



THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY
of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

The annual birthday celebration of the 4th President of The United States of America--President James Madison Jr--is celebrated on March 16th of each year. The event this year (2023) was honored by being represented by some 23 various organizations. Councilor Douglas M. Graves of the Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America made available the Virginia Society OFPA wreath for the ceremony.

This ceremony was in recognition of the anniversary of President Madison's 272nd year of birth (b. 1751). He is considered "*The Father of our Constitution*" and additionally is considered the architect in drafting our country's *Bill of Rights*. The ceremony was held, at the Madison family cemetery, located on the grounds of his estate *Montpelier* which is located in Orange County, Virginia.

The honor of speaking was provided by Patrick Campbell. Mr. Campbell is the Education Program Manager at Montpelier's Center for the Constitution and joined Montpelier in 2017. He served "an exciting and challenging 21 years as a U.S. Marine Corps infantry officer and lawyer; Patrick spent 13 years teaching government courses, coaching, and administration in independent schools. Patrick has a B.A. from the Univ. of Notre Dame, and a J.D. and M.Ed from UVA." Mr. Campbell provided, in his remarks, a snapshot of President James Madison's significant accomplishments.

In addition to the opening remarks by Mr. Campbell, representatives from the United States Marine Corps Quantico, Virginia, were present and with great honor they proudly presented the Presidential Wreath.

All of the organizations (with wreaths) participating in this event were *verbally identified* (recognized--special recognition), by the speaker Mr. Patrick Campbell, at the conclusion of his remarks. Additionally, the ceremony was streamed live (and recorded) on the world wide social media platform--*Facebook*--at *James Madison's Montpelier Facebook* page located at: <https://www.facebook.com/JMMontpelier>. The verbal recognition, for participation by the Virginia Society OFPA, can be heard at position 5:25 on the video and our Society Wreath can be visually seen at position 9:12 of their live streamed (and recorded) video.

In addition to the event being streamed live on Montpelier's Facebook page, it was additionally promoted on their world wide website located at: <https://www.montpelier.org/events/james-madison-birthday>.

Not only was the event streamed on the world wide web, the live event was covered by local TV as well namely—the NBC News affiliate from Charlottesville, Virginia, and can be located at: <https://www.nbc29.com/2023/03/16/montpelier-celebrates-james-madisons-272nd-birthday>.



Guest Speaker—Mr. Patrick Campbell with the Presidential Wreath in the background



The Presidential Wreath presented by the United States Marine Corps



The Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America wreath is in the front row, 5th from the left