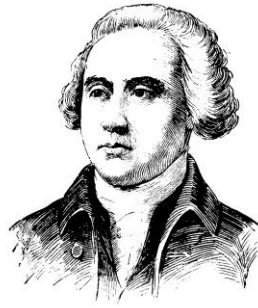


# The Governor's Chronicle



A Newsletter Offering of the *Tho<sup>s</sup> Nelson Jr.* Chapter, Virginia Society,



*Sons of the American Revolution*



June 2010 Edition

## Minutes of Our Last Meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter held its Eagle Scout Scholarship Award Meeting at the Point Plaza Suites in Newport News. After the Call to Order, Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, and SAR Pledge, President Jim Swords made opening remarks and introduced distinguished guests.

The Chapter was pleased to listen to Compatriot Sam Endicott as he shared a wealth of information about Patriot Brigadier General Thaddeus Kosciusko (1746 – 1817), who, among many great things, served as Head Engineer of the Continental Army, and fortified Philadelphia as well as Canadian border posts and West Point. General Kosciusko also established a fortified depot at Halifax, VA.

The guest speaker was Col. Dennis D. McSweeney, US Army (Ret.), who shared with the Chapter his presentation, entitled "Getting Personal With the Day to Day Challenges of the Revolutionary War Soldier/Patriot". A part of his presentation, Col. McSweeney also presented a number of implements that were common to the soldiers of the Revolutionary War and demonstrated little-known facts about their purposes and functions. Col. McSweeney enlisted the aid of the Eagle Scout Scholarship awardee, Alan Booth, and his younger brother to assist in the demonstrations.

After Col. McSweeney's presentation,



Guest Speaker Col. Dennis McSweeney instructs Eagle Scout Alan Booth, the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship Award Winner, on the proper use of a Revolutionary War musket.

it was the honor of the Chapter to present Eagle Scout Alan Booth with the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship Award, which included a monetary prize. The award ceremony also had the pleasure of being attended by Eagle Scout Booth's parents and grandmother.

Officer and Committee Reports were given, with updates to various Chapter programs, and the meeting closed with the SAR Recessional and Benediction.

## Our Next Meeting

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 11:00am

Joint Williamsburg/  
Thomas Nelson, Jr.  
Chapter Meeting

Crown Plaza at Ft. Magruder  
6945 Pocahontas Trail  
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Meal Cost: \$16.00 Per Person

Guest Speaker:  
Robert Zolad

"The Life of the Continental  
Soldier"



RSVP By:

Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Rick Elofson at

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Compatriots' Ladies Encouraged  
To Attend

## The SAR Afield

Upcoming Events in Our Region  
& Beyond

JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

120<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress  
Cleveland, OH

JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Battle of Ramsour's Mill  
Lincolnton, NC – 10:00am

JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Washington's Tomb Wreath Laying  
Mount Vernon, VA – Time TBA

JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Declaration of Independence Reading  
Fort Harrison, VA - 12:00noon

JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Naturalization Ceremony  
Monticello, VA – Time TBA

JULY 26<sup>th</sup> – AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

National Scout Jamboree  
Fort A.P. Hill, VA



## Chapter Officers

President	Jim Swords
Vice-President	Gerry Runyan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Jeff Brown
Secretary	Vacant
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Registrar	Jim Sample
Chaplain	Dr. Dan Warren
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## Committee Chairmen

Citizenship	Walter Neville
DAR/CAR	Vacant
Eagle Scout	Bruce Meyer
Flag	Robert Coleman
Graves	Vacant
Newsletter	Rick Elofson
Public Safety	Jeff Brown
ROTC/JROTC	Tom Nelson
Veteran's Affairs	Robert Coleman

## June 12<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker

ROBERT ZOLAD

Bob retired from ExxonMobil Corporation after 33 years of service. He moved to Williamsburg from Fairfax, Va. in 2003 and has worked as a museum costumed interpreter for Jamestown Yorktown Foundation for 5 years at the Yorktown Victory Center. For 3 years he has served as a volunteer Militia interpreter for Colonial Williamsburg and for 2 years has participated with a British Royal Artillery unit at the Yorktown National Historic Park.

In costume Bob will discuss how the Continental soldier lived and such things as how and what they ate? He will answer such questions such as if they were sick who treated them? What were their chances of survival? Did they really stand in straight lines and fire at one another? Were they citizen soldiers or trained professionals? These and more questions will be answered through an interactive presentation and demonstration of the life, activities and military practices of the common soldier during the American Revolution. Bob's presentation style is not only educational but lively and entertaining.



CW, DAR & SAR wreath-bearers participate in Memorial Day Ceremonies May 31<sup>st</sup> at CW. American and French Patriots rest at three CW locations.

## Announcements

All Things in the  
Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter



**BINGO!**

VA Hospital, Hampton, Building 148

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 7:00pm

\*Still Need Help\*

Meet at the Domiciliary at 6:30pm to set up for the games and refreshments. Bingo starts at 7:00pm and plays for one hour or until our money (\$50) is gone, whichever comes first. We clean up and leave by 8:15pm. To do a respectable job takes a minimum crew of four, but the more volunteers, the higher our Stark score. If you can arrive earlier and/or stay later to visit with the long-term patients in Bldg. 146, that's even better!



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There are a number of vacant Committee Chairmanships. If interested, please let a Chapter Officer know and they can provide details.



"Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestor"

Bob Spencer and Brent Morgan  
at the

Richmond American Revolution  
Roundtable

Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm  
Heilman Dining Center

University of Richmond, Richmond, VA  
<http://arrt-richmond.org/>