

## Patriot Monument Dedication & Grave Marking at Shockoe Hill Cemetery

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution sponsored a dedication ceremony for the new Patriots Monument in the historic Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.



Virginia OFPA Governor Michael E. Weyler brought greetings from the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, carried the Flag of the Order in the event's Color Guard and presented the Wreath of the Order at the monument's dedication.



Shockoe Hill Cemetery, established in 1820, the property of the City of Richmond, is no longer an active cemetery. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The City has kept detailed records of burials, which allows us to identify and honor the many Revolutionary War Patriots buried there.

Notable among those Revolutionary War Patriots were John Marshall, a Lieutenant at the Battle of Great Bridge in 1775, later Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Peter Francisco, better known as the "Giant of the Revolution," noted for his strength and bravery in battle.

The Virginia SAR had worked with the Trustees of Shockoe Hill Cemetery to create and install the granite monument dedicated on May 22.

There are twenty names of Patriots listed, five of whom were given special honor by a grave marking ceremony. The five were James Gibbon, Robert Greenhow, Robert Pollard, John Potts and Nathaniel Puckett.

The dedication of the monument included a musket salute, which was followed by the presentation of twenty wreaths, including those from the SAR, the DAR, the CAR and the OFPA.