

Fairfax Resolves Chapter

Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution



President's Message
September 2014

Compatriots,

After a busy summer, Chapter meetings resume this month (September). There are five items I would like to bring to your immediate attention.

Upcoming Events:

September 11:
Chapter Meeting

September 17:
Constitution Day

October 4-5:
Battle of Point Pleasant

October 7:
Battle of Kings Mountain

October 8:
Fire Safety and EMS Awards

October 9:
Chapter Meeting

First, the 2014 National Congress was held July 19-24 in Greenville, South Carolina. Fairfax Resolves was represented by Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, and Jeff Thomas. Thank you, gentlemen, for your representation at the National Congress.

Second, I am pleased to announce to you that our Chapter and Virginia Society winner of the Rumbaugh Orations Contest, Miss Hayley Snowden, is now also the National Orations Champion for 2014. I have sent congratulatory notes on behalf of the Chapter to Hayley, her parents, and to Hayley's coach at Trinity Christian School. Congratulations, Hayley!

Third, our Virginia Society Semi-Annual meeting is September 19-20 at the Hyatt Fair Lakes in Fairfax, Virginia. Note that registration is required (forms are available on both the Chapter and VASSAR websites). All are encouraged to attend.

Lastly, the Chapter is initiating two fall fund raisers. The first fund raiser is for the Patriot Project. A donation of \$1,000 (our goal) will place the name of Fairfax Resolves Chapter, SAR on the bronze donor plaque located at the site of the planned memorial. You can read more about the Patriot Project and donate here. The fund raiser will continue until we raise at least \$1,000.

The second fund raiser is for the exhibit Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor at the Library of Congress. The exhibit begins November 6th, and runs through January 19, 2015. The fund raiser will run until December 31, 2014.

Very respectfully,

William W. "Bill" Price
President

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MEMBER ORIENTATION PICNIC

The Fairfax Resolves New Member Orientation Picnic was held August 16, 2014 at Burke Lake Park. Compatriots, their wives, and family members were in attendance. The weather was clear and comfortable (yes, the picnic was held in August in Northern Virginia!) and featured the induction of four new members to the Chapter. After a short presentation by Chapter President Bill Price and Second Vice President Vern Eubanks, all enjoyed fresh grilled food, cold drinks, and fellowship throughout the rest of the afternoon.

The first new member inducted was Compatriot Colgate Salomon. Accompanied by his wife Michelle, Compatriot Salomon was originally recruited in 2007 by the Sergeant Major John Champe Chapter. The Champe Chapter was



Compatriot Colgate Salomon (right) and his wife after being inducted by President Bill Price (left)

subsequently dissolved as its membership dwindled. An examination of Virginia Society records in May 2014 found that Compatriot Salomon's application to SAR had been approved, but that he had never been notified or formally inducted. After an unfortunate seven-year delay, Compatriot Salomon is now a full member of SAR and the Fairfax Resolves.



Compatriot Byron Smith and his family after being inducted

Compatriot Byron Smith and his two sons, Byron (Junior) and Greg, were the next three inductees. They were each accompanied by their wives, grandchildren, and by Dr. Bill McDonald, Professor of German at the University of Virginia. Earlier this year, Dr. McDonald first introduced Compatriot Smith (Senior) to the current Virginia Society President Bill Broadus, who in turn directed Compatriot Smith to Fairfax Resolves. Compatriot Smith specifically commended Acting Registrar Dave Cook for key ancestral data extracted from the book "The Forgotten People: Cane River's Creoles of Color" by author Gary B. Mills.

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Second Vice President Vern Eubanks deserves full thanks for making the initial Fairfax Resolves New Member Orientation Picnic a success. All Compatriots present agreed that the picnic should become an annual event for the Chapter.

SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL



President Bill Price presents Robert R. Newlen with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal

Robert R. Newlen, the Library of Congress Assistant Law Librarian for Legislative and External Relations, was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal on May 17, 2014 during the annual Chapter Spring Banquet. The presentation was made by Chapter President William W. "Bill" Price in recognition of Mr. Newlen's 35+ year career in the field of library science and his current efforts to coordinate the November 2014 exhibit "Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor; 800 Years of a Great Tradition." The Chapter also presented Newlen with a \$600 donation to support the planned exhibit. Next

year (2015) is the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, sealed by King John at Runnymede in June 1215.

"It is very exciting to be associated with this exhibit celebrating Magna Carta and the origins of the rule of the law as well as the appreciation for and preservation of original historical documents " said Newlen. "I see the same enthusiasm for these activities in the Fairfax Resolves and the SAR. I am honored to have received this award."

Magna Carta provides the first exemplifications of basic human rights and liberties that stand at the heart of English and American Law. "Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor" opens at the Library of Congress on November 6, 2014, and will include treasures that the Library has preserved in its own collections. A series of special programs that include lectures, gallery talks, teacher institutes, educational materials, and docent-led tours are also planned. To learn more about Magna Carta, its planned visit to the United States, and other activities to celebrate the 800th anniversary of its sealing, please contact Jeanine Cali, Office of Legislative and External Relations, jcali@loc.gov or 202.975.2565.

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