

The "For What it's Worth Department"

We suspect there are bragging rights attached to being the oldest Chapter in the Virginia Society. And, with that being said, it is our humble opinion that those bragging rights go to the Richmond Chapter, chartered on April 11, 1923, a full ten months before the Norfolk Chapter was chartered on February 9, 1924. Norfolk did have a Chapter and a President in 1906. His name was Tench Tilghman. But, it was the Tidewater Chapter, not the Norfolk Chapter. At some point, unknown to your editor (*but the search continues*), the Tidewater Chapter folded its tent. In 1927, Compatriots in Norfolk understood their date of birth as a Chapter because the March 1927 issue of "The Minute Man", the original SAR Magazine, contains a report on a February 4th Norfolk Chapter meeting submitted by a member of the Norfolk Chapter. The article closes with these words: "After the business meeting, luncheon was served. This chapter was organized February 9, 1924, with seventeen charter members. It now has thirty-two members, with at least ten applications pending."

Comparisons could be drawn in Winchester where the Gen. Dan Morgan Chapter was once active but later dissolved, only to be replaced by the Col. James Wood, Jr Chapter in 2007. And, in Fredericksburg where the Gen. Hugh Mercer Chapter disbanded in the early 1990's but reorganized as the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter in 1998.

SPRING LEADERSHIP/TRUSTEES MEETING



Two Virginia Compatriots, Robert L. "Bob" Bowen and Genealogist General Joseph W. "Joe" Dooley were among six chosen to receive the Minuteman Medal at the Annual Congress in Atlanta this July. (L-R) Barry McKown, Minuteman Committee Vice Chairman; Martin Boyer, standing in for Jacque de Trintinian of the France Society; Richard Brockway of the West Virginia Society; Peter Gooble of the New York Society; Bowen; Marston Watson of the California Society and Dooley.

VASSAR Compatriots attending the National Meetings in March were Dooley, Bowen, National Executive Committeeman Larry McKinley, Alternate Trustee Art Batten, and Bill Broadus, President of the Col. William Grayson Chapter.

Virginia Society *Sons of the American Revolution* **CHAPTER DIRECTORY**

Clinch Mountain Militia	Tazewell area
Colonel Fielding Lewis	Virginia's Eastern Piedmont Region
Colonel George Waller	Martinsville area
Colonel James Wood, Jr.	Northwest Virginia
Colonel William Grayson	Prince William County area
Culpeper Minute Men	Virginia's Central Piedmont area
Dan River	Danville area
Fairfax Resolves	Fairfax County
Fincastle Resolutions	Roanoke Valley area
Fort Harrison	Harrisonburg area
General Daniel Morgan	Staunton area
General William Campbell	Abingdon area
George Mason	Arlington County
George Washington	Alexandria
James Monroe	Upper Northern Neck
Lieutenant David Cox	Galax/Independence
Martin's Station	Cumberland Gap
New River Valley	New River Valley area
Norfolk	Norfolk/Virginia Beach area
Overmountain Men	Gate City
Richmond	Richmond/Petersburg
Rockbridge Volunteers	Lexington
Richard Henry Lee	Lower Northern Neck
Thomas Jefferson	Charlottesville
Thomas Nelson, Jr.	Newport News/Hampton/Yorktown
Williamsburg	Williamsburg

NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SLATE FOR 2009-2010

Three members of the Virginia Society, one primary and two dual, were among those named by the National Nominating Committee following interviews and deliberation during the Spring Trustees Meeting in Louisville on March 7.

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