

**Virginia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT  
January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**

**Chapter Name: George Mason**

**Chapter Size:** Number of members as of December 31, 2011: 65

**Person Completing Report: Peter M. Davenport, Chapter President**

**Chapter Report Purpose:** To provide chapters with a programmatic planning tool as well as a standardized means of recording accomplishments. The Virginia Society (“VASSAR”) encourages its chapters to be well-rounded, recognizing that chapters vary in size and may not be able to participate in all of the programs/activities promoted by VASSAR and NSSAR. To this end, fourteen (14) questions are designed to provide the Awards Committee and VASSAR officials with a picture of chapter performance across a broad range of patriotic, historical, educational, and fraternal (e.g., DAR/CAR/SCOUTS/AL) activities. Question fifteen (15) is a bonus question which comes under the category of a current President's initiative. And finally, Question number sixteen (16) provides Chapters with an opportunity to advise VASSAR about how it might better serve the needs of its members.

For award purposes, chapter performance will be reviewed according to membership size into the following categories: Small (1 to 24); Medium (25 to 49); Large (50 to 89) and Very Large (90 and over). Scoring of answers to questions follows a simple formula of negative (“-”) marks for failure to participate in an activity, a zero (“0”) for minimal participation and positive (“+”) marks for significant participation. Emphasis is placed upon programs which result in a notable impact upon a chapter’s local community.

**Historic Celebration** participation is divided into three (3) tiers:

**Tier 1: VASSAR and (NSSAR, as noted by \*) priorities:**

Yorktown Day Observance\*, Martin’s Station\*, Crossing of the Dan, Guilford Courthouse, Point Pleasant, King’s Mountain, Cowpens, and Valley Forge (every three (3) years jointly with DAR).

**Tier 2:** James Madison’s Birthday, James Monroe’s Birthday, Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, and Veteran’s Day.

**Tier 3:** Other celebrations, e.g., including but not limited to, Battle of the Hook, Battle of Petersburg, Battle of Great Bridge, Vietnam Memorial Day.

**Caveats:**

- ◆ Chapter Reports are due no later than January 13, 2012
- ◆ Please make every effort to complete answers in the spaces provided.
- ◆ If attachments are critical, please make them brief and attach them to this report.
- ◆ Chapters are strongly encouraged to email their reports to Awards Chairman Joseph W. Dooley at [joexyz@verizon.net](mailto:joexyz@verizon.net). Electronic submissions must contain on the subject line: **VASSAR 2011 Report XYZ Chapter**. Alternately, reports may be mailed to: Joseph W. Dooley, 3105 Faber Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044.

## 1. Revolutionary Graves

- a. Revolutionary Grave Marking
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| Did your chapter mark any Revolutionary graves?   | No    |
| For each Revolutionary grave marked provide the name of the patriot.  |       |
| Did you prepare a paper or speech on the patriot and his/her service?   | _____ |
| Were organizations outside your chapter (e.g., C.A.R, DAR) invited to attend the ceremony? If so, provide date(s) and venue(s). | _____ |
| Did you notify the Virginia Society Revolutionary Graves Chairman?  | _____ |
- b. Grave Registration
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| Did you register any Revolutionary graves with the Virginia Society Revolutionary Graves Chairman? | No |
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- c. Other Graves Projects – provide details. N/A

## 2. Historic Celebrations and Observances

- a. Did any of your members participate in Tier 1 celebrations (those sponsored/co-sponsored by VASSAR and/or NSSAR)?

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
Cowpens, Cowpens, SC	1
Crossing of the Dan, South Boston, VA	2
Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC	2
Martin’s Station, Ewing, VA	1
NSSAR PG Wreath Presentation, Arlington Cemetery, Fort Myer, VA	2
Memorial Day Parade, Washington, DC	1
King’s Mountain, King’s Mountain, SC	2
Point Pleasant, Point Pleasant, WV	2
Yorktown, Yorktown, VA	1
DAR/SAR Memorial Service, Valley Forge, PA	2
Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA	1

- b. Did any of your members participate in Tier 2 celebration events?

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday Celebration, Washington, DC	2
James Monroe Birthday Celebration, Colonial Beach, VA	1
Independence Day, Mount Vernon, VA	1

- c. Did any of your members participate in Tier 3 celebration events?

<u>Event/Location</u>	<u>No. Attending</u>
Blockhouse Celebration, Duffield, VA	2
Germanfest, Tom’s Brook, VA	1
Freedom Concert, Manassas, VA	2

### 3. Color Guard

If members of your chapter served in an SAR Color Guard :

a. Marches in Celebrations, Observances, and Meetings:

	Name/No. of Events	Avg. No. of Chapter Members Participating in Uniform
Chapter Color Guard	Chapter Meetings/4	2
VASSAR Color Guard	See 2 above/14 <sup>1</sup>	2
Mid-Atlantic Color Guard	AMS Conference	1
National Color Guard	National Congress/3 Others	3

b. Did your Color Guard members carry out any special activities, i.e., conduct public demonstrations of 18th Century drill or explain Revolutionary era uniforms in schools? No  
Provide details: N/A

### 4. Perpetuating the memory of those who achieved the Independence of the American people and established our American government. *DO NOT report activities covered elsewhere in this report.*

- a. Did your chapter do something special to promote knowledge and understanding of American history among its members? If so, briefly describe. Yes  
The speakers for the year included presentations to the Chapter on the Crossing of the Dan River, the motivation of Revolutionary War Soldier to fight and how the tactical formations of the day allowed both control of the soldier by officers and non-commissioned officers and promoted unit integrity and last, a presentation of how George Washington used his image in the art of the day to promote his leadership goals.
- b. Did your chapter do something special to promote knowledge and understanding of American history in the community? If so, briefly describe. N/A

### 5. Historic Education and Youth: Essays, Orations, and History Day.

- a. Oration Contest  
Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2011 VASSAR Oration Contest? Yes  
Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2011 VASSAR Oration Contest from a local oration contest in which there was more than one entry? Yes
- b. Essay Contest  
Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the 2011 VASSAR Essay Contest? No  
Did your chapter select an entrant for the 2011 VASSAR Essay Contest from a local contest in which there was more than one entry? N/A

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter Members participated as members of the Color Guard at all events except James Monroe's and Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Celebrations.

c. History Day

Did your chapter provide support for National History Day by:		
How many judges (or alternates) did your chapter provide?	4*	
How many chapter members attended History Day competitions (count judges)?	5*	
How much money did your chapter and its members contribute?	\$100	
Did your chapter encourage participation by local schools? If so, briefly describe?	N/A	
How many good citizenship medals or pins did your chapter award to recognize outstanding History Day achievements?	1 Medal	

d. Tom & Betty Lawrence National Society American History Teacher Award	
Did your chapter submit an application to VASSAR for this award?	No

**6. Awards to Outstanding Youth**

a. ROTC Program		
How many Senior ROTC Medals (College/University) did your chapter present?	0	
How many Junior ROTC Medals (High School) did your chapter present?	2	
Did your Chapter submit an entrant to the VASSAR JROTC Award Program?	Yes	

b. Outstanding Student Program		
How many outstanding students did your chapter recognize?	0	
How many outstanding students were recognized with SAR medals or pins?	N/A	

c. Scout Program		
How many Eagle Scout certificates did your chapter award?	65	
Did your chapter sponsor an entrant in the VASSAR Eagle Scout contest?	Yes	

**7. Children of the American Revolution**

a. Participation		
	No. of Events	Avg. No. of Members
C.A.R members in events sponsored by your chapter	0	N/A
Members of your chapter in event sponsored by C.A.R.	2	2

b. Senior Leadership		
Did your chapter provide active senior leadership for the C.A.R.?	Yes	
If so, list the leaders and their positions / contributions. Joseph W. Dooley participates annually in Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier located in the Old Presbyterian Meeting House Cemetery in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. The 2011 event was conducted on November 13, 2011.		

\* Includes only primary chapter members; other dual chapter members were present at the event.

c. Other Support

Did your chapter provide monetary or other support for the C.A.R.? Yes  
If so, provide details. Provided financial contribution to 2011 VACAR President's  
Blockhouse Project

**8. Recognition of Public Service**

a. Law Enforcement Program

How many Law Enforcement Medals did your chapter present? 1  
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? Yes  
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Law Enforcement Contest? No

b. Fire/Safety Program

How many Fire Safety Medals did your chapter present? 1  
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? Yes  
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Fire Safety Contest? No

c. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program

How many EMS Medals did your chapter present? 1  
Did you report this to National Chairman and/or the State Chairman? Yes  
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR EMS Award Contest? No

d. Teacher of the Year Program

How many teachers were honored by your chapter? 0  
How many were recognized with good citizenship medals? N/A  
How many were recognized only with only a certificate? N/A  
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Teacher of the Year Contest? No

e. Heroism

Did your chapter recognize some one for Heroism? No  
Did your chapter enter the VASSAR Heroism Award Contest? N/A

f. Other Public Service Programs

How many other public servants did your chapter recognize? 0  
How many of these were awarded SAR medals? N/A

**9. Veterans Program**

a. Support for Veterans

Please describe the support your chapter provided for veterans. Chapter Members provided volunteer work in conjunction with local American Legion Post initiatives honoring veterans. Multiple chapter members are active or are officers in veterans' and other national military organizations (including the Association of the United States Army, Military Officers Association of America, The Reserve Officer's Association, Military Order of the World

Wars, Sojourners, the Masons, Shriners, the Elk's and others), all of which have active veteran's programs.

- b. Other Veterans Program  
 Did your chapter carry out some other significant Veterans support program? No  
 If so, briefly provide details.

**10. Other Community Programs**

*DO NOT report medals given by your chapter for service to the SAR in this section.*

- a. Flag Program  
 How many flag certificates did your chapter award this year? 2  
 Did you report this(these) to the VASSAR Flag Program Chairman? Yes
- b. Other Awards in the Community (awards not reported elsewhere in this report)  
 How many SAR Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates of Appreciation did your chapter present? Please list the recipients of each. SAR Good Citizenship Medal Awarded at National History Day (See 5c); Certificates of Appreciation awarded to Reverend Larry Aaron, Dr. Christopher Hamner and Professor William C. diGiacomantonio.

c. DAR Activities	No. of Events	Avg. No. of Members
DAR members in events sponsored by your chapter	5	3
Members of your chapter in events sponsored by DAR	_____	_____

Did your Chapter do something noteworthy with the DAR? Briefly describe. No

- d. VASSAR Good Citizen of the Year  
 Did your chapter submit an entry to the VASSAR Good Citizen of the Year program? No

- e. Other Community Programs  
 Did your chapter carry out or participate in other civic programs in the community not reported elsewhere on this form? If so, describe briefly. No

**11. Chapter Meetings and Communications**

- a. Chapter Meetings  
 How many meetings did your chapter hold this past calendar year? 5<sup>2</sup>  
 Average meeting attendance? 20

- b. Programs  
 How many non-compatriot speakers did your chapter have? 2  
 List the name and topic for each speaker.  
 Dr. Christopher Hamner: *The 1776 Soldier*

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<sup>2</sup> January meeting cancelled due to adverse weather; one meeting was held in conjunction with the AMS meeting.

Professor William C. diGiacomantonio: *The Portrayal of George Washington in Art during the Past 200 Years*

c. Communications with Members

How many newsletters did your chapter issue during the calendar year? 5

Were chapter newsletters furnished to the VASSAR and NSSAR Chairmen? Yes

Is your chapter using e-mail and/or the Web to communicate with members? Yes

If so, briefly describe Chapter uses email distribution for communication with those members providing an email address; those without email are informed by regular mail. Members desiring to do so may pay for events and membership renewals using PayPal. The Chapter also has a webpage which provides general information about the chapter, chapter contact information, the calendar of events, photos of recent activities and genealogical information.

d. Communications with the Community

How many press releases did your chapter issue about chapter events or activity? 0

How many news media (newspaper, radio television) exposures did your chapter receive? Describe briefly. 1

Photograph of Chapter members published in Mount Vernon paper

e. Publications

How many articles were submitted to the Virginia Bulletin by your chapter? 0

How many articles by members of your chapter devoted to SAR purposes (patriotic, educational, historical) were published in other media, such as a local newspaper or The SAR magazine?

Describe briefly. N/A

f. Other Publicity and Public Relations

Did your chapter have some other noteworthy accomplishment in publicity or public relations? If so, briefly describe. No

## 12. Membership and Dues

The Awards Committee will obtain information about membership and dues from the Virginia Society Office. Chapters should have an active recruiting program to enlist new members, a retention program, and should remit dues to the state office in the proper format on time.

a. Please provide the net gain or loss in number of chapter members in 2011 -4

b. Other Recruiting and Retention Activity

Did your chapter have some other noteworthy accomplishment in recruiting and/or retention other than those already mentioned?? If so, briefly describe. Yes

Although there was a net loss in the number of chapter members, seven new member joined the chapter during the year, a number of others are at National awaiting approval and additional applications are in process.

- c. How many Supplemental Applications submitted by your chapter were approved? 1 List the name of the members whose Supplemental Applications were approved.  
Ross Perry Gamble

### 13. Business Activity

- a. Participation in State, District & National business meetings
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| Number of members of your chapter attended the 2011 <i>VASSAR Annual Meeting</i> . | 4 |
| Number attended the 2011 <i>VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting</i> .                       | 3 |
| Number of members of your chapter attended the National Congress.                  | 4 |
| Number of members of your chapter attended the Atlantic Middle States Meeting      | 5 |
| Number of members of your chapter on VASSAR or NSSAR Committees.                   | 4 |
- b. Fundraising
- Did your chapter or individual members contribute financially to any of the VASSAR trust funds? Yes
- If so, identify the fund(s) contributed to. Two separate contributions to the Mark S. Brennan, Jr. Fund are known of; others may not have been reported.
- c. Reporting to the State and National Society
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| Did your chapter submit a report at the 2011 Annual Meeting?                                | No  |
| Did your chapter notify the VASSAR Secretary of its new president, secretary and treasurer? | Yes |
- d. Recognition by your chapter of Service to the SAR
- DO NOT report medals given for service to the community in this section, even if the recipient is an SAR member.***
- How many people did your chapter recognize with a medal for service to the SAR? 0

### 14. Forgotten Patriots Program

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| a. Did your chapter remember any Forgotten Patriots in 2010?                        | No  |
| b. Did you report them to the Virginia Society Forgotten Patriots Program Chairman? | N/A |

### 15. 2011 VASSAR Presidential Initiatives

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| a. Was your chapter represented at the special joint VASSAR/1812 Memorial Dedication at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, Virginia? | Yes |
| b. Was your chapter represented at the special joint VASSAR/1812 Memorial Dedication at Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia?      | Yes |
| c. Did your chapter participate in an event to commemorate the tenth anniversary of 9/11?   | No  |

## 16. Comments and Suggestions (Not Graded)

- a. Please tell us about something your chapter did or learned that would help VASSAR or the other chapters. N/A
- b. Did you encounter problems that you would like VASSAR help in resolving? N/A
- c. Do you have any suggestions for improvements? No

***Remember to submit your report by January 13, 2012***

Signed: *Peter M. Davenport*  
(by person completing the report)

Date: January 12, 2012