

Fairfax Resolves Chapter

Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution



Upcoming Events:

December 6-7:
Battle of Great Bridge

December 11:
Chapter Meeting

December 25:
Christmas Day

January 1:
New Year's Day

January 29:
Rumbaugh Orations

February 12:
Board of Managers Meeting

President's Message
December 2014

Compatriots,

One of my favorite Christmas editorials has been published each year in the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) since 1949: "In Hoc Anno Domini" by Vermont Royster. Royster was a 1935 graduate of the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill; during his time at UNC he served as the editor of the student newspaper. Soon after graduating, he moved to New York City and began his 61-year career with the WSJ.

Royster received a commission in the US Navy Reserve and commanded the USS Jack Miller (DE-410) in the Pacific theater of the Second World War. He rose to the rank of lieutenant commander. The Jack Miller saw a considerable amount of combat against the Japanese Navy, and in late August 1945, Royster was among the first group of American officers to see the ruins of the Japanese city of Nagasaki (destroyed by the second atomic bomb dropped on Japan). After the war ended Royster resumed his career at the WSJ. He was editor-in-chief of the editorial page from 1958-1971, and served as Editor Emeritus until his death in 1996.

What does Vermont Royster and the WSJ have to do with us? Through our membership in SAR, we perpetuate the stories of the men who achieved the independence of the American people. We believe that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, and are relevant to all time. We also believe that these stories can inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions. With that introduction, permit me to quote the final lines of "In Hoc Anno Domini" (you may recognize the words of the Apostle Paul from his letter to the Galatians):

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

It has been my privilege to serve you in 2014. Merry Christmas.

Very respectfully,

William W. "Bill" Price
President

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Chapter Activities, October – November

Members of the Fairfax Resolves Color Guard attended ceremonies marking the Battles of Point Pleasant and Kings Mountain on October 4th and 7th. President General Lindsay Brock and his wife Billie were also in attendance at Point Pleasant.



Color Guard at Point Pleasant (with President General Lindsay Brock)



Color Guard at Kings Mountain



President Bill Price presents Technician Langston Malin with the Fire Safety Commendation Medal



President Bill Price presents Lieutenant David Myers with the Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal

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On October 8th, we presented our 2014 Fire Safety and EMS Medals at Fire Stations 10 and 29, Fairfax County, Virginia. Eight-year veteran Technician Langston Malin received the Fire Safety Commendation Medal at Fire Station 10 in Bailey's Crossroads. Lieutenant David Myers is a 17 year veteran of the department and received the 2014 EMS Commendation Medal.

On October 11th, we joined the members of the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Thomas Jefferson Chapter, Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, the Virginia Society SAR, and Providence Chapter DAR to mark the grave of Compatriot Charles Francis Lay. Compatriot Lay was an active member and past President of the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, and served in various positions at the State level. The event was held on the Lay Family Farm in Rapidan, Virginia.



Participants in the ceremony to place an SAR Marker on the grave of Lt. Col. Charles Francis Lay. Left to right: CMM President Bill Schwetke, VASSAR Secretary Wayne Rouse, VASSAR Color Guard Commander Darrin Schmidt, Fairfax Resolves Chapter President Bill Price, Past VASSAR President Larry McKinley, Past VASSAR President Dr. Phil Williams, Providence Chapter DAR representative Marsha Price, Compatriot Andy Johnson, Past CMM President Lance Lyngar, Past CMM President Gar Schulin, Gerry Schuck of Bugles Across America, Doug Graves of the Order of Founders and Patriots, CMM Treasurer Don Jennings, and CMM Color Guard Commander Lon Lacey.

The following weekend (October 18-19) marked the 233rd anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown. Our Chapter delegation was led by State Chaplain and 1st Vice President Howell Sasser. Compatriot Sasser placed a wreath on behalf of Fairfax Resolves during ceremonies honoring Virginia Governor and Brigadier General Thomas Nelson Jr.



First Vice President Howell Sasser lays a wreath at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson in Yorktown, Virginia

2015 Dues Notices were mailed during the last week of October 2014. You may either pay your dues by return check or here on our Chapter website. When paying your 2015 dues, please consider a donation to either the Patriot Project or the Magna Carta exhibit at the Library of Congress. If you do not receive your dues notice by November 15th, contact our Treasurer at treasurer@fairfaxresolvessar.org.