

2009 VA OFPA SPEAKERS

March 14 2009, 11:30am to Noon at the Hampton History Museum: OFPA Society arranged for **Michael Cobb**, Curator of the museum to provide a walking presentation on the *History of Hampton, VA, the First Permanent American Settlement in 1610*. Attending were VA associates that attended the annual meeting plus invited members of VASSAR, VA Chapter DFPA, VA DAR, VA Chapter NSSDP and other guests. Michael Cobb is an MA Studies graduate from the College of William & Mary and has co-authored the book *Hampton* and authored the book *Fort Wool & the Star Spangled Banner Uprising*. To make the presentation more effective he gave the presentation with discussion while escorting the attendees through the museum displays.

March 14, 2009 2:45-3:00pm inside the St John's Episcopal Church, Hampton, VA
OFPA Society arranged for (The Rev.) **Donna-Mae Siderius**, Rector of the church to provide *The History & Special Features of Hampton's St John's Episcopal Church*. Part of her presentation included information that the Parish is the oldest in continuous service in America as it was established in 1610 and that the current church was built in 1728.

October 17, 2009 10:15am-10:25am at the Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown, VA
During the business meeting of the VA OFPA, Governor General **John M. Bourne** spoke on *The Activities of the Order*.

October 17, 2009 12:15pm-12:20pm at the Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown, VA
During the luncheon of the VA OFPA, **Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr.** gave greetings and talked about *The National Society Sons of the American Revolution* of which he is President General. He has previously served as Presiding Municipal Judge for South Padre Island, Texas. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law and the author of six books. He has written numerous articles for the SAR magazine on the Revolutionary War in Texas and Spain's assistance to the Americans during the war.

October 17, 2009 1:35pm-1:55pm at the Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown, VA
During the luncheon of the VA OFPA author **Tony Williams**, was the keynote speaker who gave a talk entitled *The Great Pillars of Human Happiness: Religion, Virtue, and American Liberty*. He discussed the details of how the key founders of this country thoughts and writings supported religion, virtue and liberty and the need for human happiness. He is the author of the book *Hurricane of Independence: the Untold Story of the Deadly Storm at the Deciding Moment of the Revolution*. He has appeared on C-spans Book, TV and has an M.A. in history from the Ohio State University

October 17 2009 2:45pm-2:55pm at the Warner Hall Plantation Cemetery, in Gloucester Co, VA.
At the VA OFPA grave marking ceremony, Associate **Cranston Williams**, a direct descendant of the Founders being honored, Augustine Warner I & II, gave a presentation entitled *Ancestors of Warner Hall*. He talked about the Founders and how they are also the ancestors of George Washington, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and Richard and Henry Lee.

October 17 2009 2:55pm-3:00pm at the Warner Hall Plantation Cemetery, in Gloucester Co, VA.
At the VA OFPA grave marking ceremony honoring Founders & Patriots by installing granite grave markers,
James A. Swords, President of the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter, VASSAR presented the *Military & Family Information on Lieutenant Warner Lewis, Esq.* In his remarks he gave details of Lt Lewis's military career and how he was descended to become the 3d great grandson of Augustine Warner I.

October 17 2009 3:05pm-3:10pm at the Warner Hall Plantation Cemetery, in Gloucester Co, VA.

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Lt Colonel L.H. “Bucky” Burress, (USA Ret.) gave a presentation on *The Gloucester County Militia During the Revolution*. He discussed the Militia’s involvement in the “Battle of the Hook” at Gloucester Point in October 1781