

The Defender

Fairfax Resolves Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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The Fairfax Resolves Officer Nominations for 2007-2008

The nomination committee has come up with a list of candidates for our members to vote on. The following are nominated for the positions indicated:

___ President.....Tom Speelman
___ 1st Vice President.....Darrin Schmidt
___ 2nd Vice President.....Larry Lamborn
___ 3rd Vice President.....Dennis Hickey
___ Secretary.....Larry McKinley
___ Treasurer.....Richard Spurr
___ Historian.....Rob Engle
___ Registrar.....John Sinks
___ Chaplain.....William Youngs

___ Board of Managers.....Jack Pitzer

Please indicate by placing an check mark your approval in the space provided. For those of you who are getting this by USPS, there will be a separate piece of paper for you to mail back or give the Secretary, Larry McKinley a call (**703-450-6041**) with your vote. There is an attachment to this newsletter if you are receiving it my email and please mark it and send it back to the Secretary Larry McKinley,
Dustoff@Verizon.net.

Fairfax Resolves Annual Installation Banquet

Our Annual meeting will be held at the Washington Golf and Country Club, 3017 N Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207. Open Bar will be **6:30 P.M.** followed by dinner at **7 P.M.** and Installation and Program at **8 P.M.** To see pictures and get directions click on link.
<http://www.virginiagolf.com/washington.html>
The club entrance is immediately past Marymount University off Glebe Road north.

Our Officers will be installed by **Joseph Dooley, VASSAR President** and he will provide the message for the evening. Additional awards and recognition will be provided to deserving Fairfax Resolves members.

The cost this year is **\$50 per person**. Please make checks payable to Fairfax Resolves and send to **Richard Spurr**, 3811 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-2601. Also call **Larry McKinley** to confirm 703-450-6041.

We hope to see especially our new members and those who have transferred into our Chapter but have not been able to attend a meeting yet.

This summer will be exciting with Congress being in Williamsburg, VA and the coming year stands to be a great one with **Fairfax Resolves** hitting on all cylinders.

Dates to Remember May-August , 2007

- 1. Tri-Chapter Meeting, May 12, 2007**
Belle Haven Country Club
Alexandria, VA
11:30 a.m. Social; Lunch 12:00 noon
Price \$35 per person
Reservations contact Margaret Webber 703-938-8141
Speaker: Dr. David Robarge, CIA political and leadership Analyst on Palestine and Iraq
- 2. Wilderness Road-The Raid on Martin's Station 10 a.m., May 12, 2007**
Formal wreath laying ceremony at this National cite sponsored by the Virginia Society SAR and Wilderness Road State Park, Ewing, Virginia
- 3. Chapter Installation and Awards Meeting 6:30 P.M. May 24, 2007**
Washington Golf and Country Club
3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA
- 4. Memorial Day Parade, May 28, 2007**
Washington D.C. SAR members March in parade
- 5. Flag Day Celebration at Great Falls Library**
Support the C.A.R. Society on June 14th and watch the Flag disposal ceremony for the Community of Great Falls.
- 6. Independence Day Celebration at Mount Vernon July 4, 2007**
- 7. National Congress, July 7-11, 2007**
117th Congress held at the Williamsburg Lodge
Registration form found on the NSSAR web site and registration now until June 1 is \$285.
- 8. Atlantic Middle States Conf., Aug 10-11, 2007**
Sheraton Annapolis Hotel, 173 Jennifer Rd, Annapolis MD
For Registration and Info :
www.sar.org/madist_sar/

A Message from Paul Peak

"I understand that after our annual dinner at the Country Club on 24 May we will not meet during the summer. I have tentatively scheduled our next meeting at Vinson Hall for the fourth Thursday in September—the 27th.

For the coming season I recommend that we settle on either the second or fourth Thursday evening, or the first or third Saturday. These are relatively quiet, with no regularly scheduled competition for our use of the Conference Room and Auditorium. Either Thursday date will probably be better attended by the residents.

I further suggest that we consider altering our schedule to arrive and begin our meeting at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium, with opening ceremonies followed by any presentations and the speaker. After that public part of the program we would conduct the business session—depending upon how much is on the agenda, either in the Auditorium or the Conference Room.

...In the interest of security I've sent this to the membership as blind copies, although we should all participate in the discussion".

Fraternally,
Paul

The above message is placed in its entirety so that all who receive this newsletter can vote on the time of the meeting. Please let Paul Peak know your decision—Thursday or Saturday and which one. Time of start of the meeting has been decided to be 7:30 p.m. —Gives us all time to get to the meeting after a full days work. It's important to let Paul know your input.

A Reminder

There will be another newsletter, when I have time to catch up after the Annual Congress (in Mid-July or so). Then we will resume our bi-monthly newsletters in the fall.

Electronic mail is a possibly effective and inexpensive way to pass the word to many Chapter members. Please forward your email address and whether it is new or changed to **Larry McKinley, 12158 Holly Knoll Circle, Great Falls, Virginia 22066; Dustoff@Verizon.net**

Important Dates/SAR Events



Great Falls Flag Day and Flag Disposal Ceremony for the community. Last year we had over 50 flags and some very unique flags from **John Sinks**. Many flew over the graves of his ancestors.

Help make this **June 14th** at **6:30 p.m.** a memorable event by coming to the parking lot of the Great Falls Library where the **Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department; Great Falls Historical Society and Library Staff**, and community members as well as a good representation from **Fairfax Resolves** gather to properly dispose of flags. The ceremony is conducted for the community of Great Falls by the **Col. William Grayson Society C.A.R.** We sponsor **this Society of the Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution** and they are great kids!!!

**Martin Station –Wilderness Road
May 11th through May 13th**



The Firelock Salute to our Pioneers, Martin Station in background



DAR, SAR (GA, VA, KY & OH), & C.A.R. (3 Societies) 27 wreaths presented last year.

Join our small but mighty band as we lay wreaths honoring our ancestors who paved the way westward through Cumberland Gap. May 11-13th with SAR ceremony beginning Saturday at 10 a.m. The Raid goes on.

The Raid on Martin's Station is particularly interesting to children as well as all young at heart. Virginia is challenged each year to make this event bigger and better and has established a partnership with Wilderness Road State Park-there are over 600 reenactors employed and despite a rough tough bunch of Indians. The score is **Settlers 7, Indians 0 !!!!!**

Awards for Fairfax Resolves at Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA February 17th, 2007
What is all this streamer stuff about anyway?

I'll clue you in on the history of streamers, awards etc. and when Fairfax Resolves first started collecting award recognition that these bring. In addition I will give you a listing of what we have gathered so far (sort of an inventory of our flag). The colors have been revamped and our own Dr. Sinks chose them as Chairman of the State Awards Committee. But first, as shown below we have 6 new streamer awards that have already been placed on our flag and they are top to bottom:



History Day Support---As members of Fairfax Resolves we dedicated monetary (\$100 or more) support and/or volunteered as judges for this valuable learning tool available to children in our Region's Schools.

"And the World Turned Upside Down"-Yorktown, 1781-2006---this streamer is for Fairfax Resolves involvement in the 225th Yorktown Day observance in October.

Chapter Excellence Award---this streamer is awarded for Fairfax Resolves achieving an excellent rating in at least 13 categories...total categories were 17 this year.

Forgotten Patriots 2006-2007 with an additional Star---this streamer is for Fairfax Resolves participation in a Presidential Program that is continuing this year. If you submit one Patriot that has not been included in any DAR, SAR, C.A.R. database of ancestors and they are Virginian, then you receive a streamer and the second one is rewarded with a star. Thanks John Sinks for getting us going in this important endeavor.

Oration Contest 2003-2006---this streamer is recognition for our Chapter's holding a Speech contest for 3 straight years and had an entrant in the State-wide Oration contest held each February in Richmond.

Revolutionary Grave Registration---Awarded to the Chapter who has successfully registered 5 Revolutionary War Graves in the past year.

What have we done over the years and what do they represent?



Compatriot Paul Peak with our Flag and Streamers

Historic Celebrations:

- City of Alexandria-G. Washington Birthday Parade-1993
- City of Alexandria-G. Washington Birthday Parade-1995
- Valley Forge –2003
- Point Pleasant Battle Days, 2006 (232nd Celebration)
- Yorktown Day 2001
- Yorktown Day, "And the World Turned Upside Down"

Community

Chester E. May Award (Teacher of the Year)
 Chester E. May Award, VASSAR 1997-8
 Fire Safety Award, VASSAR
 Chester E. May Award (Teacher of the Yr)-2005

Youth Contests:

Sustained Achievement Award- Oration 1991-1994
 Sustained Achievement Award – Oration 1995-1998
 Sustained Achievement Award – Oration 1999-2002
 Sustained Achievement Award – Oration 2003-2006
 VASSAR Oration 1998 ; -2nd Place
 ASSAR Oration 1999-1st Place
 Sponsor, Best Oration 2005

Donald Baldwin award, VASSAR 2001-2002 Oration
 VASSAR Essay 1999, 2nd Place
 VASSAR Essay 1998, 3rd Place
 VASSAR Eagle Scout 1999, 1st Place
 VASSAR Eagle Scout 2001, 1st Place
 VASSAR Eagle Scout, 2003, 1st Place
 History Day Support, 2006

Chapter Excellence Awards:

Chapter Excellence Award, VASSAR 2003
 Chapter Excellence Award, VASSAR 2004

Chapter Excellence Award, VASSAR 2005
 Chapter Excellence Award, VASSAR 2006
 Best Small Chapter, VASSAR 1993-4
 Best Small Chapter, VASSAR 1994-5
 Best Small Chapter, VASSAR, 1995-6
 Best Small Chapter, VASSAR, 1996-7
 Best small Chapter, VASSAR, 1997-8
 Best Small Chapter, VASSAR, 1998
 Best Small Chapter, VASSAR, 1999

*First awarded in 1995 for grave-marking program retroactive to
 Best Small Chapter, VASSAR 2002
 1985. Chapter earns this award for carrying out program for four
 Best Small Chapter, VASSAR 2003
 consecutive years-a star indicates another 4 years.

Chapter Graves Registration & Marking:

President General's Activity Award-1984-1985
 Revolutionary Grave Marking 2002-2005
 Jennings H. Flathers Award, (Best Newsletter) VASSAR 1992-3 Excellence in Revolutionary Grave Marking-Star & no date*
 Jennings H. Flathers Award, VASSAR 1996-7
 Excellence in Revolutionary War Graves Marking 1999-2002
 Chapter Excellence Award, VASSAR 1994-5
 Excellence in Revolutionary Graves Registration
 Chapter Excellence Award, VASSAR 1995-6
 Revolutionary Grave Registration 2007
 Chapter Excellence Award, VASSAR 2000
 Revolutionary Grave Supplement to JLARC Report 2005 (2 ribbons)
 Chapter Excellence Award, VASSAR 2002
 Forgotten Patriots 2006-2007

Current Officers of the Fairfax Resolves

- John (Jack) Pitzer..... President**
- Thomas Speelman, Jr.,1st VP**
- Larry McKinley,...Secretary**
- Richard Spurr.....Treasurer**
- William Youngs.....Historian**
- Bud Ginn.....Registrar**
- William Youngs.....Chaplain**

Board of Managers

- John Sinks, 3 year term**
- Larry McKinley, 2 year term**
- John (Jack) Pitzer, 1 year term**

Currently: The Website Manager, **Darrin Schmidt** holds a new position. **Larry Lamborn** along with **Don Heppner** desire to support the youth contests of oration and essay. There may be some changes for next year due to the pending move of **Mark Chester** to Colorado. In addition, we have 3 members who have joined the new Col. William Grayson Chapter, SAR and will be in that Chapter in Gainesville after January 1, 2008. We wish them well and understand the commute to meetings: These members are **John F. DePue, Michael J. DePue, and James Logan**. We are glad they are serving.

- Committee Assignments: (Assignments to be augmented throughout the year)*
- Law Enforcement.....**Mark Chester**
 - Fire Safety.....**William Youngs**
 - Revolutionary War Graves.....**Dr. John Sinks**
 - Rumbaugh Oration.....**Larry McKinley**
 - Knight Essay.....**Larry McKinley**
 - JROTC/ROTC.....**Pless Lungner**
 - Eagle Scholarship.....**Ward (Bud) Ginn**
 - Flag Committee.....**William Youngs**
 - Veterans Committee...**Capt. Dennis Hickey, IV**
 - Teacher of the Year.....**John (Jack) Pitzer**
 - Citizen of the Year.....**Capt. Dennis Hickey, IV**
 - History Education And Youth Award.....**Dr. John Sinks**
 - New Member Committee.....**Ward (Bud) Ginn**
 - Website Manager.....**Darrin Schmidt**

The web-site structure for **Fairfax Resolves** is initially structured and **Darrin Schmidt, Larry McKinley** and **John Sinks** are trying to fill in the skeleton with information. In a couple of weeks it should be ready for comment and improvement from you all and then we will have an official web-site for our Chapter.