

**Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution
ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010**

Chapter Name: Fairfax Resolves

Chapter Size: Number of members as of December 31, 2010:
Very Large Chapter

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** Members who by 31 Dec 2010 have paid dues for 2011

Person Completing Report: John Eldredge Sweeney, Chapter President

Chapter Report Purpose: To provide chapters with a programmatic planning tool as well as a standardized means of recording accomplishments. The Virginia Society (“VASSAR”) encourages its chapters to be well-rounded, recognizing that chapters vary in size and may not be able to participate in all of the programs/activities promoted by VASSAR and NSSAR. To this end, fourteen (14) questions are designed to provide the Awards Committee and VASSAR officials with a picture of chapter performance across a broad range of patriotic, historical, educational, and fraternal (e.g., DAR/CAR/SCOUTS/AL) activities. Question fifteen (15) is a bonus question which comes under the category of a current President's initiative. And finally, Question number sixteen (16) provides Chapters with an opportunity to advise VASSAR about how it might better serve the needs of its members.

For award purposes, chapter performance will be reviewed according to membership size into the following categories: under 25; under 50; under 100, and over 100. Scoring of answers to questions follows a simple formula of negative (“-”) marks for failure to participate in an activity, a zero (“0”) for minimal participation and positive (“+”) marks for significant participation. Emphasis is placed upon programs which result in a notable impact upon a chapter's local community.

Historic Celebration participation is divided into three (3) tiers:

Tier 1: VASSAR and (NSSAR, as noted by *) priorities:

Yorktown Day Observance*, Martin's Station*, Crossing of the Dan, Guilford Courthouse, Point Pleasant, King's Mountain, Cowpens, and Valley Forge (every three (3) years jointly with DAR).

Tier 2: James Madison's Birthday, James Monroe's Birthday, Thomas Jefferson's Birthday, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, and Veteran's Day.

Tier 3: Other celebrations, e.g., including but not limited to, Battle of the Hook, Battle of Petersburg, Battle of Great Bridge, Vietnam Memorial Day.

Caveats:

- ◆ Chapter Reports are due by January 14, 2011 (except the Orations Contest).
- ◆ Please make every effort to complete answers in the spaces provided.
- ◆ If attachments are critical, please make them brief and attach them to this report.
- ◆ Chapters are strongly encouraged to email their reports to Awards Chairman Richard S. Austin at richards.austin@verizon.net. Electronic submissions must contain on the subject line: **VASSAR 2010 Report XYZ Chapter**. When preferred, reports may also be mailed to Mr. Austin at 4848 27th Street North, Arlington, Virginia 22207.

1. Revolutionary Graves

a. Revolutionary Grave Marking

How many Revolutionary graves did your chapter mark? 2

For each Revolutionary grave marked provide the name of the patriot.

- (1) **Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek**: 25 Jun 10 SAR Grave Marking Ceremony
- (2) **Thomas Millan**: 11 Nov 10 SAR Grave Marking Ceremony

Did you prepare a paper or speech on the patriot and his/her service? Yes

Were organizations outside your chapter (e.g., C.A.R, DAR) invited to attend the ceremony? If so, provide date(s) and venue(s). Yes

- (1) **25 Jun 2010** Grave Marking Ceremony with descendants, DAR, and SAR Representation, Life & Times Presentation, and New Submission Grave Registration for grave in Blejack Family Cemetery, Germanton, Stokes County NC. Presiding Fairfax Resolves Member was Robert Hampton, NSSAR No. 170077, a descendant. New Grave Registry submitted to VASSAR Rev. War Grave Marking Chairman (M. Lyman) on 28 June 2010
- (2) **11 Nov 2010** Grave Marking Ceremony with descendants, DAR, C.A.R., SAR, VASSAR Color Guard, volunteer bugler from Bugles Across America, Descendants, and local government officials representation.

Did you notify the Virginia Society Revolutionary Graves Chairman? Yes

b. Grave Registration

How many Revolutionary graves did your chapter register? 2

New Registrations:

- (1) **Lt. Col. Uriah Forrest, MD-CL**, Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, DC, submitted 17 May 2010
- (2) **Patriot Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek**, Germanton Twp., Stokes County, NC, submitted 28 Jun 2010

Updates:

- (1) **Cpl. John Adlum**, PA State Militia, Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, DC, sub. 2010
- (2) **Capt. Stephen Bloomer Balch**, MD-Militia, Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, DC sub, 17 May 2010
- (3) **Col. Charles Lewis Broadwater**, VA-Militia & Pub. Svc., Vienna, Fairfax County, VA, submitted 2010
- (4) **Judge Richard Chichester**, Family Cem., on Acotink Rd. (Rte 630) Fairfax County, VA (submitted in 2009 to count against 2010)
- (5) **Maj. Samuel Cooper**, Christ Church Cemetery, Wilkes St., Alexandria, VA, sub. 23 Dec 2010
- (6) **Capt. John Westcott**, Presbyterian Cemetery, Hamilton Ave., Alexandria, VA (2009 to credit for 2010)
- (7) **Col. Charles Simms**, Christ Church Cemetery, Wilkes St., Alexandria, VA (2009 to credit for 2010)
- (8) **William Herbert**, Christ Church Cemetery, Wilkes St., Alexandria VA (2009 to credit for 2010) (Further updated with GPS coordinates on 23 Dec 2010)
- (9) **Ens. Thomas Millan**, Loudoun County, VA Militia, Fairfax City Cemetery, Main St., Fairfax, VA, submitted 22 May 2010
- (10) **Lawrence Hooff**, VA-PS (d) St. Paul's Cemetery, Hamilton Ave., Alexandria, VA submitted 2 Jun 2010 and 26 Dec 2010 with Photo.

c. Other Graves Projects – provide details.

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(1) Memorial Day, 31 May 10, 13 Rev. War Grave Flag Decorations: (a) Summers Family Cem., Lincolnia, VA - Patriot Francis Summers, (b) Christ Church Cem., Wilkes St., Alexandria, VA – Lt. James Lawrason, Maj. Samuel Cooper, & Pvt. William Herbert, (c) Old Presbyterian Cem., Hamilton Ave., Alexandria, VA – Patriot Lawrence Hooff, & Capt. John Westcott, VA-CL, (d) Christ Church Cem., Wilkes St., Alexandria, VA – Col. Charles Simms & Patriot Phillip Marsteller, (e) St. Paul’s Cem., Hamilton Ave., Alexandria, VA-Lawrence Hoofe, Sr., (f) Fairfax City Cem., Main St., Fairfax, VA – Ens. Thomas Millan, (g) Patriot Cem., Humphreys Army Engr. Ctr., Telegraph Rd., Alexandria, VA – Lt. William Triplett, VA-CL, (h) Presbyterian Old Meeting House Cem., Alexandria, VA - Dr. James Craik, Chief Surgeon Cont. Army, Maj James Carlyle, VA-CL and (i) Old Burying Ground, Kate Waller Barrett Library Branch front yard, 117 Queen St., Alexandria, VA – Elisha Cullen Dick, MD-Militia

(3) Independence Day, 28 Jun 10, Flag Decorations: (a) Judge Richard Chichester, Private Family Cemetery, behind modern home at 6720 Newington Rd. near Ft. Belvoir (b) Chapman-Hunter Memorial, Pohick Church, Lorton, VA – Nathaniel Chapman, Jr., George Chapman, Ameilia Chapman, & George Chapman, Jr.

(4) Veterans Day, 11 Nov 10: An official SAR Grave Marking Ceremony was conducted at the grave of Ensign Thomas Millan in the Fairfax City Cemetery, 10567 Main St., Fairfax, VA. The VASSAR Color Guard, led by Robert B. Andrews (Col. James Wood, II Chapter) participated in presenting the colors and conducting a three volleys musket salute. In addition to Compatriot Andrews VASSAR Color Guard members participating were: Peter Davenport (George Mason Chapter), David Embrey (Col. James Wood, II), Brett Osborn (Col. James Wood, II), Vernon Eubanks (Fairfax Resolves), and Lawrence McKinley (Fairfax Resolves). Jeff Johnson of the Bugles Across America organization played taps. Compatriot William Wilson Price of Fairfax Resolves Chapter had researched and prepared an outstanding academic quality Life and Times paper which he read to the assembled spectators which included direct-line descendants the senior of which was a 3rd Great Grandson Compatriot Richard F. Millan, two-time President of the Norfolk SAR Chapter, VASSAR. Fairfax Resolves President John Sweeney was the Master of Ceremonies. Approximately 55 to 60 persons were in attendance. Virginia and Fairfax City officials also attended. VA Gen. Assembly Delegate David Bulova was the senior official present as well as virtually every member of the Fairfax City Council. Mr. William Page Johnson of the Fairfax Historical Society and a representative of the Fairfax County Library Virginia Room were on-hand to receive copies of the Life and Times Paper. DAR and C.A.R members from both Fairfax and Loudoun Counties were also present. At the conclusion of the ceremony, several men expressed interest in joining the SAR and the Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter. It was a good day and a wonderful way to remember one of our Revolutionary War Patriots. Digital photos and a report of the events have been sent to VASSAR Pres., Robert Bowen and the VASSAR Rev. War Graves Chairman, Mike Lyman.

2. Historic Celebrations and Observances

a. Did any of your members participate in Tier 1 celebrations (those sponsored/co-sponsored by VASSAR and/or NSSAR)?

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
(1) <u>Battle of Cowpens, 16 Jan 10, Spartanburg, SC</u> three members in VA-CL uniform (Eubanks, Schmidt, & McKinley)	<u>3</u>
(2) <u>Crossing of the Dan, 20 Feb 10, South Boston, VA</u> two members in VA-CL uniform (McKinley & Eubanks)	<u>2</u>
(3) <u>Guilford Court House, 13 Mar 10, NC</u> One member in VA-CL uniform (McKinley) and Chapter. Pres. placed Chapter Wreath wearing blazer with SAR Insignia (J. Sweeney)	<u>2</u>

- (4) Point Pleasant, 2-3 Oct 2010, one member in VA-CL uniform with Chapter Flag and wreath (**Vernon Eubanks**) 1
- (5) Yorktown Day, 18-19 Oct 2010, one member with DAR wife (**John & Carol Sweeney** attended Yorktown Assn. Dinner at Ft. Eustis Officers' Club and The Freight Shed Luncheon; two members in VA-CL uniforms (**L. McKinley & D. Schmidt**) and one in blazer (**J. Sweeney, Pres**), participated in wreath laying at Nelson Tomb and Yorktown Parade. Two DAR wives (**Holly Lynne McKinley Schmidt & Carol L. Sweeney** attended the ceremony and subsequent parade with Chapter President, **John E. Sweeney**.) 3

b. Did any of your members participate in Tier 2 celebration events?

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
(1) James Monroe Birthday Commemoration, Richmond, VA one member with SAR Insignia at Hollywood Cem., (Paul Herbert)	<u>1</u>
(2) Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Commemoration, Wash., DC 13 Apr 2010 members with SAR Insignia @ Jefferson Mem. (William W. Price & John Sweeney)	<u>2</u>
(3) Independence Day, 4 Jul 10, U.S. Vice Pres. Elbridge Gerry Memorial, Chapter Wreath presented at grave in Congressional Ceremony, Wash., D.C. (Compatriot William W. Price)	<u>1</u>
(4) Independence Day at Mount Vernon parade, three members in VA-CL uniforms (L. McKinley, D. Schmidt, & D. Rolph)	<u>3</u>
(5) 31 May 10 Memorial Day Parade, Wash., DC, three members in VA-CL uniforms marched (L. McKinley, D. Schmidt, V. Eubanks) and one observer (P. Peak)	<u>4</u>

c. Did any of your members participate in Tier 3 celebration events?

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
(1) George Washington Birthday Parade, Alexandria, VA, 22 Feb 2010, Vernon Eubanks & Darrin Schmidt wearing VA-CL Uniforms with muskets	<u>2</u>
(2) Wash., D.C. Cherry Blossom Parade, 9 Apr 10, Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, & Dan Rolph , wearing VA-CL Uniforms with muskets, plus Dennis Hickey	<u>4</u>
(3) NSSAR Pres. Gen. Butler Arlington Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony, 10 Apr 10, L. McKinley, D. Schmidt, Vernon Eubanks, & Dan Rolph in VA-CL uniforms	<u>4</u>
(4) SAR PG Butler Wreath Laying Ceremony for fallen Compatriot Lt. Leonard Cowherd & Family at grave in Arlington Cem., 10 Apr 10, Chapter Pres. J. Sweeney present at PG Butler's wreath laying and talk	<u>1</u>
(5) Memorial Day Parade, Wash. DC, 31 May 2010 3 VA-CL Uniformed members (McKinley, Schmidt & Eubanks) and 1 with SAR Insignia at parade (P. Peak)	<u>4</u>
(6) 13-14 Feb 10 VASSAR Annual Meeting Ceremonies 2 VA-CL Uniformed members (L. McKinley & D. Schmidt)	<u>2</u>
(7) Plaque in the Valley Commemoration, 15 May 10, 1 VA-CL Uniformed member (L. McKinley) with Wreath Presenter (Andrew Monahan)	<u>2</u>

- (8) Leland-Madison Meeting Memorial Commemoration, 18 Sep 10 2
Orange County, VA, 2 members, Larry McKinley & Jack Sweeney
(9) Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Trail Interpretive 2
Display Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Sat., 13 Nov 10, Mason Neck
West Park, Jack Sweeney, Chapter. Pres. & William Price, Grave
Marking Chairman

3. Color Guard

If members of your chapter served in an SAR Color Guard:

a. Marches in Celebrations, Observances, and Meetings:

	Name/No. of Events	Avg. No. of Chapter Members Participating in Uniform
Chapter Color Guard	L. McKinley Darrin Schmidt Vernon Eubanks Dan Rolph	<u>17</u>
VASSAR Color Guard	L. McKinley Darrin Schmidt Vernon Eubanks Dan Rolph	<u>10</u>
Mid-Atlantic Color Guard	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
National Color Guard	L. McKinley Darrin Schmidt Vernon Eubanks Dan Rolph	<u>13 *</u>

**Note: Total is more than total events since some are double/triple counted...e.g. Yorktown Day march and wreath laying at Nelson's tomb—qualifies for State, Chapter (wreath laying function) and National State and Local (Parade function).*

b. Did your Color Guard members carry out any special activities, i.e., conduct public demonstrations of 18th Century drill or explain Revolutionary era uniforms in schools? Yes

Provide details:

(1) 17 Feb 10 at Oak Hill Elem. School, in Herndon, VA, four members, 3 in VA-CL uniform and Chapter President in blazer award SAR Good Citizen pins to Safety Patrol Captains and SAR Flag Certificate to School Principal (publicized on page 38, SAR Magazine, Summer 2010, Vol. 105, No. 1

(2) 4 Jul 2010 Mount Vernon Parade and public affairs event with school children explained equipment and uniforms and answered other questions, 3 members in VA-CL uniforms, 3 members involved (L. McKinley, D. Schmidt, and Vernon Eubanks)

4. Perpetuating the memory of those who achieved the Independence of the American people and established our American government.

Please do NOT report activities covered elsewhere in this report.

a. Did your chapter do something special to promote knowledge and understanding of American history among its members? If so, briefly describe.

- (1) Chapter Meeting Guest Speakers on American Revolutionary War Topics as Follows:

- (a) **18 Feb 10: Speaker-Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Wilkerson**, USMC-Ret., Topic- *Gen. Washington's Officer Corps*
- (b) **11 Mar 10: Speaker -Steve Bashore**, Curator of Mount Vernon Grist Mill, topic- *George Washington—Entrepreneur*.
- (c) **8 Apr 10: Speaker- Michael Cecere**, Public High School History Teacher, Author of multiple American History books and American Revolutionary War Re-enactor, Topic- *Sinew of the Army: Captains John Chilton & Tom Posey of the Virginia Continental Line*.
- (d) **9 Sep 10; Topic-Revolutionary War uniforms and selected weaponry along with Purpose/function of the Color Guard as it has evolved today. Speakers: Fairfax Resolves Color Guard members Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, Dan Rolph, and Vernon Eubanks.**
- (e) **16 Oct: Speaker – Pastor James Knisely**, Topic – *The Amazing Muhlenbergs' -- Contributions of this Virginia Family to the Revolution*
- (f) **18 Nov: Speaker – Paul Herbert, Topic – Fundraising for the American Revolutionary Army and the Use of a Lottery**

(2) At each award ceremony for new members or supplemental application certificate presentations the new (approved) SAR members or Supplemental recipients deliver an oral presentation on their respective Revolutionary War ancestor's life and times.

(3) Youth Oration Contest: Chapter oration contest competition is conducted in the presence of an audience of chapter compatriots, spouses, and residents of the Falcons Landing Retirement Community who are treated to excellent historical presentations and unique knowledge from these youthful researchers and orators.

(3) The Chapter newsletter includes a section where individual Chapter Compatriots routinely publish articles on their respective Revolutionary War Patriots or on Colonial or Revolutionary War topics.

b. Did your chapter do something special to promote knowledge and understanding of American history in the community? If so, briefly describe.

(1) Each chapter meeting's guest speaker program is open to the public, mostly residents of Vinson Hall Retirement Community, McLean, VA and Falcons Landing Retirement Community, Sterling, VA—two routine meeting locations for our chapter

(2) Youth Oration Contest presentations are conducted at open audience chapter sessions to familiarize the youth orators with speaking to a large audience. Many retirement community residents take advantage of this opportunity to observe the youth presentations.

(3) Chapter sponsored SAR Grave Marking ceremonies are well publicized and attended by members of the community to hear the Life and Times presentation as well as the 18th Century musket salute, and bugler. This year the members of the chapter sponsored two such ceremonies and participated in a third.

- (4) Life and Times presentations at grave markings are well researched and sourced academic quality products and are routinely donated to the local historical society and library. These are also posted on the Chapter website.
- (5) Selected chapter compatriots participate in support to high school history teachers, at times wearing Virginia Continental Line uniform (eg/ Compatriot Lawrence E. McKinley at Bishop O'Connell High School, spoke to 4 different classes-History of War, Mr. Lucas; Honors English, Mrs. Wentzel; American History, Ms. Fitzpatrick; Practical Law, Mr. Harrison).

5. Historic Education and Youth: Essays, Orations, and History Day.

a. Oration Contest

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2010 VASSAR Oration Contest? Yes

Kristin Bowers, Bishop O'Connell High School won the National Contest

Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2010 VASSAR Oration Contest from a local oration contest in which there was more than one entry? Yes

We had 4 students in our 2010 contest; there should be at least that for 2011.

Pictures/Info are available from our web-site www.fairfaxresolvessar.org showing the 4 students.

b. Essay Contest

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2010 VASSAR Essay Contest? Yes

Brigitte Tondreau, George Marshall High School-she won the State in Feb.

Pictures/info are available on our website: www.fairfaxresolvessar.org

Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2010 VASSAR Essay Contest from a local contest in which there was more than one entry? **Three** Yes

Note: The 2011 contests (oration and Essay) are not conducted until January 2011.

c. History Day

Did your chapter provide support for National History Day by: Yes

How many judges (or alternates) did your chapter provide? 5

How many chapter members attended History Day competitions (count judges)?

(1) **John E Sweeney, Judge & VASSAR NHD Distr. 5 Coordinator** 5

(2) **George L. Lamborn, Judge**

(3) **William W. Price, Judge**

(4) **Brett M. Sweeney, Judge**

(5) **Carol L. Sweeney, Judge, Spouse and Kate Waller Barrett DAR Chapter member**

NHD District 5 SAR Judging support consisted of a SAR/DAR Team of 14 judges comprised of the following individuals from the SAR/DAR as indicated; DCSDAR- Cindy Hays DCSSAR- Paul Hays, Gary Bond, and John Sinks; Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter- Brett Sweeney, George Lamborn, William Price, and John Sweeney Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, VA Dist. 5, Carol Sweeney, George Mason SAR Chapter- Richard Austin & Joseph Mertan; George Washington SAR Chapter – Matthew Phillips and Robert Carr (observer and award presenter), and Col. William Grayson Chapter- David Allard & William A. Broadus, Jr.

How much money did your chapter and its members contribute?

\$125

- (1) Chapter check for \$100 to George Mason University NHD Dist. 5 Coordinator
- (2) Individual John E. Sweeney personal check for \$25
- (3) SAR financial support to NHD was acknowledged by Dr. Brian Platt, Master of Ceremonies, at the outset of the award ceremony. NHD District 5 award ceremony involves over 200 students and their parents. Recognized for unspecified financial support were: DC Society of the SAR and following VASSAR Chapters: George Mason, George Washington, Culpeper Minute Men, Col. William Grayso, and Fairfax Resolves.

Did your chapter encourage participation by local schools?

Yes

If so, briefly describe?

Chapter members involved in support to local schools also advertised the NHD competition (eg. **Lawrence E. McKinley at Bishop O'Connell High School**)

How many good citizenship medals or pins did your chapter award to recognize outstanding History Day achievements?

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- (1) A total of four Bronze Good Citizenship Medals (BGCM) and certificates were awarded to: **Emily Bennett, Kylie Knudsen, Jeffrey DelSordo, and Valerie Nguyen** for 1st Place in the Junior Group Performance Category, Topic: Queen Elizabeth I: Short Term and Long Term Effects of the Separation of Religion and State, School: Phillip Michael Pennington Traditional School, 9305 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA 20110, Faculty/Parent/Advisors: Marsha Weiss and Ann Khochareun
- (2) A total of three BGCMs and certificates were awarded to: **Angeline Zbesheski, Erin Slawson, and Megan Krest** for 1st Place in the Junior Group Documentary Category, Topic: George Washington: The Innovative Farmer, School: Graham Park Middle School, 3613 Graham Park Road, Triangle, VA 22172, Faculty/ Parent Advisor: Christina Barcalow
- (3) One Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate were awarded to **Meaghan Cotts** for 2nd Place in the Junior Individual Performance Category, Topic: The Printing Press: A Spread of Literacy and Education, School: Lorton Station Elementary School, Faculty/ Parent Advisors: Margaret Hanscom and Laurie Hartt.
- (4) One Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate were awarded to **Connor Chroman** for 2nd Place in the Senior Individual Documentary Category, Topic: Assassins of the Sea, School: West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152-1515, Faculty/Parent Advisor: Cathleen Bolvin.
- (5) One SAR Certificate of Appreciation (specially created) was awarded to **Sarah H. Guthrie** for 3rd Place in the Senior Individual Exhibit, School:

Home Schooled, Parent Advisors: Parents-Verner and Harriet Guthrie,
5834 Mallow Trail, Lorton, VA 22079

Note: All VASSAR Chapters shared equally in the costs of the medals and pins awarded. Fairfax Resolves covered the costs and provided the skills to create certificates and postage for sending them to the advisors.

Pictures/Info available on web-site www.fairfaxresolvessar.org

- d. Tom & Betty Lawrence National Society American History Teacher Award
Did your chapter submit an application to VASSAR for this award?

No

6. Awards to Outstanding Youth

a. ROTC Program

How many Senior ROTC Medals (College/University) did your chapter present?

1

- (1) **Kenneth R. Harris, III**, George Mason University Army ROTC

How many Junior ROTC Medals (High School) did your chapter present?

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- (1) **Giordanno J. Cervantes**, 2nd yr. cadet, Chantilly High School Air Force
4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA
(2) **Adam L. Schalk**, Senior-Level Cadet, Herndon High School Navy JROTC,
700 Bennett St., Herndon, VA
(3) **Marshall L. Grimard**, Junior-Level Cadet, Loudoun High School Navy
JROTC, 415 Dry Mill Rd., SW, Leesburg, VA
(4) **Sandra Reynoso**, Senior-Level Cadet, South Lakes High School Army
JROTC, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA

Did your Chapter submit an entrant to the VASSAR JROTC Award Program?

No

Note: One eligible cadet was encouraged to participate but the individual did not follow through on the requirements (essay & faculty recommendation) for VASSAR competition.

b. Outstanding Student Program

How many outstanding students did your chapter recognize?

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How many outstanding students were recognized with SAR medals or pins?
Bronze Good Citizenship Medals Engraved with Award Winners' Names for
Outstanding Students in American History as indicated

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- (1) **Washington & Lee High School**, 1301 Quincy St., Arlington, VA 22204-
4114, POC/Teacher: Claire Moire History Teacher, Tel. 703-228-6200
e-mail: Claire_moir@apsva.us; Student Awardee: **John Barton**
(2) **Yorktown High School**, 5201 N. 28th St., Arlington, VA 22207, POC/
Teacher: Kay Griffith, Tel. 703-228-5400/5371, e-mail:
Kgriffit@arlington.k12.va.us, Student Awardee: **Anne E. Schweikert**
(3) **Christchurch School**, 49 Seahorse Lane, Christchurch, VA 23031-0001,
POC/Teacher: Connie E. Jessie, Tel. 800-296-2306, e-mail:
cjessie@christchurch@hschool.org, Two Student Awardees: **Ford Kirkmyer
and Reaves Ward**.
(4) **Wakefield High School**, 4901 S. Chesterfield Rd., Arlington, VA 22206-

- 1018, POC/Teacher: Colette Fraley, Tel. 703-228-6700, e-mail: [Colette Fraley@apsva.us](mailto:Colette_Fraley@apsva.us), Student Awardee: **Adriana Lopez-Piper**
- (5) **H.B. Woodlawn High School**, 4100 Vacation Lane, Arlington, VA 22206, POC/Teacher: Elly Kluge, Tel. 703-228-6363/6352, e-mail: [Elly Kluge@apsva.us](mailto:Elly_Kluge@apsva.us), Two Student Awardees: **Dana Leinback and Emerson Sieverts**
- (6) **Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology**, 6560 Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22312-2206, POC/Teacher: Thomas Sleete, AP/US History, Tel. 703-750-8300, e-mail: Thomas.Sleete@fcps.edu, Student Awardee: **Catherine Zucker**
- (7) **Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School**, Underwood St., Arlington, VA 22203, POC/Teacher: Paul Ochenkowski, Tel. 703-237-1400, e-mail: pochenkowski@bishopoconnell.org, Student Awardee: **Suzanne Elizabeth Kenney**

c. Scout Program

How many Eagle Scout certificates did your chapter award? 6

- (1) **Drew Cocrane**, (2) **Brad Stebner**, (3) **Michael Grimmitt-Norris**, (4) **Patrick Moynahan**, (5) **Evan Girdis** and (6) **Michael R. Lazear**, Troop 30, Centreville, VA

Note: Number (1) thru (5) are members of Troop 160 who were awarded their SAR Eagle Scout Certificates at the Fairfax County Government Center on 2 May 2010.

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the VASSAR Eagle Scout contest? Yes

Michael Lazear, Troop 30, Centreville, VA

See Pictures/Info on our web-site: www.fairfaxresolvessar.org

d. Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)

	No. of Events	Avg. No. of Members
C.A.R members in events sponsored by your chapter		
(1) On Flag Day, 14 Jun 2010 a Combined C.A.R. and SAR Flag Retirement Ceremony was held at the Freedom Memorial behind the Great Falls Library, 9830 George-Town Pike, Great Falls, VA 22066	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
(2) New John Marks C.A.R. Society in Loudoun Cty was invited to participate in an official SAR Grave Marking Ceremony to be conducted by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter in Fairfax City Cemetery at the grave of the only Amer. Rev. Veteran interred in that cemetery. Veteran is Ensign Thomas Millan , Loudoun County Militia.	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
(3) Members of your chapter in event sponsored by C.A.R. Attendance at National C.A.R. Convention in Crystal City, VA 17-18 Apr 2010 (L. McKinley & D. Schmidt)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
(4) Participated in April 2010 Mount Vernon C.A.R National Convention Installation Ceremonies. (L. McKinley & D. Schmidt J. Ray)	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

(5) **Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt Patron support** to C.A.R Regional meetings (\$50 X 6 meetings= **\$300**). Contributions to National President's program **\$550**. Hotel, mileage and time not included here, but hotel and mileage alone is estimated: hotel = **\$750** and gasoline at least **\$800** in support of these regional tour meetings. These meetings serve to define what projects and activities the C.A.R.s across the country work throughout the year.

(6) **Larry McKinley and Darrin Schmidt** Participated in Regional Tour 2010 –Larry McKinley made 6 of 9 tour spots missed three due to SAR Congress in Cleveland: and Darrin Schmidt made 2 of 9.

- (a) Little Rock, Arkansas, South Central Region; 18-20 Jun: contributed/participated in 2 day event--**\$50** (Voyager Pin) running the sound system and selling Presidential items.
- (b) DAR Congress; 6-10 July-responsible for all workers and sales of Presidential items for National Project –had 15 volunteer workers.
- (c) Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Great Lakes Region: 12-13 Jul-contributed and participated in 2 day event. Supported purchase of skit routine items (**\$40**)
- (d) Wilmington, NC, Southeast Regional; 15-17 Jul – contributed and participated in 3 day event. Made Voyager pins, purchased **\$15** worth of material to make the pins.
- (e) Morgantown, WV; Mid-Southern Regional; 19-21 Jul; contributed and participated in 3 day event.
- (f) Newbrough, NY; Eastern Regional; 22-24 Jul-contributed and participated in 3 day event.
- (g) Providence, RI; New England Regional ; 26-28 Jul—contributed and participated in 3 day event. Total contributions, purchases and expenses relative to supporting C.A.R. Activity as Senior Leader = **\$2655**.

b. Senior Leadership

Did your chapter provide active senior leadership for the C.A.R.?

Yes

If so, list the leaders and their positions / contributions.

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Senior National C.A.R. 2nd Vice President (**Lawrence E. McKinley**) from May 2010

C.A.R. Sr. National Registrar (**Lawrence E. McKinley**) through April 2010

Senior Chairman C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Virginia Society (**Lawrence E. McKinley**)

Credentials Chairman for C.A.R. National Meeting and election of officers; Contribute each year a minimum of **\$150** on paper, software, ink, and travel cost. (**Lawrence E. McKinley**)

c. Other Support

Did your chapter provide monetary or other support for the C.A.R.?

Yes

If so, provide details. **Detailed above \$2655 supporting C.A.R. activity alone.**

(J. Sweeney, D. Schmidt, & L. McKinley)

8. Recognition of Public Service

a. Law Enforcement Program

How many Law Enforcement Medals did your chapter present?

2

(1) Master Police Officer (MPO) **Thomas W. Eggers**

(2) Detective **Shawn M. Monaghan**

Note: Both Police Officers received the SAR Law Enforcement

Commendation Medals at the Fairfax County Police Department

Awards Ceremony on 4 Jun 2010 at the County Government Center

in front of the Chief of Police, other senior Police Officers, members of

the County Board of Supervisors, and other dignitaries as well as their families. Awards were presented by the Chapter President (J. Sweeney) on stage with the Chief of Police following the reading of the citation by the Law Enforcement Committee Chairman (L. McKinley). Another Committee member (D. Hickey) and Mrs. McKinley (Mary Frances) were present in the audience of Senior Police officers and other awardees and local and other political VIPs..

Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? Yes
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Law Enforcement Contest? Yes
Both **MPO Eggers and Detective Monaghan** performed radically different kinds of service and both are recommended for consideration for VASSAR Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2010. Pictures/Info on www.fairfaxresolvessar.org

b. Fire/Safety Program

How many Fire Safety Medals did your chapter present? 1
Technician Daniel Hahn, Fairfax County Fire Dept., Fire Station #34, Oakton, VA
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? Yes
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Fire Safety Contest?
Pictures/Info available www.fairfaxresolvessar.org
Yes

c. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program

How many EMS Medals did your chapter present? 1
Lt. Jennifer Sevites, Fairfax County Fire Dept., Fire Station #422, Springfield, VA
Note:
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? Yes
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR EMS Award Contest? Yes

Note: On 25 Mar 2010, five Fairfax Resolves members (Pres. Sweeney, Vernon Eubanks, Andrew Monahan, and Paul Herbert) delegation presented the VASSAR 2009 EMS of the Year Award to Lt. Matthew Malof at his home Fire Station No.5 of Fairfax /County Fire Department. The County Fire Chief and fellow EMS and other senior Fire Dept. officials were present. The \$500 VASSAR check and beautiful trophy were highly praised by the Chief. Lt. Malof surprised all with a talk on the SAR and why it recognizes the "1st Responders" of the Nation by emphasizing SAR patriotism and its members descent from the Nations "1st Responders." **Pictures/Info available** www.fairfaxresolvessar.org

d. Teacher of the Year Program

How many teachers were honored by your chapter? 1
How many were recognized with good citizenship medals? 1
Brigitte K. Lavey, Langley High School, 6200 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101 was awarded a framed certificate and medal at a 9 Nov 10 faculty meeting in front of her Principal, peers, and students.
Pictures/Info available www.fairfaxresolvessar.org

- How many were recognized only with only a certificate? 0
- e. Heroism**
 Did your chapter recognize some one for Heroism? No
 Did your chapter report this to VASSAR? No
- f. Other Public Service Programs**
 How many other public servants did your chapter recognize? 0
 How many of these were awarded SAR medals? None

9. Veterans Program

a. Support for Veterans

Please describe the support your chapter provided for veterans.
 Members of the Fairfax Resolves contributed clothing and computers as well as some selected pieces of furniture to the Veterans Hospital in Winchester, VA. The individual personal care items were collected through an individual stimulating the people who works for him to contribute to the Veterans. Accomplished two things—the Veterans were supported and the SAR received some recognition for stimulating the effort.

We have attached the Stark Report for your validation, but this year it is significant since more than 10 members participated in our automated accounting process of giving to Veterans. This report was submitted to the Veterans Chairman, VASSAR.

b. Other Veterans Program

Did your chapter carry out some other significant Veterans support program? Yes

If so, briefly provide details

- (1) We have held a Veterans Day service at a special local place, called Veterans Common in the past years in combination with the VFW and the American Legion. This year the program of holiday and key patriotic observance days were not observed, but instead we had 10 members reinvigorate their participation with the American Legion and jointly conducted flag disposal services with the C.A.R. in the community of Great Falls.
- (2) The Fairfax Resolves Chapter Newsletter, The Defender, routinely has a section devoted to U.S. Military Veterans and their military or wartime service, their post service achievements and overall recognition of the significance of their lives.

10. Other Community Programs

Please do NOT report medals given by your chapter for service to the SAR in this section.

a. Flag Program

How many flag certificates did your chapter award this year? 3

- (1) On 17 Feb 2010, in conjunction with the award of SAR Good Citizenship pins and certificates to students and faculty for the Safety Patrol and its performance of various patriotic duties to include care of the school's flag, a SAR Flag Certificate was presented to the Principal of the Oakwood Elementary School, **Amy T. Goodloe, Ed.D.**, tel. 703-467-3500, e-mail: atgoodloe@fcpx.edu. Three members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter Color Guard were present (**Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, and Daniel Rolph**) in VA-CL uniform and the presentation was made by the Chapter President, John E. Sweeney.
- (2) On 10 Sep 2010, in conjunction with a special "9/11" Commemorative Mass and SAR induction ceremony for **Father Edward Hathaway**, a SAR Flag Certificate was awarded to **Mary Baldwin**, the Principal of St. Veronica Catholic School, 3460 Centreville Rd., Chantilly, VA 20151. POC is Mary Baldwin, e-mail: mbaldwin@stveronica.net. Three members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter Color

Guard were present in VA-CL uniform (**Larry McKinley, Darrin Schmidt, and Daniel Rolph**) and a fourth, William Price assisted with the presentation which was made by the Chapter President, John E. Sweeney.

- (3) On 23 Oct 2010, in conjunction with the presentation of the Fire and EMS Awards, a SAR Flag Certificate was presented to Fairfax County Fire Station No. 422, 10511 Rosehaven St., Fairfax, VA. Dep. Chief **James J. Walsh**, Opns. A-Shift, received the certificate on behalf of the station.

Did you report the awards to the VASSAR Flag Program Chairman? Yes

b. Other Awards in the Community (awards not reported elsewhere in this report)
How many SAR Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates of Appreciation did your chapter present? Please list the recipients of each. 6

- (1) Four Good Citizenship Pins were presented on 17 Feb 2010 to the four Student Safety Patrol Captains of the Oakwood Elementary School for their patriotic performance of duties such as ensuring safe school bus loading and unloading, controlling cross-walks, monitoring hallway behavior and safety as well as raising and lowering the school's American flag. Students' names are: **Francesca Russell, Victoria Hagy, Mary Clougherty, and Christina Peters. School: Oakwood Elementary School, 3210 Kincross Circle, Herndon, VA, POC: Principal-Amy T. Goodloe, Ed.D., tel. 703-467-3500, e-mail: atgoodloe@fcpx.edu.**
- (2) Two SAR Good Citizenship Certificates were awarded on 17 Feb 2010 to the Faculty Safety Patrol Mentors, **Elizabeth Price and Ernie Herring** of Oakwood Elementary School. School and POC are same as above.

Note: This event was publicized in the local Connection Newspaper as well as the VASSAR Newsletter and the SAR Magazine.

c. DAR Activities	No. of Events	Avg. No. of Members
DAR members in events sponsored by your chapter	<u>11</u>	<u>3 (3.27)</u>
(1) 28 Jan 10 Chapter Meeting and Youth Oration Contest, DAR Members present: Jane Peak, Holly Lynne Schmidt & Carol Sweeney,	1	3
(2) 18 Feb 10 Chapter Meeting, DAR Members present: Jane Peak, Holly Lynne Schmidt & Carol Sweeney,	1	3
(3) 11 Mar 10 Chapter Meeting, DAR Members present: Jane Peak, Holly Lynne Schmidt & Carol Sweeney	1	3
(4) 8 Apr 10 Chapter Meeting, DAR Members present: Jane Peak, Holly Lynne Schmidt & Carol Sweeney	1	3
(5) 15 May 10 Chapter Meeting & Awards Dinner, DAR Members present: Jane Peak, Holly Lynne Schmidt, & Carol Sweeney	1	3
(6) 9 Sep 10 Chapter Meeting, DAR Members present: Jane Peak, Holly Lynne Schmidt, Carol Sweeney & Rachel Wills	1	3
(7) 16 Oct 10 Chapter Meeting & Luncheon, DAR Members	1	3

Present: Jane Peak, Carol Sweeney & Rachel Wills		
(8) 18 Nov 10 Chapter Meeting, DAR Members	1	3
Present: Jane Peak, Holly Lynne Schmidt & Rachel Wills		
(9) 11 Dec 10 Chapter Meeting, Christmas Party, & New Officer Installation, DAR Members present: Jane Peak, Holly Lynne Schmidt, Carol Sweeney & Rachel Wills	1	4
(10) 14 Jun 10, Flag Day, SAR/C.A.R. Flag Disposal Ceremony, DAR Member present: Holly Lynne Schmidt	1	1
(11) 11 Nov 10 SAR Grave Marking Ceremony At least five DAR members from Loudoun County and Fairfax County DAR Chapters. Teresa McCarty , Regent of the Loudoun County DAR Chapter expressed great interest in the program which included a VA-CL Color Guard, Musket Firing Party, and Bugler as well as an exceptionally well researched and presented Life and Times paper that was read by the author, Comp. William W. Price	1	6
(12) 17 Feb 10, Oakwood Elem School Ceremony, DAR Member present: Holly Lynne Schmidt	1	1
(13) 10 Nov 10, St. Veronica School Ceremony DAR Member present: Holly Lynne Schmidt	1	1
Members of your chapter in events sponsored by DAR	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

(1) 4 Jul 2010 Mt. Vernon Independence Day Ceremony, Three VA-CL uniformed Chapter members (L. McKinley, D. Schmidt, & Vernon Eubanks) participated with DAR ladies in various events entertaining visitors.	1	3
(2) Herndon Festival Booth: three Fairfax Resolves Chapter Members (D. Schmidt, J. Sweeney, & L. McKinley) participated in a Cameron Parish DAR Chapter Organized DAR/SAR Information Booth/Tent at the 3 to 6 Jun 2010 Herndon, Virginia Festival.	1	3
(3) At DAR Headquarters Open House, 8 Dec 2010, Fairfax Resolves Compatriot Larry McKinley served as a greeter and program coordinator.	1	1
(4) Chapter Pres. John E. Sweeney attended the Kate Waller Barrett DAR Chapter Meeting on 2 Nov 2010 at which his sister, Susan Roselle, nee' Sweeney, Collins was inducted into the DAR and Kate Waller Barrett Chapter.	1	1

Did your Chapter do something noteworthy with the DAR? Briefly describe.

- (1) **30 Jan: Darrin Schmidt, Larry McKinley and Holly Lynne Schmidt, (DAR)**
Assisted the fixing/hanging of a plaque commemorating women's suffrage and those women interred at the Occoquan detention Facility during the Woodrow Wilson Presidency.
- (2) **The 3 to 6 June 2010 Herndon Festival Information booth** provided a positive community outreach by providing many local people information

brochures and personal contact and discussions on the DAR, C.A.R. and the SAR. Prospective members were identified for future follow-up.

(3) A combined DAR/SAR Team of Judges supported the District 5 National History Day Competition held at George Mason University on **Sat., 20 Mar 2010**. Two DAR members joined with 12 SAR members from four different VASSAR Chapters and the DCSSAR to comprise a major element of the judging contingent for the District 5 National History Competition. This competition involved about 200 students in grades 6 thru 12 in research and innovative displays or productions consistent with the annual topic theme of Innovation in History: Impact and Change.

d. VASSAR Good Citizen of the Year

Did your chapter submit an entry to the VASSAR Citizen of the Year program? Yes

Compatriot **Lawrence E. McKinley** has been designated the Fairfax Resolves Good Citizen of the Year for 2010 because of his extraordinary selfless volunteer activities as follows: (1) the #1 Docent at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum; (2) reader for blind version of the International Smithsonian Air & Space Magazine for worldwide distribution; (3) Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic; (4) Choir member and English Bell Choir member for the Andrew Chapel Methodist Church, Great Falls, VA; (4) Communications Merit badge Counselor, Boy Scout Troop 1128; (5) Participant in various church charitable actions to include feeding the homeless and musical performances at Senior Care Homes; (6) Oration and Communications Volunteer, Bishop O'Connell High School, (7) Senior leader for the C.A.R.; and numerous SAR activities in support of the VASSAR, Region, and Chapter to include the NSSAR Youth Contests and SAR Orations Chairman. His sustained varied volunteer activities equate to about one full-time job and a part-time job every single week of the year.

e. Other Community Programs

Did your chapter carry out or participate in other civic programs in the community not reported elsewhere on this form? If so, describe briefly. Yes

Chapter President, John E. Sweeney, attended with his wife Carol, a DAR Member, a George Washington Washington Chapter sponsored NSSAR Gold Good Citizenship Award Dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn. The event was to honor the service of the **Honorable Eric Shinseki**, Secretary of Veterans Affairs and former U.S. Army Chief of Staff.

11. Chapter Meetings and Communications

a. Chapter Meetings

How many meetings did your chapter hold this past calendar year? 10

Average meeting attendance? 30

b. Programs

How many non-compatriot speakers did your chapter have? 3

List the name and topic for each speaker.

(a) 11 Mar 10: Speaker – **Steve Bashore**, Curator of Mount Vernon Grist Mill,
Topic – George Washington-Entrepreneur

(b) 8 Apr 10: Speaker – **Michael Cecere**, History Teacher, Author of multiple
American Revolutionary War era books, & Amer. Rev. War Re-enactor, Topic-

Sinew of the American Revolutionary War Army

- (c) 16 Oct 10: Speaker – **Pastor James Knisely**, Topic – The Amazing Muhlenberg’s: Contributions of this Virginia Family to the American Revolution

c. Communications with Members

How many newsletters did your chapter issue during the calendar year? 4
Were chapter newsletters furnished to the VASSAR and NSSAR Chairmen? Yes
Is your chapter using e-mail and/or the Web to communicate with members? Yes
If so, briefly describe.

(1) The Chapter President and other officers routinely communicate among themselves and to the membership at large regarding chapter business, future events, and needs for assistance and support in various activities. This reduces the need for long chapter meetings.

(2) The Chapter has 11 Compatriots who do not have internet access or e-mail capability. The Chapter President mails hard copy non-color versions of the the Chapter Newsletter to each of them. Additionally update information on near and long-term planned events is periodically mailed to supplement or provide advance information on matters not covered in the latest newsletter or last update notice.

(3) Short notice events are communicated to non e-mail capable Compatriots via telephone.

d. Communications with the Community

How many press releases did your chapter issue about chapter events or activity? 7

- (1) Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter and DAR and C.A.R. support to new citizens childrens’ award ceremony.
- (2) Feb 2010 Oak Hill Elem. School SAR Good Citizenship awards and Flag Certificate award ceremony to student safety patrol captains and a flag certificate award to the Oak Hill Elem. School Principal, Amy Goodloe, EdD
- (3) Mar 2010 National History Day District 5 Competition at George Mason Univ.
- (4) SAR Induction in Texas of three brothers based on the work of a son and nephew accomplishing SAR approval prior to his father’s death in June 2010
- (5) St. Veronica School, Herndon, VA 11 Sep Remembrance and SAR induction of of Father Edward C. Hathaway and award of SAR Flag Certificate to school.
- (6) Fairfax City Cemetery SAR Grave Marking ceremony on Veterans Day, 11 Nov 10 for only American Rev. War Veteran interred in this cemetery.
- (7) SAR Citizen of the Year for 2010 award ceremony on 11 Dec 2010 at Vinson Hall, McLean, VA.

How many news media (newspaper, radio television) exposures did your chapter receive? Describe briefly. 9

- (1) SAR Magazine, Winter 2010, Vol. 104, No. 3, page 38, Virginia Society Support to New Citizenship Awards
- (2) VASSAR Bulletin, 2010-11, Vol. XXXIV, No. 1, Oak Hill Elem. School Awarded SAR Flag Certificate School Principal and Good Citizenship Pins to Safety Patrol for dedicated care and flying of the school’s U.S. Flag.
- (3) SAR Magazine, Summer 2010, Vol. 105, No. 1, page 38, Oak Hill Elem. School Safety Patrol Awards and Flag Certificate Award ceremony shows a Photo of Fairfax Resolves Chapter President Jack Sweeney, supported by Chapter Color Guard members Larry McKinley, Dan Rolph, & Darrin

Schmidt with a group of 60 students in the school's safety patro, including the four Safety Patrol Captains who care for the U.S. Flag so well every day. The article also explains the award of SAR Good Citizenship Pins to the Patrol Captains and the SAR Flag Certificate to the School Principal and Assistant Principal.

- (4) Oak Hill & Herndon Connection Newspaper, Apr 28-May 2 2010, Vol. XXIV, Number 17, page 7, shows Fairfax Resolves Chapter President John Sweeney Presenting a SAR Flag Certificate to the Oak Hill Principal, Amy Goodloe. Also shown is Compatriot Larry McKinley in Continental Army uniform explaining Revolutionary War uniforms and equipment to the students.
- (5) Texas Aggie, The Official Magazine of the Aggie Network, Sep/Oct 2010, Page 16, published a photo of the "three Price Brothers" all of whom graduated from Texas A&M being inducted into the Fairfax Resolves SAR Chapter. Only weeks before the death of one of the brothers, William S. Price, Jr., father of a Fairfax Resolves Compatriot, William Price. Texas SAR Compatriots in Revolutionary War uniforms participated with San Antonio Chapter Pres.
- (6) Centre View Northern Edition, Sep 16-22, 2010 Vol. XXIV, No. 37, page 8 shows photo of Fairfax Resolves SAR President, John Sweeney, presenting SAR Membership Certificate to Father Edward C. Hathaway, Pastor of St. Veronica School in Chantilly, VA in conjunction with 9/11 Remembrance Mass.
- (7) Catholic Herald, 9/14/10 edition, article by Gretchen Crowe, prints the story and pictures regarding the Father Hathaway SAR Induction and SAR Flag Certificate award.
- (8) CityScene: A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax, Vol. 40, No. 11-e, November 2010, page 4, publicizes the 11 Nov 2010 SAR Grave Marking Ceremony in Fairfax City Cemetery to honor the only Revolutionary War Veteran interred in the City's cemetery.
- (9) Connection Newspapers (11 Dec 10 Citizen of the Year.) Full page on Citizen of the year and an insert article on the Fairfax Resolves Teacher of the Year, Brigitte Levy.

e. Publications

How many articles were submitted to the Virginia Bulletin by your chapter?

3

- (1) VASSAR Bulletin, 2010-11, Vol. XXXIV, No. 1, last page of unnumbered Pages, 17 Feb 2010 Oak Hill Elem. School Awarded SAR Flag Certificate and Safety Patrol Captains receive SAR Good Citizenship Pins. VASSAR Bulletin picture of Chapter Pres. Sweeney with 60 Oak Hill Safety Patrol members has a probable VASSAR President notation, "Can Your Chapter Top This?"
- (2) Article and photo the first-time ever award of a SAR Bronze JROTC to a Loudoun County High School Naval JROTC Cadet.
- (3) VASSAR Bulletin, Vol .XXXIV, No. 2, page 10, Three newly inducted Price Brothers are inducted into Fairfax Resolves in San Antonio, TX with the Assistance of the San Antonio Chapter uniformed members. William Sidney Price, Jr. was inducted with his two brothers (Harry and Carter Price) on 4 June 2010 and died on 22 June 2010. The effort resulted from his son, Fairfax Resolves Compatriot William Wilson Price who took the approved SAR membership documentation to Texas for induction of his father and uncles.
- (4) VASSAR Bulletin, 2010, Vol. XXXIV, No. 3, page 8, an article and photo

show Father Edward C. Hathaway being inducted into the Fairfax Resolves Chapter by Chapter President Sweeney on the alter of St. Veronica's Roman Catholic Church following Father Hathaway saying a 9/11 Memorial Mass and sermon to the students and faculty. A SAR Flag Certificate is also presented to the Principal.

How many articles by members of your chapter devoted to SAR purposes (patriotic, educational, historical) were published in other media, such as a local newspaper or The SAR magazine?
Describe briefly.

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- (3) "Three Price Brothers" all of whom graduated from Texas A&M transferred from the Fairfax Resolves and inducted into the SAR Chapter in Texas only weeks before the death of one of the brothers and father of a Fairfax Resolves Compatriot. Texas SAR Compatriots in Rev. War uniforms participated with San Antonio Chapter President.

f. Other Publicity and Public Relations

Did your chapter have some other noteworthy accomplishment in publicity or public relations? If so, briefly describe.

2

- (1) The Life and Times Paper for the 11 Nov 2010 Chapter sponsored SAR Grave Marking Ceremony was presented to the Fairfax City Historical Society and the Fairfax County Public Library System Virginia Room located at the Fairfax County Library Branch in Fairfax City, VA.
- (2) Summary with detail web references published in the National Children of the American Revolution Magazine of all the youth contests sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Our Fairfax Resolves Compatriot wrote the article for the magazine and it was published in the fall edition of the Magazine. The Compatriot was listed as the point of contact across the nation.
- (3) The 11 Nov 10 Veterans Day SAR Grave Marking Ceremony at the Fairfax City Cemetery resulted in considerable praise and positive attention from all in attendance. Several of the spectators, including local officials, expressed interest in joining the SAR and the Fairfax Resolves Chapter.

12. Membership and Dues

The Awards Committee will obtain information about membership and dues from the Virginia Society Office. Chapters should have an active recruiting program to enlist new members, a retention program, and should remit dues to the state office in the proper format on time.

- a. Please provide the net gain or loss in number of chapter members in 2010
Chapter membership at the end of 2009 was 62. During the course of the 2010, membership increased to as many as 83. However, a death, two transfers out and non-dues payments for 2011, combined with new accessions, have resulted

+15

in a total of 77 members paid for 2011

b. Other Recruiting and Retention Activity

- (1) Quarterly USPS mailings of the newsletter and other upcoming Chapter Events to Compatriots without e-mail access (currently 11 members)
- (2) SAR brochures with Chapter contact information in plastic display Holders at genealogical libraries, LDS Family History Centers, and Unique libraries (Army History Center, Ft. McNair, Wash., DC, and five other locations.
- (3) Special Fairfax Resolves specific brochure is included with other SAR Brochures at recruiting events, such as Herndon Day DAR/SAR/C.A.R. Information booth, and in brochure holders at eight specific lineage society or genealogical research site locations.
- (4) A survey was sent to Fairfax Resolves Chapter's membership asking for responses concerning Chapter activities, meetings times and days, and other questions on direction of the chapter. In response to inputs, meeting times and locations have been adjusted. The Chapter survey form has been shared with other VASSAR chapters (eg. Culpeper Minute Men).

c. Did your chapter have some other noteworthy accomplishment in recruiting and/or retention other than those already mentioned?? If so, briefly describe. Yes

- (1) Fairfax Resolves has expanded its area for recruitment and operations into Loudoun County, VA and successfully added former members of the now defunct VASSAR Chapter named Sergeant Major (SGM) John Champe. Chapter meetings and other activities (eg. youth oration contest) are conducted at Falcon Landing Retirement Community where the SGM John Champe Chapter previously held its meetings. This has proven to the SGM Champe SAR members who joined Fairfax Resolves that they are incorporated as part of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter and not just a source of more dues.
- (2) Mailings similar to those for former SGM John Champe Chapter Compatriots are mailed to former Fairfax Resolves Compatriots. This has resulted in former Chapter members being reinstated. This is now routine following the establishment of the paid membership roster for the coming year.
- (3) Periodic mailings of the Chapter newsletter to members without e-mail access has Seemingly resulted in these members continuing to remain active with dues payment.
- (4) A Chapter-wide survey of the members on the Chapter's activities to include meeting times and locations. As a result of the survey some modifications to chapter meeting times and other activities seems to have positively improved member involvement.
- (5) Special Fairfax Resolves brochure highlights details of the Chapters membership and activities.
- (6) A periodic orientation session is conducted for new as well as existing members to explain the Chapter's programs and solicit greater member involvement. These have been successful

d. How many Supplemental Applications submitted by your chapter were approved?

9

List the name of the members whose Supplemental Applications were approved.

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Patriot Ancestor</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
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J. Clark Bursley	David Colcord	NH	12/10/2009*
Mark E. Scott	John Stanfield	NC	01/04/2010
Brett M. Sweeney	Edward Barnard, Jr.	CT	05/10/2010
William W. Price	John Hudnall	VA	05/10/2010
Phillip A. Ray	Francis Cockburn	NC	06/29/2010
Phillip A. Ray	George Cockburn	NC	06/29/2010
Jeremy P. Ray	Francis Cockburn	NC	06/29/2010
Jeremy P. Ray	George Cockburn	NC	06/29/2010
Donald G. Cooper	Magdalene Dellinger	VA	10/07/2010

Note: * Approval not reported until 01/04/2010 NSSAR Application Status Report and not reported in the Chapter's 2009 VASSAR Report.

13. Business Activity

a. Participation in State, District & National business meetings

Number of members of your chapter attended the *2010 VASSAR Annual Meeting*. 4

John E. Sweeney, Chapter President

Darrin M. Schmidt, Chapter 2nd Vice President

Lawrence E. McKinley, Chapter Registrar and Chaplain

Dennis Hickey, IV, Chapter Management Board & Past President

Number attending the *2010 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting*. 3

John E. Sweeney, Chapter President

Darrin M. Schmidt, Chapter 2nd Vice President

Lawrence E. McKinley, Chapter Registrar, Chaplain & Past President

Number of members of your chapter attending the National Congress. 2

Lawrence E. McKinley

Darrin M. Schmidt

Number of members of your chapter attended the Atlantic Middle States Meeting 1

Lawrence E. McKinley

Number of members of your chapter are on VASSAR or NSSAR Committees. 3

(1) **Lawrence E. McKinley, VASSAR Nominating Committee, Liaison to C.A.R., NSSAR Rumbaugh Orations-vice chair; Public Service and Heroism-chair, National Youth Activities Coordinator, C.A.R. Committee and members 4 other committees.**

(2) **John E. Sweeney, VASSAR National History Day Committee District 5 Coordinator**

(3) **Dennis J. Hickey, IV, VASSAR Awards Committee**

b. Fundraising

Did your chapter or individual members contribute financially to any of the VASSAR trust funds? Yes

If so, identify the fund(s) contributed to. Because these contributions are no longer contributed through the chapter dues payment process details of member contributions are no longer available to chapters

c. Reporting to the State and National Society

Did your chapter submit a report at the 2010 Annual Meeting? Yes

Chapter President John E. Sweeney

Did your chapter notify the VASSAR Secretary of its new president, secretary and treasurer? Yes

d. Recognition by your chapter of Service to the SAR

Please do NOT report medals given for service to the community in this section, even if the

recipient is an SAR member.

How many people did your chapter recognize with a medal for service to the SAR?		
Name	Affiliation (if any)	Medal or Certificate
<i>e.g. John Doe</i>	<i>XYZ Chapter SAR</i>	<i>Virginia Society Medal</i>
<i>Jane Doe</i>	<i>ABC Chapter DAR</i>	<i>Medal of Appreciation</i>
Holly Lynne McKinley Schmidt	Fairfax DAR Chapter	Daughters of Liberty Medal
Jane W. Peak	Fairfax DAR Chapter	Medal of Appreciation
Carol Lee Sweeney	Kate Waller Barrett DAR Chapter	Medal of Appreciation
Mary Frances McKinley	---None---	Daughters of Liberty Medal
Lawrence Edward McKinley	Fairfax Resolves	Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
George Lawrence Lamborn	Fairfax Resolves	VASSAR Chapter Service Medal
Paul R. Peak, CAPT, USCG-Ret.	Fairfax Resolves	VASSAR Chapter Service Medal
Phillip A. Ray	Fairfax Resolves	VASSAR Chapter Service Medal
Daniel E. Rolph	Fairfax Resolves	VASSAR Chapter Service Medal
Dennis J. Hickey, IV, CAPT, USN, Retired	Fairfax Resolves	VASSAR Chapter Service Medal
Lawrence E. McKinley, MAJ, USAR, Ret.	Fairfax Resolves	VASSAR Chapter Service Medal
Darrin M. Schmidt	Fairfax Resolves	VASSAR Chapter Service Medal
Donald G. Cooper, PhD	Fairfax Resolves	SAR Certificate of Appreciation
Thomas L. Wilkerson	Fairfax Resolves	SAR Certificate of Appreciation
Maj Gen, USMC-Ret.	Fairfax Resolves	SAR Certificate of Appreciation
Steven Bashore	--None---	SAR Certificate of Appreciation
Michael Cecere	--None---	SAR Certificate of Appreciation
Pastor James Knicely	--None---	SAR Certificate of Appreciation

14. Forgotten Patriots Program

- Did your chapter remember any Forgotten Patriots in 2010? Yes
- How many? 12
- Please list their names

Forgotten Patriot	Type Application.	Compatriot/NSSAR No.	NSSAR Date of Approval
1. John Maxey	Supplemental	John D. Sinks, PhD/121743	01/07/2009*
2. Nathaniel Wing	New	J. Clarke Bursley, Col./173897	05/01/2009*
3. Nathaniel Barker, Sr.	Supplemental	John D. Sinks, PhD/121743	05/26/2009*
4. John Davenport	New	James R. Naughton, Sr./174514	06/18/2009*
5. Edward Laurance	Supplemental	John D. Sinks, PhD/121743	07/02/2009*
6. William Stuart	Supplemental	Lawrence E. McKinley/147555	07/17/2009*
7. Johannes Ems	Supplemental	Robert Engle/168075	07/17/2009*
8. Vincent Hudson	New	Elliot Berke, II/175453	11/05/2009*
9. John Stanfield	Supplemental	Mark E. Scott, Lt.Col./141515	01/03/2010**
10. Francis Cockburn	Supplemental	Maj. Phillip A. Ray/171417	06/29/2010
11. Magdalene Dellinger	Supplemental	Donald G. Cooper, PhD/161516	10/07/2010
12. John William Howe	New	Kim R. Holmes, PhD/178326	11/03/2010

* No VASSAR Chapter given credit for 2009 Forgotten Patriots and included for credit in 2010

** Lt. Col. Scott's membership was incorporated into Fairfax Resolves and Supplemental worked and originally listed with VA but when approved listed with DCSSAR due to **transfer glitch** that has since been resolved.

15. 2010 VASSAR Presidential Initiatives

- a. Did your Chapter donate \$500 or more to the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage in either 2009 or 2010? Yes
- b. Was your Chapter represented at the special joint VASSAR/1812 Plaque Dedication program at the Old Providence Presbyterian Church in Raphine, VA., on May 15? Yes
Two Fairfax Resolves Compatriots were present. They were Larry McKinley in VA-CL uniform as part of the VASSAR Color Guard and Andrew Monahan presenting the Chapter Wreath.

16. Comments and Suggestions (Not Graded)

- a. Please tell us about something your chapter did or learned that would help VASSAR or the other chapters.
 - (1) **Chapter Survery:** a survey was sent out to all chapter members asking for input on various activities of the chapter and what was important or desirable for them to be involved in. The results were about 35% return with the responses causing the chapter leadership to make adjustments in the chapter's activities
 - (2) **Publicity/Orientation Video:** a 1st rate quality video is being developed to use in chapter orientation and recruiting activities to motivate SAR involvement among potential applicants as well as members. It will likely be used at the next Herndon Day type community outreach booth or similar information/recruiting event.
 - (3) **Providing framed inset certificates and medals for Citizen and Teacher of the Year** improves placement of these awards on walls and in offices instead of the recipient possibly shoving the medals in a drawer. The recipients have stated they really appreciate the special care in presentation and our name is on walls and offices where the plaque is displayed..
- b. Did you encounter problems that you would like VASSAR help in resolving?
 - (1) Current production quality of the stake type SAR Patriot Grave Marker is inadequate. The bronze head is poorly secured to the stake with a single thin screw and requires addition of shim and a better screw to protect it from easyremoval by vandals. Additionally new stake markers lack threads at the base of the stake to enable attachment of metal pieces with washer and nut for sinking in cement in hole by the grave. Failure to do this makes the marker extremely vulnerable to being pulled from the ground and stolen.. Total cost for modifications is \$180 which doubles cost of marker to chapter. Production standards for SAR stake type markers need to be modified to include these additional features. VASSAR (Wayne Rouse) notified of the problems and additional expense to chapters.
 - (2) Last minute notification of non-availability of old SAR applications has been cause for difficulty in assisting applicants with applications base on previously proven SAR certified Patriot ancestors. Some provision for continued availability of these records should have been made while files are in possession of Anestry.com. No advance notice has been provided and the loss of access is learned only when the SAR application request form is accessed on the website.

- (3) Access to the NSSAR roster of names for the Fairfax Resolves Chapter was gained in Dec 2010 and it shows a total of eleven names of mostly long-standing loyal Compatriots of the Chapter no longer being on the NSSAR roster for the Chapter. These names have been inexplicably removed for no understandable reason?? This has resulted in these loyal Compatriots not receiving the SAR Magazine because NSSAR uses this clearly inaccurate roster as a basis for mailings of the SAR Magazine. This situation is particularly degrading to membership retention of particularly older long-term members whose contact with the SAR is limited to the SAR Magazine and perhaps one event during the year. Conversely there are currently names of fifteen former members of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter who have not paid their dues to remain active in the SAR. Three of these have not paid dues for three or more years but obviously still receive the SAR Magazine for free! Eight have not paid dues for two years and still get the SAR Magazine while loyal dues paying members do not receive the SAR Magazine. The VASSAR Secretary has been provided a detailed report on this particular situation and is obviously working hard to correct this situation for the entire VASSAR with seemingly limited success. The NSSAR is seemingly insensitive to the adverse impacts of their roster's inaccuracy and seemingly focus solely on the membership numbers for each State Society and corresponding National dues owed rather than individual membership identities. This has got to stop! If the NSSAR is going to use its roster for SAR Magazine mailing then it must be as near to 100% accurate as possible!
 - (4) The SAR does not enjoy a high degree of credibility as a genealogical organization largely because of the lack of researchable American Revolutionary War digitized records of proven SAR Patriots and other research material. The mechanism to gain information on proven SAR Patriots is slow, cumbersome, grossly outdated and embarrassingly incomplete. The meager offering for a Patriot Look-up Service is a 2002 CD that is woefully deficient in data for those Proven SAR Patriots listed and in many cases devoid of information on many proven SAR Patriots. It is an embarrassment and source of scorn for SAR members dealing with the DAR and other genealogical organizations.
 - (5) Fund raising within the SAR is very unimaginative and is essentially a "panhandler" operation attempting to squeeze more money from the membership. New ideas need to be implemented.
- c. Do you have any suggestions for improvements?
- (1) See above comments on SAR Stake type marker problems and solution.
 - (2) Changes to procedures and the loss of access to old SAR applications should not have occurred without ample notification and an alternative access mechanism should have been provided. Applicants requiring access to these records are simply "on-hold" pending availability of these applications from NSSAR.
 - (3) Regarding the accuracy of the NSSAR membership rosters for each State Society, it is clear that the NSSAR Headquarters policy of focusing on the number of members in each State Society as a basis for NSSAR dues collection should also focus on the names of the Compatriots because this roster drives SAR Magazine distribution. Membership total number counts at NSSAR are inconsistent with its use of its National Society roster for SAR Magazine mailings. Chapters should report the names of paid up members by Nov of each year and the State Societies should report their rosters by Dec for the new SAR Magazine distribution list to be finalized. This is a terribly important matter for membership retention and should be given a very high priority for correction at the NSSAR level. An alternative solution might be to go the way of the DAR and have

- members subscribe separately for the SAR Magazine and another qualitative metric for Chapters, using the number of SAR Magazine subscribers in each chapter.
- (4) While the effort by our current SAR Genealogist General, Joe Dooley, to have the SAR applications of deceased members posted on Ancestry.com is a very favorable start at the SAR becoming better represented in the genealogical research community it was accomplished with little to no notification and SAR applications requiring this older information have been stalled as a result. Regardless, what is really needed is a major SAR-wide effort to develop a research database comparable to that of the DAR with digitally filed SAR applications, reference documentation and other holdings. There is a gross lack of information on approved SAR applications and proven SAR Patriots. The grossly outdated NSSAR 2002 CD is virtually worthless in terms of proven SAR Patriots information and it also does not even operate on Vista and newer computer operating systems. The current SAR patriot look-up service based on this old CD doesn't provide current successful SAR applications and proven Patriots. It is inadequate to support the Forgotten Patriot Program and assist other new member or supplemental applications. For all practical purposes the source for these is the DAR database.
- (5) Fundraising by the SAR is not very imaginative. The SAR could learn from the DAR which sends to members unique items and requests donations. SAR logo embossed return address labels with members' military, academic, or professional titles would be low cost and in demand. Also SAR Logo embossed name tag labels for visitors to use at SAR events are just two likely high demand items. Some thought ought to be given to charging for a subscription to the SAR Magazine. This would make more of the NSSAR dues available for operating and development costs and eliminate the inaccurate and difficult to maintain NSSAR Rosters as the basis for the SAR Magazine's distribution.

Remember to submit your report by January 14, 2011

Signed: JOHN E. SWEENEY
(By person completing the report)

Date: 26 Dec 2010