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Background on the 7th Infantry Regiment's Distinctive Unit Insignia Cotton Bale

By

Lieutenant Colonel William C. Collier USA (Ret)
1812VA Society Councilor



In July 1921, The US Army's Quartermaster Department approved the 7th U. S. Infantry Regiment Distinctive Unit Insignia as a crest in the shape of a horseshoe. Official correspondence reads; "Crest: *On a wreath of the colors a horseshoe gules pierce sable.*" This design was to commemorate the distinguished service the Regiment performed during the 1814 Battle of Horse Shoe Bend, Alabama during the War of 1812. The new design changed the 7th Infantry Regiment's Distinctive Unit Insignia that was adopted in 1912 when the Regiment was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. When this correspondence arrived at the headquarters of the 7th U.S. Infantry

Regiment, stationed at Camp Lewis, Washington, it caused much consternation.

The Colonel of the 7th US Infantry Regiment at the time was Colonel Thomas M. Anderson, Jr. He descended from a long line of Army Officers. His father was a Major General who had served in the Civil War and The Spanish American War. His grandfather has served in the War of 1812 and his great grandfather has fought in the American Revolution. Colonel Anderson served as a noncommissioned officer with the 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment before being commissioned. As a young officer, he served with the 13 U.S. Infantry Regiment as Lieutenant and with the 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment as a Captain. He too served in the Spanish American War, the Philippines Insurrection and in World War I. He had served several tours of duty in the Regiment and knew the history of the 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment, particularly how the Regiment had distinguished itself at the Battle of New Orleans.

After reading the War Department directive, Colonel Anderson called for the Regimental Operations Officer, Captain William A. Collier. After a short discussion, Colonel Anderson issued very specific guidance for the design of the unit insignia. It was to be a cotton bale with 1815 superimposed, over two crossed bayonets, surrounded by the motto "Volens et Potens." Captain Collier took this guidance and returned to his office,
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President's Pen

DEFENDERS,

Past President Dennis Fritts and I attended the President Madison's Birthday Commemoration at Montpelier on 16 March, where we were joined by a third Society member. The ceremony was well attended despite the chilly and windy weather. Many groups were represented and presented wreaths. And, the marine band and honor guard were in attendance. Dr. Peter Hoenig of the University of Virginia gave a very interesting speech on the lessons learned at each of the several phases of President Madison's career.

I've had good response to my request for volunteers for ROTC award volunteers. However, there are still more universities open (Marymount, Mary Baldwin, JMU, Piedmont VCC, Liberty, Washington and Lee, Randolph Macon, Hampton, and Richmond), so if you're interested, join us and send an email to me, especially if the university is near you - let me know soon.

We're going to try something new, and that is to have social events where no business is conducted, and where wives and **prospective new members** will be invited. The first of these will be held at the Westwood Club in Richmond, and is scheduled for Friday, 28 April, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is particularly aimed at Society members living in the Richmond area, but all members are invited to attend. Appetizers will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Your participation is very important. The timing of this event ties in well with the President James Monroe commemoration event at Hollywood Cemetery on 28 April, and at the Monroe birthplace on 29 April.



These events will be a great social time for you to bring a prospective member – perhaps a neighbor who has been interested in hearing about your ancestry. Who knows, this might be the best opportunity to help someone launch a successful personal investigation into their own family history with the discovery of a War of 1812 veteran. It takes your involvement and just a little of your personal time – so, please plan on attending this event, bringing a friend, and meeting with other members, their wives, and friends of the Society.

I have a request - If you live in and around Richmond and will be attending the first social event, or if you would appreciate attending these events at a location near to you, please let me know. If it goes well, we'll plan on holding similar events later in the year at other centralized geographic locations around the state.

Don't forget the annual muster on 3 June, which will also be held at the Westwood Club in Richmond.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Poland
Virginia Society President
President@1812va.org
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General Society News

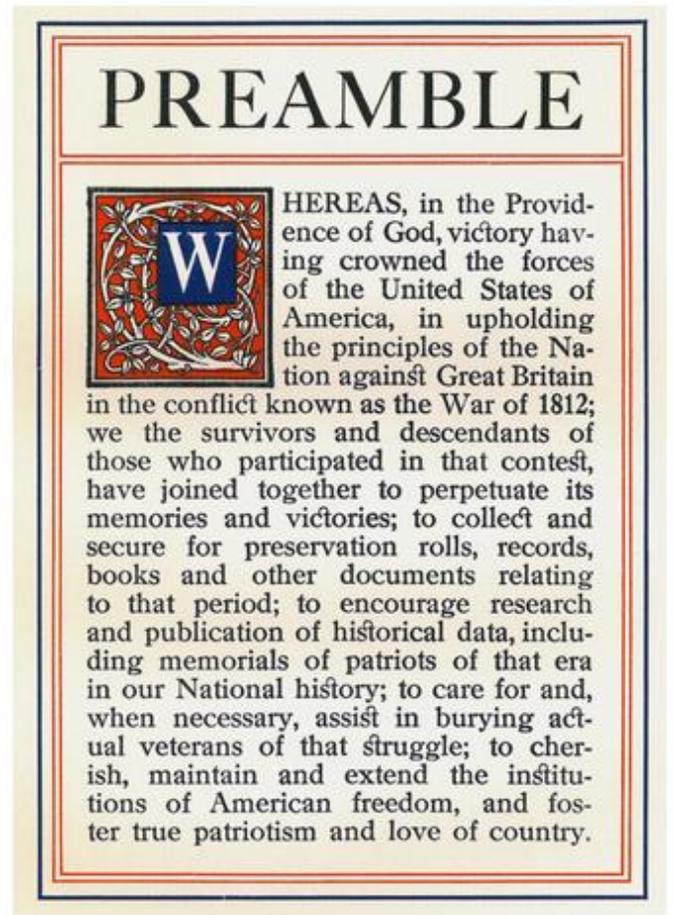


The website of our General Society is found at: www.gsw1812.org

Objectives of the General 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.



The Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia

General Order 2016-3

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

Table with 2 columns: Position and Name. Rows include 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), and Quartermaster (James T. Thacker).

COUNCILORS

- Charles Belfield
Bill Collier
John Epperly
Ken Williamson
James Green

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

The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia
Board of Direction Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 10, 2017, 2:00 PM
Omni Richmond Hotel- Richmond, Virginia

- 1) President Chuck Poland called the meeting to order promptly at 2:00pm.
2) Thad Hartman gave the invocation in the absence of our Chaplain.
3) Mike Lyman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4) The minutes of the prior meeting were approved with the reading dispensed.
5) Officer Reports:
• The Registrar, Hugh Markham, reported that we have 4 new members and 1 prospective member since the last BOD meeting and working on others. Jack Maxwell recommended we have more socials for the members and that possibly more meetings.

- The Treasurer, Shane Newcombe, reported that our assets consist of a CD of \$3,337 and \$16,203 in our checking with \$13,864 in our TD Ameritrade Account for total assets of \$33,406. Our current membership now stands at 141 members. At the end of the last fiscal year, our membership stood at 149 members. There was extensive discussion regarding our investments. It was determined that our return on current investment return was less than 1% annually. There was also discussion on changing from fiscal to calendar year for accounting purposes and a committee was formed to consider this issue. Another committee was formed to consider our investment strategy to report at or prior to the Muster in June. Other ways to raise money is through our Amazon Smile and the Kroger programs. Members are encouraged to participate in these programs.
- The Quartermaster, James Thacker, reported that the internet site has a link to order merchandise. Under “links”, click on either “bookstore for members” to get merchandise. Thanks Shane for your help here! We may be putting more items on the site. We will have merchandise for sale at the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Jim Thacker at 804-833-1860.

6) Committee Reports

- Grave Markings Committee – Mike Lyman, Chairman:
 - He gave an update on the maintenance of the website of the various events of our Society and a blog that the public is participating in. With our burial book, Mike has discovered over 150 new burials and therefore is postponing publication of the Addendum till an appropriate time.
 - A CD was distributed that contains all the burials that has been researched and published. It was approved that he continue research for new 1812 veteran burials.
 - He discussed an antique 1812 flag that was discovered and purchased. Work is currently being done on the flag and has occurred cost. Reimbursement of the total cost incurred of \$639 was approved by the BOD.
 - Upcoming events include a Shockhoe Hill Cemetery ceremony of a restored grave of Dr. Daniel Norton, sign unveiling for Gen. John Hungerford in Westmoreland Co, wreath laying for John Tyler in Hollywood Cemetery on March 29th, James Monroe ceremony at Hollywood on April 28th and at the his birthplace on April 29th. Participation by our membership at all or any of these of events is encouraged.
 - Other upcoming events include the Annual meeting on June 3rd along with a ceremony at Hollywood Cemetery (assuming club approval), and a plaque unveiling ceremony at Pohick Episcopal Church in Fairfax Co. on August 5th at 1pm memorializing the Rev War and 1812 veterans. A plaque inside the church has been proposed and it was approved that he investigate and perhaps we would help out in the cost.
- Color Guard Committee, Charles Belfield, Chairman
 - Reported the Color Guard’s activities participation since the last meeting. These included ceremonies at Corotoman Plantation in Lancaster Co., Montross Day in Westmoreland Co., Shockhoe Cemetery in October, the old Coast Guard in Virginia Beach in November, and a plaque ceremony at Farnham Episcopal Church in Richmond County. Charles Belfield gave several presentations re: the War of 1812 at various locations and schools throughout the state and Northern Neck since that last BOD meeting.
 - Upcoming events are a marking ceremony honoring Gen. John Hungerford in Leedstown, Va. and an inauguration reenactment honoring James Monroe in Fredericksburg at the James Monroe Museum on March 5th. Charles is scheduled to speak at various events.
 - Charles requested we place a plaque at the site at Mundy Point in the Northern Neck where a

house was burned by the British and has since been rebuilt. It was approved by the BOD to investigate this possible ceremony.

- There was discussion re: payment of the uniform of color guard members. It was approved that the Society reimburse members for purchase of the uniforms up to \$250 for those who want to join the Color Guard.
- Charles gave an update on the building of the James Monroe Birthplace in Westmoreland Co. which is progressing.
- Newsletter and Promotions Committee – Ken Williamson, Chairman:
Ken was not present for his report but President Poland discussed his action recommendations:
 - A list of committees will be created for publication to current and new members.
 - A new member’s package will be created by a new committee headed by Hugh Markham.
 - A regional mailing list is recommended to be created by the Secretary.
 - Regional structure for events for the Society was discussed.
 - A regional area social event should be planned for this November or December by regional coordinators who will be determined at a later date.
 - It was approved that the Society pay for name tags for members who have yet to receive them - so all members will have name tags.
 - If a member uses a banner or promotional yard sign, it was asked that the event and details be reported to Ken so he can become aware of the use of our promotional materials.
 - The design and production of 200 Society lapel pins for members was approved; members may wear it along with the rosettes. These lapel pins will be given to new members at the Annual Muster or BOD meetings.

7) Old Business:

- The ROTC program was discussed and there is a desire to continue this program. There are over 25 colleges in the state we can work with. Volunteers are needed to present the awards. The Secretary will send listing of all colleges and contacts to the membership to recruit presenters of these awards.
- There was discussion of the Navy Memorial plaque and our participation in this program. It was proposed that the Society participate in the possibility of a plaque at the Army Museum in Virginia and further research will be done by Bill Collier to determine cost, etc.
- It was approved that Dennis Fritts represent the State of Virginia at all General Society of the War of 1812 meetings as the Vice President General for Virginia - this due to the death of John Dickie. A letter will be sent to the General Society nominating Dennis to this position.
- Mike Lyman discussed the possibility of the purchase of a historical document, newspaper articles re: the War of 1812 that could be used by our Society. The location of housing and was discussed. Research will be conducted and it will be investigated to determine if the James Monroe Museum could use it, or whether it be made available online.

8) President Poland concluded and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
William Nash
Secretary

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where the Regimental draftsman prepared a design. The newly designed Distinctive Unit Insignia request was sent to the War Department. Several weeks later the War Department denial of the request was received, replying that the present 7th U.S. Infantry was not a descendent of the 7th U.S. Infantry that participated at New Orleans.

Colonel Anderson was angered at the War Department's response and he called asking if there was an officer whose home was near Fort Leavenworth, who would like to go on leave. Prior to this officer's departure, Colonel Anderson instructed the officer: while on leave, he was to go to a specific building number on Fort Leavenworth, go into the basement to a particular corner and he would find a locked room. Colonel Anderson handed the officer a sets of keys for that room and issued further guidance to have all the crates and boxes in that room be shipped to the Regimental headquarters. These crates and boxes contained all of the 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment property and historical items. Weeks later these crates and boxes arrived at Camp Lewis and the Headquarters of the 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment.

Captain Collier displayed all crates and boxes pointing to one particular crate and instructing, "Open this one!" This particular create contained all of the old colors of the 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment. Several of the colors had been in the 7th U.S. Infantry from its earliest days. Some of the colors were so old and worn that they seemed to fall apart when unpacked. Sure enough, there was New Orleans 1815! Colonel Anderson then directed that photographs of the colors be taken and that these pictures accompany a resubmission of the request to change the Regiments Distinctive Unit Insignia. He also directed that these colors be refurbished and preserved. This new request was returned back to the War Department for action.



On 18 August 1923, the War Department replied to the 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment's second request by the following endorsement: *"However, the crest of the 1921 shield, the horse shoe, while good symbolism, is perhaps more suited to be an element in the arms of a mounted organization. It is, therefore, suggested that the horseshoe crest be replaced by the old cotton bale with the two bayonets crossed behind. The symbolism is complete without letters or numerals and numerals and letters are not permitted. The motto "Volans et Potens" is of course to be retained."*

Colonel Anderson and the 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment had won its case for the cotton bale, but lost the superimposed 1815. He was satisfied. In addition to receiving authorization for the Cotton Bale on the Distinctive Unit Insignia, the 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment also received instructions to forward all colors in its possession to the War Department for proper disposition as these colors were Army property and not Regimental property. Colonel Anderson's reply was, "Over My dead Body!" Those colors remained with the 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment. And, the colors were refurbished and mounted on flag staffs. Those colors whose condition were so poor that it made it impossible to mount on a flag staff, the color was wrapped and secured around a separate flag staff. The Regiment also purchased a cotton bale, which weights approximately 500 pounds, and mounted it on a machine gun cart. At all Regimental reviews the old colors and the cotton bale was paraded along with the troops.

1st picture: 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment pervious colors and the symbolic cotton bale commemorating the Regiments participation in the Battle of New Orleans, 1815 at a Regimental review circa 1922. The Regimental Commander, Colonel Anderson is at front far right. 2nd Picture: 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment officers, pervious Regimental colors and ceremonial cotton bale after a Regimental review circa 1922. Regimental Commander, Colonel Anderson is located front row to the right of the cotton bale and the Operations Officer, Captain Collier is to Colonel Anderson's left.



WANTED: President Poland has previously alerted us that he would like to see the Society get more publicity in local media throughout Virginia. That includes every event we participate in and every event where our members are being honored. With the diversity of skills and talents within our membership, he's asking that someone contact himself or the Editor and volunteer to assist with this very important Society function. Email contact may be made at the following email address:



info@1812VA.org THANK YOU!!!

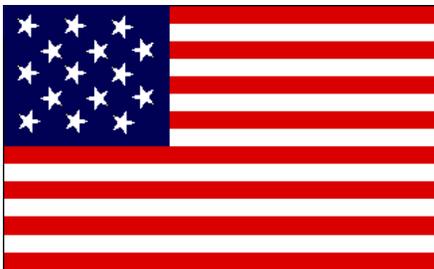
On-Line Store for Society Merchandise For Our Members Only

An online store for the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia is available where an array of items that are available for sale to members of the Virginia Society. This site currently accepts credit cards, but you can also mail an order by visiting the Society's website. Take a look, and treat yourself to something special.

Completely versatile, mobile, and above all else, a great way to get the items you've been looking for.

Paste this link into your browser...

<https://squareup.com/market/society-of-the-war-of-1812-in-virginia>



Our Society is a member of this free service offered by Amazon. Your participation is requested.

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Questions about how you can participate?

Please contact:

Shane Newcombe, Info@1812va.org

***** A CALL TO ARMS ***
MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO
JOIN A COMMITTEE**

**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 Society. 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

...IT'S TAX TIME!...

The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia has a tax exempt status with IRS as a 501(c)(3) Organization. IRS Publication 557 says, "Contributions to domestic organizations described in this chapter, except organizations testing for public safety, are deductible as charitable contributions on the donor's federal income tax return." Your dues are tax deductible because members receive no goods or services in return for their dues payment. Make sure you ask your tax professional to verify for your tax situation.

President shall appoint the chairman and the members of such committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

Our role as a member becomes more valuable when we all participate in a committee.

Your involvement will be very appreciated by ALL members, and monthly commitment in time can be minimal – it may be less time than it takes to drive to Starbucks and get coffee! Send an email to Info@1812VA.org to have someone call you to discuss questions you may have about helping with any one of the committees below.

Current Committees and Chairmen are:
Audit: Appointed at time of annual audit
Budget & Finance: Shane Newcombe
Color Guard: Charles Belfield
Grave Location Registration: Mike Lyman
Grave Marking: Mike Lyman
Membership: Hugh Markham
Newsletter: Ken Williamson
Publicity: Bernie Baker
Records Depository: Peter Broadbent
ROTC: Unfilled
Website: Dwight Lyman

1812VA Business Cards and Brochures Available



If you are attending promotional events and could use Brochures contact the Editor at:

editor@1812VA.org

Reports from Officers and Councilors:

From William Nash, Secretary

Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia

2017 Spring Social

For all members and wives
And PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!!!

Friday April 28, 2017 Richmond, Virginia
6:00 – 8:00pm

Cash bar, light hors d'oeuvres will be provided

Westwood Club
6200 West Club Lane, Richmond, VA 23226

*(Directions: I-64 to Broad St East, go 1 mile then take
a right on W Club Lane, Club is on the Left)*

RSVP to: William A. Nash, Secretary, Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia at (804) 274-9220 or email at william.nash@verizon.net



DID YOU KNOW?

During the War of 1812, warships were equipped with two main cannons:

1) Long cannons, which had barrels 9 to 10 feet long and could hit targets up to 1.5 miles away, and 2) short guns, or carronades, which were 5 feet long and could hit targets up to .5 miles away.

From Dennis Fritts, Past President

I have delivered our Society brochure to several County genealogy and historical societies in western Virginia, and taken the brochure to several libraries and some SAR functions. I strongly believe that SAR is our greatest source of new members. I have continued to work on investigating the exploits of Captain David Porter in the Pacific during the War of 1812. This is an area that few people know about and I believe it could generate a lot of interest in the Society. I've also attended Montpelier with Chuck Poland and I've been working on the regional participation plan discussed at the Board meeting.

From Thad Hartman, Quartermaster



As a result of the generous response by our membership, the Society was able to begin to support, on an annual basis, the Ft. Belvoir Fisher House at Ft. Belvoir Community Hospital and the Richmond Fisher House at McGuire Veterans Hospital. A Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available.

From Mike Lyman, Chairman, Grave Marking Committee

We need members to volunteer to join the grave markings committee. You will learn how to start marking graves in the counties/cities where the graves are found. Volunteer members will be added to the Grave Marking Committee. As chairman, Mike will furnish grave markers and guidance. He will also furnish an electronic burial book with amendments to all Committee members. The book and appendices provides the relevant information about the veteran and the location of the gravesite.

Email Mike Lyman at: melyman@va.metrocast.net.

**Presentation to Virginia Society
US Daughters 1812
James Monroe Chapter
January 28, 2017**



On Saturday, January 28, 2017, Charles Belfield, Councilor and Color Guard Chairman of the Society presented to the James Monroe Chapter, Virginia Society U.S. Daughters of 1812. The presentation was given to a group of chapter members 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 to 8, 1814, as U.S. batteries and Virginia militiamen fired upon them. Belfield, dressed in Virginia militia attire used his displays as he portrayed and explained the battle



**Flag Program Presentation to the
Cub Scouts Pack #333, Warsaw, VA
January 16, 2017**

Members Charles Belfield and Bill Schwetke presented a Flag program to the Warsaw, VA Cub Scouts pack #333. They showed the cub’s six different flags: the British Flag, the “Don’t Tread On Me” Gadsden flag, the Grand Union, Betsy Ross’ flag, US Star Spangle Banner, and the 50 star United States flag. The history and details about each flag was presented to the boys, and many questions were answered. Flag etiquette and proper folding techniques were explained. The program was concluded with an explanation of the proper way to retire the United States American flag. Each cub was given a small American Flag to take home.



QUESTION:

Would you like to honor a family ancestor who is buried in another state, and who participated in the War of 1812?

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



**Society Joins with SAR Chapter to Raise Funds
for Students Award Program
March 4-5, 2017**

Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5, SAR James Monroe Chapter members George Beckett, Austin Schmidt, Brennen and Charles Belfield (1812VA Councilor and Color Guard Chairman) manned the table to raffle a Henry rifle to raise funds in support of the SAR chapter Students awards program.

During that time, the tickets were sold out and Virginia House Delegate 99th district Margaret Ransone drew out the winning ticket and announced the winner of the raffle.

The event raised \$1,200.00. During the event Belfield was able to promote our Society to the many visitors attending the event.



And the winner is...

War of 1812 Realities

1. The largest battle of the War of 1812 took place after U.S. and British envoys signed a peace treaty. The Battle of New Orleans was a resounding U.S. victory and is considered the greatest American land victory of the war.
2. The War of 1812 cost the U.S. around \$105 million, which was about the same cost for Great Britain.
3. Most battles of the War of 1812 occurred along the U.S. - Canada border. Other battles took place on the Great Lakes as well as on the Atlantic coast.
4. Although the British fired more than 1,500 cannonballs at Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore, the fort suffered little damage. The British knew they had failed to take the fort and withdrew.

<http://facts.randomhistory.com/war-of-1812-facts.html>





**News from Shockoe Hill Cemetery
March 4, 2017**

Dear Mr. Lyman,

The new monument for Dr. Daniel Norton is nearing completion, and should be installed within the next two to three weeks, weather permitting. Norton's military headstone (he was a Surgeon's Mate during the War of 1812) has arrived, and will be installed at the same time.

We hope to hold an unveiling and dedication ceremony on or about April 1st. Details will be posted on our Facebook page, and a special e-mail will be distributed once the date is confirmed.

The second phase of our campaign is to mark the grave of Dr. Norton's son, Norborne Norton. Norborne is the only Norton child interred at Shockoe Hill. Both of Dr. Norton's wives and his other four children are interred at Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery, and their graves are marked.

We appreciate your continued support as we work to preserve and interpret the history of Richmond's oldest public cemetery.

We hope to see you in the cemetery!

C. Clayton Shepherd
President



**Member Presents at
Richmond County Elementary School
March 15, 2017**

Charles Belfield shared the experiences of a Light Horseman of the Revolutionary War with 95 students of the sixth grade Social Studies Class. He spoke about how and why his ancestor, John Belfield, joined and participated in the American Revolution and the War of 1812.

He described how the Battle at Farnham Church during the War of 1812 affected the Northern Neck of Virginia. It was a fun day for the students and Belfield. These students heard the history, were able to dress in war era clothing, and handled weapons from that era. Belfield answered many questions about both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

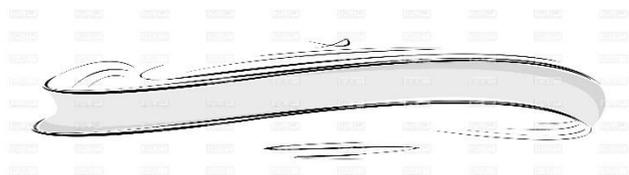
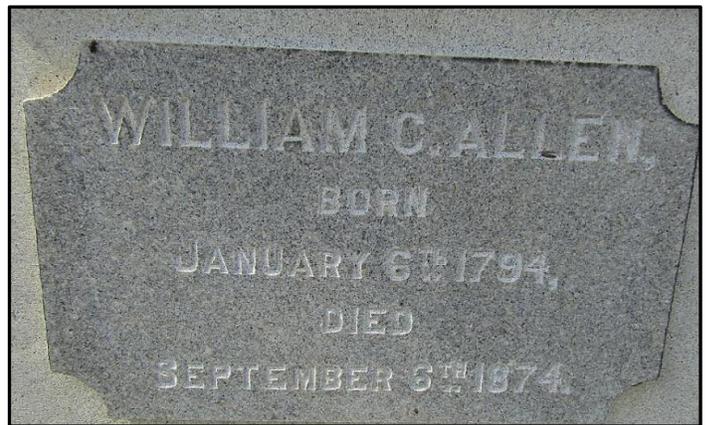


**The President John Tyler
Birthday Ceremony
March 29, 2017**

Members Bill Nash and Mike Lyman participated in the President John Tyler birthday ceremony at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond and presented a wreath for our Society. Tyler was a Captain in the War of 1812 from Charles City County. The ceremony was conducted for President Trump by the commandant of Fort Lee and his color guard.

The photos show parts of the ceremony and the monument. Also shown are the graves of two 1812 veterans, Sgt. Richard Maury and Pvt. William C Allen, next to the President’s Circle that will be honored on June 3 with the unveiling of grave markers.

The grandson of President Tyler, Harrison Tyler, age 92, is in the wheelchair surrounded by other Tyler descendants.



**Bicentennial Commemoration of the
Inauguration of President James Monroe
March 4, 2017**

*Bicentennial Commemoration
of the Inauguration of
President James Monroe*



MARCH 4, 1817 / MARCH 4, 2017



THE JAMES MONROE MUSEUM

MONROE HALL
UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

11:00-11:20 a.m.	Musical Performance by the Historical Trumpets and Flutes of the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps
11:20-11:40 a.m.	Call to Order and Welcome from the James Monroe Museum Mr. Scott H. Harris, <i>Director</i> Welcome from the University of Mary Washington Dr. Troy D. Paino, <i>President</i> Welcome from the City of Fredericksburg The Honorable Mary Katherine Greenlaw, <i>Mayor</i>
11:40-11:45 a.m.	Presentation of the Colors Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia
11:45 a.m.-noon	Processional: President-Elect James Monroe; Mrs. Elizabeth Monroe; Chief Justice John Marshall; President James Madison; First Lady Dolley Madison
noon-12:15 p.m.	Inaugural Address by President-Elect Monroe
12:15-12:30 p.m.	Administration of the Oath of Office
12:20-12:30 p.m.	Artillery Salute, Hail, Columbia Recessional, Yankee Doodle Historical Trumpets and Flutes of the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps
12:30-1:00 p.m.	Reception



Charles Belfield and George Beckham, of the Society Color Guard, participated in the ceremony at the University of Mary Washington campus in Fredericksburg.

**War of 1812 Presentation to 6th Graders at
Rappahannock Elementary School,
Rappahannock, VA
April 3, 2017**

Member John Belfield, fresh from the battlefields of the American Revolution, stopped by the Rappahannock Elementary School’s 6th grade history classes to discuss the impact of the war on the Northern Neck.

Charles Belfield did a first person interpretation of his great grandfather, John, who served with General George Washington during the early years of the war. The discussions soon led to the War of 1812 and the battles that were fought in the Northern Neck, especially in the village of Farnham. Two of Belfield’s great grandfathers served in the War of 1812 from Richmond County.

The ninety-five students found themselves wearing period clothing and handling the tools of both wars. Charles Belfield is the president of the James Monroe Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and a Councilor and the Color Guard committee chairman for the 1812VA Society, which is focused on teaching American History to students as well as adults. “Mr. Belfield made history fun” said a student in a black tri-cornered hat.



**NEW MEMBERS ARE A GREAT ASSET
AND ARE VERY APPRECIATED!**

Member	Ancestor
VA-258 William B. Smith	Col. Samuel Wear
VA 259 Richard S. Burke	Pvt. Moses Fuqua

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



**1812VA Society Activities
January - March**

Jan 2017

- 16: Presentation Warsaw, VA, Cub Scouts Pack #333
- 28: Presentation US Daughters of 1812 Meeting

Feb

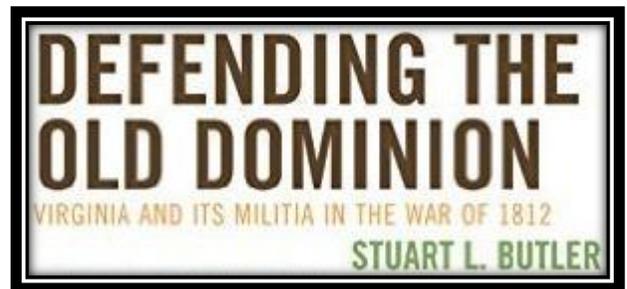
- 10: Board of Direction Mtg, Richmond, VA

Mar

- 4: Bicentennial Commemoration of the Innag of President James Monroe, Fredericksburg, VA
- 4-5: Joint SAR/1812VA Funds Raiser Event
- 15: Presentation Richmond County Elem School
- 29: President John Tyler Birthday Event

Apr

- 3: Presentation to Rappahannock Elem School



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

April 28 – 2017 Spring Social Event, Richmond, VA

May 20 – Armed Forces Day

May 29 – Memorial Day

June 3 – 1812VA Annual Muster, Richmond, VA

June 14 – Flag Day

September 7-9 – General Society of the War of 1812, 2017 Triennial Meeting, Plattsburgh, NY





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