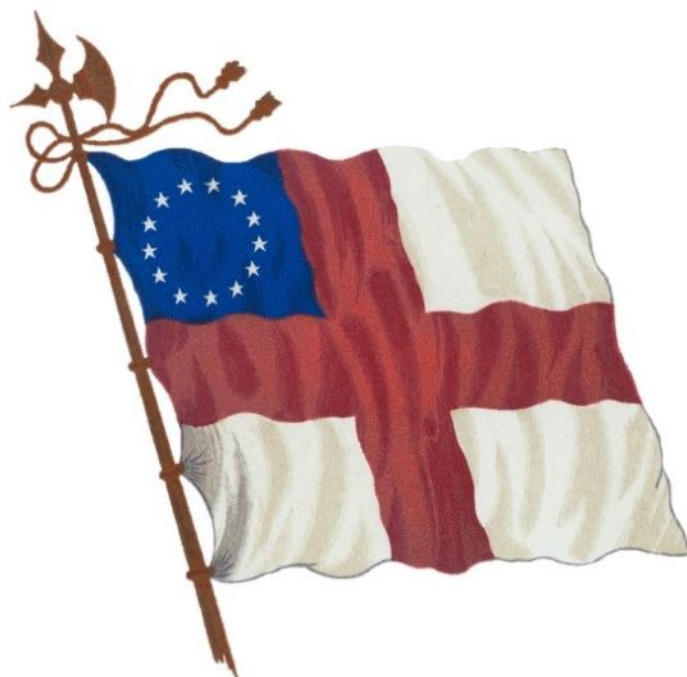


# THE VIRGINIA CAVALIER

The Virginia Society, Order of Founders and Patriots of America

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# 124th General Court (White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia)

From June 10-12, 2020, the General Society of the Order convened in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia for its 124<sup>th</sup> General Court. This year proved to be an eventful one for The Order, as festivities were scheduled and planned to be held in Boston, Massachusetts to commemorate the Mayflower's 400th Anniversary. A health crisis not seen since the 1918 Spanish Flu outbreak presented a unique challenge met by good planning and able leadership to hold it at the historic Greenbrier Hotel.

Congratulations to the following Associates on their General Society positions:

J. Shane Newcombe, Treasurer General  
Walter J. Sheffield, Attorney General  
Michael Weyler, Deputy Registrar General

The Virginia Society is proud to announce it has won the H. Carroll Parrish Award for the 12th consecutive year!



(L-R) Assocs. Mike Weyler (Deputy Registrar General), Alexander Sheffield, Thomas A. Smart (Deputy Secretary General & Awards Chairman), J. Shane Newcombe (Secretary General & VA Society Governor), and Walter J. Sheffield (Attorney General)



## Significant & Noteworthy News

The Virginia Society is proud to announce that Associate Josh Wilberger has joined two military units in Virginia: The Richmond Light Infantry Blues (1st Lieutenant, Battalion Genealogist) and the Virginia Defense Force (SPC, E-4).

The **Richmond Light Infantry Blues (“Blues” for short)** is a historical military command formed on May 10, 1789 from a light infantry company raised in Richmond and served in the Continental Army. The Blues have been called into service for the War of 1812, the Civil War, Spanish-American War, the Mexican Border Campaign in 1900, World War I, World War II, and the Global War on Terror.

The **Virginia Defense Force** is a military force whose ancestral roots go back to Jamestowne’s militia, though the current force’s lineage began in World War I as support for Virginia’s civil authorities with the Federalization of the Virginia National Guard. Originally designated the Virginia Volunteers, the Virginia Defense Force augments the National Guard during public emergencies and natural disaster relief efforts.





## A Little Known Fact



Your Virginia Society of The Order of the Founder and Patriots of America presents numerous awards throughout the year. Perhaps best known is the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) awards presented by a Virginia Society Associate (or mailed) to various colleges and universities throughout the Commonwealth.

The ROTC program “is a group of college and university-based officer training programs for training commissioned officers of the United States Armed Forces.” An extension of this program includes the National Guard awards as well.

Equally important is the **Junior** Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) awards presented like the ROTC awards. It is “a Federal program sponsored by the United States Armed Forces...to instill in students [the United States] secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment. Awardees receive a certificate and OFPA uniform medal and/or ribbon.

Former VA Society Governor Jerry Hubbard instituted the JROTC Awards program approximately 12 years ago after speaking with Illinois Society Governor James Barr, Jr. The JROTC program awards presented increased significantly: in 2019, the Virginia Society presented 13 JROTC awards (five mailed); six ROTC awards (12 mailed). In addition, two National Guards were presented.



As further evidence of not only the success of this program but it's impact, the Virginia Society received a Certificate of Appreciation (next page) from the Blue Devil Battalion from Hopewell High School (Hopewell, VA)! Please contact our awards coordinators for one or both of the programs to volunteer a short portion of your time to present. Awards are sent *directly* to the institution — you merely arrive and present!

**On behalf of the entire Virginia Society OFPA Executive Council,  
we wish all the best for the year 2020.**







# A Little Known Fact





## 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. The global pandemic has precluded in-person presentations, though 12 ROTC Awards have been mailed! With luck, presentations can be scheduled for Hampton University in September 2020.

Thank you to Associate Taylor Cowardin volunteering his time to recognize these patriots!

***Numerous ROTC Award presentations.*** Please consider volunteering to present said awards. Please contact Taylor Cowardin for the presentations: [cowardins@aol.com](mailto:cowardins@aol.com)

***Numerous JROTC Award presentations.*** Please consider volunteering to present said awards. Please contact Kenneth Hawkins for the presentations: [drklhawkins@gmail.com](mailto:drklhawkins@gmail.com)





## Military Award Presentations



*Virginia Military Institute*  
Army: Adam M. Fodness  
Navy/Marine Corps: MIDN 1/C Karl T. Skerry,  
Navy: MIDN 3/C Joseph L. Malazo

*James Madison University*  
Timothy McPoyle

*University of Virginia*  
MIDN Matthew Coulter  
Hailey Toledo

*Liberty University*  
Coleman P. Anderson

*University of Richmond*  
Emilio Deltoro Calderon

*Virginia Commonwealth University*  
Daniel A. Jones

*Longwood University*  
Alan L. Hill, Jr.







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*Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*

Army Cadet Nicole Brabant

MIDN Peter Wang

Air Force Cadet Alec Reynolds

Corps Cadet Benjamin Lewis

*Virginia National Guard*

237th Engineer Company (Army)

192 Medical Group Detachment One (Air Force)







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On May 21, 2020, Deputy Registrar General (and Virginia Society Genealogist), Captain Michael E. Weyler, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy (Ret) participated in the United States Marine Corps Awards Ceremony at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. He was one of seven award presenters to the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2020 Marine Corps Selectees, a group of 262 midshipmen, who gathered with their parents in Alumni Hall.

In the *virtual ceremony*, Associate Weyler presented the National Order's prestigious Lieutenant General Herman Nickerson Award to a Midshipman in the USNA Class of 2020. The Award, a Marine Officer's Sword with Scabbard, was presented to Midshipman Grace Lane. The program for the event provided the following criteria necessary to be chosen for this award:

### **The Nickerson Award**

The award is presented to the graduating Midshipman Marine selectee who has demonstrated superior leadership, integrity, and potential as a future Marine Corps Officer. The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America presents this award in honor of Lieutenant General Herman Nickerson Jr., recipient of the Army Distinguished Service Cross for his extraordinary heroism in Korea.

### **Lieutenant General Herman Nickerson**

Lieutenant General Nickerson's biography was narrated while photos of him in both Korea and Vietnam were shown. His membership in the OFPA (NC Society and Governor General between 1986-1988) was also emphasized.

2020 USMC Awards Video

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## NICKERSON AWARD

CRITERIA:  
Given to the graduating Midshipman who has demonstrated superior leadership, integrity, and potential as a future Marine Corps officer.

PRIZE:  
Marine Officer's Sword

AWARDING AGENCY:  
Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

- o (50) Nominations
- o (8) Finalists

MORE VIDEOS

Lieutenant General  
Herman Nickerson, Jr., USMC





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### **Nickerson Awardee, Midshipman Grace Lane**

Midshipman Lane's accomplishments and demonstrated leadership while at the Naval Academy were narrated while her photo page was displayed.



### **Award Presenter, Captain Michael E. Weyler, CEC, USA (Ret)**

Associate Weyler's naval service biography was read while a few photos were shown. His service as a Civil Engineer Corps Officer and Seabee diver, as well as his assignment to the Academy's Mechanical Engineering Faculty from 1980 to 1982, were noted.





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Associate Weyler closed the 2020 Nickerson Award presentation with the following congratulatory remarks:

“Good morning, and congratulations, Midshipman Lane. The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America is an Order dedicated to keeping alive the memory of those who came to America when it was a wilderness and to their descendants who fought for our independence and our liberty, and gave us our Constitutional Republic and a nation of free people. This sword is given in memory of Marine Lieutenant General Herman Nickerson, recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross and past Governor General of our Order. Wear it proudly as you enter the officer ranks of the United States Marine Corps.”



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# Ancestor Memorials

**Associate**-Samuel P Adams III  
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**Patriot**-Lt Samuel Adams Sr of CT

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

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**Founder**-Dr. Patrick Napier  
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**Founder**-Robert Abernathy  
**Patriot**-John Abernathy

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**Patriot**-John Abernathy

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**Founder**-John Barker  
**Patriot**-Henry Barker

**Associate**-Asa Wesley Graves, VI  
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**Patriot**-Thomas Graves and son John

**Associate**-Asa Wesley Graves, VII  
**Founder**-Thomas Graves  
**Patriot**-Thomas Graves and son John

**Associate**-Asa Wesley Graves, VIII  
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**Patriot**- Thomas Graves and son John

**Associate**-Zachary N. Hall  
**Founder**-Thomas Graves  
**Patriot**-Thomas Graves and son John

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

**Associate**-Donnel J. "Jerry" Hubbard  
**Founder**-George Hubbard  
**Patriot**-Peter Hubbard

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

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**Founder**-Maximilan Jewett  
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**Founder**-Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot**-Capt William Kirby

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**Patriot**-Capt William Kirby

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**Patriot**-James Mason

**Associate**-Donald W Moore  
**Founder**-Edmund Moore  
**Patriot**-Tully Moore

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**Patriot**-Maj Bullar Claiborne

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**Founder**-Robert Chandler  
**Patriot**-Robert Chandler

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**Patriot**-Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

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

### 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](http://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

