



Norfolk Patriot

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Nº 1, January 2010

January Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010

6:00 p.m. (social); **7:00 p.m.** (supper) (London broil)

Place: Norfolk Yacht and Country Club (\$30/person)

Program: "The Pirates of the Revolution"

Speaker: VASSAR President William L. (Bill) Simpson, Jr.

RSVP: Robert Hitchings at 757-423-0191 by Thursday, Jan. 14

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Patriots:

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010 to you all!
I trust you and yours had a wonderful Christmas.

We begin our New Year 2010 with SAR at the Norfolk Yacht and Country club this coming 19th of January. I hope you and your family will be able to join us. Our State President William L. (Bill) Simpson, Jr. will be on hand for a nice slide show and a talk on the Revolutionary War. Afterwards he shall install our officers.

VP Matt Hogendobler, all our officers, and I look forward to serving you and our Norfolk Chapter for another great year of SAR.

Robert B. Hitchings
President, Norfolk Chapter, SAR.

History Quiz:

What rather brief battle on January 17, 1781, one in which relatively few people were engaged, was **decisive** by beginning the direct chain of events leading to Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown?

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We welcome our new member: Alvin Peschke

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Also see VASSAR website:

<http://www.sar.org/vassar.>]

Tues., January 09	George Washington SAR Chapter Award Ceremony and Gala Dinner honoring Gen. Eric Shinseki Mount Vernon, VA, 6:00 pm [Contact Matt Hogendobler.]
Tues., January 19	General Membership Dinner Meeting <i>Norfolk Yacht and Country Club</i> ; 6:00 pm (social); 7:00 pm (dinner)
Tues., February 16	Board of Managers meeting; 7:00 pm
Tues., March 16, 2010	General Membership Dinner Meeting <i>Westminster Canterbury penthouse</i>

Quiz Answer:

The Battle of Cowpens, near Chesnee, SC.

American commander: Col Daniel Morgan. British Commander: Lt. Col. Banastre “Bloody” Tarleton. Patriot casualties: 12 dead, 60 wounded. British casualties: 110 dead, 200+ wounded, 500 captured.

Patriotic Inspiration:

In the republic that the Founders envisioned, order would come from the consent and virtue of the people themselves. The farmer-citizen could be counted on to surrender his personal desires for the public good. The common man could be trusted to govern a new republic.

At the time of the American Revolution, the colonists knew that liberty was a dangerous pursuit that put their very lives and livelihoods at risk. Tens of thousands lost their lives either on the battlefields, through disease, or by starvation.

Patriots and ordinary citizens persevered, not just because they were exceptional in their bravery and intellect but also because they believed deeply in the idea of America. They prevailed and proved to the world that the united efforts of ordinary citizens risking all in the pursuit of liberty can free people from tyranny.

Our challenge is to continue this grand experiment in self-government, proving what becomes of a nation founded on the principles of individual freedom and citizen participation.

Adapted from a November 30, 2009 letter from Colin G. Campbell, President of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation



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