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123rd General Court (Richmond, Virginia)

From May 23-25, the General Society of the Order convened in Richmond, Virginia for its 123rd General Court. Associates and guests enjoyed several of the Old Dominion's many historic sites: Shirley Plantation (founded 1613), Jamestown, Yorktown, and Mr. Jefferson's Capitol. Ladies enjoyed a tour of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and Maymont, a Gilded Age mansion built by the Dooley Family. An excellent dinner celebrating the re-admission of the Florida Society (by unanimous



vote!) and award presentations concluded the fellowship.

The Virginia Society is proud to announce it has won the H. Carroll Parrish Award for the 11th consecutive year!





Significant & Noteworthy Events





<u>Left</u>: Secretary Doug Graves along with Past Governor Jerry Hubbard participated in the 268th Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Birth of President James Madison on March 16, 2019 (Montpelier, Orange County, Virginia)

<u>Right</u>: The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America participated in two wreath ceremonies which included a bronze plaque presentation as well. Honored were sixteen (16) Revolutionary War Patriots and fourteen (14) War of 1812 Veterans. Associates J. Thomas, Mike Lyman (Past VA Governor), and Ken Hawkins presented a wreath at Trinity Episcopal Church also located in Portsmouth, Virginia

<u>Below</u>: Executive Council meeting held in Richmond in February 2019. (L-R) Assocs. Ben Fegen, Walt Sheffield, Josh Wilberger, Doug Graves (Secretary), J. Shane Newcombe (Secretary-General & VA Governor), Angel Robertson (Guest), Carl Bess, Jr., and Mike Lyman (Past VA Governor)





Significant & Noteworthy Events



Left: Assocs. Mike Weyler, Josh Wilberger, and Mike Lyman represented the Virginia Society at the President James Monroe Birthplace ceremony in Westmoreland County, Virginia (April 20, 2019).

Below: Assocs. Ben Fegan, Doug Graves, Mike Weyler, J. Shane Newcombe (Secretary-General and VA Governor, Carl Bess, Mike Lyman (Past State Governor) and Ken Hawkins presented wreaths at the reinterment ceremony of Jamestown Settlers (next page)





Jamestown Settler Re-Internment Ceremony

The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America partnered with The Virginia Chapter National Society Daughters of Founders and

Patriots of America to conduct a re-internment ceremony at the Two Rivers Country Club in Williamsburg, VA on April 28, 2019.

Dr. Douglas Owsley, head of Physical Anthropology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, presented on the historical significance of the area. In 1619, it comprised 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. The final set of three



Re-enactors in period costume escorted attendees to the dedication of the below marker, installed to commemorate this august event.

remains were reinterred in a ceremony conducted using the Anglican Book of Common Prayer as it would have existed in 1619.

Special thanks to Associates Carl Bess and Ben Fegan for their excellent work on superintending the design and production of the memorial plaque.







Military Award Presentations



Virginia Society Associates have been active recognizing those men and women perpetuating the time-honored tradition of military service to our nation. Awards have been presented in-person to the JRTOC (13), ROTC (6), the National Guard (2), and United States Naval Academy.

Thank you to Associates Doug Graves, Donald Crossman, Jud Mason, Steve Jones, and Carl Bess, Jr. for volunteering their time to recognize these patriots!

Numerous ROTC Award presentations. Please consider volunteering to present said awards. Please contact Taylor for the presentations: cowardins@aol.com

Numerous JROTC Award presentations. Please consider volunteering to present said awards. Please contact Jerry: hubbarddj@comcast.net



Assoc. Mike Weyler presents the LT GEN Herman Nickerson Award to Midshipman Aaron Philip Martinez (United States Naval Academy)



Assoc. Jud Mason presents to Cadet Aiden Atchison, Class of 2020 (Virginia Military Institute Army ROTC)





Military Award Presentations





Assoc. Carl Bess presents to 1LT Davis, 1032d Transportation Company (Army National Guard). (R) MG Williams, Adjutant General



Assoc. Steven B. Jones presents to Marine ROTC Cadet Campbell Rutherford (Virginia Military Institute)



Assoc. Steven B. Jones presents to Navy ROTC Cadet Derek Wilson (Virginia Military Institute)



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Ancestor Memorials

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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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Founder- Robert Cobbs
Patriot-Capt. Robert Lewis Cobbs

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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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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

