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Next VA OFPA Meeting

Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, May 6, 2012 11:00 a.m.
Boars' Head Inn, Charlottesville, VA

October meeting TBD

Editor's note

Many VA Associates get both a hard copy (via snail mail) and a email copy of the Cavalier. If you are getting an email copy you will no longer get a hard copy unless you "opt in" by telling me you want a snail mail hard copy. Contact information:

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Welcome to New VA Associates

218/6027Y Lewis Turner Cowardin, II

Founder— Peter Cowardine

Patriot— John Cowardine

219/6031 Lee Wilson Swift, III

Founder— William Swift (Swyft)

Patriot— Barzillai Swift

We are not the biggest but we are one of the premier Societies in the Order. Welcome and join us for our meetings and activities.

"ROTC Presentations" Volunteer Needed!

Associate Roger Kirby and Mrs. Pamela Abrams currently handle the preparation and coordination of the ROTC medals and plaque program. The Virginia Society OFPA awards 18 medals a year. We need a volunteer in 2012 to work with Roger and Pamela, with the Associate taking over the job in 2013. Associate Kirby and Mrs. Abrams have run the program for the last six years. Please contact Governor Cowardin if you are willing to volunteer for this very rewarding activity. This program is one of the highlights of the Virginia Society. Our program not only spreads awareness about the OFPA but it distinguishes us from other state societies. Governor Cowardin can be contacted at 1-804-305-8007 or by email at: cowardins@aol.com

Page 5 is a list of the 2012 awardees. We did not have enough presenters and please consider helping Mrs. Abrams and Associate Kirby for 2013.

Future General Courts

2012 Chicago, IL

2013 Williamsburg, VA

A request to Associates of the Virginia Society, OFPA.

Write up your experiences in the military, from WWII, to the current conflicts. I would like to make your memories and experience part of the VA Society History project. Please write it up and forward to Jerry Hubbard (contact information on page 4). I will take in any form, long hand, typed, via internet. If you have pictures you can forward that would be great. I will return all pictures.

Notes from March Meeting

Governor Cowardin called the Spring Meeting of the Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders & Patriots (OFPA) to order at 11:12 A.M. Chaplain Russell Scott conferred the Invocation and Historian Jerry Hubbard led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present and a total of 23 attendees.

Governor Cowardin welcomed everyone to historic St. John's Church, the site of Patrick Henry's infamous "Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death" speech, and introduced special guests Mr. Terry Marr, guest speaker and member of the Henricus Foundation. Following, each associate and guest present introduced themselves to those in attendance.

Governor Report Governor Cowardin informed the membership that the Governor's Annual Report was completed and had been submitted, along with the Membership & Financial Report by Treasurer Shane Newcombe. Governor Cowardin provide a concise summary of the 2011 Annual Report, wherein the Virginia Society OFPA held two society meetings and three council meetings; hosted three speakers; performed twenty-four community affairs programs; published six newsletters; was recognized twelve times with media coverage; awarded eighteen ROTC awards and two National Guard Awards; completed one special project; submitted three news articles and four photographs to the Bulletin. He also stated that CD copies of the Annual Report were available. For 2012, Governor Cowardin detailed that himself, Mike

Lyman, Walt Sheffield, and Will Simpson were in attendance of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's Annual Meeting and represented and extended greetings to the group on behalf of the Virginia Society OFPA; Secretary/Treasurer Shane Newcombe represented the Society and extended greetings on its behalf at the 231st Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, Virginia; and Registrar Doug Graves and Historian Jerry Hubbard attended James Madison's Birthday Ceremony at Montpelier, Virginia and presented the Society's wreath in his honor. Governor Cowardin implored those present to consider attending similar and other ceremonies throughout the Commonwealth to represent the Society; and that the Society owns several wreaths that could be used at those programs. Governor Cowardin stated that Secretary/Treasurer Shane Newcombe would be attending this year's General Court in Chicago from May 24-27. Lastly, Governor Cowardin thanked everyone for their hard work and for helping make our Society the best in the Order.

Mr. Terry Marr, member of the Henricus Foundation, a living history museum operating as a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization in partnership with the counties of Chesterfield and Henrico to help interpret and display the history and significance of the "Citie of Henricus," the Virginia colony's second settlement that was established in 1611 by Sir Thomas Dale, was the guest speaker. Mr. Marr explained the importance of the Henricus settlement and presented informative information on Alexander Whitaker, "The Apostle to the Virginians." In the fall of 1611, Sir Thomas Dale and 300 men arrived on the James River and established the site of Henricus. Sir Thomas Dale was accompanied by Rev. Alexander Whitaker. It was noted that Rev. Whitaker was the individual who, at the request of Sir Thomas Dale, converted Pocahontas to Christianity, and probably also baptized her and married her to John Rolfe. Rev. Whitaker is credited with maintaining peace between the English and the Powhatan Indian tribe upon the conversion of Pocahontas; and the end result dubs Whitaker as the "Apostle to the Virginians."

Governor Cowardin provided instructions to those present to attend the ceremony at the commemorative marker in honor and memory of Alexander Whitaker in the Church's cemetery. Surrounding Whitaker's commemorative marker, Governor Cowardin began the ceremony after the colors were massed and posted by Past Governor Lyman, Associate Sheffield, and Associate Kirby. Rev. Laura Inscoe provided a welcome on behalf of St. John's Church. Chaplain Scott bestowed a memorial prayer and he and Historian Hubbard exchanged memorial remarks during the Founder Grave Marker Unveiling Ritual. Registrar Graves unveiled the Society's permanent marker honoring Rev. Alexander Whitaker as a Founder and Secretary/Treasurer Newcombe laid the Foundation's wreath in his memory. Rev. Inscoe bestowed a traditional blessing and Chaplain Scott bestowed the Benediction. The OFPA Color Guard retired the colors and Governor Cowardin concluded the service (Notes continue on page 8.)

Associates Doug Graves and Jerry Hubbard represented the VA OFPA Society at the annual luncheon of the Heredity Society of the Daughters of the Founding Fathers of America in Washington, D.C. Shirley Hubbard was presented a Timely Award by National President Wilma Halterman.



A sleepy Youth Associate Cowardin II, being presented to VAOFPA Associates.

Ancestor Memorials

Associate-Robert B. Kendall
Founder-Francis Kendall
Patriot-Josiah Kendall

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

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

Associate-L. Taylor Cowardin
Founder-Peter Corwardine
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-Rush M. Blodgett, Jr
Founder-Thomas Blodgett
Patriot-Solomon Blodgett

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

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

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

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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Associate-Zachary N. Hall
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-John Graves

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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

Associate-Walter Jervis Sheffield
Founder-Col. Robert Wynne, II
Patriot-John Winn and son Peter Winn

Associate-Robert Steven Marks
Founder-Robert Abernathy
Patriot-John Abernathy

Associate-Hugh Erskine Fraser, III
Founder-John Barker, Sr
Patriot-Henry Barker

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Ancestor Memorials

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Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VIII

Founder-Thomas Graves

Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-James Lewis Wheeler

Founder-George Wheeler and son William

Patriot-Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

Associate-Charles E. Phebus

Founder-Sir George Calvert, 1st

Patriot-Lord Baltimore

Associate-Roger H.W. Kirby

Founder-Thomas Kirby

Patriot-Captain William Kirby

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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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Founders-and-Patriots-of-America/212618818770058>

The VA OFPA web site is www.vaofpa.org. Donald Moore is our webmaster and recently updated it. Take a look at a great web site!

2012 VIRGINIA FOUNDERS & PATRIOTS ROTC AWARDS PROGRAM

College of William & Mary Presenter:	Army Cadet Jonathan D. Faubell
George Mason University Presenter: Donnel J. Hubbard	Army Cadet Matthew K. Harrison
Hampton University Presenter:	Army Cadet MS III Justin A. Bingham
James Madison University Presenter: Douglas Graves	Army Cadet Joshua Cogdell
Radford University Presenter: Richard Raymond	Army Cadet 1Lt George F. Shorter
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University of Virginia Presenter: Donnel J. Hubbard	Army Cadet Richard Johnston Air Force Cadet Greta Slotness USNR Midshipman MIDN 1C Margo Cortijo
Virginia Tech Presenter: Richard Raymond	Army Cadet Tim Roseland Air Force Cadet Ryan Bishop USNR Midshipman Cadet Jamie Botzer VMI Company Cadet Jordan McCauley
VMI Presenter: Richmond Raymond	USNR MIDN 1C Thomas Dickinson Air Force Cadet Jeffrey M. Miller Army Cadet Franklin Benegas Marine MIDI 1C Colin Adam Roberts

2012 Virginia National Guard Awards

Army Award:
1032 Transportation Company,
264 Harry Fry Drive,
Gate City, VA 24251

Air Award:
203d Red Horse Squadron,
Virginia Beach, VA 23458-0180



Above—Associate Roger Kirby giving a report on ROTC and VA National Guard awards.

Below—Governor Cowardin giving a Certificate of Appreciation to Terry Marr of the Henricus Foundation.





Registrar Graves commented that the Society's membership continues to grow, and two new associates had been approved: Youth Associate Lewis Turner Cowardin, II and Associate Lee W. Swift. It was noted that Youth Associate Turner Cowardin was not only our Governor's firstborn, but also the youngest associate in the Virginia Society. It was noted that the Society had 90 associates (59 primary, 14 life, 9 youth, 6 dual, and 2 new for 2012).

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Past Governor Mike Lyman reported that he continues to update Founder burials. Currently, 115+/- were identified and that he was verifying other potential burial locations. He explained that the James Monroe Birthplace would be hosting a commemoration on April 28 and a volunteer was needed to lay a wreath on behalf of the Virginia Society. Past Governor Lyman also cited several other opportunities for the Virginia Society to take part, such as Fincastle Church and Graves Mountain Lodge. *(Associate Hubbard attended the Graves Mountain Lodge meeting.)*

Historian Hubbard reported that he was continuing to prepare a complete Historian's Report, which will include all known locations for Founder burials. His report will be made available on CD within the next few months.



Past Deputy Governor General Volney Rattan introducing Frances Rattan and Associate Richard Rattan. Richard (back to us) was in from New Mexico to visit his parents and attend the meeting. Below—Associate Douglas Graves removing the cover from the granite VA OFPA Founders marker. Honor Guard —Associates Lyman, Sheffield, and Kirby. Next page —St. John's Church



