

**Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution
ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**

Chapter Name: **Fairfax Resolves Chapter**

Chapter Size: Number of members as of December 31, 2011: **86**

Person Completing Report: **Darrin M. Schmidt, 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: Small (1 to 24); Medium (25 to 49); Large (50 to 89) and Very Large (90 and over). 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/or NSSAR priorities:

Yorktown Day Observance, Martin’s Station, Battle of Great Bridge, 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, Vietnam Memorial Day.

Caveats:

- ◆ Chapter Reports are **due no later than January 13, 2012**
- ◆ 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 Joseph W. Dooley at joexyz@verizon.net. Electronic submissions must contain on the subject line: **VASSAR 2011 Report XYZ Chapter**. Alternately, reports may be mailed to: Joseph W. Dooley, 3105 Faber Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044.

1. Revolutionary Graves

a. Revolutionary Grave Marking

Did your chapter mark any Revolutionary graves? Yes

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

Benjamin Harrison (July 4th)

Richard Bland Lee (November 19th)

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

“The Life and Times of Richard Bland Lee”

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

Invited Attendees: The Society of Lees of Virginia, DC Society SAR, local C.A.R. & DAR.

Date: November 19, 2011

Location: Sully Plantation

Did you notify the Virginia Society Revolutionary Graves Chairman? Yes



D. Schmidt; V. Eubanks; L. McKinley; D. Freeman;
S. Stephens; Bill Price, Graves Registration Chairman



D. Tackett, MD; Rob Warren, D.C; and Bill Price, Fairfax Resolves at Harrison's grave.

b. Grave Registration

Did you register any Revolutionary graves with the Virginia Society Revolutionary Graves Chairman? Yes

New registrations: 2

Update registrations: 11

2010 Carryover: 6

Current 2011 total: 13.5

c. Other Graves Projects – provide details. Yes

1. Arlington National Cemetery. Nine of 10 Revolutionary Graves in Arlington National Cemetery have been properly marked by the SAR. The remaining grave, Ensign Caleb

Swan, is not marked. Further, the original slab marker is broken and illegible. A replacement Veterans Affairs marker is being applied for, and attempts are being pursued with cemetery personnel to schedule a formal SAR marking for Caleb Swan on Memorial Day 2012.

2. Pursuing opportunities to mark local graves, seeking additional permissions from property owners and descendants as appropriate.

3. Pursuing opportunities to partner with local SAR/DAR Chapters and C.A.R. Societies in Ohio to mark graves of Patriots who were granted land in the Virginia Military District of Ohio, including John Kiser, the first resident of Montgomery County (Dayton), OH.

4. A total of 32 flags were placed on the following graves of Revolutionary War veterans in honor of Memorial Day. All locations are in Fairfax County or the District of Columbia:

Congressional Cemetery (2)

Elisha Harrison

Benjamin Harrison

Oak Hill Cemetery (3)

John Adlum

Uriah Forrest

Steven Balch

Fairfax Cemetery (1)

Thomas Millan

Dranesville Methodist Church (1)

Israel Holliday

Clifton, Virginia (2)

Aaron Wickliff

Moses Wickliff

Vienna, Virginia (3)

Charles Broadwater

Charles Lewis Broadwater

Jeremiah Moore

Arlington National Cemetery (10)

William Russell

William Ward Burrows

Caleb Swan

John Follin

Joseph Carleton

James House

John Green

James McCubbin Lingan

Pierre Charles L'Enfant

Hugh Auld

Alexandria (Christ Church, Library, etc: 10)

James Lawrason

Samuel Cooper

William Herbert

John Sloan

Lawrence Hooff

Elisha Dick

Charles Simms
George Mason
Philip Marsteller
Edward Lewis

Photos and GPS coordinates were obtained for most of the graves listed.

A total of 13 flags were retired.

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)?

Event/Location No. Attending

Yorktown Day Observance
Schmidt, McKinley, Freeman +2 WOSAR

3



Martin's Station

0

Battle of Great Bridge
McKinley, Eubanks +1 WOSAR

2



Crossing of the Dan
McKinley

1

Guilford Courthouse
McKinley +1 WOSAR.

1

Point Pleasant
Schmidt, McKinley +2 WOSAR

2



King's Mountain
McKinley

1



Cowpens
McKinley +1 WOSAR

1

Valley Forge
Schmidt, McKinley +2 WOSAR

2



4th of July Ceremony at the Congressional Cemetery Gravesite of US Vice Pres. Elbridge Gerry (DC Society of the SAR)
Price

1

Additional documentation of Fairfax Resolves' participation in Tier I events can be found on the Fairfax Resolves Chapter's Web Site (Picture Galleries section) at:

http://fairfaxresolvessar.org/ffx_chapter_galleries.html

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

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
James Madison's Birthday	0
James Monroe's Birthday	0
Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Price, Sweeney + 1 WOSAR	2



Constitution Day	0
Memorial Day	0
July 4 th at Mount Vernon (GW Chapter Washington Tomb) Schmidt, McKinley + 2WOSAR	2



July 4th (Benjamin Harrison Grave Marking) Price	1
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Veterans Day - Patriotic Songs Concert by Prince William Choraliers
Rolph, Eubanks, McKinley (picture below)

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Veterans Day (GW Chapter Washington Tomb)
Eubanks

1

Veterans Day (Great Falls War Memorial)
McKinley + 1 WOSAR

1



Additional documentation of Fairfax Resolves' participation in Tier II events can be found on the Fairfax Resolves Chapter's Web Site (Picture Galleries section) at:

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

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
Blockhouse Schmidt, McKinley + 1 WOSAR	2



9/11 Ceremony at Westfields High School
Schmidt, Rolph, Eubanks, McKinley, Price + 3 WOSAR

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Additional documentation of Fairfax Resolves' participation in Tier III events can be found on the Fairfax Resolves Chapter's Web Site (Picture Galleries section) at:

http://fairfaxresolvessar.org/ffx_chapter_galleries.html

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	
	Average - 3
Sully Plantation Naturalization - Schmidt, McKinley	2
Lee Grave Marking – Schmidt, Eubanks, McKinley	3
Choraliers, - Rolph, Eubanks, McKinley	3
9/11 Ceremony at Westfields High School – Schmidt, Rolph, Eubanks, McKinley	4
VASSAR Color Guard	
	Average – 1.9
Gold Good Citizen Award (GW Chapter Event) – McKinley, Eubanks	2
State Conference – Schmidt, Rolph	2
Blockhouse – Schmidt, McKinley	2
July 4 th at Mount Vernon (GW Chapter Event) – Schmidt, McKinley	2
Mid-Atlantic Color Guard - Schmidt, Eubanks/4 Events	2
Valley Forge – Schmidt, McKinley	2
Veterans Day at Mount Vernon (GW Chapter Event) – Eubanks	1
National Color Guard	
	Average – 1.8
N.S.C.A.R. Convention Opening Night - Schmidt, Eubanks Also in attendance: McKinley	2
Arlington Cemetery Wreath Laying – Schmidt, McKinley	2
NSSAR Congress – Schmidt	1
Atlantic Middle States – Schmidt, Eubanks	2
Battle Days (Point Pleasant) – Schmidt, McKinley	2
Yorktown Day – Schmidt, McKinley	2

Additional documentation of Fairfax Resolves' participation in Color Guard events can be found on the Fairfax Resolves Chapter's Web Site (Picture Galleries section) at:

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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. Color Guard demonstration and participation at the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Westfields High School involved many community members asking questions about the Revolutionary War uniforms.
2. Some Color Guard members routinely carry Betsy Ross flags to hand out to children with whom they take pictures at events in uniform. Numerous flags have been handed out children of all ages.

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

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 meetings routinely include a guest speaker with 20-40 minute presentations on American Revolutionary War or other American History topics. Question and answer sessions follow.
 2. All new SAR member induction ceremonies and SAR Supplemental Application award presentations include a presentation by the respective SAR Compatriot concerning the American Revolutionary War Patriot's life and patriotic service.
 3. Articles providing information about SAR Compatriot activity at a particular event are accompanied by some context of why this event is important as an SAR activity.
 4. Chapter SAR Grave Marking ceremonies include an extensively researched and well documented paper on the life and times of the Patriot which is read during the ceremony and copies of the research paper are presented to descendants of the Patriot and local librarian.
 5. The Chapter Website lists all of the Patriots from whom Chapter Compatriots are descended and highlights the lives and contributions of these Patriot ancestors.
www.fairfaxresolvessar.org

- b. Did your chapter do something special to promote knowledge and understanding of American history in the community? If so, briefly describe.
 1. Residents of Vinson Hall Retirement Community and Falcons' Landing (venues where chapter meetings are held) are routinely invited to attend the open portion of chapter meetings to hear guest speaker presentations and the presentations given on patriot ancestors by newly inducted chapter members and newly approved supplemental applications of chapter members' supplemental patriot ancestors.
 2. Chapter Website (www.fairfaxresolvessar.org) has historical material postings as follows:
 - (a) Names, rank or other status as well as state of service for ancestor patriots of chapter members;
 - (b) a listing of American Revolutionary War civil servants in the Town of Alexandria, VA which facilitates prospective member applications based on the service of these patriots;
 - (c) Fairfax and Loudon County American Revolutionary War Pension Applications;
 - (d) information about patriot graves marked by the chapter;
 - (e) transcriptions of the legislative petitions from Fairfax County, including the Town of Alexandria, from the Revolutionary period; and
 - (f) website posted chapter newsletters which contain historical articles, to include a new innovation where chapter members write well documented articles on their respective patriots under the banner of "Meet My Patriot." The value of these for assisting other applications is clear.
 3. The historical presentations at the select Chapter meetings by the guest speakers have been video recorded and posted on the chapter's website for anyone to view.

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

a. Oration Contest

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2011 VASSAR Oration Contest? Yes

Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2011 VASSAR Oration Contest from a local oration contest in which there was more than one entry? Yes

Yvonne J. Bowser-Caballero was our sponsored entrant to the 2011 Orations Contest. She competed against two other contestants in our Chapter level competition. In cooperation with Mrs. Mary Lou Wentzel of Bishop O'Connell High School, Fairfax Resolves "splits" contestants from Bishop O'Connell with two other chapters in Northern Virginia. This helps more students participate in higher levels of the Orations contest.



b. Essay Contest

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2011 VASSAR Essay Contest? Yes

Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2011 VASSAR Essay Contest from a local contest in which there was more than one entry? Yes

Shanna Bishop was our sponsored entrant to the 2011 Essay Contest from Bishop O'Connell High School. She competed against two other contestants in our Chapter level competition.



c. History Day

Did your chapter provide support for National History Day by:

A total of 210 elementary, middle school, and high school students with 197 separate competitive historical research presentations were involved in the 2011 National History Day District V Competition. The competitions involved research presentations employing communications media in the following categories of competition: documentary, videos, poster type exhibits, traditional research papers, dramatic performances, and website constructions at the Junior and Senior levels.

The SAR Bronze Citizenship Medal and Certificate is awarded to 1st Place student competitors. The SAR Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate is awarded to those placing 2nd and a SAR Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to those designated 3rd place or honorable mention. To qualify for SAR awards in competition categories the subject of the project must pertain to American History or events relevant to America's History for the 1750 to 1800 time period. This year the total awards presented were: four SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals and four SAR Certificates of Appreciation. The four certificates comprised one individual award and one group award of three.

The SAR Award winners for 2011 are:

1. Junior Individual Documentary 1st Place (SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal)

Topic: The Alien and Sedition Acts: An Open Violation

Winning Student Competitor: Chloe Baker

School: Lorton Station Elementary School

Advisors: Laurie Hartt, e-mail: laurie.hartt@fcps.edu

Margaret Hanscom, e-mail: margaret.hanscom@fcps.edu

2. Junior Individual Exhibit 1st Place (SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal)

Topic: Things To Be Amended

Winning Student Competitor: Brooke Albertson

School: Philip Michael Pennington Traditional School

Advisors: Ms. Weiss, e-mail: weissmd@pwcs.edu

Mrs. Khochareun, e-mail: luong25@hotmail.com

3. Junior Individual Exhibit 3rd Place (SAR Certificate of Appreciation)

Topic: The Constitutional Convention

Winning Student Competitor: Angelo Cline

School: Springfield Estates Elementary School

Advisors: Deborah Witt, e-mail: deborah.witt@fcps.edu

Margie Robertson, e-mail: mirobertson@fcps.edu

4. Senior Individual Performance 1st Place (SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal)

Topic: A Revolutionary Spectacle

Winning Student Competitor: Ben Koses

School: West Springfield High School

Advisors: Leigh Shipman, e-mail: mishipman@fcps.edu

Cathleen Boivin, e-mail: cdboivin@fcps.edu

5. Junior Group Website Honorable Mention (SAR Certificate of Appreciation)

Topic: The Debate and Diplomacy of American Independence

Winning Student Competitors: Andrew Kim, Reilly McLaren, and Jack Snowdon
School: Springfield Estates Elementary School
Advisors: Deborah Witt, e-mail: deborah.witt@fcps.edu
Margie Robertson, e-mail: mlrobertson@fcps.edu

6. Senior Individual Website 1st Place (SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal)

Topic: Casimir Pulaski
Winning Student Competitor: Dominik Tattera
School: Wakerfield School
Advisor: Carolyn Wyrsh, e-mail: cwyrsh@wakerfieldschool.org

The National History Day District 5 Awards Ceremony, in an auditorium with over 200 students, supporting school faculty advisors, and parents, is routinely conducted immediately following the conclusion of the competitions, to include “run-off” competition among top qualifying projects. As in the past, the Master of Ceremonies was Professor Zachary Schrag, Chairman of the History Department for George Mason University, assisted by Professor Randall Lytton presenter of the National History Day awards to the student winners. At the outset, the Master of Ceremonies recognized the sponsorship of the National History Day District 5 event by naming various commercial enterprises and the significant financial and judging support by the specific Chapters of the SAR.

The following SAR Compatriots shared the stage with Professor Schrag to present the SAR awards to those qualifying winners, immediately following their receipt of their National History Day awards: William A. Broadus, Jr., (Col. William Grayson Chapter), Lance M. Lyngar (Culpeper Minute Men), Wendell E. “Jack” Shawn (George Washington Chapter), and William W. Price (Fairfax Resolves Chapter). Pictures of these presentations are enclosed. Also remaining for the awards ceremony to handle administrative details were David Allard (Col. William Grayson), Robert Carr (George Washington Chapter). The photographer was John E. Sweeney (Fairfax Resolves Chapter). One SAR Good Citizenship Medal was provided by the George Mason, Culpeper Minute Men, Fairfax Resolves, and Col. William Grayson Chapters. George Mason Chapter also contributed two SAR Good Citizen Medal Certificates. Fairfax Resolves is to provide the other two SAR Good Citizen Medal Certificates and the four Certificates of Appreciation.

The SAR medals are given to the students at the award event. However, the certificates shown in the photos did not contain the students’ names and winning project information. The actual certificates are prepared after the fact by Lawrence E. McKinley, Fairfax Resolves Chapter Secretary, and forwarded to the designated faculty advisor of the student winners. This enables the faculty advisors to assume lead in determining how and when these are awarded, normally at the respective school’s awards assembly. The faculty advisors are therefore afforded an opportunity for personal recognition at their respective schools for having accomplished this “above and beyond” additional NHD Advisor work with the obvious outstanding results achieved.

In the 6 categories of winning all Faculty Advisors (11 teachers in the Middle and High School categories) were awarded Certificates of Appreciation by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter. The certificates were hand delivered to the respective principals for presentation at faculty meetings. We intended that these teachers be recognized for stimulating students to investigate, showing them how to conduct primary/secondary research, documenting the findings, and presenting the findings in various ways. We don’t know of anyone else that recognizes the History Day teachers like Fairfax Resolves.

How many judges (or alternates) did your chapter provide? 4
Lawrence E. McKinley
William W. Price
John E. Sweeney
Brett M. Sweeney

How many chapter members attended History Day competitions (count judges)? 4
How much money did your chapter and its members contribute? \$125
Did your chapter encourage participation by local schools? Yes
If so, briefly describe?

At the 2011 Atlantic Middle States Conference, Compatriot Bill Price presented his experience with National History Day to fellow compatriots and encouraged their participation in local school contests. Compatriot Price provided information on how Fairfax Resolves is involved as judges, and as award presenters. Compatriot Jack Sweeney assisted with this presentation, sharing that the experience is not only valuable for the students, but just as valuable for the judges who participate.

How many good citizenship medals or pins did your chapter award to recognize outstanding History Day achievements? 1



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
How many Junior ROTC Medals (High School) did your chapter present? 5

School: George Mason University

Award Ceremony: Sat., 7 May 2011, 1800 hrs. at Dewberry Hall, Fairfax Campus

SAR ROTC Silver Medal Recipient: Chase Thomas Neely, Army ROTC

Fairfax Resolves Representative(s): Dennis Hickey

School: Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Rd., Chantilly, VA 20151

Award Ceremony: Sat., 14 May 2011, 1000 hrs. at H.S. Gym

SAR JROTC Bronze Medal Recipient: Charles R. Keith, Air Force JROTC

Fairfax Resolves Representative: Jack Sweeney

School: Herndon High School, 700 Bennett St., Herndon, VA 20170

Award Ceremony: Fri., 20 May 2011, 1800 hrs. at School Cafeteria

SAR JROTC Bronze Medal Recipient: Ian C. Martin, Navy JROTC

Fairfax Resolves Representative: Dan Rolph

School: Loudoun County High School, 415 Dry Mill Rd., SW, Leesburg, VA 20175

Award Ceremony: 1 Jun 2011, 1900 hrs. at H.S. Auditorium

SAR JROTC Bronze Medal Recipient: Jordan Robert Willhelm-Wenzel, Navy JROTC

Fairfax Resolves Representative(s): Jim Compton and Don Fenton

School: South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Dr., Reston, VA 20191

Award Ceremony: Mon., 9 May 2011, 1830 hrs. at Cafeteria

SAR JROTC Bronze Medal Recipient: William R. Stockdale, Army JROTC

Fairfax Resolves Representative: Bill Price

****Special Note: At the South Lakes JROTC event, our award winner, William Stockdale, and his father took their Oath of Citizenship at the ceremony.**

Did your Chapter submit an entrant to the VASSAR JROTC Award Program? No

ROTC and JROTC Presentations

Charles R. Keith and Jack Sweeney



Darrin Schmidt, Jordan Robert Willhelm,
Don Fenton and Jim Compton



Dan Rolph and Ian C. Martin



William R. Stockdale and Bill Price



Dennis Hickey and Chase Thomas Neely

b. Outstanding Student in American History Program

How many outstanding students did your chapter recognize? 7

How many outstanding students were recognized with SAR medals or pins? 7

The following recipients were all awarded medals:

School	Recipient
Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School	Marlena Fernandez
H-B Woodlawn Program	Kate Bauman
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology	Jacob Miller
Wakefield High School	Charles Simon
Washington and Lee	Carl Buergler
Washington and Lee	Joseph Windhelm
Yorktown High School	Robert S. Morris

c. Scout Program

How many Eagle Scout certificates did your chapter award? 0

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the VASSAR Eagle Scout contest? No

Larry McKinley, Chapter Secretary, and Darrin Schmidt, President are Communications and Genealogy Merit Badge Counselors for the Chain Bridge District, National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In 2011, we had 15 boys obtaining merit badges on their way to Eagle Scout.

Work with C.A.R. – Blockhouse C.A.R. Induction



8. Recognition of Public Service

a. Law Enforcement Program

How many Law Enforcement Medals did your chapter present? 1
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? Yes
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Law Enforcement Contest? Yes

20110614 Law Enforcement Commendation Medal presentation at the Fairfax County Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony. With Fairfax Resolves Chapter participation coordinated by Law Enforcement Chairman, Bud Walker, this ceremony was attended by Jack Sweeney and Bill Price, with President Darrin Schmidt presenting the awards.

Our first presentation was to our 2011 Law Enforcement awardee, Master Police Officer Pete Davila. MPO Davila’s time as an instructor at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy has been truly exceptional. He has been instrumental in the development of new curriculum and the modernizing of current curriculum, always with an eye on officer safety and public service. MPO Davila has served the community with outstanding distinction and devotion for over 21 years. Shown below with Police Chief Col. David Rohrer and President Darrin M. Schmidt.

The second presentation was the State award presentation to our 2010 awardee, Shawn Monaghan, who due to his undercover status, cannot be photographed for publicity purposes.



b. Fire/Safety Program

How many Fire Safety Medals did your chapter present? 1
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? Yes
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Fire Safety Contest? Yes

c. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program

How many EMS Medals did your chapter present? 1
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? Yes
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR EMS Award Contest? Yes

The Fire and EMS Awards were presented jointly in front of the Fairfax County Fire Station 30 squads during a duty break on October 12, 2011. Compatriots Schmidt, Monahan, McKinley and Eubanks attended the presentations honoring Captain II Mark Feaster and Technician Warren Artis. President Schmidt welcomed the squad, explained a little about SAR and Fairfax Resolves' history Fairfax County Fire Department and the Public Safety Awards program. Attendees were impressed with our awardees, whose recommendations were summarized by Chairman Monahan.



President Schmidt & Captain II Mark Feaster



President Schmidt & Technician Warren Artis

d. Teacher of the Year Program

How many teachers were honored by your chapter? 1
How many were recognized with good citizenship medals? 1
How many were recognized only with only a certificate? 0
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Teacher of the Year Contest? Yes

Mr. Jamie B. Sawatsky was recognized at our December Social as the Fairfax Resolves Teacher of the Year. He was presented with a framed Good Citizenship medal and Certificate.



Dr. Don Cooper, Teacher of Year Chair; Mr. Sawatsky, & President Darrin Schmidt

e. Heroism

Did your chapter recognize some one for Heroism? No
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Heroism Award Contest? No

f. Other Public Service Programs

How many other public servants did your chapter recognize? 0
How many of these were awarded SAR medals? 0

9. Veterans Program

a. Support for Veterans

Please describe the support your chapter provided for veterans.

b. Other Veterans Program

Did your chapter carry out some other significant Veterans support program? 4

If so, briefly provide details.

- Participation in the NSSAR WWII Recognition program. We have three WW II veterans recognized, Earl Anderson, Gen. USMC-Ret. (age: 94); William Youngs (age: 96); and Charles H. Boggs, Jr. M.D. (age: 90). We inducted two additional WW II veterans in November and have ordered their certificates and plan to present them their war service medals.
- A special speech given at the Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony at Great Falls Memorial 11/11/11 by Chapter Secretary Larry McKinley. The Great Falls Freedom Memorial honoring those Great Falls residents who perished 9/11. Other attendees included the American Legion, Langley High School, Great Falls Elementary and many elected officials. Compatriot McKinley's topic was remembrances of a Veteran of two wars and the teamwork it takes to be successful in war and in life.
- AMS Wounded Warrior Presentations



Recognition of Veterans – President General Magerkurth assists with the War Service Medal presentations to two World War II veterans: General Anderson and Dr. Wineland.

- War Service Presentations to General Anderson, Fairfax Resolves Chapter and Dr. Wineland, George Washington Chapter.



Recognition of Wounded Warrior – Earl Anderson, Gen-USMC, Ret. and Larry McKinley, VPG-Mid-Atlantic District and Fairfax Resolves Secretary present a Wounded Warrior coin to SSG Robert Bartlett, USA-Ret. at the AMS Banquet. Shown at left is Mr. Bartlett's wife, Jordan.

10. Other Community Programs

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? 2

Fire/EMS Presentation

Great Falls Library

Did you report these 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.

Certificates of Appreciation (6)

Jim Compton

William "Bill" Simpson, Jr.

Hon. William Page Johnson, II

Brandt Heatherington

Lynn Price

Peter Badger

(Other awards reported separately)

c. DAR Activities

	No. of Events	Avg. No. of Members
DAR members in events sponsored by your chapter 9 Chapter Meetings (Winter Social had 6 DAR members in attendance!), 2 Color Guard Events	<u> 13 </u>	<u> 3 </u> DAR

Members of your chapter in events sponsored by DAR 5 1 SAR

- Prince William Resolves & Col. Fielding Lewis SAR Old Aquia Church celebration (Eubanks)
- Prince William Resolves DAR new member installation (Eubanks)
- Prince William Resolves DAR Gravemarking and dedication of replacement fence
- Prince William Resolves DAR proclamation of National Native American Day at Prince William County Board of Supervisors' Meeting (Eubanks)
- Thomas Nelson Chapter Anniversary celebrations (Schmidt)

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

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter lent genealogical and speaker programming assistance to the Thomas Nelson Chapter, DAR, during revitalization efforts of this DAR Chapter. By interesting several members of Thomas Nelson DAR in the SAR, families have been brought together in learning and celebrating their family history.

d. VASSAR Good Citizen of the Year

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

__Yes__

Daniel and Leslie Jenulesen were recognized as the Fairfax Resolves Chapter Good Citizen Recipients for 2011. In brief, the Jenulesens have coordinated the 9/11 Patriot Day ceremonies for the Sully Neighborhood Watch for ten years.



Left to Right, William Price, Citizen of the year chair, Mrs. Jenulesen; & President Schmidt

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__

Individual Compatriots made charitable contributions to AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Purple Heart, and other Veterans Charities.

Another group of Contributions were made to the National Orations Committee/Endowment Fund by three individuals: William Youngs, David Anderson, and Larry McKinley totaling \$850 in 2011 plus the Chapter donated \$500 to the same Endowment Fund in 2011.

11. Chapter Meetings and Communications

a. Chapter Meetings

How many meetings did your chapter hold this past calendar year? 9
Average meeting attendance? 15

b. Programs

How many non-compatriot speakers did your chapter have? 3
List the name and topic for each speaker.

January – Rumbaugh Orations Contest, Student Speakers from Bishop O’Connell HS

April – Hon. William Page Nelson II, Virginia’s Governor Nelson

October – Lynn Price, George Washington’s Financial Records

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

Many new members reflect on how much help the Chapter Web Site has been to support their efforts to become members of SAR. The photos indicate an active chapter, and the newsletters show engagement with the community.

Many members appreciate that we have improved our electronic communications, ensuring that meeting notices go out in an acceptable timeframe.

Web Site: www.fairfaxresolvessar.org

To maintain consistent contact communications, the Chapter has created email addresses for key Chapter functions. These addresses will remain the same even as officers change.

president@fairfaxresolvessar.org

secretary@fairfaxresolvessar.org

registrar@fairfaxresolvessar.org

treasurer@fairfaxresolvessar.org

membership@fairfaxresolvessar.org

webmaster@fairfaxresolvessar.org

Two listserv mailing lists are used for Chapter Communications

Officers

General Membership

d. Communications with the Community

How many press releases did your chapter issue about chapter events or activity? 3
How many news media (newspaper, radio television) exposures did your chapter receive? Describe briefly. 7

Newspapers: Citizen of the Year, State Award for Citizen of the Year, Flag Retirement Ceremony with C.A.R., McKinley Speech at Great Falls Veterans Day Ceremony

Newsletters: Quantico Sentry, Hunters Run HOA Newsletter

See available articles at:

http://fairfaxresolvessar.org/content/ffx_chapter_press/2009-2010/Great%20Falls%20-%20The%20Connection%20Newspapers%2020101215-2.pdf

http://fairfaxresolvessar.org/content/ffx_chapter_press/2011-2012/20110623_quantico_sentry_mt_ernon_4th_of_july_washington_tomb.pdf

http://fairfaxresolvessar.org/content/ffx_chapter_press/2011-2012/Great%20Falls%20-%20The%20Connection%20Newspapers%2020110622.pdf

<http://www.chantillyhuntersrun.info/news/fairfaxcountypolicefirerescuehosts9-11memorialceremony>

<http://connectionarchives.com/PDF/2011/091411/Centreview%20South.pdf>

<http://chantilly.patch.com/topics/9%252F11>

e. Publications

How many articles were submitted to the Virginia Bulletin by your chapter? _1 +photos_

Information on the 9/11 Ceremony held at Westfields High School was provided as requested.

Several of our Fairfax Resolves photographs have been used to supplement those taken by the Bulletin editor.

Additionally, newsletters were sent to the Virginia Bulletin editor for review for interesting items.

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. 1

An SAR Magazine article written by Compatriot McKinley has been submitted on the World War II story of Fairfax Resolves Compatriot Earl E. Anderson.

f. Other Publicity and Public Relations

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

This year, Fairfax Resolves worked diligently to manage its electronic presence. The Chapter Web Site has been maintained to ensure the calendar is up to date for Compatriots and Prospective members. Additionally, Fairfax Resolves Compatriots have actively searched "Google" or their favorite search engine to find out where "Fairfax Resolves" and "SAR" are found electronically. This has resulted in some interesting finds, where Fairfax Resolves images have been credited on the Internet, as well as some previously unknown articles / publicity items.

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 2011 ___+9___

Members as of last report: 77

Members Dropped: 8	New Members: 16
Members Resigned: 2	Reinstatements: 3
Transfers: 1	Reinstatement Transfers: 1
<u>Interstate Transfer Out: 1</u>	<u>Interstate Transfers: 1</u>
Total Loss: 12	Total Gain: 21

Members as of this report: **86**

b. Other Recruiting and Retention Activity

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

- Orientation was scheduled for August, but held in October for attendance purposes. Four newly inducted Compatriots attended, and two are very interested in Color Guard activities. The meeting session was advertised via email, phone calls and our Chapter Newsletter, stating: *“The Registrar and Membership Committee will be holding an orientation for new Compatriots in August. If the terms “Color Guard”, “Commendation Medals”, “Supplementals” and “Recessional” aren’t part of your everyday vernacular, please plan to join us!”*
- The Membership Committee follows up with newly inducted Compatriots to ensure they know when and where meetings are held, and when special events occur.
- Added a “Registrar’s Report” section to our Web site so prospective members can check on their status quickly at any time.
- Membership recruiting activity comprises brochures placed at selected genealogical research sites such as the Fairfax City Library’s Virginia Room and Alexandria City Library System Kate Waller Barrett Branch Virginia Room, Church of Latter Day Saints Family History Centers, and the DAR Library in Washington, DC.
- VASSAR New Member Helper referrals complement the all-important Chapter Compatriot prospective member referrals.
- After the standard mailing of dues notices, those Compatriots who have not replied with a dues payment are contacted by selected Chapter officers to encourage payment and retention as active Compatriots. The success rate exceeds 80% for retention.
- Sending hard-copy versions of the Chapter Newsletter via mail to non-email capable members to help retain them as dues paying members.

- c. How many Supplemental Applications submitted by your chapter were approved? 10
List the name of the members whose Supplemental Applications were approved.

Compatriot	Ancestor	State of Service	Date Approved
Andrew W. Gutowski	Baldwin Dade, Sr.	VA	03/17/2011 **
William W. Price	William Hudnall	VA	03/31/2011
Larry McKinley	Charles Parsons	VA	04/12/2011
J. Clarke Bursley	Samuel Thomas	MD	08/03/2011
Joseph Paton Marshall	James Washburn	MA	08/31/2011 **
J. Clarke Bursley	Winthrop Smart	NH	09/15/2011 **
John E. Sweeney	Peter Hill	MA	09/15/2011 **
William W. Price	George Norvell	VA	10/17/2011 **
William W. Price	James Norvell	VA	10/17/2011 **
William W. Price	Nimrod Newman	VA	10/17/2011 **

13. Business Activity

a. Participation in State, District & National business meetings

- Number of members of your chapter attended the 2011 VASSAR Annual Meeting. 6
Schmidt, McKinley, Sweeney, Price, Hickey, and Rolph + 2 WOSAR
- Number attended the 2011 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting. 2
Schmidt, McKinley
- Number of members of your chapter attended the National Congress. 3
Schmidt, McKinley, Sweeney + 3 WOSAR
- Number of members of your chapter attended the Atlantic Middle States Meeting 6
Schmidt, Eubanks, McKinley, Price, Sweeney, Hickey + 2 WOSAR
- Number of members of your chapter are on VASSAR or NSSAR Committees. 4
Schmidt (National Oration Contest, VASSAR Oration Contest)
McKinley (National: CAR Committee;
Vice-Chairman of the National Council of Vice-President Generals;
Vice-Chairman of the Hospitality, Music & Master of Ceremonies;
Chairman of the Public Service and Heroism;
Oration Contest
Museum Board;
VASSAR: SAR/CAR Liaison;
AMS Conference Committee Chairman;
Color Guard)
Sweeney (VASSAR National History Day)
Hickey (National Government Relations, VASSAR Veteran's Affairs, VASSAR Good Citizenship)

b. Fundraising

- Did your chapter or individual members contribute financially to any of the VASSAR trust funds? No
- If so, identify the fund(s) contributed to. No

c. Reporting to the State and National Society

- Did your chapter submit a report at the 2011 Annual Meeting? Yes
- 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

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
John E. "Jack" Sweeney	Fairfax Resolves	Meritorious Service Medal
William "Bill" Price	Fairfax Resolves	Meritorious Service Medal
John E. "Jack" Sweeney	Fairfax Resolves	Chapter Service Medal
Lawrence E. "Larry" McKinley	Fairfax Resolves	Chapter Service Medal (OL*)
Vernon Eubanks	Fairfax Resolves	Chapter Service Medal
Dan Rolph	Fairfax Resolves	Chapter Service Medal (OL*)

* Oak Leaf Cluster

14. Forgotten Patriots Program

- a. Did your chapter remember any Forgotten Patriots in 2011?
Certificate received for Compatriot Kenneth D. Williamson (Patriot Samuel Howell) _1_

- b. Did you report them to the Virginia Society Forgotten Patriots
Program Chairman? _Yes_

15. 2011 VASSAR Presidential Initiatives

- a. Was your chapter represented at the special joint VASSAR/1812 Memorial
Dedication at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, Virginia? __Yes__
- b. Was your chapter represented at the special joint VASSAR/1812 Memorial
Dedication at Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia? __No__
- c. Did your chapter participate in an event to commemorate the tenth
Anniversary of 9/11?
9/11 Westfields Ceremony __Yes__

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.

* Sending hard-copy versions of the Chapter Newsletter via mail to non-email capable members helps retain them as dues paying members and encourages their involvement.

* Varied meeting sites and times encourage attendance by more members from a base of diverse requirements, e.g. daytime meetings help older Compatriots with difficulty driving at night. Also, couples events encourage more attendees and family involvement too.

- b. Did you encounter problems that you would like VASSAR help in resolving?

* The new SAR Registrar's Manual has some problems such as the expectation that Reference Documentation be copied on both sides of each page (see Manual, page 9) which is very time consuming and labor intensive for Chapter Registrars using non-commercial copy machines.

* Contrary to the above SAR Registrar Manual expectation of double-side copying, the Registrar's Manual stipulates that the following notations be made on the back of all documents used for documentation: Applicants last name/ Patriot's last name/ Chapter/ State.

- c. Do you have any suggestions for improvements?

* Recommend that the double-sided printing requirement be dropped because of the heavy work load for Chapter Registrars which would force use of commercial copy machines.

Remember to submit your report by January 13, 2012

Signed: *Carrie M. Schmitt*
(by person completing the report)

Date: January 12, 2012