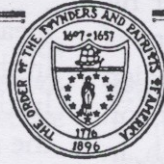


# THE VIRGINIA CAVALIER



*The Virginia Society, Order of Founders and Patriots of America*

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## Next VA OFPA Meeting

**Sunday, October 17, 2010  
at Yorktown  
Tuesday, October 19, 2010  
Yorktown Day Parade**

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### Welcome to our Newest Members

James Lewis Wheeler of Santee, SC. VA number 202, National number 5915. His Founders are George and son, William Wheeler, who settled in Concord, MA, in 1638. His patriot is Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr. Sgt. Wheeler was in Captain Joseph Barrett's Company of the New Hampshire Militia. From 9 July 1777, they marched to Charlestown, then to Dublin, to Ticonderoga, to Autercrie (Otter Creek) then returned to Hillsborough, NH, 7 November 1777.

Hugh Erskine Fraser, III. VA number 203, National number 5918. His Founder is John Barker, Sr. and his Patriot is Henry Barker. He is the nephew of OFPA member (now deceased) Frederick Nicholson Barker, Jr.

Nicolas Ryan Foster. VA number 204, National number 5920. His Founder is Christopher Foster who settled in Boston, MA, in 1635. His Patriot is Jedediah Foster of Southampton, NY.

Ethan Philip Jacques Foster. VA number 205, National number 5921-Y. His Founder is Christopher Foster who settled in Boston, MA, in 1635. His Patriot is Jedediah Foster of Southampton, NY.

Welcome Associates Wheeler, Fraser and Foster to one of the premier Societies in the Order!

## In Memoriam

**WOOD, Thatcher Stoddard**, 84, died Tuesday, May 25, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary French Wood. Thatcher was born and raised in Kingston, New York, joined the Navy in 1943 and served in the Pacific during World War II, graduated from Rutgers University in 1949 and moved to Richmond in 1952. Thatcher retired from Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company after serving 50 years as an agent who helped many people, businesses and enjoyed the long-term relationships he developed. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Kiwanis Club of Richmond for 26 years, Society of Colonial Wars, Order of Founders & Patriots, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and the War of 1812. He held a music class at Westminster-Canterbury for 13 years, and he volunteered to read at the Virginia Voice for 18 years.

Thatcher served as Secretary/Treasurer and three terms as Governor of the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America (VA OFPA). At National, he served as Awards Chairman for two years. He started the ROTC Awards program for VA OFPA, which started with one award and has grown to 17 awards across the state.

Thatcher's guidance, advice and friendship will be missed by all who knew him.

## IN MEMORIAM

Arthur D. Batten passed away on August 5th, 2010 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ann Marie. Other survivors include sons, grandsons and many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Arthur was born on May 2, 1944 in Manchester, NH. He earned a BA from St. Michael's College, VT, an MEd from the Univ. of Southern California, and an MBA from Golden Gate Univ., CA. He was an Electronic Warfare Officer for the U.S. Air Force, flying 100 combat missions in Vietnam. He retired with the rank of Major in 1987. Honors earned during his military career are, *Distinguished Flying Cross*, *Air Medal with 10 clusters*, *Meritorious Service Medal with four clusters*, and *Air Force Commendation Medal*.

Since 1993, he has worked for the Virginia Employment Commission, and was currently the manager of the Virginia Workforce Center in Williamsburg.

A passionate and lifelong member of the Boy Scouts of America, Arthur received his Eagle Scout award in 1962. He served over 25 years in various adult leadership positions including Troop 84 Scoutmaster, Powhatan and Heritage Districts Commissioner and Vice Chairman, and Woodbadge Scoutmaster. His service was recognized with numerous awards including the prestigious Silver Beaver award in 1996.

Arthur was a dedicated member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution serving as the Williamsburg Chapter President, Virginia Society President, National Society Trustee, and National Eagle Scout Committee Chairman and recently received the Patriot Medal. He was a member and the state Governor for Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders & Patriots of America, and state president for the Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims.

He was a founding member of the Peninsula Pathfinders, advocate for the American Theater and the Hampton arts community, an active member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church serving on various committees, and always enjoyed working in his garden.

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### **Notes for Virginia's Governor's Verbal Report May 28<sup>th</sup> General Ct Charleston, SC**

Activities to-date in 2010 during first 5 months:

Seventeen framed ROTC awards have been presented

Two National Guard framed awards have been presented.

Following the annual meeting held March 27<sup>th</sup> 2010, a luncheon was conducted with attendance including the Presidents of the VASSAR, War of 1812 Soc in VA and the VA chapter DFPA

These three Societies joined with us in purchasing a plaque which was mounted at the entrance of an historic church that honored two founders, two Revolutionary War patriots and six 1812 veterans buried there. It was unveiled in a ceremony involving a color guard and wreath layings and was attended by about 70 people. Two newspaper articles recorded the event.

We have carried the OFPA flag and or presented the VA OFPA wreath on seven occasions so far this year.

We have issued two newsletters, with three more newsletters planned this year.

We have had four new members approved so far

and we are processing others.

We have prepared a draft publication on the burials of Virginia Founders to include write-ups on 115 of them (show draft by Associate Hubbard). We plan a publication when research is completed.

The distributed handout invites all of the Order to attend our Yorktown activities. Please march in the parade with us behind our street banner. Also, please attend our luncheon and grave-marking ceremony as well. Two more of our granite grave markers will be installed on George Washington's grandfathers' gravesites in a nearby cemetery. We invite you to present wreaths and join the color guard for the event.

### **TWO-FER**

At the 2010 OFPA General Court held in Charleston, SC, the Virginia Society came away with the Parrish Award (for the second year running) and is sharing the Hinkley Award with the D.C. Society. The Parrish Award is for the best large society and the Hinkley Award is for the largest percentage of membership increase.

Congratulation to Governor Lyman for his leadership and to all members of the society who made VA OFPA number 1!

### **October 2010**

Sunday, October 17, 2010, 10:00 to 11:30 AM  
VA OFPA fall meeting.. After the luncheon we will honor two OFPA-qualified Founders interred at the nearby Grace Episcopal Church by unveiling two VA OFPA grave markers. That Sunday night there will be a Yorktown Day Association dinner at Fort Eustis. On Monday, tours of the Yorktown battlefield, Jamestown and Colonial Williamsburg are planned. On Tuesday, October 19, we will again march in the Yorktown Day Parade behind the VA OFPA parade banner. Plan on being there for a great weekend!

# Ancestor Memorials

**Associate** Arthur D. Batten  
**Founder** Thomas White  
**Patriot** Ebenezer White

**Associate** James M. Bayne  
**Founder** William Hatcher  
**Patriot** Edward Hatcher

**Associate** Joseph A. Cannon  
**Founder** Jeremy Adams  
**Patriot** John Adams

**Associate** A. Brian Cowardin  
**Founder** Peter Carwardine  
**Patriot** John Cowarden

**Associate** L. Taylor Cowardin  
**Founder** Peter Carwardine  
**Patriot** John Cowarden

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

**Associate** Douglas M. Graves  
**Founder** Thomas Graves  
**Patriot** John Graves

**Associate** Douglas M. Graves  
**Founder** Thomas Graves  
**Patriot** Thomas Graves

**Associate** Michael T. Halterman  
**Founder** Christopher Wadsworth  
**Patriot** Joseph Wadsworth

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

**Associate** Roger P. Jones  
**Founder** Rev. Richard Jones  
**Patriot** Peter Jones

**Associate** Charles F. Lay  
**Founder** Robert Lay, I  
**Patriot** Asa Lay

**Associate** David W. Lyman  
**Founder** Thomas Elwell  
**Patriot** Jabel Elwell

**Associate** Myron "Mike" E. Lyman  
**Founder** Richard Lyman  
**Patriot** Ozias Lyman

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

**Associate** John H. Newman, Jr.  
**Founder** Thomas Newman  
**Patriot** Edmund Newman

**Associate** Robert W. Robins  
**Founder** Robert Chandler  
**Patriot** Robert Chandler

**Associate** Thomas W. Sale, Jr.,  
**Founder** William Sale  
**Patriot** Robert Sale

**Associate** Edmund L. Scarborough  
**Founder** Edmund Scarborough, I  
**Patriot** Americus Scarborough, II

**Associate** George Y. Scarborough  
**Founder** Edmund Scarborough, I  
**Patriot** Americus Scarborough, II

**Associate** William C. Schrader, III  
**Founder** Leonard Calvert  
**Patriot** George Calvert

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

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

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



# Ancestor Memorials

Continued

**Associate** Zachary N. Hall

**Founder** Thomas Graves

**Patriot** John Graves

**Associate** Zachary N. Hall

**Founder** Thomas Graves

**Patriot** Thomas Graves

**Associate** Christopher L. Hubbard

**Founder** George Hubbard

**Patriot** Peter Hubbard

**Associate** Donnel J. Hubbard

**Founder** George Hubbard

**Patriot** Peter Hubbard

## Future General Courts

2010 New York City

2011 Illinois

2012 Williamsburg, VA

2013 Phoenix, Arizona



Art Batten doing something he loved, talking about scouting, August 1, 2010 at the Boy Scout Jamboree held at Fort A.P. Hill.  
Photo by Elwin Spray



Associate Jerry Hubbard laying a wreath at the Old Providence ARP Church in Steeles Tavern, VA. Twenty four Revolutionary War Soldiers are buried in the cemetery.



Governor Lyman at the second ceremony at the "new" cemetery in Steeles Tavern, VA. Also represented at both ceremonies was VASSAR plus numerous SAR Chapters and the Society of 1812 in VA.



Governor Myron E. Lyman, Sr., Associates Cranston Williams, Jr., and Myron E. Lyman, Jr. with the Parrish award at the 2010 General Court.



Governor Mike Lyman carrying the OFPA flag at the July 4th parade in Culpeper, VA



Congratulations to Associate Volney Rattan for being awarded the VA OFPA Cavalier Award. The Cavalier Award is for lifetime achievement to the VA Society of the Order of Founder and Patriots of America.





The VA OFPA Parade banner, and Mike Lyman carrying the OFPA flag in the Culpeper 4th of July parade.



PGG John Bourne, Lt General Robert Wagner and VA OFPA States Attorney Charles Phebus at the John Shepherd Commemoration Service event held in North Royalton, Ohio. General Wagner was the keynote speaker at the event. John Shepherd is the 4th great grandfather of Charles Phebus. Charles laid a wreath on behalf of the VA OFPA.



Replica of the Liberty Bell at the John Shepherd Commemoration Event, plus reenactors from the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War.



General Wagner and Charles Phebus at the gravesite of John Shepherd. Additional Photos and text in next Cavalier.

### Please Remember

VA OFPA has several wreaths, a parade banner and an OFPA flag which can be used by any VA OFPA 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 let the Governor know. Save a copy of the program. If you write an article, save a copy and send to Governor Lyman to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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