

# THE VIRGINIA CAVALIER



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**EXTRA**

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**We had too much to report in a single Cavalier. The decision was made to bring out a SUMMER EXTRA edition.**

## VA OFPA Meetings 2014

The next EC meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2014-Location to be determined.

**October 19, 2014—Yorktown—(1) Placing of wreath on Governor Nelson's grave. (2) March in Yorktown day parade. (3) Fall Membership meeting. Additional information to follow as details are finalized.**

**Right**—On Saturday June 14th, The Virginia C.A.R. held a ceremony at Gunston Hall to Honor Col. George Mason. Associate Will Simpson represented the VA OFPA by placing a wreath on George Mason's Grave. Well done, Will.

A couple comments forwarded to the editor from outside VA OFPA.

- 1) "Nice of VA OFPA to support one of its members. I very much like it when groups do stuff like that."
- 2) "The VA OFPA looks like a great organization."



**“COMMEMORATION CEREMONY” and VA Society OFPA Meeting**  
**with a**  
**Joint luncheon--the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**June 7, 2014**  
**Maria’s Café and Italian Restaurant, Petersburg, VA**

(OFPA *Meeting Minutes follow*)

The Virginia Society of the OFPA met with the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia at Maria’s Café & Italian Restaurant at 21 West Old Street Petersburg, VA.

The 1812 Society had an extensive meeting. At the conclusion of their meeting, the VA OFPA had a short meeting of their respective attendees. After the joint luncheon, both societies went to Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, VA. There, the 1812 Society *and* the U.S. Daughters of 1812 unveiled a monument memorializing the 94 veterans of the War of 1812 who are buried in Blandford Cemetery outside of the cemetery's visitors' center .

At the ceremonial unveiling of this wonderful monument, the VA OFPA was represented by past Governor; Mr. Jerry Hubbard, who presented a VA Society wreath.

After the presentation of the 1812 monument, members of the VA OFPA provided a  
**“COMMEMORATION CEREMONY” Honoring Virginia Founder Richard Yarbrough**  
within the same cemetery.

The VA OFPA business meeting was convened at 1145 hours by Dep. Gov. Walt Sheffield. The following additional individuals were in attendance: Jerry Hubbard, Mike Lyman, Tom Sale, Ben Fegan, Cranston Williams, Zander Sheffield, Doug Graves and guest-Mrs. Rose Mary Wood (wife of deceased associate-Thatcher Wood).

Dep. Governor Sheffield provided the following documents to the members present:

- Agenda for this meeting
- Minutes to the March 15, 2014 joint meeting with the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter along with the various financial documents provided within those minutes (refer to the March 15, 2014 minutes already provided) and,
- From the recently held General Court in Louisville, Kentucky--amendments to the 2008 OFPA Handbook
- Also attached within these minutes (contact Doug Graves for a copy), for general information, is a list of the ***newly chosen*** General Court members. They were chosen at the 118<sup>th</sup> General Court (years 2014-2016) recently held at Louisville, Kentucky--May 23, 2014. **Please note** that our **Virginia Governor-Shane Newcombe, was chosen as Deputy Genealogist General and, our Deputy VA Governor-Walt Sheffield was chosen as Deputy Attorney General**

The minutes to the March 15, 2014 meeting, were reviewed and approved

Dep. Gov. Sheffield reported that Shane Newcombe, our Governor, has been appointed Vice Chairman on the committee assigned to plan for the 119<sup>th</sup> General Court to be held next year in Washington, DC.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved

Virginia Society was again greatly honored at the recent General Court for the Virginia Society won again, the "Parrish Award" **and** additionally, the Hinckley Award:

**Parrish Award** is awarded to the Society with greater than 50 members that accumulate the most points during the year. Points are awarded based upon the events the society generates and the events that individual members attend and represent the OFPA. In other words, the award is presented to Society that most accomplishes the objectives of the Order. It is believed that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> year (???) in a row, the Virginia Society has been presented this award

**Hinckley Award** is presented to the Society that has the largest percentage increase in membership of any size ( number of associates)

Dep. Gov. Sheffield recognized Mike Lyman for his tireless efforts throughout the years which have resulted in the Virginia Society having become the most recognized Society within the OFPA

The Registrar (Doug Graves) reported no new members to date. There have been several inquiries regarding the purpose of the Society, the membership requirements, and where (if any) is the female allowed within one's lineage.

Jerry Hubbard reported he is editing and amending the Virginia Society history and perhaps will place a newer up-to-date version on the VA Society website: [www.vaofpa.org](http://www.vaofpa.org) (click on the History tab)

Jerry reported further regarding the **ROTC Awards Program** that:

22--ROTC Awards were presented this year

2--National Guard Awards

6--Junior ROTC Awards

**Jerry stressed the importance of these awards and that the Virginia Society obtains points used to determine who is presented with Parrish Award-see above). More of the Virginia Associates/members should become involved with these presentations. No preparation-no outside work is required---the Associate just shows up and hands the award to the awardee. That's it---plain and simple!** So as a member of the VA Society OFPA, please consider becoming an ROTC presenter. It is truly a rewarding experience seeing these proud young men and women who have worked so hard through the years. Should you wish to become more actively involved, just contact our ROTC coordinator, Taylor Cowardin: [cowardins@aol.com](mailto:cowardins@aol.com)

Jerry reported that the next **Virginia Cavalier** newsletter will be out in a few weeks. He wanted to be able to include the events planned for this day--June 7, 2014--at Petersburg, VA

Past Governor Mike Lyman indicated he was unable to attend, and assist with the VA OFPA banner and parade event in Culpeper, VA on July 4, 2014. **We need Associates/members to volunteer to help with this event!**

Mike Lyman then summarized the day's events to follow namely, the unveiling of the War of 1812 memorial and the "**Commemoration Ceremony**" of a Virginia Founder to follow by the VA OFPA--both at Blandford Cemetery

Dep. Gov. Sheffield then explained the extensive work required to set up and acquire the necessary approvals--from City permits---cemetery approval---and approval from the Yarbrough Family Association. Months were required to schedule and plan the day's events! Regrettably, the Yarbrough Family Association did not approve an actual grave marking ceremony (with placement of a VA OFPA stone) for their ancestor, Richard Yarbrough. It is quite obvious that this association was confused as to the purpose and/or reason for our Society bestowing upon their founder this honorary distinction. As a result, the VA Society conducted a "**Commemoration Ceremony**" honoring the Virginia Founder, their ancestor, Richard Yarbrough.

There was no old business

There was no new business

Dep Gov Sheffield and past Gov. Mike Lyman are congratulated for their ***months*** of hard work planning, coordinating, and organizing the various events held this day! Our thanks go out to these gentlemen.

Meeting was adjourned at 1215 hours

**The next EC meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2014-Location to be determined**

**The next major event and/or general meeting(s) is Yorktown, VA--October 19, 2014**

Respectfully submitted  
Douglas M. Graves



VA OFPA Deputy Governor Walt Sheffield placed a wreath at the Historical Dumfries Cemetery on Saturday June 14th. This was a joint ceremony honoring Revolutionary War and War of 1812 patriots.



Deputy Governor Walt Sheffield and Associate Ben Fegan conducting the ceremony honoring Founder Richard Yarbrough. Below is the headstone of FOUNDER Yarbrough and the "modern" plaque





Above—Registrar Doug Graves (center) carrying the OFPA flag during the ceremony.

Below—The monument honoring the War of 1812 Patriots, the flags of the organizations present and the wreaths placed . Past Governor Jerry Hubbard placed a wreath on behalf of the VA OFPA (2nd from left) and Deputy Governor Walt Sheffield placed a wreath on behalf of the Order (3rd from left).



# Ancestor Memorials

**Associate**-Jack K. Westbrook  
**Founder**-Robert King  
**Patriot**-John King

**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 Corwardine  
**Patriot**-John Cowardine

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

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

**Associate**-Samuel P. Adams, III  
**Founder**-Henry Adams  
**Patriot**-Lt Samuel Adams, Sr.

**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**-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  
**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**-Charles B. Fegan  
**Founder**-Robert Moulton & son Robert Moulton  
**Patriot**-Freeborn Moulton & son Elijah Moulton

**Associate**-Brian A. Lyman  
**Founder**-Richard Lyman  
**Patriot**-Ozias Lyman

**Associate**-Robert S. Marks  
**Founder**-Robert Abernathy  
**Patriot**-John Abernathy

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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**-Kevin L. Lyman

**Founder**-Richard Lyman

**Patriot**-Ozias Lyman

**Associate**-Robert W. Robins

**Founder**-Robert Chandler

**Patriot**-Robert Chandler

**Associate**-Walter A. Sheffield

**Founder**-Col. Robert Wynne, II

**Patriot**-John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

**Associate**-William C. Schrader, III

**Founder**-Leonard Calvert

**Patriot**-George Calvert

**Associate**-Robert B. Kendall

**Founder**-Francis Kendall

**Patriot**-Josiah Kendall

**Associate**-Hugh E. Frasier

**Founder**-John Barker

**Patriot**-Henry Barker, Jr.

### 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. The VA OFPA has two magnetic signs that can be put on cars if you are in a parade that allows cars. Contact Bob and Vicki Kendall. (email next column)

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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The VA OFPA web site is [www.vaofpa.org](http://www.vaofpa.org). Donald Moore is our webmaster and recently updated it. Take a look at a great web site!