

Grave Marking of Five Patriots in Lovettsville

On Saturday, July 24, 2021, the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Virginia SAR and the Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter of the Maryland SAR co-hosted a grave marking ceremony for five Patriots from the Revolutionary War buried in the New Jerusalem Lutheran Cemetery in Lovettsville, Virginia. Master of Ceremonies for the day was Dave Cook, President of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter.

The five Patriots so honored were John P. Axiline, John Stoutsenberger, Peter Wertz, Adam Householder and Conrad Roller. A number of descendants from these five, most of whom still live in the area, attended and were recognized.

The ceremony was well attended, by members of the SAR, DAR and CAR, from both Virginia and Maryland, as well as members of the New Jerusalem Church. The story of each of the five Patriots was read by a descendant. After the presentation of twenty-eight wreaths, the ceremony was concluded with a fourteen-man, three volley musket salute.



Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler brought greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, presented the Wreath of the Order and participated in the event's Color Guard. Governor Weyler's remarks included the following:

On behalf of the Virginia Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, I bring Greetings. Today we commemorate those Patriots who took up arms to turn a country of thirteen colonies into an independent nation.

While we honor the Patriots who gave birth to our Republic, the Order of Founders and Patriots also honors the Patriots' ancestors, the Founders of America, who came to our shores a century and one half earlier to create something new, a country built on liberty and self-government.

If what's past is prologue, then the Founders of America in the early seventeenth century set the stage for the fight for independence taken up by the Patriots we honor here today, those who created the United States of America. God bless the United States of America.