

Society Participates in President Tyler's Birthday Ceremony Mar 29 2019

President Stuart L Butler and past president Mike Lyman of the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia participated in the birthday ceremony for President John Tyler in the Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond on March 29, 2019 by presenting a wreath. President John Tyler was a Captain in the Charles City Militia during the War of 1812. He was born in 1780 and died in 1862.

President Butler, after the presidential wreath was presented by the commanding General of Fort Lee, spoke to the descendants that attended the ceremony and discussed Tyler's War of 1812 service. Attending was his grandson Harrison Tyler. This is not a typo as he is a grandson not a great or great, great, grandson. Both the President and his son from their second wife fathered a child while in their eighties that made this possible. He attended and is shown in the wheel chair by his granddaughter. One can get President Tyler's genealogy online that shows the details.

President Tyler's second wife, Julia Gardner who died in 1889 applied for a pension for his service and the application file from NARA (National Archives) shows that she received the pension as a widow and that he received the bounty land warrant. Descendants at the ceremony indicated the pension amount was for \$18. Please also note that the bounty land warrant was issued in 1855 before he died and it was for 160 acres. His service is shown on the file.

WAR OF 1812		
NUMBERS	SOLDIER	BOUNTY LAND
N.O. 28-172	<i>Tyler, John</i>	Warrant # 20.1-160-55
N.C. 10007	WIDOW <i>Tyler, Julia Gardner</i>	
	SERVICE <i>Capt. of Co., 52nd Reg. Va mil.</i>	
		Remarks (President of the United States)

Some photos taken are shown below





Above: Members of the Fort Lee Color Guard in front of his grave



Above: The General from Fort Lee provides information about the president



After presenting the presidential wreath taps are played. The General and his party are shown saluting



Above: Mike Lyman and Stuart Butler are shown beside the societies' wreath. The presidential wreath is also shown



Seated is the president's grandson, Harrison Tyler and his granddaughter.