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Founding Fathers Words

Regent's Corner appears here:

"Words may show a man's wit but actions his meaning."

These words - composed by a Founding Father, inventor, scientist, mathematician, politician, diplomat, writer, publisher, sage, and, perhaps, America's first funnyman - have for many years proven an inspiration to me. That multi-faceted man was Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin's singular quality of his great wit is the one that has proven his brilliance and magnetism to me time and time again. When reading Franklin, one's thoughts race between "is he serious?" and "is this a joke?". But, Franklin was, by no means, a stuffy or a foolish fellow. His words, spoken and written alike, "made 'em laugh" and "made 'em think."

It is not only Franklin's humor that I find inspirational. Equally inspiring are his

diplomatic skills, among which Thomas Jefferson noted his "amiable temperament and reasonable disposition," coupled with an ability to listen carefully.

And so, as Mine Run's regent and in daily life, I frequently call upon Franklin's own gifts of words and actions combined to serve the chapter well.

-Liz



Upcoming Events:

- **Nov 12, Snow Library, Diane Buser "George Washington and Rules of Civility"**
- **Dec 17, Christmas Open house**
- **Jan 21, Chancellor Ruritan, Reports Meeting**

Chapter Meeting, Saturday, Nov 12 Snow Library

*Little book of rules..*Join Diane Busic of the George Washington Foundation, who will talk about George Washington's

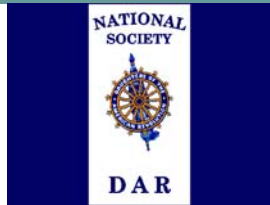
'Rules of Civility' In George's time one's

behavior was determined by specific rules of decorum. Funny, serious, practical. Come hear Ms. Busic's fascinating presentation.

Snow Library, Spotsylvania Ct House November 12th. Business at 9 a.m; program at 10 a.m.

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From the Executive Board, Mine Run Chapter: Soon we will be fundraising for the Lafayette marker in Spotsylvania. See Lafayette's portrait on the back page. Let us know your ideas.

The President General's Project symbol is 3 circles.

"Preserve the Past, Enhance the Present, Invest in the Future."

The story behind the recipe below

My grandfather's Morris branch always seemed to take great pride in the fact that they were cousins to Daniel Boone and General Daniel Morgan. You see, Boone's mother and Morgan's father were siblings. Another sibling was Elizabeth Morgan who was mother to our distant grandfather, Morris Morris, and wed to

Cadwallader Morris. It is a simple enough family connection for anyone with a passion for genealogy. The realization that we shared grandparents, Edward and Elizabeth Morgan, with those two great Revolutionary men, just stirred our very souls. We always figured it was a Welsh thing. One of the tangible ways in

which our remaining family with Morris and Morgan blood flowing through our veins can connect with our ancestors is through the following recipe (it is said that it originated in Boone's family). We all agree that when Daniel Boone said, "There's no better way to cook young chicken," he wasn't joking.—Liz

Historical Recipe

Southern Fried Chicken - Daniel Boone Style

3 lb frying chicken, cut in serving pieces

1/2 cup butter

1/4 water

1 1/2 T flour

1/2 tsp salt

1/8 tsp pepper

1/2 tsp paprika

1 C water, boiling

2 T cream

Roll the pieces of chicken in a wooden mixing bowl of flour heavily seasoned with salt, pepper, and paprika. Grease a large cast iron skillet with the butter and fry each piece of chicken. Brown well on both sides. Then reduce the heat slightly and add the water. Cover the skillet and cook for 15 minutes on each side. Take the fried chicken

from the skillet and pour off all but 2 tablespoons butter. Add the flour to the melted butter, blend well, and stir until nicely rowned. Then add the salt, pepper, paprika, and boiling water. Simmer until the gravy is smooth and thickened, stirring constantly. Lastly, stir in the cream and blend. Pour this gravy around the chicken on a large platter .

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An Indian minute....I had the privileged and honor to meet 4 Navajo Code Talkers, at a book signing in Albuquerque New Mexico last July. One of these code talkers explained to the public that the U.S. Marines of WW2 recruited him. "They wanted someone to learn the alphabet from A to Z, and turn it into a code with our own tribal language," which they did VERY successfully. The Japanese never broke the code. After the war ended the code talkers were

not to speak of the nature of their service, because they might have to use the code again. Top secret restrictions have since been removed, and there have been many books written and at least one movie made about these brave men.

By Kathy Thierfeldt, Chairman, American Indians

Debbie's revolutionary ideas

New Member prospecting:

Things you can do from home to help DAR projects:

Campbells soup labels, cut the bar codes (contact us for the complete list)

Cancelled postage stamps, are used by Veterans in craft projects, cut 1/4 inch around them, and send to us. **Veterans,** used & new clothing,

playing cards, toiletries, books & magazines, other items.

Project Patriot, current duty military men & women's needs.

DAR Schools, there are constantly lists of special needs they need donated.

Contests, Crafts, Essays, photography, and many others which earn us points and awards.

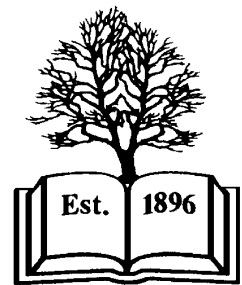
Conservation or historic

projects you work on in other organizations count too.

Data Entry projects, computer based indexing, typing projects where you can volunteer for as little as an hour at a time.

Women's Issues covers community based things you probably already do.

All of these projects help us achieve our goals. Try one. Ask us how!



Notes from a CAR Mother

The reports from Wilderness Bridge:

Pat Lynch reports on two of her daughters, members of Wilderness Bridge:

"Rachel Rose Lynch, age 9, is our little actress, recently doing a tv movie with Jane Seymour and Madeline Zima called Lake Effects. (She played Catherine). It will be on soon. She also recently shot two pilots, SYRIA and I

DIED. (both in the works) Also enjoyed the role of "Jenny", in the long awaited remake of the zombie classic called PLAN 9. (She also did several commercials and recorded songs for an educational dvd series) Lastly, She auditioned for Disney Casting, and they called her back!... so there's hopefully more fun to come! "Rebecca, age 16, is working

with the Spotsylvania volunteer fire department, working on her EMT certification. "

Our out-of-state members, brothers, Nick and Glenn Thierfeldt, 11th grader and 8th grader respectively, have been academically inspirational in maintaining Honor Roll at their schools. They continue to inspire others by both volunteering for Special Olympics in Princeton, Connecticut.



Wilderness Bridge Notes

Wilderness Bridge member, Maria Couture, age 13, is currently taking lessons in etiquette and ballroom dancing as part of the 2011/2012 Fredericksburg Junior Cotillion. When she is able, she also takes part in Civil War era dancing with a Spotsylvania group.

Wilderness Bridge Society has a new theme: "To Preserve Confidence and Promote True

Interests." The words are derived from a segment of a letter George Washington had sent to Joseph Reed. Written on July 4th, 1780, Washington had noted, "The best way to preserve confidence of the people durably is to promote their true interests." These are words that apply also to the youth "of the people." I have found if you want to boost the spirit or raise the self-esteem of a child, ask for his or her

opinion on a matter. He or she will be flattered and you will likely gain a simpler and clearer way of looking at the big picture. The children are tomorrow's leaders who have the ability of inspiring the leaders of today.

**Wilderness Bridge
CAR Society**

**Organized August
17th.**

2011 Special Donations Email & Address Changes

For 2011, Please update your information and consider donating to special projects. Donations are down for all non-profits. For questions please contact Ginnie DeHart at 540-226-5320 or ginnie@dspdconcepts.com.

Circle your choices

American Spirit magazine subscription—including the “Daughter’s of the

American Revolution” Newsletter (**\$18.00/year**) \$ _____

Tax deductible donation to Mine Run Chapter \$ _____

Special Projects please list _____ \$ _____

Total check amount \$ _____

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Address Changes:

New e-mail address: _____

New Phone numbers: _____



Payment Information
Please make your check payable to *Mine Run Chapter, NSDAR*, and mail with this completed form.

State Regent’s Pin on the left below is \$25.00.

State Regent’s Project Earrings \$15.00. Money goes to Interpretive Center at the Muster Grounds in Abingdon, VA



Salem Church and the 23rd Regiment New Jersey Volunteers Monument

Growing up in the Fredericksburg area and having an early interest in the Civil War, I never dreamed that one monument located in Spotsylvania County would become so important to me. When I was growing up, my maternal grandmother told me that none of her relatives participated in the Civil War, due to their Quaker faith. After grandmother passed away, I learned from a cousin that our great, great grandfather, Benjamin Hendrickson, drove a wagon in the Civil War. I decided to write to the National Archives in Washington, DC, and discovered that he had served in the US Army and was a member of the 23rd Regiment New Jersey Volunteers. This information did not have a lot of meaning for me until I got a part time job with the Spotsylvania Visitor Center in 2005.

Many of the people that come to the Visitor Center have a personal connection to the area battlefields and I decided to learn what I could about my relatives' role in the Civil War. This was generally an easy task, thanks to the Internet and a folder at the Visitor Center that has information about all of the Civil War monuments in the Fredericksburg region.

The 23rd New Jersey Volunteer Infantry was formed in August 1862. It was a nine month regiment, consisting of approximately 1,000 men. Soldiers were recruited from towns in and around Burlington County, which is located near Philadelphia. Many of the enlistees shared the Quaker religion. After the first commander resigned to avoid court martial for drunkenness in November, Henry Ryerson was selected to lead the regiment. When he reviewed the troops, he referred to them as "Yahoos," due to their less than military demeanor. The name stuck and was emblazoned on the regimental flag.

The "Yahoos" camped near White Oak church in Stafford County during the winter of 1862-63. They fought in two engagements-the December 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg and the May 3, 1863 Battle at Salem Church. In March, 1863, Edward B. Grubb, Jr., was

appointed commander of the regiment after Henry Ryerson left to take command of the 10th New Jersey Infantry.

Salem Church served as a refugee center during the Battle of Fredericksburg. On May 3, while General's Lee and Hooker were fighting at Chancellorsville, the Union and Confederate armies fought a day-long battle at Salem Church. Colonel Grubb had his horse shot from under him and had to lead his men forward on foot. Just as victory seemed possible, the Confederates counterattacked and the Union army retreated across the Rappahannock River and the campaign was over. One of the "Yahoos," Captain Forrester Taylor, was awarded a Medal of Honor for bravery at Salem Church.

On May 3, 1907, the monument to the 23rd Regiment New Jersey Volunteers was dedicated, on the 44th anniversary of the battle. It is located in the church yard at Salem Church and is visible from Route 3. The site is managed by the National Park Service.

Sources: NPS Pamphlet-Salem Church

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History through the Eyes of Stone "A Survey of Civil War Monuments in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, Virginia" by Donald C. Pfan

"Journey to Honor" by James Buck

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A Revolutionary Idea

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Our chapter is excited to perform community service projects at local nursing homes, literacy for children and adults, and conservation, beautification work. We show our love of history whether its records or buildings, by our involvement in preservation and restoration. There are many ways to give back, even from home. Ask us how!

Current projects include work to place a marker for Lafayette in Spotsylvania County recognizing his march thru the county. His

NOT YOUR
GRANDMOTHER'S
DAR

Salubria Survives Earthquake, but not Unscathed

.Last year, our Mine Run chapter enjoyed an informative and educational tour of Salubria, the 3,600 square-foot house built in 1757 by the Rev. John Thompson for his wife Lady Butler Brayne Spotswood Thompson, the widow of Virginia governor Alexander Spotswood.

Like many other brick buildings in the Culpeper area, Salubria experienced damage from the August 23rd earthquake. Both of the mansion's 19-foot high chimneys suffered. fracturing and twisting of the top 8-foot portions of the structures. Fortunately, there was no roof damage from falling bricks and no serious harm to the perimeter walls of the house. Within 24 hours teams from a construction company and a masonry firm worked furiously to disassemble the unstable top of each chimney so that any additional falling bricks would not puncture the roof.

Marc Wheat president of Salubria's present owner, the Germanna Foundation, has vowed that the graceful chimneys will be restored, using as much of the original materials as possible.

The beautiful interior, which contains some of the finest original interior paneling in the entire Mid-Atlantic region, suffered very little damage. Several fairly significant stress cracks have appeared on the 2nd floor walls, but these are not considered too serious.

A symposium, focusing on the many aspects of historic structure masonry maintenance and repair was scheduled to be held at the mansion on Oct. 15th. By Mary Nolan, Chairman American Heritage