

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) was organized April 30, 1889 and later chartered by Congress on June 9, 1906. The charter was signed by Theodore Roosevelt, who was a member of the SAR. The first Congress of the National Society was held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 30, 1890 - the 100th anniversary of George Washington's taking the oath of office as President of the United States.



The Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) was organized July 7, 1890. The Honorable William Wirt Henry of Richmond, grandson of Patrick Henry, was elected President. Colonel George Washington Ball of Alexandria, the nearest living male relative of George Washington, was elected Vice President.



**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER
OFFICERS AND MANAGERS 2019**

President.....David Robert Thomas
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 State Historian.....Thomas Mosser Roth, III



Commemoration of the 65th Anniversary
 of the
GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER
 Virginia Society
 Sons of the American Revolution

April 13, 2019
 Mount Vernon Country Club
 Alexandria, VA

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Dear Chapter Members and Distinguished Guests:

Following the dissolution of an earlier General George Washington Chapter in Alexandria (1940-1951), the current George Washington Chapter was chartered by The Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution on April 2, 1954. There were fourteen charter members - ten being the minimum number required to establish a new Chapter. By 1959 that number had grown to 38, and then to 139 by 1971. Today, over 250 Compatriots have either primary or dual membership in the Chapter.

Throughout the past 65 years, members of the George Washington Chapter have been at the forefront of advancing the patriotic, historical, and educational goals of the National Society. These goals include perpetuating the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; uniting and promoting fellowship among their descendants; inspiring them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; encouraging historical research in relation to the American Revolution; acquiring and preserving the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; marking the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; celebrating the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; fostering true patriotism; maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom; and carrying out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.



Our 65th year will be a memorable one. In addition to sponsoring and participating in signature events such as George Washington Birthday Parade, the National Memorial Day Parade, the March to Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon on the Fourth of July, and a Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, we will recognize our police, fire and EMS first responders through our Public Safety Awards; honor our Patriot ancestors by marking their graves for posterity; and encourage our youth to explore the ideals of the American Revolution through essays, oratory, brochures, and other Youth Programs, including JROTC and Eagle Scout awards.



We welcome all of you - members and guests alike - to join us in these activities, and we look forward to participating with you in other SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. efforts. Thank you for choosing to be a part of our birthday celebration, and we hope you enjoy our program.

Huzzah!

Officers and Managers of the George Washington Chapter