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Next VA OFPA Meeting

Executive Board Meeting Sunday, August 26, 2012 11:00 a.m. Boars' Head Inn, Charlottesville, VA

October Membership Meeting Saturday, October 20, 2012 Details to follow.

Welcome to New VA Associates

220/6041 - Croft Moundeford Randolph Kirby - youth Founder - Thomas Kirby Patriot - Capt. William Kirby

221/6042 - Taylor Thoroughgood Lawsen Kirby—youth Founder - Thomas Kirby Patriot - Capt. William Kirby 222/6043 - Reade Bradbury Hazzard Kirby—youth Founder - Thomas Kirby Patriot - Capt. William Kirby

223/6044 - Robert Aubrey Hagan Founder - Robert Abernathy Patriot - John Abernathy

224/6045 - Aubrey Smith Hagan—youth Founder - Robert Abernathy Patriot - John Abernathy

The VA Society now has 13 youth Associates.

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.



Associates (left to right) Jerry Hubbard, Doug Graves, Jim Bayne and Francis Lay represented the VA Society OFPA at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Culpeper National Cemetery, on 28 May 2012.

Membership Requirement of The Order

Every few years, the idea of relaxing the membership requirements of The Order of Founders and Patriots of America is put forward for discussion. It is worthy of note that the <u>sole</u> factor that distinguishes the Order from the SAR, CW, 1812 and numerous other organizations is the more stringent requirement for membership.

The following statement appeared on page 121, Volume VIII, number 59 of the Coat of Arms, the quarterly publication of the Heraldry Society of England: "The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America is a unique order, and the only one of its type in the United States."

The following is taken from the NC OFPA newsletter concerning activities during the 2012 General Court in Chicago.

"The business centered on expanding the membership – by allowing the lineage lines of both of the member's grandparents to a Patriot and Founder to make a member. This would open up our members by 25% more, and would not penalize our grandmothers for their gender. This change was discussed."

The questions to pose in response to the proposal are to ask, first, what is wrong with being unique? Why do some seem to feel that we must expand our membership rolls in this manner? Why do some feel it is necessary to be as large as other hereditary organizations? Are those who favor this proposal wanting, for example, to admit their sister's son who does not qualify under the Order's current grandfather clause? It is worthy of note that not being eligible for OFPA membership would not, in any way, affect a person's eligibility for <u>any</u> other hereditary organization; there are hundreds of OFPA Associates at present who are members of numerous other hereditary groups.

While the previous passage, including the portion that says, "...would not penalize our Grandmothers for their gender." is politically correct nowadays, it needs to be stated unequivocally that is <u>not</u> The Order's intent to penalize anyone's Grandmother in any way whatsoever any more than we are penalized by the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America. Our respectful response to the author of the statement would be that it is estimated that there are thousands of additional OFPA potential Associates right now who either have expressed no interest in the Order, who have not yet been contacted or <u>are not even aware of the Order.</u> We would put forward in response, is the better way to expand the Order's membership, is by more publicity, by the Order and Societies. In an effort to keep an open mind on the subject, we in the Virginia Society of The Order of Founders and Patriots of America would be interested to hear how others feel about the issue. Please contact the Cavalier Editor at hubba45@hotmail.com

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. Below—Attendees at the VA OFPA Executive meeting held May 6, 2012 at the Boar's Head Restaurant in Charlottesville, VA.

Seated: Taylor Cowardin and Jerry Hubbard

Standing: Mike Lyman, Doug Graves, Frank Hyland, Shane Newcombe and Cranston Williams, Jr.



The following items are on the 2012 VA OFPA CD. The Associates, I know of, who do not have computers will get a hard copy. If you get a CD but cannot read it contact me. Contact information on page 7.

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OCTOBER 19th

The Virginia Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America will march in the Yorktown Day Parade. We have people coming in from other states who will be marching under our OFPA banner. Plan on being there.

OCTOBER 20th

The VA OFPA fall meeting will be held in Yorktown at the Riverside Restaurant. After lunch we will mark a Founders grave.

Several people are making it a multi-day affair. Driving to Yorktown on the 18th, staying for the activities on the 19th and the 20th. Returning home after the grave marking on the 20th.

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Above-Associates Jerry Hubbard, Jim Bayne, Mike Lyman and Jake Lay getting read to march in the Culpeper, VA Fourth of July parade.

Below- Marching down Main Street Culpeper. With temperatures in the triple digits it was an interesting and hot walk. Pictures taken by Shirley Hubbard.



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. Blodget, Jr Founder-Thomas Blodgett Patriot-Solomon Blodget

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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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

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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The Order of Founders and Patriots is now on Facebook. Like at: <u>http://www.facebook.com/pages/Founders-and</u> <u>-Patriots-of-America/212618818770058</u>

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!



Above—Associate Jim Bayne reading the Declaration of Independence at the Fourth of July celebrations in Culpeper.. Notice OFPA flag on right. Left—At the Fincastle Presbyterian Church commemoration & plaque unveiling ceremony on 30 June, Associate Cranston Williams gave greetings from VA OFPA and presented the wreath. Associate Mike Lyman designed the plaques, determined the names to go on them, made up the program and announced the wreath layers.

