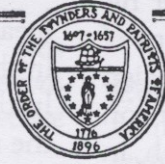


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Next membership Meeting

Friday, October 19 2018

Location: Riverwalk Restaurant, Yorktown, VA

Additional details will be furnished later.

Next EC Meeting

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Location: Taylor Cowardin's Residence at 13600 Swanhal-low Dr., Henrico, VA

Time: noon

Shane reported he located a new facility to manufacture additional granite Virginia Society Grave Markers. The amount per stone is approximately \$100.00 which is an exceptionally reasonable price. Shane has ordered six (6) new markers at a total cost of \$623.00

Upcoming Event

June 23, 2018 at Randolph, VA in conjunction with the Historic Staunton River Foundation, a ceremony will be conducted to honor:

Judge Paul Carrington, on this the Bicentennial of his death. The event begins at noon and is located at Mulberry Hill Plantation-Staunton River Battlefield State Park-Randolph, Virginia.

Judge Carrington was one of the first five Supreme Court Justices in Virginia and as such, a tribute to him and his life, along with his family, will be conducted. Contact Shane Newcombe (shane@accessoriesabroad.com) for further information.

Notes from the EC Meeting

Secretary Doug Graves provided a summary of events for calendar year 2018. As of May 11th, we have 64.0 points for the annual Governor's report.

Taylor advised that the ROTC program costs for 2018, was approximately \$560.00, which is considerably lower than other years. That is because Taylor did much of the work himself by using his computer, etc., to complete (fill in) the certificate and was able to save considerable funds by purchasing a bulk number of frames. *Thank you Taylor*

Registrar Taylor Cowardin reported that one application is being reviewed by the Registrar General and a second application is in the works.

There was a discussion about the reinterment event planned at Two River's Country Club on Sunday April 28, 2019. This event is in conjunction with the massive historical festivities planned for the Jamestown Settlement and area. Year 2019 is extremely significant in that it represents the 400th anniversary of very significant events that occurred in 1619 in the Colony of Virginia. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event.

A photograph of the attendees at the Executive Council Meeting appears on page six of this newsletter.

Virginia OFPA Lifetime Associate Col Volney H. Rattan (VA # 084 and Order # 4528) celebrated his 102nd birthday on March 19, 2018. He served *numerous* organizations, his family, and his country with *great* distinction. As a result, the 122nd OFPA General Court was dedicated to Col Rattan and additionally, he was presented with the below "Resolution." In addition to the Resolution, Col Rattan received a "Proclamation" again thanking him for his service. This Proclamation was presented to him by the Mayor of The City of Williamsburg, VA-the Honorable Paul T. Freiling.

RESOLUTION BY THE 122nd OFPA GENERAL COURT

WHEREAS, Volney H. Rattan was born on March 19, 1916 in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Volney H. Rattan became a career United States Army officer in 1941 after being inducted into the Army as a Private and later attending OCS where he was commissioned in the Medical Administrative Corps as a Second Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Volney H. Rattan served in WWII and enjoyed a distinguished military career that took him to locations around the globe, including France, Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Greece, Panama, Turkey, and the United States, with assignments as Commanding Officer, USA Medical Depot, Croix Chateau, France; and Deputy Director Medical Material Procurement, Department of Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia PA; and

WHEREAS, Volney H. Rattan earned his B.A. at George Washington University (1957), M.S. in Business Ed. at the University of Richmond, Virginia (1963), and retired from the United States Army in 1971 with the rank of Colonel with seven military awards, including the **Bronze Star**; and

WHEREAS, Volney H. Rattan settled in historic Williamsburg, Virginia along with his wife Frances, a former U.S. Army Surgical Nurse whom he met during WWII, and continued his commitment to public service by accepting active roles in the Silver Caduceus Association, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Huguenot Society of Virginia - Colonial Capital Branch, Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, American Philatelic Society, the Williamsburg Stamp Society (past President); and

WHEREAS, Volney H. Rattan's distinguished heritage, as a descendant of Founder Richard Higdon and Revolutionary War Patriot John Higdon, earned his admittance as an associate in The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, aptly called the most exclusive society in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Volney H. Rattan served The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America with distinction as its Deputy Secretary General (1990-92), Secretary General (1992-96), and Deputy Governor General (1996-98); was responsible for the OFPA publication *Register of Lineages of Associates 1993-2000, Volume 5, Corrections, Additions, and Supplements and No. 4968 thru 5383; and Index, 2002*; and was the recipient of the highest award conferred by the Order on one of its associates, the coveted **Distinguished Service Award**; and

WHEREAS, Volney H. Rattan embodies the Order's motto of "**Steadfast for God and Country**," Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the 122nd General Court of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, that Volney H. Rattan be honored for having attained his 102nd birthday on March 19, 2018 and that the 122nd General Court be dedicated in his honor.




Governor General Daniel C. Warren, MD
1 June 2018



Above—**The Rattan Gentlemen**, seated—Volney; standing left to right - Frank (Volney's baby brother), Associates Rich, Rich Jr. and C.T.



Left—(caption) I better not have one more person ask me to smile.

Happy Birthday, Volney



Above—On April 27, 2018, Virginia OFPA Life Associate Richard Raymond III, presented two Navy ROTC awards at the historic Virginia Military Institute (VMI) located in Lexington, Virginia. The individuals receiving the awards were MIDN 1/C Cody James Rioux and MIDN 1/C Thomas A. M. Schmitt. (l-r) MIDN 1/C Cody James Rioux, Life Associate Richard Raymond III, MIDN 1/C Thomas A. M. Schmitt and the Executive Officer CDR Dan Turbeville.

Right—Past Governor Mike Lyman presenting the VAOFPA JROTC Award at Smithfield High School, Isle of Wright County. Cadet Shannon Plumeau is the recipient.





Above—On 15 May 2018, Mike Lyman presented the VAOFPA JROTC award to Cadet Karson Roop, at Lancaster High School.

Below —On 17 May 2018, Carl Bess Jr. presented the VAOFPA JROTC award to c/CPO Isabella Farthing at First Colonial High School.





VAOFPA EC Meeting held 20 May 2018 in Richmond , Virginia. Present were: starting left– Doug Graves, Ben Fegan, Mike Lyman, Taylor Cowardin, Angel Robertson (guest), Mike Weyler, Shane Newcombe, Jerry Hubbard.

Late listing (June 7th) of a JROTC award at Mountain View High School in Stafford, Virginia. This JROTC unit's first year was 2016/2017.

The Award was presented by Jerry Hubbard—to: c/Sgt Rahzel Lemott

Below is the introduction.

“Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America – being presented by Mr. Donnel J. Hubbard – is awarded to recognize some action(s) or activity(ies) that demonstrated patriotism and/or which enhanced awareness of the early traditions and heritage of this country and the values on which this country was founded. At MVHS, this award is presented to a graduating cadet that most exemplifies the ideals of patriotism.”

“c/Sgt Rahzel Lemott personifies patriotism and we were proud to have him as a significant plank holder in the MVHS Marine Corps JROTC program. He was part of the first color guard and sword detail. Cadet Lemott competed at six drill meets as a member of every drill team element at one time or another and even as a squad leader when needed. He also participated in a community service event. Cadet Lemott will be attending Embry Riddle University in the fall on a Lacrosse scholarship and plans to study engineering. He is also interested in their ROTC programs.

Notes from the 2018 General Court.

2019 General Court – 30 May to 2 June in Richmond VA

2020 General Court—Plymouth, MA

2021 General Court—New Orleans, LA

16 societies attended the General Court.

Membership of the Order currently stands at 857.

Mike Swisher is lacking submissions for the Bulletin and that impacts the publication date and distribution. Consideration is being given to publish an 8 page newsletter so as to get the information out in a more timely and more consistent manner rather than waiting to fill content with a 32 page template.

OFPA Handbook revision is now complete and compiled with an index. It is now posted on Members Only portion of the website. The PDF version is 99 pages and is under two megs. *(If you want me to email you a copy, just send a request and I will get it on it's way. Jerry)*

All new application fees will increase to \$150.00, which will include the cost of a small diploma.

The membership at large concept was approved and the dues for “at-large” are \$50.00. If an “at-large” Associate moves to a state with a society, he must join that society.

New General Officers are:

Governor General—Richard Wright (DC and Dual with VA)

Deputy Governor General—Bill Allerton (LA)

Secretary General—Shane Newcombe (VA)

Treasurer General—Ed Horton (NJ)

Registrar General—Timothy Jacobs (CT)

Genealogist General—Shervin Hawley (MA)

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Chaplain General—Jack Early (Kentuckiana)

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Deputy Treasurer General Rob Vivian (NJ)

Deputy Attorney General—Tim Fenton (DC)

Deputy Registrar General Mike Weyler (VA)

Deputy Chaplain—Rev. Donald Stone, Jr., (TX)

Deputy Genealogist General—Mike Schenk (LA)

Deputy Historian General—Bob Walcott (CO)

Virginia won the Parrish Award for the 10th consecutive year. The Hinckley Award went to Massachusetts.



Above: (l) Governor General Wright, Secretary General Newcombe, Deputy Registrar General Weyler and Immediate past Governor General Dan Warren with the Parrish Award. Tenth year in a row for VAOFPA.

In Memoriam

Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck was not a member of the VA society but was well known by several VA Associates. Lloyd served as either the OFPA Registrar or Genealogist General for several terms. (duties were different back then.) He wrote or compiled numerous books including "Virginia's Colonial Soldiers(1988). I've always appreciated that Lloyd once took an hour of his time explaining the "grandfather clause" to me. Lloyd passed 28 May 2018. R.I.P. my friend.

Editor's comment.

What ever happened to the OFPA lineage books? We stopped publishing after Volume 5. Volume 5 had 415 Associates in it. Since then we have accepted approximately 900 more Associates. So Volumes 6 and 7 should be published and working on Volume 8.

With the records being digitized, is there some way to put them into a book form that can be given to libraries?

Ancestor Memorials

Associate-Col. Carl F. Bess, Jr.
Founder-Dr. Patrick Napier
Patriot-Ashford Napier

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-Marks H. Elder
Founder-Robert Abernathy
Patriot-John Abernathy

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-Eugene A. Walker
Founder-Capt. Samuel Walker
Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Walker

Associate-Cranston Williams, Jr.
Founder-Ambrose Cobbs
Founder-Robert Cobbs
Patriot-Capt. Robert Lewis Cobbs

Associate-Lewis Turner Cowardin, II
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-Zachary N. Hall
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-John Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

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-Daniel C. Warren, MD
Founder-Thomas Warren
Patriot-William Warren

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

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

Associate-Brian Allen Lyman
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Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

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Patriot – Ozias Lyman

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Founder - Gov. Leonard Calvert
Patriot - Obediah Calvert

Associate—Jeffrey Dean Thomas
Founder - Thomas Burton
Patriot - Joseph Burton

Associate-Gordon Leonard Price, Jr.
Founder-John Price
Patriot-Charles Price

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

Associate– Michael Todd Halterman
Founder– Christopher Wadsworth
Patriot– Joseph Wadsworth

Ancestor Memorials (cont.)

Associate-Robert B. Kendall

Founder-Francis Kendall

Patriot-Josiah Kendall

Associate-James M. Bayne

Founder-William Hatcher

Patriot-Edward Hatcher

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. And, the VA OFPA has two magnetic signs that can be placed on cars if you are in a parade that allows autos. Contact Bob and Vicki Kendall.

If you participate in an activity where you are identified as an OFPA Associate, please advise the Governor and Secretary. 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 Newcombe and Secretary Graves to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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The Order of Founders and Patriots is now on Facebook. Like at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Founders-and-Patriots-of-America/212618818770058>

The VA OFPA web site is www.vaofpa.org. Donald Moore is our webmaster and has recently updated it. Take a look at a *great* web site!

This is how the OFPA Handbook describes the OFPA flag.

"SECTION 3. COLORS. The colors of the Order shall consist of the National Colors or Flag as prescribed by an Act of Congress, and the colors of the flag of the Order. The latter shall be cross, Gules, on a field, Argent, with canton, Azure, a constellation of thirteen stars, Argent."



Above—OFPA Flag

