

Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution John Paul Jones Chapter



SERAPIS

Summer 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are already; our second newsletter and I have another opportunity to talk to you. Since the last newsletter we had our first meeting in March 2019. It was an outstanding meeting, a lot of you chose to attend and we accomplished a lot. Since that meeting your newly installed Chapter Officers have been busy; we transferred the Chapter's funds to our new Treasurer, our Youth Programs Director attended the National CAR Conference, we established a By-Laws development committee (we don't have any by-laws), we established a Christmas Party planning committee, we began our outreach to our neighboring DAR chapters, we are reviewing optional meeting locations, our Youth Programs Director continues his outreach to our youth, we are partnering with a local DAR chapter to identify our Anne Arundel County Revolutionary Patriots resting places so we can appropriately honor them, and Mike and I attended the Maryland Society's Annual Meeting. There will much more detail on all of these items later in the newsletter and at our next meeting on 22 June.

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NEXT JPJ CHAPTER MEETING JUNE 22, 2019 2PM

Location: Union Jack Pub,
2072 Somerville Road on Annapolis

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We kicked off several initiatives; the most important of which is being led by your Vice President and Youth Programs Director, Mike Kelley. That program is our Youth Programs and outreach efforts. To state it quite simply, we are a vanishing organization if we chose not to embrace our youth, welcome and encourage them into our fold. Mike is embracing that philosophy and working hard to help our young people know there is an exciting and relevant future for them with us. I encourage all of our Compatriots to embrace this idea and help Mike with this challenge.

As I said earlier, we are partnering with the Peggy Stewart DAR Chapter to identify Anne Arundel County Revolutionary Patriot grave sites. We want to accomplish this for many reasons, including publicly recognizing the Patriots and their contribution to the birth of our country, appropriately marking their resting places, and including their resting places in our annual Wreaths Across America efforts. Ron Shuey volunteered to head our Christmas Party planning and I know he would enjoy having some help with that effort. Howard Beard volunteered to focus on creating a set of by-laws for our chapter.

We are busy to say the least. We have a lot to discuss and decide at our next meeting which is at our hangout, Union Jack Pub, 2072 Somerville Road on Annapolis on 22 June at 2 pm. I hope you will choose to join your fellow Compatriots as we decide our future.

*Continued Next Column***FUNDING NEEDS**

As we grapple with our initiatives and goals it is clear we have a significant financial challenge ahead of us.

Our current income is derived solely from our annual dues which is \$10 per Compatriot per year. This leaves us woefully short for the basic things we want to accomplish.

To alleviate this shortfall, we want to be creative with our funding challenge. We have some choices to make. We can choose to do less and then we don't need the money or we can choose to do the things we want and figure how to pay for them.

I don't want to be one those organizations that seem to want to pick your pocket all the time. We should decide what we want to do and build a budget to accomplish those things.

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We should also develop a long term (at least 5 years) plan with an associated financial plan. That way we know, with some flexibility, how we can accomplish what is important to us.

As I see it there are several ways to deal with our finances, in no particular order and not all inclusive they include:

- Raise our annual dues
- Develop program or initiative based funding. An example might be, if you want to support our Wreaths Across America program, then we provide you a way to buy some wreaths for our chapter.
- We already established a **Smile.Amazon** account. If you chose to use it with us as your charity, we receive .5% of your purchase as a donation to our chapter. That will help us some.
- Conduct fundraising events.

We can do any of these things alone or collectively in any combination. I assure you this will be a significant topic of discussion at our June meeting. You should consider coming to the meeting and helping us figure out how we want to move forward and how we want to responsibly fund our goals.

ABOUT: AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile** Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on **AmazonSmile** smile.amazon.com at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for **AmazonSmile** donation" on their product detail pages.

If you represent a charitable organization and you would like to learn more about registering your organization to receive **AmazonSmile** donations, go to org.amazon.com.

For more information about the **AmazonSmile** program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.



MARCH JPJ CHAPTER MEETING NOTES



9 March 2019 Meeting Minutes

At 2:00 PM **Mark Deeds**, John Paul Jones (JPJ) Chapter President welcomed all members and guests. Mark Deeds explained that the first part of the meeting was social time. During this time we would also have a guest speaker, **Daniel Klein**, President, Maryland State Children of the American Revolution. We also had **Ms Riggleman** present her oration

At 3:00 PM Mark Deeds introduced the Chapter's Youth Programs Director, **Michael (Mike) Kelley**, to present the Chapter's Youth Awards.

Mike Kelley recognized **Sarah Giddings** as the winner in the Chapter's Knight Essay contest Winner and **Sam Geverdt** as the runner up in the Knight Essay contest. [Unfortunately Sarah and Sam were unable to attend].

Mike Kelly stated we would reach out to them to present their awards. Mike Kelley also announced the Sarah Giddings won 2nd place in the State Society's Knight Essay Contest. Mike Kelley went on to recognize and award **Anthony Bibbo** for his winning the Chapter Eagle Scout Essay.

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Mark Deeds and **Jim Adkins**, Maryland State Society President, recognized and presented awards to former Chapter Presidents **Christopher Beck** and **John Harvey**.

Following the awards Mark Deeds called the Chapter Business meeting to order. Mark Deeds introduced distinguished visitors and welcomed all the guests.

Barry Mckown gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.



Ron Shuey is presented with the War Service Medal for his service in the Vietnam War by Maryland State President Jim Adkins at the George Washington Luncheon in February

1. Officer's Reports

Secretary Report/Minutes. Chapter Secretary, **Barry McKown**, submitted the Chapter's Annual Report as the last meeting minutes. **Mike Kelly** moved the report be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and members unanimously accepted the minutes.

Treasurer's Report. Chapter Treasurer, **Harry Aycok**, presented a treasurer's report. (See attached report) After the reports was presented Compatriot **Alden (Oz) Sanborn** asked the president for a response to the report. Mark Deeds provided an oral response. Compatriot requested the response be added to the Treasurer's Report and be made part of the meeting minutes (See attached document). Compatriot **Ron Shuey** moved the report be accepted as read pending the completion of an audit. The motion was seconded and members unanimously accepted the minutes with the stated provision.

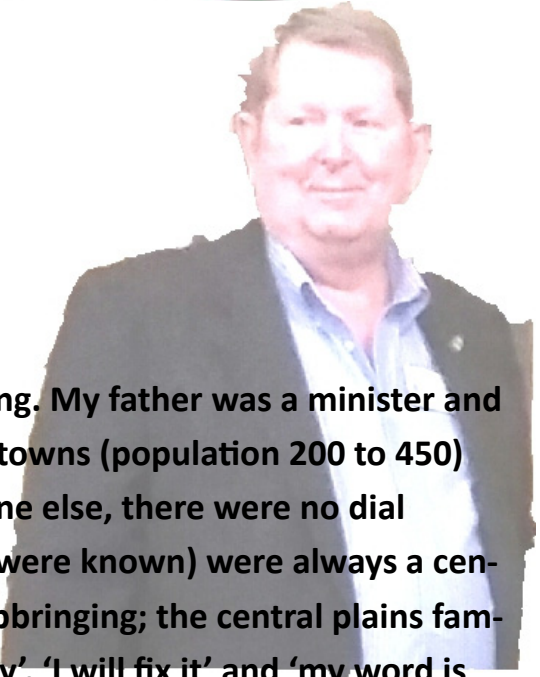
2. Committee/Director's reports.

Youth Programs - Mike Kelley presented the Youth Programs Report including the proposed Youth Programs Budget

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Chapter Spotlight!

The Editor of The SERAPIS will ask for a Biography to be featured in each Newsletter, to help familiarize our members to each other. This edition, I asked our newly-installed **President MARK DEEDS** to submit his Biography for a Feature in this edition. I extend my thanks to him. This Biography, in his-own words...



I am the product of a small Midwestern town upbringing. My father was a minister and we moved every couple of years in very small farming towns (population 200 to 450) throughout Iowa and Missouri. Everyone knew everyone else, there were no dial phones, party lines and the Minister's kids (PKS as we were known) were always a central topic for gossip. I am strongly influenced by that upbringing; the central plains family farmers lived a very independent, 'get out of my way', 'I will fix it' and 'my word is my bond' mentality. I believe I still carry a lot of that ideology and work ethic with me.

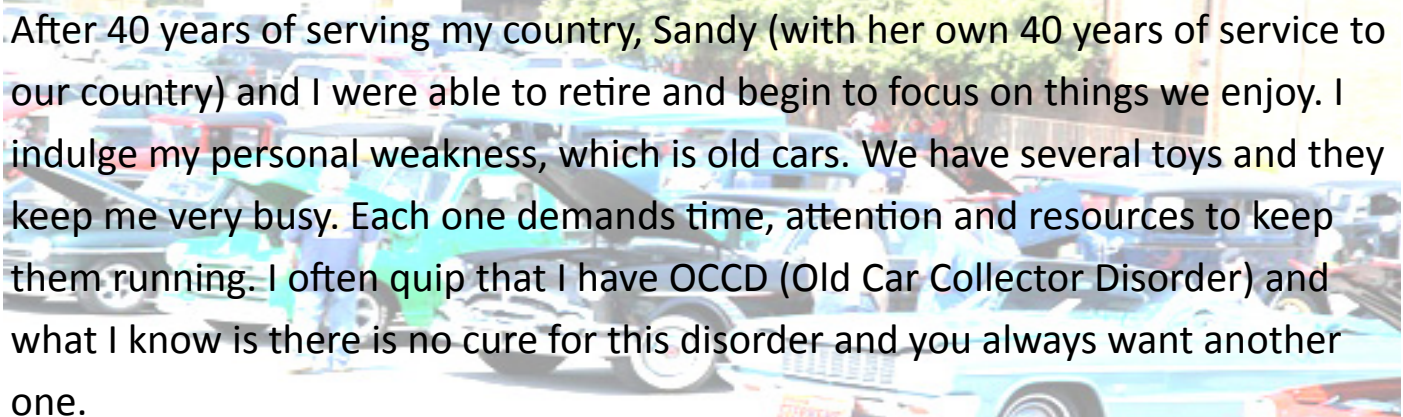
My government career began with the number "54". On the first day of having my own personal government number, our local draft board announced they were calling all numbers up to and including "42". I knew my time was short, so I decided to join our Armed Forces. The early seventies was a difficult time for the military.

The Viet Nam conflict was nearing its end, the military's morale was almost as low as the budget they received. Significant portions of the public believed the military was at fault for the results of the war and the soldiers personally felt that rebuff. From that beginning to the end of my military career, I was always proud to wear my country's uniform. My career took me to many places throughout the world. I always left those places knowing how fortunate I was to be born in the United States of America and I developed a very strong pride for my country.

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As my military career came to an end, I knew that one retirement was not enough to enjoy the good life. So I exchanged my uniform for a suit and became a Federal civil servant. In my new career, I supported the military I came to love. For the next twenty years I moved around our government doing my best to make a difference for our War Fighters; to provide them with the information and knowledge they needed to be successful in whatever they were tasked to do.



After 40 years of serving my country, Sandy (with her own 40 years of service to our country) and I were able to retire and begin to focus on things we enjoy. I indulge my personal weakness, which is old cars. We have several toys and they keep me very busy. Each one demands time, attention and resources to keep them running. I often quip that I have OCCD (Old Car Collector Disorder) and what I know is there is no cure for this disorder and you always want another one.

I was always curious about my family history but I did nothing about finding out until I helped Sandy with her DAR package. After some research, I found the children of two Patriots married and created my family line. I also came to know the 'Deeds' family has a very rich and distinguished military heritage beginning in the Revolutionary War and includes the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and continues even now in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I came to the Sons of the American Revolution as a member of a patriotic family with a proud history and tradition of serving our country.

Mark D. Deeds

6 Generations removed from my Patriots Andrew Deeds and Frantz Christian Hootman

The National Memorial Day Parade was held in Washington D.C. On Monday, May 27th. The Sons of the American Revolution were well represented by a contingent led by the Virginia Society. Maryland was represented by MDSSAR 3rd Vice President Mike Kelley, VPG Lou Rabourg, and Craig Smith, Vice President of the John Hanson Chapter. The Guests of Honor were NSSAR President General Warren Alter, and National Society Children of the American Revolution National President Mackie Storage.



Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard rendering honors to the reviewing stand during the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. MDSSAR 3rd Vice President Mike Kelley is carrying the Maryland state flag



3rd VP Mike Kelley



President General Warren Alter and MDSSAR 3rd VP Mike Kelley



NSCAR National Recording Secretary Emily Elston, NSCAR National President Mackie Storage, and MDSSAR 3rd VP Mike Kelley

Odenton Volunteer Fire Company Commended For Flag Pole Relocation

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The Odenton Volunteer Fire Company recently relocated its flagpole for better visibility and has been recognized for doing so.

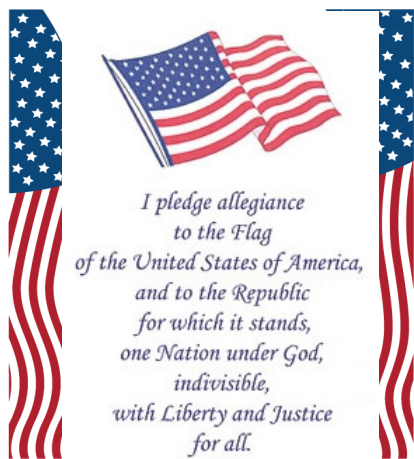
ODENTON, MD -- On May 15, 2019, Mark Deeds, president of the John Paul Jones Chapter of the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented a certificate to the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company with President Craig Harman accepting.

The certificate was in recognition of the fire company's displaying of the American flag. The fire company recently relocated its flagpole for better visibility. SAR seeks to recognize organizations and individuals who regularly display and respect the American flag. We noted the flag flying proudly every time we pass the fire station and wanted to recognize the company.



Mark Deeds, President Craig Harman, Asst Chief Chuck Tucker, and Vice President Wylie Donaldson stand at the new flag pole

[Article & photo curtesy Odenton-Severn Patch]



So we raise her up every morning, we take her down every night, we don't let her touch the ground and we fold her up right. On second thought, I do like to brag 'cause I'm mighty proud of the Ragged Old Flag.

— Johnny Cash —

She got cut with a sword at
Chancellorsville,
And she got cut again at
Shiloh Hill.
There was Robert E. Lee,
Beauregard and Bragg,
And the south wind blew hard
on
That Ragged Old Flag



Karen France, Curator with the Naval History & Heritage Command, examines the World War II battle flag of the destroyer USS Zellars (DD 777) after its recent conservation

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Introduction and Induction of new members – Mark Deeds introduced the Chapter's new compatriots for 2018. All the attending new compatriots were sworn in by **Jim Adkins**, Maryland State Society President. The list shows all the new compatriots and those in bold were present for the swearing in.



*William Triplett
Alden Sanborn
Rand Tomcala
Ryan Marshall Beard
Stephen Ross Beard
Weston Scott Beard
John Tyler Cohen
Cameron L Lilly
John R Lilly III*

*Bradley Ross Beard
Christopher Lee Beard
Collin Thomas Beard
Evan Allen Beard
J. Howard Beard
Jonathan Matthew Beard
Christopher Hans Fromherz
John R Lilly*



Mark Deeds presents John Harvey with the Past Chapter President pin and certificate

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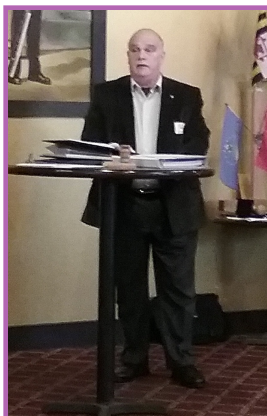
Hal Worthington, Daniel Fisher, Mike Kelley, and Mark Deeds are sworn in as Chapter Officers by Maryland State President Jim Adkins



Mark Deeds presents Christopher Beck with the Past Chapter President pin and certificate

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Editors Report
The Chapter Editor,
William M. (Bill)
Wood

Old/Unfinished business:

There was no old or unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers - The first order of new business was chapter elections. **Mark Deeds** introduced the Chapter Nomination Committee Chair, **Ron Shuey**, to conduct the elections.

New Officer Installation

Closing.

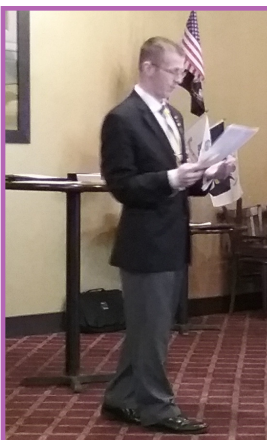
Presiding officer's remarks.

Mark Deeds thank everyone for coming and then talked to a couple of Chapter initiatives - Smile Amazon — Wreaths Across America

Mike Kelley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Mark Deeds led the group in the SAR Recessional

Barry McKown gave the Benediction followed by Mark Deeds declaring the meeting adjourned.



Youth Programs Report
JPJ Chapter VP
Mike Kelley

JPJ CHAPTER IS ON THE WEB - CHECK US OUT



John Paul Jones Chapter
Maryland Society
Sons of the American Revolution

www.johnpauljonessar.org/250th.html

CHAPTER YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS



Chapter President Mark Deeds, Mr. Bibbo, Eagle Scout Anthony Bibbo, and Youth Programs Director Mike Kelley presenting the Chapter level Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award

CHAPTER YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS



Chapter President Mark Deeds, Mrs. Riggleman, Chapter Orations winner Morgan Riggleman, and Youth Programs Director Mike Kelley presenting the Chapter award for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration contest

CHAPTER YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS



Chapter President Mark Deeds, Maryland Children of the American Revolution State President Daniel Klein, and Youth Programs Director Mike Kelley at the Chapter meeting. Daniel gave a presentation on the Maryland CAR and the Maryland CAR State Conference.

General Horace Porter Award



Barrett L. McKown, *past president of the John Paul Jones Chapter*, awarded the General Horace Porter Award to the midshipman who contributed most to promote history within the History Department at the United States Naval Academy this last academic year.

The award was instituted in 1977 and is named after Porter because of his steadfast determination to locate and have the remains of John Paul Jones returned to the United States from France. General Porter, a New Yorker and West Point graduate, served as the third President General of the SAR from 1892-1896.

He served as Ambassador to France for both Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt when he began his search for Jones.

The remains *were found* and returned to Annapolis on April 24th, 1906.

The awardee this year was Midshipman First Class **Ryan J. Mikalchus**, and the award was presented in Memorial Hall on the 22nd of May, 2019.



The General Horace Porter Award was presented at Memorial Hall, from left, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Jennifer K. Waters; Barrett L. McKown, past president of John Paul Jones Chapter; MIDN 1/C Ryan J. Mikalchus; Director of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, Col. Jeffery Smitherman, USMC; & Department Chair for the Department of History, Professor Rick Ruth



Shown at the rededication of plaque erected by the Maryland Society on the site of old Congress Hall are (l-r): George S. Robertson, secretary, Maryland Society, and former treasurer general; Claude B. Hellmann, president, Maryland Society; Hon. Theodore R. McKeldin, Mayor of Baltimore; W. Giles Parker, past president and current trustee, Maryland Society; and Judge Wilson K. Barnes, a member of the board of officers and managers, and chairman of the Constitution Day Committee, Maryland Society. (Photo by Compatriot Clarence E. Pusey, Jr.)

Meeting Agenda for 22 June 2019**Chapter Meeting – Beginning at 2 PM****Opening**

Call to order.

Mark Deeds

Invocation

Barry McKown

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ALL

SAR Pledge

ALL Compatriots

Social time - *The Bar and Food will be available for whatever compatriots and guests wish to order, on a no host, cash basis.*

Awards and Inductions

Guest Speaker – C. Lou Raborg – Coins of the Early America

Meeting

Officer's Reports

Secretary Report/Minutes.

Daniel Fisher

Treasurer's Report

Hall Worthington

Committee/Director's reports.

Youth Programs Report

Mike Kelley

Editor's Report

Bill Wood

By-Laws Committee Report

Howard Beard

Christmas Party Committee Report

Ron Shuey

Old/Unfinished business

2019 Budget

New business.

Closing

Presiding officer's remarks.

Mark Deeds

Motion to adjourn the meeting

SAR Recessional

ALL Compatriots

Benediction

Barry McKown

Declaration of adjournment

Mark Deeds

Meeting Agenda for 22 June 2019

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Last Quarter's John Paul Jones Activities

March

Maryland CAR State Conference, Cambridge MD
Attended Maryland Society Annual Meeting
Met with Peggy Stewart DAR Chapter
Established Chapter By-Laws Committee

April

National CAR Convention, Arlington, VA
Established Chapter Christmas Party Committee

May

Annapolis HS JROTC Award
Northeast HS JROTC Award
Meade HS JROTC Award
Massing of the Colors, Fort Meade
National Memorial Day Parade, Washington DC
Presented Flag Certificate to Odenton Volunteer Fire Company

June

Capt. John Ward Veazey Society CAR meeting
Sea Cadet Bronze Good Citizenship medal presentation
Follow up Meeting with Peggy Stewart DAR Chapter
MDSSAR Board of Managers Meeting, Silver Spring, MD



Your Chapter needs and is still looking for some interested Compatriots to take on some of our Chapter's programs and/or initiatives.

The volunteers we need are:

Community Programs Director – This is the most pressing position we are hoping to fill. One or more Compatriots that will keep their eyes on our community looking for everyday people doing extraordinary things. These things can be event based or encompass a career. We have the ability to recognize those people or groups that contribute to our community's health, safety, welfare and/or quality of life. These people may be first responders, medical personnel, public servants or any citizen that makes a difference.

Public Relations – We need someone that will work with local news and social outlets to get our message and activities noticed. The more we can spread our message the more help I believe we will get.

Corresponding Secretary – We could use the assistance of a well-organized and talented person who can author correspondence to aid us in crafting and communicating our message and goals to others that can help us.

Chaplain – We need a person to help spiritual anchor us to keep us well grounded.

2020 Nominations Committee Chairman - We need someone to anchor our 2020 Nomination Committee.

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Social Media Chairman – We need someone that understands modern social media connectivity. If we want to connect with our youth we need to be communicating on their chosen media.

Please consider pitching in. None of these positions are all consuming, they are by their very nature part time. If we can gather a team, we can become very effective at communicating our message and impacting our community. With the team, no one of us will labor beyond their comfort zone and we can have some fun while we are at it. Let Mike or me know of your interest. If you just want to help, we are also looking for volunteers to help our current directors and committee chairs.

Chapter Leadership Team

President	Mark D. Deeds
Vice President	Michael J. Kelley Jr.
Treasurer	M. Hall Worthington
Secretary	Daniel B. Fisher
Corresponding Secretary	Vacant
Registrar	Barrett L. McKown
Chaplain	Vacant
Newsletter Editor	William Wood
Social Media Director	Vacant

State Society Leadership Team

President	James M. Perry	Genealogist	Ryan P. Trainor
1 st Vice President	Eugene R. Moyer	Genealogist Emeritus	Henry C. Peden, Jr.
2 nd Vice President	Mark D. Deeds	Chancellor	Christopher M. May, Esq.
3 rd Vice President	Michael J. Kelley Jr.	Chaplain	George Satterthwaite
Secretary	Christos Christou Jr.	Assistant Chaplain	A. Douglas Brice
Assistant Secretary	James F. Engler Sr.	Surgeon	Lee Crandall Park, M.D.
Treasurer	Gary R. Neal	National Trustee	MG (Ret.) James A. Adkins
Treasurer Emeritus	Barrett L. McKown	Alternate National Trustee	Douglas B. Stuart
Registrar	Christopher T. Smithson	Webmaster	Michael J. Allison
Registrar Emeritus	Christos Christou Jr.	Assistant Webmaster	Christopher J. Raborg
Historian	James M. Perry	VPG Mid-Atlantic District -	C. Louis Raborg Jr.
Organizing Secretary	C. Louis Raborg Jr.		

YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS



Chapter Vice President and Youth Programs Director Mike Kelley presents the Bronze JROTC medal to c/ GySgt Heath Underwood of Northeast High School MCJROTC

Photo by Emma Weltz, Capt John Ward Veazey Society. MD CAR

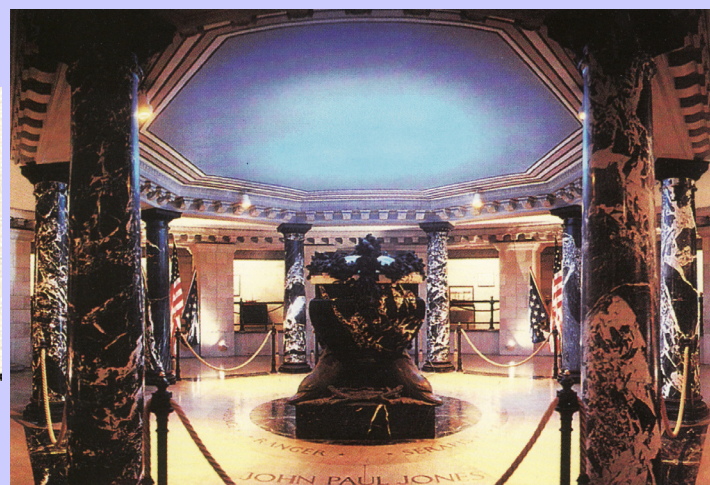


Chapter Vice President and Youth Programs Director Mike Kelley presents the Bronze JROTC medal to c/1stSgt Benjamin Parker of Meade High School AJROTC

Photo by Emma Weltz, Capt John Ward Veazey Society. MD CAR



Original 1779 Serapis Sketch at Texel



The Bon Homme Richard vs HMS Serapis

23 September 1779

Such an exploit as that performed by John Paul Jones in 1779, by which, in plain sight of the English coast, he flung to the breeze the gallant ensign of the United States, and, with Britons as witnesses of his daring, fought, victoriously, a battle which has always been spoken of as the most obstinate and sanguinary combat that ever occurred between single ships, can never be read of by Americans with other than the deepest and most enthusiastic interest. The action may well be pronounced one of the most terrible on record, from its unusual duration for a naval battle, from the ferocity which the combatants displayed, and from the proximity of the two vessels, the muzzles of the ships' batteries almost reaching into each other's port-holes.

This action, which gave the most distinguishing renown to Jones' brilliant career, and which so early gave prestige to American prowess on the ocean, is that which occurred on the 23rd of September, 1779. It was about noon, and a fleet of over forty sail appeared off Flamborough Head, on the coast of Yorkshire. The sails in sight were a fleet of English merchantmen, under convoy of the ships-of-war HMS Serapis and HMS Scarborough. Jones' ship the Bon Homme Richard set every stitch of canvas, but did not come into fighting position until about seven o'clock in the evening.

Captain Cottineau, of the Pallas, engaged the Scarborough, and took her after an hour's action, while the Ban Homme Richard engaged the Serapis. The British colors were struck at half past ten o'clock. However, so terribly was the Bon Horn me Richard cut to pieces that she soon sank after Jones and his crew transferred aboard the Serapis.

Commodore Pearson surrendered his sword to his really weaker foe. In going through the formalities of this scene, Pearson said, "It is painful to deliver up my sword to a man who has fought with a halter around his neck."

"Sir," replied Jones, good humoredly, as he handed back the weapon, "you have fought like a hero, and I make no doubt but your sovereign will reward you in the most ample manner."

True enough, the gallant Pearson soon received from King George the dignity of knighthood as an acknowledgment of his bravery in this unparalleled battle. Hearing of the honor, Jones is said to have dryly remarked, "Well, he deserved it; and should I have the good fortune to meet with him again, I will make a lord of him!"

YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARDS

The National Society Children of the American Revolution held their National Convention in Arlington, Virginia April 12-14 at the Renaissance Arlington Capitol View Hotel. Maryland CAR had a delegation of members attend, including outgoing State President Daniel Klein, and incoming State President Eva Bogino.



The voting delegates for Maryland CAR at the National Convention

They conducted several business meetings over the weekend, receiving reports of the National Chairman and Officers, electing new National Officers for the 2019-2020 year, and holding a formal awards dinner, at which SAR President General Warren Alter was an honored guest.

On Sunday, a memorial service was held for those members who had passed away over the last year, and a wreath laying was held at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.



Chapter Vice President and Youth Programs Director Mike Kelley presents the Bronze JROTC medal to c/SCPO Madelyn Carter of Annapolis High School. During the Change of Command, Cadet Carter was promoted to Cadet Lieutenant, and assumed duties as the Executive Officer for Annapolis High School JROTC.

Maryland SAR was represented at the convention by 3rd Vice President Mike Kelley, and State CAR Liaison Charles Bogino.

Mike serves as a Senior Leader for the Capt. John Ward Veazey Society CAR in Severna Park, and Charles serves as the Senior Public Relations Chairman for the Maryland State CAR.



Vice President Mike Kelley In front of the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier

The Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution

Maryland 400 Honorary Regiment

Join the Regiment by Donating to the MD400 Patriots' Fund

The Maryland 400 Patriots' Fund was established by the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution to receive contributions honoring the Maryland 400, gifts, bequests, and other assets given to the Maryland Society. Donations to the Maryland 400 Patriots'

Funds are tax deductible. The Fund is used to support major initiatives of the Society. An example of a major initiative is the \$20,000 provided to the Maryland State Archives to research the stories and biographies of those Marylanders who fought at the Battle of Brooklyn on August 27, 1776.

You can see the results of this research Patriots Biographies project on the Maryland Archives website; Finding the Maryland 400 <https://msamaryland400.wordpress.com/>.

The Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution will continue to promote Maryland's Revolutionary War history and the stories of the Maryland Patriots who fought for liberty.

Donate to the Maryland 400 Patriots' Fund and receive an honorary rank in the Maryland 400 Regiment. Donations are cumulative so over time you can earn promotions.

You do not have to be a member of the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution to participate. In fact, you can donate in the names of others and they will be added to the rolls of the Honorary Regiment.

The roster of honorary members will be posted on the Maryland Society website and will be presented each year during the George Washington luncheon in February.

Donate and earn your honorary rank while supporting the history of our Patriots. Your monetary contributions are cumulative, so you will advance in rank over a period of time with your membership. And, you need not be an MDSSAR member to participate.

Remit to: Treasurer, Gary R. Neal

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This chart provides the honorary rank name, insignia pin worn on the MD400 Honorary Regiment ribbon drape, and the corresponding contribution level.

This chart provides the honorary rank name, insignia pin worn on the MD400 Honorary Regiment ribbon drape, and the corresponding contribution level.

MDSSAR Rank Name	Insignia Pin Worn On Ribbon Drape	Contribution Level
Honorary Commander of the Regiment		\$5,000
Honorary Major General		\$4,000
Honorary Brigadier General		\$3,000

Honorary Colonel		\$2,000
Honorary Major		\$1,000
Honorary Captain		\$750
Honorary Lieutenant		\$500
Honorary Ensign		\$300
Honorary Sergeant		\$250
Honorary Corporal		\$100
Honorary Private	NO INSIGNIA PIN MEDAL ONLY	\$50

Finding the Maryland 400 Project Update

April 2019

During March 2019 we published five biographies, all of which were relatively detailed and lengthy.

They were:

- Pvt. Christopher Beale, the last remaining Third Company biography;
- Cadet Tobias E. Stansbury, who rose to brigadier general in the militia in the War of 1812;
- Capt. Peter Adams, commander of the Sixth Company, later lieutenant colonel of the Seventh Maryland;
- Ens. William Courts, of the Fourth Company, taken prisoner at Brooklyn; and
- Major Thomas Price, later colonel of the Second Maryland, who was accused of cowardice during his service.

In total, there are 755 biographies online, and most of our recent work has been devoted to revising biographies already online, so the total number isn't changing much.

The biography of Sergeant Alexander Naylor, Ninth Company, is undergoing revision with Cassy Sottile. When this is done, the only soldiers without a biography will be from the Fourth Independent Company. In addition, there are 8 biographies that need to be revised, all of senior officers; they were written for earlier MSA projects (such as the Biographical Dictionary of the Maryland Legislature, the governors' biographies, etc.). I am currently working on Thomas Marsh Forman, who joined the regiment as a cadet a week before the battle, and later served as Lord Sterling's aid de camp; he too, was a general during the War of 1812.

Taylor Blades will be starting as our staff researcher on April 22, and it will be very nice to have her in place. In addition, Washington College has selected two students to work as interns on the project this summer, who are funded through their Explore America internship program. One is Cassy Sottile, who was part of their Maryland 400 class last year and is currently interning with us; the other is Jillian Curran.

We have been busy recently in responding to quite a few inquiries about Revolutionary War service from members of the public, which came through the project website, the general MSA help desk, and our public search room. These types of question often don't involve members of the Maryland 400, but responding to them is an important way to connect with interested people about the project and MDSSAR's work.

In addition, I was invited to be the keynote speaker at the Veteran's Day ceremony at the Linthicum Veteran's Memorial, on November 9. I will pass on more details as I get them. I am also arranging a potential meeting with Chris Formant, author of *Saving Washington*.

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STEPHEN BEARD

*Stephen was the fifth son of Richard Beard III and Mary. He is mentioned in the 1776 census as the householder for two men, 1 woman and 2 children. Bible records would have the woman as his wife-Elizabeth and the two children as his oldest-daughters Sara and Susanna. **Revolutionary War records confirm his service as a "draught" on November 2, 1781 in Lieut. Clemons Company of Major Higgins Battalion.***

Assessor records of 1783 in the Road (Rhode River) Hundred, upper part identifies Stephen as owning 262 acres of Beard's Habitation which his home had a household of seven. Additionally, he owned 52 acres of Townhill, an adjacent tract.

Stephen and Elizabeth had a total of eight children. On February 17, 1808 he married Susannah Rawling-. Stephen died between December 25, 1814 and January 21, 1815.

(from Dr J. Howard Beard Jr. Beard Family Records which can read now at Maryland Archives, Annapolis, MD)

We (Beard Family) know very little about Stephen Beard who was referred to as a draught in Muster, Rolls and Other Records of Service of Maryland Troops In The American Revolution 1775-173 Peabody Library 975.2 A6733 Archives of Maryland XVIII Page 399.

We know Stephens father Richard III was an orphan after Richard's father Mathew died young and left his children to be raised by his aunt, Ruth and her husband Stephen Bordley. Stephens ownership of a portion of Beard's Habitation is likely owed to the two previous generations who settled Annapolis and Londontown. Richard Beard received the first land grant in Anne Arundel County from Lord Baltimore in 1649 and his son Richard, Jr performed the first surveys of Annapolis in 1684 and again in 1695.

Stephen's many children with Elizabeth were born before, during and after the Revolution between 1773 and 1794. If we know little about Stephen we know less about Elizabeth. We think they were married in 1772. We know nothing at this moment about her birth, death (or last name). We know Stephen married again in 1808 to Susan Rawlings.

Stephen's son Stephen Jr. born in 1782 married Margaret Rutland sold his portion of Beard's Habitation and together they moved to Rutland Road in 1802 where many Beard generations lived and still live today. Stephen Jr served in the defense of Washington in 1812 and later became Judge of the Orphans Court.

