Citizenship

(4) John E. Sweeney: VASSAR National History Day (Dist. V Coordinator)

b. Fundraising

Did your chapter or individual members contribute financially to VASSAR
endowment funds? yes

If so, identify the fund(s) contributed to. Unknown

Note:: Individual contributions are no longer collected by Chapter Treasurers and accurate and complete information is unavailable to the chapter. However, it is known that at least three chapter officers (Sweeney, Hickey, and McKinley) contributed \$100, \$100, and \$50 respectively to the Center for Advancing American Heritage. Other chapter members are believed to have contributed but this information is no longer available to chapters because payments are made directly by each individual and not through consolidated payments to the chapter in conjunction with the annual dues payment.

c. Reporting to the State and National Society

Did your chapter submit a report at the 2009 Annual Meeting? yes

Did your chapter notify the VASSAR Secretary of its new president, secretary and
treasurer? yes

d. Recognition by your chapter of Service to the SAR

Please do NOT report medals given for service to the community in this section, even if the recipient is an SAR member.

How many people did your chapter recognize with a medal for service to the SAR?

e.g.	Name <i>John Doe</i> <i>Jane Doe</i> <u>John D. Sinks, PhD</u> <u>Thomas K. Speelman</u> <u>William E. Youngs</u> <u>Richard Spurr</u>	Affiliation (if any) <i>XYX Chapter SAR</i> <i>ABC Chapter DAR</i> <u>Fairfax Resolves</u> <u>Fairfax Resolves</u> <u>Fairfax Resolves</u> <u>Fairfax Resolves</u>	Medal or Certificate <i>Virginia Society Medal</i> <i>Medal of Appreciation</i> <u>VASSAR State Service Medal</u> <u>VASSAR Chapter Svc. Medal</u> <u>Chap. Emeritus/Dist. Svc. Cert.</u> <u>Scy/Treas Emr./Dist. Svc. Cert.</u>
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14. Forgotten Patriots Program

a. Forgotten Patriots: Did your chapter remember any Forgotten Patriots in 2009? yes
 (Remembering a Forgotten Patriot is having a new or supplemental application accepted by NSSAR during 2009 on a patriot whose services had heretofore not been “correctly” established by SAR or DAR). The following Forgotten Patriots were identified by chapter original or supplemental applications:

<u>Compatriot Name</u>	<u>Type of Application</u>	<u>Date SAR Approved</u>	<u>Name of Patriot/State of Service</u>
John D. Sinks	Suppl.	1/7/2009	John Maxey, VA
J. Clarke Bursley	New	5/1/2009	Nathan Wing/ MA
John D. Sinks	Suppl.	5/26/2009	Nathaniel Barker, Sr./VA
James Naughton	New	6/18/2009	John Davenport/VA
John D. Sinks	Suppl.	7/2/2009	Edward Laurance, Jr./VA
Larry McKinley	Suppl.	8/12/2009	William Stewart/VA
Robert Engle	Suppl.	8/12/2009	Johannes Ems/PA
Larry McKinley	Suppl.	9/10/2009	Henry Flesher/VA
Elliot Berke	New	11/5/2009	Vincent Hudson, II/VA

Note: The SAR/DAR Forgotten Patriot Program definition should include the word “correctly” pertaining to the establishment of correct proof of service which is included in the original objectives of the program. Corrections to service have been provided by this chapter to both the SAR and DAR. The purpose of this change was to recognize those who provided proof of correct service in place of demonstrably incorrect services and/or a correct lineage if all previous was demonstrably incorrect.

15. 2009 VASSAR Presidential Initiatives

Bonus

Please provide VASSAR with a. the date of the founding or chartering of your chapter and b. the legal instrument used (Official Letter, Charter etc.), and c. whether or not that instrument is still in the hands of the chapter.

- a. 25 Oct 1979
- b. Official Charter
- c. Retained by Chapter. Note: two of the chapter’s charter members, including the first Chapter President (Stephen P. Halbrook, PhD) remain on the chapter roster as dues paying members.

- d Supplementals Program: was established in 2008 as a two-year Presidential initiative. Fairfax Resolves had 23 supplemental applications approved by National in 2009 and two more approved by the Virginia Society Registrar. The chapter had 4 carried over from 2008. For details, see 12c above.

16. Comments and Suggestions (Not Graded)

- a. Please tell us about something your chapter did or learned that would help VASSAR or the other chapters.
- (1) The Annual School Poster Contest has been difficult to attract youth involvement. Despite nice flyers and mass distribution to schools and other potential competitors, as well as website postings, not one single individual responded! The volume and innovations of other competitive events has seemingly rendered the poster contest less attractive. This chapter is reconsidering its involvement in this activity.
 - (2) Letters, not e-mails, from the Chapter President to former chapter members who have not paid dues or participated in the chapter for several years did result in renewed dues payments from some of the recipients.
 - (3) The 2008 demise of the Sergeant Major John Champe SAR Chapter resulted in the former chapter members having no chapter with some paying VASSAR and NSSAR dues but having no chapter affiliation. Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter sent letters, signed by the chapter president, formally inviting these compatriots to join the Fairfax Resolves Chapter. So far nine have and the first Fairfax Resolves Chapter meeting and oration contest is scheduled to be conducted at the previous meeting site of the Sgt. Major John Champe Chapter meeting site, Falcons Landing Retirement Community in Leesburg, VA. Fairfax Resolves Chapter functions being held at Falcons Landing is expected to cause other former Sgt. Major Champe compatriots to join the Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter.
 - (4) Christmas cards signed by members of the chapter were sent to two of the Chapter's charter members who have consistently remained on the chapter's rolls as dues paying members for over thirty years. These may encourage continued membership and possible renewed involvement.
- b. Did you encounter problems that you would like VASSAR help in resolving?

The new NSSAR strength reconciliation report and revised dues and fees should have been formally announced, early in the year through the State Societies and not be simply posted on the NSSAR website. Additional comments on this issue are provided below.

- c. Do you have any suggestions for improvements?
- (1) The VASSAR Supplemental Applications Award for every 10 approved supplemental applications for a chapter should be made a permanent program. There is a Supplemental Applications program, but VASSAR has not promoted it until the current presidential initiative that expires with the end of President Simpson's tenure in office. This program advances a core goal of SAR by documenting and making accessible the contributions of patriots to the American Revolution. It also facilitates recruiting by establishing lineages that new applicants can use to establish their eligibility. The program is inexpensive — one streamer for a chapter the first time it qualifies and a star for each additional ten supplemental applications approved. The program also requires little effort on the part of VASSAR. Finally, it provides an opportunity for all chapters to receive recognition of

achievements without regard to what other chapters do and without regard to a particular pace because “unused” or credited successful supplemental applications carry over like “unused” grave registrations. -

- (2) NSSAR notifications of significant modifications to procedures and policies should be disseminated through the various Societies to the Chapters. Notifications of National dues and fees increases and modified strength reporting procedures were announced via the NSSAR website rather than through the established management structure. In the case of the annual National dues increase, the change was announced via the SAR website posting on 9 Aug 09 and our chapter had already collected dues from some new members for 2010. To cover the cost it was necessary to take the \$5 difference from the chapter treasury or go back to the new members asking for \$5 more in dues. The former option was taken at a cost to our chapter that could have been avoided if the decision on fee increases been made sooner and publicized sooner and better by the NSSAR.
- (3) The NSSAR 2010 effort to reconcile strength reporting requires establishment of a common definition of “active” or “inactive” members. In the case of Fairfax Resolves Chapter and probably many other chapters, the chapter membership roster in the NSSAR on-line database system contains names of both regular and life members who have for multiple years (2 or more) not paid dues. The NSSAR Registrar has been requested by this chapter’s president to remove those names from the NSSAR on-line roster for the chapter. However, the NSSAR Registrar has expressed reluctance to remove these names because accountability for these individuals will be lost unless the names are aligned elsewhere in the NSSAR. Accordingly, it is recommended that NSSAR establish definitions for what constitutes “active” or “inactive” members. For chapters, an inactive member is any member who fails to pay annual dues to the chapter, state society and NSSAR (if not a life member). Accordingly, to serve the NSSAR Registrar’s desire to maintain names of all living compatriots, it is recommended that in conjunction with the annual strength reconciliation report, chapters submit the names and NSSAR Numbers of those compatriots (Regular or Life) who are to be designated “inactive” members. State Societies may have some of these “inactive” members at the chapter level on the roster of a State Headquarters Chapter and, if so, the chapter and NSSAR should be notified and rosters adjusted accordingly. If this is not the case then the state society should report these “inactive” members (regular and life) to NSSAR and the names on chapter rosters at NSSAR annotated as “active” or “inactive”. The names of Life NSSAR members who are inactive at state and chapter levels should be annotated “state society/chapter inactive,” probably using some type of code defined by a key.

Remember to Submit Your Report by January 8, 2010

Signed: JOHN E. SWEENEY Date: 4 January 2010
(by person completing the report)