Society Remembers James Monroe on his 257th Birthday at his Birthplace

On April 25th, 2015 at his boyhood home in Westmoreland County the War of 1812 participated in celebrating his birthday. A photograph of a plaque at the birthplace, the program for the ceremony and photos taken follow.
The James Monroe Memorial Foundation presents the 257th Birthday Celebration Ceremony for Fifth President James Monroe.

James Monroe
Birthplace and Park
Westmoreland Co, VA
April 25, 2015
10:30 a.m.
Call to Order..........................G. William Thomas, Jr., President, James Monroe Memorial Foundation

Invocation..........................W. Gregory Burkett, Assistant Chaplain

Presentation of Colors...........James Monroe Chapter SAR color guard

Pledge of Allegiance and Toast to the Flag........Shelby L. Chandler, II Past Commander WCC Heroes of '76 National Sojourners

Welcome.........................Hon. Woody Hynson, Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors

Greetings............................Hon. Rob Wittman, U.S. Congress

Declaration from Governor McAuliffe...........Peter E. Broadbent, Jr.

Remarks about Monroe Birthplace..............Edwin W. Slipek, III architectural historian

Remarks on Road to Revolution sign and War of 1812 Bicentennial Peter E. Broadbent, Jr.

Special Flag Presentations ............G. William Thomas, Jr., President

Presentation from the Grand Masonic Lodge of Virginia..............Right Worshipful William Hershey, Grand Junior Deacon

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Benediction..........................W. Gregory Burkett, Assistant Chaplain

Closing Remarks......................President G. William Thomas, Jr.

Retiring of Colors and Adjournment

Group Photos
Participants in the Wreath Laying Ceremony

James Monroe Memorial Foundation
War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission
Virginia Society of SAR
Richmond Chapter of SAR
Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter of SAR
James Monroe Chapter of SAR
Culpeper Minute Men Chapter of SAR
Williamsburg Chapter of SAR
Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia
Sons of the Revolution in Virginia
Order of Founders & Patriots in Va
Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Va
Grand Masonic Lodge of Virginia
Children of the American Revolution
Col. Alexander Spottswood Chapter CAR
National Society of Washington Family Descendants
Chantilly Chapter, DAR
Nelly Custis Chapter, DAR
Ash Lawn-Highland

Hon. Helen Marie Taylor
Stuart Butler, Historian
Edward Truslow, 1st Vice President
Dennis Peterson, 1st Vice President
Dave Hazel, Registrar
Art Buswell, President
Bill Schwetke, President
Richard Newsome, Historian
Myron Lyman, Past President
William A. Nash II, Member
Walter J. Sheffield, Member
Peter Broadbent, Past Governor
Grand Junior Deacon William Hershey
Emily Freeman, President
Sara and Anna Cox
Lochlan, Thatcher & Caroline Lind
Linda Ward, Past Regent
Natalie Ardoline, Regent
James Monroe Birthplace Park and Museum

The historic James Monroe Birthplace Park and Museum is open for the summer on weekends from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Bring lunch and enjoy the picnic area on the grounds or launch your canoe from our dock on Monroe Creek which flows into Monroe Bay and the Potomac River.

The Foundation's purpose is for Education and Preservation honoring the life and legacy of James Monroe, our fifth President and founding father. He was the only other US President to have served in active duty in the Revolutionary War other than George Washington and helped save this nation during the War of 1812 when he served as both Secretary of State and Secretary of War. Visit the new Museum with its expanded exhibits honoring President James Monroe.

Directions: The Birthplace is located on Route 205 in Westmoreland County, 1 mile east of Colonial Beach at 4850 James Monroe Highway at the James Monroe Birthplace Historical marker.

Visit www.monroefoundation.org, virginiapresidents@gmail.com and James Monroe Memorial Foundation on Facebook. Phone: 804-214-9145.
Above: Peter E. Broadbent, Jr. Esq., the Historian of the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia was Master of Ceremonies for much of the program.
The James Monroe SAR Chapter, VASSAR and members of the War of 1812 Society in VA and a member of the VASSAR assemble for presenting the colors for the ceremony. From the left: Charles E. Belfield, Councilor of the 1812 Society with the U.S. Flag; Brenan Belfield, James Monroe SAR Chapter member, with the Star Spangled Banner Flag; Hugh A. Markham, Deputy Councilor, War of 1812 Society holding the VA State flag, George-Beckham, member James Monroe Chapter, SAR holding the chapter flag; Mike Lyman, Past President War of 1812 Society holding the VA Society War of 1812 flag and Paul ----, James Wood, II Chapter SAR holding the VA Society Order of Founders & Patriots of America flag.

Below Stuart L Butler, Author and Councilor War of 1812 Society presents the VA War of 1812 Commission wreath; and Mike Lyman, Past President, the Society of the War of 1812 wreath.
Above members of the War of 1812 Society other than Hugh Markham gather for a photo. L/R: Charles E. Belfield, George Beckham, Mike Lyman, Bill Nash. Stuart L. Butler, Peter E Broadbent, Jr, and Walt Sheffield