

Richard Bradley Gilliland Memorial Biography



The George Washington Chapter has been informed that Compatriot Richard B. Gilliland passed away in late 2018. Richard was born in Ithaca, New York on June 22, 1962, son of Maurice and Jeanene Gilliland. As a note, Maurice Gilliland was also a member of the George Washington Chapter, and unfortunately passed away on March 13, 2019 in Holly Hill, Florida. Richard worked as a network engineer for various defense firms in the Washington, D.C. area.

Richard became a member of the Chapter in July 2014, and performed as the Chapter's newsletter editor shortly after joining. As editor, Richard was recognized and received multiple awards from the Virginia Society for his work as the Chapter's newsletter editor. In addition, Richard was recognized for his service to the Chapter by Chapter President, Ernie Coggins receiving the Meritorious Service Medal. Also, when time permitted, Richard was a member of the Chapter's Color Guard participating at various Chapter grave markings and ceremonies.

Richard was very proud of his family's lineage and involvement in the American Revolution, Richard joined under Patriot Charles Powell who served as a Private in the Virginia Militia. Richard further supported the SAR memberships of his father Maurice Gilliland under Patriot William McFerrin, and his brother Robert Gilliland and nephew Joseph Gilliland both under Patriot Charles Powell.