



THE VIRGINIA CAVALIER



The Virginia Society, Order of Founders and Patriots of America



Visit us at: www.vaofpa.org
and Facebook at www.facebook.com/founderspatriots

Vol 19, No. 1

Spring 2024



This Issue



Governors Report
Upcoming Events
Society Events
Meetings and Ceremonies
Membership and Genealogy
Ancestor Memorials
National News

2023-2025 OFFICERS

Governor - Dr. Kenneth L. Hawkins -
drklhawkins@gmail.com

Deputy Governor - Mr. Phillip E. Barnard -
virginiasociety8@gmail.com

Treasurer - Mr. J. Shane Newcombe -
shane@AbroadHomeFurnishings.com

Secretary - Mr. James F. Russell -
jimrussell1948@yahoo.com

State's Attorney - Mr. Walter J. Sheffield,
Esq. - wjs@wshefflaw.com

Registrar - Mr. Richard T. Rattan -
barnesja0319@gmail.com

Chaplain - Mr. Terry R. Krebs -
terryrkrebs@gmail.com

Genealogist - Mr. Richard T. Rattan -
barnesja0319@gmail.com

Historian - Mr. Gerry Culver, Jr. -
Gerry.gpccpa@gmail.com

Councilor General - Dr. Michael E. Weyler
meweyler@aol.com

Webmaster: Mr. Donald Moore
www.vaofpa.org

Cavalier Editor: Timothy F. Ahlgrim
bakerstr@outlook.com

Councilors: Carl Bess Jr., Taylor Cowardin,
Timothy F. Ahlgrim, Wes Graves, Jerry
Hubbard, Doug Hall, Donald Moore,
James Russell, and Doug Graves

The Virginia Cavalier is an official publication of the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America (VAOFPA) and is a newsletter currently published in Portsmouth, Virginia. Material which is original with The Cavalier may be published and/or quoted in whole or in part with attribution. Inquiries and requests for information should be made to the Editor.
Input or comments are welcome at any time.

Cover and inside photo by Tim Ahlgrim

Governor's Report on the First Quarter of 2024



This quarter has provided new opportunities to advance awareness of our Society and the OFPA. On Saturday, January 13th, the 248th Anniversary of the Burning of Norfolk & Defeat of Lord Dunmore was commemorated at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk. The Norfolk Chapter SAR sponsored the event. To our knowledge, this was the first time a commemoration of this event has been held. Councilor Tim Ahlgrim represented the Virginia OFPA.

On February 9th, I represented our Society at the grave marking ceremony and commemoration of the patriotic service of Captain Philip Slaughter and Sergeant James Vaughn. The event was held at the Shockoe Hill Cemetery and sponsored by the Richmond Chapter, SAR. Michael Weyler, Past Governor and Historian General along with Deputy Governor Phil Bernard and Associate Jeff Thomas were also in attendance. The following day, I brought greetings from the Virginia Order to the Virginia SAR's annual meeting held at the Richmond Omni Hotel. Other members pre-

sent were Past Governor and Historian General Mike Weyler, Deputy Governor Phil Bernard, and Associate Jeff Thomas.

On March 16th, I attended and brought greetings from our Order to the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Norfolk Chapter SAR at the Princess Anne Country Club in Virginia Beach. Councilor Tim Ahlgrim was also in attendance.

Our focus this quarter is on the preparation for the Spring Membership Meeting 11:00 a.m. at the Oyster Farm Eatery in Cape Charles with the Grave Marking ceremony at 3:00 pm for Edmund Scarborough in Hedra Cottage which is near Craddocksville approximately 1 hour drive north of Cape Charles. I want to express my greatest appreciation to our genealogist / registrar Jake 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.

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



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.

April 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM: Patriots Day Commemoration Front Royal, Va. VASSAR sponsored event. Contact the Col. James Wood II Chapter for more information.

April 9, 2024 at 11:30 AM: Richard Henry Lee Chapter's luncheon. The guest speaker is Deputy Governor Phillip E. Barnard, VA OFPA. Contact the RHL Chapter for reservations and more information.

April 13, 2024 at 11:00 and 12:30 PM: Grave Marking and Wreath Laying Ceremonies co-hosted by the Norfolk and Great Bridge Chapter for Revolutionary War patriots Willis Wilkins and William West in Chesapeake (2 locations). Contact either chapter for more information.

April 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM: Commemoration of John Champe & Patriots Day hosted by Sgt Maj John Champe Chapter at the Champe Farm, Champe Ford Road, Middleburg, VA (across Highway 50 from Cana Winery).

April 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM: Wreath-laying and commemoration of the 281st Birthday of President Jefferson hosted by the District of Columbia SAR and will sponsor a commemorative ceremony at the Jefferson Memorial on the Tidal Basin in Washington.

April 19, 2024 at 4:00 PM: Patriots Day Commemoration and wreath-laying in Culpeper, hosted by Culpeper Minutemen Chapter VASSAR at the Masonic Cemetery, Culpeper, VA.

April 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM: Celebration of the 266th Birthday of President James Monroe hosted by the James Monroe Memorial Foundation in Colonial Beach, VA. For more information, go to <https://monroefoundation.org> for more information.

April 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM: 7th Annual Revolutionary Beer Fest hosted by The Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation in Chesapeake. For more information at <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/va--chesapeake/revolutionary-bee-fest/>.

5/5/2024 at 2:00 PM: Dedication of historical marker at the Berkeley Plantation Shipyard hosted by the Richmond VASSAR chapter. For more information, contact the chapter at cy.rva.sar@gmail.com.

May 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM: VA OFPA Spring meeting and luncheon at the Oyster Farm Seafood Eatery, 500 Marina Circle, Cape Charles, Virginia.

May 25, 2024 10:00 to 4:00 PM: Genealogy Day at the Beach hosted by the Virginia Beach Genealogical Society at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach. For more information, email genealogyday@vbgsva.net.

May 25, 2024 at 3:00 PM: Patriot Grave Marking hosted by the Martin's Station Chapter, VASSAR, honoring James Campbell, a patriot of the American Revolution at the Old Campbell Cemetery in Rose Hill, VA. Contact dhc196855@yahoo.com for more information.

5/27/2024: Memorial Day

Society Events

Burning of Norfolk



Councilor Tim Ahlgrim presented the State Society's wreath at the commemoration and wreath laying ceremony on January 13, 2024 in recognition of the burning of Norfolk in 1776.

Over 60 individuals assembled at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Norfolk, VA for the event. Fifteen other patriotic organizations presented wreaths to honor those who served. The historic brick church, constructed in 1739, was the only structure in the city of over 1300 buildings to survive complete destruction.

Dr. Patrick Hannum, the guest speaker, explained how the entire city was destroyed over a 40-day period during January and February 1776, initially by British naval bombardment and later by the Patriot forces.

The city was critical to contin-

ued occupation of Virginia by British forces of the royal governor and Loyalists. Its destruction resulted in the loss of a base of operations for British maritime and land operations in Virginia.

This allowed Virginia to support the Continental Army with 15 numbered regiments and sustain the war effort while protecting the state with militia units. Virginia was raided, but not until 1781 was the state again occupied by the British military and that ended badly at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

The Patriot destruction of Norfolk was one of the most important strategic events of the entire war and took place five months before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Battle of Cowpens

On January 13th, the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, VAS-SAR, paid tribute to a defining moment in American history – the Battle of Cowpens. This battle, fought on January 17, 1781, in South Carolina, was a crucial turning point in the Revolutionary War.

General Daniel Morgan, a figure of courage and tactical brilliance, led the colonial forces against the formidable British regiment under Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton.

Morgan, a man of the frontier, used his deep understanding of his troops and the terrain to outma-

neuver Tarleton. Tarleton, in contrast, brought the discipline and might of the elite British forces, hoping to crush the colonial resistance.

The battle showcased Morgan's ingenuity, particularly his use of a double envelopment tactic that turned Tarleton's aggressiveness against him. This decisive victory crippled the British force, capturing 600 and wounding or killing over 300, marking the beginning of the end for British ambitions in the South.



Former OFPA Virginia Governor Mike Weyler and Associate Doug Hall presented our wreath along with those presented by various organizations, symbolizing respect and remembrance for those who fought bravely in the battle. The list of presenters, including representatives from the SAR, DAR, C.A.R.

Peter Muhlenberg Commemoration



Saturday, January 20th, Peter Muhlenberg and his life was honored.

An ordained Anglican pastor served the Lutheran community in Woodstock, VA. Besides his congregation, he led the Committee of Safety and Correspondence for Dunmore County, Virginia. He was elected to the House of Burgesses in 1774 and was a delegate to the First Virginia Convention.

Toward the end of 1775, Muhlenberg was authorized to raise and command the 8th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army.

According to a biography written by his great-nephew in the mid-19th century, on January 21, 1776, in the Lutheran church in Woodstock, Virginia, Reverend Muhlenberg took his sermon text from the third chapter Ecclesiastes, which starts with "To everything, there is a season..."; after reading the eighth verse, "a time of war, and a time of peace," he declared, "And this is the time of war," removing his clerical robe to reveal his Colonel's uniform.

Outside the church door, the drums began to roll as men turned to kiss their wives and then walked down the aisle to enlist, and within half an hour, 162 men were enrolled.

The next day, he led 300 men from the county to form the nucleus of the 8th Virginia Regiment. On hand to present the VA OFPA wreath was former OFPA Virginia Governor Mike Weyler and Associate Doug Hall.

Gravesite Services

On Friday, February 9th at the Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, a grave marking and solemn commemoration of the patriotic service was held for Captain Philip Slaughter and Sergeant James Vaughn.

The event was presented by the Richmond chapter of the Virginia SAR. Governor Kenneth Hawkins, Deputy Governor Phil Barnard, Past Governor Michael Weyler and Associate Jeff Thomas repre-



sented the Virginia OFPA.

134th Virginia SAR meeting

The 134th meeting of the Virginia SAR concluded on Saturday, February 10th with a formal dinner at the Richmond Omni Hotel.

Governor Kenneth Hawkins brought greetings from the Virginia OFPA. Also on hand were Deputy Governor Phil Barnard, Past Governor Michael Weyler and Associate Jeff Thomas representing the Virginia OFPA.

President 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 33 various organizations. Councilor Douglas M. Graves of the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America was present and represented (with the Virginia Society wreath) the Virginia Society.

This ceremony was in recognition of the anniversary of President Madison's 273rd 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.

All the organizations (with wreaths) participating in this event were *verbally identified* (recognized--special recognition), by the speaker Mr. Patrick Campbell. Additionally, the ceremony was streamed live (and recorded) on the worldwide social media platform--*Facebook*--at the *James Madison's Montpelier Facebook*.



Meetings and Ceremonies



Our next meeting will be held on the Eastern Shore at the Oyster Farm Seafood Eatery, 500 Marina Circle, Cape Charles, Virginia, 23310 on Saturday, May 11th, beginning at 11:00 AM.

For those associates attending, an attached luncheon selection with options is provided to help select the luncheon choices. Please make sure that a selection is completed for any guests you're bringing.

All attendees should send their luncheon selections sheets to the meeting coordinator, Rich Rattan no later than May 4th (scan them and send to Rich at: barnesja0319@gmail.com). Please send your check for their lunch choice to our Treasurer, J. Shane Newcombe at: PO Box 59 Randolph VA 23962.

After our meeting and lunch, our memorial dedication for Edmund Scarborough is planned to begin at 3:00 pm. It will take about an hour to drive from Cape Charles up to Craddockville and Hedra Cottage. Our host at the ceremony will be Paul Grothouse, owner of Hedra Cottage and the private cemetery.

Edmund Scarborough was born in 1617 in Norfolk, England; and his parents were Edmund Scarborough (1584-1635, also a FOUNDER) and Han-

nah Smith Scarborough. His brother, Sir Charles Scarborough, was the private physician to King Charles II, King James II, and William and Mary of England. Edmund was a lawyer and physician by educational training.

He immigrated to the English Colony of Virginia in 1631 with his parents and following his inheritance of his father's property in 1635, became the largest landholder on the Eastern Shore, owning over one quarter of the peninsula.

The plantation was called Occohannock House during the lifetime of Edmund but was later changed to Hedra Cottage.

Edmund Scarborough was a shipping leader, and owned a large shipping fleet that he kept docked in Boston. He was granted the exclusive rights by the King of England to make salt, from sea water, and owned the first such plant in the United States. He also owned one of the earliest shoe and tanning factories in Virginia; along with a malt plant.

In 1660 he was elected High Sheriff of Accomack County and was the lead of the local militia, elected to rank of Colonel. He was Surveyor General of Virginia from 1655 to 1671.

As the Surveyor General, Edmund Scarborough surveyed and laid out the Calvert-Scarborough Line of 1668 which divides Maryland and Virginia on the Eastern Shore.

Edmund Scarborough also had a colorful legacy within this area of Virginia. He used his large shipping fleet to import enslaved Africans into Virginia who were largely employed on tobacco plantations.

He was also a virulent believer in the subjection

and elimination of Indians from the Virginia Colony. He was reported on one occasion to have invited a local Indian tribe to his plantation and ambushed them with cannon, killing many of them.

He was elected to the House of Burgesses from 1642 to 1671; and was speaker of the House from 1645 to 1646. While serving as the Surveyor General and as a Virginia Burgess, Edmund Scarborough died in 1671 and is buried somewhere in this private cemetery.

By Richard T. Rattan, Registrar and Genealogist



Membership

Since the beginning of 2024, the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America has had three new associates admitted to the Order:

Maxim Kendall, OFPA National 6516, VA Society 287Y

Prescott Martin, OFPA National 6517, VA Society 289

Michael Kiser, OFPA National 6518, VA Society 288

Welcome to the Society!

Genealogy

A new development from the Registrar General is the acceptance of proven and verified DNA evidence to serve as sources for lines in a lineage when no concrete source material is available. The Registrar General is developing the standards and guidelines for DNA sourcing and will publish those guidelines in the near future. Richard T. Rattan, Genealogist

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

Associate - Phillip H. Tarpley
Founder - John Stiles
Patriot - David Stiles

Associate - John Richard Taylor
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

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

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

Associate - Dr. Michael Ernest "Mike" 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

National News



128th General Court St. ❖ St. Augustine, Florida

May 30 - June 2, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
St. Augustine Historic District
116 San Marco Avenue, St Augustine



Room block available Wednesday, May 29, to checkout on Sunday, June 2.

Guests may call the front desk directly and ask to speak to an agent at the hotel at 904-825-1923, ext. 0, and state they would like to reserve a room in the "OFPA Group Block, group code: OFP"

or by utilizing the Direct Booking Link <https://tinyurl.com/OFPA2024Hotel>

Room block booking thru April 29. Make your reservations now!



National Officers

Edward Charles Horton
Governor General

Thomas Allen Smart
Deputy Governor General

James Duncan Berry PhD.
Secretary General

Sean Patrick Redmond
Deputy Secretary General

Jonathan Shane Newcombe
Treasurer General

Phoenix Austin Harris
Deputy Treasurer General

Tracy Ashley Crocker
Registrar General

Sumner Gary Hunnewell Jr.
Deputy Registrar General

Shervin Bahi Hawley
Genealogist General

Michael Perry Schenk
Deputy Genealogist General

Walter Jervis Sheffield
Attorney General

Matthew David Dupee
Deputy Attorney General

Brian Richard Marsh
Chaplain General

Robert Todd Giffin
Deputy Chaplain General

Michael Ernest Weyler Ph.D.
Historian General

Robert Joseph Walcott Jr.
Deputy Historian General

Lyttleton Tazwell Harris IV
Past Governor General

Richard Morgan Wright Jr. USCG (Ret)
Past Governor General

John Mackintosh Bourne
Past Governor General

Thomas Pelham Curtis II
Past Governor General

Daniel Churchman Warren MD
Past Governor General

William Allerton III
Past Governor General

Michael Perry Schenk
Councilor General - Council

Spring VA OFPA Meeting and Luncheon

Your Name: _____

Menu Selections:

- _____ Famous SeaFood Tacos, Mahi Mahi \$19
- _____ Farm Burger, Beef, comes with fries \$20
- _____ Crab Cake Sandwich, comes with fries \$20
- _____ Chicken Caesar Salad \$23
- _____ Caesar Salad with Shrimp \$23

A soft drink, juice, iced tea or coffee will be \$4

Dessert, your choice, \$9

- _____ Cheesecake
- _____ Crème Brulee
- _____ Brownie, Huge sundae
- _____ Key Lime Pie
- _____ Sorbet

Service charge tip or tip will be 20%

- Entrée (Tacos, Burger, Crab Cake) and a drink \$24, plus 20% tip will total: \$29
- Entrée (Tacos, Burger, Crab Cake), dessert and a drink \$33, plus 20% tip will total: \$40
- Entrée (Caesar salad with Chicken/shrimp) and a drink \$27, plus 20% tip will total: \$33
- Entrée (Caesar salad with Chicken/shrimp), dessert and a drink \$36, plus 20% tip will total: \$43

Make sure that you send your menu selections to Rich Rattan at barnesja0319@gmail.com by 4 May.

**Send a check to cover your selections for you and your guests to
Shane Newcombe: PO Box 59, Randolph, VA 23962 by 4 May.**