

# Fairfax Resolves Chapter

## Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution



### Upcoming Events:

April 9:  
Chapter Meeting

April 11:  
Gold Good Citizenship Medal Gala (Alexandria, VA).  
Honoree: General Earl A. Anderson

May 16:  
Gustavus Scott Grave Marking w/Fairfax County DAR  
(Fairfax, VA)

May 17:  
James and William Scott Grave Marking  
(Garrisonville, VA)

June 14:  
Flag Day and Flag Disposal Ceremony

Unless specified, all Chapter functions will be held  
at:

Falcons Landing  
20522 Falcons Landing Circle  
Potomac Falls, VA 20165

<http://www.fairfaxresolvessar.org>

President's Message  
March 2015

Compatriots,

This edition of the Chapter newsletter is somewhat longer than previous editions. There is a large amount of news to share with you.

First, I am delighted to inform you that Fairfax Resolves has been designated the Best Very Large Chapter in Virginia for 2014! We received this accolade at the 2015 Virginia Society Annual Meeting (see page 2). We were also honored by the presence of our Genealogist General, John Sinks, at our March meeting (see page 4).

Second, I regret to report the passing of our Chaplain Emeritus and Compatriot William Ellis Youngs. Bill passed on March 15, 2015, and is survived by his wife (Mary Helen) and daughter (Renee). His funeral service was held March 18, 2015 at National Funeral Home in Falls Church. Several Chapter members attended the service, the Chapter provided a floral tribute, and I have also forwarded a message of sympathy to Bill's daughter, Renee. A short obituary also begins on page 4.

I close with a paragraph from a letter written by Benjamin Franklin upon the death of his brother, John Franklin, in 1756:

"Our friend and we are invited abroad on a party of pleasure - that is to last forever. His chair was first ready and he is gone on before us. We could not all conveniently start together, and why should you and I be grieved at this, since we are soon to follow, and we know where to find him."

Compatriot Youngs - Adieu.

William W. "Bill" Price  
President

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### 2015 RUMBAUGH ORATIONS

Our Chapter 2015 Rumbaugh Orations competition was held January 29, 2015 at Falcons Landing. Our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Virginia Sun (Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology) went on to place 3<sup>rd</sup> at the VASSAR competition held February 21, 2015. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Alexis Huggins (Trinity Christian School) and our 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was Marissa Luna (Paul Vi High School). Congratulations to all our winners!



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Virginia Sun



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alexis Huggins



3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Marissa Luna

### GRAYSON CRYPT RESTORATION AND DEDICATION

The burial site of brothers William (1740-1790) and Spence Grayson (1737-1798), located on the grounds of the former Belle Aire Plantation

in Prince William County, Virginia, was re-dedicated February 7, 2015 to complete a final initiative of outgoing VASSAR President Bill Broadus.

The new headstones were placed on November 15, 2014. President Broadus was unable to attend the February event and was represented by VASSAR 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Mike Elston.



Restored gravesite of Spence (L) and William (R) Grayson, showing SAR marker placed by Fairfax Resolves in 1995.

Fairfax Resolves originally marked the Grayson gravesite in 1995. The Chapter delegation to the event was led by President Bill Price and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (and VASSAR Chaplain) Howell Sasser.



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### ANNUAL MEETING

Fairfax Resolves was designated the 2014 Best Very Large Chapter in Virginia at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR). The Chapter delegation attending the meeting (in Richmond February 20-22, 2015) was led by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Bud Walker. A separate description and status of each award and our status in remaining 2015 National competitions are provided below:



3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Bud Walker receives the 2014 Best Very Large Chapter Award from Virginia President Bill Broadus at the VASSAR Annual Meeting on February 21, 2015.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Sergeant Mark Dale, one of our 2014 Law Enforcement Commendation Medal recipients, was designated the VASSAR Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Sergeant Dale personally helped to establish the "Officer-Involved Shooting Group" within the Peer Support Section of the Fairfax County Police Department. He is recognized within the Northern Virginia area for his work in this field, and has been a featured lecturer at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Sergeant Dale is also active with the Police Unity Tour and the Concerns of Police Survivors, all to help bring

awareness to the families of fallen officers. We will present Sergeant Dale his Virginia Award at the annual Fairfax County awards ceremony in June 2015.

Teacher of the Year. Our Chapter winner (Mrs. Barbara Ruff, McLean High School) was selected as the 2014 VASSAR Teacher of the Year. This marks the second year in a row that Fairfax Resolves has nominated the VASSAR Teacher of the Year. The VASSAR Teacher of the Year Program was originally established in 1986, where chapters recognize one or more local teachers and submits them as candidates for the VASSAR Teacher of the Year. As sponsor of the VASSAR Teacher of the Year, Fairfax Resolves also received the 2014 Chester E. May Award.

Knight Essay Contest. Our 2014 Chapter winner, Miss Sierra Chen, also won the VASSAR Knight Essay competition. Sierra is now eligible to compete in the National Knight Essay competition this summer at the SAR National Congress. The Virginia Society first participated in The George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest in 1996.

Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Orations Contest. Our Chapter winner, Miss Virginia Sun, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the VASSAR Rumbaugh Orations Contest on February 21st. The first SAR-sponsored orations contest was held in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1945.

Flag Certificate Program. The Virginia Society asks all Chapters to award at least one SAR Flag Certificate during each calendar year. All Virginia chapters (we presented five!) met the requirements for the VASSAR Flag Certificate Program in 2014 and received an award streamer. Due in part to the continued support of the Flag Certificate Program by Fairfax Resolves, Virginia again will be eligible for the

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Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award at the 2015 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 1, 2014. The 2015 District 5 NHD competition was held March 7, 2015. Fairfax Resolves was represented by Compatriot Jeff Thomas.

Revolutionary Grave Registrations and Markings. Fairfax Resolves was one of only three Chapters recognized for grave registrations and markings in 2014. Our 2014 marking was conducted on October 25, 2014 in Amissville, Virginia.

### **FAIRFAX RESOLVES WELCOMES NSSAR GENEALOGIST GENERAL**

The guest speaker at our March 2015 meeting was our Genealogist General John Sinks. His topic was "Revolutionary Taxes as Evidence of Patriotic Service."



NSSAR Genealogist General John Sinks addresses members of the Fairfax Resolves on March 12, 2015.

The Continental Congress had no authority to levy taxes, and so the burden fell to the colonies. Congress requested resources from the colonies to carry on the war. Taxes assessed to address a request of the Congress or that

specifically were passed to "support the war or achieve Independence" qualify as Patriotic Service. "Taxpayers typically participated in the assessment process" Sinks noted. "Those not co-operating in the assessment process were penalized, often double or triple taxed."

Sinks encouraged Virginia Compatriots seeking evidence of Patriotic Service to check existing tax rolls for these tax records are State Records, and have been preserved in Richmond. "If you are seeking evidence for an ancestor that lived in one of the 'burned' counties, you may find your evidence here."

### **R.I.P. WILLIAM E. YOUNGS**

Compatriot William Ellis Youngs passed peacefully on March 15, 2015. In addition to being a member of SAR and Fairfax Resolves, he was also a lifetime member of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE). Funeral services were held March 18, 2015 at National Funeral Home in Falls Church, Virginia. Interment followed at National Memorial Park.

A native of the DC Area (since age 4), Bill contemplated entering the clergy following his High School graduation but he "didn't think I could influence people enough". He then turned to another influential industry –motion pictures. He was patriotically inspired through his work on educational motion pictures that he showed to area embassies and government offices while employed by the Washington Motion Picture Company.

After serving the 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters during WWII, for two years including the invasion of Normandy, Bill declined an extension in the service as a Chaplain's Assistant. At the 2009 Chapter Awards Banquet, Bill said that "God is getting me back for turning that down by making me the Chaplain Emeritus for Fairfax Resolves".

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In 2009, Bill Youngs was honored as Fairfax Resolves Chaplain Emeritus.

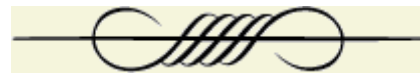
Once stateside, he launched into a 30 year film industry career with the U.S. Information Agency under the Department of State. Upon his retirement, he “substituted” for someone at the Motion Picture Association and walked out the door 15 years later. He became active in his community through the University Film and Video Association and the Society of Motion Picture Engineers.

His service to Veterans includes being a past president of the 2nd Div. Indian Head Association, and as such, he led National Memorial Services on Veterans Day at the flaming sword monument on Constitution Avenue. He continues this service to veterans as the co-organizer of Veterans Common, where he helps to conduct multiple services per year.

Bill’s SAR communication and leadership activities include: joining Fairfax Resolves in 1984 and holding every office but Secretary/Treasurer, creating the Defender newsletter and including historic articles in every issue, mentoring many Compatriots and contributing great patience, advice, counsel and encouragement, serving for over ten years as

DAR Liaison for the Virginia Society, and spending countless hours, with his wife Mary Helen, demonstrating SAR support for all levels of Children of the American Revolution (CAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

He was honored with an emeritus position in our Chapter for his “outstanding leadership and mentoring Compatriots as those Compatriots inspire and educate the Community in the principle objectives of the SAR.” All of Fairfax Resolves give you our respectful salute in acknowledgement of your memory of your service, your presence, and your advice.



Key web sites for Revolutionary Tax Records:

NSSAR Subcommittee on Revolutionary Taxes reports:

<http://www.sar.org/Committees/Genealogy/Tax-lists>

Maryland SAR postings of tax lists:

<http://www.mdssar.org/membership/marylandtaxlists>

Virginia tax lists commercially available at:

<http://www.binnsgenealogy.com>