

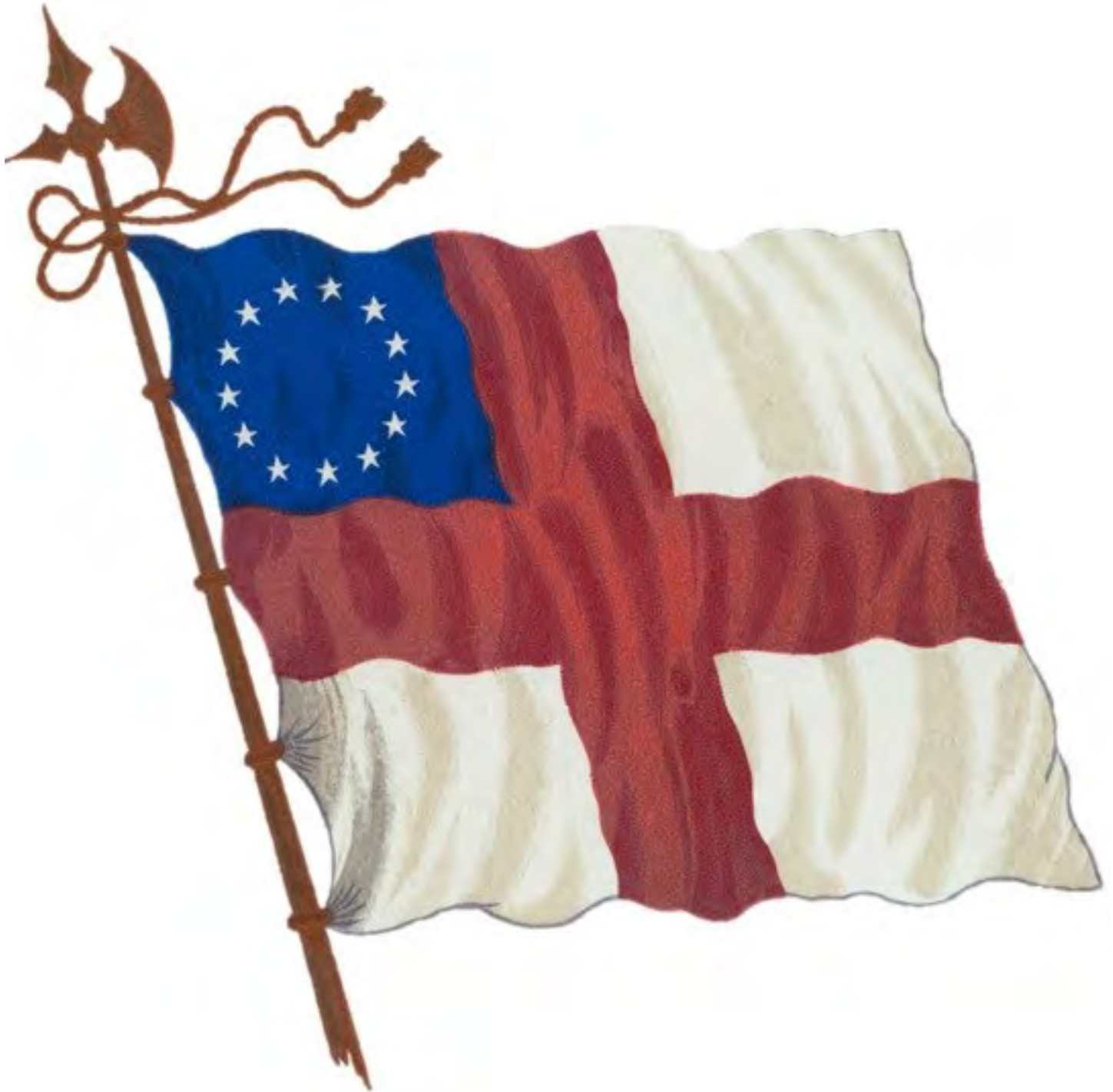
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Governor's Report on the First Quarter of 2023



meeting at Christ's Church in Weems. Michael Weyler, Past President and Historian General was also in attendance along with Past President Mike Lyman.

Our focus this quarter is on the preparation for the Spring Membership Meeting and the Grave Marking ceremony at Historic Westover Plantation. The membership meeting will to be held at the Indian Fields Tavern on May 6th beginning at 11:30 a.m. with the grave marking ceremony following at 2:30 pm.

I want to express my greatest appreciation to our genealogist / registrar Rich Rattan for his exemplary work in organizing this event. We are encouraging maximum participation by all Virginia Associates. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

This quarter has provided several opportunities to advance awareness of our Society and the OFPA.

On Saturday, February 25th, I represented the Virginia Society along with Historian General and Past Governor Michael Weyler, Past Governor, Mike Lyman and associate Tim Ahlgrim at the Commemoration of the 1766 Leedstown Resolutions in Oak Grove, Virginia. Michael Weyler and I presented wreaths for the Order and the Virginia Society respectively. The event was sponsored by the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society and VASSAR's James Monroe Chapter.

The 242nd Annual Commemoration of The Crossing of the Dan was held on February 11th at the Prizery in South Boston. I presented a wreath for the Society while Historian General and Past Governor Michael Weyler presented one for the Order. Associates Jeff Thomas and Phillip Barnard, Jr were also in attendance.

That same evening, I attended the Virginia SAR's annual banquet at the Berry Hill Resort in Halifax and brought greetings from the Society and encouraged those present to consider membership in the OFPA. We were again also represented by associates Jeff Thomas and Phillip Barnard, Jr.

On March 14th, I represented our Society at the Richard Henry Lee Chapter's monthly luncheon

Steadfast for God and Country,
Kenneth Hawkins, Ed.D.
Governor, Virginia Society



If the American Revolution had produced nothing else but the Declaration of Independence, it would have been worthwhile.

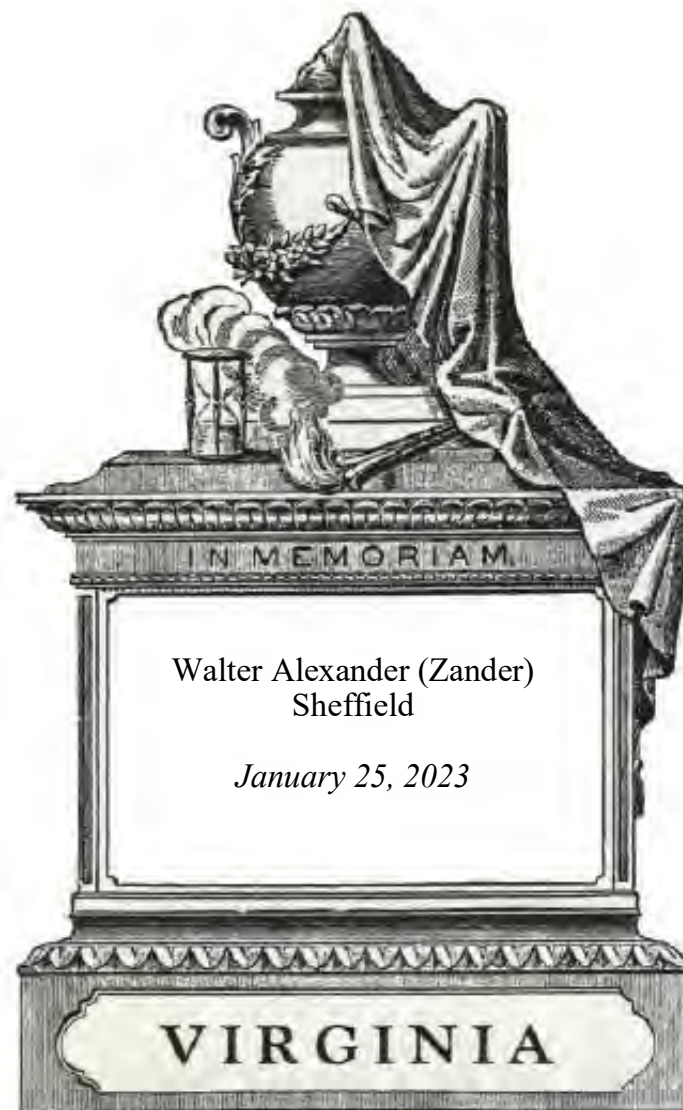
- Samuel Eliot Morison



Necrology



The Virginia Society mourns the passing of the following member with prayers for his family



Walter Alexander (Zander) Sheffield



November 21, 1974 - January 25, 2023

Walter Alexander "Zander" Sheffield, departed this life on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. He was 48 years old.

Raised in Fredericksburg, he graduated from James Monroe High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Radford University and taught history in the City of Roanoke. He made history come alive for his students.

In 2009, Zander was recognized as the Outstanding Public School Teacher in Virginia by the Sons of the American Revolution and the Virginia General Assembly. He also coached baseball, wrestling, and soccer. He just completed his course work for his Masters of Education at The University of Virginia when he suffered a stroke and was compelled to retire.

Returning to Fredericksburg, he hunted and fished while following his passion for music. Always amiable and well met, he had a deep appreciation for his family and friends. Zander was known for his sense of humor and could make anyone smile. He suffered a heart attack in the summer of 2019, and had been on UVA's heart transplant list.

Zander was proud of his heritage and Virginia ancestors who fought in the American Revolution. He was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Sons of the Revolution. His mother, Susan "Rett" Moore Sheffield, predeceased him.

He is survived by his father, Walter Jervis Sheffield; his paternal grandmother, Betty Lou Bailey; his brother, John Courtney Sheffield II [Ft. Collins]; his sister, Margaret Sheffield Ford (Ben) [Richmond]; and a step-sister, Colleen Boxwell. Zander loved being an uncle to John Courtney "Trey" Sheffield III, and niece, Georgia Moore Sheffield.

A celebration of his life was held at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church on Monday, January 30, 2023. In attendance were Society associates Walt Sheffield, Jim Russell, Larry Tubbs and Mike Weyler.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to The University of Virginia, P.O. Box 37963, Boone, Iowa 50037. Please designate to the "Heart /Lung Transplant Fund."



Significant Events of the Day



The following is a compilation of observances and ceremonies being held statewide by many of the societies that the VA OFPA interacts with. Please check with the local chapter or entity before making any travel plans.

Monday, April 17th - Patriots' Day at Arlington National Cemetery. Commemoration services for those killed in action at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775.

Saturday, April 22nd, 10:30 am - President James Monroe's 265th Birthday at Monroe's Birthplace House, 4460, James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA. Wreath Laying ceremony in front of Monroe's Birthplace House.

Saturday, May 6th: 11:30 am, VA OFPA Spring Meeting followed by lunch at the Indian Fields Tavern, 9220 John Tyler Memorial Highway (Rte 5), Charles City, VA with Memorial Dedication Ceremony at 2:30 pm followed by a tour of the Westover Plantation.

Saturday, May 13th - Commemoration of General Joseph Martin (formerly Raid at Martin's Station) at the historic Henry County Courthouse, 1 East Main St., Martinsville, VA

Sunday, May 28th - Wreath Laying Patrick Henry Gravesite, Red Hill Plantation, 1250 Red Hill Road, Brookneal, VA.

Monday, May 29th - Memorial Day Commemorations throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Saturday, June 3rd, 11:00 am – 242nd Commemoration of Wayne's Crossing, Spirit of Loudoun Revolutionary War Memorial, Loudoun County Courthouse, 18 E Market Street, Leesburg, VA.

Saturday, June 10th, 11:00 am - Commemoration of the Virginia Declaration of Rights Event, Mason Family Cemetery Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton, VA.

Wednesday, June 14th - Flag Day

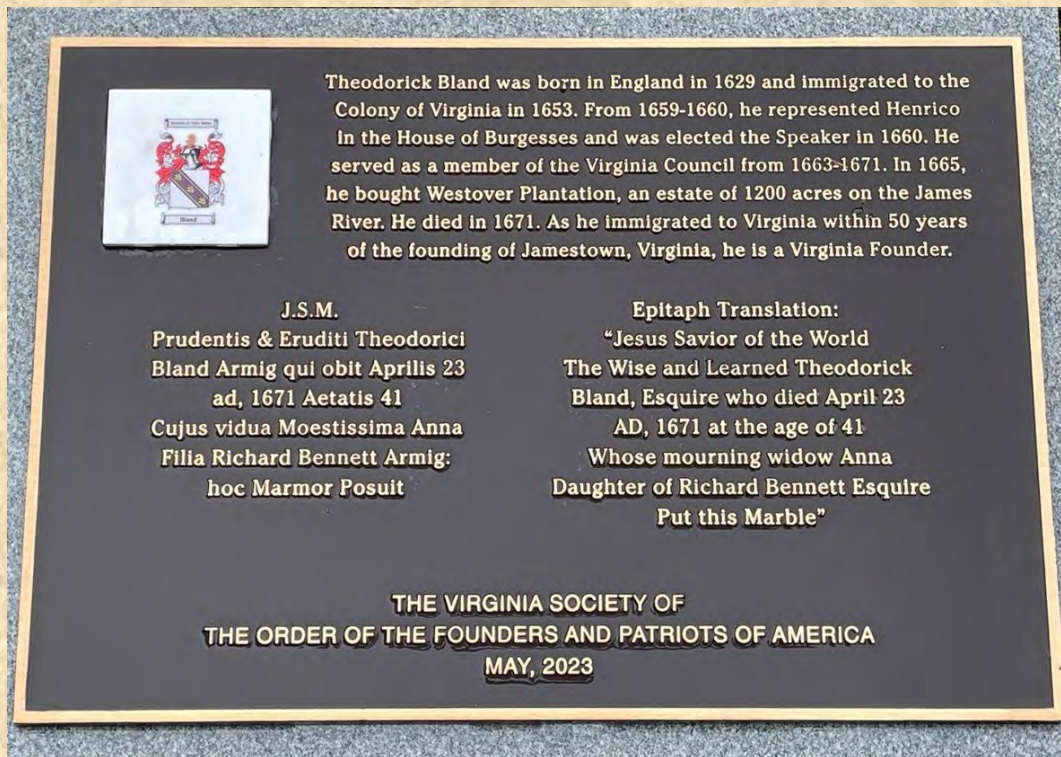
Saturday, June 17th - Gen. Daniel Morgan's Commemoration Mount Hebron Cemetery, 305 E Boscawen Street, Winchester, VA

Saturday, June 24th - 242nd Commemoration of the Battle of Spencer's Ordinary, Freedom Park, 5537 Centreville Road, Williamsburg, VA

Tuesday, July 4th - Independence Day and March to the Tomb, George Washington's Mount Vernon, VA.



Upcoming Events of the Day



On May 6th at 2:30 pm, the Virginia Society of the OFPA will dedicate a memorial plaque to Theodorick Bland, who is buried at Westover Plantation on the James River, around 30 miles west of Williamsburg, VA.

Theodorick Bland was born in England in 1629 and immigrated to the Colony of Virginia in 1653. From 1659 to 1660, he represented Henrico in the House of Burgesses and was elected the Speaker in 1660. He served as a member of the Virginia Council from 1663 to 1671. In 1665, he bought Westover Plantation, an estate of 1200 acres on the James River. He died in 1671.

The existing gravestone itself has eroded over the centuries and is barely legible. The plaque serves to perpetuate the wording and inscription of the gravestone which consists of the Bland coat of arms and a Latin inscription which has been copied and translated for future generations. As Theodorick Bland arrived in the colonies within 50 years of the founding of Jamestown (13 May 1607), he is a Founder, who the OFPA is honored to commemorate.



Significant & Noteworthy News



Crossing the Dan



The Commemoration of the 242nd Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan, hosted by the Dan River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, was held in the Prizery at South Boston, Virginia on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

Master of Ceremonies was Dr. Henry Williams, Past State President, Virginia Society SAR. The Virginia Society of the OFPA Governor Dr. Kenneth Hawkins brought greetings and presented a wreath from the Order. Associates Jeff Thomas and Phillip Barnard were also in attendance.



Though not a battle, it was one of the greatest victories of the American Revolution. Following the fall of Charleston and Camden, South Carolina, General Cornwallis was on the verge of victory in the South.

In response, General Washington sent General Nathaniel Greene in an effort to salvage the situation. He quickly refitted his army before dividing it in two and sending Gen. Daniel Morgan into South Carolina with one group to soundly beat the British at the Battle of Cowpens.

After the battle, General Morgan retreated to North Carolina with hundreds of prisoners and a cache of captured weapons and supplies. When General Greene learned of this victory he also turned his group north. General Lord Cornwallis' army was in hot pursuit.

Unfortunately, Gen. Morgan's ill health caused him to give up his command. Gen Greene continued the race North with his again united army. The plan was to cross the Dan River, a natural barrier between the borders of Virginia and North Carolina, where they would be able to prevent Cornwallis' army from continuing their pursuit.



On February 14, 1781, using ferryboats and every small boat they could find, they crossed the Dan. There, the hungry, cold, ill-equipped and exhausted soldiers were able to rest, and recuperate from the race to the Dan while the militia from the local towns provided protection. Just one month later, they recrossed the Dan to challenge Cornwallis at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

The event was held in conjunction with the 133rd Annual Meeting of the Virginia SAR at the Berry Hill Resort in Halifax, VA. The Virginia Society of the OFPA Governor Kenneth Hawkins brought greetings while Associates Jeff Thomas and Phillip Barnard also attended.



Significant & Noteworthy News



James Madison's Birthday

The annual birthday celebration of the 4th President of The United States of America, President James Madison Jr., was celebrated on March 16th.

The event this year was honored by being represented by some 23 various organizations. Councilor Douglas M. Graves of the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America made available the Virginia Society OFPA wreath for the ceremony.

This ceremony was in recognition of the anniversary of President Madison's 272nd year of birth (b. 1751). He is considered "*The Father of our Constitution*" and additionally is considered the architect in drafting our country's *Bill of Rights*.

The ceremony was held, at the Madison family cemetery, located on the grounds of his estate *Montpelier* which is located in Orange County, Virginia.



The Presidential Wreath presented by the United States Marine Corps

The day's guest speaker, Patrick Campbell, is the Education Program Manager at Montpelier's Center for the Constitution, and joined Montpelier in 2017. He served "an exciting and challenging 21 years as a U.S. Marine Corps infantry officer and lawyer; Patrick spent 13 years teaching government courses, coaching, and administration in independent schools. Patrick has a B.A. from the Univ. of Notre Dame, and a J.D. and M.Ed from UVA." Mr. Campbell provided, in his remarks, a snapshot of President James Madison's significant accomplishments.

In addition to the opening remarks by Mr. Campbell, representatives from the United States Marine Corps Quantico, Virginia, were present and with great honor they proudly presented the Presidential Wreath.

All of the participating organizations participating in this event were recognized by the speaker at the conclusion of his remarks. Additionally, the ceremony was streamed live (and recorded) on the world wide social media platform--*Facebook* - at *James Madison's Montpelier Facebook* page located at: <https://www.facebook.com/JMMontpelier>.

In addition to the event being streamed live on Montpelier's Facebook page, it was additionally promoted on their world wide website located at: <https://www.montpelier.org/events/james-madison-birthday>.



Significant & Noteworthy News



Peter Muhlenberg Commemoration

The Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held their annual Commemoration of Peter Muhlenberg on January 21st in Woodstock, Virginia. Representing the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America was Doug Hall and former Governor Mike Weyler.



Peter Muhlenberg

“Pastor & Patriot”
by Josh Pittman

It was Sunday morning early in the year 1776. In the church where Pastor Muhlenberg preached, it was a regular service for his congregation but a quite different affair for Muhlenberg himself.

Muhlenberg's text for the day was Ecclesiastics 3 where it explains, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted"!

Coming to the end of his sermon, Peter Muhlenberg turned to his congregation and said, "In the language of the holy writ, there was a time for all things, a time to preach and a time to pray, but those times have passed away." As those assembled looked on, Pastor Muhlenberg declared, "There is a time to fight, and that time has now come!" Muhlenberg then proceed-

ed to remove his robes revealing, to the shock of his congregation, a military uniform. Marching to the back of the church he declared, "Who among you is with me?"

On that day 300 men from his church stood up and joined Peter Muhlenberg. They eventually became the 8th 44 Virginia Brigade fighting for liberty.

Frederick Muhlenberg, Peter's brother, was against Peter's level of involvement in the war. Peter responded to Fredrick writing, "I am a Clergyman it is true, but I am a member of the Society as well as the poorest Layman, and my Liberty is as dear to me as any man, shall I then sit still and enjoy myself at Home when the best Blood of the Continent is spilling? ... so far am I from thinking that I act wrong, I am convinced it is my duty to do so and duty I owe to God and my country."

During the war there were rumors that the British wanted to hang Peter's father, Henry Muhlenberg. Henry wrote, "Toward evening came a report that they were near-by and going to take me. I cannot flee, much less leave my sick wife behind, so I must await whatever God's holy providence and governance ... has ordained for me and commit it to him, the Lord of Lords ... ". Miraculously, the British never came for Henry Muhlenberg.

Peter Muhlenberg was a great soldier. He became a Major General under Commander-in-chief George Washington. Baron Steuben, in general orders, requested "General Muhlenberg to accept his very particular thanks for his gallantry and good dispatches."² Because of his actions, Muhlenberg was given command of one thousand light infantry. Muhlenberg finished the war strong and is portrayed in a painting displayed in the United States Capitol Rotunda of the surrender of the British at Yorktown.

After the war, Muhlenberg continued to serve his country. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives not once, but three times. He was also elected to the Senate in 1801.

Peter's brother, Fredrick, had a change of heart to his brother's doings. Fredrick became elected to the House of Representatives and was Speaker of the House twice.

Peter Muhlenberg passed away in 1807 at the age of sixty-one. He was a great patriot as can be seen on his tombstone which reads, "He was Brave in the field, Faithful in the Cabinet, Honorable in all his transactions, a Sincere Friend and an Honest Man."



Significant & Noteworthy News



Leedstown Resolution



The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America in concert with its Virginia Society presented wreaths by the Historian General and Past Governor, Dr. Michael Weyler and Governor Dr. Kenneth Hawkins respectively. Also in attendance were Mike Lyman, Past Governor and Tim Ahlgrim, Associate.

On February 25th, the Commemoration of the 1766 Leedstown Resolutions was hosted by the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society at Ingleside Vineyards in Oak Grove, Virginia.

The Resolutions were signed on February 27, 1766 when one hundred and fifteen brave men pledged their lives, fortunes and their property in support of one another in protest of the 1765 Stamp Act and an assortment of other intolerable acts enacted by Parliament. Ten years after this historic signing in King George County, Virginia, several jurisdictions throughout Virginia and other colonies formed their own documents of protest. These documents would culminate in the drafting and approval of the Declaration of Independence.

On the occasion of this commemoration, the atmosphere inside was both warm and welcoming while the weather outside was cold with rain and sleet. The audience was enthralled by the riveting presentation of a discussion between the Lee Brothers (Richard Henry Lee & Francis Lightfoot Lee) reenacted by Charles Belfield and Bob Baily respectively.



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Patriot - William Warren



Remember . . .

The VA OFPA has several wreaths, a parade banner and an OFPA flag which can be used by any VAOFPA Associate at an event. It is a good way to let people know you are an OFPA member.

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 Hawkins and Secretary Russell to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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