

The Virginia War Cry



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News, Goals & Objectives from Stuart L. Butler, our Society President



Defenders,

As the newly elected president of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, I would like to take this opportunity to address the Society's membership regarding some broad goals or objectives that I would like to see the Society to pursue in the coming years. Some of these will be familiar with the more active members of the organization.

While the last several years has seen a growth in new membership, it has also sustained a number of those who for whatever reason has dropped out. Sustained levels of new members not only bring in fresh insight and energy, but also ensure continued financial means in pursuing the overall objectives of our organization. One good way to do this is for members to participate in local activities and increase the level of awareness by the public of our organization. Many members are already doing this in some manner, but we need to increase the level of participation by others so that we can raise the profile so to speak of this unique organization. The Color Guard is a good example of this. If we can increase the number of members who are willing to join this unit, for example, this will relieve the pressure on those already serving and perhaps create regional color guard units to participate at locations where it is difficult to assemble a state-wide unit to travel to the remotest parts of Virginia. Just a thought.

More specifically, the Society's *Handbook* is woefully out of date, and over the years members have suggested the need for amending and changing the by-laws and even the constitution itself. This subject will be brought up for further discussion in the meetings ahead. This is a goal that must be done and which is doable.

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News, Goals & Objectives from Stuart Butler, our Society President, Cont'd from Page 1



I would encourage all members to contribute something to the Newsletter along the lines of what Ken Williamson, editor, has previously suggested: activities that are: information about a member's ancestor and how one carried about the research to obtain membership, aiding veterans' activities, presenting talks, or participating in local events where information about the Society can be readily distributed. This is, after all, an historical organization dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the events associated with the War of 1812 and why that is important.

Lastly, as our membership ages and the infirmities which affect them **and** their families continue, we must become very much aware of the need for a succession of competent individuals to assume positions held by our current hard working and dedicated officers and committee chairmen. This subject has been brought up for some discussion in past directors' meetings. This is a topic which needs to be explored more fully and appropriate action taken within the next several years if we are to retain an institutional memory so that others may pick up the burden and continue to perform the necessary actions.

Most sincerely,
STUART L. BUTLER, President
Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia
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A decorative banner with a parchment-like background. The text "The War of 1812" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. The word "The" is smaller and positioned to the left of "War". The word "of" is smaller and positioned between "War" and "1812". The number "1812" is the largest and most prominent part of the text.

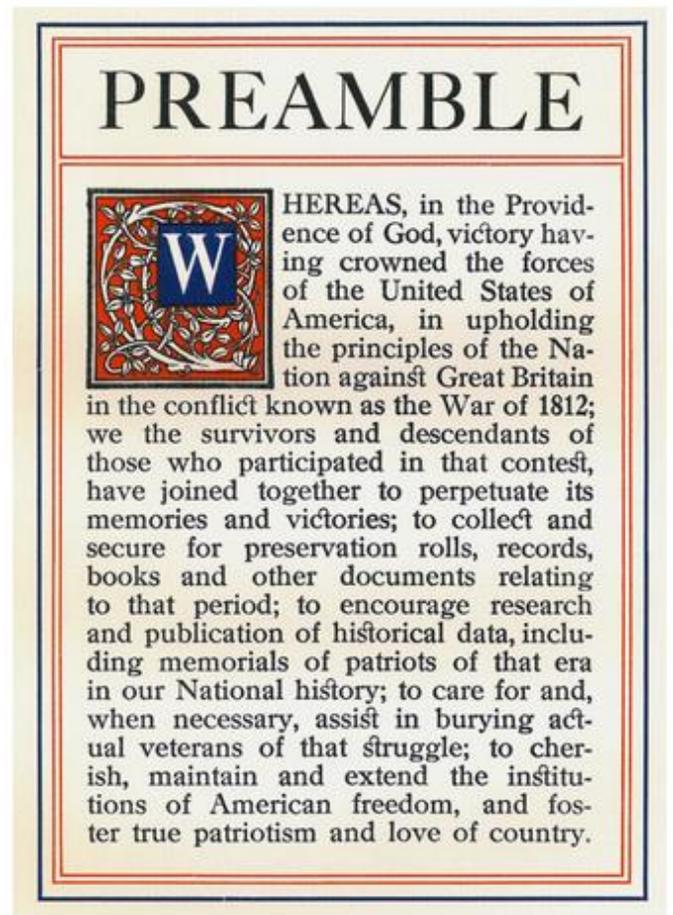


The website of our General Society is found at: www.gsw1812.org

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.



Annual Membership Muster Meeting
Saturday, June 9, 10:00 am
Westwood Club, Richmond, VA

The Society conducted its Annual meeting in which new Officers and Councilors were installed to the offices of the Society. The new slate of leadership is as follows:

The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia
Board of Direction
For the period 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2020

OFFICERS

President	Stuart L. Butler
First VP	J. Shane Newcombe
Second VP	James M. Green Jr.
Secretary	Paul A. Walden
Treasurer	J. Shane Newcombe
Registrar	Hugh A. Markham
Historian	Peter E. Broadbent Jr.
Quartermaster	James Thacker, Sr.
Chaplain	M. David Howard
Counsel	Carter B. S. Furr General
VP General	Charles (Chuck) B. Poland

COUNCILORS

- Charles Belfield
- William (Bill) C. Collier
- John M. Epperly
- John Thomas (Tom) Whetstone III
- Kenneth (Ken) D. Williamson

Below are the Notes from the Annual Meeting – reports that were submitted for review and discussion, and pictures from the event may be found at:

<http://1812va.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Society-Conducts-Annual-Meeting-Muster-June-9-2018.pdf>



- A. President Chuck Poland called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00am.
- B. In Chaplain's David Howard absence, President Poland gave the invocation.
- C. The pledge of allegiance was led by past President Mike Lyman.
- D. 38 members were present.
- E. Reading of the previous Board Meeting's minutes was dispensed after a motion was made and approved.

F. Officer and Other Reports:

1. The Registrar reported that we installed 14 new members since for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
2. Treasurer Shane Newcombe reported that we have total assets of \$31,431 and membership currently stands at 150 members. The current budget showed a deficit of \$97.67 from our income over expenses for 2017-2018. Our TD Ameritrade investment showed a return of around 10% over the past two years.
3. There was discussion by Ken Williamson on our three year budget. It assumes a 7% growth in membership resulting in surpluses of \$1,000-2000 per year. The Smile Amazon and Kroger card program was discussed. Expenses include \$5,000 per year for grave markings. Motion was made to approve the budget and Treasurer's report, seconded and approved.
4. The Quartermaster reported on his purchases and receipts of Society merchandise. 7 ROTC medal awards were given out this year.
5. There was no Historian report at this time.
6. The Color Guard reported three events since our last meeting. On April 6th they were at the opening of the Richmond Co. Little League season. They also at the James Monroe celebration on April 28th at Colonial Beach. On May 28th Dennis Fritts was at the Veterans Day event in Dublin, VA. Members are encouraged to join the Guard. The motion was made to subsidize Color Guard uniforms up to \$500/member for a maximum of 5/year, seconded and approved.
7. Mike Lyman discussed the website that there were 25 postings and that 18 queries were answered to the website. There is an urgent need for a replacement for Mike to handle the website. Interested parties should contact the President or Mike. An Addendum was published to the Burials Book of 900 more burials in Va. in addition to the 4443 burials published in the 2012 publication. 50 more copies of the Burial Book were received. 75 copies of the Addendum have been ordered. Donations to libraries can be made for a cost of \$25 per book and \$12 per Addendum for members was motioned, seconded and approved. There were no grave markings during the first 5 months of this year. The plaques have been produced for the City Cemetery of Lynchburg for 1812 and Rev War burials. A plaque has been produced for the Burnt Chimney house in Richmond County. There were three burial markings on the day of the Muster in Shockoe Hill Cemetery. Discussion on markings in general for cemeteries was talked about.
8. Ken Williamson talked briefly about the success of our newsletter to over 300 people. He wants personal stories of our members to be published.

- 9. Charles Belfield gave a progress report of the building of the James Monroe Birthplace. It is on the way to completion and workers are on site daily. The Society contributed one of the windows of the house. Donations are needed to help complete the effort. Charles has financial figures for private donations to the house. Completion is set for late fall. There is also a 40 acre park on the birthplace site that is being completed. Future donations by the Society will be addressed at next Fall’s meeting.
- G. The new officers up for a vote are: Stuart Butler – President, Shane Newcombe – 1st VP, 2nd VP – James Green, Secretary – Paul Walden, Treasurer – Shane Newcombe, Registrar – Hugh Markham, Historian – Peter Broadbent, Chaplain – David Howard, Counsel – Carter Furr, Quartermaster – Jim Thacker and VP General – Chuck Poland; The proposed Councilors are: Charles Belfield, Bill Collier, John Epperly, Tom Whetstone and Ken Williamson.
- H. A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers and councilors and was approved by acclamation. Installation of the officers was done at the luncheon.
- I. Paul Walden made the suggestion that an essay contest for high school students on the Virginians who participated in the War of 1812 be conducted with a prize of \$500 for the first place and \$250 for the second place essay. A motion was made to fund this project, seconded and approved.
- J. President Poland concluded and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
William Nash, Secretary





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.

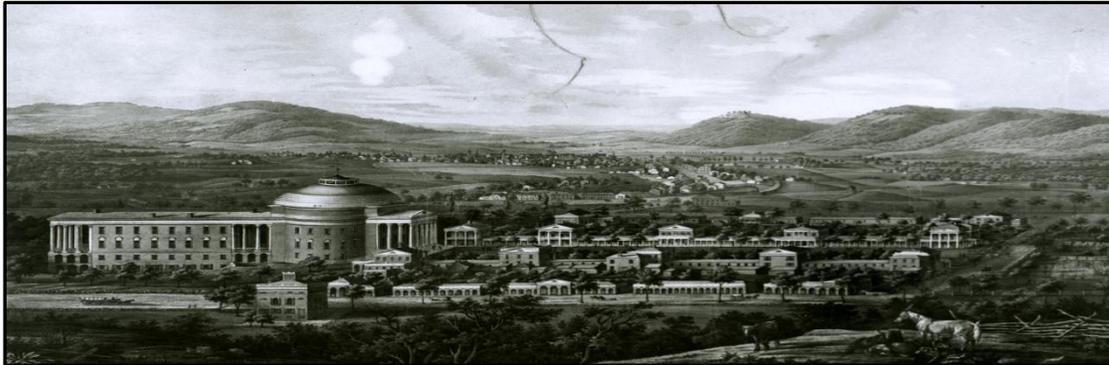
Contact the editor at: editor@1812VA.org



WANTED: Members have previously been alerted that the Society needs to 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, we need you to contact President Butler and volunteer to assist with this very important Society function. Email contact may be made to the following email address:

THANK YOU!!!

CALLING ALL MEMBERS
THE FOLLOWING IS FOR YOU!!!!!!!
MARK YOU CALENDAR NOW



BOARD OF DIRECTION MEETING
(All Members invited – directions and how to register will be coming soon)
Saturday, 15 September 2018, 2-4pm
Monticello Room, Holiday Inn,
1901 Emmett Street North
Charlottesville, VA 22901

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

1. Call to order & Opening Remarks-President Stuart Butler
2. Invocation-Chaplain Dave Howard
3. Pledge of Allegiance-Past President Chuck Poland
4. Minutes of Past Meeting
5. Report of Officers and Committees
 - A. First VP report
 - 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. Others
6. Old Business
 - Revision of Society Handbook
 - High School essay contest status
7. New Business
 - Richmond Cemetery status update
 - Virginia Society & National Society relationships-War Cry
8. Benediction-Chaplain Adjournment



TIME TO VOLUNTEER**You've asked how you can participate****"What can I do?"****DO YOU LIKE YOUR SOCIETY WEBSITE?****DO YOU LIKE RECEIVING YOUR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER?****IF SO, PLEASE READ BELOW:**

The Society has been faithfully served by Mike Lyman for years with his efforts in keeping our Society webpage up to date (www.1812va.org). This involves making entries (FROM HOME) to the webpage after events have been completed. It also involves making entries (FROM HOME) to advertise upcoming events to the Society website. The time has come and Mike needs to hand off that Society function to another member. You don't need to be a programmer, or an IT expert... you only need to have the ability to give of your time and receive some basic training from Mike to perform the role. The function is in need of a volunteer immediately. Please contact Mike at "Mike Lyman, Sr." melyman@va.metrocast.net and/or President Stuart Butler a srtb@widomaker.com to voice your interest.

The Society has been faithfully served by Ken Williamson since 2014 as our Newsletter Editor and he has produced the Society's Newsletter three times per year. This is a function that is performed AT HOME and upon its completion is emailed to many people who await the arrival of *The Virginia War Cry*. Ken is retiring and relocating to San Antonio, Texas in September, and will be moving his membership. The Society needs a volunteer who has the desire to participate with the Society in this vital function, continuing the production and distribution of our Newsletter. Training will be available. The volunteer needs to have only a basic knowledge of Microsoft Word. The function is in need of a volunteer immediately. Please contact Ken at editor1812VA@gmail.com and/or President Stuart Butler at srtb@widomaker.com to voice your interest.

ACT NOW, you are needed.*Be a part of Finding and Preserving History For America*

WHAT HAVE OUR MEMBERS BEEN DOING IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND THROUGHOUT VIRGINIA?

Reinactor, and Society member Steve Forrest wins Blue Ribbon:

Steve Forrest is a member of our Society and he participated in the Fort Norfolk Garrison unit re-enactment. He was part of the War of 1812 reenactors who won the Blue Ribbon that highlighted the Battle of Craney Island. He, and the others, mustered at Jamestown Settlement, near Colonial Williamsburg, for the event.

Steve was highlighted in a local paper, *The Virginian-Pilot*, on May 7. In that article, correspondent Bob Ruegsegger wrote, "Steve was armed with a smoothbore musket – a French Charleville ... Steve Forrest is a member of the Fort Norfolk Garrison re-enactment unit that conducts living history programs at historic Fort Norfolk on the Elizabeth River. Dressed in a blue hunting frock with red trim, the Norfolk man portrayed a member of the Virginia militiaman of the era. His trousers matched his hunting frock. He sported a round hat with a cockade on the left side. A red plume that designated infantry perched atop his hat." Steve, we, your Society brothers, salute you and thank you for your continued excellence in representing our Society.

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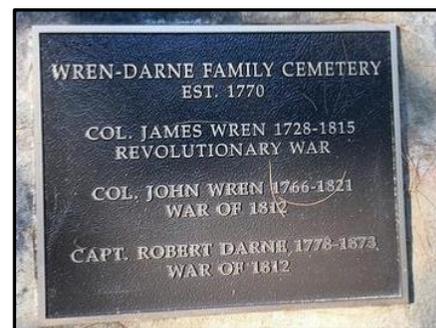
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Wren-Darne Family Cemetery Dedication Falls Church, VA July 14

On 14 July 2018, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, National Society United States Daughters of the War of 1812, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of the American Revolution, and Society of the War of 1812, attended a unveiling and dedication of grave markers for members of the Wren and Darne families who served in the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War. The event was sponsored by the Freedom Hills Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Eliza Monroe Chapter of the National Society United States Daughters of the War of 1812, and the General Robert E. Lee Chapter 233, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Beth VanDoren Boswell, Regent, Freedom Hill Chapter NSDAR served as master of ceremonies. Paul Walden, Board of Managers, George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, and Secretary, Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, represented both societies at the event in this grave dedication ceremony honoring two War of 1812 soldiers interred in the Wren Darne Cemetery in Falls Church, Virginia.



**Society Members Participate in Carrington
Bicentennial Tribute
Staunton River Battlefield State Park
June 23**

Marking the Bicentennial of the life of Judge Paul Carrington of Mulberry Hill, more than 60 individuals attended the tribute sponsored by the Historic Staunton River Foundation and the Staunton River Battlefield State Park.

Pictured behind the newly presented and unveiled granite stone marking June 23rd 2018 as the 200th anniversary of his death are dignitaries and representatives from the many organizations who participated in the event and wreath-laying ceremony.

Left to right are Mr. Tim Vest, District Manager for State Parks; Mr. Dennis Fritts, Past-President of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia; Mr. David Gunnells, Park Manager, Staunton River Battlefield State Park, Mr. Mike Weyler, Deputy Genealogist of the Order of the Founders & Patriots of America; Mr. J. Shane Newcombe, Secretary General Order of the Founders & Patriots of America and Vice-President Historic Staunton River Foundation; Mr. Stanley Foster, Cannoneer of Staunton Hill Artillery and Trustee, Historic Staunton River Foundation; Mrs. Darlene Foster, Recorder of Military Service, H. A. Carrington Chapter 1055, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Trustee, Historic Staunton River Foundation; Mr. Larry Hartsoe, Adjutant Charlotte Grays Chapter #1964, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Mrs. Cora V. St. John, Director, Charlotte County APVA; Ms. Janet Johnson, Past-President and current Secretary of the Historic Staunton River Foundation; and Ms. Jeanie Geoghegan, Trustee of the Historic Staunton River Foundation and representative of the Descendants & Family of Judge Paul Carrington.



Above are the members of the Society that attended L/R: Hugh Markham; Charles Belfield; Douglas Powell; Mike Weyler; Shane Newcombe; and Dennis Fritts.

**Society Presents Wreath Memorial Day
Dublin, Virginia
May 28**

Past President, C. Dennis Fritts presented a Society wreath during the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery. He joined with the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution members that also presented wreaths in this event.



**James Madison’s Birthplace Bazaar Event
Madison’s Birthplace
May 12**

Society members Charles Belfield, Hugh Markham and Mike Lyman set up vendor displays in the huge yard of James Madison’s birthplace home located in Fort Conway on the Rappahannock River in King George County. The bazaar, sponsored by the James Madison Belle Grove Plantation, consisted of over 50 vendors and ran from 10 am to 3 pm. Member Belfield’s mobile display van was present and he showed and narrated displays of the main battles in the Northern Neck counties and in Fairfax County. Mike Lyman brought and displayed many War of 1812 publications and a War of 1812 era cavalry sabre, a stirrup and a pre-civil war musket. Shown below are photos from the event.



**Presentation of the Burials of War of 1812
Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virgin Book
Warrenton, VA
June 23**

Society Member Paul Walden, Secretary of the Society presented the Burial Book to the Fauquier County Public Library in Warrenton, VA. The copy of “Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia” went to Ms. Fran Burke-Urr, Manager of Library Collection Development, who received the book on behalf of the library. Fauquier County is the final resting place of over 100 veterans of the War of 1812. This book will be shelved in their history room in the main library in Warrenton and will a great resource for local genealogists and historians. The picture below shows Paul Walden presenting the book to Ms. Fran Burke-Urr.



**Society Remembers Three Veterans
Shockoe Hill Cemetery
June 9**

Members of the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia travelled to Shockoe Hill Cemetery in Richmond to remember three War of 1812 veterans in a ceremony. It was conducted on or near their gravestones in this cemetery that contains burials of over 400 of these veterans.

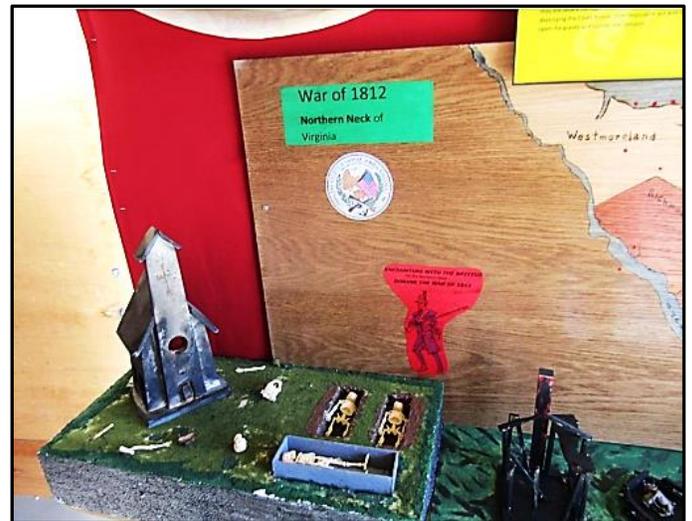
**Member Builds a Mobile Van Display
June 2018**

Society officers, Charles Belfield, and Hugh Markham, assisted by James Monroe Chapter VASSAR member George Beckett, set-up a War of 1812 display at Northumberland County’s Farmers Market Day in Heathsville on June 16th 2018.

Belfield purchased a mobile van trailer and has equipped it with mockups displays of Northern Neck of Virginia battles. He has used this van for two years now on frequent occasions. He has created mockups of soldiers, churches, ships, weapons, with signage to explain to visitors what happened in several battles in parts of Virginia. Past President of the Society, Mike Lyman, attended.

More information and pictures may be found at:

<http://1812va.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Mobile-Van-Displays-Virginia-War-of-1812-Battles-June-16-2018.pdf>





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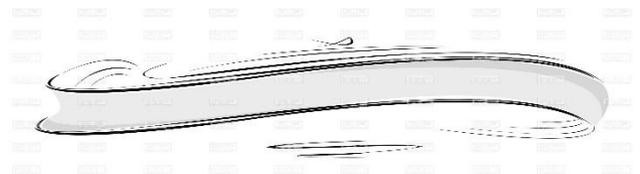
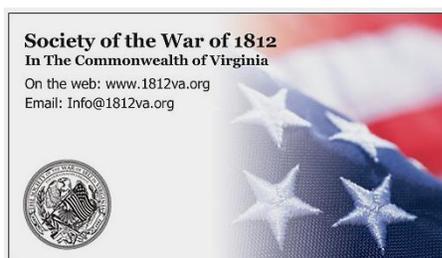
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Shane Newcombe, Info@1812va.org

1812VA Business Cards and Brochures Available



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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...
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NEW MEMBERS

Member	Ancestor
Thomas J. Dillon III	Peter Perdue
David A. Sheley	Wiley Harris
Timothy F. Ahlgrim	Cornelius Eastlick
Joshua S. Wilberger	Johannes Wilberger
James A. Long	Williams S. Barton
Peter S. Seibert	Robert Townley

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOTE: REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR SOCIETY WEBSITE
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