

City of Portsmouth Praises Society at Plaque Unveiling Ceremony June 1, 2019

John L Rowe, Jr as Mayor of Portsmouth, VA in a proclamation from his office gives special appreciation to the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia for honoring fourteen War of 1812 veterans interred in the Trinity Episcopal Church cemetery. The names along with eleven Revolutionary War patriot are on a plaque unveiled that is mounted on the entrance wall to the church.

## City of Portsmouth

### *Proclamation*

*Whereas,* Portsmouth and its residents since the early 1600s have made important contributions to the history and economic development of our region, commonwealth, and nation; and

*Whereas,* the Chesapeake, one of six frigates authorized by Congress, was launched at Gosport in 1798; and

*Whereas,* the encounter of Chesapeake with the British frigate Leopard off the Virginia Capes in 1807 was a cause of the War of 1812; and

*Whereas,* the Town of Portsmouth and Gosport Navy Yard narrowly averted capture and destruction when a large British force was defeated at the Battle of Craney Island on June 22, 1813, due to the gallant defense of the Virginia militia, regular troops, and seamen from the U. S. Constellation under the command of Brigadier General Robert Taylor of Norfolk, with a role played by the Portsmouth Light Artillery commanded by Captain Arthur Emmerson of Portsmouth.

*Now, Therefore, I,* John L. Rowe, Jr., Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2019 as

### *"A Day of Celebration and Grateful Remembrance"*

to honoring the eleven Patriots of the American Revolution and the fourteen veterans of the War of 1812 interred in the Trinity Episcopal Church cemetery, and to give special appreciation for the recognition given by the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia in observance of the sacrifices and dedication of the Americans who successfully defended the United States of America in the War of 1812.

*In Witness Whereof,* and on behalf of the Portsmouth City Council, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Portsmouth to be affixed this first day of June, two thousand nineteen.



*John L. Rowe, Jr.*  
John L. Rowe, Jr.  
Mayor



Shown above is Mayor Rowe and below the unveiled plaque. His proclamation claimed June 1, 2019 “A Day of Celebration and Grateful Remembrance”



REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS AND WAR OF 1812 VETERANS BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR

COMMODORE JAMES BARRON  
PATRIOT ROBERT BENSON  
CHAPLAIN JOHN BRAIDFOOT  
PATRIOT HENRY BROWN  
PRIVATE JOSEPH GRICE  
ENSIGN JOHN KEY

PATRIOT ISAAC LUKE SR  
AIDE DE CAMP BERNARD MAGNIEN  
PRIVATE HUGH MOPHERSON  
CAPTAIN JACOB STOBO  
COLONEL WILLIS WILSON

#### WAR OF 1812

COMMODORE JAMES BARRON  
PRIVATE HENRY DICKSON  
LIEUTENANT WILLIAM DICKSON  
ENSIGN SAMUEL FOWLER  
PRIVATE EDWARD FRITH  
SEAMAN ANTHONY GRICE  
PRIVATE GEORGE W. GRICE

PRIVATE JOHN JARVIS JR  
BOATSWAIN EDWARD LINSOTT  
SERGEANT SAMUEL LIVINGSTON  
LT COLONEL BERNARD MAGNIEN  
2D LIEUTENANT JACOB MASON  
ASSISTANT SURGEON GEORGE W. MAUPIN  
SURGEON SAMUEL R. TREVETT

DEDICATED JUNE 2016 BY THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
AND THE WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

**PLAQUE DEDICATION CEREMONY  
HONORING  
REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS  
AND  
WAR OF 1812 VETERANS**



*conducted by the*

**NORFOLK CHAPTER**

**VIRGINIA SOCIETY  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

*and the*

**WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
VIRGINIA**

*in cooperation with*

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*11:30 a.m.  
June 1, 2019  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Portsmouth, VA*

**Call to Order** **Dr. Kenneth L. Hawkins**  
*President, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*

**Posting of Colors** **Members of the Color Guard**  
*Virginia Society, SAR*

**Invocation** **Rt. Rev. Dr. James Magness**  
*Bishop, Diocese of Southern Virginia*

**Pledge of Allegiance** **Capt. Maury A. Weeks (USCG, ret.)**  
*Immediate Past President, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*

**SAR Pledge** **Philip Michael O'Shea**  
*Treasurer, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*

**Welcome/Introductions**  
**Peter Davenport** *President, Virginia Society, SAR*  
**Stuart L. Butler** *President, Virginia War of 1812 Society*  
**John L. Rowe, Jr.** *Mayor of Portsmouth*

**Presentation of Proclamation** **John L. Rowe, Jr.**  
*Mayor of Portsmouth*

**Recognition of Descendants** **Dr. Kenneth L. Hawkins**  
*President, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*

**Descendant Remarks**

**Bio of Patriots and Veterans**  
**Capt. Maury Weeks** *Immediate Past President, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*  
**Edward Douglas, III** *Secretary, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*  
**Carter Furr, Esq.** *Chancellor and Past President, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*  
**Dr. Thomas Whetstone** *Vice President, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*

**Plaque Unveiling and Dedication**  
**Dr. Kenneth L. Hawkins** *President, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*  
**Rt. Rev. Dr. James Magness** *Bishop, Diocese of Southern Virginia*  
**Peter Davenport** *President, Virginia Society, SAR*  
**Stuart L. Butler** *President, Virginia War of 1812 Society*

**Wreath Laying** **Dr. Kenneth L. Hawkins**  
*President, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*

**"Taps"** *(by Maj. Gen. Daniel Butterfield)* **Andrew Barr**  
*Senior, Hickory High School*

**SAR Recessional** **A. Charles Hassell, II**  
*Chaplain, Norfolk Chapter, SAR*

**Benediction** **Rt. Rev. Dr. James Magness**  
*Bishop, Diocese of Southern Virginia*

**Retirement of Colors** **Members of the Color Guard**  
*Virginia Society, SAR*

**Closing Remarks** **Dr. Kenneth L. Hawkins**

**WREATH LAYING**

*Representatives of the following organizations will come forward when called and stand behind their wreath until the final wreath laying honors are complete.*

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Virginia Society SAR	Peter Davenport, President
Col Fielding Lewis Chapter SAR	Josh Wilberger
Culpeper Minutemen Chapter SAR	Tom Hamill, President
Fairfax Resolves Chapter SAR	Jeff Thomas, Past President
Norfolk Chapter, SAR	Dr. J. Thomas Whetstone, Vice President
Ashby's Gap Society, C.A.R.	Aaron Hamill
Chesapeake Chapter, DAR	Catharine House Rowe, First Vice Regent
Fort Nelson Chapter, DAR	Corenne D. Crowson, Regent
Great Bridge Chapter DAR	Sandra Iamuzi and Morgaine Mary Beck
Lynnhaven Parish Chapter DAR	Cindy Hiddemen
Princess Anne County Chapter DAR	Kim Pugh, Vice Regent
Virginia War of 1812 Society	Myron E. Lyman, Sr., Past President
Suffolk Chapter Colonial Dames of the XVII Century	Sylvia Ryder, President
Virginia Chapter Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America	Wanda Russo, President
Virginia Society of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America	Josh Wilberger

Above is the program and the list of wreath presenters. Below President Stuart L Butler gives welcoming remarks and greetings



Below is a photo showing the plaque being unveiled. On the left is War of 1812 member and President of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, Peter M Davenport along with President Butler r



A photo shows some of the attendees and some of the wreaths that were presented





Above is the front view of the church. Below from left is President Butler, past President Mike Lyman and Dr Thomas Whetstone with the society wreath that was presented





Two descendants from the War of 1812 veterans being honored attended the ceremony. Shown below is Marshall W. Butts who descends from Commodore James Barron



The second is Alexander P Grice, IV who is shown pointing on the plaque to his War of 1812 ancestors, Seaman Anthony Grice and Private George W Grice and his Revolutionary War ancestor, Private Joseph Grice

