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Next VA OFPA Meeting

Saturday, October 29, 2011 Location: Richmond, VA Further details will follow.

Musings from the Governor

We held a very successful spring meeting at Shirley Plantation partnering with the Richmond Chapter SAR and the Society of the War of 1812. Over 40 people were present at the luncheon and the grave-marking ceremony with 12 hereditary and historical organizations presenting wreaths. It could not have been accomplished without the help of associates Mike Lyman, Shane Newcombe, Doug Graves, Jerry Hubbard and Russell Scott. We also had Janet Appel and Randy Carter from Shirley Plantation who were very gracious in not only allowing us to mark Edward Hill, II's grave, but welcoming us to have our luncheon at the plantation's storehouse and coordinating lunch with the caterer. The folks at Shirley are great and I encourage you to recommend visiting the historic plantation to your family and friends.

The Society's ROTC awards program is in full swing presenting awards to 18 cadets. A big thank you goes out to chairman Roger Kirby and his assistant Pamela Abrams. A lot of work goes into preparing the awards for presentation, communicating with all of the different colleges and universities across the state and attending their awards ceremonies. I would also like to thank the associates who assist in attending the various awards ceremonies and presenting these awards. I recently presented awards to Spring 2011

two cadets at the University of Richmond. They were very appreciative and excited about their medals and framed certificates with calligraphy. If you are interested in assisting with this important program let me know.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, October 29th in Richmond, Virginia. We will hold a membership meeting and a grave marking followed by dinner. We will mark the grave of founder Thomas Claiborne who is buried in Hollywood Cemetery. We will again partner with the Richmond Chapter SAR and mark the grave of a nearby patriot as well. We hope we will be able to partner with the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia again as well. Please mark your calendars!

Until then, I hope you all have a great spring and summer and please work on recruiting new members. Start with your family first (you've done all the work, now they can ride your coattails) then work on your friends!

Steadfast for God and Country!

Taylor

Future General Courts

- 2011 New York City
- 2012 Chicago, IL
- 2013 Williamsburg, VA
- 2014 Phoenix, Arizona



Left—Secretary/Treasurer Shane Newcombe represented the VA OFPA at the Crossing of the Dan memorial service on 12 February 2011.

Below left—Shane by the Crossing of the Dan monument.

Below right—cannon salute



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 Cowardin to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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Ancestor Memorials

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Shane Newcombe removing the cover from the Founders grave marker at Shirley Plantation.

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Associate Robert B. Kendall Founder Francis Kendall Patriot Josiah Kendall

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Associate Jei Brendon L. Benz Founder George Hubbard Patriot Peter Hubbard

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

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

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Above– Chaplain Russell Scott, Governor Cowardin, Historian Jerry Hubbard and Registrar Doug Graves during the memorial service at Shirley Plantation. Below—Governor Cowardin bringing forward the VA OFPA wreath.





Pictured from left to right. Associate Jerry Hubbard, Dr. Carmen Hubbard **Booker-Charter** member HSDF-FA. HSDFFA President General Wilma Halterman. Lisa Graves Hall-Charter member HSDFFA, Associate Doug Graves.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2011 Associates Jerry Hubbard and Doug Graves represented the Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of American at a luncheon hosted by the Hereditary Society Daughters of the Founding Fathers of America. Associate Hubbard gave greetings from the VA OFPA. Registrar Doug Graves was the keynote speaker. His subject was his Founder and up through the building of Graves Mill.



Shirley Plantation

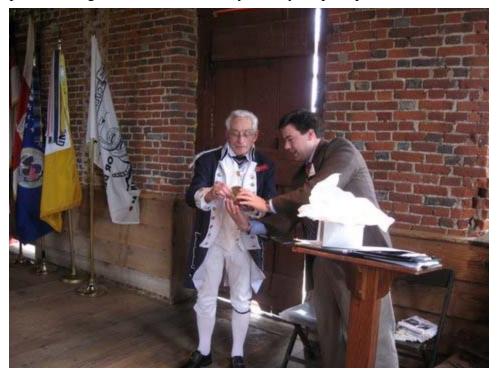
Governor Cowardin is the third wreath from the left.

The OFPA flag is the third flag from the left.

If you missed the meeting and ceremony honoring Founder and Patriots, you missed a great day



Above—New Associate Walter Jervis Sheffield being inducted into the VA OFPA by Governor Cowardin. Below—Past VA OFPA Governor Lyman being presented with an engraved cup. Use it in good health, and thank you for your past, present and future service.





Above– Colonial Wars below- War of 1812 attending the Shirley Plantation ceremony.

