

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Also see VASSAR website:
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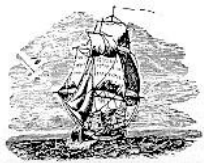
- Tues., March 16, 2010 General Membership Youth Recognition Dinner Meeting
Westminster Canterbury penthouse
6:00 pm (social); 7:00 pm (dinner)
- Sat., March 20 District VI History Day Competition
St. Patrick's Catholic School, Norfolk
- Sat., April 17 Virginia History Day Competition
Thomas Nelson Community College-Historic Triangle
- Tues., April 20 Board of Managers meeting; 7:00 pm
Thalia Trinity Presbyterian Church
- Sat., May 15 General Membership Luncheon Meeting
Location to be announced
- Mon., May 31 Memorial Day Parade & Wreath Laying, 1:30 pm
Chapter Marker at Tidewater Veterans Park

Quiz Answer:

John Paul Jones served Queen Catherine II ("the Great") of Russia in a 1788 war against the Turks. He accepted this charge with the permission of the Government of the U.S., but he considered this the one great mistake of his life and it hastened his death.

Patriotic Inspiration:

As we prepare to enjoy another sumptuous supper (the Southern term), I often recall a story told at an SAR meeting in Florida. It tells of what the "Swamp Fox" Francis Marion and his men ate while opposing the British in South Carolina. One evening a young British officer approached the Patriot camp under a flag of truce, asking to see Col. Marion. When he was taken to Marion's tent, he offered surrender terms. The Swamp Fox politely declined but offered supper, due to the late hour. The Brit accepted, if reluctantly, and Marion stirred the campfire with his sword, bringing up two sweet potatoes, which were what his men ate for rations. The Brit managed to choke his sweet potato down and returned to his own encampment. His report startled the British commander because it recommended that the British pitch their tents, march directly to the coast, and sail back to England. Why? The young officer explained that if those filthy, ragged, starving, ill-equipped, miserable Americans would not surrender, but hide out in swamps with only sweet potatoes to eat, they must be so determined to win their country's liberty that they surely would succeed. And they did. Now we can feast on much richer fare.



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