

## **Society Holds Board of Direction Meeting in Charlottesville Sep 15, 2018**

The War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia held its Board of Direction meeting at the Holiday Inn in Charlottesville. Thirteen members attended. Below are photos taken and the minutes of the meeting.



Below is Secretary, Paul Walden and President Stuart Butler





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L/R Dale Corley, 2d VP James Green; Past President Thad Hartman; Past President, Chuck Poland, Mike Weyler; Charles Coale; Registrar Hugh Markham; Quartermaster James Thacker; Past President Dennis Fritts; Secretary Paul Walden. In another view below on the right is Chaplain David Howard. Not shown is Mike Lyman, Past President who was the photographer.



Below for a group photo L/R is James Thacker, Paul Walden; Stuart Butler James Green, Thad Hartman; Mike Weyler; Chuck Poland; Hugh Markham. Dennis Fritts, Dale Corey and David Howard Not shown  
Mike Lyman, photographer



Below are the minutes that were taken by Secretary Walden

**SOCIETY OF THE WAR  
COMMONWEALTH OF**



**OF 1812 IN THE  
VIRGINIA**

Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting

2:00 PM, 15 Sep 2018  
Holiday Inn, Charlottesville, VA

- 1) Meeting was called to order by President Stuart Butler at 2:00 pm with 13 members in attendance
- 2) Invocation was given by Dave Howard
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Chuck Poland
- 4) The minutes from the 9 Jun 2018 Annual Membership Muster in Richmond were approved
- 5) Officers Reports
  - a) President Stuart Butler
    - i) Unable to attend National War of 1812 meeting in Jacksonville in November as he is teaching a course on the War of 1812 in VA on Oct 6, Nov 2 and Nov 9 in Saluda, VA
    - ii) He wrote 3 weeks ago to the Mayor of Richmond's staff (Mr. Felkes) regarding their policy on not allowing markers in Shockoe Hill Cemetery. No response to date.
    - iii) There was a discussion on how the VA Society can get increased coverage in the War of 1812 National Newsletter, the War Cry
    - iv) The National War of 1812 website also needs to be updated with current state officer information
  - b) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Shane Newcombe, absent, no report
  - c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President James Green, no report
  - d) Registrar Hugh Markham

- i) Since our June 8 Muster, four members have joined
  - (1) Timothy Francis Ahlgrim, North Portsmouth, VA
  - (2) Joshua Shawn Willber, Fredericksburg, VA
  - (3) James Allen Long, Monroe, VA
  - (4) Peter Swift Seibert, Williamsburg, VA
- ii) One new membership application is being processed and several more are promising
- iii) Registrar Markham will provide fees for submitting a supplemental application
- e) Treasurer Shane Newcombe, no report
- f) Quartermaster James Thacker
  - i) Following items for sale:
    - (1) VA Society necktie, \$30; VA Society Medals, \$25; Rosette, \$15, General Society large bronze gilt medal \$135; Blazer patch \$21
    - (2) Blazer patches ordered on Feb 9 were received Aug 22
    - (3) At the June Muster, we sold 4 neckties, 2 VA Society Medals, 1 Mini Bronze insignia, and provided 14 rosettes for new members
    - (4) 9 ROTC medals on hand; Bob Shortwood is our coordinator for this award
- g) Chaplain Dave Howard-no member deaths have been reported. It was reported that Charles Belfield's mother is very ill
- h) Historian Peter Broadbent, absent, no report
- i) Color Guard Chairman, Charles Belfield (absent)
  - i) 9 Jun 2018: Color Guard consisting of Warriors Lyman, Markham, and Belfield presented the colors and gave a musket salute at the Shockhoe Hill Cemetery in honor of Major Bolling Branch, Major Phillip Triplett, and Private John Roland
  - ii) 23 Jun 2018: Color Guard consisting of Warriors Fritts, Markham and Belfield presented the colors at the Bicentennial Tribute to Judge Paul Carrington of Mulberry Hill
- j) Publications Committee, Mike Lyman, Chairman
  - i) First Addendum to society book, "Burials of War of 1812 Veteran in the Commonwealth of Virginia". Seventy eight copies were received 30 Jul 2018. Ordered was 75 copies. By verbal agreement our society was to be able to purchase the addendum at one-half of retail price of \$20.50 or \$10.25 each. An invoice from the publisher, Heritage Books for payment was not received by 22 August so it was decided to send them a payment of \$799.50 (78X\$10.25). This amount was paid by the treasurer and no answer of disagreement has been received as of 8 Sep 2018.
  - ii) In 2009 our society furnished eleven selected libraries a free copy of the society burial book., thus these same libraries should also receive now the addendum They are: Library of Virginia (2 copies); Virginia Historical Society; Swem Library; William and Mary; Alderman Library; UVA; Roanoke Public Library; DAR Library; Library of Congress; St. Louis County Public Library (NGS Collection); Allen County Public Library (Ft. Wayne, IN); New York Public Library; Family History Library ( 2 copies- 1 Richmond and 1 Salt Lake City).
  - iii) Per the minutes of the annual membership meeting it is desired that members present the addendum to these Virginia and DC libraries. Peter Broadbent has indicated he will provide the two copies to the library of VA. Stuart Butler has agreed to make the

- presentation to the Swem library. Volunteers are needed for the others. I will bring the inventory of the addendums to the 15 Sep meeting for members to receive.
- iv) It is desired that all members dedicate books to other libraries for the society. The cost to do so is a discount price of \$22. For personal use the addendum is \$17.50 for members
  - v) Burials of War of 1812 Veteran in the Commonwealth of Virginia: Fifty more copies were purchased and received by the undersigned for the society. Heritage books has been paid for these at one-half of the retail price of \$45 or \$22.50 each. These books will be brought to the meeting for purchase by members. For libraries without the book the discount price is \$25. For personal use the price is \$37.50
  - vi) Additional burials of 1812 veterans in VA are being identified by the undersigned that are not in the book or the addendum. An insert for the addendum of 53 more burials is being provided as a donation by the undersigned. Twenty-five of these have been identified from the scans of the burial cards from Hollywood Cemetery
- k) Grave Marking Committee, Mike Lyman, Chairman
- i) On October 6, 2018 at 11 am at the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg, VA in a dual ceremony with the VA Society Sons of the American Revolution, two plaques will be unveiled. One will list forty-seven War of 1812 veterans interred in the cemetery and the other will list sixteen Revolutionary War patriots. The ceremony is open to the public and descendants of the individuals shown on the plaques are especially invited. Members of the society are asked to attend and participate with the unveiling, musket salute and wreath presentations. At the unveiling of the plaques information about each patriot will be provided in a handout by the undersigned. Mark Day of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter VASSAR at e-mail OSCMBB64@msn.com is preparing the program. The entrance to the cemetery is at the junction of 4th and Taylor Streets in Lynchburg. The War of 1812 plaque was designed and purchased by our society. The names for the plaque were taken from our society burial book and its addendum by the undersigned. We requested a grant from the General Society of \$1000 which was approved. See our society website for a photo of the plaque.
  - ii) On November 4, 2018 at 2pm at the Burnt Chimney's House on Lively Hope Rd (Route 617) in Westmoreland County near the Village on Route US 360 a sign with a plaque purchased by our society will be unveiled. The unveiling ceremony will be conducted by the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society in coordination with our society. It is at this house that has two chimneys remaining from the British incursion and burning of the residence in the War of 1812 that will be unveiled. This event is open to the public and a special invitation is given to the descendants of Captain William Henderson who resided in the house during the War of 1812. To view the plaque and its wording see our society website. We desire all of our members that can attend to do so and also participate and we will include you on the program. The undersigned will coordinate with the historical society in developing the program. Charles Belfield in coordination with the land owner has set the sign and is making the arrangements for the ceremony which will include the color guard and wreath presentations. Newspaper articles and publicizing will be provided by the historical society.

- l) Website Committee, Mike Lyman
    - i) 20 postings so far this year, and 1 response to a query
    - ii) Mike's son has been maintaining the website with Word Press
    - iii) Mike has been working with Dale Carey to take possession of his collection of records for preservation
    - iv) Stuart Butler was asked write a summary of one of the War of 1812 encounters in Virginia for publication on the website. Some 300 encounters in Virginia have been documented
  - m) Newsletter, David Vazquez has offered to take over the newsletter
- 6) Old Business
- a) The Virginia Society of the War of 1812 Handbook has not been updated since 2014. The Bylaws and Constitution may need updating as well. Secretary Paul Walden will send an electronic copy to the Board of Directors for review and proposed changes to be discussed at annual muster
  - b) High School Essay Contest
    - i) Contest Criteria have been sent to a number of public schools in Virginia
    - ii) Deadline for entries is 31 Dec 2018
    - iii) Members are encouraged to share the contest criteria with high schools in their area
    - iv) The criteria are available on the War of 1812 in Virginia website
    - v) Due to the generosity of a member who wishes to remain anonymous, the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize has been increased to \$750, 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize to \$500 (at the 9 Jun 2018 Annual Muster the society had approved \$500 for 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$250 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place)
    - vi) Judges are Paul Walden, Charles Belfield, Dennis Fritts, and John Walenta
- 7) New Business
- a) War of 1812 and Revolutionary War Plaques: A motion was made by Chuck Poland, Second by Mike Weyler, to erect a plaque in a prominent public place in each county or independent city in Virginia to memorialize all War of 1812 and Revolutionary War Veterans buried in that county or independent city. The motion was approved
    - i) Dale Corey is working with Warren County on such a project and will have a template available
    - ii) 1<sup>st</sup> VASSAR Vice President Pete Davenport has agreed to work with us on this project
  - b) June Membership Muster Location: A motion was made by Thad Hartman, Second by Mike Weyler, to investigate holding the June membership muster in Norfolk given its historic significance related to the War of 1812
    - i) This motion was made as the result of a discussion introduced by Dennis Fritts that we have been informed by VASSAR that all future meetings held in conjunction with VASSAR will be held on Saturday afternoons. Our preference is to have our meetings on Friday mornings. We will have to investigate the cost of booking a meeting room at our own expense.
  - c) Mike Weyler discussed the new visitor center at Ft. McHenry
- 8) Chaplain Dave Howard gave a benediction
- 9) Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 PM