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Message from Our President



Jack, communicating about Patrick Henry... "Give me libertyor give me death..."

This year has gotten off to a good start. We have met twice now and could accommodate more compatriots at our monthly meetings. We have been invited to once again join the Col. William Grayson Society, C.A.R. at their November 9th meeting. John Sinks, has set up a program for our November 13th meeting that should prove to be very interesting. He has a speaker coming to the Government Center to talk about a slave revolt that occurred in this area during the civil war era. The Col. William Grayson Society will be at this event presenting a skit on the Lewis and Clark expedition. New member, Mark Chester will be installed at this meeting and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

The December meeting will be jointly held with the George Mason Chapter. This meeting will take place at Gunston Hall. This is a great opportunity to spend an enjoyable afternoon with our fellow compatriots.

The reporting year is drawing to a close and all committee chairs should send their end of year report to me as soon as possible. I am in the process of producing our annual report to the State Society. You can email me your report at jack.pitzer@fcps.edu or better yet bring your report to the November 13th meeting.

Many of our members have been active in attending historical celebrations across the State and region including: grave marking at President James Madison's grave site at Montpelier, wreath laying commemorating those in the militia (which later became the 29th Division) who died at the Battle of Point Pleasant, 1774, wreath laying at the grave site of Thomas Nelson and parade at Yorktown as we celebrated the final victory of the Revolutionary War. Various VASSAR Color Guard activities are too numerous to mention.

I urge all our members to become actively involved in not only the many historic celebrations, but the various committees awarding youth, public servants, citizens and educators within our communities. Our Chapter, while very active, relies on the hard work of an active small group of men. It is through your active participation in Chapter meetings and activities that we can truly demonstrate to our communities the principles our ancestors fought so valiantly to defend.

Awards Night and Installation

Chief Homer Johns, McLean and Great Falls Fire Department-Fire Safety Commendation Award. With Mr. Jorge Canovis, his assistant, pinning the award



- Without special attention to educating children, we would lose the opportunity to mentor proper fire safety to a new generation. This is but one thing Chief Johns has accomplished as a volunteer fire fighter since the 1960's. Chief Johns pursued and has supported a Fire Safety House, which is a two level house that gives children a chance to experience a simulated fire-like condition in a controlled home environment. In the ten years of service more than 12,000 children in the Metropolitan area have benefited from this educational tool. Washington Metropolitan area is one of only fourteen metropolitan areas in the U.S. to have such a learning tool. For this outstanding contribution to the communities and his faithful service throughout the last 40 years he is awarded the Fire Safety Medal.

Captain James A. Morris-Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. with wife Mary Beth doing the honors



- Captain James A. Morris is a 14 year veteran with the Fairfax County Police Department and Commander of the Franconia District Police Station, Cpt. Morris has greatly improved the level of law enforcement delivered in his community. From the outreach initiatives such as the youth soccer program with area schools to chairing the Springfield Revitalization Taskforce, and to providing VDOT and Virginia State Police assistance in coordinating numerous contractors and having backup plans for traffic flow in the "mixing bowl" project. His assistance with the Citizen Advisory Council has provided impetus to the graffiti abatement program from the Franconia District neighborhoods. If this was not enough, Captain Morris organized an event (bike ride from Ground Zero to the Pentagon-288 miles) designed to honor the many Public servants who tragically died on September 11th which raised over \$500,000 for the INOVA Fairfax Hospital Trauma Center. It was through Captain Morris' ability to make a favorable impression on others and gain their acceptance that led to the development and subsequent execution of this highly successful event.

Lt. Bruce Guth-Law Enforcement Commendation Medal with his Commander Lt. Pamela Minnich doing the honors.



- **Second Lieutenant Bruce A. Guth** is a 21 year veteran of the Fairfax County Police Department. His present assignment, for the past eight years has been as Homicide Section Supervisor, Major Crimes Division of the Criminal Investigations Bureau. After 10 murders and three serious injuries, the "Sniper" suspects were arrested and the Attorney General of the United States decided they would be tried first in Virginia. 2nd Lt Guth was put in charge of the "Prosecutorial Task Force" located in Centerville, VA. What makes this task challenging is the coordination of efforts and managing the personnel involved among the Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney's, FBI, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Secret Service, numerous local law enforcement agencies such as Wash. D.C., Prince Georges, Montgomery Counties, Prince William, Spotsylvania and Hanover Counties in Virginia. A measure of success is the fact that the Commonwealth has faired well in all motions and related court hearings. He is truly an effective manager of diverse personalities, groups of Detectives and mountains of information.

Spring Chapter Awards

- **Compatriot Pat Bray, Past President's Pin**-presented to Pat for

his service and the process he set in motion to bring the Best Small Chapter award to Fairfax Resolves.

- **Compatriot John Sinks, PhD, Distinguished Service Award**-awarded for raising the bar on several programs, VASSAR Awards Committee, Awards manual, Teacher of the Year Committee, and bringing an outstanding professional ethic to all the above including the difficult research required for Revolutionary War Graves Marking.
- **Compatriot Robert Bowen, Distinguished Service Award**- For raising the bar of excellence in publishing the Virginia Bulletin and other State and National functions such as Flag Committee Awards and Legislative Activity.
- **Mrs. Marie Yochim, Silver C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation**- As Honorary President General of DAR supported the C.A.R. in their quest for office space in Washington D.C. at a fair cost as well as supporting the C.A.R. for many years as an honorary member of SAR.
- **Mary Helen Youngs, Falls Church DAR- Bronze C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation**- Presented in appreciation for her service as Senior Society President of the Falls Church Society, C.A.R.
- **Lynne L. Gregory, SAR Medal of Appreciation**- for her tireless efforts and great determination in pursuing fund raising, via cook book sales, in the State of Virginia for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.
- **Mrs. Alta Jean Ginn, Martha Washington Medal**- for all the support, intelligence and great efforts in supporting Mr. Bud Ginn in his capacity as activity coordinator, President, and current Registrar of Fairfax Resolves.
- **Compatriot Bud Ginn, Jr.- Meritorious Service Medal**- Award

for your outstanding year as President of FR, putting a history and orientation together. Not stopping there, but in the following year volunteering to be the Registrar (where the rubber meets the road) of the Chapter.

- Mrs. Sue Bernard, Regent of the Falls Church Chapter, DAR was presented The Martha Washington Medal for her outstanding support of the SAR for the past two years. The award was presented May 22 at the DAR meeting at Veterans Common.

Newly Installed Officers as of May 8, 2003:

Congratulations on being elected—now they need all of our support!!!!

John (Jack) Pitzer, President
703-921-0145

William Youngs.....1st VP
703-356-5596

Dennis Hickey, IV.....2nd VP
703-451-3072

Larry McKinley.....Secretary
703-450-6041

Richard Spurr.....Treasurer
703-751-2829

Registrar.....Bud Ginn
703-430-6745

Chaplain.....Darrell Stearns
703-933-1129

Graves Registration/Marking.....John Sinks, PhD
Law Enforcement.....Larry McKinley
Fire Safety.....William Youngs
Excellence In History.....John Sinks, PhD
Essay Contest.....Larry McKinley
Oration Contest.....John Dickie
Teacher of the Year.....Jack Pitzer
Citizen of the Year.....Larry McKinley
JROTC.....Pless Lunger
Veterans Program.....Dennis Hickey
Awards in General.....Jack Pitzer
DAR and C.A.R. Relations.....All of Us

Awards to Our Public Servants &
Special Historical Org. People
(Picture captions)

The following information pertains to the pictures taken May 8th, 2003 at the Washington

Golf and Country Club. One of most important functions is to recognize our Public Servants and thereby inspiring the community at large to applaud their contributions to our safety, well-being and upholding the principles with which our forefathers sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

1. Left to Right: **Cpt. James Morris** Fairfax County Police award recipient, his wife **Mary Beth** and his Commander **Mayor Tyrone Morrow**.
2. Left to Right: **Kathy Guth, Lt. Bruce Guth**, Fairfax County Police award recipient and his **Commander Lt. Pamela Minnich**.
3. L to R: **Cpt Morris** receiving the award from **Larry McKinley**.
4. L to R: **Robert Bowen**, President of Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter and editor of the "Virginia Bulletin", was an invited guest of the Chapter's and received an outstanding contribution award for his work with the "Virginia Bulletin" from **Larry McKinley**.
5. L to R: **Lt. Bruce Guth** receiving his award from **Larry McKinley** and his Commander **Lt. Pamela Minnich** posed with him.
6. L to R: **Dr. John Sinks** introduced and presented the Silver C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation to **Mrs Marie Yochim**, the Centennial President General of the DAR for her activities in supporting C.A.R.
7. **Larry McKinley** presenting the SAR Martha Washington Medal to the Regent of the Falls Church Chapter, **DAR Mrs. Sue Bernard** to his immediate left. This was for her support of SAR activities and was presented May 22 at DAR meeting.
8. L to R: **Larry McKinley** watching as **Chief Homer Johns**, Great Falls and McLean Volunteer Fire Department Chief has his award pinned on by a co-worker **Mr. Jorge Canovis**.
9. L to R: **Lt. Bruce Guth** has award pinned on by his Commander **Lt. Pamela Minnich** while **Larry McKinley** watches the pinning.
10. L to R: **Mary Beth Morris**, her husband **Cpt. James Morris**, Law Enforcement Award recipient, **Larry McKinley, Maj. Tyrone Morrow**, Cpt. Morris' CO.
11. **Mary Beth Morris** pins her husband's Law Enforcement Medal on his chest- **Cpt. James Morris**.

12. L to R: **Larry McKinley** presents the Fire Safety Medal and certificate to **Chief Homer Johns**, Great Falls and McLean Cities Fire Chief with his asst. **Mr. Jorge Canovis** looking on.
13. **Mr. Jorge Canovis**, assistant to Fire Chief Homer Johns, poses with **Fire Chief Homer Johns** after receiving the Fire Safety Award.
14. **Mrs. Lynne Gregory** awarded the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her continued efforts in raising funds for our new Center for Advancing America's Heritage—she sold & sold those cookbooks.

Fairfax Resolves Chapter Installation & Program (Picture Captions)

Starting at the top right and clockwise:

- **Mrs. Marie Yochim**, Centennial President General, DAR brings greetings
- **Dr. John Sinks** introduces the activities of Mrs. Yochim as they relate to the C.A.R.
- **Capt John Dickie**, President-Elect of VASSAR brings greetings from our State organization.
- **Larry McKinley** talks to the group about Washington's illnesses and Dr. James Craik's influence in his life.
- **Jack Pitzer**, newly installed President of Fairfax Resolves is getting the Chapter neck Ribbon from Larry McKinley as Capt John Dickie completes his installation ceremony.
- **McKinley** gets Past President Pin from Capt Dickie-Bill Youngs looks on.
- **Capt Dickie** installs the officers of Fairfax Resolves-L to R: **Darrel Stearns, Chaplain; Bill Youngs, 1st VP; Jack Pitzer, President; Capt Dickie (back turned); Larry McKinley, Sec; Bud Ginn, Registrar; Capt Dennis Hickie, 2nd VP, Richard Spurr, Treasurer.**

Fairfax Resolves Members Awarded & Socializing (Picture Captions)

Starting at the top left and clockwise

- New President, **Jack Pitzer, Dr. John Sinks, Kent Weber**, President of

George Mason Chapter, and Treasurer **Richard Spurr** stand for invocation.

- **Capt Dennis Hickie** leads the group in the SAR pledge.
- **Lynne Gregory (left) and Mrs. Helen Bowen** communicate before the awards ceremony begins.
- **Jack Pitzer**, new Fairfax Resolves President discusses events with **Clark Gregory** past President. With Jack is his fiancée **Ms. Holly Avesian** and with her back turned **Mrs. Mary Lunger**.
- **Bud Ginn** is receiving the Meritorious Service Medal from interim President **Larry McKinley** for his work as Registrar for the past two years and his outstanding Presidency two years ago.
- **Pless Lunger (Left) and Robert Bowen**, President of Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter and editor of the "Virginia Bulletin" discuss issues.
- **Capt John Dickie (left) and Bud Ginn** share information prior to start of the banquet.
- **Mrs. Judy Dickie and Ms. Holly Lynne McKinley** share a moment before the awards banquet.
- **Mr Dennis and Sydney Hickey** make a fabulous couple-don't they?
- **John Sinks, PhD** receives the Distinguished Service Award from Fairfax Resolves interim President **Larry McKinley** for his outstanding contributions in Grave Marking and Registration as well as Outstanding Student in History Student award and efforts to make the State Awards process professional and fair.
- Center picture is that of our new Chaplain, **Darrel Stearns** as he lead the benediction.

Dates to Mark on your Calendar

- July 4th-Veteran's Common Service-7:30 a.m., Veteran's Common, Falls Church, VA.
- July 5th- July 9th Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk. Registration info. – SAR magazine.

- July 25-26- Atlantic Middle States Conference, Harrisburg, PA reservation info: included in this newsletter. Conference Registration included.
- August 22-23 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting at Roanoke. Hotel Roanoke and Convention Center.
- September 11, 7 p.m. first meeting after summer break, McLean Government Center.
- September 25-27th Fall Trustees' Meeting, Louisville, KY
- October 3rd and 4th Battle Days, Pt. Pleasant, WV
- October 9th, regular meeting, McLean Government Center.
- October 19th, Yorktown Day
- November 11th, Evensong Service at Valley Forge, PA for those Virginia Patriots who wintered in at Valley Forge with General George Washington.
- November 13th, regular meeting McLean Government Center.
- December 6th -annual bi-chapter meeting with George Mason at Gunston Hall, 12 noon.

Revolutionary War Grave Marking

On May 18th, Fairfax Resolves conducted a grave marking that has National prominence. **Dr. James Craik** was the personal Physician for George Washington and was at the bedside of both George and later Martha as they departed this earth. The location was the **Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Alexandria, VA.** Mr. Jim Randall, newly

hired Executive Director of NSSAR represented the National Society and the Craik Family from Louisville, KY, direct descendants of Dr. Craik. There were approximately 30 Compatriots, wives and interested by-standers who attended the marking. A video-tape was made of the proceedings and is available from either Larry McKinley or William Youngs. The Craik family has already responded with a most gracious thank you; the tape and entire proceedings have been sent to the President General and Executive Director of NSSAR.

Registrar's Report

By Bud Ginn

Fairfax Resolves Chapter has a very energized recruitment program to gain new members. During the past 6 months I have helped four prospective members complete their application forms and supporting documentation. The application of **Mark Chester of Clifton** was approved by NSSAR in May and at the September meeting, Mark will receive his certificate and pin. The application of **Dr. David Holly** will soon be forwarded to VASSAR Registrar and we hope he too can receive his certificate and pin in September. The status of three additional applications are : (1) **Phil Nichols** of Reston is attempting to obtain a more current DAR application with required references; (2) **David Adamy** has not returned his application yet; (3) I am working closely with **Robert Cochran** of Reston to complete his application. The application has been filled out, but he too, is trying to obtain a more current DAR application.

In addition to these 5 applicants, I have corresponded with six other prospective members.

The SAR Census has to date referred 11 prospective members to the Registrar.

Each has been mailed a work sheet, instructions on completing the application and other recruitment material relating to membership in the SAR. One of the referrals, **Ray Chambers**, is presently working on his application for membership.

- Consider making a donation to the Knight Patty Fund—Market Performance is not the best and we need to be sensitive to adding growth to what fuels our youth awards and historical celebration monetary requirements for VA.
- **Larry McKinley** is VASSAR's fund raiser for the **Center for Advancing America's Heritage** and he will be contacting each of us.
- The vision for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage is more than brick and mortar to house reference books and museum artifacts. **The vision is: a facility that will enable us to tell children, new citizens, every day Americans, and a world wide audience about the colonial and founding generations, their commitment to independence of the American people and how to maintain and extend those institutions our forefathers struggled to provide us. The Center shall be known as the Source of Choice for historically accurate Revolutionary War period information along with its multiple links to information sources.**