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Next VA OFPA Meeting

Saturday, October 19, 2013

The meeting will be in conjunction with Yorktown day. Something like this: 9:00 a.m. Lay the wreath at Governor Nelson's grave, 10:30 a.m. march in parade, 1:00 p.m. hold membership meeting/luncheon, 3:00 p.m. do a grave marking. Final details and times are being worked out.

Executive Board meeting: TBD

Associates,

Words cannot express my gratitude to those of you who so greatly assisted me and the Virginia Society during the 117th General Court.

I am proud of the Virginia Society. We earned the Parrish Award for the 5th consecutive time! I am confident that this will continue to be the "norm" for the next several years!

Thanks to the hard work of EACH and ALL of YOU for your assistance.

I leave for Mexico this afternoon (May 29th) for business not pleasure but business is pleasure. When I return, I would like to work out the date for the next Executive Council meeting so that we can recap the happenings of the General Court and make our final plans for the Yorktown Day Parade and Fall Meeting.

The Virginia Delegation at the General Court made a solid and rewarding effort at inviting and making contact with several important national officers and delegates that will be in attendance in October.

I also will work up my "notes" from the meeting and share with you via e-mail.

I would like to extend a special thank you to those in attendance (Bob, Walt, Mike, Taylor, and Vicki!) Your assistance, support, and mere presence was truly appreciated and I am indebted to you for your time and energy thereby making this such a memorable and positive General Court. Thanks to the hard work of EACH and ALL OF YOU for your assistance!

I have received several grateful remarks thanking the Virginia Society for her southern charm and hospitality – not to mention the Old Dominion's "spirits" compliments of Mr. Sheffield! The week could not have been better and could not have been more productive and rewarding.

Here's to another successful year to the Virginia Society and a special thank you to EACH of you for your important and vital role in make this—the Virginia Society—the best in the Nation!

I remain most humbly yours.

Steadfast for God and Country.

Shane

On April 9, 2013, two members of the VA OFPA were made honorary members of the Hereditary Society of the Daughters of the Founding Father of America.

In the picture below are the five men who were honored with honorary membership.. Left to Right.

Douglas M. Graves, Current Registrar for VA OFPA

Donnel J. Hubbard, past Registrar General for the OFPA

Robert P. Vivian, past Governor General of OFPA, currently Marshal of the Baronial Order of the Magna Carta.

Barry C. Howard, head of the Hereditary Society Community

Charles R. Odom, Governor General of NSSDP

Each man was recognized by reading a letter of proposal from one of the HSDFFA members and then followed by a letter of endorsement by another HSDFFA member.

Each honored man was called up front to be presented with a file folder containing the two letters just read and a certificate proclaiming the individual as an Honorary Member of HSDFFA. HSDFFA President General Wilma Halterman then presented the newly appointed member with a lapel pin showing his status as an Honorary Member.



Governor's Musings

117th General Court

Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

It was an honor to be the host Society for the 117th General Court of the OFPA in historic Williamsburg – Virginia's "Colonial Capital." Approximately, 40 people from across the nation came to the Court. The Virginia Society, with the assistance of Past Governors Mike Lyman and Taylor Cowardin, Genealogist Robert Kendall and his lovely wife, Vicki, and Deputy Governor Walter Sheffield helped roll out Virginia's "Southern Hospitality." The Society presented each registered member with free bags (to keep all of their important papers), a coffee mug, and writing pen. Deputy Governor Sheffield also offered a variety of homemade and delectable spirits from the fine hills of Franklin County and the offerings included tastings and fruit samples! It truly was enjoyed by all! In addition, the Virginia Society provided several bottles of some of Virginia's Finest Wines as "party" favors during the Banquet and Awards Ceremony. And most importantly, Governor General Hampton and his wife were presented with a "gift basket" of all things "Virginian" – peanuts, a whole country ham, and several jams, jellies, and preserves hand made by my mother, Jenny Lou Allen Newcombe. Our hospitality was truly welcomed by all in attendance and I am indebted to all of the great Virginian's listed above!

Several important items were discussed in the open business meetings. The "most important" item – the one on most associate's minds – was the discussion of changing the qualifications of membership. The Virginia Society, as always, stood steady and did not stray from its position of opposing any changings to membership qualifications. It was reassuring to hear Governor General Hampton remark that he had "received overwhelming remarks from associates across the national expressing their sentiment to not change any of the qualifications." Not long after the Governor General's remarks, the Court overpoweringly voted to "table the issue until further notice." I strongly feel, as many of you do, that if we continue to stand together on this issue that we will remain a strong and very unique hereditary society! Of course, our largest obstacle is the need to solicit and recruit new members. Therefore, I issue a challenge to each of you to invite an eligible friend or relative to join our prestigious Order. We could easily increase our membership if each of us worked towards this goal.

The other major item discussed at the Court was the option of having the General Court every other year (bi-annually) and that was overwhelmingly rejected based on the need to elect national officers and the camaraderie that is enjoyed by all in attendance. Therefore, the Court rejected the proposal and will continue to have an annual General Court. A General Court Committee was formalized to help organize and oversee future General Courts. I am pleased to announce that two associates of our Society were appointed to serve on that Committee: Past Governor Taylor Cowardin and yours truly.

The last item that was discussed with great interest was the need for more individuals and state societies to donate money to the John Quincy Adams Foundation Fund. In the past, Virginia as a Society has contributed to the JQA fund, Currently, numerous Virginian Associates have personally contributed to the fund and I am grateful for your generosity.

In closing, I again would like to thank those of you who attended the 117th General Court. Virginia proudly answered the call to host and our hospitality was well received and enjoyed by all. It truly was a productive General Court and a very memorable one. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Steadfast for God and Country,
Shane Newcombe
Governor, Virginia Society



TOP—Ray Maxson, Walt Sheffield, Mike Lyman, Shane Newcombe and Taylor Cowardine with the Parrish Award.

BELOW—Governor Shane Newcombe with Governor General Charles Hampton and First Lady Jane Hampton.





VA OFPA Governor Shane Newcombe and Deputy Governor Walt Sheffield at the Orders National Breakfast on Saturday, 13 April 2013.

**OUTSTANDING STATE National Guard UNIT Awards
For 2013** presented 20 April 2013

RECIPIENT(S) NAME:

**Air National Guard – Air National Guard Unit
192d Maintenance Group
151 Sweeny Blvd., Bldg #763
Langley AFB, Virginia 23665-2291**

**Army National Guard – 1173rd Transportation Company
Martinsville, Virginia 24113**

Presenter: Taylor Cowardin

2013 ROTC Awards

College of William & Mary:

RECIPIENT(S) NAME: Army Cadet BENJAMIN R. LUEDTKE
PRESENTATION DATE: Wednesday, April 17
PRESENTER: MR. ROSS GROGG

George Mason University:

RECIPIENT(S) NAME: Army Cadet KATHRYN A. BALLANCE
PRESENTATION DATE: Saturday, April 27
PRESENTER: MR. JERRY HUBBARD

Hampton University:

RECIPIENT(S) NAME: Army Cadet Brenten A. Boler
 Cadet Tyler J. DeHerra
 Cadet Reba O. Hamlin
 Cadet Derrick L. Elliott
PRESENTATION DATE: Thursday, March 28
PRESENTER: MR. ROSS GROGG

James Madison University:

RECIPIENT(S) NAME: Army Cadet BENJAMIN R. EVANS
PRESENTATION DATE: Wednesday, April 24
PRESENTER: MR. DOUG GRAVES

Radford University:

RECIPIENT(S) NAME: Army Cadet JONATHAN DOVE
DATE OF PRESENTATION: Thursday, May 2
PRESENTER: MR. RICHARD RAYMOND, III

University of Richmond:

RECIPIENT(S) NAME: Army Cadet Lisa M. Hozey
 Cadet Joshua R. Holmes
PRESENTATION DATE: Tuesday, April 9
PRESENTER: MR. TAYLOR COWARDIN

University of Virginia:

RECIPIENT(S) NAME:	Army	Cadet DANIEL S. LEE
	Air Force	Cadet CRISTINA M. SULLIVAN
	USNR	MIDN 1/C SCOTT C. BLAHA
Liberty University:	Army	Cadet BRIAN N. SAMMIS
PRESENTATION DATE:		Tuesday, April 16
PRESENTER:		MR. JERRY HUBBARD

Virginia Military Institute:

RECIPIENT(S) NAME:	Army	Cadet JAMES E. MURPHY
	Air Force	Cadet TIFFANY A. HAINES
	USNR	Midshipman 1 st Class JOHN E. DOMMERT
PRESENTATION DATE:		AFROTC Thursday, May 2, 2013
		NAVAL ROTC Friday, April 26
PRESENTER:		MR. RICHARD RAYMOND, III

Virginia Tech:

RECIPIENT(S) NAME:	Army	Cadet Zachary Stilwell
	Air Force	Cadet Randal Rechkemmer
	USNR	Cadet Joseph Balak
	VMI Company	Midshipman Braum Renner
DATE OF PRESENTATION:		Thursday, April 25
PRESENTER:		MR. RICHMOND RAYMOND, III

JRROTC AWARDS

KALEB ROCKEFELLER	SALEM HIGH SCHOOL, VIRGINIA BEACH
AARON MOORE	FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL, VIRGINIA BEACH
HILDEBRAND LIMON	PRINCESS ANNE HIGH SCHOOL, VIRGINIA BEACH
DRAKE SINGH	EASTERN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL, CULPEPER

THE FIRST THREE WERE PRESENTED BY ROSS GROGG. THE FOURTH WAS PRESENTED BY JERRY HUBBARD



Above-Taylor Cowardin presenting one of two OFPA ROTC Awards at University of Richmond.
Below-Doug Graves presenting the OFPA ROTC Award at James Madison University. Accompanying Doug was Wes Graves.





Above— Jerry Hubbard presenting the one of the four OFPA ROTC Award at University of Virginia.



Left— Mike Lyman and Taylor Cowardin at the James Monroe Ceremony at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, VA. Mike also represented the VA OFPA on April 27th at the James Monroe Birthplace ceremony in Westmoreland County. He gave greetings from VA OFPA and presented a wreath. OFPA colors were posted behind the speakers stand.



Left-Associate Jerry Hubbard presenting the VA OFPA JROTC Outstanding Cadet Award to Cadet Drake Singh. The event took place on Wednesday, 22 May 2013 at Eastern View High School, in Culpeper, VA.

Below Left- Jerry Hubbard represented the VA Society OFPA and laid a wreath at the May 27, 2013 Memorial Day Ceremony at Culpeper National Cemetery

Below- Governor Shane Newcombe, representing VA OFPA, placed a wreath on Memorial day at the Halifax War Memorial.





Genealogist Bob Kendall, Deputy Governor-Walt Sheffield and Past governor Mike Lyman at the General Court. Governor Shane Newcombe taking picture.

Right—Deputy Governor serving Virginia spirits.

Below—Past Governor Mike Lyman, Governor Shane Newcombe, Past Governor Taylor Cowardin and Deputy Governor Walt Sheffield dressed up for the Saturday night banquet.



Shane Newcombe and Mike Lyman at the registration table with goodie bags.



Left—Associates Lee Swift, III, Francis Lay, Jerry Hubbard and Mike Lyman on Saturday June 1st, at the grave marking for Lee Swift, Jr. This was a joint SAR, DAR, VA OFPA event.. Lee Swift, Jr. was a member of the DC OFPA, and a veteran of WWII and Korea. Lee was a friend to many in VA OFPA.

Lee Swift, Jr. was never given proper military honors. The SAR marked his grave. DAR marked his wife's Peggy Swift's grave. Bugles Across America played taps at the request of VA OFPA.



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 Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

Associate-L. Taylor Cowardin
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

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

Associate-Douglas M. Graves
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-John Grave
Patriot-Thomas Graves

Associate-Russell C. Scott
Founder-Christopher Branch
Patriot-Capt. Benjamin Branch

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-George W.B. Elder
Founder-Robert Abernathy
Patriot-John Abernathy

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

Associate-Billy "Cowboy" Ogden Wadsworth
Founder-Christopher Wadsworth
Patriot-Joseph Wadsworth
Founder-John Ogden S-1
Patriot-Abraham Ogden S-1

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

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

Associate-Lewis Turner Cowardin, II
Founder-Peter Cowardine
Patriot-John Cowardine

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

Associate-David Warren Lyman
Founder-Richard Lyman
Patriot-Ozias Lyman

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-Dwight David Lyman
Founder-Richard Lyman
Patriot-Ozias Lyman

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, VII

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-Wade H.O. Kirby

Founder-Thomas Kirby

Patriot-Captain William Kirby

Associate- Charles Adams Roberts

Founder- William Lane

Founder-Andrew Lane

Patriot- Daniel Lane, Sr.

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

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