



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 wins Best Large Chapter Streamer for 2017 6th Consecutive Large Chapter win in a row!!!

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At the VASSAR Annual Meeting held at the Omni Hotel in Richmond February 11-12, the Colonel James Wood Chapter was once again named the Best Large Chapter in the State of Virginia. It's the 7th Best Chapter Award in ten years and a string of six awards in a row for the Large Chapter Category.

The Chapter received a host of other awards prior to receiving the top honor, including the Chapter Excellence Streamer, History Day Support, membership growth and seven Forgotten Patriot Stars. The Chapter was also recognized for Flag Day Support and support for out-going President Mike Elston's Presidential Initiatives for 2017.



Four members of the Chapter attended the meetings over the weekend and had lunch together, Past Presidents Rob Andrews and Don Dusenbury, Current President Dale Corey and 1st Vice President Marc Robinson.

During the General Meeting held on Saturday, Past President Rob Andrews gave the assembled members a three-minute long summary of the Chapter's efforts over the past year including its major successes in the Poster Contest Entries and holding of Patriots Pride Day the previous summer.

The members then boarded buses for the State Capitol where the Annual Awards Ceremony was held in the Old House Chamber.

### **Streamer Awards for 2018**

Best Large Chapter	100% Flag Certificate Presentation
Chapter Excellence Award	History Day Support
2018 Presidential Initiatives	War/Military Medal Presentation
	Washington's Friends & Foe's Initiative

# A Message from the President

My fellow compatriots,

It is with a great deal of pleasure and anticipation that I most humbly accept the opportunity to lead the best chapter in Virginia into its second decade.

What is it, we an an organization, want to accomplish? We have always set high standards for ourselves and have always met our goal. I believe we can reach an even greater level of accomplishment.



I have goals in mind, but need help in attaining them. Recruiting new members is high on the list. Each of us should spread the word and encourage others to join. My wish is to involve all our members in at least one of the Chapters activities to enhance our community awareness.

It would be beneficial if all our compatriots could reach out to our past and present service members enabling us to expand our Veterans Program. We need more area schools participating in our Youth Programs, thereby getting our youth involved in promoting the goals we aspire to.

I hope to expand our Graves Registration and Preservation Program, ensuring we recognize our ancestors and the role they played in laying the foundation for us and our way of life.

Finally, I encourage more participating in our outstanding Color Guard. This important facet of the SAR provides us with a tremendous amount of publicity o meet and attain our goals of sustaining patriotism and promoting American heritage. We are compatriots that know the value and blessings of being an Ame4rican with the ideals and patriotic sense needed to say, "We are Sons of the American Revolution".

Compatriotically,

Dale Corey  
President 2018

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

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Best Chapter Awards: 2009 + 2012 + 2013 + 2014 + 2015 + 2016 + 2017

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>

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Visit our site and nominate a public servant for an award, enter our scholarship youth programs or request a speaker for your event!

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# VASSAR 3rd VP Bill Schwetke Installs Chapter Officers

The elected officers for 2018 led by President-elect Dale Corey were installed by VASSAR VP Bill Schwetke at the January General Meeting on January 21st. Prior to installing the officers, Compatriot Schwetke called on the officers and members of the Chapter to carry out the work of the SAR.

He noted the outstanding history of the Chapter and its good works and charged the incoming officers with maintaining this high level of excellence.

President Corey related that he expected to maintain the standard of excellence set by his predecessors and his plans to expand on a few of the programs that are of personal interest to him, grave marking and registrations and recognition of military service and our veterans.



## Chapter Officers for 2018

### President

Dale E. Corey

### 1st VP

Marc Robinson

### 2nd VP

Vacant

### Secretary

Dave Carpenter

### Treasurer

Wayn Barringer

### Chaplain

Raleigh Watson

### Registrar

Jim Simmons

### Historian

Chip Daniel

### Asst. Treasurer

Don Dusenbury

### Asst. Registrar

Jake Trenary

### Asst. Secretary

Todd Golding

## Chapter Meeting Dates for 2018

**January 20th 9am** - Guest Past VPG Ann Hunter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Officer installation Meeting, Clarion Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

**February 24th 9 am** - Liberty Man, VASSAR Annual Chapter Awards. Clarion Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

**March 24th 9 am** - Guest Richard Hoover. VASSAR Annual Chapter Awards. Clarion Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

**April 21st 9am** - Guest TBA. Clarion Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

**May 26th 9am** - Guest TBA. Clarion Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

**June 23th 9am** - Guest TBA. Clarion Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

**July 21st 10am-4pm** - Patriot Pride Day, Middletown Virginia.

**August**—No meeting.

**September 22nd 9am** - Guest TBA. Clarion Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

**October 20th 9am** - Guest TBA. Clarion Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

**November 17th 9am** - Chapter Annual Public Service Awards. Clarion Conference Center Winchester, Virginia.

**December TBA 12 noon** - SAR/DAR/CAR Luncheon George Washington Hotel Winchester Virginia.



# The Virginia Line

## A Brief History of the Continental Regiments and Companies of Virginia

The Virginia Line, those men from who came forth to defend our liberty in the turbulent era of the American Revolution came into being in a haphazard fashion and under trying times. Knowing of the outbreak of war in the New England States and prodded by the fiery rhetoric of Patrick Henry, the Virginia Convention voted to raise 15 companies of men in August of 1775.

These companies were then formed into two regiments under the commands of Patrick Henry and William Woodford. The Continental Congress wasted no time in investing them as the 1st Virginia (Henry) and the 2nd Virginia(Woodford).

The 1st Virginia Regiment being placed under the command of Patrick Henry was a forgone conclusion as he had earlier led a company of militia to Williamsburg after Lord Dunmore seized the armory and the gunpowder it contained leaving the militia guarding the Capitol of Virginia defenseless. Henry forced its return and shortly thereafter Lord Dunmore had left Williamsburg in fear of his life. A few months later, Patrick Henry became the 1st post-colonial Governor of Virginia.

In December of 1775, the Continental Congress called on Virginia to raise four more Regiments. Less than two weeks later, the Second Virginia Convention convened and issued a call for 72 additional companies to join the original 15 already commissioned. These companies were formed into the 1st through 9th Virginia Regiments, including the famous 8th Virginia Regiment under the command of Col. Peter Muhlenberg.

As the war expanded and Congress issued the Declaration of Independence, they also called for even more troops to meet the British might in late 1776. Seeking a total of 88 infantry regiments, Virginia was called upon to increase their quota of regiments to 15. It was then that Col. James Wood, commander of the Frederick County Militia was appointed by General Washington to command the newly formed 12th Virginia Regiment.

Realizing that General Washington had the ability to inspire men to his cause, the Continental Congress gave him the authority to raise an additional 16 Regiments at large throughout the colonies. Three of these at-Large regiments were placed under the commands of Nathaniel Gist, Charles Thruston and William Grayson of Virginia. These companies of men operated under the personal command of General Washington and he used them for special duty and to shore up defenses as needed. Each of these units saw significant duty during the Philadelphia Campaign of 1777.

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Past CJW II Chapter Organizing President Al White is presented the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter Gold Medal for his longtime service to that chapter prior to forming CJW II.



VASSAR 3rd VP Bill Schwetke and his wife Cat present former DAR VPG Ann Hunter with the Virginia Giants Brooch.

## The Virginia Line Cont'd.

The arrival in America of Baron von Steuben heralded significant changes in the Army and in May of 1778, Congress ordered the reorganization of the Army.

At this time, the number of regiments was reduced and it was at this time the 8th Virginia from Shenandoah County was disbanded and its remnants rolled into the 4th Virginia. Col. Wood's 12th Virginia regiment was redesignated as the 8th Virginia. It was at this time that Col. Wood became Superintendent of the Convention Army imprisoned at the Albarmarle Barracks near Charlottesville, Virginia.

Throughout 1779 the Virginia Line weakened, cracked and due to illness and losses at the surrender of Charleston and the Massacre at Waxhaws nearly ceased to exist in a recognizable form.

In 1781, seeing a glimmer of light in the situation and the end of the war, Congress along with Washington again reorganized the Army and issued a troop quota again for Virginia of eight regiments. The state levied taxes to raise bounty money and three months pay for the newly minted soldiers.

It was these soldiers who were finally enough to finish off the British. Inspired and well led by the Marquis de Lafayette, they helped to defeat them at Cowpens, Kings Mountain, standing toe to toe with them at Guilford Courthouse, harassing them through the siege of Williamsburg, the Battle of Greensprings and the Battle of the Hook.

Finally, the chess game ended as they joined with the French and laid siege to Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.



## January Meeting Guest Speaker

# Past DAR VP-General Ann Hunter

Ann Arnold Hunter joined Henry Clay Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1968 as a Junior Member. For the last 42 years she has been a member of Narrow Passage Chapter in Woodstock. She served three times as Chapter Regent and currently serves as their chapter treasurer.



Beyond the chapter, her offices have included State Treasurer, State Recording Secretary, and from 1995 to 1998, State Regent of Virginia. She was Vice President General, NSDAR, from 1998 to 2001, and Historian General, NSDAR, from 2010 to 2013.

She has also held State and National Chairmanships. She is the author of *A Century of Service: The Story of the DAR*, published in 1991 for the centennial of the National Society and now out of print. She also co-wrote *The Wide Blue Sash*, published by

the National Society in 2013.

Ann's project as State Regent made possible the signature bronze statue of George Mason sculpted by Wendy Ross for George Mason University and dedicated in 1996. A subsequent project provided support to Ferry Farm. She is an Honorary State Regent of the Virginia DAR.

Ann and her husband, Stephen R. Hunter, own and operate Loft Press, Inc., a publishing and publishing services company located in Fort Valley, Shenandoah County. For 15 years, she edited and produced an educational journal, Educational Technology Research and Development, and has edited more than 25 books for Loft Press.

Ann and Steve have been married for 59 years. They have four children, eleven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.



Eagle Scout Chairman Larry Liles and 2017 Eagle Scout Award winner Dario Fagan at the January 2018 meeting.

## Chapter Registrar Duo Recognized at Chapter Awards Meeting



Outgoing President Rob Andrews recognized the Chapter's long serving and hard working registrar duo of Ann and Jim Simmons during his service awards ceremony. Jim Simmons was presented with the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal and his wife Anne was presented with the Lydia Darragh Medal.

The Lydia Darragh Medal is awarded by the President of the Chapter to the woman who provides distinguished service to the President or the Chapter during his term as President. During 2017 the Simmons team processed 16 applications, 2 reinstatements and 7 supplementals, earning the Chapter Statewide recognition, a rebate on VASSAR Dues and credit for seven forgotten patriot stars for the chapter streamer. Well Done!

### JROTC Committee Report

By Rob Andrews

The Colonel James Wood, II Chapter will present a Bronze JROTC Medal and Bronze Good Citizenship medal to two deserving cadets at Randolph Macon Military Academy in Front Royal on Saturday, April 13th at 11:30am during the annual Parents Spring Weekend at the Academy.

The CJW II Chapter has made this presentation every year since its inception in 2007 as part of the Spring Awards Ceremony. After the Ceremony, the Corps of Cadets passes in review in an inspiring patriotic finish to the event.

The Chapter presenters then move to the dining hall where they enjoy lunch with the JROTC instructors and Cadets as guests of the Academy

### Compatriots Join with the DAR for the Annual Christmas Luncheon

Seventeen compatriots of the Colonel James Wood, II Chapter along with the Col. James Wood, II Color Guard attended the annual SAR/DAR/CAR Christmas Luncheon held at the George Washington Hotel on December 16th, 2017. Chapter President Rob Andrews provided the entertainment with a presentation on the 10 years of the Colonel James Wood Chapter, its accomplishments, support of the community and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The luncheon has been held annually since 2009.



The Chapter Color Guard presented and retired the colors.

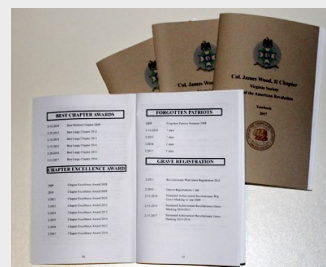


Guests listen to DAR Regent Margaret Boppe at the Annual SAR/DAR/CAR Christmas Luncheon.

Please join us at the Annual Multi-Chapter Meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria Virginia May 5th, 2018

Registration form was previously sent to Chapter Members via email.

Speakers will be the Presidents of the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter  
 Thomas Jefferson Chapter  
 Col. Wm. Grayson Chapter  
 Col. James Wood, II Chapter  
 Gen. Daniel Morgan Chapter  
 Culpeper Minute Man Chapter  
 George Washington Chapter



Be sure to pick up the newest Chapter Yearbook at the Registration Table at any General Meeting.

# Chapter Holds 10th Anniversary Luncheon at Wayside Inn

On November 27th, 2007, the Col. James Wood, II Chapter received its charter as an official chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. In the 10 years following, the James Wood Chapter has risen to become one of the best chapters in the state, being named Best Chapter for its size seven times in its 10 years!

In recognition of the 10th Anniversary of the Chapter and its outstanding performance, President Rob Andrews arranged for a modest luncheon to mark the occasion. Attended by 11 compatriots, wives and children, a fine meal, anniversary cake and a presentation on the 10 years of the chapter were enjoyed by all.



Luncheon attendees enjoyed good food, conversation, reminiscences and a presentation on 10 years of the Colonel James Wood, II Chapter



Clockwise from left: Paulette Barringer, Wayne Barringer, Ed Craft, Pat Craft



Clockwise from left: Don Dusenbury, Rob Wade, Chaplain Raleigh Watson, Lew Ewing, Jane Ewing. Not Pictured President Rob Andrews



Clockwise from left: Jane Goff, Dick Rounseville, Rev. Jim Simmons, Ray Goff



Clockwise from left: 1st VP Dale Corey, 2nd VP Marc E. Robinson, Rachel Andrews, unknown guest, Mary Daniel, Historian Chip Daniel, Deborah Corey DAR



As the first inducted chapter member in late 2007, Wayne Barringer was given the honor of cutting the 10th Anniversary Cake

# February Chapter Speaker Abel Johnston, AKA Liberty Man entertains and informs the members.



Visit his website at: <http://www.libertyman.net>

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