



THE GUNNERY NEWS

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The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence. As a historical, educational, and patriotic, non-profit corporation, we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum" that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people.

President's Call

Fellow Compatriots:

The Virginia Society 2011 Semi-Annual Meeting is fast approaching. The conference, being held this year in Fredericksburg on September 16th and 17th, provides a great opportunity for members of the CFL Chapter to meet compatriots from across the Commonwealth. The Col. Fielding Lewis and James Monroe Chapters are jointly sponsoring the event. Our planning committee has worked very hard over the last few months arranging an agenda that showcases "the most historic city in America," Fredericksburg! There are a variety of events planned during the two day gathering and I strongly encourage every member to take part in the VASSAR Semi-Annual. More details can be found in this newsletter, and also at www.virginia-sar.org. Please don't delay. Register today!

Dave Hazel

Chapter News

The next luncheon meeting of the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter will NOT be held at the usual time (second Saturday in September.) Instead, we have scheduled our September chapter meeting in conjunction with the VASSAR Semi-Annual. The chapter meeting will take place on Friday, September 16th from 7:00 - 7:30 PM on the 2nd floor of the Fredericksburg Museum. This will be a brief session just to conduct essential chapter business. All members of the CFL Chapter are invited to attend, even if you are not attending the VASSAR Semi-Annual (however, CFL Members are strongly encouraged to participate in all or part of the Semi-Annual agenda.)

For those Compatriots who may be disappointed at missing the luncheon part of our normal chapter meeting, please note that the VASSAR Semi-Annual luncheon is being held at the Fredericksburg Country Club on Saturday, September 17th. Complete information follows in this edition of *The Gunnery News*.



2011 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting

Here Ye! Here Ye! Hear Ye!

Join the Col. Fielding Lewis and James Monroe Chapters for a Colonial Weekend of Education, Fun, History and VASSAR Business.

Where: Fredericksburg, Virginia

When: Friday & Saturday, September 16 & 17, 2011

- *Explore a town where patriots walked while securing our freedoms and one that boasts more original colonial buildings than most American towns.*
- *Join in a march led by the VASSAR Color Guard to market square and be welcomed by town officials.*
- *Sit in the same room where the Marquis de Lafayette was received and entertained during his return visit to the United States in 1825 (Board of Manager's meeting Friday evening).*
- *Experience a conversation between mother and son, Martha and George Washington at Martha's home (Ladies' program Friday evening).*
- *Take a trolley tour with emphasis on the colonial history of the city.*
- *Buy raffle tickets to win one (or both) original artworks commissioned especially for this event. One depicts the Old Town Council Building in Fredericksburg and the other depicts the James Monroe birthplace house in Colonial Beach.*
- *Listen and ask questions as Generals Rochambeau, Washington and Weedon talk about the upcoming campaign at Yorktown (Saturday luncheon).*
- *Experience October Fest in downtown Fredericksburg on Saturday afternoon.*
- *Stay over another day and visit places such as Hugh Mercer's Apothecary Shoppe, Kenmore (Fielding and Betty Washington Lewis' home) and the Rising Sun Tavern.*

2011 VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting
September 16-17, 2011
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Information of Interest

Friday, 9/16 -Genealogical/Registrar Workshop

This informal workshop will address questions concerning research and documentation methods in the search for Revolutionary Patriots and how to properly fill out both new and supplemental SAR applications. VASSAR Registrar Brent Morgan, CFL Registrar Skip Nolan and CFL Genealogist Laura Hazel will provide the answers.

Friday, 9/16 - Administrative/Database Workshop

This workshop is geared for chapter secretaries, treasurers and others responsible for membership records and the collection of annual dues. Topics to be discussed will include how to properly complete and transmit membership information, procedures for collecting annual dues, annual tax reporting procedures and other administrative concerns. VASSAR Secretary Bob Carr, Treasurer Rick Elofson and Asst. Sec./Trea. Wayne Rouse will discuss these topics and answer questions.

Friday, 9/16 - Color Guard Procession

We will walk about 2-1/2 blocks from the hotel to the Fredericksburg Market Square where everyone will be greeted by town and museum officials. A group picture will be taken at this location.

Friday, 9/16 - Museum

Tour the Fredericksburg Museum and see a new exhibit titled "9/11 Ten Years Later".

Friday, 9/16 - Ladies Program

Tour the Mary Washington House and listen to a conversation between mother Mary and son George.

(Complementary trolley transportation between the hotel, museum and the Mary Washington House will be available on Friday from 6:00 to 11:00 pm)

Saturday, 9/17 – Fredericksburg Trolley Tours, 9 am and 10 am

These tours will take approximately 1-1/2 hours each. Revolutionary War era history will be emphasized along the way with a short tour of Kenmore (home of Col. Fielding Lewis and his second wife, Betty Washington Lewis).

Saturday, 9/17 – Raffle Drawing at Fredericksburg Country Club

The winning tickets for two pieces of original artwork depicting the Fredericksburg Museum and the James Monroe Birthplace House will be drawn by the artist. Winners do not have to be at the luncheon. Watch the VASSAR website for additional information, including pictures of the artwork, on how to purchase tickets in advance.



Virginia Society
 Sons of the American Revolution
Semi-Annual Meeting Agenda
 September 16-17, 2011
 Courtyard Marriott
 Fredericksburg Historic District
 620 Caroline Street
 Fredericksburg, Virginia

Friday, September 16th

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| 1:00 – 7:00 pm | Registration | Hotel – Outside Mary Washington B |
| 1:30 – 5:00 pm | Genealogy/Registrar Workshop | Hotel – Mary Washington A |
| 1:30 – 3:30 pm | Executive Committee | Hotel – Mary Washington B |
| 3:30 – 5:00 pm | Admin/Database Workshop | Hotel – Mary Washington B |
| 5:00 – 6:15 pm | Dinner (on your own) | Area Restaurants |
| 6:20 pm | Color Guard Procession | Hotel to Market Square |
| 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Museum Tour (self-guided) | Fredericksburg Museum |
| 7:00 – 7:30 pm | Col. Fielding Lewis Meeting | Fredericksburg Museum – 2 nd Floor |
| 7:30 – 9:00 pm 7:45 pm | Ladies Program | Mary Washington House |
| 8:00 – 9:30 pm | Board of Manager’s Meeting | Fredericksburg Museum – 3 rd Floor |
| 9:30 pm | President’s Reception | Fredericksburg Museum – 1 st Floor |

Saturday, September 17th

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| 6:00 – 8:00 am | Breakfast (on your own) | Hotel and Area Restaurants |
| 7:00 – 8:00 am | Registration | Hotel – Outside Mary Washington B |
| 8:00 – 10:00 am | General Membership Meeting | Hotel – Mary Washington A & B |
| 9:00 – 11:30 am | Fredericksburg Trolley Tours (18 th Century History) | Charlotte Street (across from hotel) |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Social Time | Fredericksburg Country Club Great Room & Patio |
| 1:00 pm | Luncheon | Fredericksburg Country Club Great Room |



**VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting
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Hotel Information

Courtyard Marriott Fredericksburg Historic District

620 Caroline Street
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401
1-540-373-8300

Please make your hotel reservations by phone at:

1-800-321-2211 (mention Group Code: SAR)

or online (direct link) at:

<http://cwp.marriott.com/fkrcy/vassar/>

Rooms with one King-Size bed or two Queen-Size beds are available on a first served basis. Rate is \$149.00 per night, plus local room taxes. A credit of up to \$25.00 per room is available to be applied toward valet parking and/or hotel food/incidentals.

Reservations for rooms at the above rate must be received at the Courtyard Marriott Fredericksburg Historic District no later than

Friday, August 26th, 2011