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Cover photo: Colonial flags flying at Yorktown.  
Inside Cover: Fife and Drum Corps at Yorktown.  
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*Input or comments are welcome at any time.*



# Governor's Report on the Third Quarter of 2023



As we start into the fourth quarter of 2023, our focus will be our Fall Membership Meeting on October 19, Yorktown Victory Day in Yorktown, Virginia. We are encouraging maximum participation by all Virginia Associates.

The events of that day will start with the presentation

of wreaths at the tomb of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr., the Victory Day Parade down Main Street, and our luncheon meeting at the Riverwalk Restaurant on the York River. An important part of that meeting will be the nomination and election of VA OFPA Officers.

If you have not already responded to the meeting email you received on August 25th, I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Menu options for the luncheon are included. I'm also including a copy in this newsletter as well as our annual dues renewal form.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

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



*In Congress, July 4, 1776*

*The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--*

## Upcoming Events

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.

- ◆ October 7th, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am): 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC, hosted by the Kings Mountain Chapter NCSSAR and the Daniel Morgan Chapter SCSSAR at Kings Mountain National Military Park, 2625 Park Rd., Blacksburg, SC.
- ◆ October 8th, 2023, Sunday (2:00 pm): Founding of the Fairfax Independent Company, Fairfax, VA, hosted by the Fairfax Resolves Chapter at the Fairfax City Veterans Amphitheater, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA.
- ◆ Oct. 13th, Navy Birthday: The U.S. Navy was established on Oct.13, 1775, by the Continental Congress through a resolution that read: "That a swift sailing vessel, to carry 10 carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with 80 men, be fitted, with all possible dispatch, for a cruise of three months."
- ◆ October 14, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am): The Centreville Day Parade hosted by the Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter/Virginia SAR. The rally point is in historic Centreville, at Wharton Lane and Mount Gilead Road. Muster time is 10:15 am.
- ◆ October 14th, 2023, Saturday (7:00 pm): Ceremony Honoring Kings Mountain Patriots, Abingdon, VA, hosted by the General William Campbell Chapter VASSAR at the Sinking Spring Cemetery, Abingdon, VA.
- ◆ October 15th, 2023, Sunday (3:00 pm): A Joint Maryland / Virginia Grave Marking Ceremony for Robert Hanson Harrison, hosted by the Thomas Stone Chapter MDSSAR, and the Fairfax Resolves Chapter VASSAR at the Christ Church Durham Parish, 8700 Ironsides Dr., Nanjemoy, MD.
- ◆ October 19th, 2023, Thursday (9:15 am): Wreath Laying at the tomb of Thomas Nelson Jr., Yorktown, VA hosted by the Thomas Nelson Jr Chapter VASSAR at the Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, VA.
- ◆ **October 19th, 2023, Thursday (10:30 am): The Battle of Yorktown Victory Parade, Yorktown, VA, hosted by the Thomas Nelson Jr Chapter VASSAR in Yorktown, VA.**
- ◆ **October 19th, Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America Fall 2023 Meeting following the Yorktown Parade at Riverwalk Restaurant, 323 Water Street, Yorktown, Virginia 23960**



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 4th, 2023, Saturday (2:00 pm) - Commemoration of the Skirmish at Kemps Landing, hosted by the Norfolk Chapter at the Kempsville Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 5181 Singleton Way, Virginia Beach, VA.
- ◆ November 5th, 2023, Sunday (2:00 pm): Grave Marking for Patriot Maj. Joseph Eggleston, Amelia Court House, VA, hosted by the Richmond Chapter VASSAR at Grub Hill Church Road, Amelia Court House, VA.
- ◆ Nov. 10th, Marine Corps Birthday: The U.S. Marine Corps was founded in 1775 to serve aboard naval vessels and was responsible for the security of the ship and its crew by conducting offensive and defensive combat during boarding actions and defending the ship's officers from mutiny.
- ◆ November 11th, 2023, Saturday - Veterans Day Commemorations.
- ◆ November 11th, 2023, Saturday (1:00 pm): Wreath Laying at George Washington's Tomb, hosted by the George Washington Chapter VASSAR at Mount Vernon, VA.
- ◆ December 2nd, 2023, Saturday (11:00 am): 248th Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA, co-hosted by the Norfolk Chapter, Great Bridge Chapter, and the VADAR at the Great Bridge Battlefield, 1775 Historic Way, Chesapeake, VA.
- ◆ December 3rd, 2023, Sunday (5:00 pm): Gold Star Family Gala, Virginia Beach, VA, hosted by the Honor and Remember Organization, George Lutz, the founder and Gold Star father at The Founder's Inn, 5641 Indian River Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464
- ◆ December 9th, 2023, Saturday (7:30 am): The Culpeper Commemoration of Battle of Great Bridge, Culpeper, VA, hosted by the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR at the Culpeper Minuteman Monument, Yowell Meadow Park, Culpeper, VA.
- ◆ Dec. 13th, National Guard Birthday (The Militia): In 1636, the National Guard of the United States was founded as state militias and is the oldest component of the armed forces. Today, it is a joint activity of the United States Department of Defense consisting of the Army and the Air National Guard.
- ◆ Dec. 20th, Space Force Birthday: In 2019, The U.S. Space Force is the first new armed service since 1947. Established on Sept. 1. 1982, it is responsible for space warfare operations.

## Society Events

### Battle of Green Spring



The Battle of Green Spring (aka Battle of Jamestown) on July 6, 1781 is a little known footnote in the history of the Revolutionary War but was the largest battle in Virginia before the Siege of Yorktown. The battle was fierce and bloody, and part of a chain of events that ultimately resulted in the George Washington's victory at Yorktown. Dr. Kenneth Hawkins, Governor of the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America presented the Society's wreath.

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### Battle of Cricket Hill

July 8th was a typical July day in Southeastern Virginia. The Commemoration of the Battle of Gwynn's Island (aka Battle of Cricket Hill) was hosted by the Richard Henry Lee Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The battle took place when Patriot forces bombarded the British

ships at anchor on Gwynn's Island where John Murray, the Earl of Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of Virginia had landed and set up camp after being deposed in Norfolk. This was a signal victory for the Patriots just days after the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. The guest speaker was Jeff Thomas. He recounted the lead up to the battle after the British loss at Great Bridge. His presentation was most interesting as it included comments from his ancestor, David Baker who served as a Corporal in the 3rd Virginia Regiment who wrote, "The first service that I saw was the cannonading at Gwynn's Island against Governor Dunmore." Dr. Kenneth Hawkins, Governor of the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America brought greetings from the Society. Other Society members present included Past Governor Myron Lyman, Secretary James Russell, and Associate Jeff Thomas.





## Society Events



### Battle of the Capes

Saturday, September 3, 2022 was a beautiful end-of-summer day in Southeastern Virginia where over 190 people gathered at the bronze statue of French Admiral de Grasse to commemorate the 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of the Virginia Capes. The statue was a gift from France and recognizes the Admiral's singular naval victory over the British Royal Navy. Making it especially eventful was the international patriotism displayed as the majority of attendees at this Norfolk Chapter SAR event were French military personnel and their families.

The Battle of the Capes was a crucial battle in the Revolutionary War. Rear Adm Sir Thomas Graves led a British fleet of 19 ships of the line against a French fleet of 24 ships of the line led by Vice Adm Francois Joseph Paul, Comte Grasse. The Continental Navy did not participate. The outcome of the battle was strategically decisive as it prevented the British from reinforcing or evacuating Lord Cornwallis' force

at Yorktown. The French then, were able to gain control of the entrance to the Virginia Capes and led to the British surrender at Yorktown just a month later. Christopher Melhuish, in a Virginian-Pilot article, stated, "Decisive local superiority at sea assured by de Grasse's ships sealed the fate of the British Army at Yorktown. British strategy had assumed the Royal Navy would maintain continuity of naval superiority in North America. When the Royal Navy lost that, Britain lost America."

The event was attended by 40 organizations. Robert Bruce, Chapter President of the Norfolk Chapter SAR was the Master of Ceremonies. Representing the Virginia Society OFPA, Governor Dr. Kenneth Hawkins presented a wreath. Other Society members in attendance were Associates Tim Ahlgrim, Jeff Thomas and Phil Barnard. Thirty nine other organization also presented wreaths.



# Ancestor Memorials

**Associate** - Timothy Francis Ahlgrim  
**Founder** - William Story  
**Patriot** - Solomon Story

**Associate** - Carl Franklin Bess, Jr.  
**Founder** - Dr. Patrick Napier  
**Patriot** - Ashford Napier

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Associate** - Asa Wesley Graves VI  
**Founder** - Thomas Graves  
**Patriot** - Thomas Graves

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

**Associate** - Douglas Morgan Graves  
**Founder** - Thomas Graves  
**Patriot** - Thomas Graves & son, John Graves

**Associate** - Douglass Russell Hall, Jr.  
**Founder** - Richard Sawtell  
**Patriot** - Johnathan Sawtell, Sr

**Associate** - John Sterling Harris  
**Founder** - William Tuttle  
**Patriot** - Sylvanus Tuttle

**Associate** - Christopher Lee Hubbard  
**Founder** - George Hubbard  
**Patriot** - Petter Hubbard

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

**Associate** - Nicholas John Jewett  
**Founder** - Maximilian Jewett  
**Patriot** - Ezekiel Jewett

**Associate** - Croft Moundeford Randolph Kirby  
**Founder** - Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot** - Capt. William Kirby

**Associate** - Reade Bradbury Hazzard Kirby  
**Founder** - Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot** - Capt. William Kirby

**Associate** - Taylor Thoroughgood Lawson Kirby  
**Founder** - Thomas Kirby  
**Patriot** - Capt. William Kirby

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

**Associate** - Richard H. Knight, Jr.  
**Founder** - Edwin Conway  
**Patriot** - Catlett Conway

**Associate** - Terry Robert Krebs  
**Founder** - John Benson Sr & son John Benson, Jr.  
**Patriot** - Job Benson & son Elihu Benson

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

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

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

**Associate** - Bruce Edward Jr Munger  
**Founder** - Nicholas Munger CT  
**Patriot** - Timothy Munger Madison, CT



# Ancestor Memorials

**Associate** - Terence Frederick O'Rourke  
**Founder** - Thomas Stoughton, MA  
**Patriot** - 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 Coleman Redd, III  
**Founder** - Col. William Claiborne  
**Patriot** - Maj. Bullar Claiborne

**Associate** - James Franklin Russell, II  
**Founder** - Nicholas George  
**Patriot** - Spencer George

**Associate** - Thomas Wirt Sale, III  
**Founder** - William Sale, **Founder**  
**Patriot** - Robert Sale, Jr. **Patriot**

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

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

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

**Associate** - John Richard Taylor, III  
**Founder** - Robert Newman  
**Patriot** - John Newman

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

**Associate** - Larry Eldon Tubbs  
**Founder** - William Tubbs)  
**Patriot** - Isaac Tubbs (Lyme, CT)

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

**Associate** - Michael Ernest Weyler  
**Founder** - Simon Stone  
**Patriot** - David Stone

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

**Associate** - James Manuel Bayne  
**Founder** - William Hatcher  
**Patriot** - Edward Hatcher

**Associate** - Donald Lee Crossman  
**Founder** - Robert Crossman  
**Patriot** - Theophilus Crossman

**Associate** - Zachary Nolan Hall  
**Founder** - Capt. Thomas Graves  
**Patriot** - Thomas Graves & son John Graves

**Associate** - Myron Edwin Lyman, Sr.  
**Founder** - Richard Lyman  
**Patriot** - Ozias Lyman

**Associate** - Thomas Wirt Sale, IV  
**Founder** - William Sale  
**Patriot** - Robert Sale, Jr.

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

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

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

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

**Associate** - John Courtney Sheffield, III  
**Founder** - William Wynn, II  
**Patriot** - John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

**Associate** - Daniel Churchman Warren, MD  
**Founder** - Thomas Warren  
**Patriot** - William Warren

# ROTC/JROTC Awards

## James Madison University Army ROTC Awards Ceremony

3 May 2023

Harrisonburg, Virginia

At the JMU ROTC awards ceremony, Councilor Douglas M. Graves and [Associate Zachary N Hall](#) (grandson of Councilor Graves) of the Virginia Society OFPA, presented the OFPA “*Superior Achievement*” award to [Cadet Andrew Edwards](#).

Cadet Edwards just completed his sophomore year and hails from Charlottesville, Virginia.



Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Michael “Graham” Davidson—the Commander for Military Science at James Madison University’s Army ROTC Program leading 9 cadets in their “Oath of the Commissioned Officer” whereby they pledge their allegiance to our great Nation.



Associate Zachary N Hall (left), Cadet Andrew Edwards, and Councilor Douglas M. Graves





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

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Fall 2023 Meeting  
Thursday 19 October 2023  
9:00AM – 3:00PM  
Yorktown, Virginia

### **Location:**

Riverwalk Restaurant  
323 Water Street  
Yorktown, Virginia 23960  
757-875-1522

### **Itinerary:**

#### **9:00-10:00AM – Wreath-laying Ceremony at Governor Thomas Nelson Jr.'s Grave**

Grace Episcopal Church, hosted by the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution  
OFPA (National) & Virginia Society OFPA Memorial Wreaths will be presented.

#### **10:30AM - 11:30AM - Yorktown Day Parade**

Main Street, sponsored by the National Park Service

The Virginia Society OFPA will march in the parade. Maximum participation by Associates is encouraged!

#### **11:30PM – 2:00PM – Luncheon, Guest Presenter & Business Meeting**

Riverwalk Restaurant



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**Luncheon Menu & Reservations:**

**\$45.00 per person**

Menu choices are (please indicate the total number of entrées for you and/or your party)

Seared SALMON Fillet \_\_\_\_\_ or Herb-Roasted CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_

All entrées are served with Mashed Herbed Potatoes and a seasonal medley of mixed fresh vegetables. The Signature Warm Apple Bread Pudding will finish the meal off and Iced Tea (sweet or unsweet), Coffee, or Soft Drink (your choice) are included.

Please make your selection of an entrée as indicated above: Salmon or Chicken. Vegetarian dishes are available upon request. Spirits and cocktails are also available but not included.

\*If more than one in your party, kindly indicate the names below and entrée choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ SALMON or CHICKEN (*circle*)  
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Total Number in Your Party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to "Virginia Society OFPA" and remit to the address below.

**Please RSVP BEFORE Saturday 14 October.**

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