

Society Holds Meeting Sep 16, 2017 and Reports Upcoming Events

The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia held a Board of Direction meeting on September 16, 2017 at the Marriott Downtown hotel in Newport News. The agenda, draft minutes, up-coming events of the society, and photos taken follow.

Saturday 16 September 2017 Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
2:00 PM Marriott Downtown, Newport News, Bluepoint Room I

- 1) Call to Order & Opening Remarks – President Chuck Poland
- 2) Invocation – Chaplain Dave Howard
- 3) Pledge of allegiance – Past President Lyman
- 4) Minutes of the previous BOD meeting
- 5) Report of Officers and Committees
 - a) President: Summary of Triennial Meeting
 - b) Registrar's Report
 - c) Treasurer's Report
 - d) Quartermaster's Report
 - e) Chaplain's Report
 - f) Historian's Report
 - g) Color Guard
 - h) Committees:
 - (1) Mike Lyman
 - (2) Ken Williamson
- 6) Old Business
- 7) New Business
 - a) Monroe Birthplace Window Sponsorship – Charles Belfield
 - b) "Mt. Airy" Commemoration October 14 – Dave Howard
- 8) Benediction – Chaplain Dave Howard
- 9) Adjournment – President Chuck Poland

The draft minutes:

The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Fall Board of Directors Meeting

2:00 PM, Saturday September 16, 2017

Marriott Downtown, Newport News, Virginia

President Chuck Poland called the meeting to order promptly at 2:00pm.

The Chaplain gave the invocation along with a status report on the health condition of Larry Aaron.

Reading of the previous Board Meeting's minutes was dispensed after a motion was made and approved.

Officer Reports:

The President reported on the General Society Triennial meeting he attended in Plattsburgh, New York recently. A book is now available for purchase listing all members on the General Society and their ancestors. Future General Society meetings were discussed-2018 in Jacksonville, FL, 2019 in Washington, DC and 2020 in Philadelphia, PA. No Virginia Society members were included in the list of new officers. Last year there were no grants by the General Society. **(We received a grant of \$1000 last year for the Hungerford Historical Road Sign –added by Webmaster)** A motion was made and approved to have the Society pay for the a new window of the Monroe Birthplace for a cost of \$2500 and apply to have the General Society to match **(provide \$1000 this is the maximum they can grant-webmaster-added by webmaster)** the gift in a grant. Next BOD meeting will be in February 2018 in Richmond at the Omni on February 9th. Topics will be the next Muster and next year's Officers. **(He also recommended past President Dennis Fritts as Vice President General which by motion was approved.-added by Webmaster)**

Registrar reported on recruitment of three new members since the last BOD meeting and he is currently working on several more to be approved. **(He reported the new members are-Eugene Christman, Jr, Joseph Christman and Charles Ray-added by Webmaster)**

Treasurer's report was dispensed due to his absence but the President reported the Society is in good financial condition.

Quartermaster's report was dispensed due to his absence.

Chaplain reported that he needs the names of the spouses of all members for correspondence. All members are requested to report to him your spouse's name at dhoward46@comcast.net. He also encouraged that members report to him of any health or other conditions of members so that he could

correspond.

Ken Williamson's reported the Society consider its long term goals. He wants to emphasize recruiting young people. Discussion was made regarding the website and its goals which will be discussed in the future. He continues to work diligently on the publication of the newsletter. A webmaster replacement is needed to replace Mike Lyman. The Society also needs to get more members involved in the work of the Society. Dennis Fritts recommended we encourage new members to be more involved.

Color Guard's report gave the various activities since the last BOD meeting which has been extensive. They have included various community events with the YMCA and the Little League and many grave markings and monument unveilings.

Mike Lyman reported on future Society events including an event on Sept 23rd in Richmond County and a grave marking at the Payne cemetery in Westmoreland County at 2pm on Oct 1st. He will also give a talk on the War of 1812 at the Monroe Law Office on Sept 30th at 10am. Recent Society events have included various grave markings and unveilings. (See an upcoming revised list that follow }

The Burial Book has more graves that have been researched and the Addendum now has over 900 new graves for a total of over 5300 graves of War of 1812 veterans.

Dennis Fritts discussed that the Society handbook will be put on disk by Cranston Williams for future work or changes. Dave Howard reported that there will be a commemoration at Mt. Airy plantation on Oct 14th in Lynchburg of the Leftwich family in their family cemetery along with a roadside marker. There was discussion regarding grave markers for future grave markings.

Dennis Fritts reported that he will head the committee to nominate a new slate of officers. He recommended we change the By-Laws to include when in the fiscal year the committee needs to do this. The current officers need to send an email to him to state their desires for positions on the BOD.

Stuart Butler remarked on his upcoming activities and will be giving several talks and teachings re. the War of 1812.

Charles Belfield reported that the Monroe Birthplace is progressing well and should be completed by the ceremony next spring.

Chaplain Howard gave the benediction.

President Poland concluded and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, William Nash – Secretary

Upcoming Events:

September 23 2017: Members of the James Monroe SAR Chapter and our society will set up displays at the Farnham Assisted Living facility in Richmond County 10 to 3 pm

September 28 2017: Stuart Butler will be a guest speaker at the War of 1812 Symposium in Baltimore Contact him for details at srtb@widowmaker.com

September 30 2017: Mike Lyman will be presenting as guest speaker to the James Monroe Chapter, U.S Daughters of 1812 Society meeting in Fredericksburg information about British encounters in King George and Stafford Counties during the War of 1812, Location: James Monroe Law Office at 10 am, Fredericksburg

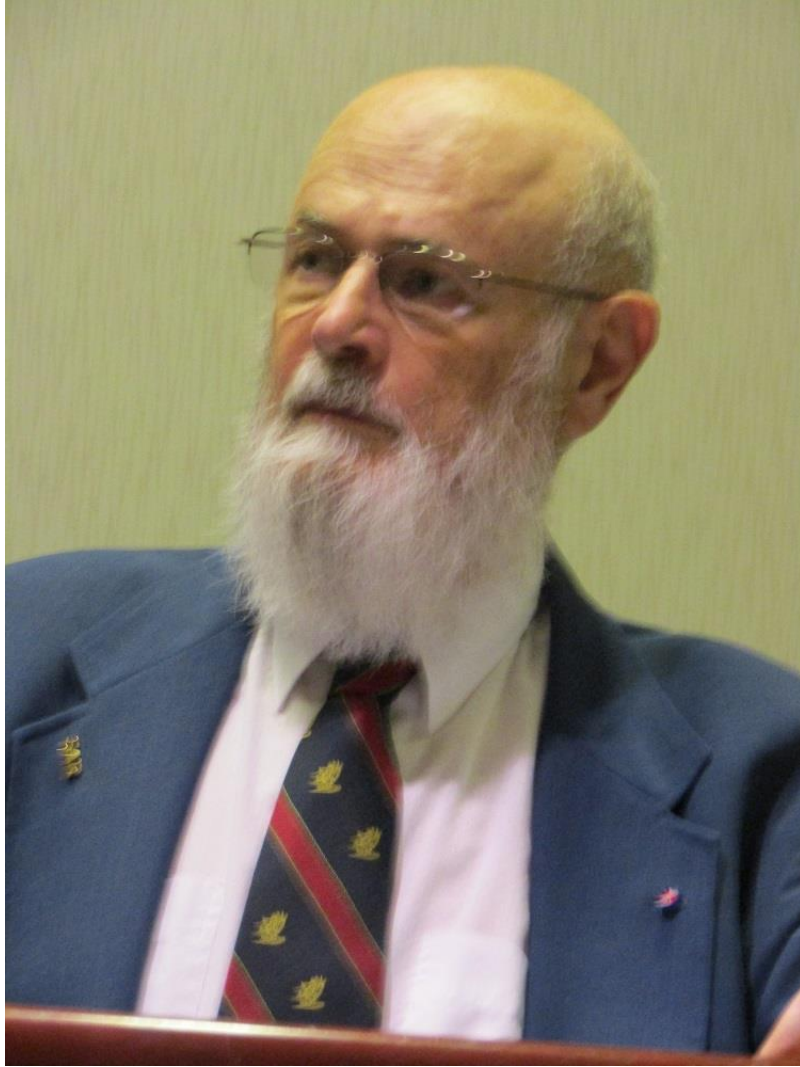
October 1, 2017: A joint grave marking ceremony with the James Monroe Chapter SAR at the Payne Cemetery in Westmoreland County at 2 pm. One War of 1812 and two Rev War grave markers will be unveiled as well as a Virginia Founder marker.

October 6th, 13th and 20th 2017 2 to 4 pm each day: Stuart Butler will give three different lectures on Virginia and the War of 1812 for the Rappahannock Life Long Learning Institute. The presentations will be at the Rappahannock Westminister Canterbury building in Irvington, Lancaster County

Photos taken:



President Poland is shown presiding over some of the attendees Some arrived late due to the VASSAR meeting



Below past president Dennis Fritts gives a report



Photo showing more attendees



Below thirteen attendees gather outside the room after the meeting. Missing is Hugh A Markham which would make the fourteen attendees.



L/R: John Thomas Whetstone; Carter B Furr; Charles E Belfield; Paul A Walden; Charles B Poland; Morgan David Howard; William A Nash; Michael Weyler; Kenneth E Wood; Charles Dennis Fritts; Bob Vogler; Myron E Lyman, Sr and Stuart L Butler