



Colonel James Wood, II Chapter Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Northern Shenandoah Valley - Winchester City



The Colonel's Dispatch

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Chapter Holds Patriot Pride Day in Middletown Called "Wildly Successful" by Mayor Harbaugh

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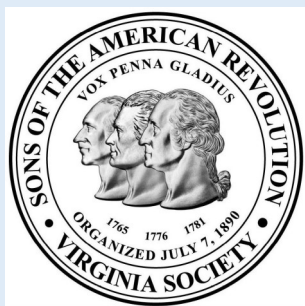


On July 22nd, the Chapter held Patriots Pride Day at Veterans Memorial Park in Middletown, Frederick County. The day long event featured a variety of patriotic and memorial events, food vendors and local exhibitors, Continental and British Army Encampments and featured a battle reenactment with all muskets blazing.

The Chapter received considerable publicity before and after the event with 4 newspaper articles and a 2 minute TV spot on Local-DMV TV based in Hagerstown, Md.

The event started with a ceremony featuring a parade of Color Guards and then a presentation by the National Sojourners. The visitors toured the encampments and talked with the re-enactors who numbered over forty! The highlight of the day was the Battle of Middletown where the Middletown Home Guard faced off against the British 4th Company of Guards.

Mayor Harbaugh termed the event "Wildly Successful" and said that with this success, the town would look forward to having the event again next year.



Annual Unfundraiser Drive in Progress

Make your donation to the best SAR Chapter in the State. All donations go to fund the operations of the chapter and are tax deductible. Send your donation of \$25, 50, \$100 or more to our chairman:

Don Dusenbury
591 William Vincent Road
Bentonville, VA 22610

A Message from the President



Compatriots,

This year marks the 10th year of our chapter and we note two significant dates, July 24th the date of our original formation meeting and November 27th, the day we received our formal charter as a Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

None of us could have foreseen the rapid rise and growth of the chapter and its accomplishments. With a host of quality members, we quickly established ourselves as the Chapter that would lead the way for the next 10 years.

To celebrate these two significant dates in our history, I wanted to hold special events. Admittedly, my idea was not Patriots Pride Day, but it grew out of my original idea

and the results of our efforts were spectacular. Committee members handled all aspects of the event and things fell together nicely. The leaders of Middletown were 100% supportive and made everything happen in a timely fashion. We had few problems during the event.

None of us were prepared for the number of re-enactors that showed up for the event, or for the publicity and news coverage we received. For each of the members of the Patriots Pride Day Committee, I gave a hearty "well done!" I suppose I should have expected nothing less from such a stellar group of members.

The Chapter is also planning a early December Luncheon to celebrate the Chartering of the Chapter 10 years ago on November 27th, 2007.

As we leave the long, hot summer behind us and head into fall, we still have work to do in our annual awards, youth contests and fundraising. Our work never stops, and neither do our members. If you are not involved in work done by the chapter, visit the members pages on our website at:

<http://coloneljameswood.virginia-sar.org/members>

Everyone will benefit by your participation.

Compatriotically,

Robert B. Andrews
President 2017

At the next meeting be sure to pick up a bundle of the new chapter recruiting cards! The New Revolution in recruiting for the chapter. It gives the recipient a lot of information in a small place including how to find our meetings, our website and how to contact us.

Col. James Wood, II Chapter

Virginia Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Best Chapter: 2009 - 2012 - 2013
2014 - 2015 - 2016



Frederick - Clarke - Page - Warren - Shenandoah Counties
and the City of Winchester

Website addresses on back of card

All meetings open to the public. Visit the website for dates and times.

Website:

<http://coloneljameswood.virginia-sar.org/>

Membership inquiries:

<http://coloneljameswood.virginia-sar.org/membershipform.php>

Color Guard appearance requests:

<http://coloneljameswood.virginia-sar.org/cgrequestform.php>

Mapquest directions quicklink:

<http://mapq.st/2j4uYFM>

French & Indian War Foundation Member Patrick Murphy



Our speaker at the June General Meeting was French & Indian War Foundation Board Member and Chapter Member Patrick Murphy.

Compatriot Murphy is the author of *F&I War: Life on the Inner Frontier 1752-1766*.

His presentation entitled: *The French & Indian War: From Memory and Artifacts* covered many seldom explored areas of the conflict using maps, diary entries, official records, legends and known artifacts of the era.

He also recounts the reaction of the local residents in reaction to the British Army under General Braddock passing through area and the subsequent rise of Col. George Washington to command the army and become the protector of the western frontier of the colonies.

His book is available in paperback on Amazon at:

<https://www.amazon.com/French-Indian-War-Shenaneoa-County/dp/0615793177>

The cost is \$30.00.

Chapter Officers for 2017

President

Robert Andrews

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Raleigh Watson

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Historian

Chip Daniel

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Asst. Registrar

Jake Trenary

Asst. Secretary

Jim Glymph

Chapter Meeting Dates for 2017

January 28th 9am - Guest VASSAR 1st VP Mike Elston. Officer installation Meeting, Best Western Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

February 25th 9 am - Guest Col. John Cassarino Randolph Macon Academy. VASSAR Annual Chapter Awards. Best Western Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

March 25th 9 am - Guest Ben Fiore Walker, Old Towne Crier Alexandria. Best Western Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

April 22nd 9am - Guest Rolling Thunder. VASSAR Annual Chapter Awards. Best Western Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

May 27th 9am - Miss Abbey Grant, District 4 Winner, National History Day. Best Western Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

June 24th 9am - Guest Patrick Murphy, Author F&I War. Best Western Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

July 22nd 10am-4pm - Patriot Pride Day, Middletown Virginia.

August—No meeting.

September 23rd 9am - Guest Paul Chase. Author Phrases and Words of the Colonial Era. Best Western Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

October 28th 9am - Guest Ben Theis, 4th Company of British Guards in America. Best Western Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

November 18th 9am - Chapter Annual Public Service Awards. Best Western Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

December 16th 12 noon - SAR/DAR/CAR Luncheon George Washing-

Colonel James Wood, II Chapter Inducts Four New Members at June Meeting

As part of the June Meeting, President Rob Andrews inducted four new members into the Chapter. Inducted were John Gano, Marc and Eric Robinson and Jeffrey Hedges.

Sponsoring new member Gano was Compatriot David Jenkins. Sponsoring the Robinsons and Hedges was Registrar Jim Simmons.

The inductions bring the number of new members into the Chapter for 2017 to 12. While always seeking to find new members to the chapter, the effort is also driven by VASSAR President Mike Elston's Initiative to grow the membership of the Virginia Society.

From L-R, front row: Registrar Jim Simmons, Mrs. Eric Robinson

Second row: President Rob Andrews, Jeffrey Hedges, Eric Robinson, Marc Robinson, John Gano, David Jenkins.



“It's been wildly successful. We have more than 30 re-enactors, food vendors and crafters. With this success there will be a second one.”

Middletown Mayor Charles Harbaugh

Patriots Pride Day Event earns the Chapter unprecedented publicity!



We received coverage leading up to the event and the day of the event including a two minute segment on LocalDMV TV!

Local DMV is a show on the Comcast Cable TV feed, Verizon Fios and the Dish Network and is seen in Maryland, WV and Northern Virginia.

<http://www.localdmv.com/tv-schedule>

<http://www.localdmv.com/news/virginia/patriot-pride-day-was-held-saturday-at-veterans-memorial-park/772109240>

Patriots Pride Day July 22nd Middletown, Virginia



PARADE OF THE COLOR GUARDS



MAYOR HARBAUGH WELCOMES EVERYONE



VETERANS SIGN-IN BOARD



WORLD WAR II JEEP DISPLAY



COLONIAL ARMY ENCAMPMENT



REENACTORS STARTING THE COOKING FIRES

Patriots Pride Day July 22nd Middletown, Virginia



EXHIBITORS ROW



NATIONAL SOJOURNERS SHOW SOME COLONIAL ERA FLAGS



NATIONAL SOJOURNERS CONSTRUCT THE AMERICAN FLAG



MERCER'S RANGERS RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS



HESSIAN SOLDIER WITH HIS LADY



MERCER'S RANGERS IN ACTION

Patriots Pride Day July 22nd Middletown, Virginia



THE MIDDLETOWNE HOMEGUARD



THE HOMEGUARD DEFENDING THE TOWN



4TH COMPANY OF BRITISH GUARDS VOLLEY



BRITISH ARMY ENCAMPMENT



CONTINENTAL SOLDIER GEAR



REBECCA EBERT AND DEB COREY ENJOY THE EVENT