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**Next membership Meeting
April 28, 2019
At 10:30 AM**

**Location:
Two Rivers Country Club
1400 Two Rivers Rd
Williamsburg, VA
23185-7685**

**SEE PAGE 3 FOR additional
INFORMATION AND RSVP
FORM.**

Next EC Meeting—TBD

**NOT TO LATE
TO REGISTER**

**The 123rd General Court will be
held in Richmond, Virginia on
May 23rd thru May 25th.**

**Location: Omni Richmond Hotel
100 S. 12th Street
Richmond Virginia 23219**

**For additional information and
registration forms go to
www.founderspatriots.org and
click on “more information” in
the box.**

Upcoming Events:

- President James Madison Birthday ceremony- Orange, VA-March 16, 2019--Doug to handle
- April 20, 2019--Commemoration of the birth of President James Monroe in Westmoreland County--Josh to handle
- April 28, 2019--James Monroe ceremony at Hollywood Cemetery--most likely will be unattended by VA OFPA personnel due to our major event at TRCC (re-interment ceremony) on that date
Tentatively--about June or July, the SAR and 1812 will have an event at Trinity Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, VA. Mike to follow up with the details and/or arrangements.

Editors Note:

I have edited the VA OFPA Cavalier newsletter for approximately 15 years. Additionally, I edited it for ten years before it was called the Cavalier. I believe it is time to pass it on to someone else. Therefore, this is the last edition I will be putting out. Josh Wilberger has agreed to be my assistant. So please email all items for the newsletter to Josh at wilbergerjs@alumni.vcu.edu and myself. We will work together for a couple issues.



Top— Mike Lyman and Carl Bess, Jr. representing the VAOFFPA at the Battle of Great Bridge ceremony.



Left—Mike Lyman, Doug Graves and Mike Weyler at the Leedstown Resolution ceremony on 23 February 2019.

The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, The Virginia Chapter National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, invite you and your guests to a luncheon and Reinterment Ceremony at:

Two Rivers Country Club
1400 Two Rivers Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185
Sunday April 28, 2019 at 11:30AM

The luncheon will include a short presentation by Dr. Douglas Owsley, head of Physical Anthropology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. His topic pertains to the historical significance of the area which in 1619 was a portion of the 3000-acre tract used by the Virginia Company of London. During archaeological research of this area conducted in the 1990's, the remains of four English individuals—one male, two females and a female child—dating back to the 1619-1622 period were found. After the luncheon, the final set of three remains will be reinterred in a ceremony conducted using the Anglican Book of Common Prayer as it would have existed in 1619.

Please join us in paying homage to these early English settlers, involving placement of a plaque and conducting a Reinterment Ceremony (rain or shine)

OFPA Membership (only) meeting begins at 10:30am
Luncheon and presentation begins at 11:30am
Graveside ceremony begins at 2:00pm

*Following the reinternment and wreath-laying ceremonies there will be a “no host” reception in the Two Rivers Country Club Osprey Grill room/bar. All are encouraged to attend and are most welcome.

MENU

Market Salad, Pan Seared Breast of Chicken served with Lemon Caper Sauce
Herbed Risotto Asparagus Mixed Berry Tart
\$30.00

Vegetarian and gluten-free meals available by request

All luncheon reservations and checks must be received by April 19, 2019.

Name will be attending_____

Guest Name(s)_____
_____(number in party) x \$30.00 = Total_____

(Cash bar)

Make checks payable to: Treasurer VA OFPA

Mail to:
Shane Newcombe
P.O. BOX 59
Randolph, VA 23962

Historical Significance
Two Rivers Country Club 1400 Two Rivers Road
Williamsburg, Virginia

When the golf course was under initial construction (c. 1990), found were two significant colonial era settlements. The first was a Native American settlement. This site has since been identified as that of the Paspahegh Native American tribe (sub-tribe of Chief Powhatan). It appears these individuals had direct interaction with the original settlers arriving from England when they established the Jamestowne settlement in 1607. This Native American village, located on present day Two Rivers Country Club, was the nearest Native American village to the Jamestowne settlement located just 6 miles away.

At the second location of considerable colonial era history located in the planned golf course, were found English human remains along with several buildings and other features related to the Virginia Company of London land. It has been determined, through archeological research, that the second location was a quarantine area between 1619 and 1622 which was established for the newly arriving indentured English servants, by the Virginia Company of London. This area contains a fresh water spring (even to this day) which was extremely important for the newly arriving settlers. The settlers were required by the Virginia Company, to spend at least six months at this location so as to become acclimated to their new physical location which hopefully would limit the amount of disease and the likelihood of death. This location was also the location of plantation owner, Lt. Jabez Whittaker and later, that of Bridges Freeman. All of the human remains have been examined by the highly noted Division Head of the Physical Anthropology Department located at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, Dr. Douglas W. Owsley. He and his staff have concluded that the English human remains found, at the second location, were that of one male and three females. The male was already reinterred at a special ceremony provided by the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America along with Two Rivers Country Club-Governor's Land Foundation on April 2, 2016. The remaining three individuals will be reinterred on April 28, 2019.

Please join The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, The Virginia Chapter National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, and the Two Rivers Country Club with the Governor's Land Foundation on April 28, 2019 in paying homage to these early English settlers.

On Saturday February 16, 2019, members of the Virginia Society OFPA, participated in the wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the 238th Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan held at The Prizery and Boyd's Ferry at 700 Bruce Street in South Boston, Virginia. In addition, Virginia Society Governor J. Shane Newcombe offered greetings from the Virginia Society OFPA.

Many hereditary organizations and assorted sponsors throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia were present to pay tribute to the patriotic event that took place on February 14, 1781. The Crossing of the Dan has been described as a "masterful military maneuver" that marked the beginning of the defeat of the British by the American Patriots.



Virginia Society Associates pictured above

(l-r) Angel Robertson (guest), J. Shane Newcombe Governor, Mike Weyler Genealogist, Dr. Dan Warren past OFPA Governor General with his wife Elaina, and Associate Jeff Thomas



It is with much sadness that the Virginia Society reports the passing of our fellow Lifetime OFPA Associate and friend, Colonel Volney Higdon Rattan Retired, United States Army. Col Rattan passed on January 1, 2019.

He was born at Dallas, Texas on March 19, 1916 and was 102 years old at his death. He attended Oklahoma A&M College; his B.A. from George Washington University; and his M.S. in Business Ed. from the U. of Richmond, Virginia. His military career began in 1941 after being inducted into the United States Army where he attended OCS and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Medical Administrative Corps. He served honorably in WWII, as did his wife Frances, who was a US Army Surgical Nurse

<—Colonel Volney Higdon Rattan
OFPA Order No. 4528--VA No. 084
and
NC No. 047

Col. Rattan's distinguished military career involved many locations around the globe including France, Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Greece, Panama, and Turkey. His assignments included the Commanding Officer, U.S.A. Medical Depot, Croix Chapeau, France, and Deputy Director Medical Material Procurement, Department of Defense Personnel Support Center, in Philadelphia, PA. During his military career, Col. Rattan earned no less than seven (7) awards including the *Bronze Star*.

While serving in France during World War II as the Administrative Officer for the 108th General Hospital, he met the love of his life and future wife, Frances A. Eddy (she passed in 2015). They were married in July 1945 in Marseilles, France and together they served on the ship that was preparing to invade Japan. However just a month after their marriage, the armistice ending World War II was signed on 14 August 1945.

After his retirement from the military in 1971, his public service continued as he accepted active roles in various organizations: the Silver Caduceus Association, Sons of the American Revolution, Huguenot Society of Virginia--the Colonial Capital Branch, Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, American Philatelic Society, and the Williamsburg Stamp Society (past President).

Volney Higdon 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 considered the most exclusive society in the United States.

Colonel 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), and 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.*

As a result of his commitment, then Gov. General Alden Atwood remarked: "This volume is the result of the dedicated work of Volney H. Rattan of Virginia [Society]. It was a tremendous undertaking and is the product of countless hours of compiling the data necessary to complete the volume, including an *eight thousand* [8,000] name index. There are few men who would devote the patience and energy necessary to accomplish this daunting task, and the Order is most fortunate to have him." As a result of his steadfast commitment and excellence, he was the recipient of the highest award conferred by the Order on one of its associates, the coveted **Distinguished Service Award**.

Colonel Rattan distinguished himself before his Country, his family, and in various organizations. In so doing he embodies the Order's motto of "*Steadfast for God and Country.*" And, as a result of his distinguished military career and his contributions to The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, the 122nd General Court (May 2018 at Dearborn, Michigan) was dedicated in honor of Colonel Volney H. Rattan.

He leaves behind two sons and their families, Charles T. and Richard V. along with grandson (Richard T.); all are current VA Society OFPA Associates. His family states: "He was a good man, dedicated soldier, superb husband to his wife Frances, and just the *greatest* Dad there ever was. We will love him always."

Colonel Volney Higdon Rattan will be honored with a full military funeral ceremony at Arlington National Ceremony--Arlington, VA at a future date.

Please keep the Rattan family in your thoughts and prayers.

On February 9, 2019 six (6) Associates from the Virginia Society of the OFPA, attended the 129th Annual Meeting Banquet- of the Virginia Society, Sons of The American Revolution (VASSAR). The event was held at the Omni Hotel located in Richmond, VA.

Governor J. Shane Newcombe, of the Virginia Society OFPA, participated in the event and provided the *Welcoming* and *Greetings* from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

In Governor Shane Newcombe's opening remarks, he recognized the additional VA OFPA members present and added they would be happy to speak with individuals in regards to membership within the VA Society OFPA.

The six (6) Virginia Society Associates in attendance were J. Shane Newcombe, Mike Lyman, Ken Hawkins, Will Simpson, Mike Weyler, and Jeff Thomas.

Governor J. Shane Newcombe, VA OFPA, provided *Greetings* at the banquet.



At the last meeting held in Yorktown on October 19, 2019, a vote was taken and approved to amend the VA Society By-Laws with regards to allowing more flexibility on the dates for our Spring (March) meeting and our Fall (October) meeting. This By-Law now reads:

"Section III: Meetings and Order of Business

The Society shall not hold less than two regular meetings each year, one of which shall be held in the Spring, preferably March and shall be the Annual Meeting. The second meeting shall be held in the Fall, preferably October. The Society Governor (or his designee) can move either meeting four weeks in either direction with the approval of the Executive Board. The Fall meeting is for consideration of the interim report of the officers whose terms are about to expire, and for the election and installation of officers, which shall be the first order of business at the Fall meeting. All officers elected at said Fall meeting shall assume office as of the following January 1st in accordance with the established fiscal year of the National Order."

Additionally, at the 122nd Gen Court (2018--see Fall issue #198-of the ***Bulletin*** magazine p. 15 & 26), membership fees were increased **and** the Membership-at-Large membership was instituted. Our VA Society By-Laws now reflect those changes as well so as to be in agreement with the General Order By-Laws.

As stated in the VA Bylaws, "The Virginia Society Secretary will make appropriate numeric changes in the Bylaws with a notation that the fees and dues schedule was updated on the appropriate date." Thus, the following fee and classification section has been updated.

Section XV: Admission Fee and Dues-Note: Fees and Classes of Membership updated January 1, 2019-122nd General Court

The OFPA admission fee will be \$210.00 of which \$150.00 will be forwarded with the application to the Registrar General and the \$60.00 will be forwarded to the Virginia Society Treasurer. The General Order fee now includes a small OFPA diploma-9 inches by 12 inches. Dues will be \$55.00 of which \$30.00 shall be forwarded to National and the remainder (\$25.00) will be retained by the Virginia Society. Anyone whose papers are processed after January 31st will be excused from dues until the next fiscal year. Changes in fees and dues adopted at a General Court shall automatically be adjusted to conform to the Order's fees and dues schedule.

Life membership fee is \$1,100.00 (one thousand and one hundred) or twenty times the total of national and society yearly dues, whichever is greatest.

Youth Associates are excused from payment of dues. Any member of the Society who attains the age of eight-five (85) years is automatically transferred to life membership, the treasurer making the final readjustment in the life membership fund.

A new Membership class was established with the 122nd General Court effective January 1, 2019 and is titled “**Members-at-Large.**” This membership is defined as a candidate residing in a state where there is no State Society who seeks Membership will---1) pay the \$150 new application fee as outlined above, and if approved as an Associate will 2) pay \$50 in dues, and 3) if at any point in time the Member-at-Large changes residency to a state that does contain a State Society he must join that Society if he wishes to retain his membership within the Order and if so, will therefore forfeit their “at-large” membership.

Family Applications: If more than one application from the same family is submitted in the same package, the primary applicant’s Order fee is \$150.00 and \$50.00 for each additional application (regardless of long or short form applications).

Note also that the "Long Form" application **must be the application obtained from the Order's website,** to be found in the section under the "Join" tab. On the bottom of the last application page must be found the phrase "Long Form 2018". <https://www.founderspatriots.org/join.php>



Pictured above are the attendees at the VAOFPA EC meeting held in Richmond on 20 January 2019.

Left to right on: Jerry Hubbard, Ken Hawkins, Carl Bess, Jr., Mike Lyman, Mike Weyler, Angel Robertson (guest), Shane Newcombe and Doug Graves.

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Ancestor Memorials

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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

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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

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Patriot-Thomas Graves

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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

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Founder-John Barker
Patriot-Henry Barker, Jr.

Associate-Lyman Brian Allen
Founder-Richard Lyman
Patriot-Ozias Lyman

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

Associate-Kenin Lee Lyman
Founder – Richard Lyman
Patriot – Ozias Lyman

Associate-Charles Edward Phebus
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-Robert B. Kendall
Founder-Francis Kendall
Patriot-Josiah Kendall

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Ancestor Memorials (cont.)

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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<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

