

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



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Winter 2019

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are in the waning part of 2019. I seem to be dealing with a lot more leaves on my lawn and the weather is starting to cool down. We, the John Paul Jones Chapter, had a very busy year.

We have two more Chapter events ahead of us; those are our Annual Christmas Party and our support to Wreaths Across America. I know our Party Committee is working hard to give us an outstanding holiday event, please make sure you consider joining us at our annual celebration.

I am sure you will receive a lot more information regarding our annual celebration soon. Our Wreaths Across America support will commence at noon on 14 December at the Annapolis National Cemetery (more details to follow). We hope to see you at both events.

I really want to spend some time talking about just some of the more notable activities and changes that we accomplished during this year.

### Activities/Accomplishments :

- We now have a full complement of chapter officers and as you will see in the near future we have a full slate of officers running for our elected positions in 2020. We will elect those new officers at our Christmas Party, yet another reason to join in the festivities.

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## Nomination for New Officers, and Appointed Positions for the Chapter

The nomination committee of the John Paul Jones Chapter of the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution (MDSSAR), present the 2020 Slate for Officers, Directors and Program Managers.

There are four officers that make up our Chapter Executive Board, the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

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Chapter's annual dues **\$75.00** payable to our State Society

Treasurer by **31 December 2019**



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- We initiated a robust community interaction through our Youth Activities Program. Our Youth programs were and are particularly active, reaching out to our local schools, interacting with other local youth organizations and making positive contact with many of our young people. Some of our very talented young people achieved recognition at the State Society level for their accomplishments.
- Our community outreach began with the recognition of local patriotism by noting patriotic displays in our community and followed by awarding some local Emergency Responders for their exemplary efforts to keep us safe and healthy.
- We became more active in our State Society by interacting with our State Society leadership and programs. We made the Chapter's presence known at State and other Chapter events. We were instrumental in helping the State Society's effort to convert the National Society's antiquated Patriot Record System into a modern searchable data structure that will be useful to us well into the future.
- We began to reach out to you, our Compatriots, and our community with our new Facebook Page, Website and our quarterly Newsletter. We also spent more time communicating with you through email to better ensure you know what is going on in your Chapter and your community.

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## CHANGES:

- As we became more active, it did not take long to find out we were grossly under-resourced. Our portion of your \$62.00 Annual SAR dues was \$10.00 per year. That provided very minimal resources for what we were choosing to become as a chapter. We did some research, developed an annual budget, talked about avenues available to increase our financial resources, maintain a balanced budget and decided that if we really wanted to become the Chapter we want we needed to increase our resources.

In the end, we chose to increase our annual dues portion to \$23.00. That will make our annual Chapter dues \$75.00 and that will be due this coming December. This does not fund everything in our accepted budget but does give your Chapter the resources to grow, decide what is important and accomplish those important activities. As we grow and mature we can adjust our budget to accommodate our priorities.

- As a Chapter we are unique among the other Chapter's in the State Society, as such we needed to document that uniqueness. We developed Chapter By-Laws that cover those things/activities that are unique to us. During the last meeting we chose to adopt those by-laws.

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## CHRISTMAS GALA REMINDER

*Please RSVP by 20 November 2019*

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## OFFICER NOMINATIONS REMINDER

*Please contact MARK D. DEEDS*

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I want to pass my accolades and thanks to all the volunteers that chose to step forward, give of their precious time and expertise to transform our Chapter into a robust, community oriented and growing organization. We are now prepared to mature into focal point of patriotic community support throughout Anne Arundel County. As we grow and reach out to our community, we endeavor through our activities and interactions to further our goal “to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people.”

I am honored and pleased to have been a part of this transformation and I look to forward to working with all of you as we continue our journey.

**MARK DEEDS**



## September 7<sup>th</sup> Raffle Winners



**Member Rand Tomcala and wife Maureen were the winners of the basket raffle**



**Tim Dioquino presents to Bob Rice a copy of the author signed book “Saving Washington” written by Chris Fromant**

### **CHRISTMAS GALA REMINDER**

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## FEATURE



### Reverend John Rosbrugh Presbyterian Chaplain

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Trenton, also known as the Battle of Assunpink Creek, fought on January 2, 1777, Reverend Rosbrugh would become the first US Army Chaplain killed in battle. He was 63 years old when he was killed (murdered).

He was born in Ireland and his family came to the colonies by way of Scotland. He studied and was ordained at the College of New Jersey, known now as Princeton University, as a Presbyterian minister. His last congregation was that in Allen Township, PA prior to the Revolution. In 1776, through his preaching as many others of the “Black Robe Regiment,” he encouraged the members of his congregation to fight the British. They agreed to go only if he would lead them. He reluctantly did, but much to his relief, soon became their company chaplain; his original desire.

Rosbrugh’s regiment did not make the Delaware crossing on Christmas night, however they were called to join in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Trenton. While his regiment was preparing their positions, Rosbrugh was confronted by a company of Hessians under the leadership of a British officer outside a public house where he had been dining. Reverend Rosbrugh surrendered, but upon discovering he was a Presbyterian minister, they bayoneted him to death and then robbed him of his possessions and stripped him naked.

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Upon hearing what had happened, his company commander wrapped his body and buried him at the spot. The following morning, his friend and fellow minister Reverend George Duffield, reinterred him in the First Presbyterian Church cemetery in Trenton.

During the Revolution, Presbyterian ministers were particularly hated by the British. Rosbrugh would not be the last to meet this type of fate. Unfortunately, many family members of Presbyterian ministers would also meet a similar fate.



★ EVERYONE PLAYS A PART ★



**2018 Volunteers laying Wreaths**

## Community Recognition by the John Paul Jones Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

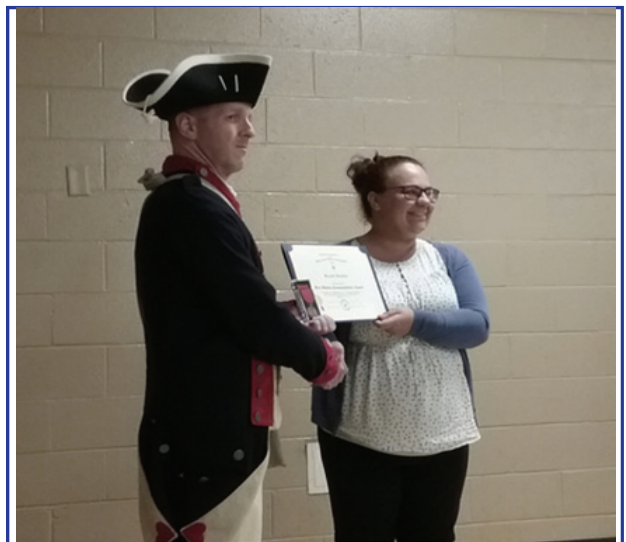
Members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company were recognized by the JPJ Chapter SAR on August 13, 2019. The Emergency Medical Services Medal and Commendation was awarded to Donald Johnson and the Fire Safety Medal and Commendation was awarded to Brandy Boulden.



Presentation by JPJ Vice President Mike Kelley to Chief Rob Loughrey on behalf of Donald Johnson



Pictured left to right – JPJ Vice President Mike Kelley in colonial attire, Brandy Boulden, Chief Rob Loughry, JPJ President Mark Deeds and OVFC President Craig Harman



Presentation by JPJ Vice President Mike Kelley to Brandy Boulden



**REMINDER**

**Calendar Year 2020 Officer's Slate.**

We will hold our 2020 election at our 7 December 2019 Christmas Gala. The new officers will be sworn in and take up their new positions at that time.

**2020 JPJ Chapter Officer Slate:**

**Elected Officers**

President Michael Kelley

Vice President Ron Shuey

Secretary Mark Deeds

Treasurer Ron Nielson

**Appointed Positions**

Youth Programs Michael Kelley

Community Programs Vacant

Chaplain Guy Kerby

Newsletter Editor Bill Wood

Registrar Barry McKown

Genealogist Ron Nielson

Social Media Program Ron Nielson

**Chapter Board of Managers**

**(Executive Committee)**

M. Hall Worthington

Barry McKown

John Harvey

Chris Beck

Mark Deeds

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**John Paul Jones Chapter, MDSSAR**

**Wreath Laying December 7, 2019**

**John Paul Jones Crypt, USNA Chapel,**

**Annapolis, MD 1200-1300**

CHURCH CALL Jari Villanueva,

MSgt USAF Ret.

WELCOME USNA Chaplain

POSTING OF COLORS SAR Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM USN Band

INVOCATION USNA Chaplain or  
SAR Chaplain

REMARKS SAR/DAR/Other

LAYING OF WREATHS SAR/DAR/OTHER

BENEDICTION USNA Chaplain or SAR  
Chaplain

NAVY HYMN USN Band

TAPS Jari Villanueva, MSgt USAF Ret

RETIRING OF COLORS SAR Color Guard

## FRENCH MONUMENT COMMEMORATION

*Photos Curtesy Bob Rice*



**OFFICER NOMINATIONS** - *Continued from page one*

These officers are elected annually, but there are no formal limits to retaining officers in their position. The elected officers are augmented by the Board of Managers as described below, along with the scope of duties for the elected officers.

Additionally, we have a few good men taking on Appointed Directors, Officers and program manager positions for our Chapter. A list of the existing and proposed Director positions is provided, along with the scope of their expected duties. Other Directorships and Committees for specific purposes may be established by the Executive Committee, and formally appointed by the President of the Chapter, when and as needed.

In order to establish a smooth transition process I acted as this year's nominating committee. I solicited members to consider and accept nominations, answer questions, and help prepare for the election of the Executive Committee officers during our Christmas Gala.

Should you know of anyone interested in the described positions? Please forward those names and a brief background about the nominee along with any additional information on why he would be a good candidate for the position nominated to Mark Deeds.

Mail: Mark D Deeds, 1567 Sappington Drive, Gambrills, MD 21054

Email: mark.deeds@gmail.com

Phone: (410) 674-2096

### **John Paul Jones Chapter (JPJ) Executive Board**

#### Elected Officers

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

#### 2020 Slate

*Michael Kelley*

*Ron Shuey*

*Mark Deeds*

*Ron Nielson*

#### Other Officers

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Executive Committee – This body is comprised of chapter compatriots that served as either Chapter President or Maryland Society President (Officers of the Board for Life)

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## **John Paul Jones Chapter (JPJ) Elected Officer Scope and Duties**

### **President**

- The President is our “Captain”, the public face of the Chapter. He should be the guiding light, standard bearer and the public advocate for us with the community and other SAR organizations.
- He shall chair all Executive Board and General Meetings of the Chapter. If unable to conduct any meetings or observances he may designate the VP or other officers to do so as appropriate.
- The president shall be responsible for the appointment of all Directors, Committee Chairmen and Appointed Positions, and replacement of them as required.
- The President and Executive Board shall consider whether any additional officers or assistants may be required to carry out Chapter business when and as needed.

### **Vice-President**

- The Vice-President shall coordinate all Chapter and Executive Board meetings, and shall normally preside over meetings in the absence of the President.
- The Vice-President shall coordinate publicity and public relations matters, including submission of articles and photos to the SAR National Magazine,
- The Vice-President shall coordinate Society observances, ceremonies, and entertainment, and serve as the liaison for events.
- He shall coordinate efforts to reach out to our compatriots and members, especially those inactive due to age or infirmity.
- He shall manage the Chapter recruitment program.
- The Vice-President shall also perform such additional duties as requested by the President.

### **Secretary**

- The Secretary shall notify members of the time and date of meetings of the Chapter and notify Board members.
- The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the proceedings of the Chapter, and give prompt notice to each officer, manager, committeeman or member affected thereby.
- He shall conduct the general correspondence of the Chapter, and keep correct records thereof. He shall confirm a quorum at the start of each Board Meeting.
- Yearly, the Secretary shall turn over copies of all correspondence to the Historian for inclusion in the historical records of the State Society. He shall transmit to State Society all original and supplemental application papers passed by the Chapter Officers and Managers, or Registrar.

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## John Paul Jones Chapter (JPJ) Appointed Directors, Officers and Program Managers

<u>Appointed Directors &amp; Officers</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Editor	Mr. Bill Wood
Social Media Director	Mr. Ron Nielson
Chapter Registrar	Mr. Barry McKown
Genealogist	Mr. Ron Nielson
Youth Outreach and Awards Director	Mr. Michael Kelley
Community Outreach and Awards Director	<b>Available</b>
<u>Program Manager</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Patriot Grave Project	Mr. Bob Rice

All appointed positions are filled except our Community Outreach Director. Should you be interested in participating in any of these areas please contact the director or me.

### **John Paul Jones Chapter (JPJ) Appointee Scope and Duties**

#### **Editor**

He shall draft, design, edit and publish a periodic Chapter Newsletter.

The Editor will solicit feature articles of patriotic, historical and educational significance, edit them, draft and design the Chapter's newsletter for approval by the Executive Board.

The newsletter editor will assist in providing a forum where compatriots of the chapter can share information and experiences with their counterparts.

#### **Social Media Director**

The Social Media Director shall have knowledge of information technology and/or web development.

He shall maintain and update the Chapter web and social media capabilities, provide feedback and recommend improvements to the Chapter's access to and presence in these areas, helping to ensure most current calendar of events, officers and contacts are available, and post articles and photos of interest to the Society.

He shall report on IT matters of importance at Executive Board Meetings.

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## Michael J. Kelley, Jr. Award Citation

JPJ Chapter Vice President Michael J. Kelley, Jr. receives the SAR Life Saving Medal at the Maryland Society Semi-Annual Meeting on 26 October 2019. We are very proud of our Vice President for his successful efforts at saving a human life. His award citations reads as follows: “In recognition of saving a human life under emergency conditions on the afternoon of October 13th, when Mr. Michael Kelley, Jr. responded to an adult male suffering from an opioid overdose. While in a restaurant, he witnessed the manager addressing an unconscious man with labored breathing, slumped in his chair. Mike attempted to revive the individual, when the victim began having seizures. Mike quickly lowered the victim safely to the ground to prevent him injuring himself, and performed a jaw thrust to open the victim’s airway, allowing him to breath. Mike, with the assistance of 2 medical professionals who were also in the restaurant, stabilized the victim and maintained an open airway until paramedics arrived and administered Narcan and transported the victim to the hospital. In recognition of his actions, Michael Kelley Jr. is awarded the SAR Life Saving Medal.”

Our heartiest congratulations to Mike. He is definitely a friend you want to keep close.



James Perry – Mike Kelley – Mark Deeds

## 10 August 2019 AMS Conference

John Paul Jones Chapter members Vice President Mike Kelley, Chaplain Guy Kerbee, President Mark Deeds and wife Sandy and Board of Managers Member Barry McKown and wife Anne attended this year’s Atlantic Middle States Conference in Newark, Delaware in early August.

The conference provided a wonderful opportunity to meet SAR national officers as well as SAR members from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia. Friday evening attendees enjoyed a reception and buffet dinner followed by a short business meeting and candidate forum. Spouses and guests were treated to a program of “Songs from the Revolution”.

Saturday morning opened with breakfast, followed by a business meeting and society workshop. Spouses and guests enjoyed a presentation by Stacy Ingles of the life and accomplishments of Dr. James Tilton a revolutionary war surgeon. The afternoon program involved a bus trip to visit the Brandywine Battlefield.

The evening concluded with a cocktail reception and formal banquet dinner.

The audience was provided a presentation by CAPT Manthorpe (USN Ret) on the “Revolutionary Naval Battles of the Delaware River and upper Bay”.



President Mark Deeds and Vice President Mike Kelley in period dress

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### **Registrar/Genealogist**

- The Chapter Registrar is the primary point of contact for the chapter regarding all new member applications and any other genealogy queries.
- He shall advise and consult with membership applicants and prospective applicants on resolving questions of lineage and service in applications.
- He will provide information, and may conduct workshops on Genealogical matters to assist members and new applicants to further membership development, and to report on and reinforce National application standards in this important area.

### **Youth Outreach and Awards Director**

- Manage the Chapter's Youth Programs specifically including outreach to and coordination with our schools and youth organizations, and shall direct the Chapter's SAR youth awards programs. (Program specifics are published in the NSSAR Handbook and can be provided to any prospective nominee)
- Youth Awards include: Enhanced JROTC Program, The Eagle Scout Recognition Program, The Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest, George & Stella Knight Essay Contest, Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest, The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest, The Sergeant Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest, Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award

### **Community Outreach and Recognition Director**

- Manage the Chapter's community outreach specifically including outreach to and coordination with our community organizations, and shall direct the Chapter's associated SAR recognition programs. (Program specifics are published in the NSSAR Handbook and can be provided to any prospective nominee)
- Our community recognition includes: US Flag Awards, National Society USS Stark Memorial Award, the General William C. Westmoreland Award Programs, SAR Medal of Appreciation, public safety awards, Admiral William B. Furlong Memorial Award, National Society Historic Celebrations Award Program

### **John Paul Jones 1st Patriot Grave Project**

- This project will locate 1st Patriot graves in Anne Arundel. To further determine the full identity of the patriot including genealogical, personal and military histories with associated documentary proofs, location of the grave, current property ownership, if the grave was previously marked by a hereditary organization, and availability of the grave for visiting and/or honoring with markers.
- Locate all 1st Patriot graves in Anne Arundel County. Assemble the scoped information and record that data in a data structure that provides for transportability to well-known hereditary organization's records systems, i.e. SAR Patriot Record System, DAR Genealogical Research System, Maryland historical organizations, FindaGrave.com, etc. Create a database for use by Chapter and external researchers. Make the information available to genealogical and historic organizations.



# Annual Christmas Gala

**Hear Ye!, Hear Ye!, Hear Ye!** - The John Paul Jones Chapter, Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution cordially invites you to our Annual Christmas Gala from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm on 7 December ,2019 at Union Jack's Pub, 2072 Somerville Road, Annapolis, MD.

This year's event includes honoring our namesake, John Paul Jones. We begin our gala by honoring John Paul Jones with a short ceremony and wreath laying at his Crypt below the US Naval Academy Chapel. We arranged for a bus that will leave Union Jack's at 11:30 am, will transport all who want to participate in the wreath laying from Union Jack's to the Naval Academy Chapel and return to Union Jack's by 1:00 pm for the start of our festivities.

For those choosing not to attend the wreath laying, our annual holiday festivities will begin at 1:00 pm at Union Jack's. We arranged for a buffet lunch and a cash bar. The

Salad	Entrees	Sides
Mixed Green Salad	Jack's Cottage Pie	Roasted Potatoes
	Bangers and Mash	Green Beans
	Pot Roast	Penne Pasta w/Vegetables in Garlic/White Wine Sauce
Dessert		
Assorted Dessert Tray	The Menu includes Non-Alcoholic Beverages	

**Please RSVP by 20 November 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ . I will be attending the Christmas Gala with \_\_\_\_\_ guests. Guests are members of \_\_\_ SAR, \_\_\_ DAR, \_\_\_ CAR

I/We will attend the Wreath Laying \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no and How Many)

\_\_\_\_\_ at \$35.00 per person - My check for \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed

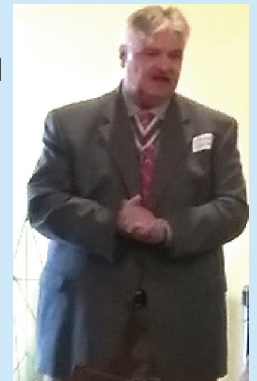


Please Make Check payable to *JPJ Maryland SAR* and Mail to Mr. Ron Shuey ([ron.shuey7@gmail.com](mailto:ron.shuey7@gmail.com)) at 999 Headwater Road, Annapolis, MD 21403-4637

The September 8 meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chapter President Mark Deeds. The invocation was given by Chapter Chaplain Guy Kerby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

The meeting was attended by 14 SAR members, 2 DAR members and 1 guest.

Opening remarks were made by State President James Perry, welcoming all and recognizing the work of the John Paul Jones Chapter particularly the Chapter's choice to join the Maryland 400. John Paul Jones is the first known SAR chapter to choose to join the Maryland 400.



Mr. Tim Dioquino, Virginia Society of the SAR, provided a wonderful overview of the upcoming July 2020 National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Conference to be held in Richmond, VA. The theme is "Come, look and walk in their footsteps." Some of the many relevant activities planned for attendees include a tour of the James River Plantations, a tour of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, a reception at the State Library of Virginia and a visit to the State Capitol. Items for sale before and during the conference include a lovely ladies brooch, a gentleman's lapel pin, customized knives and ties. Brochures will be available at the 26 October Maryland Society Semi-Annual meeting. The web address for reservations is as follows: <https://book.passkey.com/event/49965781/owner/12987/home>

### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

A motion was made and approved by the membership present to accept the minutes from the June 22, 2019 meeting.

A motion was made and approved by the membership present to accept the financial report of the chapter. It was noted the chapter is still in the black for this year.

Chapter President Mark Deeds reminded members of the upcoming Board of Managers Meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 at Union Jack's Annapolis, MD. The cost is \$10.00 for breakfast including donuts, coffee, tea and juice, payable to State Treasurer Gary Neal. Lunch will be pay as you go. A flyer will be forthcoming. All SAR members from all chapters are invited to attend.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

CAR - Vice President Mike Kelley presented a report on the Children of the American Revolution (CAR). He as well as State President James Perry attended the regional conference held at the Crown Plaza in Annapolis as well as the meeting in Cambridge. Mike emphasized that the CAR is made up of bright passionate young people who are the future of the SAR and DAR and we should support them.



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**MEMBERSHIP** – State President James Perry swore in new John Paul Jones chapter members Ronald Nielson and Rand Tomcala. Chapter Vice President Mike Kelley presented each member with a rosette.

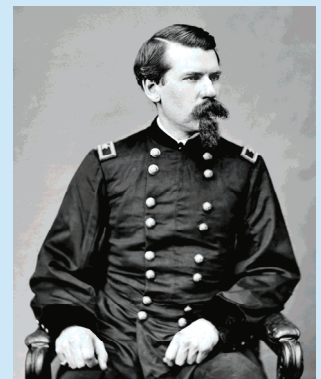
**CHAPLAIN** - Chapter Chaplain Guy Kerby welcomed members to join him once every three months at a central location for coffee and conversation. The location, date and time of future gatherings will be announced.

The focus of these gatherings is to get to know each other and have a little social time together. Guy is working on two initiatives; wreath laying at the USNA and reaching out to the eleven members that do not have email by visiting them personally. Guy had on hand for the membership to see, very interesting facsimiles of revolutionary war bibles and period health care literature.

**VICE PRESIDENT** – Mike Kelley advised the membership he represented the chapter at the Independence Day celebration at Mount Vernon, the CAR Regional Conference, marking of compatriot's graves, Atlantic Middle State Conference in Newark, DE, the Maryland 400 trip to Brooklyn and the presentation of medals and certificates to members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**HORACE PORTER AWARD** - This award was established in 1977 to recognize the outstanding history Midshipman First Class (senior) at the US Naval Academy. The individual is selected by the history department. Previously winners were given a good citizenship medal and certificate. President Mark Deeds presented a diagram of a Lucite block measuring 5"x8" that would contain challenge coins from the National SAR, US Naval Academy and the State SAR with a brass plaque engraved with the recipient's name and the year awarded. Member Bob Rice obtained from Maritime Plastics an estimate of \$150.00 for set up and creation of the first award. Subsequent awards will cost approximately \$9.00 each. It is estimated the club will spend approximately \$200.00 over the next 5 years for these awards.



Horace Porter

It was noted the current medal and certificate cost approximately \$40.00 each year. Vice President Mike Kelley advised the membership he is working with Merrick Design, a company that has developed highly sought after and cherished White House, State Department and Embassy recognition coins to develop a new coin specifically for the JPJ SAR chapter. Once developed, this coin can be included in future Horace Porter Awards. A motion was made, seconded and approved to expend funds necessary to have 5 of the new Horace Porter Awards fabricated. Compatriot Bob Rice volunteered to work with the vendor to complete the project.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES – A budget analysis was conducted and it revealed the chapter is not taking in sufficient funds to break even with chapter expenses. One way to garner more funds is to raise the chapter dues. Currently the dues are \$62.00 annually which provides \$10.00 to the chapter and \$52.00 to the state and national societies, leaving the chapter with an annual working budget of about \$780.00. Currently the chapter will be unable to accomplish the desired projects identified in the chapter budget. To achieve the funding necessary for the projects will require an increase of chapter dues from \$10.00 to \$34.00 which will change the total dues owed from \$62.00 to \$86.00 per year. Choices include; leaving the dues at \$10.00 or increase the dues to match what the chapter would like to accomplish each year. An analysis compared JPJ dues to other chapters revealing JPJ has the lowest dues with the highest dues being \$40.00.

The objective is to break even with annual expenses, not to have a surplus of funds. A motion was made and approved by the membership present to increase the chapter dues for the upcoming year from \$10.00 to \$23.00. **This will make the Chapter's annual dues \$75.00 payable to our State Society Treasurer by 31 December 2019.** The intent of this interim increase is to alleviate any frustration associated with the larger dues increase. It was also noted that while the Chapter budget identifies all that we would like to accomplish, we do not yet know if we can accomplish all of it. The interim increase allows the Chapter to grow and show that we will accomplish those things. If successful and we still want to engage further, we can revisit chapter revenues at a later date. The State Treasurer will be notified of the change so it will be reflected in the next dues solicitation.

BY-LAWS - Draft by-laws were published for membership review prior to the meeting. Corrections since the publishing included; correction of the date on page 1, the reference to Section 2 was removed and the requirement for a quorum to effect changes was removed. A motion was made and approved by the membership present to adopt the by-laws as prepared with the above noted changes.

FUTURE MEETINGS - Vice President Mike Kelley presented the results of a survey conducted concerning the date, time and frequency of chapter meetings. Thirteen members (15% of the membership) responded. Eight members responded to keep the meeting on the same day of the week and 5 responded to hold meetings on a different day. The majority felt the 2-5 pm timeframe was desirable. A motion was made and approved by the membership present to conduct chapter meetings quarterly, on Saturdays from 2-5 p.m. at a location to be determined. It was noted, that use of the room at Union Jack's is free and allows members to select their meal from the menu.

OTHER CHAPTER EVENTS – Chaplain Guy Kerby is coordinating other chapter sponsored events and activities such as a trip to the John Carroll House. More information to follow.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – President Mark Deeds advised that member Ron Shuey is coordinating the 2019 Christmas Party with the Club at Greenbury Point (located at the USNA golf course). Access to Greenbury Point is open to the public and does not require a military identification card. Member Hall Worthington will allow the use of his USNA membership to secure the rental of the room at \$500.00 vs. \$700.00 for non-member rental.

The membership was asked if they wanted the chapter to fund any part of the party, should the event be self-funded and the cost per person. Past Christmas parties, cost, locations, liquor license requirements, self-provided liquor, pay as you go liquor, bartenders, catering expenses vs. pot luck, etc. were discussed. A wreath laying at the USNA Chapel, John Paul Jones Crypt and then commencement of the party was also discussed. It was determined the party must pay for itself. A motion was made and approved by the membership present that the cost of the Christmas party will not exceed \$62.00 per person and it is hoped the party can be contracted at a lower cost.

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PATRIOT RESEARCH SYSTEM – A National Society initiative to convert non-searchable PDF files into a searchable database that will ultimately link to the DAR records is ongoing. Mark Deeds thanked Rand Tomcala for his work to input the information. The JPJ chapter data conversion is complete.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – The current budget provides for the purchase of two wreaths at \$15.00 a piece which are laid on the graves of civil war veterans in the National Cemetery in Annapolis. Historically, the chapter funded the purchase of 10 wreaths. A motion was made and approved by the membership present to purchase 2 wreaths with chapter funds and use donations specifically provided by members for the purchase of additional wreaths. At the conclusion of the meeting a donation of \$20.00 was made specifically for the purchase of wreath/s.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Members were reminded annual elections will be held at the Christmas party on 7 December. Individuals have stepped forward to serve as the President, Vice President and Secretary. Members are asked to please consider filling the position of Treasurer. Just let any of the current chapter officers know of your desire to serve.

**UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:**

DATE	TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION	NOTES
17 Oct	4:00 pm	French Monument Ceremony	Sons of the Revolution Monument, Annapolis	Back campus of the St. Johns College near the boat house
26 Oct	8:00 am	MD State SAR Meeting	Annapolis, MD	Union Jack's Restaurant
7 Dec		JPJ Christmas Party	TBD	
14 Dec	Early a.m.	Wreaths Across America	Annapolis, MD	
<b>Year 2020</b>				
11 Jan	1-5 pm	Patriots Gala	Hunt Valley, MD	
15 Feb		G. Washington	Phoenix, MD	
11 Apr		Annual State SAR Meeting	Frederick, MD	
10-15 Jul		SAR-Officer Congress 2020	Richmond, VA	

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership present to adjourn the meeting. The SAR recessional was recited and the meeting closed with the benediction by Chapter Chaplain Guy Kerby.

## De Kalb - One of the Revolutionary War's Bravest Generals

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Dear Compatriots,

**SAR Member John Beakes** has published another book on the American Revolutionary heroes. It already has great reviews. This biography of Baron Johann De Kalb will interest any who want to learn more about this immigrant General who gave his life for the American cause of freedom. If you are interested, feel free to order online from Heritage Books. He will be invited to speak at the January 4th 1812 Society meeting at the Maryland Club in Baltimore and can sign a copy for you. If you are not aware, the Maryland State Capitol has a statue of him on the grounds. He is considered one of the great generals of the Revolution and died in Battle.

De Kalb One of the Revolutionary War's Bravest Generals. John Beakes. People who saw Major General Johann de Kalb's heroic actions at the battle of Camden, South Carolina on August 16, 1780, never forgot it. A soldier who fought there wrote fifty-three years later that de Kalb was "...perhaps the bravest man that ever lived." Bleeding from eleven wounds, de Kalb died three days after the battle. British officers attended his funeral to respect an honored foe. American leaders spoke and wrote of their high regard. Congress authorized a memorial statue in Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, whose sons he had led in battle. This military biography chronicles the life and legacy of this fine military leader. He gave his all for us. We should remember him.

"This is a well-researched and welcome addition to Revolutionary War historiography. Johann de Kalb was a largely unknown, able, professional soldier with broad European experience. His extensive knowledge and leadership were valuable to the American cause while exemplifying the prosaic requirements of much military service. His steady, quiet and ultimately heroic contributions have been largely overlooked until John Beakes' fine study." - Joseph W. A. Whitehorne, military historian and author of *The Battle for Baltimore, 1814*; *The Inspectors General of the United States Army, 1903-1939*; *While Washington Burned: The Battle for Fort Erie, 1814*; and other books on military history

John Beakes demonstrates a solid grasp of European warfare in the eighteenth century and how it shaped the perspectives of the young Johann de Kalb. His book is a valuable contribution to our understanding of how the European military experience impacted the development of the Continental Army and by extension the U.S. military. - Jim McIntyre, author of *British Light Infantry Tactics* and *Johann Ewald, Partisan Commander*

John Beakes is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy who served as an officer in nuclear submarines before embarking on a business career. His lifelong interest in military history led him to study officers of the Continental Army, resulting in books which he co-authored with Jim Picuch on John Eager Howard and Light Horse Harry Lee, and then his first solo effort on Otho Holland Williams.

