

Fairfax Resolves Chapter

Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution



President's Message
March 2014

Compatriots,

Our Chapter received a total of 12 awards at the recent State Society Annual Meeting. Please refer to the "VASSAR 2014 Annual Meeting" summary beginning on page 2. Most of our 2014 Chapter initiatives have been started successfully:

Upcoming Events:

March 13:
Chapter Meeting

March 14-15:
Guilford Courthouse

March 16:
James Madison's Birthday

April 10:
Chapter Meeting

May 17:
Chapter Meeting

- Rumbaugh Orations: Fairfax Resolves has made a \$250 donation to the Orations Endowment in the name of our Chapter winner, Miss Hayley Snowden.
- Knight Essay: Fairfax Resolves has made a \$250 donation to the Essay Endowment in the name of our Chapter winner, Miss Emily Cox.
- Center for the Advancement of American Heritage (CAAH): To respond to a challenge announced by the National Society President General in 2013, Fairfax Resolves has made a \$500 donation to the CAAH.
- SAR Veterans Corps: We are actively registering members of Fairfax Resolves in their appropriate SAR WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans Corps.

Please join me in welcoming our newly appointed 3rd Vice President, Compatriot Bud Walker. In addition to fulfilling the duties of President should the President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President be unavailable, Compatriot Walker will serve as a single point of contact within the Chapter for all of our awards programs. Bud attended the recent VASSAR Spring Meeting in order to get a head start on his new duties.

On a sad note, I have accepted the resignation of our Chapter Registrar, Darryl DaHarb. Our Assistant Registrar, Dave Cook, has agreed to serve as Acting Registrar until a permanent replacement is named. Please keep Dave in the loop as you continue to conduct your own family research, and indicate your willingness to serve as an Application Adjutant. By doing so, you can help mentor our new applicants through the application process. We will begin the search for our new Chapter Registrar immediately.

Very respectfully,
William W. "Bill" Price
President

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VASSAR 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Fairfax Resolves received a number of awards, including the Chapter Excellence Award, at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR). The meeting was held in Richmond, Virginia, February 14-16, 2014. A separate description and status of each award and our status in remaining 2014 National competitions are provided below:

Teacher of the Year. Our Chapter winner, Mrs. Heather Shapiro, was selected as the 2014 VASSAR Teacher of the Year. Heather and her family were able to join Chapter representatives in Richmond to accept her State award on



2014 VASSAR Teacher of the Year Heather Shapiro (L), Chapter President Bill Price (R)

February 15th. The VASSAR Teacher of the Year Program was originally established in 1986 and continues to the present day. Under this program, a chapter recognizes one or more local teachers and nominates their candidates for the VASSAR Teacher of the Year. Chapters present a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to each teacher selected as Teacher of the Year. As sponsor of the VASSAR Teacher of the Year,

Fairfax Resolves received the 2013 Chester E. May Award from the Virginia Society.

Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Orations Contest. Our Chapter winner, Miss Hayley Snowden, also won the VASSAR Rumbaugh Orations Contest on February 15th. Hayley is now on her way to the 2014 SAR National Congress in Greenville, South Carolina, representing the State of Virginia. The first SAR-sponsored orations



2014 VASSAR Oration Winner - Miss Hayley Snowden. Also pictured: Larry McKinley (left), President Bill Price, and Darrin Schmidt (right)

contest was held in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1945. In 1953, the national SAR orations contest was named in honor of the first national chairman, Douglas G. High. The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) renamed the national contest in honor of Joseph S. Rumbaugh in 1992. Fairfax Resolves received the Best Orations 2013 Award as sponsor of the VASSAR Orations winner.

King Eagle Scout Scholarship. The Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Program is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. Our Chapter winner, Mr. Eugene

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DeNezza, placed third in the VASSAR Eagle Scout competition. Eugene will be presented his Chapter and State awards at a separate event in late March 2014.

Knights Essay Contest. Our 2013 Chapter winner, Miss Emily Cox, placed second in the VASSAR Knight Essay competition. Emily was able to travel to Richmond and accept her award on February 15th. The Virginia Society first participated in The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest in 1996-97. The contest



2014 VASSAR 2nd Place Essay Winner - Miss Emily Cox. Also pictured: Essay Chairman Scott Wagoner (left), VASSAR President Kent Webber and Chapter President Bill Price(right)

was originally established and named in honor of President Calvin Coolidge, who won a local SAR essay competition while a student at Amherst College. The competition is designed to give high school freshman, sophomore, junior and senior students an opportunity to explore events that shaped American history through research and written analysis. Fairfax Resolves received a 2013 award streamer for sponsoring an entrant in the Knight Essay competition.

Donald W. Baldwin Award. Our Chapter was the VASSAR Baldwin Award recipient for 2013. This award is presented annually to the chapter that experienced the largest growth in membership for a calendar year. Fairfax Resolves indeed had a banner year in 2013: we welcomed twenty (20) new members, and received an unheard of thirteen (13) reinstatements. As a result of our efforts, VASSAR's chances are greatly improved for at least two membership awards at the 2014 National Congress. Three compatriots deserve specific recognition for this accomplishment: Past President and Registrar Jack Sweeney,



Fairfax Resolves received the Baldwin Award for welcoming twenty (20) new members and thirteen (13) reinstatements in 2013!

current Treasurer Preston Adams, and Past President and WebMaster Darrin Schmidt. Please let them know that you appreciate their efforts when you next have the opportunity to do so.

Sustained Achievement - Revolutionary Grave Markings. Fairfax Resolves was recognized for marking at least one grave of a Revolutionary War Patriot in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Our

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2013 marking was conducted jointly with the George Washington Chapter on June 8, 2013 at The Falls Church in Falls Church, Virginia.

Flag Certificate Program. The Virginia Society asks all Chapters to award at least one SAR Flag Certificate during each calendar year. All Virginia chapters (including Fairfax Resolves) met the requirements for the VASSAR Flag Certificate Program in 2013 and received an award streamer. Authorized in 1987, a Flag Certificate may be presented to any individual, organization, or government agency that flies an American Flag for patriotic purposes only. Due in part to the continued support of the Flag Certificate Program by Fairfax Resolves, Virginia will be eligible for the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award at the 2014 National Congress.

History Day Support. Fairfax Resolves received a VASSAR award streamer for our support of the District 5 National History Day (NHD) competition on March 2, 2013. The event was sponsored by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, and held at Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria, Virginia. Each year, more than half a million students participate in NHD throughout the United States. Students choose a historical topic related to the annual theme, conduct their own primary and secondary research, and present their findings in a competitive environment. The 2014 District 5 NHD competition will be held March 1, 2014.

Saint George Tucker Grave Marking. On November 2, 2013, the Virginia Society hosted the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Children of the American Revolution (CAR) at a joint event to mark the grave of Saint

George Tucker (1752-1827) in Nelson County, Virginia. Fairfax Resolves received an award streamer from the Virginia Society to acknowledge our support for this event. The grave of Thomas Tudor Tucker (brother of Saint George), located in Congressional Cemetery in Washington DC, will be marked in a similar ceremony on May 31, 2014.

Revolutionary War/War of 1812 Plaque Dedication 2013 (Mt Hebron, Virginia). On August 24, 2013, two stone monuments were dedicated in Winchester, Virginia bearing the names of 40 Revolutionary War Soldiers and 42 War of 1812 Soldiers. The site of the event was the Daniel Morgan Veterans' Cemetery at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester. Fairfax Resolves received an award streamer from the Virginia Society to acknowledge our support for this event.