

### **Society Member Speaks at U.S. Daughters of 1812 Meeting**

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, Charles Belfield, Counselor and Color Guard Chairman of the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia gave a presentation to the James Monroe Chapter, Virginia Society U.S. Daughters of 1812. The presentation was given to a gathering of members of the chapter at Shoney's Restaurant in Fredericksburg.

The presentation was about the battle of the Little White House which was a prominent large white warehouse on the Potomac River south of Alexandria on what is now the general location of the Officers Club at Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County. The engagement with British ships descending from their blockade of Alexandria took place there for several days during the period September 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 1814 as U.S. batteries and Virginia militiamen fired upon them.

Belfield, dressed in Virginia militia attire and with displays he had made of the battle forces was reported by the Daughters Chapter officers as being very interesting and informative. Some photos taken follow.





Above he is presented a gift from the U.S. Daughter's chapter by Dr Cheryl Davis Below is a group photo of some of the attendees

