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## Significant & Noteworthy News



### Governor's Report on the Third Quarter of 2021

The Virginia Society of The OFPA continued to stay busy in July and August attending Virginia SAR events, while September was a month focused on the preparation for our Yorktown Day activities.

I gave greetings and presented the Virginia OFPA wreath at the following events, most of which are spelled out in detail in the pages that follow:

- July 3: Grave marking for Francis Lightfoot Lee, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- July 5: Grave marking for Benjamin Harrison V, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- July 17: The 247th Anniversary of the Signing of the Fairfax Resolves.
- July 24: Grave marking for five Patriots in Lovettsville, Virginia.
- August 21: Grave marking for Patriot William Clarke in Elkwood, Virginia.
- August 22: Grave marking for Compatriot Al White in Front Royal.

My message of greeting at these SAR events is always to remind the listeners that our Patriot Ancestors built on the legacy of liberty inherited from their Founder Ancestors. We honor them all.

Some special events also occurred during this quarter in which I was able to participate in Revolutionary War Uniform. On July 4, I participated in the March to George Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon, and on September 18, I was part of the SAR President General's wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery.

On August 19, the Executive Council held a Zoom Meeting to discuss the final arrangements for our plaque and monument dedication at Charles Church Cemetery in York County, scheduled for October 19, Yorktown Victory Day. The bronze plaque with the twenty men's names and the granite monument are ready for installation. At this point, there still remains the need to get the York County Supervisors' approval to place the plaque at or near the cemetery, which sits on County land. The archeological survey required by the County has been completed, and we await the final decision for placement location.



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### Governor's Report on the Third Quarter of 2021

By now all VA OFPA members should have received their invitations to our Fall Meeting on October 19. We will be meeting at the Riverwalk Restaurant on Water Street in Yorktown. If you haven't made your lunch reservations and menu choices yet, please do that as soon as possible.

Our meeting's guest speaker will be Carol Wiers, the Assistant Supervisor of the Ships Interpretive Program at the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Museum. She will be speaking about the journey of the Susan Constant and her sister ships that brought the Founders to Jamestown in May of 1607. The story of those first settlers who braved a dangerous ocean voyage to start a new life should be of interest to all Associates since their story is our heritage.

Steadfast for God and Country,  
Michael E. Weyler, Ph.D.  
Governor, Virginia Society



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### 245th Anniversary of Patrick Henry's Election as the 1st Independent Governor of Virginia

On Saturday, June 26, 2021, the Williamsburg Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution commemorated the 245<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Patrick Henry's election as the 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Governor of Virginia. The ceremony was to be held on the lawn in front of the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg. After delays due to severe thunderstorms, the ceremony was moved to a small room inside the palace shortly before the storms passed and we reconvened on the lawn. Master of Ceremonies for today was Jeff Thomas, President of the Virginia Society.

The Virginia Society of the OFPA Councilor, Dr. Kenneth Hawkins brought greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America and presented the Wreath of the Order.

The highlight of the ceremony was the Patrick Henry interpreter whose tales captivated the audience.



(Far Right) Assoc. and Councilor Dr. Kenneth Hawkins looks on as a Patrick Henry interpreter speaks to attendees



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### Grave Marking of Francis Lightfoot Lee Signer of the Declaration of Independence

On Saturday, July 3, 2021, the James Monroe Chapter of the Virginia SAR hosted a grave marking ceremony for Francis Lightfoot Lee, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The ceremony was held at the Tayloe family cemetery at the Mount Airy Plantation in Warsaw, Virginia.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler presented the Wreath of the Order and carried the national colors in the event's Color Guard. Other OFPA Associates in the Color Guard were Mike Lyman, Past Virginia Governor, carrying the Betsy Ross Flag and Jim Russell carrying the SAR's Richard Henry Lee Chapter flag.

We honored not only the memory of a true Patriot, Francis Lightfoot Lee, a signer of our Declaration of Independence, but also his Ancestor, Richard Lee.

Francis' Great Grandfather, Richard Lee, who came to Virginia in 1639, was one of those we call Founders of America. However, unlike most stories where a Patriot's Founder Ancestor had cut his ties to England when he arrived on our shores, the story of Richard and Francis Lee is a story about a family with close relatives both here and in England that worked together for decades in trade between England and the colonies, trade in furs and tobacco in which they prospered, until that thirst for liberty drove a wedge between the Lees here and those in England.

We honor Francis for his stand for liberty, in spite of the personal consequences to his family. With his signature on the Declaration of Independence, he not only served to separate our nation from England, but also separated himself and his American family from his English family.

His story is also part of the legacy of liberty as we celebrate our nation's independence.



(L-R) Assoc. and VASSAR President Jeff Thomas, Virginia Society Gov. Michael E. Weyler, and Assoc. Jim Russell presented the society wreath





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### Grave Marking of Benjamin Harrison V Signer of the Declaration of Independence

On Monday, July 5, 2021, the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution hosted a grave marking ceremony for Benjamin Harrison V, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The ceremony was held at the Harrison family cemetery located on the Berkeley Plantation in Charles City County, Virginia. Master of Ceremonies for the day was Jeff Thomas, President of VASSAR and a VA OFPA Associate.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler brought greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, presented the Wreath of the Order and participated in the event's Color Guard.



Governor Weyler declared that today we honor not only the memory of a true Patriot, Benjamin Harrison V, a signer of our Declaration of Independence, but also his Founder Ancestor.

*While we remember Benjamin Harrison V for his lifetime of patriotic service to our nation, as well as remembering his numerous descendants in public service, especially the three United States Presidents, the fact that he was Benjamin*

*Harrison V begs the question, who was Benjamin Harrison I?*

*Benjamin Harrison I was one of four brothers who came to the shores of the James River in the 1630's in their search for liberty and prosperity. He acquired land, and in 1642 was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses and began a life of service to Virginia. All of the succeeding Benjamins, second third, fourth and fifth followed in his footsteps of service in the House of Burgesses, including today's honoree.*

*Benjamin Harrison V's service to our nation was a continuation of a tradition started by his great grandfather, Benjamin Harris I, which is why the Order of Founders of America seeks to honor not only our Revolutionary War Patriots, but their Founder ancestors as well.*

*America's legacy of liberty stretches back to those who came from across the sea to seek a better life for themselves and their descendants. We honor them all.*



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### 245th Anniversary of the Battle of Cricket Hill

On Saturday, July 10, 2021, the Williamsburg Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution commemorated the 245<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cricket Hill in Hudgins, Virginia. The ceremony was held on the shores of The Narrows of the Piankatank River in Hudgins, Virginia next to the Gwynn's Island Bridge. Master of Ceremonies was Jeff Thomas, President of the Virginia Society.

The Virginia Society of the OFPA Councilor, Dr. Kenneth Hawkins brought greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America and presented the Wreath of the Order.

Mike Cecere, a local historian was the guest speaker and provided an enthralling description of the battle while pointing out the positions of forces during the actual battle. Following the unveiling of the commemorative plaque, the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment provided an artillery salute which reverberated for several seconds. After the ceremony concluded, the attendees were entertained with a battle re-enactment by the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment.



Assoc. and Councilor Dr. Kenneth Hawkins stands with the VA OFPA Society wreath near the newly dedicated marker by Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR)



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### The 247th Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves

On Saturday, July 17, 2021, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution commemorated the 247<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves. The ceremony was held at the historic Pohick Church in Lorton, Virginia, the church of which George Washington and George Mason were members. Master of Ceremonies for the day was Dave Cook, President of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter. Several members of the chapter read aloud selected portions of the Fairfax Resolves.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler brought greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, presented the Wreath of the Order and participated in the event's Color Guard.

George Mason, the principal author of the Fairfax Resolves was specifically cited for his contribution to the document considered to be the most powerful statement of the reasons



why the colonies should be free of the dictates of the British Parliament. "Resolved that this Colony and Dominion of Virginia can not be considered as a conquered Country..."

Governor Weyler declared that today we honor the memory of a true Patriot, George Mason, principal author of the Fairfax Resolves:

*But neither George Mason's story, nor the story of America, began with the Fairfax Resolves and the Revolution. George Mason's story began more than a century and a half before the Revolution.*

*Our George Mason we honor today was actually the fourth George Mason here in America. So who was the first George Mason?*

*He was a soldier in the English Civil War, who took up arms against the British Parliament. The army of which he was a part was defeated by the pro-Parliament forces. His life being in danger, he emigrated to Virginia in 1652, where, as a Founder, he established a new life and a legacy for his descendants.*

*We can see that defiance of the British Parliament was passed down from George Mason the Founder to his great grandson George Mason the Patriot.*

*Today we can honor both the Founder and the Patriot.*





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### Grave Marking of Five Patriots in Lovettsville

On Saturday, July 24, 2021, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Virginia SAR and the Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter of the Maryland SAR co-hosted a grave marking ceremony for five Patriots from the Revolutionary War buried in the New Jerusalem Lutheran Cemetery in Lovettsville, Virginia. Master of Ceremonies for the day was Dave Cook, President of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter.

The five Patriots so honored were John P. Axiline, John Stoutsenberger, Peter Wertz, Adam Householder and Conrad Roller. A number of descendants from these five, most of whom still live in the area, attended and were recognized.

The ceremony was well attended, by members of the SAR, DAR and CAR, from both Virginia and Maryland, as well as members of the New Jerusalem Church. The story of each of the five Patriots was read by a descendant. After the presentation of twenty-eight wreaths, the ceremony was concluded with a fourteen-man, three volley musket salute.



Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler brought greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, presented the Wreath of the Order and participated in the event's Color Guard. Governor Weyler's remarks included the following:

*On behalf of the Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, I bring Greetings. Today we commemorate those Patriots who took up arms to turn a country of thirteen colonies into an independent nation.*

*While we honor the Patriots who gave birth to our Republic, the Order of Founders and Patriots also honors the Patriots' ancestors, the Founders of America, who came to our shores a century and one half earlier to create something new, a country built on liberty and self-government.*

*If what's past is prologue, then the Founders of America in the early seventeenth century set the stage for the fight for independence taken up by the Patriots we honor here today, those who created the United States of America. God bless the United States of America.*



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### Grave Marking of Patriot William Clark/Clarke

On Saturday, August 21, 2021, the Culpeper Minute Men (CMM) Chapter Sons of the American Revolution conducted a grave marking ceremony for Patriot William Clark/Clarke at the Madden Cemetery in Culpeper, Virginia.



Virginia Society Gov. Weyler (L) brought greetings with CMM Chapter President Charles Jameson on the right.

In attendance were Jerry Hubbard, Past Governor, Doug Graves, Jeff Thomas as President of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR), and Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler. Gov. Weyler provided Greetings on behalf of the Virginia Society as well as the Society wreath.

William Clarke was a free black man who served in the Continental Army from the earliest days of the war until the end. The CMM placed a brass SAR Patriot Marker in the cemetery where it is believed that William Clarke was buried, a cemetery on land owned by his daughter, Kitty's, father-in-law, Willis Madden.

CMM President Charles Jameson was the master of ceremonies, and Virginia SAR Color Guard Commander, Ken Bonner, commanded the Color Guard. William Clarke descendant William Madden unveiled the marker. Joining the Virginia OFPA in commemoration of one of America's first veterans were the Fairfax Resolves, George Mason, Col James Wood II, and Col William Gray-

son Chapters, VAASSAR, a Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter, *and* descendants of Patriot William Clarke.

After the ceremony participants were treated to BBQ at the home of William Madden, courtesy of Charles and Michele Jameson. With approximately 56 attendees, it proved to be a delightful affair to honor the memory of a Patriot contributed to the independence of our Republic.

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**Founder**-Thomas Graves  
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**Associate**-Asa Wesley Graves, VIII  
**Founder**-Thomas Graves  
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**Founder**-Sampson Mason  
**Patriot**-James Mason

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**Founder**-Edmund Moore  
**Patriot**-Tully Moore

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**Patriot**-Maj. Bullar Claiborne

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**Founder**-George Wheeler & son William  
**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 Weyler and Secretary Wilberger 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](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

