

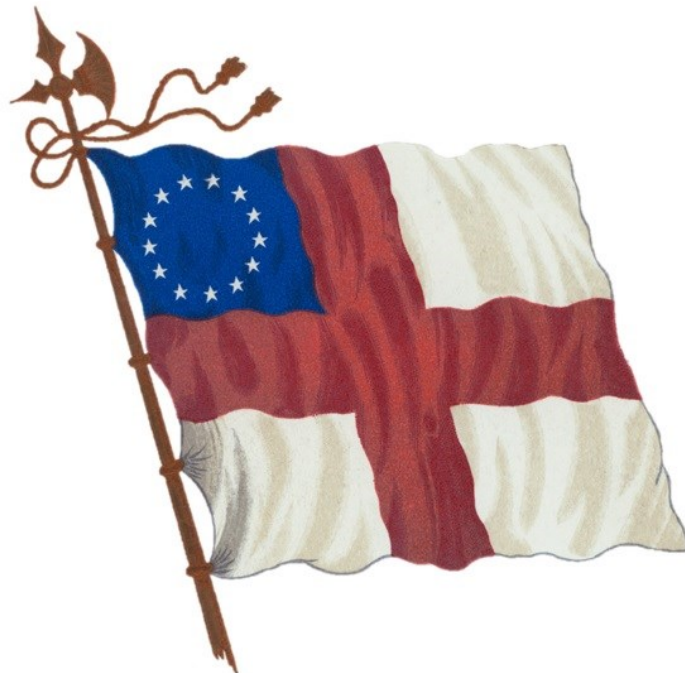
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Fall 2020 Membership Meeting (Fredericksburg, Virginia)

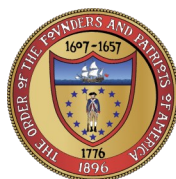
On October 11, 2020, The Virginia Society met at the Fredericksburg Country Club courtesy of Assoc. Walt Sheffield, Esq. A delightful meal replete with camaraderie characterized the gathering. Gov. Shane Newcombe informed all present that enough approved VA Society Applications (approx. 270) have accrued to warrant digitization. The Order already digitizes its approved applications and are stored at the Robert L. Bogomolny Library in Baltimore, Maryland. The Order is presently working with the New England Historical Society to establish a system whereby the stored applications can be readily searched by OFPA members. The Virginia Society followed suit by digitizing (*i.e.* scanning) its approved applications (108 to date).

This auspicious announcement preceded Rich Rattan's presentation, "The Founders at Charles Church." Along with Assoc. Lt. Col. Mike Lyman, USA (ret) (Past VA Society Governor), their joint scholarship on Charles Church Parrish and neighboring Smith Cemetery confirmed a total of twenty (20) Founders verified and/or recognized as Founders, as defined by The Order, by the Deputy Registrar General and Registrar General (Tim Jacobs).



(L-R) Assocs. Walt J. Sheffield, Esq., Dr. Michael E. Wyler, and Joshua S. Wilberger, M.S. are installed for the upcoming 2021 term as Virginia Society Officers.

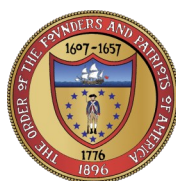
Finalizing this fraternal gathering were the election and installation of officers and councillors.
Please confer p. 8 for a full listing.



Membership Update
(New, Transfer, & Re-instated)

*The Virginia Society welcomes
these gentlemen as members:*

Randall Hall Chandler
Bruce Edward Munger, Sr.
Bruce Edward Munger, Jr.
Craig H. Weaver



Significant & Noteworthy News

On October 11, 2020, during the annual Fall Membership Meeting, the highly distinguished ***Virginia Cavalier Award*** was presented to our Society Governor and Treasurer, J. Shane Newcombe. The award was presented on behalf of the **entire** Virginia Society, to Governor Newcombe, by Secretary Doug Graves.

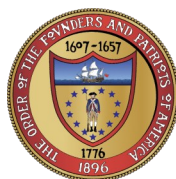
Shane became a member of the Virginia Society OFPA in 2006. Almost immediately, he took an active role in the administration of the Virginia Society. He has held several leadership positions: Society Treasurer, Governor, and Deputy Governor. Shane performed in a highly distinguished and professional manner, in every position, promoting both the goals and the traditions of the Virginia Society and The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

The prestigious ***Virginia Cavalier Award*** is an award unique to the Virginia Society. It has been awarded to just six (6) individuals since its inception c. 2005. It is presented to a member as a result of their years of service to the Virginia Society exclusively, while performing said duties and responsibilities in a highly distinguished and professional manner. The award is generally presented every few years or so.

The six (6) Virginia Society Associates having previously received this award are: Volney Rattan, Thatcher Wood, Lt. Col. Mike Lyman, USA (ret) Jerry Hubbard, Taylor Cowardin, and Doug Graves.



(L-R) Virginia Society Sec. Doug Graves presents the *Virginia Cavalier Award* to Gov. J. Shane Newcombe at the 2020 Fall Membership Meeting



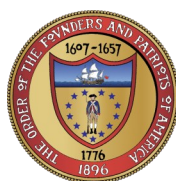
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On Saturday October 17, 2020 the Virginia Society OFPA Deputy Governor Col Carl Bess, Jr., USAF (ret) presented a Virginia Society wreath at Grace Episcopal Church located in Yorktown, Virginia. The wreath was placed at the gravesite of Patriot--Brigadier General Thomas Nelson, Jr. Also present was the Virginia Society Governor elect, Dr. Mike Weyler.

Nelson was appointed Colonel of the 2nd Virginia Infantry Regiment. In mid-1775 he was elected to fill George Washington's seat in the Second Continental Congress when Washington left to assume command of the Continental Army. And on June 12, 1781, Nelson was elected to succeed Thomas Jefferson as Governor of Virginia and was instrumental in the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown, on October 19, 1781.



(L-R) Deputy Governor Col Carl Bess, Jr., USAF (ret) with Governor elect Dr. Michel E. Weyler



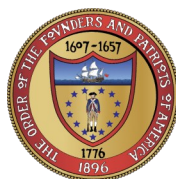
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The 245th Commemoration of the *Battle of Great Bridge* (December 9, 1775)

On December 5, 2020 Dr Kenneth Hawkins, the Virginia Society OFPA Councilor and JROTC Coordinator, represented the Virginia Society at the 245th commemoration of The Battle of Great Bridge. Dr Hawkins presented a Virginia Society wreath, and received *special recognition* as a member of the Virginia Society OFPA by being listed in the formal program of the event.

Approximately 60 various Hereditary, Historical and Patriotic groups, from around the Commonwealth and North Carolina were represented in the *virtual* event honoring those brave Virginia and North Carolina Patriots that fought at the Battle of Great Bridge---Great Bridge, Virginia (Chesapeake) on December 9, 1775. This battle resulted in the "complete defeat of the British in the Virginia Colony...seven months before the Declaration of Independence, [and] was at the time called the Second Battle of Bunker Hill. It resulted in the capture of Norfolk by the Patriots...[and] it ended the rule of the British Crown in Virginia."

The event was viewed by over 200 individuals!





Military Award Presentation



The Virginia Society is honored to be an active supporter of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) in our state.

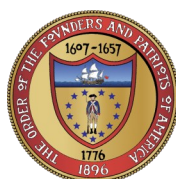
Our specific support involves presenting, in person, an official OFPA-JROTC certificate and ribbon by a member of our Virginia Society. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all real time **public** in person presentations were halted! But that did not end the involvement of our Virginia Society as a supporter. Our JROTC coordinator, Dr. Ken Hawkins, offered to mail certificates and ribbons should institutions have private/closed door awards ceremonies. And as a result, seven institutions accepted this offer and each were mailed their 2020 awards.

One institution was kind enough to provide the Virginia Society with a photograph of their cadet proudly displaying his award. Cadet 1SG Joshua Stiles was presented the said award(s) by LTC Peter Badoian, (Ret.) the Senior Army Instructor, JROTC at Smithfield High School in Smithfield, Virginia on May 25, 2020.

On behalf of the Virginia Society, we wish Cadet Stiles the best in his future endeavors.



Cadet 1SG Joshua Stiles



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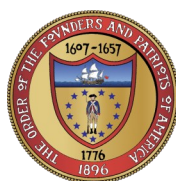
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Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

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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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<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

