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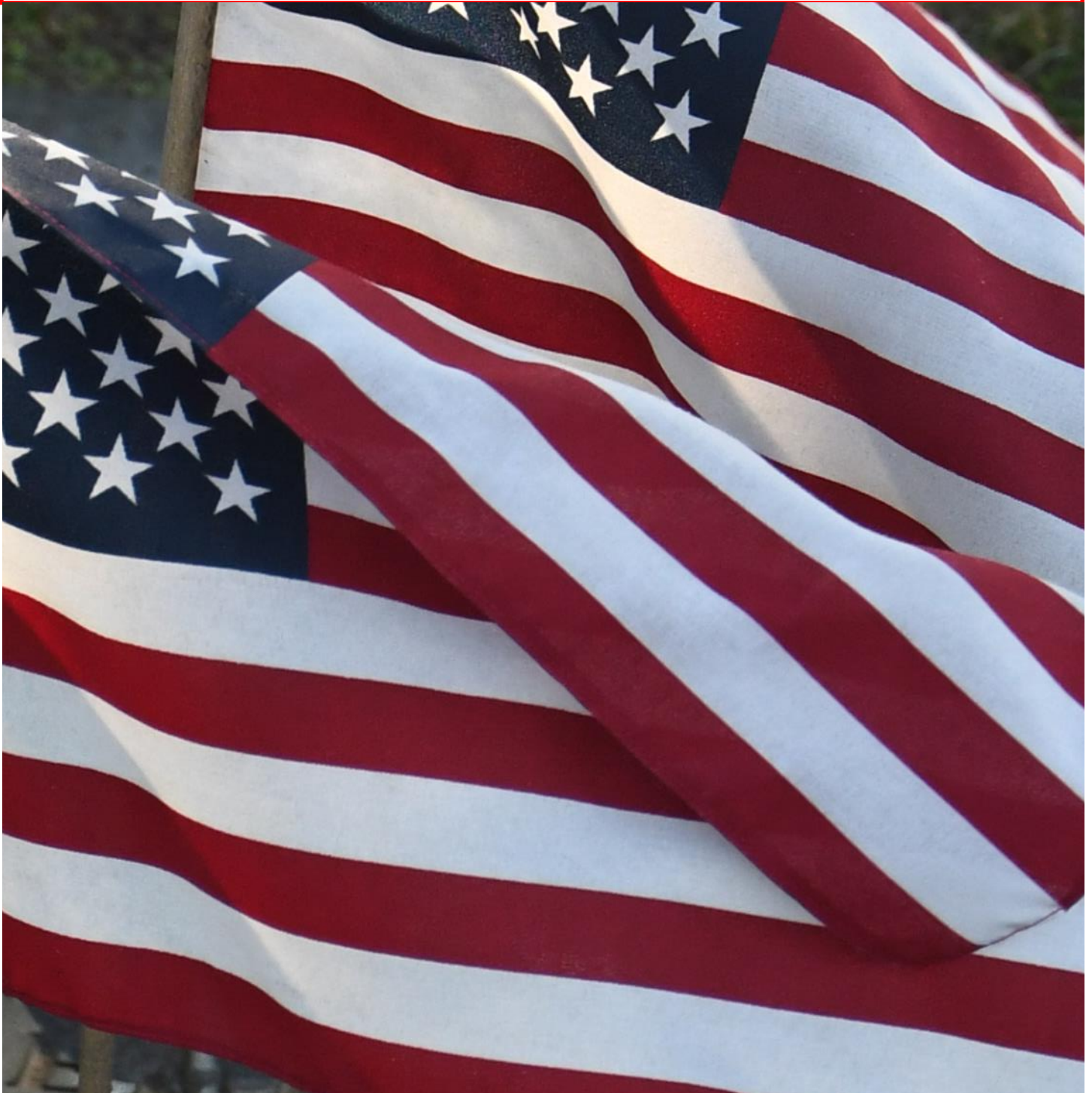


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Governor's Report on the Fourth Quarter of 2023



The Virginia Society, OFPA's focus this past quarter was on two major events: Yorktown Day on October 19th and the Battle of Great Bridge commemoration in Chesapeake, VA on December 2nd.

Yorktown Day, a National SAR event, started at 9:00 am at the Grace Episcopal Church and the annual ceremony honoring Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr., commander of the Virginia Militia during the Siege of Yorktown on October 19, 1781. The annual Yorktown Day Victory Parade through the town began on schedule at 10:30 a.m.

At this point, I wish to provide a comment in memory of a past Governor of the Virginia Society, OFPA. On route to the 11:30 a.m. Fall Membership meeting at the Riverwalk Restaurant, I came upon the sight of a small gathering around someone lying on the ground. That person was Mike Lyman, a good friend and well known and respected individual in the SAR and OFPA communities throughout the state and national associations. He succumbed a few days later and will be sorely missed by many.

Our 2023 Fall Membership Meeting began at about 12:00 p.m. Our guest speaker was Jon Millar of Williamsburg who, dressed as a Colonial Naval officer,

discussed the formation of the Colonial Navy and many other relevant facts of life during the colonial period.

On December 2nd the commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge in Chesapeake Virginia was held on the banks of the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake. I presented the Virginia OFPA wreath. Other members of our society present were Past-Governor Mike Weyler and Associate Jeff Thomas. The actual Battle of Great Bridge had taken place in the early hours of December 9, 1775, which was a decisive victory for the Virginia Militia, and led to the British departure from Virginia. The Culpeper Minutemen played a dominant role in that fight and are so honored in Chesapeake.

Another highlight of this event was the chartering of a new SAR chapter, the Great Bridge Chapter of the Virginia Society of Sons of the American Revolution. The charter was presented by Virginia SAR President Ernie Coggins to me, the Organizing President of the Great Bridge Chapter. Following this, the Inaugural meeting of the Great Bridge Chapter was held at the Butchers Sons restaurant in Chesapeake.

I wish you all the happiest of New Years and pray for those in need.

Steadfast for God and Country,

Kenneth Hawkins, Ed.D.
Governor, Virginia Society



Society Events

The State Society of the OFPA was well-represented at the annual Commemorative Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr. held at the Grace Episcopal Church in historic Yorktown on October 19th. The event, was sponsored by

the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution and was followed by the Yorktown Day Parade, on Main Street and past the Monument to Alliance and Victory, Yorktown.



Associate Phillip Barnard, Governor Kenneth Hawkins, Registrar Richard Rattan, Councilor Donald Moore, and Treasurer Shane Newcombe at Thomas Nelson's grave.





Standing (l-r): Timothy Ahlgrim; John Taylor; Daniel Warren; Donald Moore; Douglas Hall; John Millar; Phillip Barnard; Mike Weyler; Richard Rattan; Kenneth Hawkins; Shane Newcombe; and Peter Hill. Seated (l-r): Cathy Millar; Elena Hill; Elaina Warren; Katherine Weyler, Jenny Lou Newcombe.

Immediately following the annual October 19th Yorktown Day celebration, the 2023 Fall Membership Meeting at the Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown was called to order by Governor Kenneth Hawkins at 11:30 am. Associate Tim Ahlgrim brought the Invocation and Associate Phil Barnard led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Governor Hawkins made the sad announcement that, only minutes earlier, one of our long time members, Mike Lyman, and past society governors had suffered a severe stroke and was taken to a local hospital.

A brief discussion followed before the Registrar, Rich Rattan began his report which focused on the activities and events he and others participated in and, again, he was commended for the outstanding job he did in orchestrating the spring's grave marking ceremony at Westover Plantation. Rich has already identified potential graves for recognition in the coming year.

Also commended were the officers and associates who had presented certificates and medals of recognition to 14 JROTC and 20 ROTC cadets this year.

Dr. Hawkins noted that upon review of the society's officers and councilors, that the position of deputy governor required filling due to the geographical separation existing with the incumbent. Additionally, one of the current councilors had indicated he would no longer be participating and a replacement needed to be found. Dr. Hawkins led the discussion with the nomination of Associate Phil Barnard to replace the current deputy governor and Associate Tim Ahlgrim to fill the vacant councilor position. Following a brief discussion, a vote was taken and they were unanimously voted in to their respective positions.

Following lunch, Governor Hawkins introduced the speaker, John Millar, who spoke about the founding of the Colonial Navy. John, dressed as a Colonial Naval Captain gave an outstanding presentation which included many anecdotes of life in colonial times.

Dr. Hawkins then installed Deputy Governor Phil Barnard and Councilor Tim Ahlgrim. Both of these gentlemen are also active members of the Virginia Society of the SAR.

The closing Benediction was given by Councilor Tim Ahlgrim.



Virginia Society Governor Dr. Kenneth Hawkins presented a wreath at the commemoration of the 248th Anniversary of the Skirmish at Kemp's Landing sponsored by the Norfolk Chapter, SAR was held on Saturday, November 4th in Virginia Beach.

Actions at Kemp's Landing were important Virginia revolutionary era

events. The skirmish marked the first loss of Virginia Patriots in defense of the colony. Lord Dunmore, the Royal Governor of Virginia, issued his infamous proclamation declaring martial law and freeing all slaves and indentured servants of Patriots after this action.

Virginia Society Governor, Dr. Kenneth Hawkins, presented our Society's wreath on Sunday, November 5th, at the Grave Marking and Solemn Commemoration of Major Joseph Eggleston's Life and Patriotic Service which was held at the Historic Grub Hill Church in Amelia, VA.

The service was sponsored by the Richmond Chapter, of the Sons of the American Revolution in cooperation with Christ Episcopal Church of Amelia, The Amelia County American Revolution 250 Committee and the Amelia County Historical Society.



He was an American farmer, soldier, and politician from Amelia County, Virginia. Soon after graduating from the College of William and Mary in 1776 joined the Revolutionary army serving in the cavalry. In the southern campaign against Colonel Tarleton, Captain Eggleston commanded the rear guard of Colonel Henry Lee's legion, and acquired the name of being one of the most efficient officers in the American cavalry. He was distinguished in the engagement at Guilford Court House in March 1781, and in the siege of Augusta in June of that year. The first success in the battle of Eutaw, in September 1781, was the attack by Major Eggleston on the advance of the British forces. After the war he was a member of the Virginia assembly for several years, and was also a representative in congress from Virginia, serving from 3 December 1798 to 3 March 1801.

Virginia Society Governor, Dr. Kenneth Hawkins, presented a wreath for the Society. Also present were Historian General Dr. Michael Weyler and Deputy Governor Phil Barnard.



Councilor Timothy Ahlgrim presented the State Society's wreath at Colonial Williamsburg's annual Veterans Day program on the Palace Green, honoring the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This stirring tribute was presented in partnership with the Williamsburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Necrology

Myron Edwin "Mike" Lyman, Sr.

Born: May 3, 1931

Died: October 25, 2023

Myron "Mike" Edwin Lyman, Sr. born May 3, 1931 in Cambridge, NY, passed away peacefully at 92 on October 25, 2023. He was a resident of White Stone for the last 17 years. He is survived by sons Myron, Jr. of Perry, GA., Dwight D. Lyman of Atlanta, GA., and the family of his late son Craig A. Lyman of Bonaire, GA. He has five grandchildren, Kimberly Cummings; Brian A. and Kevin L. Lyman, children of Craig; Halley and Maia, daughters of Dwight Lyman and Laura Ross and six great-grandchildren, Victoria and Kaylie Cummings, Phillip, Juniper and Jude Lyman, and Mason Lyman. He leaves a dear companion, Jean R. Ward, who resides in Maine.

Mike received a B.S. in Agriculture at the University of Vermont in 1952. He managed a dairy farm in Vermont and was the main herdsman of a large dairy farm in Florida. Drafted in the Army in 1954, he served in the Infantry for 25 years with tours in Korea, Germany and Vietnam, and is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College. In combat he was a District Advisor in the Military Advisory Group Vietnam. His non-combat tours include being company commander and staff officer in many units and before retiring was the Chief of the Army's Personnel Management Team and Chief of the Records Section, Military Personnel Center. He retired in 1979 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel with a Regular Army commission.

His decorations include the Combat Infantry Badge, Airborne Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with cluster, Purple Heart with cluster, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with bronze and silver star, and Good conduct Medal and various service medals.

Mike was a member of several lineage societies and has been especially active in the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, serving as a chapter president and state burial chairman and editor/compiler of Genealogical, Burial and Service Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Virginia. While president of the Virginia Society War of 1812, he edited and compiled the book, Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia and was editor/compiler of an addendum to it. He co-edited Encounters With the British in Virginia During the War of 1812.

Mike was a past Virginia Governor of the Order of Founders and Patriots in America, a member of The Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry, The Society of Colonial Wars, The Society of Mayflower Descendants, The society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, The Society of Descendants of Colonial Clergy, and The Sons of Union Veterans.

On the Northern Neck of Virginia he was an active member of the Richard Henry Lee Chapter SAR, The Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library, and the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 am on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Currie Funeral Home in Kilmarnock.

Necrology

Scott B. Meacham

Born: Dec 21, 1972

Died: January 10, 2023

Scott Blackford Meacham, 50, died on Jan. 10, 2023, after a valiant 15-month battle against pancreatic cancer. Born at Anchorage Community Hospital on the winter solstice in 1972, Scott was the son of Thomas and Jane Camden Meacham, and older brother to Brian. Scott grew up in South Addition on H Street, and attended Anchorage Cooperative Preschool and the Chugach Elementary Optional Program. In 1981, the family moved to the Hillside where Scott attended Abbott Loop Elementary Optional, Hanshew Jr. High and Service High School. class of 1991. Scott loved cross-country skiing in Junior Nordic and on school teams in the fifth through 12th grades. He played trumpet in the band in the fifth through 11th grades, highlighted by a 1989 band trip to the Pacific Basin Band Festival in Honolulu, Hawaii. Scott enjoyed hiking and backpacking in Chugach State Park, including summer and winter solstice overnights on Flattop, and several trips to Williwaw Lakes with family and friends. Scott sometimes brought along a novel to read in the sun, on the ridge line overlooking Long Lake and the North Fork of Campbell Creek.

Scott spent his high school summer of 1990 in Iceland, and later college terms in Mainz, Germany, and Oxford, England. Scott graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., with a BA in English, cum laude, in 1995; earned a Masters in architectural history from University of Virginia in 1998), and was awarded a Juris Doctor in law from UVA in 2004. In summer 2003, Scott was a law clerk with the Anchorage firm of Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot. Scott moved to Virginia in 1996, and married his beloved wife Sarah there in 2000. They lived first in Charlottesville, Va., where, in 2008, their daughter Camden was born. Later in 2008, they settled in Richmond, Va., where Scott worked as a legislative attorney, staffing the natural resources committees of the Virginia General Assembly. Scott authored the definitive book on Dartmouth College's architectural history, *The Campus Guide to Dartmouth College: An Architectural Tour* (Princeton Architectural Press, 2008).

Scott was unfailingly calm, curious, witty and knowledgeable. He loved returning to Alaska when he could; one of his fondest memories was the sight of their daughter Camden, then 11 years old, wearing a shaggy knit horse hat and braving the rough waters of Kachemak Bay at the bow of the Danny J, on a windy journey from Halibut Cove to Homer.

Scott is survived by his wife, Sarah; daughter, Camden; parents, Tom and Jane Meacham of Anchorage, Alaska; younger brother, Brian and wife Aimee of Woodbridge, Conn.; aunt, Barb Christofferson of Cheyenne, Wyo.; parents-in-law, Michael and Jo-Anne Hand of Williamsburg, Va.; brother-in-law, Todd Hand and wife Christine of Brookfield, Conn.; and numerous loving cousins, nieces and nephews. A service celebrating Scott's life was held in Richmond on Jan. 14, 2023. Scott's ashes will be interred at the historic Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, and a portion will be scattered in Chugach State Park next summer.

Contributions in memory of Scott's life may be made to Trailside Discovery Camp, akcentereducationalfund.org; or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, pancan.org.

Ancestor Memorials

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

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

Associate - Peter Edwin Broadbent, Jr.
Founder - Richard Talbott
Patriot - Richard Talbott

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

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

Associate - Lewis Turner Cowardin, II
Founder - Peter Carwardine
Patriot - John Cowardin

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

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

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

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

Associate - Hugh ErskineFraser, III
Founder - John Barker
Patriot - Henry Barker, Jr

Associate - Thomas A. Gibson
Founder - William Hartwell
Patriot - Daniel Hartwell

Associate - Douglas M. "Doug" Graves
Founder - Capt. Thomas Graves
Patriot - Thomas Graves & son John Graves

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

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

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

Associate - Douglass R. Hall
Founder - Richard Sawtell
Patriot - Johnathan Sawtell, Sr

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

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

Associate - Kenneth Levon Hawkins
Founder - William Hawkins
Patriot - Benoni Hawkins

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

Associate - Donnel J. "Jerry" Hubbard
Founder - George Hubbard
Patriot - Petter Hubbard

Associate - Liam Jackson Hubbard
Founder - George Hubbard
Patriot - Petter Hubbard

Associate - Nicholas John "Nick" Jewett
Founder - Maximilian Jewett
Patriot - Ezekiel Jewett

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

Associate - James Calvert Everall Kirby
Founder - Thomas Kirby
Patriot - Capt. William Kirby

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

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

Ancestor Memorials

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 - Terry Robert Krebs
Founder - John Benson & son, John
Patriot - Job Benson, and son, Elihu

Associate - John "Jake" Carbery Lay, II
Founder - Robert Lay
Patriot - Asa Lay

Associate - Brian Allen Lyman
Founder - Richard Lyman
Patriot - Ozias Lyman

Associate - Kevin Lee Lyman
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

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

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

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

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

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

Associate - Walter J. "Walt" Sheffield
Founder - Col. Robert Wynne II
Patriot - John Winn, Sr & son, Peter Winn

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

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

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Founder - John Stiles
Patriot - David Stiles

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Patriot - Isaac Tubbs

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Associate - Dr. Daniel Churchman "Dan" Warren
Founder - Thomas Warren
Patriot - William Warren

Associate - Dr. Michael Ernest "Mike" Weyler
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Patriot - David Stone

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Patriot - Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

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