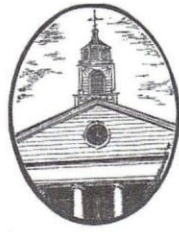


**The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia Participates in the Unveiling of a Virginia  
Historic Roadside Marker in Tappahannock in Essex County on October 18, 2014**

Below is the program for the event



***Essex County Museum and Historical Society***

***War of 1812 State Marker Dedication  
"British Raid on Tappahannock"***

***Schedule of Events***

***Welcome***

*Ron Geiger  
President, Essex County Museum and Historical Society*

***Opening Remarks***

*Dr. Jennifer R. Loux, Historian and Coordinator  
Highway Marker Program*

*Stuart Butler, Author and Member of  
Signage Committee*

*Lt. Col. Myron E. Lyman Sr. (USA Ret),  
Past President  
Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia*

***Introduction of Keynote Speaker***

*Priscilla Vaughan, ECMHS Board of Directors*

***Keynote Speaker***

*Dr. Robert Alexander Armour  
"Reading Between the Lines:  
The Untold Story of the Raid on Essex County"*

*Reception to follow Essex County Museum 218 Water Lane*



Above Author and Councilor Stuart L Butler of the Society and as a representative of the Advisory Council of the Virginia Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Commission addresses the attendees. Below, Mike Lyman, Past President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia gives greetings and remarks





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Below the following stand by the sign. L/R: Dr. Robert Alexander Armour; Dr. Jennifer R. Loux, Historian and Coordinator of Virginias Highway Marker program; Mike Lyman, Past president of the Virginia War of 1812 Society; and Stuart L Butler, Councilor in the war of 1812 society and representative of the Advisory Council of the Virginia Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Commission





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## BRITISH RAID ON TAPPAHANNOCK

On 2 Dec. 1814, British naval forces commanded by Capt. Robert Barrie shelled and seized the town of Tappahannock during the War of 1812. Aiding the British were three companies of Colonial Marines composed of formerly enslaved African Americans. By 4 Dec., when the raiders departed and Essex County militia reentered the town, the British had ransacked private houses, blown up a tannery, and burned two jails, the customs warehouse, and the courthouse. They also desecrated the burial vault of the prominent Ritchie family. This was one of the last British raids before the Treaty of Ghent was signed on 24 Dec. 1814.

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