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“It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity; but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn.”

--George Washington, to the Pennsylvania Legislature, 12 September 1789

## Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Reminder: The minutes of each Chapter meeting are read aloud, in their entirety, during the first following Chapter meeting by Recording Secretary Randy Heneberger, after which attending members approve the minutes either as read or with amendments thereto. The approved minutes then are distributed by Corresponding Secretary David Dean to each Chapter member either by email or snail mail. Therefore, always refer to the minutes distributed to you to review all past and upcoming Chapter events and important dates. Except for certain selected meeting highlights, The Sentinel newsletter no longer will reprint meeting minutes that already have been distributed to members.

## Calls for Compatriot Volunteers!

A fitting ceremony will be conducted by the **Fincastle Resolutions Chapter of the VA SAR** to honor Patriot Andrew Lewis at his burial site in **Salem, Virginia** on **Saturday, June 30; from 10:00 until Noon**. Please contact Compatriot Randy Atkins for further information if you would like to attend the event.

The **Declaration of Independence** will be read on the steps of the **Rockingham County Courthouse** at **Noon on Wednesday, July 4, 2018**, the 242<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our Nation's independence from British sovereignty. Every Compatriot is urged to attend the event.

A Compatriot is being sought to volunteer to represent our Fort Harrison Chapter at the **Naturalization Ceremonies** at the **United States District Courthouse in Harrisonburg** at **11:00 on Thursday, July 5, 2018**. Please contact Compatriot Randy Atkins or Tom Petit to volunteer for this important event.

The **VA SAR Semi-Annual Meeting** will be held in **Charlottesville on September 15-16, 2018**. Please contact Compatriot Randy Atkins for further information if you would like to attend the event.

The **128<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution** will convene in **Houston, Texas** on **July 14-19, 2018**. Please contact Compatriot Randy Atkins for further information if you would like to attend the event.

## **Little-Known Facts About the American Revolution:**

### **Loyalty to King & Crown**

Colonists on both sides of the American Revolution didn't think much of Loyalists in their neighborhoods who did not support the ambitious goal of independence from British rule. American Patriots persecuted them, drove them from their homes and confiscated their property. Even though thousands of Loyalists fought for the King in America, the British government never thought its devoted colonial

subjects contributed a significant effort to remain part of the Island Kingdom. British troops stationed in the colonies resented the fact that the Army had to allocate scarce manpower to protect Loyalist civilians.

Contemporary newspaper reports exclaimed Loyalists were, "filthy groveling vermin, formed only to be trampled upon by tyrants." -- *The Virginia Gazette*, January 15, 1774

"Damnation to Tories and Success to American Liberty." -- *Patriot Toast*, 1775

"How can you be called friends of the King if you won't venture anything for the right cause? Look at your Opposition Party: they abandon wife, child, house, and home, and let us lay waste to everything. They fight without shoes and clothing with all passion, suffer hunger, and gladly endure all the hardships of war. But you Loyalists won't do anything! You only want to be protected, to live in peace in your houses. We are supposed to break our bones for you, in place of yours, to accomplish your purpose. We attempt everything, and sacrifice our own blood for your assumed cause." -- *Captain Johann Ewald, German officer serving with the British Army in America*, 1781

--Adapted from the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation website

Arguably the most well-known American who remained loyal to the Crown was New Jersey Governor

William Franklin (ca. 1730-1813); son of one of the most recognizable Patriots, Benjamin Franklin. Governor Franklin was a staunch Loyalist throughout his lifetime. Unfortunately, son and father never were able to overcome their differences of opinion regarding America's course for future governance, and remained estranged until Benjamin's death. William was imprisoned during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783) and afterward was exiled to London where he remained until his death.

--Adapted from ConstitutionFacts.com website

### **Revolutionary War Slang**

**Georgia Parole** – To shoot an enemy soldier rather than take him prisoner. In the South much of the fighting took place between rival Patriot and Loyalist militias. Sometimes this conflict became very bitter and personal, with little attempt being made to take enemy prisoners.