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Dear Fellow Warrior,

Since our founding in 1894, our Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Virginia has promoted the interest in and study of America's Colonial history between the settlement of Jamestown in 1607 and the Battle of Lexington in 1775.

Among the many good works that our Society accomplishes during the year is the all-important funding of efforts throughout the state that preserve, protect, promote, rediscover and uncover important persons, sites and events that shaped our country's early history. In fact, our Society and the General Society with its matching funds continue to be one of Virginia's best sources for education and promotion of our Colonial heritage.

Each year, we conduct our fund-raising efforts during the fall, timed to coincide with your end-of-year tax deductible giving decisions. This year, we are making our appeal with an ambitious goal for our charitable fund of \$15,000 before December 31st.

Every gift, no matter how large, will enable us to meet this target.

Just this year, past contributions to the Society have enabled us to:

- Support a Master's level Colonial history fellowship at William and Mary's Department of History;
- Refurbish and reinterpret the 1907 General Society's monument to one of our modern country's founding settlements at Jamestown;
- Support three Mary Washington University student archeologists at digs unearthing important Colonial habitation and trading sites along the Rappahannock River;
- Sustain the restaging of Patrick Henry's famous Virginia Convention speech at St. John's Church;
- Back the Virginia Museum of History and Culture's continuing Banner Lecture series on fascinating Colonial topics; and
- Fund restoration and education programs at Henricus Historical Park, St. Luke's Historic Church and Museum and Wilton House Museum.

Gifts to our Society (an IRS section 501(c)(3) non-profit) go directly to the monies held under the Investment Committee's supervision and these Warriors determine the level of grants for the next year. Reaching our \$15,000 goal will guarantee that these careful stewards are able to help us increase our generosity in support of regular and new programs through groups seeking to elevate public knowledge and appreciation of our Colonial roots.

I encourage you to make a generous gift of \$100 or more right now by mailing a check (envelope enclosed) to P. O. Box 8614, Richmond, VA, 23226, with "annual fund" in the memo line, or go online to vascw.org and click the "Donate" button on our home page. You can also contact me (governor@vascw.org) for information on how to give appreciated securities as well as how you can recognize our Society in your estate plans.

Be part of how our Colonial legacy is preserved in Virginia and America. Your gift will make a difference.

Walter Jervis Sheffield Governor



Donation to the Annual Fund Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Virginia Please make checks and other donations payable to VASCW Annual Fund.

For gifts of appreciated securities, contact

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