

# THE VIRGINIA CAVALIER

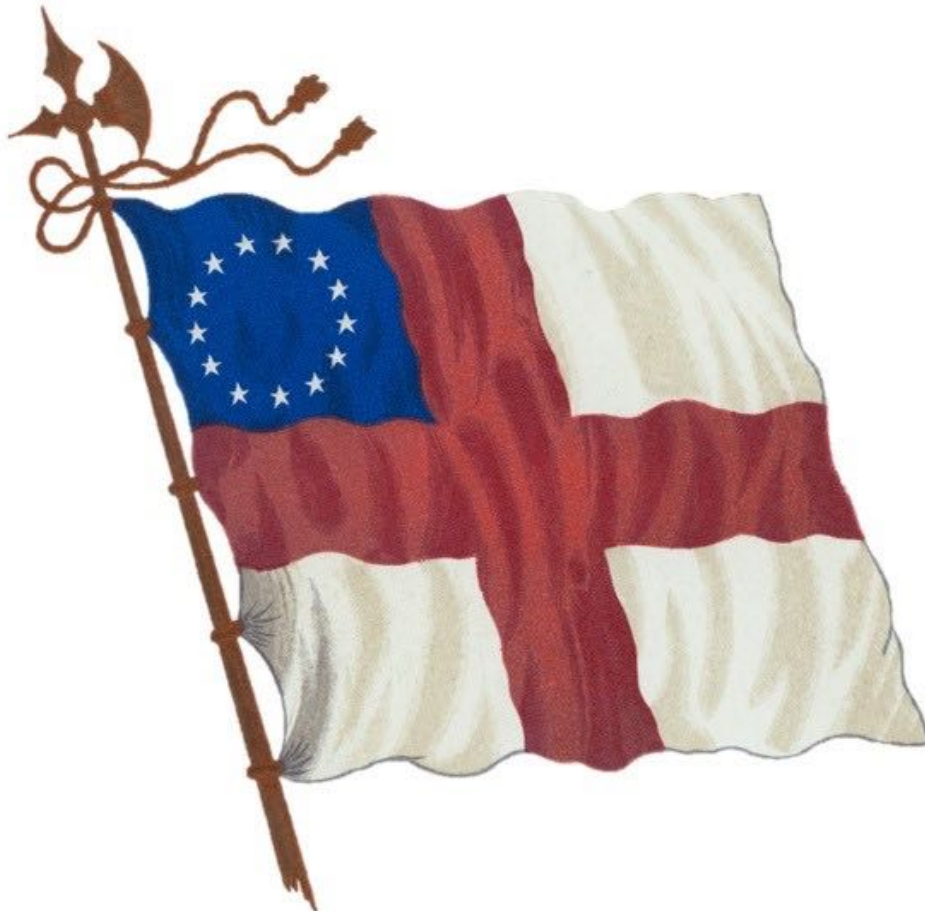


*The Virginia Society, Order of Founders and Patriots of America*



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## Significant & Noteworthy News



### Virginia Wins the Parish Award Fourteenth Straight Year



Above, l/r: Shane Newcombe, Virginia Treasurer and Treasurer General; Bill Allerton, Governor General; Mike Weyler, Virginia Governor and Deputy Registrar General; Sean Redmond, Awards Committee Chairman, Deputy Secretary General and Governor of the Washington DC Society; Walt Sheffield, Virginia State's Attorney and Attorney General.

For Virginia, a major highlight of the 2022 General Court, which ran from June 23 to 26 in Boston, was the award ceremony where Virginia received the Parish Award. The Award is given annually to the state Society demonstrating the best overall performance in accomplishing the objectives of the Order, as reflected in the Societies Annual Reports for the previous calendar year. The Virginia Annual Report for 2021 documented all of our Society activities, from attendance, including OFPA greetings, at numerous lineage society events, presentations to ROTC and JROTC cadets, to Midshipmen at the Naval Academy, and to National Guard Units. Donations to the John Quincy Adams Foundation to further their programs of support for historical and educational projects around the country also are counted, as are our efforts to extend public awareness of the OFPA through our newsletters and coverage of our activities in the news media.

Congratulations to all in Virginia who worked to earn this award again this year.



## Significant & Noteworthy News



### Governor's Report on the 126th General Court

The 126th General Court gave the OFPA an opportunity to visit a number of the historically significant sites in Massachusetts. The meeting, hosted by the Massachusetts Society, was held in the historic Omni Parker House Hotel, located in the center of Boston on what is designated as the Freedom Trail, a 2.5-mile-long path through Boston that passes by 16 locations significant to the history of the United States. Marked largely with brick, the Freedom Trail winds from Boston Common in downtown Boston through the North End to the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown. A few of the more widely known places along the Trail are the site of the Boston Massacre, Paul Revere's home, the Old North Church from which the lanterns were hung to speed Paul Revere and William Dawes on their way, and the USS Constitution, Old Ironsides.

Tours outside Boston included visits and wreath laying in Lexington and Concord, plus a wreath laying at Dorchester Heights. Another tour went to Plymouth and Plymouth Rock for a VIP Tour of the Plimoth Patuxet Museum.

A special evening outing was dinner and a guest speaker at Faneuil Hall, the top floor of which is the headquarters, armory and museum of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the oldest chartered military organization in the western hemisphere, chartered in 1638 by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts as a volunteer militia company.

At the conclusion of the General Court, our new Governor General, Ed Horton, swore in the OFPA General Officers for 2022 to 2024. Three from Virginia were sworn in; Shane Newcombe as Treasurer General, second from left, Mike Weyler as Historian General, fourth from left, and Walt Sheffield as Attorney General, fifth from the left.





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## Governor's Report on the 126th General Court

While most of my report seems to be about having a good time, we did conduct the business of the Order. In a new initiative, Past Governor General Wright is working to establish a U.S. Coast Guard Academy Award similar in nature to the current awards at the Military Academy, the Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy. Details to be worked out.

As to other business, the General Court approved its next annual budget, approved an OFPA document retention policy, and approved the Distinguished Service Award for Medal of Honor Winner Herschel Woodrow "Woody" Williams (recently deceased).

On the negative side, but by mutual agreement, the OFPA retired the South Carolina Society chapter because of apparent lack of interest within the South Carolina Society.

Start making plans now to attend the 127th General Court in Princeton, New Jersey.

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



Members of the Virginia delegation to the 126th General Court, were, from l/r, Treasurer Shane Newcombe, Associate Nicholas Jewett, Governor Michael E. Weyler, State's Attorney Walt Sheffield and Past Governor General Dan Warren. Past Governor General Dick Wright was present but not shown.

All General Court photos courtesy of Pierce Harman Photography



## Significant & Noteworthy News



### **Patriot John Holker's Grave is Marked by the SAR in Clarke County**



On April 2, 2022, in the town of Millwood, Clarke County, Virginia, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution conducted a grave marking ceremony for John Holker, a Patriot of the American Revolution. Since John Holker was an immigrant from France who worked closely with the French to ensure victory in the war, the event was also attended by members of the French military delegation stationed with NATO in Norfolk.

The OFPA was represented by our Registrar and Historian, Rich Rattan (photo at the left), who gave greetings and presented out Society wreath. Other VA OFPA members in attendance were Governor Michael E. Weyler and Associates Jeff Thomas and Doug Hall. Rich Rattan's greetings, which included both English and French, were as follows:

*Good afternoon, and greetings from the Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America as we celebrate the marking of the grave of John Holker, an English industrialist, diplomat, and true Patriot for the American Revolution. While he is celebrated for his industrial espionage, he was also instrumental in influencing the French to support the American Revolution, and to believe that the fledgling Continental Army had a chance of defeating the*

*English. While he may not have fired a musket on a battlefield, his skill as a diplomat was superb. He is a Patriot in every sense of the word and deserves our respect for his duty to America and ability to bring an essential ally into the fight. The VA OFPA is proud to pay homage today to John Holker.*





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## Five Grave Markings in Lovettsville, Virginia



On April 10, 2022, at the New Jerusalem Lutheran Cemetery in the town of Lovettsville, Virginia, three SAR chapters, Fairfax Resolves Chapter and Sergeant Major John Champe chapter from the Virginia SAR and Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter from the Maryland SAR (photo below), held a grave marking for five Revolutionary War Patriots. The five Patriots whose graves were marked were; Frederic Belse, Michael Boger, John Compher, Michael Cooper, Sr., and John Fawley.

The presidents of both Virginia and Maryland SAR's spoke at what has now become a regular bi-state event. Each year five patriot graves are marked in this cemetery with many more Patriot graves yet to be marked.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler brought greetings from our Society, presented our VA OFPA wreath, and participated in the Color Guard. Also present as Drummer in the Color Guard was Associate Doug Hall.

The ceremony ended with a 3 volley musket salute from a firelock squad of 12 men.





## Significant & Noteworthy News



### Christina Sheffield's Celebration of Life Service

On April 22, 2022, at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia, family and friends gathered for a Service of Death and Resurrection in Celebration of the Life of Christina Meredith Shipp Sheffield, beloved wife of our Virginia OFPA State's Attorney and Attorney General of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, Walter Sheffield.

Associates from the Virginia Society, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America who were present for the ceremony, in addition to Walt Sheffield, were his son Zander Sheffield, Governor Michael E. Weyler, and Larry Tubbs.

Christina was remembered for her grace in serving her church and other church members. The Service of Commitment took place outside near the columbarium located next to the church.

Christina Meredith Shipp Sheffield



*July 9, 1946 - April 6, 2022*



# Significant & Noteworthy News



## VA OFPA Presents Army ROTC Cadet Award at George Mason University



On April 22, 2022, the George Mason University Army ROTC unit held its Annual Military Ball, the highlight of which was the 22 Award Presentations given to outstanding Cadets who had demonstrated superior performance in their ROTC education and training.

Presenting for the Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America was Governor Michael E. Weyler.

After presenting the VA OFPA medal and certificate to Cadet Conor Swan, Governor Weyler shared some thought with the assembled Cadets. His remarks included:

*The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America is an Order dedicated to keeping alive the memories of those who came to our shores when America was mostly wilderness, and to their descendants, who took up arm and fought for our independence and our liberty, and gave us our Constitutional Republic and a nation of free people.*

*That is why we continue to honor those warriors whose oath is to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.*

*To all who are being commissioned this year, congratulations as you enter the officer ranks of the United State Army.*



Emblem of the George Mason University Army ROTC Patriot Brigade





# Significant & Noteworthy News



## OFPA Participates at James Monroe's Birthplace Celebration



On April 23, 2022, the James Monroe Memorial Foundation celebrated President Monroe's 264th birthday at the James Monroe Birthplace and Park in Westmoreland County, Virginia, in front of the replica of the Monroe home. The Grand Opening Ceremony for the home was held on October 2nd of last year. (See coverage of that event in the Virginia Cavalier, 2021, Fourth Quarter.)

Past Governor Mike Lyman brought greetings from the Virginia OFPA (photo left), presented the VA OFPA wreath, and carried the OFPA colors in the Color Guard. Also in attendance from the VA OFPA were Secretary Jim Russell, who carried the National Colors in the Color Guard, and Associate Josh Wilberger.



The photo on the right is of the replica of the birthplace and boyhood home of James Monroe.

In the photo of the Color Guard below, Secretary Jim Russell is second from the left, Past Governor Mike Lyman is third from the left, and Associate Josh Wilberger is sixth from the left.

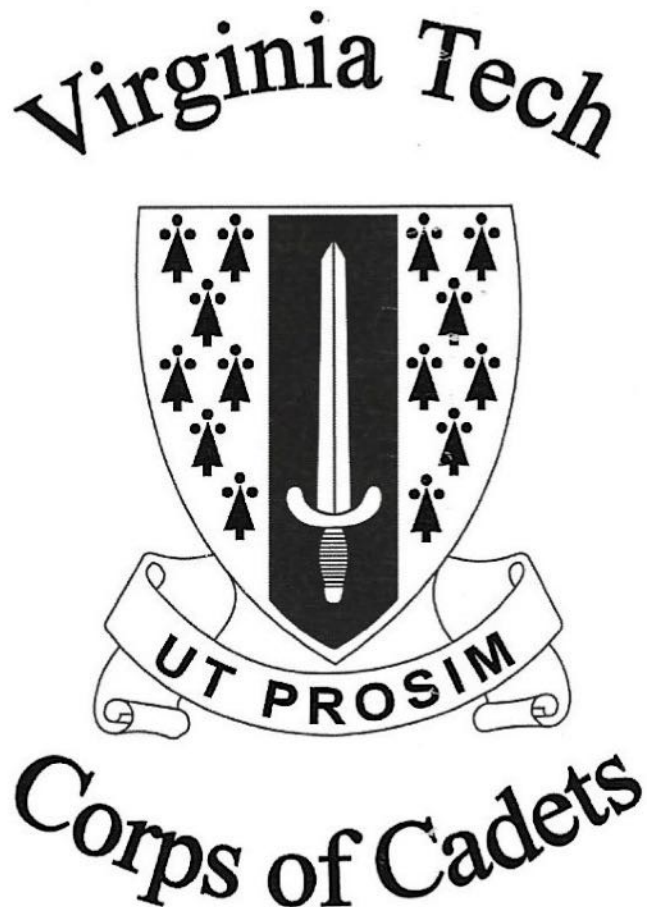




## Significant & Noteworthy News



### ROTC Awards at Virginia Tech



On April 21, 2022, at the Virginia Tech ROTC Corps of Cadets Military Awards Ceremony, Virginia OFPA Associate Richard Raymond presented the Virginia Society, Order of The Founders and Patriots Superior Achievement Award to four Cadets in the Army ROTC.

The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America Superior Achievement Award is awarded to a Cadet for “having demonstrated superior accomplishments in both military and academic endeavors.”

This year Associate Raymond presented the awards to:

Cadet Vanessa Barsoom

Cadet Joseph D’Agostino

Cadet David Carter

Carter Bailey Richardson

**MILITARY AWARDS  
CEREMONY  
APRIL 21, 2022**



## Significant & Noteworthy News



### Sergeant Major John Champe Commemoration



On April 23, 2022, the newest Virginia Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sergeant Major John Champe Chapter, chartered in February of this year, held their first signature event in a rural farm field in Middleburg, Virginia, near a monument to Sergeant Major John Champe placed in his memory by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1939 on what had been his farm.

With the chartering in February of this year of the 30th chapter of the Virginia Society of the SAR, interest in Sergeant Major John Champe, a Patriot hero in Loudoun County area of Virginia, has increased.

Governor Weyler gave greetings and presented our VA OFPA wreath. His greeting included the following remarks:

*Sgt Major John Champe came from a long line of John Champes here in Virginia. His father, grandfather and great grandfather were also named John. A man usually gives his first-born son his own name, hoping that he will have a son into whom he can pour his own values. This being the case, Sergeant Major John Champe's love for liberty and willingness to fight for it rests on his own heritage of liberty from those who went before.*

OFPA members in attendance, besides Governor Weyler, were Doug Hall, Steven and Christian Powers.

In photos, Governor Weyler, top, with national Colors; in photo below, 6th from right with OFPA wreath.





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## Patriots Day Celebration at Arlington National Cemetery



Deputy Governor Kenneth L. Hawkins

On April 24, 2022, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Virginia SAR held a hybrid Patriots Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. The Virginia OFPA Deputy Governor, Dr. Kenneth L. Hawkins attended remotely representing our Society. He gave greetings and presented our Society's wreath.

The live portion of the event was held at Arlington National Cemetery's Lexington Minute Men Memorial, shown below, on which are listed the eight names of the Patriots killed on April 19, 1775.

*In Memory of the Lexington Minute Men*

*Killed in Action on 19 April 1775*

*During the First Battle of the American Revolution*

**John Brown**

**Samuel Hadley**

**Caleb Harrington**

**Jonathan Harrington, Jr.**

**Robert Munroe**

**Isaac Muzzy**

**Jonas Parker**

**Asahel Porter**



Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775





## Significant & Noteworthy News



### President James Monroe's Birthday Ceremony at his Tomb



On April 28, 2022, at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, the James Monroe Memorial Foundation celebrated President Monroe's 264th birthday at his tomb located in the Presidents Circle of Hollywood Cemetery. On April 23, five days earlier, they had conducted a ceremony at his birthplace in Westmoreland County, that earlier celebration being detailed above.

Prior to the Memorial Foundation's program, Major General Mark Simerly, the U.S. Army's Chief of Ordnance and Commanding General of Fort Lee, led a Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony. By law, a nearby senior military officer is tasked to present the President's wreath at the tomb of each past U.S. President on their respective birthdays.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael Weyler brought greetings and presented the VA OFPA wreath, which was one of 63 wreaths presented by local, state and national lineage and historical society members in attendance. Other VA OFPA associates in attendance were Past Governor Mike Lyman and Associates Doug Hall and Josh Wilberger.



While we celebrate James Monroe as our fifth president, he was also the last president who saw active service in the American Revolution. He eventually became governor of Virginia and a Senator from Virginia. In the War of 1812 he served simultaneously as both Secretary of State and Secretary of War under James Madison, whom he then succeeded in the presidency.

During his greeting, Governor Weyler reminded the listeners that the the story of any Patriot usually also involves the story of a Founder;

*Today we also honor a young, 22 year old Scott, Andrew Monroe, one whom we would call a Founder, who came to Virginia in 1641 when it was mostly wilderness, seeking liberty and a chance to raise a family and build a legacy of freedom in the new world. He raised a family and successfully passed on that spirit of liberty to his descendants, such that a century and a half later, his great-great grandson was elected as the fifth president of the United States of America. This was James Monroe's legacy of liberty, and it is also our legacy as Americans, a legacy built over the last 400 years. God bless the United States of America.*



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### ROTC Award at Virginia Military Institute



On April 30, 2022, at the Virginia Military Institute's ROTC Corps of Cadets Military Awards Ceremony, Virginia OFPA Associate Richard Raymond presented the Virginia Society of Founders and Patriots Superior Achievement Award to a Cadet in the Army ROTC.

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Army ROTC Cadet Janine Colantonio



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### Grave Marking of Patriot John Ford



On April 30, 2022, the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter of the Virginia SAR sponsored a grave marking ceremony for Patriot John Ford on what had been his family farm south of Culpeper, Virginia.

John Ford was a soldier who saw significant action during the war. He raised a family that spread throughout the country, a number still living in the area. Several direct descendants attended the ceremony, including Brooks Lyles, Deputy Commander of the SAR National Color Guard, who came up from South Carolina. Brooks was the guest speaker, who spoke not only of the individual units in which John Ford saw service, but also of John's father and his contributions,

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael Weyler (photo left) brought greetings, presented our wreath and served in the Color Guard. Also present in the Color Guard was Associate Jeff Thomas, immediate Past President of VASSAR.

Governor Weyler's greetings included the following:

*Today we also seek to remember John Ford's family roots. The Ford family, like so many others who, in the English Civil War, supported the Royalist's cause against Parliament and Cromwell, were in danger in England, so many came to America to distance themselves from those perils.*

*One of those, a youth, later referred to as John Ford the Immigrant, arrived in Virginia as an indentured servant, and soon became a valued member of the community.*

*He raised a family and created a legacy of liberty for those generations that followed, a legacy that included resistance to an overreaching Parliament, which would lead to his great grandson, John Ford the Patriot, taking up arms against an overreaching Parliament, again, and fighting for an independent nation.*

*God bless the United States of America.*





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### ROTC Award at James Madison University

On May 4, 2022 Councilor Douglas M. Graves was present at the 2022 James Madison University Army ROTC "Duke" Awards Ceremony. There he presented The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America ROTC Award to Cadet Logan T. Wahl.

Cadet Wahl is completing his junior year at James Madison University located in Harrisonburg, VA. During his tenure at the institution, he has been a member of the Ranger and Canon groups of the ARMY ROTC program. His desire is to become an Army Chinook Helicopter pilot.

Cadet Wahl with Councilor Douglas M. Graves







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### Raid at Martin's Station, General Martin and Martinsville



On May 14, 2022, in Martinsville, Virginia, the Martin's Station Chapter and George Waller Chapter of the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution held a ceremony at the Old Henry County Courthouse commemorating General Joseph Martin and The Raid at Martin's Station.

Virginia OFPA members present were Governor Michael E. Weyler and Associate Jeff Thomas. Governor Weyler brought greetings and presented the OFPA wreath. Both Weyler and Thomas participated in the Color Guard.

Founding Father, explorer, diplomat, military leader and statesman, at both the end of the colonial period and the American Revolution, Joseph Martin opened the West to settlement. Later his courage and diplomacy cleared the way for America's decisive victory at Yorktown, so much so that President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "If not for Joseph Martin—we may have lost the Revolution."

As a diplomat for the states of Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia, Martin persuaded the tribes south of the Ohio river, those same tribes he had fought during the French and Indian War, to remain neutral during our fight for independence, which allowed those militia on the frontier to join the fight in Virginia and the Carolinas, which eventually led to Yorktown.

Governor Weyler's greetings included the following remarks:

*Neither Joseph Martin's story, nor the story of America, began with the Revolution. It began more than a century and a half before the Revolution.*

*Joseph Martin's story began in Jamestown where, in 1608, Thomas Graves, an original investor in the Virginia Company, arrived to begin a new life. He was a settler, a soldier and one of the founding members of the first freely elected parliament in the new world, the Virginia House of Burgesses. His spirit of service to Virginia was clearly passed on to his fourth great grandson, Joseph Martin.*

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





# Significant & Noteworthy News



## Joint Virginia SAR & Virginia 1812 Plaque Dedication in Norfolk



On May 21, 2022, at the historic Cedar Grove Cemetery in Norfolk, Virginia, a Plaque honoring six Revolutionary War Patriots and twenty War of 1812 Veterans, placed at the entrance to the cemetery was dedicated in a joint ceremony sponsored by the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia.

Our Virginia OFPA Deputy Governor Dr. Kenneth L. Hawkins, in his capacity as an SAR Chairman and War of 1812 Second VP, served as the master of ceremonies. He also presented our VA OFPA wreath, one of the fifteen presented. Past Governor Mike Lyman carried the Flag of the Order in the Color Guard. A third member of VA OFPA who participated in the ceremony was Associate Timothy Ahlgrim.



Photo below, Flag of the Order in the center: Photo above, l/r, Tim Ahlgrim, Mike Lyman, Ken Hawkins.





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### **The Lt.Gen. Herman Nickerson Award at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis**

On May 24, 2022, at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, a Marine Corps Awards Ceremony was held for the eleven best of the class of 2022 among the 275 Midshipman who have selected to enter the Marine Corps.

The Lt.Gen. Herman Nickerson Award is a Marine Officer Sword given in memory of General Nickerson, past Governor General of our Order and recipient of the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the second-highest military award our nation can give, for his extraordinary heroism in Korea

The sword is given to the graduating Midshipman Marine Selectee who had demonstrated superior leadership, integrity and potential as a future Marine Corps officer.

This year's award, based on a selection by the Academy faculty, was presented to Midshipmen First Class Lauren Anderson by Captain Michael E. Weyler, CEC, USN (Ret), Governor of the VA OFPA and Deputy Registrar General of the OFPA,.

l/r, Col Styskal, Senior Marine at USNA, M1/C Anderson, CAPT Weyler, VADM Buck, USN, Superintendent

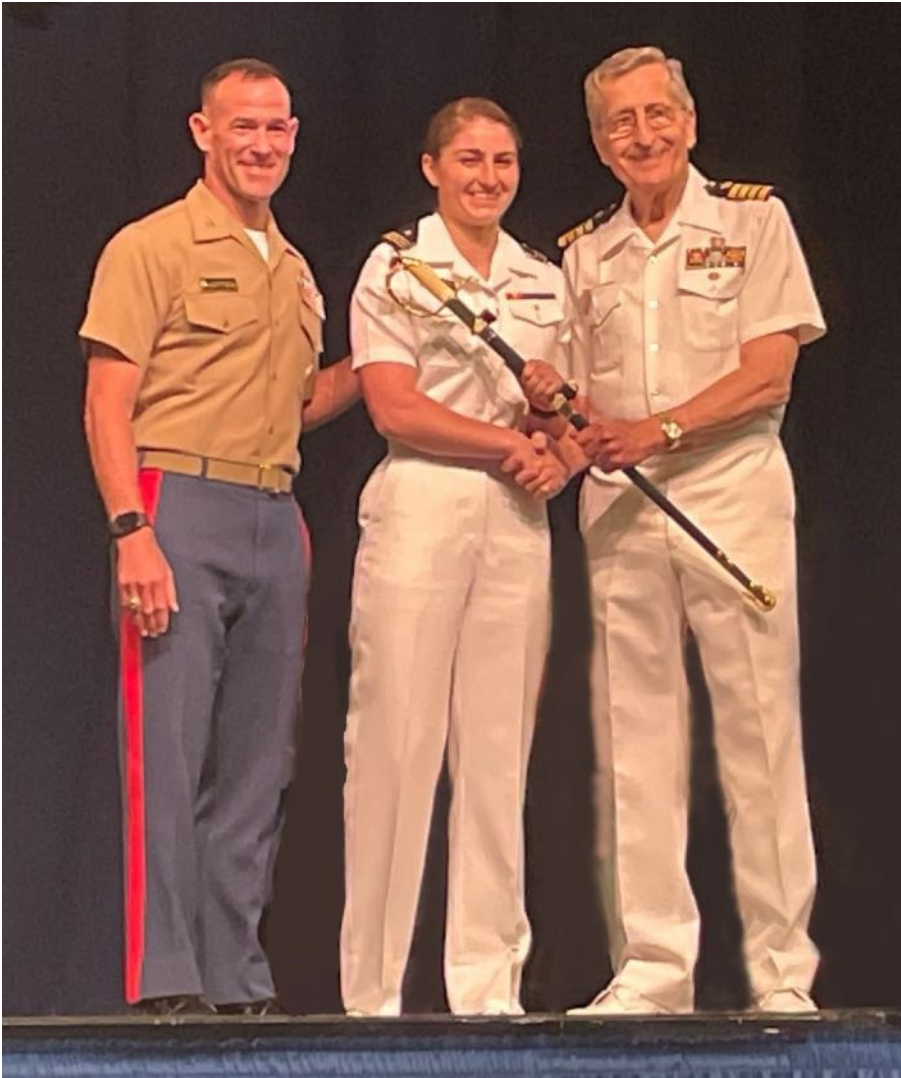




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### The Admiral Dewey Award at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis



On May 26, 2022, at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, the Class of 2022 Prizes and Awards Ceremony was held in Alumni Hall. Over 100 prizes and awards were given to the Midshipmen in three categories: Leadership and Professional Awards, Academic Awards, and Individual Athletic Awards. The OFPA Admiral Dewey Award is a Naval Officer Sword given to the midshipman of the graduating class who stands highest in the professional courses in naval weaponry and who excels in the weapons phase of professional training through demonstrated mastery, possesses a genuine interest of the subject matter, and displays excellent potential for success.

In presenting this award, the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America seeks to honor and keep alive the memory of Admiral of the Navy George Dewey, the Victor at the Battle of Manila Bay in the Spanish American War in 1898.

This year's award, based on a selection by the Academy faculty, was presented to Midshipmen First Class Lucy Ackerman by Captain Michael E. Weyler, CEC, USN (Ret), Governor of the VA OFPA, Deputy Registrar General of the OFPA, and a member of the Naval Academy's Mechanical Engineering Faculty from 1982-1984.

l/r, Col. James McDonough, Commandant of Midshipman, M1/C Lucy Ackerman, CAPT Michael E. Weyler



## Significant & Noteworthy News



### Memorial Day in Tidewater, Virginia



On Monday, May 30, in Norfolk, Virginia, at the Never Forget Garden in the West Point Cemetery, a Memorial Day service was held. The event was jointly sponsored by the Adam Thoroughgood Chapter DAR and the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge #2, Prince Hall. In addition to a number of DAR chapters, participants included the SAR, the CAR and the Jamestowne Society. The Virginia Order of Founder and Patriots of America was represented by Deputy Governor Dr. Kenneth L. Hawkins, who presented the OFPA wreath (photo left).



The cemetery, which belongs to the City of Norfolk, describes the West Point Cemetery:

*In this cemetery lie the mortal remains of African American Veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, and Korean War. We thank them all for their service.*

The statue atop Soldier's Monument (photo right) was modeled after Sergeant William H. Carey, U.S. Army, a native of Norfolk and the first African-American recipient of the Medal of Honor



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### Virginia OFPA Presentation to a Virginia SAR Chapter



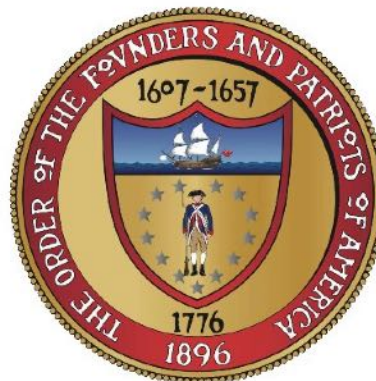
On Saturday, June 4, 2022, at the Fredericksburg Country Club in Fredericksburg, Virginia, our Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, Virginia SAR.

His topic was An Introduction to The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America., which led to a number of potential applicants, which included his own first cousin and his cousin's son, seen at left on either side of Governor Weyler.

The presentation consisted of 50 PowerPoint slides, the cover of which is shown below.

In keeping with our VA OFPA focus of showing the connections through history between Founder and Patriot, a highlight of the presentation was showing our June 2021 grave marking ceremony for John Lewis, a Founder who left a significant legacy of liberty. John Lewis was the ancestor of their own chapter's namesake, Colonel Fielding Lewis, a Revolutionary War leader and brother-in-law to George Washington. Another of John Lewis' descendants was Meriwether Lewis, leader of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Focusing on such connections as these shows the legacy of liberty left by America's Founders.

### The Order of The Founders and Patriots of America



Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter Meeting – June 4, 2022



# Significant & Noteworthy News



## Dedication of Colonel William Preston Memorial in Botetourt County, VA

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, in Daleville, Virginia, a Memorial Dedication ceremony co-sponsored by Botetourt County and the Fincastle Resolutions Chapter, Virginia SAR was held to honor the Patriot Colonel William Preston. William Preston served in the Virginia House of Burgesses and was a colonel in the militia during the American Revolutionary War. He was also one of fifteen that signed the Fincastle Resolutions. A licensed surveyor, he with his wife Susanna, established a farm at Greenfield in 1762. William Preston held every major office in Botetourt County, which was created in 1770.

Since William Preston is well known to many across southwest Virginia, in the area where he once lived, around 100 people came out for the dedication of his memorial. In addition to state and local SAR officers, also present were members of the DAR, County officials and a guest speaker, Dr. Daniel Thorp from Virginia Tech, who addressed William Preston's history.

Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler presented the OPFA wreath and carried the National Colors in the VASSAR Color Guard.





## Significant & Noteworthy News



### 246th Anniversary of the Virginia Declaration of Rights

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Gunston Hall, George Mason's home in Fairfax County, Virginia, the George Mason Chapter, Virginia Sons of the American Revolution celebrated the 246th anniversary of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, a document for which George Mason was the primary author.

The Virginia Order of the Founders and Patriots of America was represented by our Registrar/Genealogist Rich Rattan and Associate Jeff Thomas. Rich Rattan brought greetings and presented our OFPA wreath. His remarks included the following:

*Today, we celebrate the adoption of the Virginia Declaration of Rights by the Virginia Constitutional Convention on 12 June 1776, its subsequent use by Thomas Jefferson in crafting the opening for the Declaration of Independence, and its basis for the Bill of Rights and the first 10 amendments to the Constitution. At the same time, the OFPA also celebrates and honors the great grandfather of George Mason IV, who was George Mason the first, a Founder of our country. He was born in Pershore, Worcestershire, England in 1629 and immigrated to the colony of Virginia in 1652, arriving on the ship Assurance in Norfolk, Virginia. George Mason I was a Cavalier, obliged to leave England after the defeat of Cavalier forces by Oliver Cromwell in 1651. Settling in Stafford County, he served as sheriff in Stafford County, was a member of the Virginia General Assembly, and the House of Burgesses. George Mason I began a legacy of liberty and public service to Virginia and the United States which was passed down to his children, grandchildren, and eventually to his great grandson, George Mason IV, the author of Virginia's Declaration of Rights.*

Today, the OFPA honors both the Founder and the Patriot for their contributions to the establishment and growth of America. It is good to remember the roots upon which our country is built.







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### Virginia OFPA Celebrates Flag Day 2022



On Saturday, June 14, 2022, the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America was represented at the Flag Day Ceremony held at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia, and hosted by the Great Bridge chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Presenting the wreath was Deputy Governor Dr. Kenneth Hawkins. Also in attendance was Tim Ahlgrim, a recently inducted society member.

Excerpts from an article by Chris Foran in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel dated June 10, 2022, read as follows:

“On June 14, 1885, Bernard Cigrand, a teacher in Waubeka (an unincorporated part of Fredonia in Ozaukee County), put an American flag on his desk at Stony Hill School and asked his students to write an essay about the flag's importance.”

“Other communities around the country followed suit, but it wasn't particularly organized. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of June 14 as Flag Day.”

In his proclamation, Wilson said: "It has therefore seemed to me fitting that I should call your attention to the approach of the anniversary of the day upon which the flag of the United States was adopted by the Congress as the emblem of the Union, and to suggest to you that it should this year and in the years to come be given special significance as a day of renewal and reminder, a day upon which we should direct our minds with a special desire of renewal to thoughts of the ideals and principles of which we have sought to make our great Government the embodiment,"

In spite of Wilson's proclamation, it was still an on-again, off-again thing. That changed in 1949, when Congress formally designated June 14 as Flag Day across the country. The first federally sanctioned Flag Day was June 14, 1950.

Photo, l/r, Deputy Governor Hawkins and Assoc. Ahlgrim.





# Significant & Noteworthy News



## Army JROTC Shows Appreciation

The Virginia OFPA has faithfully shown its support for those young Americans who have chosen to identify with our nation’s military services by the awarding of ROTC Outstanding Cadet/Midshipman Awards and Junior ROTC Awards.

Those ROTC/JROTC units frequently express their gratitude for our support of their schools’ programs.

Below is a Certificate of Appreciation we recently received from Prince George High School Army JROTC.

Thank you, Prince George High School Army JROTC.



# Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

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# Ancestor Memorials

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

**Associate**-Randall Hall Chandler  
**Founder**-Robert Chandler  
**Patriot**-David Chandler

**Associate**-Arthur Brian Cowardin  
**Founder**-Peter Cowardine  
**Patriot**-John Cowardine

**Associate**-Lewis Taylor Cowardin  
**Founder**-Peter Cowardine  
**Patriot**-John Cowardine

**Associate**-Lewis Turner Cowardin II  
**Founder**-Peter Cowardine  
**Patriot**-John Cowardine

**Associate**-German P. Culver, Jr.  
**Founder**-John Tompkins  
**Patriot**-Nathaniel Tompkins

**Associate**-George W.B. Elder  
**Founder**-Robert Abernathy  
**Patriot**-John Abernathy

**Associate**-Charles B. Fegan  
**Founder**-Robert Moulton & son Robert  
**Patriot**-Cpt. Freeborn Moulton & son Elijah

**Associate**-Dr. Hugh Erskine Fraser, III  
**Founder**-John Barker  
**Patriot**-Henry Barker

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

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

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

**Associate**-Douglas M. Graves  
**Founder**-Thomas Graves  
**Patriot**-Thomas Graves & son John

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

**Associate**-Kenneth L. Hawkins  
**Founder**-William Hawkins  
**Patriot**-Benoni Hawkins

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

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**Founder**-George Hubbard  
**Patriot**-Peter Hubbard

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

**Associate**-Nicholas J. Jewett  
**Founder**-Maximilan Jewett  
**Associate**-Ezekiel Jewett

**Associate**-Croft M. R. Kirby  
**Founder**-Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot**-Capt. William Kirby

**Associate**-Reade B. H. Kirby  
**Founder**-Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot**-Capt. William Kirby

**Associate**-Taylor T. L. Kirby  
**Founder**-Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot**-Capt. William Kirby

**Associate**-Wade H. O. Kirby  
**Founder**-Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot**-Capt. William Kirby

**Associate**-Roger H. W. Kirby  
**Founder**-Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot**-Capt. William Kirby

**Associate**-Terry Robert Krebs  
**Founder**-John Benson Sr. and son John  
**Patriot**-Job Benson and son Elihu

**Associate**- Lt. Col. Myron "Mike" E. Lyman, USA (ret)  
**Founder**-Richard Lyman  
**Patriot**-Ozias Lyman

**Associate**- Col Judson P. Mason, Jr.  
**Founder**-Sampson Mason  
**Patriot**-James Mason

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

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**Associate**-Bruce Edward Munger Sr.  
**Founder**-Nicholas Munger CT  
**Patriot**-Maj. Timothy Munger, Madison CT

**Associate**-J. Shane Newcombe  
**Founder**-Capt. James Allen  
**Patriot**-Maj.-Capt. Richard Allen

**Associate**-Terrence Frederick O'Rourke  
**Founder**-Thomas Stoughton MA  
**Patriot**-Maj. Oliver Stoughton, CT

**Associate**-Richard Travis Rattan  
**Founder**-Richard Higdon  
**Patriot**-John Higdon

**Associate**-Richard Volney Rattan  
**Founder**-Richard Higdon  
**Patriot**-John Higdon

**Associate**-Harry C. Redd III  
**Founder**-Col. William Claiborne  
**Patriot**-Maj. Bullar Claiborne

**Associate**-James Francis Russell II  
**Founder**-Nicholas George  
**Patriot**-Spencer George

**Associate**-John Courtney Sheffield II  
**Founder**-Col. Robert Wynne II  
**Patriot**-John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

**Associate**-John Hadley Sheffield III  
**Founder**-Col. Robert Wynne II  
**Patriot**-John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

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**Founder**-Col. Robert Wynne II  
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**Patriot**-John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

**Associate**-John H. Stevens  
**Founder**-John Stevens  
**Patriot**-David Stevens

**Associate**-Lee Swift III  
**Founder**-William Swift (Swyft)  
**Patriot**-Barzillai Swift

**Associate**-Jeffrey Thomas  
**Founder**-Thomas Burton  
**Patriot**-Isaac Joseph Burton

**Associate**-Billy "Cowboy" Ogden Wadsworth  
**Founder**-Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot**-Sgt. Capt. William Kirby

**Associate**-Eugene A. Walker  
**Founder**-Capt. Samuel Walker  
**Patriot**-Sgt. Timothy Walker

**Associate**-Dr. Michael E. Weyler  
**Founder**-Simon Stone  
**Patriot**-David Stone

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

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

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