



The **Battle of Great Bridge** took place on December 9, 1775 near the present day Great Bridge bridge. The first land battle of the American Revolution fought in the South saw Virginia and Carolina "regulars" and local militias meet and defeat British forces.

Visit the website of the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation <http://www.gbbattlefield.org/> for additional information on the battle and history of the local area.



The **Great Bridge Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution** was organized in February 21, 1894 and is named for the Battle of Great Bridge.

The National Society was founded in October 11, 1890 and was chartered in 1896 by an Act of the U.S. Congress for historic, educational and patriotic purposes. It is the largest patriotic women's organization in the world. Our beliefs foster awareness and the preservation of those basic principles of human freedom, including liberty, and the free exercise of faith, for which our founding fathers fought and died. Our work encompasses many areas of patriotic service, education, and citizenship.

Our DAR Motto is 'GOD, HOME and COUNTRY'



## 56TH ANNUAL WREATH LAYING

### COMMEMORATING THE BATTLE OF GREAT BRIDGE ON DECEMBER 9, 1775

December 5, 2009  
11:30 a.m.

Great Bridge Chapter  
Monument

Great Bridge Chapter  
National Society  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Norfolk, Virginia

*The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the  
United States of America*

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

- Francis Bellamy



*The American's Creed*

"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign nation of many sovereign States, a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortune.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

- William Tyler Page

**Great Bridge Chapter Thanks:**

Mrs. Ann Maliniak, Regent, Chesapeake Chapter, NSDAR  
Mr. Robert B. Hitchings, President, Norfolk Chapter, NSSAR  
Mr. Ron Phelps and Members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of  
the Continental Line serving as the Color Guard  
Mrs. Sally B. Triolet, Chesapeake Parks & Recreation, Leisure -  
Special Events



**PROGRAM**



Welcome.....Cecile Budimier  
*Regent, Great Bridge Chapter*

**Presentation of the Colors**

Invocation.....LeNelle Janis  
*Past Regent, Chesapeake Chapter*

Pledge of Allegiance.....Erika Compliment  
*Great Bridge Chapter*

American's Creed.....Caroline Phillips  
*Past Regent, Great Bridge Chapter*

**Posting of the Colors**

Introduction of the Speaker.....Cecile Budimier

Proclamation and Remarks.....  
...The Honorable Alan P. Krasnoff  
*Mayor, City of Chesapeake*

**Placing of the Wreaths and Musket Salute**

Closing Comments.....Cecile Budimier

Benediction.....Dr. John Thomas Whetstone  
*Editor Chapter Newsletter, Norfolk Chapter*

**Retiring of the Colors**

*Thank You for Celebrating With Us Today  
And Our Thanks to Mayor Krasnoff and  
the City of Chesapeake for Making it Possible*