

The Virginia War Cry



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The Newsletter of the
SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



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Now Presenting President Charles (Chuck) Poland

At the Society's Annual Muster, 18 June 2016 in Richmond, Virginia, officers and councilors were elected for the period of 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018. At the meeting, and representing the General Society, was President General Thomas E. Jacks who placed the President's Neck Ribbon on President Poland. President Poland accepted the position and presented his thanks to the Society for the trust placed in him as the new President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please welcome President Poland as he leads our Society for the next two years. You are encouraged to send your thoughts and comments to President Poland at the following email address: president@1812va.org.



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President's Pen:

DEFENDERS,

I'm very happy to have been elected as the new President of the Virginia Society of the War of 1812. Our Society is well recognized as one of the most active and effective state societies, and obviously, we'll want to continue with doing what we've done so well.

There are three areas that I'd like us to focus doing even better over the next two years:

- Membership growth: We now have some new tools, with the brochure and posters, to make ourselves better known with SAR and DAR chapters, and genealogy and historical societies throughout the state.
- Publicity in local media: The events we hold, such as our June grave marking in Shockoe Hill



Cemetery, are not receiving as much publicity in local newspapers and TV as I'd like to see.

- ROTC: I'd like to see us giving certificates and medals at universities throughout the state, taking advantage of the General Society program. This will require both statewide coordination and local presenters.

The second and third items should also help us in our membership growth, since they will make us better known throughout the community.

Respectfully submitted,
 Chuck Poland
 Virginia Society President
 President@1812va.org
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DID YOU KNOW?

An Autobiography from President Chuck Poland

I was admitted to the General Society of the War of 1812 and the Virginia Society on March 8, 2013, using my maternal 3rd great-grandfather, Pvt. John White, Sr. as my qualifying ancestor. I became the Registrar for the Virginia Society in April, 2013, and continued to hold that position until June, 2016, when I was replaced by Hugh Markham. While I was Registrar, 46 new members and 6 new dual members were approved, and one additional new member was pending General Society approval. On June 11, 2016, I was elected Virginia Society President.

Other Affiliations, Past and Present:

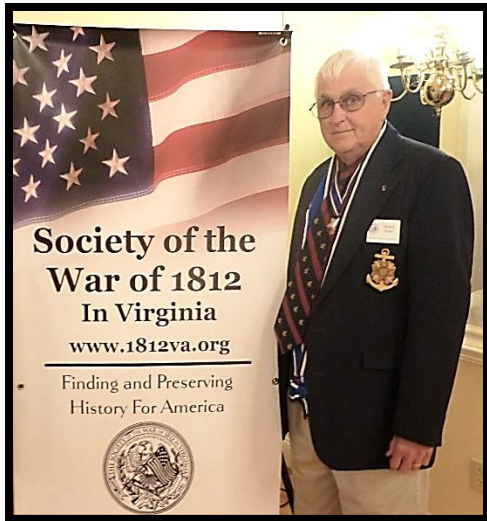
- Order of the Merovingian Dynasty: Member
- Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the United States of America: Member
- Order of Alba: Founding President General
- National Guild of Saint Margaret of Scotland: Member
- National Society of Saints and Sinners: Member
- Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva: Member
- Order of the Norman Conquest: Member
- Order of Descendants of the Justiciars: Member, Webmaster

- The Baronial Order of Magna Charta: Member
- Military Order of the Crusades: Member
- The Friends of St. George’s and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter (UK): Member
- Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry: Member
- Order of American Cousins of the Present and Future Sovereigns of Great Britain: Member
- Jamestowne Society, Roanoke-New River Valley Company: Lt. Governor
- Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association: Member
- Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters: Member
- National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Virginia Branch: 2nd Deputy Governor
- General Society of Colonial Wars, Virginia Society: Member
- Order of Indian Wars of the United States: Member
- Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar 1565 – 1861: Member
- National Society Sons and Daughters of Colonial and Antebellum Planters 1607 – 1861: Member
- Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy: Member
- First Settlers of the Shenandoah Valley: Member
- Flagon and Trencher Society: Member
- Sons of the American Revolution, Fincastle Resolutions Chapter: 2nd Vice-President, Webmaster, 6 Supplemental Ancestors
- Society of the Descendants of Washington’s Army at Valley Forge: Member
- Order of Washington: Member
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of the Chesapeake: Secretary/Treasurer
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp: Member, Webmaster
- Military Order of the Stars & Bars, Hupp-Deyerle-McCausland Chapter: Past Commander
- Sons of Confederate Veterans, 28th Virginia Infantry Camp: Member, Webmaster, Past Public Affairs Officer
- The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans: Member
- Sons of Spanish American War Veterans: Member
- Sons of AMVETS (American Veterans), Department of Virginia, Post 40: Member
- Society of Antiquaries of Scotland: Fellow
- Clan MacFarlane Worldwide: Director, Virginia Delegate, Internet Committee, Past Treasurer
- International Clan MacFarlane Society: Member
- American Clan Gregor Society: Member
- Menzies Clan Society: Member
- Scotch-Irish Society of the USA: Member
- Scottish Foundation of the Virginia Highlands: Member
- Historical Society of Western Virginia: Member
- Virginia Genealogical Society: Member
- Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society: Member
- Lakeland Lodge #190, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Roanoke, VA: Master Mason
- Appalachian Shawnee Tribe, Wesetekwi Band: Turkey Clan Elder
- The Glen Home Owners Association, Roanoke, VA: Past President and Vice-President
- IBM Corporation: Retired Senior Technical Staff Member
- Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan: Alumnus (B.S., cum laude)
- Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout, Junior Assistant Scout Master
- Junior R.O.T.C., Leigh High School, San Jose, California: Captain
- Leigh High School, San Jose, California: Valedictorian

Regards,
Chuck Poland

Presidential Comments – State of the Society

Dennis Fritts



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the BOD and membership for allowing me to serve as President of The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia for the past two years. It has been an honor to be elected and serve our Society. During the past two years, I believe we have established the foundation for fiscal stability and continued membership growth. The Society has initiated so many projects in support of drawing attention to the War of 1812, and this is extremely important in assuring that future generations don't forget the sacrifices made by our forefathers.

The development of so many different promotional materials by Defender Ken Williamson will certainly enhance our ability to recruit new members. The visibility of our Color Guard under the direction of Defender Charles Belfield attracts favorable attention at every event. The research conducted by Defenders Mike Lyman, Stuart Butler, Rev.

Larry Aaron and others provides much needed information concerning the role of Virginia in the War of 1812. The efforts of Defenders Peter Broadbent, Thad Hartman and Carter Furr have greatly aided our Society in being recognized throughout the Commonwealth for their many public contributions for our Society.

During my two years as President I depended a lot on Past President Thad Hartman, Registrar Chuck Poland, Secretary William Nash, and Treasurer Shane Newcombe. They were always there to help and support. I'd also like to thank Defenders Mike Lyman and Ken Williamson for their work on the web page and the newsletter. Their efforts have bought the Society a high level of recognition from other State Societies and the General Society. So many others have stepped forward when needed that I'm unable to name them all – but, all are remembered and appreciated!

Were there disappointments? There were! I had hoped more members would participate in the Kroger and Amazon programs that would bring additional funds into our Society. Both of these programs provide funding based on member utilization of their services and all it takes is a member signing up. Few did and we missed a great opportunity. Fortunately, these are ongoing programs and cost the member nothing to participate in support of our Society.

I ask each and every one of you to give our new President, Chuck Poland, the support you gave me. Under his leadership I see our Society growing tremendously.

My warmest regards and thanks to you all,

Dennis Fritts
Past President

General Society News



The website of our General Society is found at: www.gsw1812.org

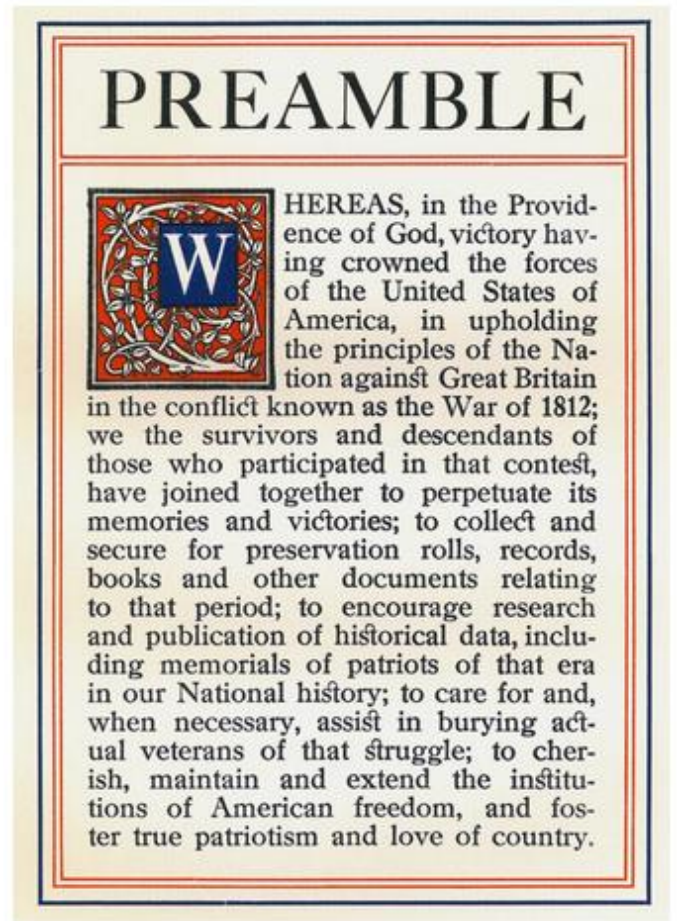
WHAT DO WE DO?

(From the General Society Webpage)

Purposes of the Society

The objectives of the Society are the collection and preservation of rolls, records, books, and other documents relating to the War of 1812; the encouragement of research and the preservation of historical data, including memorials to patriots of that era in our national history; the caring for the graves of veterans of the War of 1812; the cherishing, maintenance and extension of the institutions of American freedom; and the fostering of true patriotism and love of country.

In carrying out these objectives, the State Societies hold meetings for their members and guests at which programs relating to the War of 1812 and intelligent patriotism are presented. Over the years, the membership has been fortunate in attracting gentlemen of high caliber, intelligence, and gracious demeanor. The General Society and its affiliated State Societies are sensitive to the high ideals espoused by our Founding Fathers and they feel the duty that ever vigilant defense of our nation and its Constitution entails.



**Board of Direction Meeting – Annual Muster
Meeting Minutes and Reports of Officers and Committees Chairman, and Others
10:00 AM Saturday, June 18, 2016
Westwood Club, Richmond, Virginia
Provided by William Nash, Society Secretary**

1. President Dennis Fritts called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00am.
2. Chaplain Larry Aaron provided the invocation.
3. The Color Guard presented the colors.
4. Registrar Chuck Poland led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President General Thomas Jacks was present at the meeting and was recognized.
6. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved with the reading dispensed.
7. Officer Reports:
 - a. The Registrar reported that we have 12 new members and 3 dual members with one pending since the last Muster. He reported on his attendance at a DAR grave marking. His report stated that he participated at other various functions related to the War of 1812 and trained the Registrar nominee on the duties of that position.
 - b. Ken Williamson gave the Treasurer’s Report stating that we had a surplus of \$3,427.46 of income versus expenses. Our mutual fund investment has performed well. President Fritts reported on various fund raising activities of the society.
 - c. Chaplain Larry Aaron reported on his attendance and participation at events related to the War of 1812. He also wrote an article to the War Cry and sent a card for a member’s recent death.
 - d. Historian and Legal Counsel reported he is working with Heritage Books re: The supplement to the Burials Book published by our society. He is also working on the James City Militia flag donations at Hampton and the Monroe Birthplace. Also working on historic preservation of an intersection in Richmond used during both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Conveyed his work with the James Monroe Foundation and their events this spring relating to honoring the memory of James Monroe. Reconstruction of the “birdcage” monument at the James Monroe tomb at Hollywood Cemetery is underway and should be completed this fall with a ceremony.
 - e. Color Guard Chairman Charles Belfield reported of his and the Color Guard’s activities. He also has been speaker at many events relating to the War of 1812. He is working on signs and plaques in the state honoring prominent veterans of the War. Explanation and cost of a historical sign honoring Gen.

John Hungerford was presented. Another sign and cost honoring Capt. Vincent Shackelford in Richmond County at the Battle of Farnham Episcopal Church was also presented to the BOD. Both projects and their funding were voted on and approved. The President encouraged membership to speak in the community re: The War of 1812 and certain members gave examples of their talks.

8. Committees

- a. Mike Lyman's Report: He continues to chair the website's duties and makes periodic entries and adjustments to the site. As the Burial Book editor, he has added 670 more burials thus requiring a supplement to the original book. It should be available this fall with Peter Broadbent helping with the contract with Heritage Books. He expanded on various plaques and monuments purchases made for various marking in the state such as Hungerford Cemetery in Leedstown and Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg. He reported on the research, drawing and the finished product of the 68th Regimental Flag. Six flags have been made and some have been distributed to the Monroe Birthplace Museum and for the Color Guard. The Hampton History Museum will receive another. The cost of \$300 for two poles and cases for the extra flags was voted on and approved. He explained the grave marking today and that Shockhoe Cemetery has over 400 1812 War veterans buried there. He also has produced a CD of the Supplement of the Burial Book which will be distributed for member use only.
- b. Ken Williamson reported on the promotional materials he has created for our Society. One was a beautiful pamphlet on our Society for publicity and recruitment purposes. Business cards have also been produced for the Society. In addition, banners have been made which will be used at Society events to better explain our Society. Yard signs have been made and are available for publicity for the Society. In addition, specific emails have been set up for our Society for easy contacts to inquiries into our Society. These promotional materials produced by Ken Williamson will prove invaluable assets for publicity purposes. Purchase of more banners, yard signs, pamphlets and cards were proposed with their cost voted on and approved. Ken also produced a three-year budget for the Society with different projections on our income, expenses and membership totals. Surpluses are projected for the next three years and a good increase in membership. An audit was conducted by Ken and Chuck Poland and it was found that the Society is using sound accounting procedures.

9. Old Business:

- a. Ken Williamson reported that the Navy Memorial plaque proposal is still being worked on with the possibility of participation by the US Daughters of War of 1812 and the General Society.
- b. Robert Swartwood reported on the ROTC medal programs that the Society may pursue. There are 21 ROTC programs at 12 Virginia schools. He has researched contact phone numbers of all these schools.
- c. ROTC programs along with a history of awards over a few years of some of these schools. Most of the schools that have ROTC programs are in the Norfolk/Richmond/Lexington area. The President General stated that the General Society nationally sends out certificates and ribbons to all ROTC programs that ask for them. VP General Rob Pollock heads this up. Medals are not provided by National and run about \$20 and are available through the Quartermaster General. Further action on this proposal was tabled for the future meetings.

10. New Business:

- a. A new highway is proposed being built crossing the land of the Craney Island battlefield in the Norfolk area. It was requested that a pull off on the highway honoring the Battle be lobbied for by the Society. Stuart Butler reported he was a judge of an award of a History Day presentation at a local school. Possible future awards will be researched by Stuart.

11. The nominating committee results for proposed new officers was presented by President Fritts. The results were:

President – Chuck Poland	Treasurer – Shane Newcombe
First VP – Shane Newcombe	Registrar – Hugh Markham
Second VP – Stuart Butler	Quartermaster – James Thacker
Secretary – Bill Nash	Chaplain – Dave Howard

12. *There was no discussion and at the luncheon President Fritts stated these gentlemen would be inducted as the new officers for 2016-2018.*

13. *Larry Aaron gave the benediction and President Fritts concluded and adjourned the meeting.*

14. *The Color Guard retired the colors.*

*Respectfully submitted,
William Nash – Secretary*



Pictures from the June 20th BOD meeting

The Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia

General Order 2016-1

1 July 2016

PURPOSE: To establish the Board of Direction 1 July 2016 – 30 June 17, 2017

BACKGROUND: At the Society’s Annual Muster, held on 18 June 2016 in Richmond, Virginia, officers and councilors were elected for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018. The authority cited below specifies the last five state presidents or in the event one is unwilling or unable to serve, the current President shall appoint the next past president to serve in his stead, selecting consecutively from past-presidents until the five positions are filled will serve on the Board of Direction.

AUTHORITY: Article IV of the Constitution and Section 2 of the By-laws

Elected to the Board of Direction for the period: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

OFFICERS

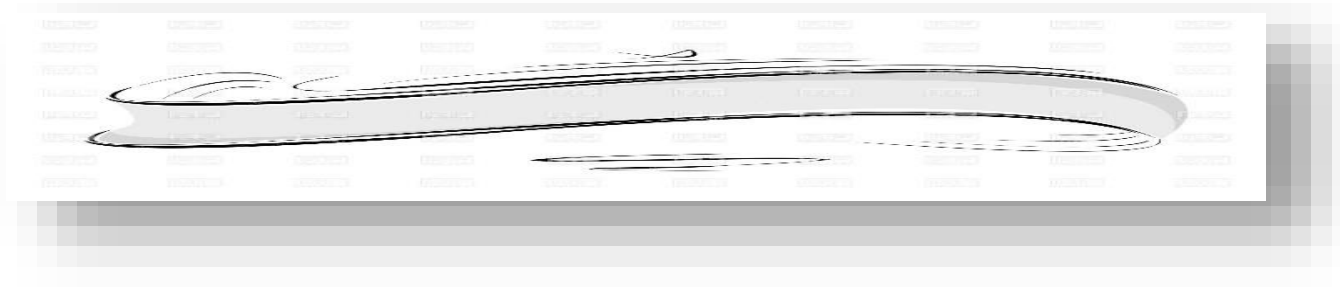
President	Charles (Chuck) Poland
First VP	J. Shane Newcombe
Second VP	Stuart Butler
Secretary	William (Bill) A. Nash, II
Registrar	Hugh A. Markham
Historian	Peter E. Broadbent, Jr.
Chaplain	M. David Howard
Counsel	Carter B. S. Furr
VP General	CAPT John N. Dickie
Quartermaster	James T. Thacker

COUNCILORS

- John M. Epperly
- William (Bill) C. Collier
- Stuart L. Butler
- James T. Thacker
- Charles Belfield




PAST PRESIDENTS

2005-2006	CAPT James D. Parrish, Jr.
2009-2010	LTC Thadeus L. Hartman
2011-2012	John C. Maxwell, Jr
2013-2014	CAPT John N. Dickie
2015-2016	C. Dennis Fritts



SOCIETY BROCHURE, BANNER, BUSINESS CARD, AND YARD SIGN
INTRODUCED AT THE ANNUAL MUSTER

Presented at the Annual Muster was the Society Brochure. The tri-fold brochure is designed to be used by any and all members. The brochure is printed on high quality brochure paper in vivid colors. It can be used as a handout that easily describes the Society and informs others about why they should consider membership. Copies may be requested by sending an email to: info@1812va.org.

<p>WHY JOIN</p> <p>Membership in the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia demonstrates that you are interested in perpetuating the memories of your patriot ancestors who created the way for you and your family to have liberties as a citizen of the United States of America. It shows your family that you care about them and want them to remember what your patriot ancestor did to defend their county.</p> <p>Membership includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting historic preservation, education, and patriotic endeavors • Creating a testimony to your family members that you desire to build a legacy for them • Participation in Society activities • Making lifelong friends who share your desire for American freedom • Fostering patriotism and love of country • Gaining leadership experience with your participation in Society committees • Helping others discover their ancestral roots and document their lineage • Attending Society membership meetings • Receiving the General Society publications • Opportunity to join the color guard • Participate in national events commemorating the War of 1812 <p>For membership information and assistance visit us on the web at:</p> <p>www.1812va.org/membership</p> 	<p>WHO WE ARE</p> <p>The Society shall be known as THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.</p> <p>Any male person who is a lineal (or collateral) descendant of one who served anywhere during the War of 1812 by military service in support of the United States, offering proof thereof satisfactory to the Registrar, and of good moral character and reputation, may become a member of this Society when approved by the Registrar.</p> <p>WHAT DO WE DO</p> <p>We the descendants of those who participated in the War of 1812 have joined together to perpetuate its memories and victories; to collect and secure for preservation rolls, records, books and other documents related to that period; to encourage research and publication of historical data; including memorials of patriots of that era in our National history; to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to foster true patriotism and love of country.</p> <div data-bbox="592 1245 1019 1474" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Contact us: By email: info@1812va.org On the web: www.1812va.org</p> <p><small>1812VA is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Educational Organization</small></p>	 <p>Society of the War of 1812 In Virginia</p> <p><i>Finding and Preserving History for America</i></p>  <p>www.1812va.org</p>
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HOW CAN I FIND MY ANCESTORS

Don't give up – ever!
We're Here To Help

Finding your family tree may include many hours of talking to relatives and searching on-line, or it may be as simple and quick as discovering that someone has already posted all or part of your family lineage on-line. There are large databases of ancestral historical records that provide information and links that document records for each generation (birth certificates, wills, etc.). And there are national organizations with on-line ancestral information that can help expedite the process.

Good news! You do not need to do it alone. Our Society Registrar is ready to help you with every detail needed to document your patriot ancestor, and will assist you with the application process. Contact may be made through email at:

Registrar@1812va.org.



*The Insignia of the
General Society
of the War of 1812*

HOW WE FORMED

During the War of 1812, Virginia militia regiments were mustered to defend the state against a British invasion. The Virginia militia defended the Commonwealth and the United States. The General Society of the War of 1812 was founded in 1814 and the Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia was chartered in March 1982 as an independent state society, affiliated with the General Society of the War of 1812, to carry out the mission of its Charter of perpetuating the memories of our patriot ancestors.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

Would you like to hear from one of our officers about how we can help you become a member? Or, do you have a specific question about the War of 1812 in Virginia, or another question related to that era? We encourage you to send us an email with your questions or comments and we will promptly respond. You are encouraged to request a copy of our newsletter, *The Virginia War Cry*, to read through. In it you will see the activities our members are regularly involved in. Send an email of request to the Editor. You may also visit us on the web at www.1812va.org.

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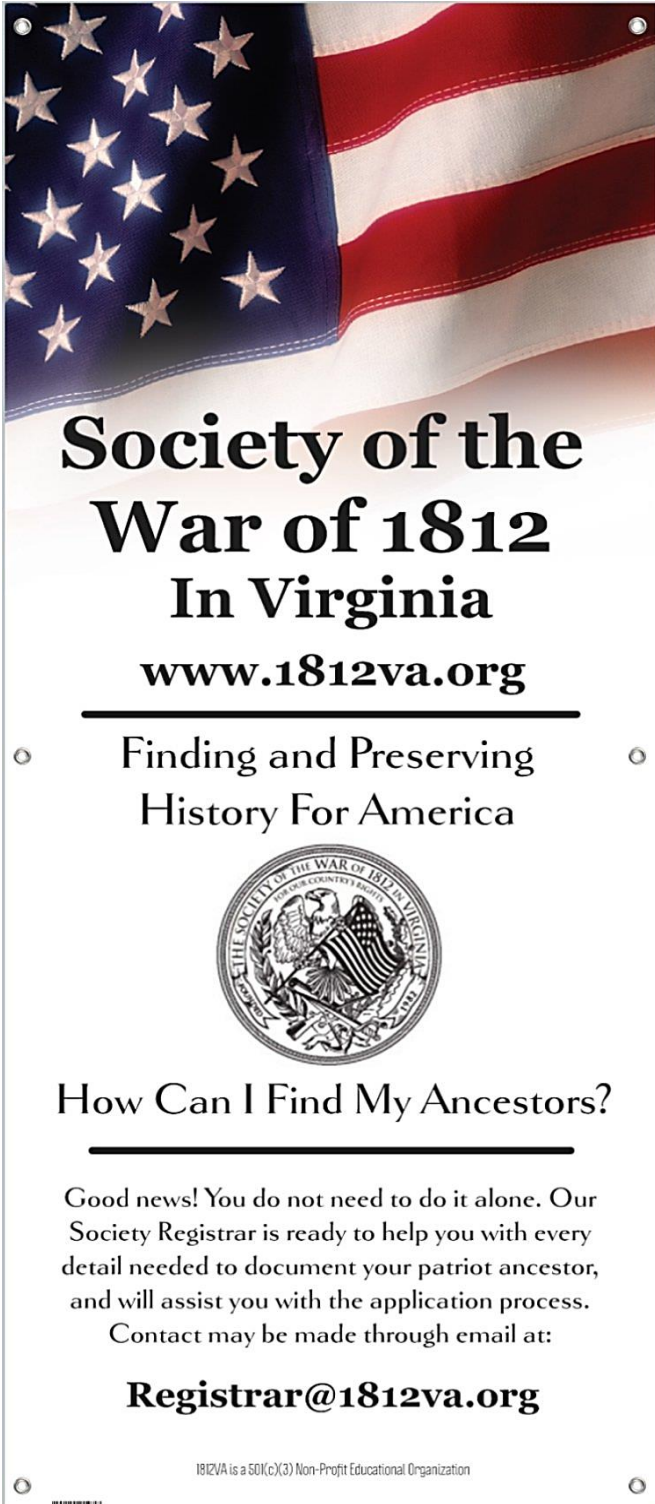
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Also presented at the Annual Muster was the Society Business Card. It can be ordered by any member. This is an excellent card to hand out to anyone as you're talking about your Society. It can be ordered with the member's name and title by sending an email to: Info@1812va.org.




To other promotional items presented at the Annual Muster were the Banner and the Yard Sign. Each will have many uses by those who are presenting at Society events where high visibility is desired. This includes official Society presentations, member speaking engagements, community events, and other times where visibility for the Society is desired. Both are designed to be affixed to a supporting stand, and the yard sign is printed on both sides.



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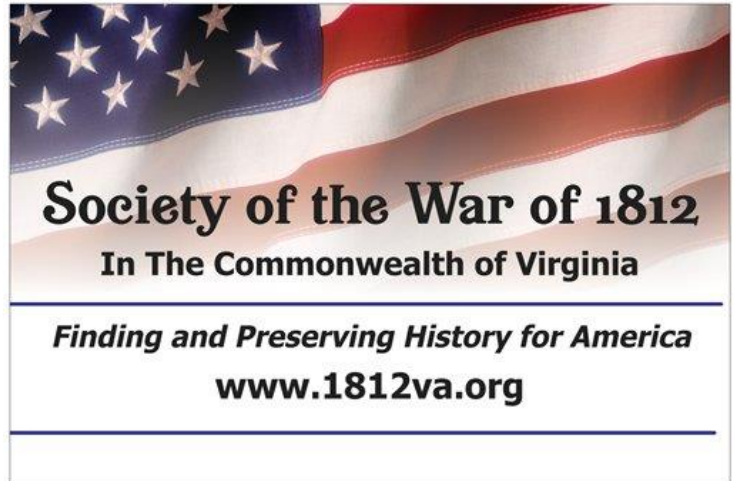


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Picture of President Fritts and Thomas E. Jacks, General Society President, at the Annual Muster, with the new Society Banner.

The President's Award By Dennis Fritts

Why do we have a President's Award? Who is eligible? Who determines the awardee?

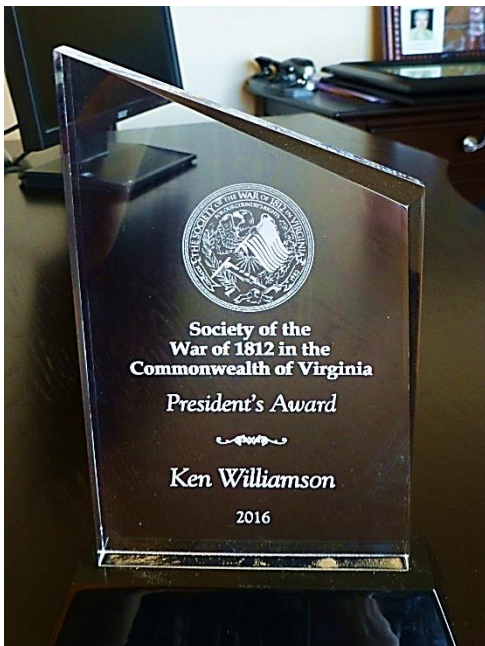
In 2014 when I became President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia I felt there was a need to recognize the Defender who the leadership felt had gone "above and beyond" the call of duty. My first step was to discuss the idea with the past Presidents. They acknowledged that the Certificates we presented were nice but we needed another form of recognition. The other thing that everyone agreed with was that the award would not go to a past President. We didn't want the award to appear to be a "good old boy" award.

The next step was to get Board approval. The idea was approved by the Board and it was directed that the award would be presented at the annual Muster. By the time all this was accomplished it was decided that the first award would be at the 2016 Muster. This would give us a full year to make a decision.

The process was that the current and past Presidents all submitted three names in ranking order. Three points for the first name, two points for the second name and one point for the third name. The person receiving the most points would be the awardee. All nominations were tallied and the awardee was discussed and confirmed.

At the 2016 June Muster the first President's Award was presented to Ken Williamson. The award was based on his outstanding work on the Society newsletter, his development of a recruitment brochure and other promotional materials, his willingness to participate in Society events and his willingness to offer suggestions that have led to improvements in the way the Society does business.

I encourage all members to become more active, make suggestions concerning how we can improve the organization, share your skills and expertise but most importantly participate in events that the Society sponsors.



Presentation of *President's Award* by President Denis Fritts and General Society President Thomas E. Jacks

ANNUAL MUSTER PICTURES





1812VA Society Activities April - July



EVENTS:

March

29 Preservation of Brook Road, Richmond, VA – Forgotten Richmond Roadway

April

16 Blandford cemetery wreath presentation and flag pole dedication at monument unveiling, Petersburg, VA

23 James Monroe 258th Birthplace ceremony – Speaker and wreath laying ceremony, Westmorland County, VA

28 James Monroe Birthday Wreath Laying ceremony – Hollywood cemetery, Richmond, VA

30 Alden Hewitt, 1812 veteran, presentation ceremony, Gaffield Cemetery Licking County, Ohio (Dennis Peterson)

May

7 Society participates at joint 1812VA & SAR, plaque & grave marker unveiling for War Veterans, Leedstown, VA

June

5 Member Lyman presented wreath at War of 1812 veteran, at Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, VA

11 Member Poland presented at grave marking ceremony for Arrenah Redman, Bedford, VA

18 Annual Virginia Society Muster, Richmond, VA

18 Grave Marking Unveiling Ceremony, three veterans, Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, VA

July

8 Members provided “Religious Freedom” program at Newland Church of Christ, Warsaw, VA

19 Members visited and led pledge to the American Flag at Rappahannock Baptist Church, Rappahannock, VA

24 Member Belfield completed leading “Finding your Genealogy” class at Rappahannock Community College

OBITUARIES – With our Condolences and Sorrow:

June 13 Richard E. Hendrix – Member

July 21 David H. Harpole, Sr. – Past President, 2007 - 2008

July 23 Capt. John N. Dickie – Past President, 2011 - 2012



Society Improves the War of 1812 Monument in Blandford Cemetery at Petersburg

April 16, 2016

The Society had eight names added to the War of 1812 monument previously erected in June 2013. This monument listed ninety four veterans of the War of 1812 interred or memorialized. The monument now includes 102 veterans. A ceremony was performed to memorialize nineteen Revolutionary War patriot burials at the site, and in addition, the display area was widened and a flag pole was placed to permanently display the American flag between the two monuments. Now visitors to the cemetery upon arriving in the Visitor Center Parking lot, will view the names of the patriots of both the first and second War of Independence interred or memorialized there.



James Monroe Birthplace Ceremony April 23, 2016

At the James Monroe Birthplace in Westmoreland County, five members of the Society attended. Peter Broadbent procured and read Virginia Governor McAulliffe's Declaration which stated that April 28th is James Monroe Day in Virginia. Charles Belfield was the guest speaker and talked about how President Monroe's up-bringing on the farm made him a great government leader and president. He also led the Color Guard and with Mike Lyman presented a new replica of a county regimental War of 1812 flag to the James Monroe Memorial Foundations Visitors Museum. Mike Lyman presented the society's wreath and discussed the design of the regimental flag. Dennis Peterson and Mike Elston also attended.



Charles Belfield presents James Monroe personal history



Mike Lyman presents the Regimental Flag

James Monroe Birthday Wreath Laying Ceremony April 28, 2016

Five members of the Society participated in the James Monroe Birthday Wreath Laying ceremony at Hollywood cemetery in Richmond. Peter Broadbent presented at the ceremony. Mike Lyman presented the society wreath and Charles Belfield, Ed Truslow, and Bob Smartwood represented the Society and presented wreaths from their SAR societies.

**Society Unveils Regimental Unit Flag
April 2016**

The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia conducted research into the existence of possible regimental unit colors for units of Virginia during the War of 1812 and located a flag in Britain that was captured during the War of 1812. A British citizen furnished a photograph he had taken and a description of its contents. The Society had a flag designed from the photos and purchased ceremonial copies to be used at Society events.



Mike Lyman & Charles Belfield display front side of flag



Mike Lyman & Charles Belfield display read side of flag

**Society Participates at Plaque and Grave Marker
Event at Hungerford Griffith cemetery**

May 7, 2016

The Society, with the James Monroe Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, conducted a plaque and grave marker unveiling ceremony in the Hungerford Griffith cemetery in Leedstown, VA. Honored were four Revolutionary War patriots and three War of 1812 veterans with individual grave markers and a plaque at the entrance gate.



John Hamilton with Colonel Fielding Lewis wreath; Doug Graves with OFPA wreath; Charles Belfield with James Monroe Chapter wreath; Stuart Butler with War of 1812 society wreath



Society Members attending R/L: Dick Fickling and Hugh Markham, Stuart Butler; Charles Belfield, Mike Lyman, John Hamilton, and Bernard Baker



**Military Marker Dedication
Shockhoe Cemetery, Richmond, VA
June 5, 2016**

Mike Lyman presented the Society wreath at a ceremony which honored a War of 1812 veteran. A Veterans Administration gravestone was also placed in response to the work by the Friends of the Shockhoe Hill Cemetery. The ceremony, due to inclement weather, was held in the American Legion Building in Sandston at 2pm.



Mike Lyman

**Grave marking ceremony for Arrenah Redman
Daughter of 1812 Veteran, Henry Redman
June 11, 2016**

Chuck Poland attended and presented remarks at a grave marking ceremony for Arrenah Redman, at the Otterville United Methodist Church in Big Island, sponsored by the Peaks of Otter DAR Charter. Her father, Henry Redman, was a fifer in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

**Religious Freedom Presentation
July 8, 2016**

Two Society members represented the Society as they visited the Newland Church of Christ during the VBS program. Hugh Markham and Charles Belfield posted the flags and spoke to the children reminding them how we gained our religious freedom.



**Society Color Guard Posts Flags for Bible School
July 12, 2016**

The Society Color Guard members visited Vacation Bible School at Oakland United Methodist Church in Richmond County. Charles Belfield, Mike Lyman and Hugh Markham posted the colors after leading in the pledge of allegiance. Each child received a flag to take home. The children were reminded that patriots of the Revolution and the War of 1812 were responsible for our religious freedom.



Member Conducts Genealogy Class for the Institute of Lifelong Learning July 24, 2016

Member Charles Belfield completed an instructional class for the Institute for Lifelong learning, sponsored by Rappahannock Community College. The class included 14 students from all over the Northern Neck of Virginia. Charles led the class in finding their genealogy. During the class they discovered ways to put their knowledge to work. Each member constructed a family history that will be useful in demonstrating family heritage for generations to come.

Charles also introduced how joining Ancestry Societies such as the Sons of the American Revolution and the Societies for the War of 1812 can bring new activities, new friends and help to bring a more fulfilling life, as well as helping to preserve family history and the history of our nation.

The class was conducted at Menokin, the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee – a perfect setting for this class. The class was able to view displays of history of Charles' family, dig into reference books and enjoy a skit he performed about his family. The class also took a field trip to the Belfield Memorial Cemetery.

Charles Belfield is the President of the James Monroe Chapter of SAR, Vice President of the Richard Henry Lee SAR Chapter, and a busy member of our Society who also leads the Society Color Guard. Our hats are off to Charles and his work and we give a big "Thank You" for all you do.



Member Dennis Peterson Conducts Family Grave Marking Ceremony for Grandfather Alden Hewitt Gaffield Cemetery in Licking County, Ohio April 30, 2016

Dennis C. Peterson, a member of the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia, marked the grave of his 4th Great Grandfather Alden Hewitt during a ceremony at Gaffield Cemetery in Licking County, Ohio on April 30, 2016. Family and friends attended the event.

As a result of his research, Peterson's ancestor will be listed in the database of Licking County, Ohio War Service Members. Doug Stout, head of the project for the Licking County Public Library System, declared that they were unaware of Hewitt's military service. Hewitt died in 1856.

Also unaware was the Ohio Society of the United Daughters of the War of 1812. Vice President Sharon Myers announced her organization will add Hewitt to their Index of 1812 service vets. The ceremony was conducted as a joint program with the Ohio War of 1812 Society and the initiative of Peterson as a member of the Virginia 1812 Society. About 45 persons attended including a combined 1812/SAR Color Guard who fired their muskets in salute.

Our Virginia Society is honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge Dennis Peterson and his diligent investigative work, and to reiterate how important it is to never give up when looking for your ancestors.



Grave Marker Unveiling Ceremony

For War of 1812 Veterans


July 18, 2016

Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, VA

Immediately after the BOD and Annual Muster, the Society conducted an unveiling for three War of 1812 veterans. All three served in the Virginia Militia.



Grave Marker Unveiling Ceremony
 For
War of 1812 Veterans
 PRIVATE JAMES HEATH
 PRIVATE JOSEPH TATE
 PRIVATE RICHARD WHITFIELD



in the Shockoe Hill Cemetery
Richmond, VA
June 18, 2016 at 2:30 pm
 Conducted by
The War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth
Of Virginia

PROGRAM

Call to Order & Greetings: C. Dennis Fritts, Pres War of 1812 Soc in the Commonwealth of VA
 Invocation: Rev. Larry G. Aaron, Chaplain
 Advance 1812 Color Guard and Present Colors (Please stand)...Color Guard members
 Pledge of Allegiance..... Led by Ken Williamson, Newsletter Editor
 Post ColorsColor Guard members
 Welcome Remarks:
 General Society War of 1812Thomas E. Jacks, President General
 War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of VAC. Dennis Fritts, President
 Friends of Shockoe Hill Cemetery.....Jeffrey C Burden, Immediate Past President
 Richmond Chapter, U.S. Daughters of 1812TBA
 VA Society SARR. Wayne Rouse, Secretary
 Ritual for Unveiling Grave Markers Past President Mike Lyman & Member Hugh Markham
 Recite service of each veteran ...Chuck Poland, Registrar (after each is read the marker is unveiled,
 photos are taken at each unveiling) James E Heath- PG Jacks; Joseph Tate- Councilor Stuart Butler;
 Richard Whitfield- Secretary, William A. Nash
 Musket Salute: ... Firing PartyCharles Beifield, Hugh Markham
 Taps: Recording used at Arlington National Cemetery
 Presentation of wreaths Names read by Shane Newcombe, Treasurer
 Recessional Rev. Larry G. Aaron, Chaplain
 Closing remarks President Dennis Fritts
 Group photos
 Wreath Presenters:
 General Society War of 1812.....Thomas E. Jacks, President General
 VA Society War of 1812C. Dennis Fritts, Presiden
 .U.S. Daughters of 1812TBA
 VA Society Sons of the American Revolution.....R. Wayne Rouse, Secretary

QUESTION:

Do you know where one of your patriot ancestors is buried? Would you like to honor that family ancestor who participated in the War of 1812, but they are buried in another state?

You can!!!

Purchase a grave marker from the 1812VA Quartermaster General and we'll help you plan your event. Take a lot of pictures and send a report and pictures for our newsletter.

Contact the editor at:
Editor@1812va.org



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*****1812VA COMMITTEES*****
Do you have One or Two hours to spare?
You can do it from home, even in your spare time!

Our Society is made up of members who work together to achieve the goals of the Committees. 1812VA Standing Committees address on-going operational functions of the Society. Our 1812VA handbook states that the President shall appoint chairmen and members to the committees, with the exception of the Audit Committee, which requires prior approval by the Board of Direction.

The Standing Committees are: Audit, Budget & Finance, Graves Location/Registration, Grave Marking, Membership, Newsletter, Records Depository, and Website. The Membership Committee shall recommend methods for recruiting new members, publicity related to Society activities, assisting with their Committee assignment and shall carry out those actions approved by the Board of Direction.

Special Committees: The Board of Direction may establish Special Committees as needed. The President shall appoint the chairman and the members of such committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

Our membership becomes more valuable when we all participate. **DO YOU HAVE ONE OR TWO HOURS TO GIVE TO YOUR SOCIETY?** If so, please email President Poland at: President@1812va.org. Your involvement will be very appreciated by ALL members!

NEW MEMBERS ARE A GREAT ASSET AND ARE VERY APPRECIATED!

Member	Ancestor	Admitted Date:
Benjamin Barton Rudisill	James Corbin	Mar 30, 2016
Scott Blackford Meacham	Thomas T. Blackford	Mar 30, 2016
Michael Ernest Weyler	Samuel Pierce	Mar 30, 2016
Johnny Ray Hamilton	Schuyler Hamilton	Mar 30, 2016
Lewis Clayton Foster	Joshua Foster	May 21, 2016
Calvin Johnson Willis	Samuel Cary	May 21, 2016
John Shaw Lynch	John Shaw	June 20, 2016

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOTE: REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR SOCIETY WEBSITE
BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS FOR OTHER UP TO DATE EVENT NEWS
[WWW.1812VA.ORG]**

September 16 (Friday)

BOD Meeting, Williamsburg, VA

(Every Member is encouraged to attend).

Additional details will follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW and make plans to attend your 2016 fall BOD meeting. It is scheduled concurrently with the VASSAR semi-annual meeting, as usual. One of the items to be considered will be the election of new counselors since several of the current counselors were elected to other officer positions at the last muster. Another item will be the recognition of Committee's and their members. If you have suggestions, please President Poland know.

Email Chuck at: President@1812va.org

September 15-17 (Weekend)

2016 Annual Meeting General Society of the War of 1812

Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield, Illinois





Society of the War of 1812 In the Commonwealth of VA

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