

The Defender

Fairfax Resolves Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

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The Fairfax Resolves Officers for 2008-2009

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The Board of Managers conducts the affairs of the Chapter. In addition to the officers listed above, the immediate past president and three Compatriot members elected by their peers makes up the Board.

Three Year Term.....Darrin M. Schmidt
Two year Term.....Lauris Eek, III
One Year Term.....Vernon Eubanks

The Chapter elected the officers in April and **State 1st VP William Simpson** installed the members above.

The pictures of our new officers taken at Vinson Hall, May 10th are on page 2. We look forward to a very full and productive SAR year. Hopefully it will be a banner year for **Fairfax Resolves**.

Remember that getting to Vinson Hall 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.

Important Dates/SAR Events

Dates to Remember July-August

- 1. Veterans Common*, July 4, 7:30 a.m.**
***Directions:** Traveling Southeast on West Braod Street (Rt 7) in Falls Church, turn left on Little Falls Street and proceed nothwas for about 4 blocks. You will arrive at the intersection of Little Falls Street and the WO&D trail and a Masonic building will be on your left. Park on the street there should be spaces on the far side of the WO&D trail.
- 2. Elbridge Gerry, Congressional Cemetery, July 4, 9:30 a.m.**
Fairfax Resolves Compatriots and their families are invited to this DCSSAR function at 1801 E Street, Southeast, Washington D.C. The DC Society of the Children of the American Revolution will commemorate Revolutionary War drummer-boy John Hunter at his grave after the ceremony above. **Luncheon follows** ceremonies at the **Pier 7 Restaurant**, Channel Inn Hotel, 650 Water Street, SW (at 7th and Maine Avenue). A flier was sent out 6/10 with the deadline for the Luncheon June 27th. Cost of Luncheon is \$27.50. Paul Hays will be the POC is you want to make a late reservation paulhays@verizon.net.
- 3. Atlantic Middle States Conference, Aug 8 & 9, 2008**
Westin Princeton Hotel at Forrestal Village
201 Village Blvd, Princeton, NJ 08540
make reservations by July 9th to get reduced rate and find at www.sar.org/madist_sar/2008%20AMS@20Conference
- 4. Board of Managers Meeting, August 2008 heads up—there will be a notice soon for this Saturday morning meeting.**
- 5. Semi-Annual Meeting, VASSAR**
September 18th & 19th Registration not complete check on State Website for information www.sar.org/vassar

Fairfax Resolves Annual Installation Banquet 5/10/2008



Officers of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter being installed by State 1st VP William Simpson. Officers L to R: **Robert Engle**, Historian; **William Youngs**, Chaplain; **John Sinks**, Registrar/Genealogist & Parliamentarian; **Robert Hampton**, 3rd VP; **Dan Rolph**, Treasurer; **Tom Speelman**, President; and **William Simpson**, State 1st VP. Officers not shown: **Larry Lamborn**, 1st VP; **Jack Sweeney**, 2nd VP; & **Larry McKinley**, Secretary

VASSAR 1st VP **William Simpson** was guest speaker and had a very good presentation on “The Revolutionary War in Virginia”. Many people expressed interest in having a copy of his remarks along with slides. Well Done **William!**

New Members Installed

We are pleased to announce the rosette pinning of five new members, four of which are pictured to the left being installed by **President Tom Speelman**. They will be



introduced individually in pictures below, but because new members are the life of our Chapter it is good to present them in a group first.

Douglas Johnson was planning to be present to make the fifth new member, but due to illness was not installed in May. He will be installed in September and we welcome him just as enthusiastically as these members: Right to left: **Thomas Cranmer**, **Jeremy Ray (son)**, **Phillip Ray (father)**; and **Brian Eubanks (son of Vernon Eubanks, Chapter member)**.

New Members Receiving Their Rosettes and Certificates



President Speelman congratulating **Brian Eubanks** son of **Vernon Eubanks**. Vern transferred last year to Fairfax Resolves and promptly recruited Brian. We welcome **Brian** and his wife **Eun**.



Father and Son are with **President Speelman** **Jeremy Ray** is receiving his rosette and Certificate with proud father Phillip looking on. He had a significant event the following weekend—his marriage to **Elizabeth (Liz)**, Congratulations twice!!



Phillip Ray is receiving his certificate and rosette from **Tom Speelman** with a very approving nod from new member **Brian Eubanks**. We welcome **Phillip** & his wife **Lisa** to the Fairfax Resolves.



Thomas Cranmer receives his new member rosette and certificate from **President Speelman**. We welcome **Thomas** and his wife **Linda** to the Fairfax Resolves—He already participated in The C.A.R. Flag Disposal ceremony on June 13th—thanks for your participation Tom.



Law Enforcement Awards



A major part of the Awards ceremony each year is the awarding of the Law Enforcement Award and this year we had four excellent Public Servants receive awards this year. We will picture three members of the Fairfax County Police but the third member's picture will not appear. His write up will suffice and paint a good picture for awarding the Law Enforcement Award. We are proud of our involvement with the Fairfax County Police and being part of their awards process.

Col. David M. Rohrer began his career as a patrol officer in December 1980 at the McLean District Station, a place Fairfax Resolves used to call home because we met there for several years. He remained there 5 years and eventually was selected to be part of the Department's Tactical Section, known to us in the public as SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics). From SWAT he returned to patrol duty and was promoted to Sergeant as a first line supervisor. He served at Fair Oaks and McLean stations transferring back to SWAT in 1989 as Assistant Team Leader and eventually promoted in place to Second Lieutenant and became Team Leader in 1990.



Fairfax County Police Chief Col. David M. Rohrer
Receiving his award from **President Speelman**

From 1994 through 2002, **Col Rohrer** moved through the ranks as Captain, Major, and Deputy Chief of Police serving as Commander of several District Stations. He served as Staff Duty Officer which placed him in command of the entire county during nighttime hours. Col Rohrer has also served as Patrol Bureau Commander; Commander of Special Operations Division; and Deputy Chief of Police for Investigations & Operations Support.

Chief Rohrer is very visible in the local community. He is always present at community meetings and events. Most often these are on weekends and after hours. **Chief Rohrer** never delegates these meetings, preferring instead to appear in person. As a result, it is not unusual for him to work every evening and weekend to ensure those who want to see and hear the Chief get their opportunity. This sets him apart from many public service chiefs.

Chief Rohrer is equally visible inside the Police Department. Despite the enormous size of his agency, he visits every facility, shift and squad on a regular basis. This allows for good communication in both directions. He likes to hear about current challenges and address concerns of officers and civilian employees.

One of the most difficult things any police Chief could possibly do is deal with the death of an officer in the line of duty. In 2006, two sworn Fairfax County police officers were killed by a deranged person at the Sully District Station. **Chief Rohrer** comforted the families as well as the Department as they suffered through one of the most trying times in the Department's long history. Without his strength and leadership, the Department may not have recovered from this tragic event.

He has completed the FBI National Academy, the Professional Executive Leadership School, Leadership Fairfax, and the Senior Executive Institute. Throughout his career, **Chief Rohrer** has maintained a steadfast devotion to his profession, to those who work with him, to the County of Fairfax, and its citizens. His commitment and professionalism have resulted in a Meritorious Service Award, an Outstanding Performance Award, and a Bronze Medal of Valor Award and now the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Law Enforcement Awards



**Left to Right Chief Rohrer, Lt. Gun Lee (2nd LT Akre's supervisor), 2nd Lt. Susan Akre & President Speelman
Lt. Gun Lee was a previous recipient of our Law Enforcement award**

Second LT Brenda S. Akre has been a police officer for over 25 years. Currently, she is the Sex Crimes Squad supervisor, responsible for the daily activities, planning, and operation of nine sex crimes detectives. In addition to these responsibilities, she reviews all sexual assault cases which have been turned over to the Sex Crimes Squad for a detailed and comprehensive follow-up investigation.

During 2007, the Sex Crimes Squad was assigned 354 cases which was a 20% workload increase over 2006 in the number of sexual assault cases. Each and every sexual assault case requires and demands significant time, energy, and resources from the sex crimes detectives. These detectives are responsible for collection of evidence, statements, and prosecutorial preparations. In addition to these time consuming activities, they are also responsible for staying in touch with the victims of these violent and traumatic crimes.

Lt. Akre utilizes her team leadership skills to ensure her sex crimes detectives are performing at their peak level and prevents them from burnout. She achieves a great balance in being a team leader as well as a mentor. She is an outstanding mentor due to her maturity, experience and compassion. Lt. Akre is able to reach out to her Detectives in such a way as to enable them to grow, to want to do their best and to seek improvement.

Due in great part to **Lt. Akre's** outstanding leadership skills and mentoring of her detectives, the Sex Crimes Squad experienced an astonishing closure rate of 74% in 2007 all this while handling over 20% more cases—a fabulous result!

One of many cases that highlight **Lt. Akre's** incredible leadership ability would be the apprehension of the Dunn Loring serial rapist. During early fall of 2005, several defenseless victims were sexually assaulted, and some were severely injured during these violent attacks in the Dunn Loring area. We had a serial rapist in the area, and the immediate apprehension of this violent and dangerous predator was of paramount importance and highest priority for **Second Lieutenant Akre** and the Fairfax County Police Department. She made critical decisions, leading her team of detectives, while trying to reassure the public that the police were doing everything they could in order to apprehend this dangerous criminal.

At that time, a large scale operation was planned and massive resources were committed to this operation. **Second Lt. Akre** was a lead supervisor responsible for supervising daily operations, allocation of police resources, and dissemination of critical information. This was a highly challenging task for one individual; however, she did not shy away from this great challenge. She utilized her **leadership skills, sense of humor, and respect** in coordinating 80 plus police detectives/officers during a three-month investigation that resulted in the arrest of the serial rapist. **Second Lt. Akre** has demonstrated great devotion to duty, to the Police Department and most important to the citizens of Fairfax County and; therefore, is awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Law Enforcement Awards



Detective John P. Farrell, a police officer of the Fairfax County Police Department currently assigned as a detective with the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force, is nominated for the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

This medal is to honor those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement and public safety. **Detective**

John P. Farrell has devoted his professional life to combating gang violence, and has distinguished himself by the quality of work and superb results which ultimately keep the communities safe and free from violent gang members.



In calendar year 2007, **Detective Farrell** assisted in the investigation of six high profile homicide cases throughout the region. During the course of these efforts, **Detective Farrell** assisted a team of officers in arresting an MS13 gang member who was wanted for a triple homicide in New Jersey.

In another instance, he assisted authorities and prosecutors investigate the killing of a young girl in Stafford County. This case started as a homicide investigation with no leads. The victim was found shot to death in an open field in rural Stafford County. **Detective Farrell** was called to assist. Within weeks he developed information which lead him to the identity of the two gang members who shot and killed the victim. **Detective Farrell** was also able to obtain a confession from one of the defendants. In trial, he was certified as an expert witness in the field of gang investigations and as an interpreter. **Farrell is bilingual and possesses a degree in history and Central American studies.** He uses his collegiate education to maximum capacity as he devotes countless hours, days and weeks to ridding the communities of violent gang members.

During the past year, **Detective Farrell** has been called by State and Federal prosecutors to assist in complex cases. He has distinguished himself as an officer who can solve some of the most difficult criminal gang investigations. He is known throughout the region as an expert in the field of Latin Gangs, and he truly understands how to make gang members talk to him. He excels in the field of interview and interrogation. This gives **Farrell** a unique ability to collect intelligence from violent gang members. This raw data is then used in developing strategies to combat gang violence. **His reputation is truly International.** He was recently requested by the Salvadoran National Police Force (PNC) to attend a conference in Salvador for the purpose of teaching the many gang investigators in attendance. **Detective Farrell** attended the conference and shared his best practices and methodologies pertaining to criminal gang investigations.

In summary, **Detective John P. Farrell** is a devoted law enforcement officer who has clearly distinguished himself by working on the most difficult cases to bring resolution, justice and safer communities. For these reasons, **Detective John P. Farrell** is awarded the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.



Jill Sexton, Administrative Asst. to Chief Rohrer, left is presented the Certificate of Appreciation by President Speelman

Jill Sexton, Chief Rohrer's Administrative Assistant was honored for her work over the last four years with a "Certificate of Appreciation". The citation read: *"For your outstanding organizational support over the past four years in ensuring Fairfax County Law Enforcement personnel and their families are appropriately honored. Your consistent and timely communication of information to both the Fairfax Resolves Chapter and the Fairfax County Police in your capacity as Administrative Assistant ensured honors were bestowed to the Fairfax County Police."*



The Registrar's Corner also belonging to the Genealogist of Fairfax Resolves Supplementals Initiative

Each year the President of the Virginia Society identifies several areas of special emphasis for his year in office. **President Arthur Batten** has identified success in supplemental applications--applications by members already accepted on the services of additional patriots--as an area of special emphasis this year. Chapters are asked to report the number of approved supplementals accepted in 2008 on their next Annual Report.

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter has encouraged members to submit supplemental applications for some time. We are off to an excellent start in 2008. Thirteen supplementals have been accepted this calendar year, one more than we had approved for all of 2007; another supplemental has been received from us by the National Society. Let's have an excellent finish!

Application Status

Since the last issue of the Defender we have the following changes in application status.

New Members	Ancestor	Date Accepted
Thomas Cranmer	Ebenezer Storer, MA	3-24-2008
Robert Brown	Pvt. John George Peiffer, PA	3-28-2008
Jeremy Ray	Daniel Dees, NC	3-28-2008
Philip Ray	Daniel Dees, NC	3-28-2008
Douglas Johnson	Lt. James Budden, PA	5-5-2008
Irving Costanzo	Pvt. John Ward, NY	5-5-2008
Andrew Monahan	Lt. Col. John Ackiss, VA	5-23-2008
Applicants	Ancestor	Date Received (Natl.)
Joe Dorris	Samuel Dorris, VA & MD	5-14-2008
Robert Schumann	Samuel Dorris, VA & MD	5-14-2008
Supplementals approved		Date approved
Robert Engle	Philip Hinkle PA	2-28-2008
	Pvt. Frederick Weitzel PA	2-28-2008
	Pvt. Frederick Stamm PA	2-28-2008
	Werner Stamm PA	2-28-2008
Andrew Gutowski	James Walker VA	5-12-2008
John Sinks	Burgess Wall, VA	3-17-2008
	John Weir, SC	5-1-2008
	Robert Green NC	6-2-2008
John Sweeney	Jonathan Parker, Sr. NH	3-20-2008
	Pvt. Jonathan Parker, Jr. NH	3-20-2008
	Jonathan Stanley NH	3-20-2008
	Pvt. Edward Barnard, Jr. CT	3-20-2008
Supplementals submitted		Date Received (Natl.)
John Sweeney	Pvt. Elijah Stevens CT	5-9-2008

Registrar's & Genealogist's corner (Cont'd)

Organization of the Pennsylvania Militia

John D. Sinks

A number of members and applicants are working on Pennsylvania lines. In Pennsylvania records a given name will often appear on the rolls of different companies and battalions. This does not necessarily mean that there was more than one man of the name in a county or that a man was moving within the county.

At the outbreak of the Revolution, the Pennsylvania troops were poorly organized. Battalions of associators--53 in all--were formed voluntarily throughout Pennsylvania, but not until 17 March 1777 did the state pass an act to organize its militia. Each county organized its militia into battalions of eight companies each. The field officers were elected by the men for three years. Seniority of the colonels was determined by lot. The colonel of a county's First Battalion drew the winning lot. New elections were held in 1780 and the lots were again drawn. This would result in a renumbering of battalions. For example, in 1780 the officers and men of the First Battalion might suddenly appear in the Fourth Battalion based on the drawing.

Company officers within a battalion were also elected and the numbers of companies reflected the drawing of lots for seniority by officers. Each company was divided into eight classes, also based on lots.

The permanent rolls of battalions were recorded on general returns, or billet rolls. If a man is listed on such a roll, it is evidence of service acceptable to SAR but not evidence of active duty. In general, when the militia men were called to active duty they were called by class, rather than company. The first class of each company would be called to duty and reorganized into an active-duty company, and the companies would be organized into an active duty battalion. Men would suddenly have different commanding officers, and officers suddenly have men who had never served under them. A man might appear on a billet roll in one company and battalion, then appear on the roll of company in active duty with different officers, and then on another billet roll with the original officers. In some cases, more than one or even every class was called out at once.

When the first class was called to active duty, the captain of the first company, first lieutenant of the second company, second lieutenant of the third company, and the ensign of the fourth company were called to duty. Field officers were called to duty in the same rotation. At the end of active duty, men returned to their permanent organizations. Sometime men, including officers, would hire substitutes, further complicating rolls of units on active duty.

For more detailed information, see the Pennsylvania State Archives Web site at http://64.233.169.104/search?q=cache:37_w9FSP0wUJ:www.phmc.state.pa.us/BAH/dam/MilitaryRevMilitiaInterface.htm+pennsylvania+militia+act+1777&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=1&gl=us

Revolutionary Grave Registration Program

The National Society maintains a file of Revolutionary graves that is becoming the basis for a data base available to the public at our National Society website. Graves are registered by completing a form (which can be downloaded from the Fairfax Resolves website in Word) and submitting it through the Virginia Society Revolutionary Graves Chairman. Both registration of previously unregistered graves and providing new information for previously registered graves is encouraged.



Jack Sweeney and John Sinks began updating grave registrations that, for the most part, had been registered by the chapter in the 1980's and 1990's. They went to Pohick Episcopal Church, where there are seven graves previously registered by the chapter. They determined the location of each grave with a geographic positioning system and took digital photographs of each grave. In some cases, they found additional information about the patriot through research. While in Indiana, John also determined the geographic location and took digital photographs of three previously registered graves and subsequently conducted further research on one of the three, Benjamin Peachy. If you know where your ancestor is buried please inform Jack Sweeney and/or John Sinks. Updates have now been submitted by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter for ten patriot graves:

**Jack Sweeney helps the name stand out on the marker with chalk
For Lt. Daniel McCarty. Location is Pohick Episcopal Church**

Location

Pohick Episcopal Church

Physician-General William Brown
William Fitzhugh, member of the Continental Congress
Elizabeth (Chapman) Hunter
Surgeon George Hunter
The Rev. Lee Massey
Lt. Daniel McCarty
Col. Peter Wagener

Location

Daviess Co., Indiana

Pvt. William Baldwin
Pvt. William Horrall
Pvt. Benjamin Peachy

Vignettes of the American Revolution

William Baldwin (S16313) testified in Daviess Co., Indiana when applying for a federal pension for his services in the American Revolution on 21 March 1833, "He [Baldwin] well recollects being there [at Hampton] when the news of the declaration of Independence arrived. There was much excitement and great rejoicing in the camp. He distinctly remembers that they had a barrel of very bad West Indian rum. Abut dark they knocked the head out of the barrel and set the rum on fire. It blazed terribly and for a time enlightened the whole camp. One Cudbud Tisdale was the ringleader in this affair."

Grave Marking Ceremonies

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter place bronze SAR markers at the graves of two Revolutions soldiers on May 29th.



Pvt. William Horrall helped build Ft. Laurens, Ohio
Compatriot John Sinks (middle of the picture), Pvt. Horrall is an ancestor of Douglas LeMasters as well.

The first soldier was **Pvt. William Horrall**, who is buried at Old Bethel Cemetery in Washington Twp., Daviess Co., Indiana. **William Horrall** served in the Revolution as a private from Amherst Co., VA, serving 6 tours of duty. He was among those who served in McIntosh's Ohio Valley Expedition in 1777-1778 and helped build Ft. Laurens in Ohio during that tour of duty. He volunteered in early 1781 when Phillips and Arnold invaded Virginia and later in 1781 for the Siege of York. In his pension application he said that he was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. In addition to serving in

the militia, he signed a petition from the residents of Amherst Co. calling from the protection of religious freedom. **William Horrall** removed to South Carolina after the Revolution and then moved to Daviess Co. about 1809. He died on 15 Feb. 1842.

William Horrall is the ancestor of two members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter, **Douglas LeMasters and John Sinks**. The ceremony was scheduled as an event at the Horrall Family Reunion. Eighteen direct descendants were present for the ceremony. A second grave marker was to be placed at the grave of Thomas Horrall, William's brother. That plan was cancelled because there is no tombstone for Thomas Horrall in the cemetery. Another Horrall descendant present, Merle Peachee, descends from another Revolutionary soldier buried at Bethany Cemetery, Barr Twp., Daviess Co., Indiana.

Benjamin Peache, Peachee, or Peachy made his mark with an "X"; record keepers spelled his name many different ways. He was born 26 Dec. 1756 in New Jersey. He enlisted in the Second New Jersey Regiment, Continental Line, in 1777, 1778, and 1779, serving in the artillery. Although he served under several different officers, the captain whose rolls are still persevered today in the National Archives was John N. Cummings. Peachy also served 4 or 5 tours of duty ranging from a week to over a month in the New Jersey Militia. He testified that he was present as a guard at the hanging of **Major Andre**. **Benjamin Peachee** moved to Daviess County to be with children. He married a second time in 1828 when he was 71 years old and fathered two children by his second wife. One of those two children pursued membership in the California Society, SR in the 1890's. **Benjamin Peachee** died about 1835.



The New Virginia Society Chapter Service Medal

The Virginia Society established in 2007, the **Virginia Society Chapter Service Medal** and this may be awarded by any Chapter to recognize the service of its members to that Chapter. The medal is elliptical bearing the image of a pineapple, the colonial symbol for hospitality and the ribbon is Dark blue and white....Each Chapter, appropriate to its own circumstances, should develop guidelines for distinguishing among the three levels of service awards in order of significance: Certificate of Appreciation, Virginia Society Chapter Service Medal and the Virginia Society Medal. This year **Tom Speelman** recognized the following for activities above and beyond normal activities carried out by the person in office:



John Sinks for his outstanding job as Registrar and resident Genealogist Responsible for many new SAR members and our wonderful supplemental program.



Darrin Schmidt, who undertook the development of our web-site, responsible for updating the site & its use as a communications tool for us. www.fairfaxresolvessar.org



Larry McKinley received the award for spearheading a rejuvenation of the Chapter following a very difficult time in the Chapter's History.



Dennis Hickey, IV for Chapter excellence in the Citizen of the Year and Teacher of the Year Public Service awards. Brought honor to the Chapter at State level as well.

Chapter Service Medal Cont'd



Richard Spurr has delivered decades of service to the Chapter as Treasurer and Secretary and deserves a Medal of Honor for his service. He truly exemplifies commitment to serve.



William (Bill) Youngs has literally held every office in the Chapter and has accomplished all work assigned and unassigned in a most professional manner. He currently serves as Chaplain and very responsible for the revitalization of the Chapter in 2006.

Awards received for 2007 Activities

Fairfax Resolves had a great year in 2007 carrying out Public Service, Youth Recognition, Historical Preservation, and Historical Programs like Forgotten Patriots, Graves Registration and Grave Marking.

JROTC leadership Awards

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Hampton, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter recognized JROTC cadets at three high schools with medals in May. Those honored were:

Michael Garcia-Chantilly H.S.-AFJROTC
Chris Warnock-Herndon H.S. - NJROTC
Isabella Haene- South Lakes H.S. -AJROTC

Outstanding Student Awards

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter recognized eight outstanding students for the 2007-2008 school year. Seven of the eight were recognized for being the outstanding student in American history in the school. The eighth student was recognized for civic activities in the school. The students honored were:

Justin Saunders- Bishop O'Connell HS
Thomas J. Williams- Christchurch School
Eric Young- H.B. Woodlawn Program
Simon Ho- T.J. HS for Science & Tech.
Jack Swallow- Washington & Lee HS
Chris Ioffreda- Wakefield HS
Elizabeth Catalano- Yorktown HS
Charles McDonald Cowan, II-
(Christchurch-School Citizenship)

Details about our 2007 Activities and our State recognitions can be seen on our website: www.fairfaxresolvessar.org

Annual Flag Retirement-Great Falls



Martina Caputy (center), VA State Society President along with **Dana McLaughlin & Daughter Caroline**, Senior Society President Col William Grayson Society and Firefighter Lee Martin prepare to retire worn/unuseable flags (had an increase to 27 flags this year).



Martina Caputy presents a new flag to **Linden Renner**, Branch Manager Great Falls Library in appreciation for the use of the Library parking lot as a venue for the flag Retirement ceremony. Worn flags may be left at the Great Falls Library yearround for this annual event on or near Flag Day.



John Sinks shows the flag that was flown over his ancestor Daniel Chapman's grave. Larry Chapman, Chapter member is also a descendent.

This is part of our support of the Children of the American Revolution and their activities in the area. The Col. William Grayson Society, C.A.R. along with our Chapter, the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, Fairfax County DAR and the Great Falls Library participates each year—this was our 5th annual Flag Retirement for the community of Great Falls and Flag Gift to the Great Falls Library from the C.A.R. Children.



Andrew Monahan, our newest member participates by ceremoniously retiring his red stripe of the flag representing "courage".



Tom Cranmer says his "bit", The White stands for purity"

Andrew Monahan, Darrin Schmidt, and John Sinks attended and participated in the ceremony to support the C.A.R.

The C.A.R. promotes patriotism and American heritage among young people.

Several of the flags this year marked the graves of Revolutionary War Veterans. Chapter members Tom Cranmer, Larry McKinley, Andrew Monahan,

Committee Assignments

Fairfax Resolves is an outstanding Chapter of the Virginia Society because of the work of its Committees and members in the community. Those who are Committee Chairmen and members are listed below. We need volunteers to man some of these committees and serve as chairman...one of our first order of business September 13th is assignment and asking for volunteers to participate in the programs.

Committees:

- A. Law Enforcement.....Chair, Larry McKinley
Vice-Chair, Vernon Eubanks
- B. Fire Safety.....Chair, Lauris Eek
Vice-Chair William Youngs
- C. Rev. War Graves.....Chair, John Sinks
Vice-Chair, Jack Sweeney
- D. Youth Programs
(C.A.R.=Children of the American Revolution)
Oration/Essay.....Chair, Larry McKinley
Vice-Chair Larry Lamborn
C.A.R.....Chair, Larry McKinley
Vice-Chair – Bob Hampton
J.R.O.T.C.....Chair, Bob Hampton
Vice-Chair Larry McKinley
Eagle Scholarship..... Chair Robert Engle
Vice-Chair, Larry McKinley
National Hist. DayChair Jack Sweeney
Vice-Chair, John Sinks
School Poster Contest.....Chair (need volunteer)
- E. Flag Committee.....Chair, William Youngs
- F. Veterans Comm.....Chair, Dennis Hickey, IV
Vice-Chair, William W. Shugarts, III
- G. Teacher of the Year.....Chair (need volunteer)
Vice Chair (need volunteer)
- H.Citizen of the Year.....Chair (need vollunteer)
Vice-Chair, Dennis Hickey, IV
- I. History Education awards.....Chair, John Sinks
Vice-Chair (need volunteer)
- J. New Member Comm.Chair, Larry McKinley
Member, Darrin Schmidt
Member, Tom Speelman
Member, John Sinks
- K. Web-Site Manager.....Chair, Darrin Schmidt
New Member Committee is assisting Chair
- L. Public Relations.....Chair, Robert Engle



Fairfax Resolves and Col. William Grayson, C.A.R. participating in Great Falls ceremony.

The Legislative Petitions Project

Throughout the Revolution, citizens of Virginia petitioned the legislature. These petitions not only offer insight into to issues facing our Revolutionary ancestors, but in many cases they are proof of service acceptable to the Sons of the American Revolution. Among those recognized as patriots by the SAR are:

Signers of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the provisional and new state governments.

In accepting these individuals as patriots, The Sons of the American Revolution is recognizing that the Revolution was not just a military conflict, but a movement to establish a new government.

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter in a short business meeting following the Annual Installation and Awards Banquet in May voted to transcribe the legislative petitions of Fairfax Co. The goal is to post copies of the transcriptions on our web site and to provide a limited number of bound copies of the transcriptions to key libraries.

The project is moving along well. **The first task** was to secure the support and approval of the Virginia State Library and Archives, where the original extant petitions reside. This has been obtained, with the proviso that we are to identify the transcriptions as from documents of the Virginia State Library and Archives. **The second task** was to obtain copies of the petitions from microfilm at the Virginia State Library and Archives. This task has also been accomplished.

The third and fourth tasks are now underway. **The third** is to transcribe the petitions. Chapter members have now completed initial transcriptions of over half of the fifteen petitions and over half of the total number of pages thanks to the efforts of many members. **The fourth task** is to review the initial transcriptions. **John Sinks and Jack Sweeney**, two of the members with experience in reading 18th century documents, have commenced this task. **The fifth task** will be to travel to Richmond to examine the original documents to resolve additional words. **A sixth task** will be to examine other Fairfax County and Alexandria records where names are not clear. It is possible to decipher an unclear word from its context is a sentence or paragraph, but other documents are sometimes needed to provide a context for resolving an unclear name.

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter, with this project, is making some local history more widely accessible to the public. We may even provide some men what they need with proof of an ancestor's qualifying service for SAR membership.

Forgotten Patriots State Project

Virginia Society President **Arthur Batten** has asked that those members who remember a Forgotten Patriot be given a certificate by their chapters. The Fairfax Resolves Chapter awarded certificates to **Rob Engle, Bob Hampton, Dan Rolph, and John Sinks** at our May 10th meeting. **Jack Sweeney** was unable to attend and will receive the three certificates he has earned at the September meeting. A Forgotten Patriot is one whose services nobody joined SAR or DAR using their service or lineage. To remember a Forgotten Patriot, a new or supplemental application must be approved by the National Society.



Robert Engle & Tom with F. Patriot Certificate



Bob Hampton & Tom with F. Patriot Certificate



Dan Rolph & Tom with F. Patriot Certificate