

The Defender

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Message from Our Board of Managers

Please mark your calendar and plan to be at **Vinson Hall, McLean, VA for our annual awards banquet and installation of Officers.**

Vinson Hall is across the street from Chesterbrook Shopping Center off Old Dominion. Due to multiple reasons we finally have a date and location for the revitalization of our Chapter.

Getting there is simple. Route 123 north from the beltway is Chain Bridge Road (Dolley Madison inside the Beltway). Turn right on Old Dominion and proceed 2.5 miles on Old Dominion. After you pass under an overpass, you will see Chesterbrook Shopping Center on your left. Look for the sign for Vinson Hall on your right and turn right onto Vinson Hall Drive.

Proceed through the campus following signs to the visitor parking (you can drop off at the main entrance then proceed to visitor parking). After parking go up the sidewalk to the entrance.

Our Compatriot Paul Peak will be establishing 3 handicapped parking spots right at the front entrance of Vinson Hall for our meeting.

ANNUAL AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET

Vinson Hall
6251 Old Dominion Drive
McLean, Virginia 22101

August 19, 2006
5:30 p.m. Social half hour
with wine & cheese

5:30 P.M. Wine and Cheese Social
Dinner and Program at 6 P.M.

*Honoring Fairfax County Law
Enforcement
Installation of New Officers/Members
Guest Speaker
James Bayne, VASSAR President*

Cost = \$30/per person
Need to choose entrée

(1) Baked Salmon or
(2) Marinated Tenderloin

Business Attire

(Please send your preference for Salmon or Beef to Larry McKinley, Dustoff@Verizon.net and/or 703-450-6041, or mail 12158 Holly Knoll Circle, Great Falls, VA 22066. You can pay at the door.)

We have had a lot of restart issues, the least of which is a location and program for the coming year. We have changed our location to Vinson Hall where it is more conducive to support a speaker and larger audiences for guest speakers and our programs.

All of us will be able to preview the venue when we attend the awards and installation banquet.

One of the best activities that can happen to any Chapter and specifically the Fairfax Resolves is the induction of new people and we have 7 new members plus a transfer to welcome. We are blessed with renewed spirit.

The new members are:

Johnny Marion Davis, May 26, 2004, ancestor Onesimus Futch.

Tobin Linscott Watkinson, June 28, 2004, ancestor Samuel Peakes Linscott.

Mark Stewart Kennedy, November 29, 2004, ancestor Faunce Hammond.

George Lawrence Lamborn, March 7, 2005, ancestor Sampson Violet.

Darrin M. Schmidt, May 5, 2006, ancestor, Elisha Dunham

Jimmie Joe Logan, May 10, 2006, ancestor Andrew Franks.

Warren Scott Allen, May 30, 2006, ancestor Joseph Page.

Donald G. Heppner, Jr. May 5, 2006 transfer from Minnesota.

We welcome their participation and presence into the Sons of the American Revolution and hope to have them assigned to important functions very soon.

Speaking of functions, we will announce at the banquet the date for induction training. Induction training is designed to provide the new members orientation to the different programs of the Sons of the American Revolution. New members that already have their certificates are:

John Boyter

Mark Davis

Donald Legg

Robert Cochran

Steve Banowit

Michael DePue

These new members will also be invited to the new member induction session and we look forward to their future contributions to Fairfax Resolves and our community.

The Nomination Committee has a big job, so everyone can help get this year off to a great start.

The Nomination Committee will be contacting you to serve in the very near future because we need a new slate of officers and committee chairmen to work the objectives of our heritage and service organization, especially while the older members are still active and can lead by example.

We need to revive the Chapter, gain a commitment from all to support each other and in the words of one of our newest members, Tom Speelman, "We need to get back to what attracted many of us to the SAR and that is having programs with an emphasis on history

and strategies implemented to provide and preserve freedom”.

Current Activities of our Chapter



Photo by William Youngs
Col. William Grayson Society C.A.R. conducting the
Flag Disposal Ceremony at Great Falls Library-6/14/06



Photo by William Youngs
Michelle Caputy, Mid-Southern Vice President, C.A.R.
presents a new 5'X8' outdoor flag to the Asst Library
Manager, Great Falls Library-part of the tradition



Photo by William Youngs
John Sinks observes the disposal of worn flags which
flew over his patriots' graves. Flags helping mark and
needing disposed of from many Patriots of different
eras were announced—Revolutionary, Civil, WW II and
current day. Great Falls Vol. Fire Department is
assisting as they have done for three years.

Our Chapter was represented at Annual Congress July 7-July 12 by **John Sinks and Larry McKinley**. John was installed as **Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President**—please visit the web-site of the Mid-Atlantic Regional District for more information. **Larry McKinley was installed as National Trustee** from Virginia. He also chaired the National Oration Contest conducted in Dallas, won by a young man from Delaware, **Mr. Edward Seage, Jr.**

Visit the web-site of the NSSAR and look under Youth Activities and Rumbaugh Oration for information about this highly visible contest. Fairfax Resolves Virginia Society winner, **Elizabeth Lee** represented the State and our Chapter in an excellent manner and we are very proud of her performance.

The annual Fourth of July Ceremony and wreath laying at the tomb of George Washington was conducted by the George Washington Chapter, VASSAR Color Guard, and the Fife and Drums of Prince William III. The Fairfax Resolves Chapter was present to support this outstanding event and more should support this event next year.

A Presidential Program Emphasis for 2006-2007: The Forgotten Patriots

One of the programs that President Jim Bayne wants to emphasize is called the Forgotten Patriots. It will be continued with the next President of the Virginia Society as well. How it works: For every new or supplemental application that a Virginia Society compatriot submits based on descent from a Patriot who is not listed in the most current edition of the SAR Index and the DAR Patriot Index, one point will be awarded to a Virginia Society Chapter. If the Patriot is a Virginian by birth, or if his/her service was primarily in Virginia, two points will be awarded the Virginia Society Chapter.

Acceptable proofs from the SAR and DAR that a Patriot ancestor is a Forgotten Patriot will be:

(1) A photocopy of the page(s) from the most current editions of the published SAR Patriot Index and the DAR Patriot Index where the Patriot's name would have been listed if his or her service were already recognized and accepted by the SAR or the DAR. (2) In lieu of above (1) method, a letter from the National Genealogy staff of the SAR and SAR submitted by email or letter asserting that the Patriot is not currently listed among those whose service is already recognized and accepted by the DAR or SAR.

Chapters can earn a maximum of 10 points and will be recognized by three different streamers. The levels of recognition will be 1-3 pts; 4 to 6 pts, and 7-10 pts. End of year is deadline for year 2006 activity.

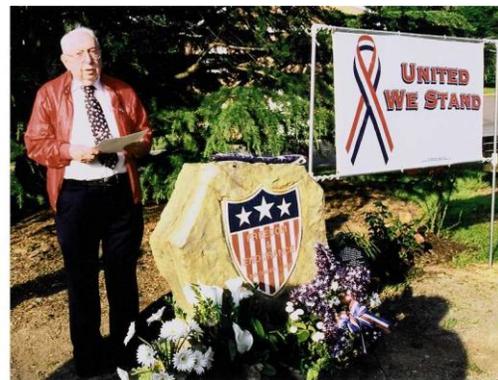
VASSAR Americanism Committee- a new Committee for 2006

The overview, descriptive and contest criteria have been extracted from the current revision of Volume III, NSSAR Handbook.

This contest will run from January 1 through December 31, 2006. The contest activities often reflect activities that are reported on the VASSAR annual report; therefore, the contest criteria should be relatively seamless within the regular Chapter activities.

C. Marbury Seaman, Jr., Rockbridge Volunteers Chapter, is the Committee Chairman. Again we are emphasizing a reward for publicizing, conducting, establishing programs that supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community of fundamental American traditions. For example: Historic Celebrations. Establishing an SAR speakers bureau, historical programs, educational programs, American Revolutionary programs for Elementary classes, etc.

We need to have a liaison to report to activities to C. Dan McGuire (he is paired with our Chapter and 4 other Chapters). Any volunteers?



Don't forget the Veterans Common (VC) where Fairfax Resolves is regularly the featured speaker such as William Youngs above. Next Date is August 15, where the Commons celebrates the surrender of the Japanese in WWII. VC integrates us into the Falls Church and Arlington Communities.

Fairfax Resolves Participation in the Outstanding Student Program

John Sinks, PhD, Chairman

The Outstanding Student Program is a very flexible program of the Virginia Society. All Chapters are encouraged to recognize outstanding students using whatever criteria are well-suited to their interests and the local situation. The Fairfax Resolves Chapter has established this program in seven (7) different secondary schools. In each of the seven we recognize the outstanding student in American History. In one of the seven we also recognize the outstanding student in overall citizenship in the school (this recipient is actually voted on by the student-body).

In each school we have a plaque bearing the name of the Chapter and the award. The name of the recipient by year is on a brass plate. This keeps the program visible to the students, faculty, and parents. With ties, we often recognize more than eight (8) students. That happened this year. Each student is presented on awards or tap day a certificate and the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal in front of the student- body and parents.

Schools	Recipient
Washington & Lee H.S.	Miriam Wakili
Yorktown H.S.	Molly McCartin
Wakefield H.S.	Sam George
H.B. Woodlawn H.S.	Jane Caudell-Feagan Christopher Oxenford
Thomas Jefferson H.S.	Michael Romais
Bishop Denis J. O'Connell H.S.	Ben DeThomas Xotchiltl Vasquez
ChristChurch School	Richard P. Longest Chung-Yon (John) Lin

(Longest awarded the History award and Lin was awarded the Citizenship award)

National History Day and the Fairfax Resolves

John Sinks, PhD, SAR District Lead

History Day is an annual scholastic competition with three rounds, District, State, and National. SAR is not the sponsor of this event, but our help is definitely welcome. Members of the SAR like to complain about how schools are not doing enough to teach history. This is a case where schools are going beyond the minimum and we can help. We encourage students and teachers to participate in the program, we can provide financial support, we can provide judges, we can attend the competition and show that someone besides friends, family and teachers care, and we can recognize those who have outstanding projects in the area about which we care the most from the perspective of the SAR, C.A.R.: American History 1750-1800.

Support for History Day was a special presidential program for the Virginia Society in 2005 and at the annual meeting the membership voted to make the program permanent. The Fairfax Resolves Chapter has been at the forefront in the Virginia Society in supporting History Day. In 2005 several members made financial contributions to support History Day and one served as a judge at the local district competition. Members have spoken at local High Schools, contributed to students from the southwest as they went to national competition at College Park, MD. Because our contributions were over \$100, the Chapter was listed as a sponsor of the District competition. We have members who contribute medals awarded to students for 1st or 2nd place projects in the field of American History 1750-1800.

This fall the Chapter will again be making financial and personal time and expertise contributions to the District to help defray the costs of the 2006 District competition.

Please be generous.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- 1. The annual Tri-Chapter Dinner of the Fairfax Resolves, George Washington and George Mason Chapters will be held in the September timeframe** –date to be announced. Don't forget this is always a good time. We are back at Bellview Country Club This looks to be a very nice opportunity for you to participate in fellowship with our other local chapters.
- 2. An Induction Process** for new members will be held in the month of September at a place to be disclosed, likely Vinson Hall—this will be only a half day training session and food will be provided.
- 3. Atlantic Middle States Conference, August 11-12, 2006**, Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Avenue at Fifteenth Street, NW, Washington D.C. You can find out more from the website www.sar.org/madist_sar/index . It is close this year to us Virginians and Fairfax Resolves own John Sinks, PhD was elected Regional Vice President at the Dallas Congress in July. Most if not all the National Officers will be present and it would be a good time to talk programs of the SAR.
- 4.VASSAR Mid-year to be held this year at Culpeper, Virginia**, September 15 and 16th at the Best Western-Culpeper Inn, Culpeper, VA. Reservation information may be found at www.sar.org/VASSAR/ . Please make reservations directly with the hotel by calling 1-540-825-1253. Deadline for reservations with rate assurance is **August 23, 2006**. Registration is with VASSAR Office and must be received by **September 1, 2006**. Generally, the mid-year meeting is a great time for fellowship and program information dissemination.
- 5. Next scheduled meeting of the Fairfax Resolves** will be **21 September 2006** at Vinson Hall. There will be a short business meeting before the guest speaker at 7:00 p.m. More information to follow.

Current Officers: of Fairfax Resolves

Steve Richey, Jr..... President
Mark Chester,1st VP
Stephen Richey, III,..... 2nd VP
Larry McKinley,Secretary
Steve Richey, Jr.,Treasurer
Bud Ginn,Registrar
William Youngs,..... Chaplain

William Youngs, Historian
Richard Spurr, Sec. Treas. Emeritus
Board of Managers
John Sinks, 3 year term
Larry McKinley, 2 year term
John (Jack) Pitzer, 1 year term