

**Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution
ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012**

Chapter Name: **Fairfax Resolves Chapter**

Chapter Size: Number of members as of December 31, 2012: **122**

Person Completing Report: **Daniel E. Rolph, 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 initiatives. 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). End of year (December 31st) membership numbers should be obtained from the VASSAR Secretary or Assistant Secretary. 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 as defined by the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee:

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, Ft. Laurens 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 11, 2013**
- ◆ 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 2012 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? Y

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

Captain Mountjoy Bayly, 7th Maryland Infantry

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

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

July 4, 2012

60th Annual Commemoration of Elbridge Gerry

Congressional Cemetery

Washington DC

Did you notify the Virginia Society Revolutionary Graves Chairman? Y

b. Grave Registration

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

c. Other Graves Projects – provide details. Y

A VA replacement marker was ordered and placed at Arlington National Cemetery for Ensign Caleb Swan, 3rd Massachusetts Infantry. Installation of an SAR marker is planned for 2013.

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) 232nd Anniversary of The Battle of Kings Mountain Attendees: McKinley, Eubanks, Schmidt	<u> 3 </u>
2) 231st Anniversary of The Battle of Cowpens Attendees: McKinley, Schmidt	<u> 2 </u>
3) 231st Anniversary of The Crossing of the Dan Attendees: McKinley, Schmidt	<u> 2 </u>
4) 231st Anniversary of The Battle of Guilford Courthouse Attendees: McKinley, Eubanks, Schmidt	<u> 3 </u>
5) 231st Anniversary of The Battle of Yorktown (Yorktown Day) Attendees - McKinley, Eubanks, Schmidt	<u> 3 </u>
6) 225th Anniversary of The Signing of the Constitution, Philadelphia, PA Attendees - McKinley, Eubanks, Schmidt	<u> 3 </u>

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

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
1) Memorial Day Attendees: McKinley, Eubanks, Schmidt	__3__
2) Independence Day at Mt. Vernon Estate, Museum, and Gardens Attendees: McKinley, Schmidt	__2__
3) Constitution Day at Philadelphia, PA Attendees: McKinley, Schmidt	__2__
4) Veterans Day Attendees: McKinley, Eubanks, Schmidt	__3__
5) Thomas Jefferson Birthday (April 13 2012, Jefferson Memorial) Attendees: Price	__1__
6) Commemoration of Elbridge Gerry Jul 4 2012, Congressional Cemetery Attendees: Price, Sweeney	__2__

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

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
1) Flag Day/Great Falls, VA June 14th	__4__
2) Sully Historic Site-Chantilly; Dept Nat & Imm-Naturalization Service	__5__
3) July 4 th , Mt. Vernon with G.W. Chapter	__4__
4) Wreaths Across America @ Vets. Cem. Alexandria, VA, 15 Dec 12	__1__

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	Meetings/Sully/Mem./Jul 4 th	__4__
VASSAR Color Guard	State Mtg/Block Hse/VSCAR Wksp	__3__
Mid-Atlantic Color Guard	_____	__0__
National Color Guard	Congress/Guilfrd/CowPns/Yorktown	__2__

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? __Y__

Provide details:

- 1. Color Guard demonstration and participation at Memorial Day Ceremonies and at Mount Vernon and Sully Historic Sites 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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. 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. __Y__
 1. The guest speakers at each Chapter meeting normally focus on American Revolutionary War or other American History topics.
 2. At New Member induction ceremonies and for the award of Supplemental application certificates, each new Compatriot or successful Supplemental Applicant is instructed in advance that it is expected for him to give an oral presentation on the life and times of his Patriot ancestor. This of course ensures knowledge of the particular Patriot ancestor by applicants but also by the Chapter at large.
 3. Two special American history presentations were made to the Chapter by Chapter Members. One program was on Paul Revere's Ride and the other was on the 2nd Amendment.
- b. Did your chapter do something special to promote knowledge and understanding of American history in the community? If so, briefly describe. __Y__
 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.
4. Outstanding Student in American History-6 different HS in Washington Met area and 8 BGC awards
5. 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.
6. 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

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

a. Oration Contest

The following chapter members have provided support for the Orations Endowment and have received the Warren Medal: Schmidt, Rolph, Price, McKinley

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2012 VASSAR Oration Contest? Y

Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2012 VASSAR Oration Contest from a local oration contest in which there was more than one entry? Y

b. Essay Contest

Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2012 VASSAR Essay Contest? Y

Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2012 VASSAR Essay Contest from a local contest in which there was more than one entry? Y

c. History Day

Did your chapter provide support for National History Day by:

How many judges (or alternates) did your chapter provide? 4

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? N

If so, briefly describe?

How many good citizenship medals or pins did your chapter award to recognize outstanding History Day achievements? 0*

Fairfax Resolves Chapter provided the leader of the SAR Support Contingent (J. Sweeney, Natl. Hist. Day, Dist. 5 Chmn.) and he chose to allow other Chapter Representatives to award the limited number of SAR awards given this year.

d. Tom & Betty Lawrence National Society American History Teacher Contest

Did your chapter submit an application to VASSAR for this contest? N

6. Awards to Outstanding Youth

a. ROTC Program

How many Senior ROTC Medals (College/University) did your chapter present? 1

Date/Time : 28 Apr 2012, Sat.,

Place : George Mason University Army ROTC Military Ball, GMU Fairfax County Campus,

Recipient/ Award : SAR Silver ROTC Medal with certificate,

Recipient : Cadet Austin E. Price, Army ROTC. Ceremony
Presenter : Dennis J. Hickey, IV, CAPT, USN-Ret.

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

1. Date/Time :12 May 2012, Sat., 10:00 AM,

Place : Chantilly High School

Award/ Recipient : SAR Bronze JROTC Medal/ Link A. Arouz, USAF JROTC,
Chapter Presenter : Bill Price

2. Date/ Time : 18 May 2012, Fri.,

Place : Herndon High School

Award/ Recipient : SAR Bronze JROTC Medal/ Alexander Polk, USN JROTC
Presenter : Dan Rolph

3. Date/ Time : 22 May 2012, Tues.,

Place : South Lakes High School

Award/ Recipient : SAR Bronze JROTC Medal/ Timothy P. Kim, Army JROTC
Chapter Presenter : Dan Rolph

4. Date/ Time : 31 May 2012, Fri.,

Place : Loudoun County High School

Award/ Recipient : SAR Bronze JROTC Medal/ Timothy Kaufman, USN JROTC School
Chapter Presenter (s) : Larry McKinley and Darrin Schmidt

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

b. Outstanding Student Program

How many outstanding students did your chapter recognize? 8

How many outstanding students were recognized with SAR medals or pins? 8

Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School	Alexa Victoria Dantzler
H-B Woodlawn Program	Not awarded
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology	Jacob Doran Rachel Merriman-Goldring
Wakefield High School	Sam Mamtzner
Washington and Lee	Charlie Argon
Trinity Christian School	Abby Fahnestock Jacob Sutor
Yorktown High School	Alexander Place

c. Scout Program

How many Eagle Scout certificates did your chapter award? 3

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

7. Children of the American Revolution

a. Participation

No. of Avg. No. of

	Events	Members
C.A.R members in events sponsored by your chapter	<u> 2 </u>	<u> 2 </u>
Members of your chapter in event sponsored by C.A.R.	<u> 6 </u>	<u> 6 </u>
b. Senior Leadership		
Did your chapter provide active senior leadership for the C.A.R.?		<u> Y </u>
If so, list the leaders and their positions / contributions.		
1. Lawrence E. McKinley, Honorary Senior National Vice President, Senior National Chairman – C.A.R. National Headquarters, Virginia C.A.R. State Chairman C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. and Credentials Chairman for the National Election.		
2. Darrin M. Schmidt, Senior Member, Virginia C.A.R. Bylaws Committee. Senior Timekeeper at Virginia C.A.R. State Conference.		
c. Other Support		
Did your chapter provide monetary or other support for the C.A.R.?		<u> Y </u>
If so, provide details.		
N.S.C.A.R. National Convention Patron & Senior Fees		
V.S.C.A.R. State Conference Patron & Senior Fees		
Col. William Grayson Society Flag Retirement; Purchased new Flag for the Library		
Chapter member Bill Price attended the State C.A.R. workshop in June 2012		

8. Recognition of Public Service

a. Law Enforcement Program		
How many Law Enforcement Medals did your chapter present?		<u> 2 </u>
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman?		<u> N </u>
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Law Enforcement Contest?		<u> Y </u>
b. Fire/Safety Program		
How many Fire Safety Medals did your chapter present?		<u> 1 </u>
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman?		<u> N </u>
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Fire Safety Contest?		<u> Y </u>
c. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program		
How many EMS Medals did your chapter present?		<u> 0 </u>
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman?		<u> N </u>
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR EMS Award Contest?		<u> N </u>
d. Teacher of the Year Program		
How many teachers were honored by your chapter?		<u> 1 </u>
How many were recognized with good citizenship medals?		<u> 1 </u>
How many were recognized only with only a certificate?		<u> 0 </u>
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Teacher of the Year Contest?		<u> Y </u>
e. Heroism		
Did your chapter recognize some one for Heroism?		<u> N </u>
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Heroism Award Contest?		<u> N </u>
f. Other Public Service Programs		
How many other public servants did your chapter recognize?		<u> N </u>
How many of these were awarded SAR medals?		<u> N </u>

9. Veterans Program

a. Support for Veterans		
Did your chapter provide support for Veterans?		<u> Y </u>

If so, briefly provide details.

1. **One member donated a fully operational car valued at \$3200 to the Vietnam Veterans of America**
2. **One member donated clothing valued at approx. \$175 to the AMVets**
3. **Participated in 2 veteran's funerals**
4. **Visited confined veteran in nursing home twice**
5. **Cleaned out hotel soap, etc samples and was instrumental in collecting 2013 calendars for the VA Hospital as well as a 1/4 cubic foot box filled with cancelled stamps for the Activities Director. Three different ways to get these 40 items to the DC VA Hospital.**
6. **Escorted, pushed wheelchairs, served meals, handed out presents and conversed with incapacitated veterans at US Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington DC in Dec 2012 with fellow SAR and DAR members.**

b. Other Veterans Program

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

If so, briefly provide details.

At least one (J. Sweeney) and unspecified others have become contributors to the Wounded Warrior Project with an automatic \$20 monthly payment to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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? 1

**Sully Plantation and Historic Site in June during Naturalization Ceremony
For new immigrants to the United States.**

Did you report this(these) to the VASSAR Flag Program Chairman? Y

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. _____

c. DAR Activities

	No. of Events	Avg. No. of Members
DAR members in events sponsored by your chapter	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 3 </u>

Through effective liaison and coordination with selected northern Virginia DAR Chapter Registrars and other leadership there has been a successful sharing of information on potential applicants for membership in both the SAR and the DAR. In 2012 two successful new SAR membership applications resulted from this coordination and a DAR Finder Form was forwarded through the VASSAR Registrar for credit with NSSAR for the DAR Member involved and her respective DAR Chapter. More prospective SAR members resulting from this collegial coordination are expected to result in as many as six or more new SAR members. Three are in the final application preparation phase with lineages clearly proven. DAR Finder Report Forms for each will be forwarded thru VASSAR to NSSAR.

Members of your chapter in events sponsored by DAR 4 1
Cleaned streets sponsored by DAR, participated in DAR fund raiser auction,

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

Participated along with 3 other chapter members/family members in determining what books from over 20,000 that the DAR Library had as duplicates could be utilized by the SAR library. Spent multiple days in the basement of the DAR building going through books, checking any duplicates the SAR was carrying on their database, boxing them, transporting them via automobile to Louisville, KY. This is a joint DAR/SAR project involving both President Generals and is reaping many benefits for future genealogists.

d. VASSAR Good Citizen of the Year

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

___Y___

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.

___N___

Sully Plantation Naturalization Ceremony - Color Guard presented Colors: McKinley, Eubanks, Schmidt

Flag Day/Flag Retirement - C.A.R. joint ceremony: McKinley, Schmidt

C.A.R. State Workshop Support - VASSAR Color Guard presented colors: McKinley, Eubanks, Schmidt

11. Chapter Meetings and Communications

a. Chapter Meetings

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

___9___
___40___

b. Programs

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

___4___

- Marc Leepson: *The Amazing Life of the Marquis de Lafayette* (With Book Signing)
- Lynn Price: *George Washington's Farm Managers' Accounts*
- Mike Cecere: *"Wedded to My Sword: The Revolutionary War Service of Light Horse Harry Lee"* (With Book Signing)
- Anthony S. Pitch: *"The Burning of Washington: The British Invasion of 1814"* (With Book Signing)

c. Communications with Members

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

___2___
___Y___
___Y___

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? 1

How many news media (newspaper, radio television) exposures did your chapter receive? Describe briefly. 0

e. Publications

How many articles were submitted to the Virginia Bulletin by your chapter? 1

How many articles by members of your chapter devoted to SAR purposes (patriotic, educational, and historical) were published in other media, such as a local newspaper or The SAR magazine? Describe briefly. 3

a. Articles in both the VASSAR Bulletin (2012-13, Vol. No. 2, page 9) and the SAR Magazine (Summer 2012, page 38) resulted from the submission of a press release with photos, concerning the special SAR induction ceremony for Compatriot John H. "Jack" Walker at his home with his family. Compatriots in VA Continental Line Uniforms with the Fairfax Resolves Chapter and National Colors convened at the new Compatriot's home for a special induction ceremony for a terminally ill new inductee in the presence of his entire family and some friends. The Chapter Chaplain (Rev. Howell Sasser) and selected officers conducted a special ceremony with the presentation of his new member SAR certificate resulting from a Chapter Registrar request for expeditious processing by both the Virginia State Registrar (Brent Morgan) and National Genealogy Staff (Susan Acre). From request to presentation was accomplished in less than four weeks.

b. Article in the Summer Issue of SAR magazine covering two pages announcing fundraising activity for the National Orations Contest. Pages 8 & 9. Spelled out how the SAR compatriots can help and what is needed to provide scholarship improvement. Also introduction of the Warren Medal which is presented to individuals contributing \$250 or more toward the endowment fund. Article written by Lawrence McKinley, Fairfax Resolves Chapter and co-chair Rumbaugh National Oration Contest.

c. The spring issue of the SAR magazine carries an article by Larry McKinley as Mid-Atlantic VPG and also a member of Fairfax Resolves. The purpose of this article on page 15 was to publicize what a District can accomplish with a bit of emphasis to support the Children of the American Revolution.

We had the National President present her program and supported her efforts with the Wounded Warrior Project to the tune of \$3,500.

f. Other Publicity and Public Relations

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

___N___

12. Membership and Dues

The Awards Committee will obtain information about membership and dues from the VASSAR Secretary or Assistant Secretary. 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 2012. ___+40___

End of 2011 membership total: 82
End of 2012 membership total: 122

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.

___Y___

A total of 33 new member applications were submitted through the Chapter Registrar to NSSAR and approved during 2012.

Effective liaison and coordination with selected northern Virginia DAR Chapter Registrars and other leadership has resulted in successful sharing of information on potential applicants for membership. In 2012 two successful new SAR membership applications resulted from this coordination and a DAR Finder Form was forwarded through the VASSAR Registrar for credit with NSSAR for the DAR Member involved and her respective DAR Chapter. More prospective SAR members resulting from this collegial coordination are expected to result in as many as six or more new SAR members. Three are in the final application preparation phase with lineages clearly proven. DAR Finder Report Forms for each will be forwarded thru VASSAR to NSSAR.

c. How many Supplemental Applications submitted by your chapter were approved? ___3___

List the name of the members who's Supplemental Applications were approved.

- (1) Delmont Gary Stephens, Jr., NSSAR #181097, Patriot William Brooks, VA
- (2) William McKenzie Walker, Jr., NSSAR #175698, Patriot Henry Christian, VA
- (3) Kenneth Don Williamson, NSSAR #181485, Patriot Mary Howell

13. Business Activity

a. Participation in State, District & National business meetings

Number of chapter members who attended the 2012 VASSAR Annual Meeting ___5___
Darrin Schmidt, Larry McKinley, Daniel Rolph, Dennis Hickey, Jack Sweeney

Number who attended the 2012 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting ___0___

Number who attended the 2012 National Congress ___2___

Larry McKinley and Darrin Schmidt

The national orations contestants in Phoenix, AZ along with President General Larry Magerkurth, National Committee Chairman Bill Broadus, and committee member and contest emcee Larry McKinley.

Number who attended the 2012 Atlantic Middle States Conference 2
 Number who serve as VASSAR or NSSAR Officers or Committeemen 2

b. Fundraising

Chapter member Bill Price and Mrs. Price donated to the SAR Foundation. Bill Price's company's, Target Concepts, Inc, donation will be acknowledged at the 2013 Spring Leadership meeting.

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

If so, identify the fund(s) contributed to. _____

c. Reporting to the State and National Society

Did your chapter submit a 2011 Chapter Annual Report? Y

Did your chapter notify the VASSAR Secretary of its new President, Secretary and Treasurer? Y

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
<u>John E. Sweeney</u>	<u>Fairfax Resolves</u>	<u>Chapter Meritorious Svc.</u>
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<u>John E. Sweeney</u>	<u>Fairfax Resolves</u>	<u>Chapter Achievement.</u>
<u>John E. Sweeney</u>	<u>Fairfax Resolves</u>	<u>VASSAR Meritorious Svc.</u>

14. Forgotten Patriots Program

a. Did your chapter remember any Forgotten Patriots in 2012? 1

Patriot Benjamin Bursley of MA, ancestor of twin brother Compatriots Matthew A. and Michael C. Bursley, approved for membership on 04 Jan 2012

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

Reported and Forgotten Patriot Certificates issued to both Compatriots.

15. 2012 VASSAR Presidential Initiatives

a. Was your chapter represented at the Convention Army Barracks ceremony in Charlottesville on May 5, 2012? Y

b. Was your chapter represented at the special wreath laying ceremony at Monticello on June 22, 2012? N

c. Was your chapter represented at the special plaque dedication in Fincastle on June 30, 2012? N

d. Will your chapter complete and submit a 2012 NSSAR Americanism Report by the due date in 2013? N

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.

- b. Did you encounter problems that you would like VASSAR help in resolving?
 1. The NSSAR Home Page contains a different application form than previously used. This particular form is very structured and inflexible affording no options to modify it in order to accommodate additional pertinent to Reference documents. The increasing number of generations between younger and more recent applicants and their respective Patriots and increasingly stringent genealogical proof standards clearly dictate a needed additional space on both current and future versions of SAR membership application forms. The reason for adoption of this more restrictive and less accommodating form by NSSAR is unexplained and seemingly complicates submission of clear and more understandable applications? VASSAR and other State Registrars ought to urge adoption of a more flexible NSSAR application form, which can accommodate as many as ten or more generations and exceed the current limit of only two pages. Continued use of the older more flexible 2003 version of the SAR application form, provided previously by NSSAR, is highly recommended.
 2. The current NSSAR membership application form has no space for Chapter Registrar signature in association with the submission of New Member or Supplemental applications. It is highly recommended that any new NSSAR membership application form be designed to require a signature by the Chapter Registrar for submission of any application prior to being sent to the State Registrar and ultimately to NSSAR.

- c. Do you have any suggestions for improvements?

The VASSAR Registrar should represent both of these positions with the NSSAR Genealogist General.

Remember to submit your report by January 13, 2012

Signed: *Daniel E. Rolph*
(by person completing the report)

Date: January 11, 2013