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The September Board of Direction meeting and social of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia was held September 14, 2012 at Ash Lawn-Highland, the home of President James Monroe. It is located near Charlottesville, VA, and adjacent to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Besides being a historic house and museum, the property is a 535-acre working farm, and performing arts site in Albemarle County. President James Monroe and his wife, Elizabeth Kortright Monroe of New York, owned Ash Lawn-Highland from 1793 to 1826 and made it their official residence from 1799 to 1823. After the Monroe deaths, the name of their farm was changed from "Highland" to "Ash Lawn"; today both names are used. Members and guests paused for a photo at the base of a huge tree in the yard. Pictured from the left: J. Shane Newcombe; Victor Diehl with wife Betty; President Capt (USN RET) John D. Dickie; Mike Lyman, Sr.; Dennis Fritts; Cranston Williams, Jr.; Mrs Dickie; Impersonator of James Monroe, Dennis Bigelow; Thad Hartman; John Epperly and wife Carol; Bill C. Collier, David Sutton; Bill Nash. Mrs Sutton and James Green. Attending but not pictured is Walter Sheffield and James Ramsey Richardson. Photo by J Shane Newcombe

