

Fairfax Resolves Chapter

Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution



President's Message
January 2015

Compatriots,

Happy New Year to each of you, and welcome to 2015. I hope you and your families enjoyed the blessings of the Christmas season and enter the New Year in good health. We have much to look forward to this year in our Chapter and in SAR.

Upcoming Events:

January 29:
Rumbaugh Orations

February 7:
Colonel William Grayson
Tomb Rededication (VASSAR)

February 12:
Board of Managers Meeting

February 16:
George Washington's
Birthday Parade

February 20-22:
VASSAR Annual Meeting

All Chapter functions will be
held at:

Falcons Landing
20522 Falcons Landing Circle
Potomac Falls, VA 20165

<http://fairfaxresolvessar.org>

First, I am pleased to inform you of a \$260 donation the Chapter was able to make to Fisher House in December. An anonymous benefactor funded our Christmas social on December 11, and ask that members who attended would make a \$10 donation/per person to Fisher House. Thank you all who attended and for your response to the request of our benefactor.

Second, be advised that all current Chapter Officers (including myself) have agreed to serve until May 2015. This is due to a number of pending (and necessary) amendments to our Chapter By-Laws. I felt that it would be less disruptive to Chapter operations if all Officers continued to serve in their current capacities until these changes had been finalized and approved at the April 2015 meeting. When I presented this approach to the Chapter leadership in November 2014, they all agreed that we should proceed as I suggested. As a result, you can expect to receive more information about these changes in the coming days. The Chapter Constitution and By-Laws Committee has been formed and will begin its deliberations in January. The Chapter Nominating Committee (consisting of Past Presidents) has also been formed and will be contacting potential Officer Candidates between now and May.

Our Rumbaugh Orations Competition is scheduled for January 29th, 2015 in the Falcons Landing Ballroom. You may remember that our 2014 winner, Hayley Snowden, went on to win the National competition at our Annual Congress this past summer. Please plan to make our January meeting and welcome our 2015 student competitors.

Respectfully,

William W. "Bill" Price
President

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VIRGINIA DAY AT VALLEY FORGE

Each year, Weekly State Prayers are held at the George Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania to remind us of the freedoms which we enjoy in America. Each sovereign state is honored over the course of the calendar year. Virginia Day for 2014 was Sunday, November 9th.



Attendees assemble before the Carrillion Tower at Washington Memorial Chapel on November 9, 2014.

In attendance this year were many Compatriots from the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution led by the Virginia Society President Bill Broadus. The Virginia Society

Chaplain, The Reverend Canon Howell C. Sasser, Sr, officiated at the service of Morning Prayer. Also present were members of the Virginia Society Color Guard who had the honor of presenting and posting the colors at the start of the service.



Virginia delegation at the November 9th prayer service. 1st row, L to R Reverend Sasser, President Broadus. 2nd row, Virginia Society Color Guard.

November 8, 2015, will be the next Virginia Day at the Chapel. You can learn more about the schedule of state prayer services at <http://wmchapel.org/worship-music/schedule-of-2015-state-prayers/>.

WESTFIELD HS RECOGNIZED FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

Chapter President Bill Price, 1st Vice President Howell Sasser, and Knight Essay Committee Chairman Jeff Thomas presented a Virginia Society National History Day Award at Westfield High School in Chantilly, Virginia, on November 11, 2014.

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President Bill Price presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Celina Paudel in recognition of her participation in National History Day.

The recipient, Celina Paudel, was recognized for her 2014 National History Day presentation of Abigail Adams: A Woman Ahead of her Time. Fairfax Resolves also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Celina for her efforts, and to Celina's teacher, Jennifer Santiago, for her support of National History Day.

WWII VETERANS HONORED

Five Compatriots were presented the SAR War Service Medal in acknowledgement of their

service to the United States of America in World War II. Percy Floyd, Bill Schneider, Lyle Bowman, Jim McCullough, and Don Fenton were presented their War Service Medal by President Bill Price at the November 13th Chapter meeting.



Five compatriots receive the SAR War Service Medal on November 13, 2014, in honor of their service in World War II. Pictured L to R: Chapter President Bill Price, Percy Floyd, Bill Schneider, Lyle Bowman, Jim McCullough, and Don Fenton.

Separate presentations are planned for Compatriot Bill Youngs and the family of Compatriot Paul Peak. Compatriot Youngs resides in a nursing home and is unable to attend Chapter meetings, and Compatriot Peak passed away in October 2014.

2014 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Helpful. Phenomenal. Extraordinary. Brilliant. Capable. Exceptional. Wonderful. Remarkable. Esteemed. Skilled. Revolutionary. These are some of the words used by others to describe Mrs. Barbara C. Ruff, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter 2014 Teacher of the Year.

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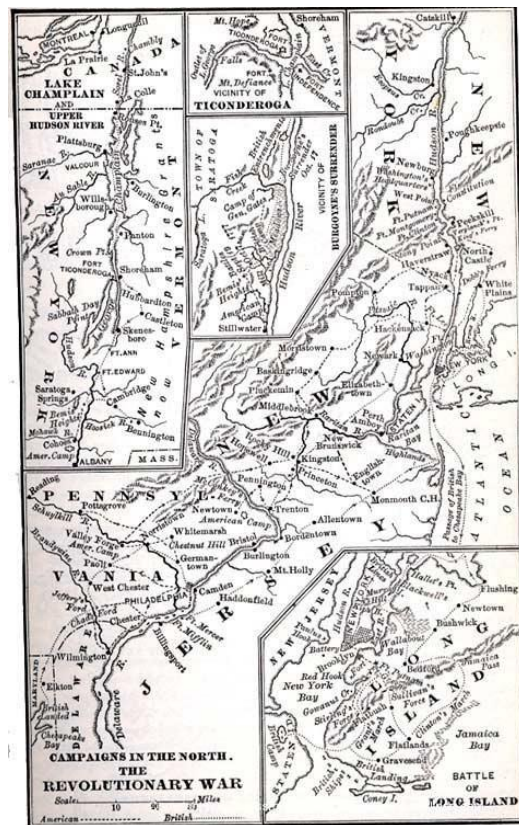
Reviewers of Barbara's career may conclude that teaching was her third profession. Based on letters submitted by her students, colleagues, and administrators, teaching is clearly her first love. Barbara graduated from Elmira College, New York, in 1968 and went to work for the Maryland Department of Social Services. She accepted a subsequent position with the US Department of Transportation in 1972, and received a Master's degree from American University in 1975. Along this journey she met her husband, Jim, and together they have raised two children.

Barbara received her teaching certificate from George Mason University in 1989, and began her true vocation in Fairfax County schools at Falls Church High School. Positions soon opened at George C. Marshall High School, again at Falls Church, and finally at McLean High School in 2002. She currently teaches Advanced Placement (AP) US History, AP American History, and Honors Virginia/US History. The Daughters of the American Revolution recognized Barbara as one of its Outstanding Teachers of American History in 1997. She was selected Teacher of the year at McLean High School in 2012 and 2013.

Recognizing pre-eminent members of the education profession is Northern Virginia is a priority for our Chapter, and is especially rewarding when we find teachers who exude a tangible belief that learning matters. Barbara takes it a step further, where learning how to read, analyze, and communicate matters even more. We are proud to introduce the Fairfax Resolves Chapter 2014 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Barbara C. Ruff.



President Bill Price presents the Chapter Teacher of the Year award to Mrs. Barbara Ruff.



Combined map showing the different Northern Campaigns fought during the Revolutionary War. Valley Forge is located in the lower left quadrant of the map.