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Compatriots Dan Hopping, Jim Becker, Grant Peterson, Ed Phillips and Bob Sigmon at the Raleigh National Cemetery Memorial Day event

Upcoming Event

*Yorktown Victory Dinner,
October 19 at the Clarion Hotel
in Raleigh*

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Upcoming Events *(continued)*

2010 Raleigh Chapter meetings and events:

September 18, Noon	Informal Luncheon <i>Red, Hot and Blue</i> Falls Village Shopping Center 6615 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh, NC
September 25 Noon to 4 PM	Colonial North Carolina—discover the Real George Washington (on-going exhibit), North Carolina Museum of History
October 19 6 PM	Yorktown Celebration Dinner Clarion Hotel, Raleigh, NC
November 6 9:30 AM	Veteran's Day Ceremony and Informal Luncheon State Capitol Grounds, Capitol Square, Raleigh, NC Luncheon—Glenn Sappie's House following event
December 11, Noon	Wreath's Across America and Informal Luncheon Simultaneous ceremonies at the Raleigh National Cemetery and the State Capitol Building Luncheon—Glenn Sappie's House following event
April 15—17, 2011	SAR State Conference Clarion Hotel, Raleigh

If you wish to receive e-mail reminders and updates in advance of Raleigh Chapter meetings and events, please send your e-mail address to Compatriot John Harman at jrharman1@hotmail.com.

Welcome New Members

Jonathan Lindsay Hicks	176583	Parson Rackley
Kevin Robert Kline	176590	Hugh Emison
Lewis Ross Sippel	177194	Pvt. John Andrews, 6th VA Line
David Deal Evans	177272	Pvt. Drury Ledbetter, 6th VA Line
Joseph Patrick Dolicker	177707	Jacob Coenraet Ten Eyck, Albany NY
Cmte of Safety		
Lawrence Emmerson House II	177708	Pvt. Peter C. House, Tryon Co., NY
Militia		
Wallace Michael Martin	177709	Sgt. Nathaniel Jones, SC State Troops
Wallace Michael Martin, Jr.	177710	Sgt. Nathaniel Jones, SC State Troops
Robert Gordon Eaton, Jr.	177711	Sgt. Richard Skidmore, 27th

Newsletter Deadlines

The submission deadlines for publication in the Raleigh Chapter newsletter are: January 1, 2011, April 1, 2011, and September 1, 2011.

Send articles and pictures for publication and requests for e-mail distribution to Grant Peterson at gmpeter@mindspring.com.

Message from President Phillips

Compatriots – I hope summer has been enjoyable and you and your families have had time to pursue all of its pleasures. Further, I know that the members of the Raleigh Chapter have been fully engaged in pursuing our usual patriotic activities including participation in Memorial Day services at the National Cemetery in Raleigh, the annual picnic at Tara Farm and the Fourth of July activities at the old State Capitol.

The Fourth's events also included "Ringing the Liberty Bell" to celebrate our Nation's Independence and pay respect to the 13 original colonies and their ratification of our Constitution. Of great interest that day was the naturalization ceremony held on the steps of the Capitol in which all in attendance were able to support and welcome our newest fellow citizens. This was truly a rare and unique honor.

In addition, it must be noted that the activities at Tara Farm and at the State Capitol were great family events. Each one of these events is very family friendly and oriented toward instilling a sense of patriotic fervor and respect for our Nation's and Chapter's traditions. As long as there is a United States of America I hope and pray that we as an organization and as a people will continue to honor those who helped create our republic.

As part of winding down the summer 2010, the Chapter held an informal lunch meeting at Red, Hot and Blue located on Falls of the Neuse Road in Raleigh. We were also honored to have our State Society President John Thornhill in attendance. While there, State Society President Thornhill inducted our newest Chapter member Compatriot Larry House into our ranks. From my vantage point, I believe a good time was had by all. As a reminder, we will meet again at this venue for an informal lunch on September 18th.

Through the efforts of Compatriot Michael Taylor I can also call our Chapter's attention to the calendar for September. There are a number of events occurring this month as a direct result of coordination between our Chapter and the North Carolina Museum of History. First and foremost we will be participating, with the Museum's opening of the travelling exhibit – *Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon*. For example, on September 16th, the members of the Chapter's Color Guard will help welcome President and Mrs. Washington to the Gala in their honor. Also, the Museum has asked that we participate in *Colonial North Carolina Family Day* on September 25th.

Moreover, the Museum will begin its George Washington Lecture Series on September 22, 2010. The fee for each lecture is \$12 per person or you can become a member of the Museum, which may be the most cost effective option.

These are just some of the exciting events in which I am pleased that our Chapter has the opportunity to participate. Finally, I must note that our Chapter will be celebrating the 229th Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown on October 19th, 2010 at the Clarion Hotel in Downtown Raleigh. Our guest speaker that evening is Neal Rowe, the Registrar for the Blue Ridge Chapter in Western North Carolina. Compatriot Rowe will discuss the Regulator movement within Colonial North Carolina.

*With my most humble regards,
Compatriot H. Edward Phillips*



Chapter President Ed Phillips at the Annual SAR/DAR/CAR Picnic

Recent Events

SAR/DAR/CAR Annual Picnic at Tara Farm June 12, 2010

The Chapter's Annual Picnic was held at beautiful Tara Farm and hosted by Compatriot Dr. Watson Pugh and his lovely wife, Mrs. Francis Pugh on June 12, 2010. At this wonderful and friendly gathering we were presented with two great topics of discussion. The first was *The Gatton Essay Contest Winner* – Logan Mintz's presentation of her winning essay and the second was the by the keynote speaker North Carolina Society Historian Stewart E. Dunaway. Ms. Mintz provided us with a glimpse into North Carolina's colonial past through a very scholarly essay concerning Wilmington's role during the War for Independence.

. In addition, on hand to hear the presentation was Mrs. Gatton. We were very pleased to have them both on hand for a memorable summer gathering.

In addition, Compatriot Dunaway's presentation focused upon a discussion of his book the "*Civil War in the American Revolution*". As we learned, the focus of Compatriot Dunaway's Book was the impact of the Revolution in North Carolina as it related to the duality of the war. A duality based on the division among two distinct groups of Citizen Soldiers: Militia and Continental on one side, pitted against Tory and British Regulars on the other. These two groups of professional and militia fought for vastly different goals with the realization that only one group could be victorious. Of course, that left the victors the greater question of how to repair the very structure of society that had been divided by a contentious war.



Greetings from the Children of the American Revolution are brought by Sarah Peterson at the SAR/DAR/CAR Picnic.

SAR Raleigh Chapter President Ed Phillips presides.

By-Laws and Constitution Changes

Change to By-Laws:

Article III - Duties of the Officers

The President, with assistance from his committees and the Board of Managers, shall: establish and announce the annual schedule of events for the Chapter, preside at meetings, and represent the Chapter at the State Board of Manager Meetings. The President shall be in charge of contracting all services required for the annual schedule of events. The President can delegate the responsibility, but is ultimately responsible. The Vice President shall perform these duties in the absence or incapacity of the President.

The Secretary shall: maintain the list of members, prepare correspondence to inform the membership of Chapter activities, maintain the minutes of the meeting, see that the meeting and activities correspond to the Constitution of the Chapter and the Chapter Bylaws.

The Treasurer shall: collect dues, collect dinner reservation payment, pay all approved obligations of the Chapter, keep the financial records and provide the Treasurer's Report at each meeting. The Treasurer may confer with the President and obtain authorization to make changes in banking or financial arrangement prior to a meeting. Member approval will be obtained at the next scheduled Chapter meeting.

The Historian shall: maintain a record of the chapter and its membership over time.

The Genealogist/Registrar shall: provide guidance on filing applications, review applications for completeness before forwarding them to the State Society, and inform the Secretary-Treasurer of the names and addresses of approved members.

Change to Constitution:

Article IV - Officers and the Board of Managers

The officers of this Chapter shall be the: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Chaplain, and Genealogist/Registrar. Said officers shall constitute the Board of Managers and they shall each serve a term of two years or until their successors are qualified. Their duties shall be those customarily performed by such officers plus any duties specified in the By-Laws of this organization.

Vacancies among the officers are to be filled by appointment by the President, or, in his absence, by the Board of Managers until the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

ELECTION: Nominations for officers of the chapter may be made by a nominating committee of three appointed by the President. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the time of the election. Officers shall be elected every second year at a meeting of the general membership and shall be determined by the majority vote of the active members in attendance. The Historian is an appointed position by the President and requires no vote of the membership.



Alderman Honored as Patriot—From the “Sampson Independent”

DELWAY — As family members who are descendants of Daniel and Abigail Harris Alderman gathered to meet and enjoy fellowship together on June 26, they paused to pay tribute to John Alderman Sr. With relatives beginning to gather at Hinson Hall at Evergreen Baptist Church in Delway, many departed to travel to the Alderman Cemetery about three miles from the church on Powell Page Road.

The grave-marking ceremony took place last weekend, with many direct descendants of John Alderman Sr., who fought in the American Revolution, in attendance. Back in the late 1960s, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), marked his gravestone to honor his service in the war. Last weekend’s ceremony was held by the N.C. Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The Alderman Historical Association, represented by president H. Sidney Bland III, who is a direct descendant of Alderman, was on hand to welcome the crowd gathered as the SAR color guard presented the colors. After placing flags behind the gravesite, they marched back to stand at attention for most of the remaining ceremony.

As a common practice of grave-marking, a wreath was laid by other groups taking part in the ceremony. Mike Mathis, another Alderman descendent, and Hugh Williams presented the first wreath.

Pansy Alderman Elliot, a direct ancestor of Alderman Sr., laid a wreath by the Colonial Dames XVII Century. The Colonial Dames is an organization that can prove their direct lineage to an ancestor that lived and served the colonies prior to 1701. Susan Corliss-Bland laid the DAR wreath presented by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter. Honors were also paid by the John Ashe Chapter of CAR with Christa Bland, Rachel Bland (both direct descendants) and Cline each laid a single rose on the grave. It was the first time a CAR chapter in North Carolina participated in a grave marking service.

Bland stated that “although many people living today probably had ancestors who have been here in the country over 200 years, it is a special thrill to actually know the names and dates and personal stories of the people you came from.”

He went on to share that in 1965 John Alderman secured from Governor Tryon a grant for 300 acres of land on Doctor’s Creek in Duplin County. Over his lifetime he continued to buy more land as he could, eventually ending with an estate of 700 acres.

One touching memoir read of Alderman Sr. was that he loved to read and frequently read from his Bible in the afternoon, sitting in the shade of a large tree in his yard. At the age of 85 he was found sitting in his chair with his Bible in his hand, dead.

“What a wonderful ending to a life lived with honor and valor,” concluded Bland.



A part of the group present for the grave marking ceremony honoring patriot John Alderman Sr. by the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution included front row, from left: Rebecca Bland Brand, H. Sidney Bland III, Susan Corliss-Bland, Rachel Bland, Christa Bland, Emily Cline and Angela Cline. Back row, from left: James Alderman, Pansy Alderman Elliot, Gary Green, David Mann, Tim Boyd, Hugh Williams and Mike Mathis. Courtesy photo

Inspirational Quotes Cumulative List of Raleigh Chapter SAR Members—Past and Present

“In years to come, men will speak of this war and say, “I was a soldier,” “I was a sailor,” or “I was a pilot.” Others will say with equal pride, “I was a citizen of London.”

Eric Sevareid, London – 1940

Two new tables have been loaded to our SAR Raleigh Chapter section of the SAR State Web Site containing all known members of the Raleigh Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. It was compiled from state and chapter rosters and yearbooks from 1968 to 2010, National Society records of deaths and dropped members, the published SAR Membership roster of 1997 and other records held by the chapter. For privacy reasons, the Web site contains only the National Society SAR#, current

membership status, name dates the member was active and the last city and state of residence are displayed. A second file is also loaded which has a list of the Patriot Ancestors and the Raleigh Chapter members who are descended from them. Both of these files can assist with genealogical research and prospective membership.

A great deal of appreciation is due to Compatriot James D. Hill who compiled the data.



Grave Marker for Col. Patrick Ferguson

Born Scotland 1744, killed on King’s Mountain, 1780

Yorktown Dinner Reservation Form

Date: Oct 19, 2010

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Clarion Hotel
320 Hillsborough Street
Raleigh, NC, 27603
919-832-0501

Cost: \$31 per adult

Send to: Scott Kennedy
2809 Anderson Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27608

Or, call or e-mail your reservation to Scott on (919) 789-4080, or skennedy@wcpss.net

Member/Guest Name	Amount
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Enclosed	\$

Make check payable to “Raleigh Chapter, NCSSAR”
Deadline for Reservations: Oct 12, 2010