

Norfolk



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Tuesday, January 9, 2018
NORFOLK SAR DINNER MEETING

Time: 6 pm (social); 7:00 pm (dinner)

Place: Westminster Canterbury 3100 Shore Dr., Virginia Beach, Virginia

Speaker: Virginia Society President, Michael Elston
“Virginia Society Initiatives”

RSVP: Edward Douglas @ (757) 490-3819 or ed0236@verizon.net by January 1st (for a head count)

Dear Norfolk Compatriots,

As we begin the new year filled with a host of new opportunities it is appropriate that we take a moment to review our accomplishments over the past year. Most importantly, we have seen our chapter’s membership increase 25% over last year. Over 600 new Eagle Scouts have been recognized in the last three years with an average of 200 each year. Twenty-seven J/ROTC cadets were recognized with medals and certificates— up from 25 in previous years. A Knight essay contest winner received her medal and scholarship. Chapter members presented wreaths at the Crossing of the Dan, Flag Day, Battle of the Capes, Yorktown Day, Veterans Day, and the Battle of Great Bridge, participated in eight additional special observances in the state as well as a new citizen swearing in ceremony. Outstanding speakers addressed our chapter at each of our dinner meetings.

The new year promises even more achievements with several new member applications in the pipeline. We have applicants for each of the youth programs – Knight essay, Eagle Scout, J/ROTC, and the orations contest. An invigorated grave marking initiative is underway with the goal of marking graves of at least fifteen Revolutionary War patriots. With a growing list of speakers, the dinner meetings look to be educational, enjoyable, and mentally stimulating.

Once again I ask you to step up and serve. Our chapter is in need of volunteers if we are to continue providing our programs to the communities that we serve. The chapter is at its best when each of us contributes a little of our time with one or more of the outreach programs. Please give some thought to filling one of the vacant board or committee positions. Or, perhaps serving on one of the committees. Our Board of Managers could use the help.

At our annual dinner on the 9th of January, our friend, VASSAR President Michael Elston will offer a brief message about Virginia Society initiatives and conduct the formal installation of officers. Immediate past-president Maury Weeks and I will present awards to several most worthy compatriots. The evening promises good socializing and fine dining.

2018 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President: Kenneth Hawkins
Vice Pres.: VACANT
Secretary: Edward Douglas
Treasurer: Mike O’Shea
Chancellor: Carter Furr
Registrar: Robert Avery
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COMMITTEES

Americanism – Ken Hawkins
Awards – Maury Weeks
CAR/DAR – Robert Hitchings
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Graves – Mike O’Shea
Great Bridge – Ken Hawkins
Kemps Landing – Edward Douglas
Knight Essay – Tom Whetstone
Membership – Warren Chauncey
Orations – Charles Hassell II
Programs/Speakers – Ken Hawkins
ROTC – Ken Hawkins
Veterans Affairs – Shawn Landis
Website – Edward Douglas

History Quiz:

The first major conflict of the Revolutionary War is known as the Battle of Bunker Hill but that is inaccurate. What is the true location?

Norfolk Chapter Photos from Battle of Great Bridge ceremony on December 2nd, 2017,



Caroline Phillips being presented the Great Bridge medal for sustained outstanding service.



The Guest Speaker, Dr. Philip Hamilton receiving the silver Good Citizenship Medal. His presentation was titled "From Rebellion to Revolution: Great Bridge and Its Momentous Consequences."



Michael Elston, VASSAR President presenting Greetings from the Virginia Society

Additional photos may be found at norfolksar.org/phot-gallery.html.

Upcoming Events (Additional information and dates will be added as they are finalized.)

Feb 9-10: VASSAR Annual Meeting at Richmond Omni

Feb 13: Board of Managers Meeting at Gus and George's

Feb 17: Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan (NSSAR event hosted by VASSAR) in South Boston, VA

April 4: Commemoration of the Battle of Petersburg at the Battersea Plantation

May 28th: National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.



Quiz Answer: Breed's Hill

Patriotic Inspiration:

“Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.”

■ Robert Kennedy

SEE YOU on the 9th for dinner.

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