

The Culpeper Minute Battalion at the Battle of Great Bridge

At 7:00 am on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at the Culpeper Minute Battalion Memorial in Yowell Meadow Park in Culpeper, Virginia, a small group of hardy souls gathered to remember the date and time in the early morning hours of December 9, 1775, when the Culpeper Minute Battalion led in the victory at the Battle of Great Bridge in Chesapeake, Virginia. The event was held in the cold, early hours to instill a sense of that which our patriot ancestors might have experienced on that cold December 9 morning 246 years ago.

The program of remembrance was concluded with the presentation of wreaths and a musket salute. Virginia OFPA Governor Michael Weyler carried the National Colors in the Color Guard and presented the Virginia OFPA wreath.

Culpeper Minutemen Chapter President Charles Jameson recounted the history of the Culpeper Minute Battalion, how they were formed in September of 1775 in response to the Virginia Convention's call for military forces to resist the King's abuses, and how they marched south to Norfolk, defeated the British at the Battle of Great Bridge in December and secured Virginia for the cause of independence.



Above, Governor Weyler with OFPA Wreath is second from the left

