

Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution



John Paul Jones Chapter



SERAPIS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our new newsletter, this newsletter is now another voice of our Chapter.

I begin with an Introduction:

I, Mark D. Deeds, am your new Chapter President; newly sworn in at our annual Christmas party. I became a compatriot in 2017. During that time, I attended most the Maryland Society SAR meetings to gain an understanding of what our society is about. I like what we are about. Our society connects our history to our community. We are able to use that connection to help our youth understand our country. To reacquaint you, I now quote directly from our national handbook:

“The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and educational, and include those intended or designed--

- (1) 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;
- (2) to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;
- (3) to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
- (4) to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;

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- (5) to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;
- (6) to mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials;
- (7) to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period;
- (8) to foster true patriotism;
- (9) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and
- (10). to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.”

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These are important and gallant pursuits. We are very fortunate to live in an area that is rife with Colonial/Revolutionary War era events and places that help us understand and connect us to our heritage. This is at the heart of our purpose and we are looking forward to several projects to involve our chapter's mission in our community and its rich history.

We are embarking on a new year and this will be a year of change for our Chapter. My goal is to reconnect our chapter with our members and our community. To that end we are putting together elections, to fill our Chapter Officer slate, new committees to affect our community reconnection and very importantly to connect to our youth.

As President, along with leading the charge toward the chapter emphasis I discussed so far, my efforts will also concentrate on locating our Chapter's foundation. To bring together information, artifacts and documents that explain who and what the John Paul Jones Chapter was and is. I believe our Chapter can only chart a successful future if we know our past.

I am excited and look forward to the coming year. You will undoubtedly notice this newsletter focuses on reacquainting all of us with our Chapter and inform you about our upcoming elections.

Please read through this newsletter to better understand where we come from and what things are available for you to help us move forward. As the Marines say 'We are looking for a few good men'. Please consider sharing some of your time and expertise to join us.

Mark D. Deeds - President

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SERAPIS – Our New Newsletter

As I said in my President's Message, we have a new newsletter and that is thanks to one particular person who I would like to introduce. John Paul Jones' new Newsletter 'SERAPIS' Editor is William M. 'Bill' Wood who is a farmer and a gentleman, so I will refer to him from now on as a gentleman farmer.

Bill's farm is in the southern regions of Calvert County and he seems to greatly enjoy his farm. Bill is also a genealogist, well known throughout the Maryland historical community. Bill stepped forward and volunteered to be our Editor. Bill's resume includes editorial duties with Prince George's County Genealogical Society, including when he was President of that organization

We welcome Bill's knowledge and expertise and as you can see in this newsletter, we have an outstanding informative newsletter to help our Chapter communicate with our compatriots, our community and other historical organizations Thank You, Bill



SERAPIS NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE MEETING:

L to R— Ronald 'Ron' L. Shuey, Mark Deeds,
Barrett 'Barry' McKown, Bill Wood

SHIPS LOG

We held several activities and presented several awards during 2018. In early spring several Chapter members partnered with the Ann Arundel Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution to assist in the winter cleanup of their historic colonial era property, the Rising Sun Inn in Crownsville, MD. During the year we had the privilege of recognizing several outstanding young people with the following awards:

May 10th – We awarded the Army **JROTC Award to Christian Bowman** at Fort Meade High School.

May 22nd – We presented our annual **Good Citizenship Award to Christopher Spindler** at St. Mary's High School.

May 23rd – We presented The **Horace Porter Award to Mid 1/c Ryan Menke** of the United States Naval Academy History Department. (pictured Below)



Later in the year we enjoyed fellowship with our Chapter Compatriots at our holiday celebration, we welcomed new a Chapter member and supported our veterans at the Wreaths Across America wreath laying. Those events were:

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December 4th – We held our annual Christmas party in Edgewater, MD. We had the largest turnout in several years.

December 4th – The resignation of our long serving Chapter President John Harvey led to a leadership change as Mark Deeds was sworn in as the new President of the John Paul Jones Chapter.



December 11th – Our Chapter welcomed a new member, William C. Triplett (pictured Above) of Severna Park, MD. His Compatriot, Francis Triplett served as a Colonel in the Virginia Militia under Gen Daniel Morgan. Francis also served as a Member Virginia House of Delegates.

Wreaths Across America

December 15th - We closed out the year's activities with our annual support to Wreaths Across America. We had a record turnout to participate in the wreath laying at the headstones of our fallen heroes at the Annapolis National Cemetery in Annapolis Maryland.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018



Left to Right: Mark Tabor, John Harvey, J. Howard Beard, Ron Shuey, Stephen Ross Beard, Rowland Hauser, Christopher Lee Beard, M Hall Worthington, Jon Beard, Jack Tishue, Barry McKown, Thomas Closs, Mark Deeds



Left to Right: C. Louis Raborg – John Harvey – George Satterthwaite – Mark Deeds – Barry McKown



"I WISH TO HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH ANY SHIP THAT DOES NOT SAIL FAST, FOR I INTEND TO GO IN HARMS WAY!"

John Paul Jones

EAGLE SCOUT ESSAY WINNER**ANTHONY BIBBO**

Coming home. Ethan Allen dedicated much of his life to helping the people of the New Hampshire Grants come home. "Colonists who made their homes and lives in the Green Mountain region were being forced from their homes by the British. Ethan Allen led an informal militia that the group named for the region and together the Green Mountain Boys launched the first American attack on the British army at Fort Ticonderoga" (Maryland Public Television). Allen's inspirational victory at the Fort fascinates because of its unconventional story: no formal armies, sneak attack in the middle of the night, not one shot fired (Fort Ticonderoga Association). A visit to Fort Ticonderoga inspired me to document my learning in an unconventional way:

*America's Fort, Fort Ticonderoga,
Vermont's famous neighbor, but calls New York home.
"Land between the waters" north of Lake George, and west of
Lake Champlain. Built by the French, on English land, with
an Indian name.
When would this place become America's Fort?*

*In 1756, the French and Indian War
challenged the British for control of a continent
--North America.*

*Built as Fort Carillon, the fort defends the waterway from
British attack. Unique in shape -- rectangular walls and tri-
angular points -- the fort defends from land and sea with its
earthen walls and wood.*

*A British force four times the French
attacked with cannons, gunfire, and swords.
Smaller but stronger, the French held*

*what would one day be America's Fort.
In 1758 -- two years after the first assault
the outnumbered French couldn't survive.
Surrender not an option, they blew up the fort.
The British controlled the land and rebuilt Ticonderoga.
When would this fort be America's Fort?*

*After the British won the war,
there was no need for a fort.
Ticonderoga fell into ruin, with few men on watch.
But, all that was about to change.*

*In 1775, colonists fought for American Independence
in Lexington and Concord.*

*They didn't call their land New England or New
France, instead, a new country called America.
The Americans needed artillery -- and a victory.*

*In Vermont, Ethan Allen led the Green Mountain Boys
across Champlain in the dead of night
and caught the British by surprise.*

*Allen waved his sword, and without a shot fired,
the fort finally became America's Fort.*

*Two years later, the British tried to split the colonies
and forced the Americans from their fort.*

*But a surprise was waiting for the Redcoats in Sarato-
ga.*

American soldiers forced a surrender.

*If not for Ticonderoga, our country may have a king.
America gained a nation and regained America's Fort.*

*Two hundred years plus, the landscape has changed.
Visitors come to learn history and honor heroes
--and Fort Ticonderoga remains America's Fort.*

Ethan Allen's passion to preserve the colo-
nists' home continued after the war; "he peti-
tioned Congress to declare the former New
Hampshire Grants, renamed Vermont, as the
fourteenth state. When Massachusetts, New
York and New Hampshire were unable to
agree, Allen even approached Canada, how-
ever unsuccessfully, to annex Vermont.

Allen died in 1789; two years later Vermont
joined the United States" (Biography.com
Editors).

Some consider him heroic, some consider
him controversial; regardless, his willingness
to take action contributed to the success of
the American Revolution. Ethan Allen was,
indeed, one of the Sons of the American Rev-
olution who made it possible for American
patriots to come home.



SHIPS LOG Chapter's Knight Essay Contest

December 31st – We submitted our **Chapter's Knight Essay Contest winner, Sarah Giddings**, to the State Society for consideration. Our Chapter winner was Sarah Giddings of Pasadena, Maryland. Sarah is a senior at Archbishop Spalding High School in Severn, Maryland.

Her essay titled '*A Right to Resist: A Catholic's Revolutionary Quest for Religious Liberty*' provides an intriguing insight into the one of the Founders drive to insure separation of church from the state and that and/all person/s has a right to choose the faith of their choice.

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We are developing our goals and plans for 2019 which include increasing our engagement with our Chapter Compatriots, develop recurring communications to reinvigorate our Chapter Compatriots with our Chapter's capabilities, goals and commitments. We are also committing to become more engaged with our community. We committed to fill our vacant Chapter officer positions. To that end, we established a nomination committee and plan for elections at our spring meeting.

I wish to thank the Maryland State Society officers and board members for their encouragement, support and tolerance as I learn about our Chapter and the Society and we look forward to a banner year in 2019.

Mark D. Deeds - President

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KNIGHT ESSAY WINNER: SARAH GIDDINGS

The United States of America was founded by Christians fleeing religious persecution from the Anglicans in England. However, the persecuted became the persecutors towards another sect of Christianity— the Catholics. Originally founded as a Catholic colony, Maryland quickly fell victim to the anti-Catholic sentiment that plagued the other colonies. One of the most well-known Maryland patriots, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, was an outspoken Catholic and the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence.

He signed the Declaration of Independence not only in pursuit of civil liberty, but also in pursuit of religious liberty. Of all the men who pledged their lives, fortunes, and honor, Carroll perhaps risked more because his failure would not only mean letting down the people of the young nation, but also letting down his Catholic brothers and sisters. To gain religious freedom, Carroll had to first help create the foundation of a society based on freedoms and rights— risking everything and declaring independence from the strongest empire in the world.

As passionate as Charles Carroll was about his Catholic faith, he also understood that religion had no place in politics; he believed in a strict separation between church and state, and that there should be no state religion at all. In a letter to the Attorney General of Maryland, Carroll declared that he was "averse to having a religion crammed down the people's throat as a proclamation" (Rebuke 6).

The country—which had been first settled by those fleeing a state religion—was founded with a strong belief in religious liberty, a belief which Carroll hoped to uphold so "that no one [religion] would be so predominant as to become the religion of the state" (Religious Liberty). During a political debate, his opponent attempted to use Carroll's religion against him, to which Carroll responded, "what my speculative notions of religion may be, this is neither the time nor place to declare" (Rebuke 3). In many letters and debates, Carroll proved himself to be a level-headed and reasonable man; one who neither compromised his religious beliefs now was overly biased because of his beliefs.

Charles Carroll believed that civil liberty and religious liberty went hand-in-hand. In 1829, he wrote a letter to a friend who had asked why he chose to sign the Declaration of Independence (Why, Carey 328), he wrote: "happily this wise and salutary measure has taken place for eradicating religious feuds and persecution, and become a useful lesson to all governments" (Why). Although there was no mention of religious liberty in the Declaration of Independence, the document was the first step on the road to religious tolerance in society. He explained that he was not only fighting for "independence of England but [also] the toleration of all Sects" (Why, Carey 328).

He understood that there were many different beliefs and religious— that many different "people may conscientiously believe that they hold the true faith" (Religious Principles).

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Although Carroll believed that his Catholic faith was the truest religion, he once wrote in a letter to his daughter-in-law that he felt "no ill will or illiberal prejudices [against] the sectarians which have abandoned] that faith" (Religious Principles). Carroll consistently wrote in his letters about the importance of religious acceptance in society.

Carroll was not the only outspoken Catholic who believed in the separation of church and state. A number of his family members—all well-known in their own right—held similar beliefs about the relationship between religion and government, and they believed that it would be a violation of both civil and religious liberty to establish a state religion (Carey 337). This common belief held by many Catholic scholars and public figures demonstrated how many Catholics "benefitted from, contributed to, and supported in principle as well as in practice the

American tradition of religious liberty and separation of church and state" (Carey 324). Carroll himself once wrote that "religious intolerance could produce 'only martyrs and hypocrites'" (Carey 326), exemplifying his commitment to religious tolerance to all groups. Carroll's strong support for a strict separation between church and state and his respect and acceptance of other religions demonstrated his dedication to true religious liberty.

"The nation had a right to resist and so secure its civil and religious liberties" (Rebuke 6). This statement by Charles Carroll of Carrollton eloquently and concisely states what Carroll believed to be the reason why the American Colonies rebelled against England and demonstrates Carroll's strong belief that civil and religious liberties are inextricably tied together.

He was so passionate about religious liberty that he risked everything and "entered zealously into the revolution" (Religious Liberty). To obtain true religious liberty and freedom, a society must be intolerant of intolerance; perhaps this is the society that Carroll hoped to build by signing the Declaration of Independence. Insight regarding Charles Carroll's hope for a new American society might be best summarized in his own words: "God grant that this religious liberty may be preserved in these States to the end of time" (Religious Liberty).

He was seeking a permanent solution to the age-old problem of religious persecution by first freeing the nation from English oppressors and then by creating a nation founded on the principles of universal freedoms—including religious freedom.



Nomination for New Officers, and Appointed Positions for the Chapter

The members of the John Paul Jones Chapter of the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution (MDSSAR), hope to reestablish our chapter to become a more important part of our community, to help emphasize the importance of our community in the beginnings of our nation, and the work of the patriots that came from this area. It is our hope that our work and functions will help educate the public about our forefather's efforts in establishing this great country, and be worthy of their hard work and sacrifices. In that effort, we first hope to build a more active and effective organization to carry out this work.

Our first order of business will be to formally elect officers for our Chapter. Normally, there are at least four officers that make up our Chapter Executive Board, the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. 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 are looking for a few good men to take on Appointed Directors and Officers 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.

A nominating committee has been established to solicit and accept nominations, answer questions, and help prepare for the election of the Executive Committee officers by March. Please forward nominations 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 Ron Shuey, one of the Nomination Committee members, who will help coordinate inputs for the ballots

Mail: Ron Shuey, 999 Headwater Road, Annapolis, MD 21403

Email: ron.shuey7@gmail.com

Phone: (410) 443-5614

Request all nominations be returned by **13 February**, in order to prepare ballots and send them out by the **20th of February**, in order to have your votes returned by the end of the month. That will give us time to count the ballots, and notify the new officers to be at our meeting 9 March for the swearing in ceremony. Hope to see you all at that meeting to welcome the new officers and enjoy our compatriots camaraderie.

John Paul Jones Chapter (JPJ) Executive Board

Elected Officers

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Other Officers

Incumbent

Mark Deeds

Barry McKown

Harry Aycock

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

All four elected officer positions are available for nomination in the election.

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.

In consultation with the State Treasurer, he shall keep a roster of all members and their addresses, and provide address labels for Chapter functions as required.

He shall transmit Chapter membership and officer reports to the State Society as required.

He shall record and notify the State Chaplain of any deceased members reported to him.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep the financial accounts of the Chapter.

He shall render bills for and collect all monies due the Chapter, deposit the same in a bank approved by the Executive Committee in the name of the John Paul Jones Chapter, Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and he shall disburse the same only by checks for bills which have been duly approved by the Executive Committee.

He shall give receipts for monies paid him, maintain official records, and render a full report of the finances of the Chapter at the Annual Meeting, and a statement to the Executive Committee at each regular meeting thereof.

He shall prepare an annual budget for approval of the Executive Committee, and shall serve as a voting member of said committee.

In consultation with the Chapter Secretary, he shall keep a roster of all members and their addresses.

Executive Committee

It shall meet as needed to consult, plan events and discuss matters of importance to the Chapter between meetings of the Chapter, as called upon by the President, who shall invite additional Officers, Chairmen, or members as deemed fit to attend and participate in the discussions.

The Executive Committee, in addition to the powers and duties elsewhere conferred upon it, shall act on all applications for membership, arrange for celebrations and social meetings, superintend and direct the affairs of the Chapter, subject to the approval of the Chapter, and shall make a report of its proceedings, through the Secretary, at the each Board Meeting.

The Executive Committee has the final authority for authorization of expenditures and distribution of funds.

John Paul Jones Chapter (JPJ) Appointed Directors and Officers

Appointed Directors & Officers

Incumbent

Editor

Mr. Bill Wood

Social Media Director

Available

Chapter Registrar/Genealogist

Available

Youth Outreach and Awards Director

Mr. Michael Kelley

Community Outreach and Awards Director

Available

All appointed positions are available for nomination, and interested volunteers.

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.

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