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Dear Fellow Warrior:

The Society of Colonial Wars was founded in New York in 1892 for the purpose of furthering the interest in, and study of, America's Colonial history for the period between the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia on May 13, 1607 and the Battle of Lexington on April 19, 1775. Our Virginia Chapter was founded just two years later, in 1894, and so is appropriately, one of the oldest Chapters of the Society.

With the sword, the horse, the shield, our forefathers forged a great nation. The unique and experimental system of government which they ultimately formed has stood the test of time, and has done more to improve and lift humanity than any other system of government in the history of the world. Yet many of these men are now being scrutinized through a politically correct lens of a time 400 years later. Historic monuments are being removed and our heritage is under attack. **Your membership and support of the Society has never been more important.**

With your support, this year the Virginia Society contributed nearly \$10,000 to support heritage projects in our area. The General Society of Colonial Wars made matching contributions of more than 90%, greatly leveraging your individual donations. We funded colonial topics in the speaker series at Virginia Museum of History & Culture; we funded important education and restoration projects at Henricus Historical Park and the James Monroe Memorial Foundation; and we supported the Jamestown Foundation and the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For 2022, your Council has increased our goal for donations to \$13,000. It would be great if we could do even more. Your annual contribution will ensure that we remain an active and relevant partner in the effort to educate children and adults alike about life during the early days of what became our great nation.

In 2022 we are excited to continue with our annual events and speakers, starting with the Cy Nicholas Luncheon to be held February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Commonwealth Club. Our Spring Court will be held April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Virginia. And the Fall Court will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> at Wilton House. Please mark your calendars for these events, and look for additional information and formal invitations to follow, over the course of the year.

In the meantime, I hope that you will join me in contributing to the Virginia Society. Since the Virginia Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and every donation helps, regardless of the size. Please make your check payable to **The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Virginia**, and mail to **P.O. Box 8614, Richmond, VA 23226**. Or donate online today by going to [www.vascw.org](http://www.vascw.org) and clicking on "Donate".

I hope that you and your family have a safe, healthy, and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,

Edward Dana Mitchell  
Governor