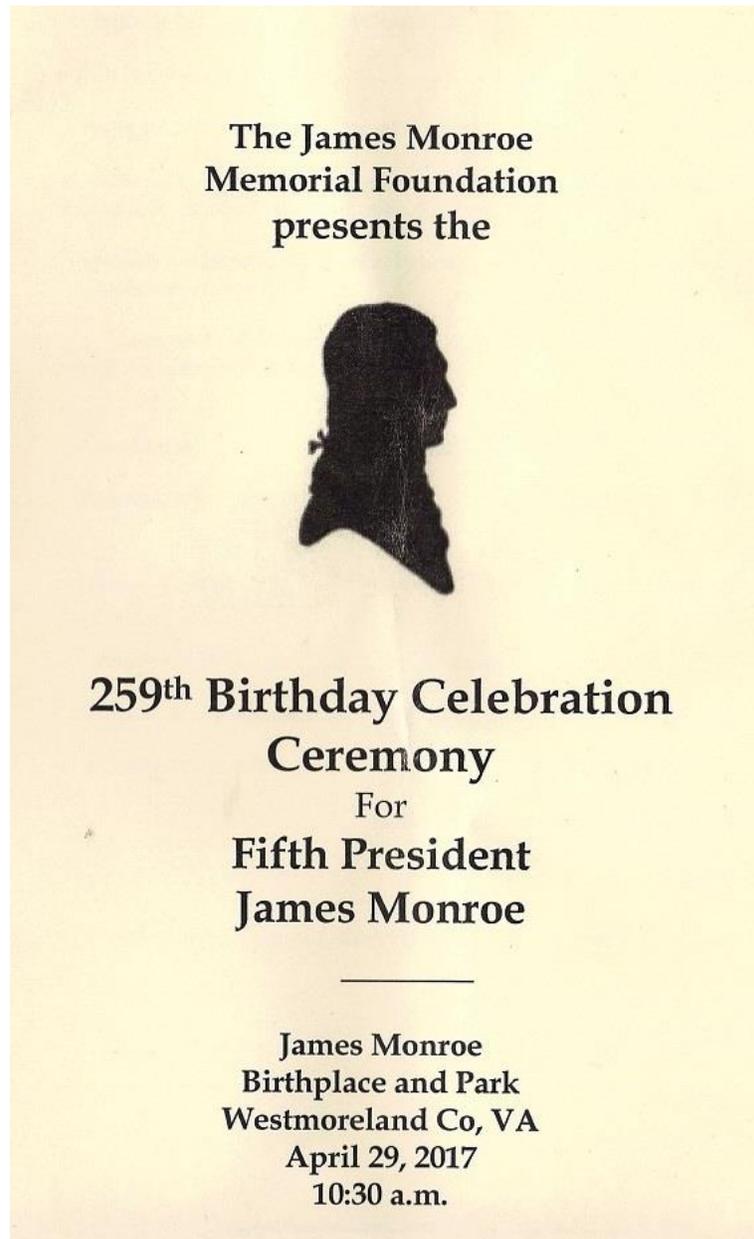


## **Society Participates in James Monroe Birthplace Ceremony 29 Apr 2017**

The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia participated in the James Monroe Birthplace Ceremony in Westmoreland County on 29 April 2017 by participating in the color guard, providing flags for display, and presenting wreaths and a gift to the museum. In addition, Charles Belfield of the society is the supervisor of the construction of a replica of James Monroe's farmhouse home behind the museum and he provided a report on the progress of the construction. Member Mike Elston of our Society was the guest speaker and historian Peter Broadbent of our Society conducted a large portion of the ceremony as secretary of the James Monroe Memorial Foundation.

The program and photographs taken follow:



Call to Order.....G. William Thomas, Jr., President,  
James Monroe Memorial Foundation

Invocation.....Shelby L. Chandler, II

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 .....Congressman Rob Wittman  
Hon. Margaret Ransone, VA House  
of Delegates

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

Remarks about Monroe.....Michael J. Elston, President of  
Va. Society, SAR

Presentation on behalf of The Society of the War of 1812.....Mike  
Lyman, Past President

Laying of Wreaths and remarks.....List Follows

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	Hon. Helen Marie Taylor
Virginia Society of SAR	Mike Elston, President
Richmond Chapter of SAR	Dennis Peterson, President
Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter of SAR	Skip Nolan, President

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George Mason Chapter of SAR	Peter Davenport, Past President
Col. William Grayson Chapter of SAR	Barry Schwoerer
James Monroe Chapter of SAR	Charles Belfield, President
Thomas Nelson, Jr. Chapter of SAR	Gary Hodges, 2d Vice President
Richard Henry Lee Chapter of SAR	George Beckett, Member
Fort Harrison Chapter of SAR	Christopher Sheap, President
Fairfax Resolves Chapter of SAR	Dave Cook, Registrar
George Washington Chapter of SAR	Paul Walden, President
Rappahannock Chapter of SAR	Carl Strock, President
Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia	Mike Lyman, Past President
James Monroe Chapter, U.S. Daughters of 1812	Cheryl Brown Davis
Order of Founders & Patriots in Va	Mike Lyman, Past Governor
Society of Colonial Wars In the State of Va	Peter Broadbent, Past Governor
Children of the American Revolution	William Elston, State Historian
Col. Alexander Spotswood Chapter CAR	Sara and Anna Cox
Nelly Custis Chapter, DAR	Natalie Ardoline, Regent
Elizabeth M. Hamill Chapter, DAR	Paula Schwoerer
Chantilly Chapter, DAR	Georgia Vinup, Regent
Cobb's Hall Chapter, DAR	Cheryl Brown Davis, Regent
Spotsylvania Chapter, DAR	Diane Nolan, Vice Regent
Leedstown Resolutions Chapter, DAR	Bucky Doerr

# 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.



FIG. 21.—Birthplace of Ex-President Monroe.

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](http://www.monroefoundation.org), [virginiapresidents@gmail.com](mailto:virginiapresidents@gmail.com) and James Monroe Memorial Foundation on Facebook. Phone: 804-214-9145.



The above photo shows the flags and wreaths that were presented and the entrance to the museum



Above is the combined color guard that shows the carried colors. The individual in the long black coat carried our society's Star Spangled Banner Flag. Mike Lyman, past president of the society, located next to last on the right carried our Virginia Society flag and the youngster on the right son of member Mike Elston carried our restored General Society flag



Society President Chuck Poland presented greetings as he presented the society wreath



Color Guard Commander, Charles Belfield, gave remarks on the status of the construction of the boyhood replica home of President Monroe. The foundation for it is shown below





Above Mike Lyman is shown showing an Alexandria Daily Gazette Newspaper dated July 9<sup>th</sup> 1812 that inside has details and contents of the Declaration of War and the voting for approval by the U.S. Senate in preparation for signing by President James Madison on June 18, 2012. He made the presentation of this to the museum by our Society



Above is shown some of the wreaths that were presented during the ceremony. Included is our society and the General wreaths