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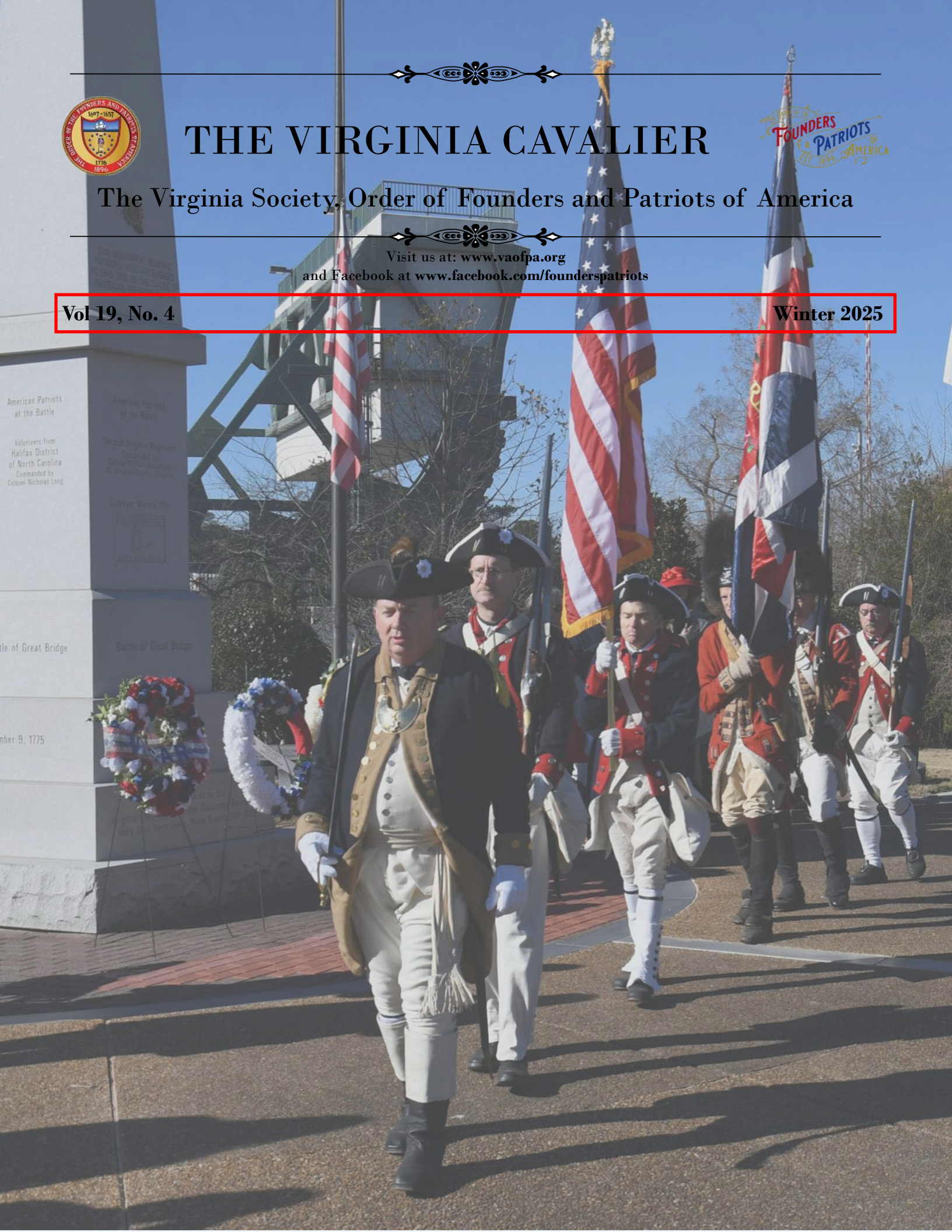
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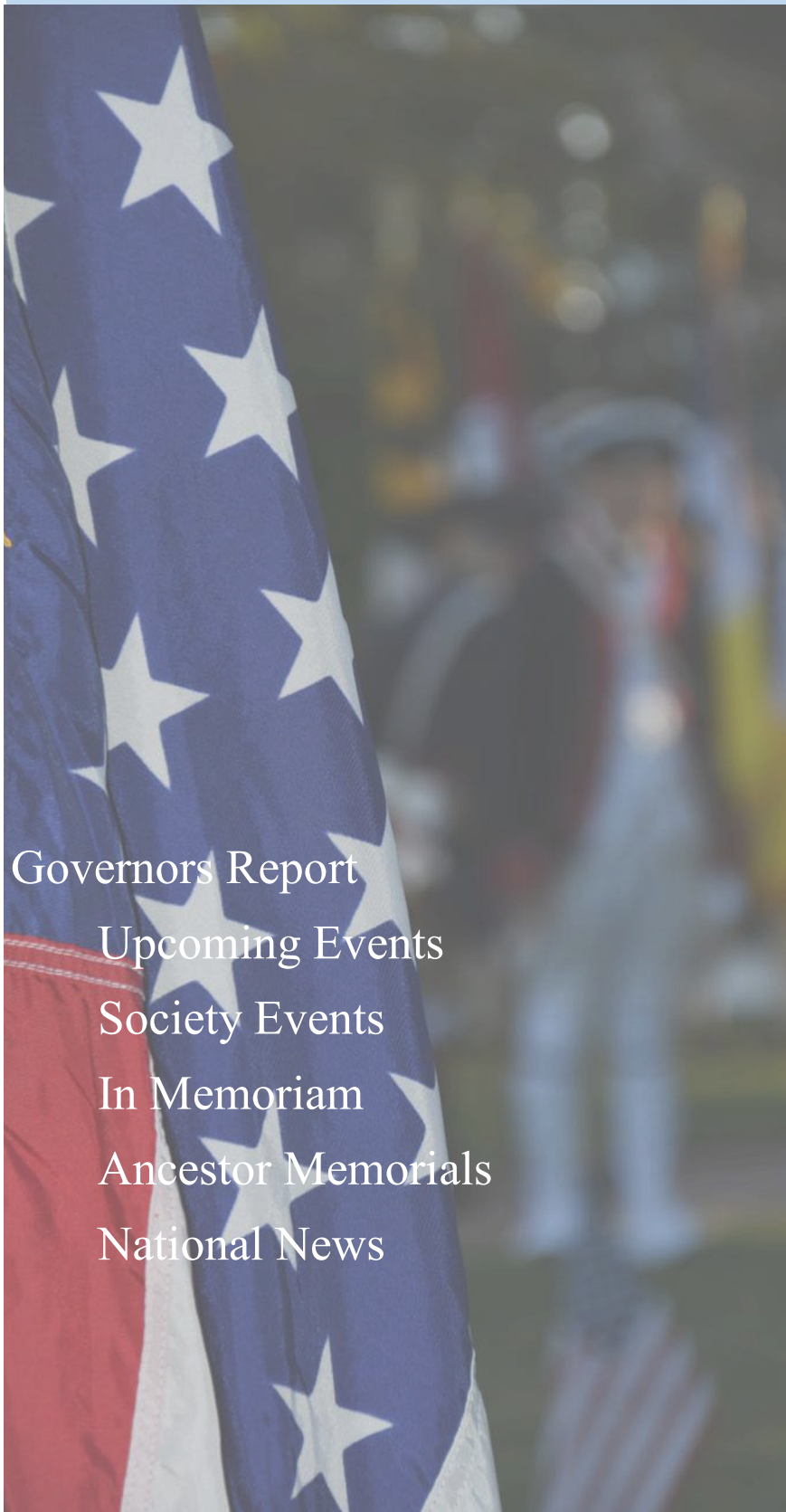
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Cover: 249th Anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge; and inside photo: 2023 Yorktown Days celebrations by Tim Ahlgrim.

# Governor's Report on the Fourth Quarter of 2024



Greetings to my Distinguished Brethren of the OFPA!

This past fall we had a very active agenda. Our fall meeting at Yorktown on October 19<sup>th</sup> on the banks of the York River was a great success. It was preceded by two significant events in which we had a strong attendance. The Grace Episcopal Church grave marking ceremony in honor of Thomas Nelson, Commander of the Virginia Militia during the Siege of Yorktown, and the Victory Day parade down Main St. was most enjoyable for the members of our Society who joined in to present our banner and flags to the waiting public, who showed up in big numbers this year.

We also made an impressive member showing on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the National SAR Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge in Chesapeake, Va. I presented the official OFPA wreath that day in the company of more than thirty organizations within the SAR, DAR and historical communities. Looking forward to next year and the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that decisive victory for the American side.

The year ahead will be highlighted by our Spring Meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. On that day, we will move

from our lunch meeting in Fredericksburg to the site of the Alexander Family graveyard where we will host dignitaries from the City of Historic Alexandria, along with numerous SAR, DAR and other historical organizations, as we pay homage to founder, John Alexander, and his family at their final resting place. This event is sure to bring attention to our Society in the eyes of the public.

Prior to that, we have the opportunity to make our presence known at the State Level SAR event kicking off the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations for the year 1775 to be held throughout the year. Join the Richmond SAR on March 16<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Episcopal Church in Richmond for its 250th commemoration of Patrick Henry's *Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death* speech, which electrified the colonies and rallied American sentiments to strive for independence.

The day will start at 2pm with an SAR grave marking honoring Lt. Col. Edward Carrington, who, as a boy, stood at the window of Historic St. John's Church to witness Patrick Henry's iconic speech. He was so inspired that he vowed to be buried on the spot in which he heard it. He achieved his wish. From his gravesite outside of that window, the ceremony will move inside Historic St. John's for a reenactment of the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1775, day of the Second Virginia Convention, performed by members of the Richmond SAR, together with a very well-known reenactor who will portray Patrick Henry and deliver the famous speech. Please put this event on your calendars.

As always, wherever and whenever we attend any events throughout this great State of Virginia, wear our pins, present our wreath, fly our flag and document your presence there with a photo. Send all confirmation of your attendance to our Secretary, Tim Alhgrim. And, as our past Governor, Ken Hawkins, always said, let us lead by example.

Steadfast for God and Country!

Philip Barnard,  
Governor, Virginia Society OFPA



# Upcoming Events

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

January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am: Battle of Princeton commemoration held at the Princeton Battlefield State Park, 500 Mercer St., Princeton, NJ and part of the Ten Crucial Days program which includes the Crossing and Battle of Trenton, Battle of Assunpink Creek and the Battle of Princeton. The reenactment battle starts at 9:45 am. For more information contact Roger S. Williams, roger@princetonsar.org.

January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am: The Battle of Cowpens commemoration, hosted by the Daniel Morgan Chapter, SCSSAR and the U.S. National Park Service at the Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Hwy, Gaffney, South Carolina.

January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm: the 250th Anniversary of the Fincastle Resolutions Parade starting at the Winston Link & Roanoke History Museum, 101 Shenandoah Ave NE, Roanoke, VA 24016  
Please contact Eric H. Monday, Eric.Monday@flyroa.com for more information.

January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm: the Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens in Winchester, Virginia hosted by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, VASSAR, at Daniel Morgan's Grave Site, Mt. Hebron Cemetery, 305 E Boscawen St, Winchester, VA

January 25<sup>th</sup> at starting at 7:30 am: the 244th Commemoration of the Battle of Cowan's Ford, Hosted by the Mecklenburg Chapter, North Carolina Society at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 10500 Beaties Ford Road, Huntersville, NC

January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am): the commemoration of the 1776 Burning of Norfolk, hosted by the Norfolk Chapter, VASSAR, at the St Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 St. Paul's Blvd, Norfolk, VA. For more information, contact John Hall, Johnhall@norfolksar.org.

January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm: the commemoration of Peter Muhlenberg's Farewell Sermon, hosted by the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, VASSAR, at the Shenandoah County Historical Society, 103 North Main Street Woodstock, VA. Point of contact is Chip Daniels, chipdaniel1952@gmail.com, for more information.

February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 PM: the Dedication of Black Revolutionary War Patriots of the Northern Neck Monument, hosted by the James Monroe Chapter VASSAR at 101 Court Circle, near the Rappahannock Community College, Warsaw, VA

February 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM: Commemoration at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier Alexandria, VA, hosted by the George Washington Chapter, VASSAR at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (OPMH), 323 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA. For more information, contact Scot Bryant at sbryant.sarmail@gmail.com or visit the website at <https://opmh.org/about/history/buildings/#tomb>

February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM: George Washington Birthday Parade in Historic Old Town Alexandria, VA. For more information, contact the George Washington Chapter, VASSAR, Scot Bryant at sbryant.sarmail@gmail.com.

February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM: George Washington's Birthday Wreath Laying at His Mount Vernon Tomb, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, VA. 22121

March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM: , Celebration and Tribute to Lafayette and tribute to current veterans, hosted by the DAR District VI, Virginia Society Daughters of the American Revolution at the Bethany Lutheran Church, 18 Sophia Grace Dr., Fishersville, Augusta County, Virginia, honoring the 200th anniversary of the return of Major General Lafayette in 1824-1825 to the US. Please contact Janet K. Speare, janspeare@icloud.com for more information.

## Society Events



### **Yorktown Parade and luncheon/meeting**

The annual Commemorative Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr., sponsored by the Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter, Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held at the Grace Episcopal Church in historic Yorktown on October 19<sup>th</sup> which was then followed by the annual Yorktown Day parade which included members of the Virginia Society of the OFPA, down the historic Main Street and past the Victory Monument.

Immediately following the parade and celebration, the 2024 Fall State Society membership meeting was held at the Riverwalk Restaurant. In attendance were Governor Ken Hawkins, Deputy Governor Phillip Barnard, Councilor Tim Ahlgrim, Councilor Doug Hall, Treasurer Shane Newcombe, Registrar Rich

Rattan, State Society Attorney Walter Sheffield, Councilor General Mike Weyler, and Associates Robert Bruce, John Taylor, Michael Wilson, Stuart Whitehead, and Dan Warren. Guests included Diane Barnard, Elaina Warren, Peter Hill, Katherine Weyler, Sherry Berry, Jenny Lou Newcombe, Elana Hill, JoDell and Jocelynn Wilson.

Elections were held and the new officers were sworn in. Special congratulations to our new Governor, Philip Barnard.

Treasurer Shane Newcombe presented a detailed summary of the financial status of the State Society. A copy of the report is available to all members upon request. Of special note, Society Attorney Walter Sheffield informed the Society that a very generous bequeathment from the estate of John Frederick Dorman was made to the State Society.



Dr. Sean Huevel, the Director of graduate and professional enrollment at Christopher Newport University was our guest speaker.



Registrar Rich Rattan announced plans were underway for our Spring meeting to be held at the Brock Riverside Grill in Fredericksburg on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Immediately afterward, there will be a gravesite memorial ceremony for John Alexander in King George County.



Governor Hawkins presented the State Society's Cavalier Award to Rich Rattan for his hard work as Registrar and Genealogist as well as his contributions in the planning of many Founders memorials and ceremonies. Governor Hawkins also inducted Stuart Whitehead into the Society. Welcome Stu!



## Susanna Bolling Memorial Marker



The Richmond Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution dedicated a historic marker honoring Susanna Bolling, the 16-year-old girl who saved French General Lafayette from capture by British General Cornwallis when she warned him of the plot to capture him at the Half Way House, 10 miles away. Young Susanna snuck out, rode through the night, and warned Lafayette who was then able to escape capture. Representing our Society was Governor Barnard and Councilor Bob Bruce.



## Skirmish at Kemp's Landing

On November 16th, the Virginia Society of the OFPA participated in the commemoration of the 249th Anniversary of the Skirmish at Kemp's Landing hosted by the Norfolk Chapter SAR. This skirmish marked the first loss of Virginia Patriots in defense of the colony. In village, and after engagement, Lord Dunmore, the Royal Governor of Virginia issued the infamous proclamation declaring martial law and freeing all slaves and indentured servants of Patriots. Past Governor, Dr. Kenneth Hawkins, presented the wreath. Councilor Robert Bruce was also in attendance.



DAR to commemorate the Patriot soldiers who fought for our freedom.



### James City Commemoration

Past Governor Dr. Kenneth Hawkins presented the Virginia Society's wreath at the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Establishment of the James City County Committee of Observation on Sunday, November 25th. The event was sponsored by the Williamsburg Chapter of the SAR in conjunction with the James City County Parks and Recreation Department at Freedom Park in James City County, VA. This committee was established in response to the First Continental Congress' calling for a complete ban on trade with Great Britain and the establishment of local committees of observation to enforce the ban. Twenty-nine freeholders were elected to the committee.

### Battle of Great Bridge

A ceremony that marked the 249<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Great Bridge and co-hosted by the Great Bridge Chapters of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution, was held at Battlefield Park, which is near the original site of the battle which took place on December 9, 1775. A wreath-laying ceremony is held each year at the Monument dedicated by the



On hand to represent the OFPA's Virginia Society was Governor Philip Barnard, former Governor Ken Hawkins, Secretary Tim Ahlgrim, Councilor Bob Bruce, and Associates Stuart Whitehead, Michael Wilson, and Jeffery Thomas.

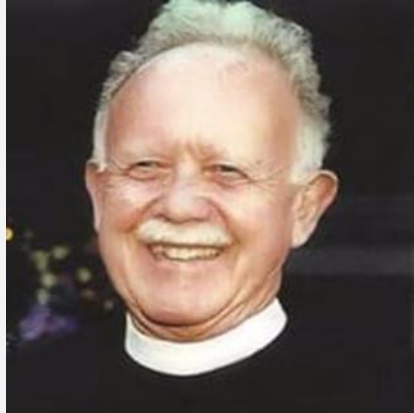


*Additional images for these and other events are available for viewing and downloading at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/201527147@N03/albums/>*

*Of special note: the State of Virginia is hosting a site for all activities connected to our 250th anniversary.*

*Go to: [Virginia American Revolution 250 Commemoration - Explore](#) for more information.*

# In Memoriam



**John E. "Ted" C. Harris**

John ("Ted") Harris, 89, a resident of Holden, Mass., died on July 28, 2024 after a long illness. Ted was the son of the late John E. Harris, MD and Rebecca Harris of Sarasota, Fla.

Ted was a cum laude graduate of Amherst College and of Virginia Theological Seminary where he received a master's degree of divinity. He also earned a master's degree of theology from Duke University and a doctorate of ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Sarasota, Fla.

Ted was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church with a canonical residence in the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia with a license in the dioceses of Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts. He served as a priest to parishes in Georgia, Virginia and North Carolina. During that time, Ted ministered in clinical pastoral and counseling capacities at Duke University Hospital, Tidewater Psychiatric Institute (Vir.) and Norfolk (Vir.) General Hospital.

Following his parish ministry, Ted became a certified professional supervisor of clinical pastoral education at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and four other medical and psychiatric institutions.

Upon his retirement, Ted traveled with his wife, Deborah, throughout Europe and parts of the Middle East. In addition to his theological studies, Ted was a Jungian scholar. He loved classical music and painted watercolors. Ted was an active member of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Holden, Mass. and volunteered for elder services in the Worcester, Mass. area.

Beloved by family and friends, Ted was a source of inspiration for all who knew him—a boundless spirit, who touched others with his generosity, wit and wisdom. He had a deep concern for others and was respected for his fresh, iconoclastic, ideas, often challenging the status quo.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Johansen Harris; his former wife, Judith; his son, John S. Harris of Marion, AR; his daughter, Anne Roach of Olive Branch, MS; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial services will be held later this year at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Holden, Mass. and at Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota, Fla. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Brookhaven Hospice, 114 Turnpike Rd., Suite 206, Westborough, Mass. 01581.

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Patriot - Thomas Graves & son John Graves

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Patriot - Thomas Graves & son John Graves

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Patriot - Petter Hubbard

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Founder - George Hubbard  
Patriot - Petter Hubbard

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Patriot - Capt. William Kirby

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Patriot - Capt. William Kirby

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Founder - Richard Higdon  
Patriot - John Higdon

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Patriot - John Higdon

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Patriot - John Winn, Sr & son, Peter Winn

Associate - John Courtney Sheffield, II  
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