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Next meeting October 19, 2015
Exact time and location to be determined.

VA OFPA won the Parrish Award for the seventh consecutive year at the 119th OFPA General Court. This is our 10th out of 33 since the award was created. Congratulations to all who worked and helped win the award.

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Below—Ray Maxson and Shane Newcombe with the Parrish award. (Had to show a couple more photos. See next page.) We worked hard. To get it.





Front Row-left to right—OFPA Awards Chairman Ray Maxson, Past VA OFPA Governor Shane Newcombe, and Governor Walt Sheffield. Parrish Award in middle.

Below—Past Governor Jerry Hubbard presenting the OFPA JROTC Certificate and Ribbon Bar at Eastern View High School in Culpeper, VA to Cadet 2nd Lt. Colton Nicholas on Wednesday 27 May 2015.



Notes from the General Court Held in Washington, D.C.

- Next meeting of the general court will be 20-22 May 2016 in Denver CO.
- In the past year the OFPA has welcomed 21 New Associates. (Normally get about 50 new members per year.)
- Membership is down across the board. Retention is also a constant battle.
- The Phelps Award, for the State Societies less than 50 members, is always a very competitive race. The North Carolina Society took home the Phelps Award this year.
- The Hinkley Award, for the society with the highest percentage of new members, was won by the Massachusetts Society.
- A interesting resource for searching Founders: <http://founders.archives.gov/>.

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John Shepherd Scholarship

by Len Reinhard
retired U.S History teacher

In 2010, the fourth great grandson of Shepherd, Charles Phebus (**VA OFPA State's Attorney**), organized a celebration of John Shepherd at North Royalton, Ohio. Prior to this event, very few in North Royalton knew about John Shepherd. Mr. Phebus organized a pancake breakfast, a parade from our Middle School to the North Royalton Municipal Cemetery, brought in the traveling Liberty Bell, and had an Honor Guard perform. At the cemetery he organized a ceremony that included the laying of 17 wreaths representing various local and national groups. The keynote speaker was retired Lt. General Robert Wagner. Also, at this event, the Ohio State Historical plaque located on Rt. 82 at the top of the hill was unveiled. It was a **very impressive** event honoring this early American Patriot.

In year 2014, while discussing John Shepherd with Mr. Phebus, we came up with an idea to continue interest in this local hero. The plan was to create a "scholarship" for two (2) 8th graders, who are participating in a school planned 3-day field trip to Washington D.C. The essays are to be based upon John Shepherd's life in the American Revolution. One of the key objectives was to foster an interest in American History and North Royalton's history in this age group. He organized the fund raising and the effort to make this a lasting event.

The majority of these funds were from groups and individuals outside of North Royalton, Ohio. If this very worthwhile event is to continue, then local funding would be very helpful including support from the North Royalton Historical Society.

Over 20 essay's were submitted for evaluation by me. When I narrowed it down to the "final four" it was very difficult to pick a first and second place for the scholarships. I would like to congratulate our 2015 first time winners and all those students who participated and those at the Middle School who made this work. Thanks for keeping the memory of John Shepherd alive and well in North Royalton, Ohio.

Funding Providers: Sons of the American Revolution; Sons of the American Revolution-Hawaii and Florida; the **VA Society of The Order of Founders and Patriots of America**; and the late noted genealogist, Timothy Beard.



Left— Past Governor Jerry Hubbard, at Orange County High School on Thursday 28 May 2015 presenting the OFPA JROTC Certificate and Ribbon Bar to Cadet Jarrett Fulcher.

Notes from Governor Sheffield

VA OFPA is the 5th largest of the 28 Societies.

We have won 10 of 33 Parrish Awards (This is our 7th in a row.)

We may be hosting the 121st General Court in Richmond in 2017.

We are getting stronger and are on course to earn another Parrish for 2015.

Below—Jerry Hubbard (second from left) presented a wreath on behalf of VA OFPA at the dedication of a monument to Major Gabriel Long of Culpeper, VA.



IN MEMORIAM

FRANCES EDDY RATTAN

Frances E. Rattan (age 95) of Williamsburg, Virginia, passed away on Saturday, 13 June 2015.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 70 years, Volney H. Rattan in Williamsburg, and her two sons, CT in New York and Richard in Washington, DC. Frances had a great and fulfilling life. She was born on 27 June 1919 in Rushville, Indiana to Charles and Stella Eddy, attended the University of Indiana nursing school in Indianapolis from 1938-1941, and was drafted into the US Army in 1943 as a neurological surgical nurse. Her medical units, the 48th and 108th General Hospitals, participated in the Allied liberation of France in 1944 and served in France until the end of World War II. She married Major Volney H. Rattan in July 1945 in Marseilles, France and was his devoted wife during his military career. Together, they were stationed in France (both during the war and again in the late 1950s), Japan, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Their first son, CT, was born in Dallas, Texas in 1946 and their second son, Richard, in Tokyo, Japan in 1951. Frances and Volney Rattan retired from the US Army in 1971 and moved to Williamsburg, Virginia. They lived for many years behind the College of William & Mary on College Terrace and then moved to Williamsburg Landing in 1998. Frances Rattan was a great lady and loved deeply by her family. She will be missed by family and friends alike.

Frances was the wife of OFPA Deputy Governor General, Secretary General, and VA OFPA Governor Volney H. Rattan. Frances was a member of D.A.R. and Colonial Dames. Frances always made Associates wives welcome and is remembered fondly by all. Shirley and I will miss a dear *beloved friend*. *Jerry Hubbard*

Frances will be interned at Arlington National Cemetery.



Above—The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps performing at the Dedication of the memorial to Major Gabriel Long, in Culpeper Virginia.

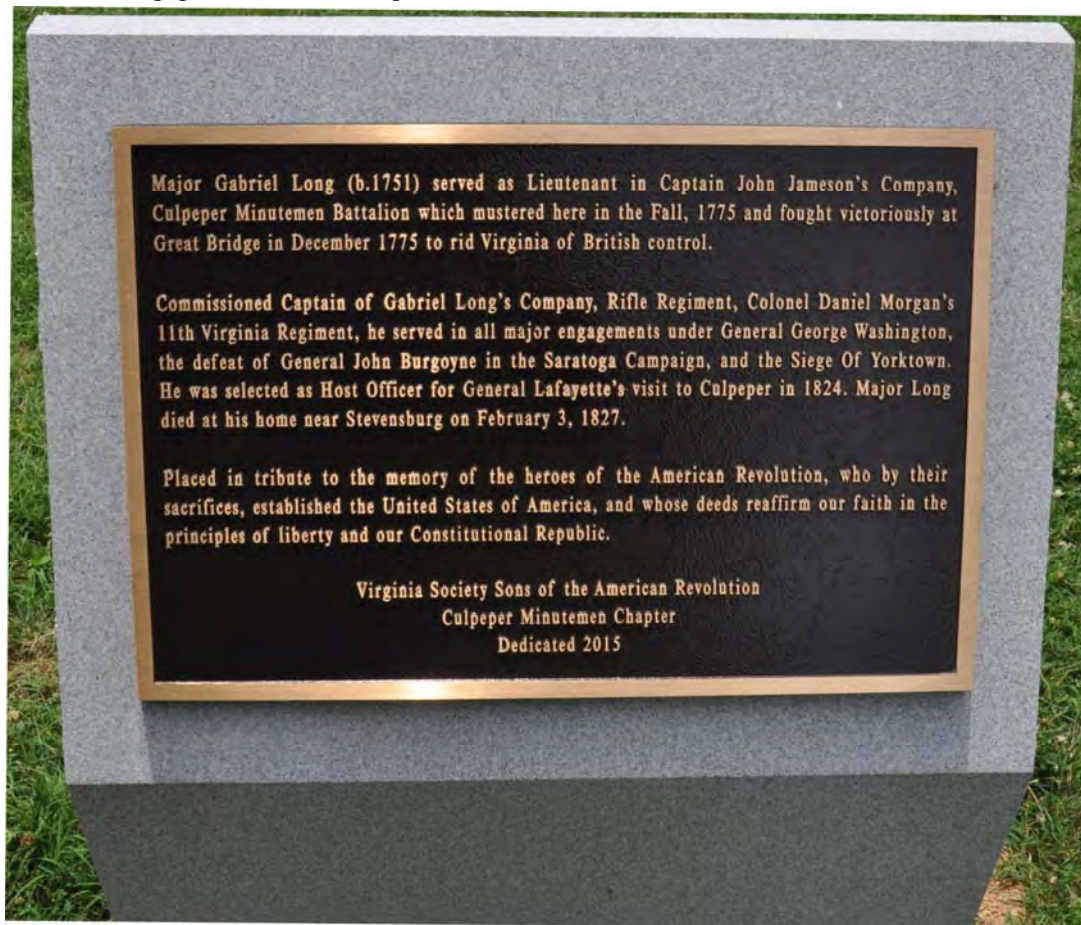
Below—Bill Schwetke, President of Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Sons of American Revolution presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the Commander of the Fife and Drum Corps.





Above—Jerry Hubbard and Doug Graves standing behind the VA OFPA wreath.

Below—The monument that was being dedicated.. The monument was financed by the VASSAR Knight Patty Fund and the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter.





Above—U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps performing.



Left—One of three musket volleys being fired during the ceremony by the Culpeper Minutemen-SAR.

(l-r) Don Jennings, Lance Lyngar, Lon Lacey III, and Lon Lacey Jr.

Ancestor Memorials

Associate-William Ross Grogg, IV
Founder-John Warner
Patriot-Sergeant Ebenezer Warner

Associate-James M. Bayne
Founder-William Hatcher
Patriot-Edward Hatcher

Associate-A. Brian Cowardin
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-L. Taylor Cowardin
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VI
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Douglas M. Graves
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-John Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Lee W. Swift
Founder-William Swift (Swyft)
Patriot-Barzillai Swift

Associate-Michael T. Halterman
Founder-Christopher Wadsworth
Patriot-Joseph Wadsworth

Associate-Liam Jackson Hubbard
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Roger P. Jones
Founder-Rev. Richard Jones
Patriot-Peter Jones

Associate-George W.B. Elder
Founder-Robert Abernathy
Patriot-John Abernathy

Associate-Myron "Mike" E. Lyman
Founder-Richard Lyman
Patriot-Ozias Lyman

Associate-Jei Brendon L. Benz
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

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Founder-Robert Cobbs
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Patriot-John Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Thomas Wirt Sale, IV
Founder-William Sale
Patriot-Robert Sale, Jr.

Associate-Christopher L. Hubbard
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Donnel J. Hubbard
Founder-George Hubbard
Patriot-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Walter Jervis Sheffield
Founder-Col. Robert Wynne, II
Patriot-John Winn and son Peter Winn

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VIII
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Robert S. Marks
Founder-Robert Abernathy
Patriot-John Abernathy

Associate-Hugh E. Fraser, III
Founder-John Barker
Patriot-Henry Barker, Jr.

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Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-James Lewis Wheeler
Founder-George Wheeler and son William
Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

Associate-Robert W. Robins
Founder-Robert Chandler
Patriot-Robert Chandler

Associate-Walter A. Sheffield
Founder-Col. Robert Wynne, II
Patriot-John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

Associate-Robert B. Kendall
Founder-Francis Kendall
Patriot-Josiah Kendall

Associate-Charles Edward Phebus
Founder-Gov. Leonard Calvert
Patriot-Obediah Colvert

Please Remember

VA OFPA has several wreaths, a parade banner and an OFPA flag which can be used by any VA OFPA Associate at an event. It is a good way to let people know you are an OFPA member. The VA OFPA has two magnetic signs that can be put on cars if you are in a parade that allows cars. Contact Bob and Vicki Kendall. (email next column)

If you participate in an activity where you are identified as an OFPA Associate, please let the Governor and Secretary know. Save a copy of the program, and a photograph of your participation if possible. If you write an article, save a copy and send to Governor Sheffield and Secretary Graves to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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