

Society Conducts Annual Membership Muster June 22, 2019

The War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia held its annual muster of members at Richmond's Westwood Club on June 22, 2019. At 10am was the business meeting, followed by a reception at 11:30, and a luncheon at Noon. Following this many members travelled to the Hollywood Cemetery to mark the graves of two war of 1812 veterans interred there. Below is the agenda and the minutes that were taken by the secretary.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

1 Call to order & Opening Remarks-President Stuart Butler

2 Invocation-Acting Chaplain

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 David Vazquez, if present

3 Others

6 Old Business

Revision of Society Handbook

High School essay contest status

ROTC awards

Update on James Monroe Birthplace

7 New Business

Virginia Society & National Society relationships-War Cry

Chaplain position

Discussion of June meeting place

8 Benediction-Chaplain

9. Adjournment

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

Minutes

Board of Direction Meeting

10:00 am, 22 Jun 2019

Westwood Country Club, Richmond, VA

- 1) Meeting was called to order by President Stuart Butler at 10:00 am with 18 members in attendance
- 2) Invocation was given by Bob Vogler
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Chuck Poland
- 4) The minutes from the 8 Feb 2019 meeting were approved unanimously. Chuck Poland Newcombe made motion, seconded by Thad Hartman
- 5) Officer Reports
 - a) President Stuart Butler
 - i) Report filed and made a part of these minutes
 - ii) Reminder that the General Society meeting is 24-25 Aug, 2019 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. President Butler, Chuck Poland and Paul Walden are planning to attend.
 - iii) Speaker at today's meeting is Jane Hampton Cook, Historian and Author, who is discussing the British attack on Washington during the War of 1812
 - iv) President Butler thanks everyone for attending the Society's events throughout the year
 - b) 1st Vice President and Treasurer Shane Newcombe

- i) Treasurer Newcombe was absent but filed a report, which is made a part of these minutes, President Butler represented him at the meeting
- ii) Mike Lyman pointed out that there is a \$1,776.05 cash balance in the Ameritrade brokerage account. Discussion was made that the dividends received in the Ameritrade Account were not reinvested in stock and that the Treasurer, via email, indicated that in the future he could reinvest them. This is just an administrative action by the Treasurer.
- iii) Motion made by Mike Lyman to reinvest \$6,776 (\$5,000 cash plus the Ameritrade dividends) to a high yield Ameritrade fund. Fund to be selected at the Treasurer's discretion. Motion was seconded by Jim Russell. Motion passed. It should be noted also that the Treasurer had agreed, by email, to this proposal.
- iv) Motion made by Mike Lyman, seconded by Jim Thacker, that the President and Secretary be added to the bank signature card as well as be given the Ameritrade password and bank online access password, in the event the Treasurer is incapacitated. Motion passed.
- c) 2nd Vice President James Green, present, no report
- d) Registrar Hugh Markham
 - i) Report submitted and attached to these minutes
 - ii) Thirteen new members approved since February and one applicant in review
- e) Quartermaster/ROTC Chair James Thacker
 - i) Report submitted and attached to these minutes
 - ii) Jim has 5 sets of War of 1812 burial books for sale
 - iii) Dennis Fritts proposed that we consider having ball caps and tshirts made with our War of 1812 in VA logo on them. Paul Walden will contact the VASSAR Secretary to find out what company they used
 - iv) Mike Lyman suggested we have a price list and ordering info on our website for our merchandise. We do have this info on this website: <https://squareup.com/store/society-of-the-war-of-1812-in-virginia>
- f) Chaplain's Report-none as our Chaplain Dave Howard passed earlier in the year
- g) Historian Peter Broadbent, absent, report filed by email
 - i) The James Monroe birthplace restoration in Colonial Beach is making good progress
 - ii) Question was asked if there is a museum dedicated entirely to the War of 1812. Consensus was that one does not exist, outside of ones dedicated to specific battle sites
- h) Color Guard Chairman, Charles Belfield
 - i) Report submitted and incorporated in these minutes
 - ii) Charles did presentations to two schools and an afterschool program
 - iii) Jim Russell-new member who has joined the Color Guard
 - iv) Charles pointed out that members invest a lot of money in uniforms and firearms
 - v) Chuck Poland stated that a motion had been passed during his Presidency to approve the purchase of 2 coats each year at a cost of \$500/each (Secretary's note: I have been unable to locate the minutes during Poland's tenure to verify)
- i) Newsletter-David Vazquez (absent) Recognized for his outstanding work with the newsletter
- j) Publications Committee, Mike Lyman, Chairman
 - i) Report submitted and incorporated in these minutes
- k) Grave Marking Committee, Mike Lyman, Chairman

- i) Report submitted and incorporated in these minutes
 - ii) The City of Portsmouth recognized our Society in a Proclamation on 1 Jun 2019 (attached to these minutes)
 - iii) Discussion on challenge in doing joint grave markings with DAR in that the DAR National Office has to approve all DAR grave markings, which can be time consuming
 - iv) Motion made by Chuck Poland, Seconded by Dennis Fritts: to approve \$2,550 towards a plaque to be erected at Ebenezer Church in Loudon County to be dedicated in April 2020 and to approve \$640 for 8 grave markers/stakes: Motion passed
 - l) Website Committee, Mike Lyman, report attached
- 6) Old Business
- i) Essay Contest: Paul Walden reported that we only had two entrants, and that both did not meet the technical requirements of the contest. Motion was made by Chuck Poland, Seconded by Dennis Fritts that we present a certificate of appreciate to the two students who submitted an essay and that we present a check in the amount of \$100 to the history department of the respective high schools. Motion passed.
 - b) Motion was made by Paul Walden, seconded by Mike Weyler, that we open the 2019-20 essay contest to West Virginia high school students. Motion passed.
- 7) New Business
- a) Need to update handbook and bylaws. Dennis Fritts had sent proposed changes (copy incorporated in these minutes)
 - b) Motion made by Mike Weyler, Seconded by Chuck Poland: that a bylaws committee be formed to include the four past presidents (Poland, Fritts, Hartman, Lyman). There was a discussion on the ability for a President to serve two consecutive terms. Our Constitution may address this. Motion passed
 - c) Motion made by Stuart Butler, Seconded by Chuck Poland: that Dennis Fritts' proposal be accepted and that we clarify the policy on dual state membership. Motion passed.
 - d) Motion made by Chuck Poland, Seconded by Mike Weyler: that our society request authorization from the General Society to allow Members at Large join our state society. The discussion was based on the fact that some state societies fall into periods of inactivity and this would allow members to be involved in the VA Society. Motion passed.
- 8) Charles Belfield has offered to organize a bus tour of War of 1812 sites in the Northern Neck
- 9) Bob Vogler gave the benediction
- 10) Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Walden
Secretary

Some reports follow

SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
www.1812va.org Website Chairman's Report for Annual Membership Meeting
June 22, 2019. The report covers the period since the BOD meeting in February
2019

Eighteen postings have been made since the BOD meeting in February 2019. Several queries on the website were replied to during this period as well.

Member Dwight D Lyman (Mike's son) established the site for the society in May 2010 using Word Press. He has paid the annual fee for the site each year as his contribution to the society.

The below photo of member Steve Forrest in War of 1812 Infantry militiaman attire firing a musket to honor 1812 veterans in a cemetery greets the visitors to the War of 1812 website

Members are suggested to visit the site often to see reports and activities of the society, as many of which are not included in the newsletter or by other correspondence.

Officers and members of the society that participate in society events are encouraged to provide the details and photographs taken. Preferred is a written synopsis as well that can be posted. It should include what, when, where and why it took place, a list of members that attended and a copy of the program.



On the site one can open the postings for each month since year 2010, thus it becomes a history of the societies activities.

Mike Lyman, Website Chairman

Publications Chairman's Annual Report for June 22 2019

First Addendum to society book, "Burials of War of 1812 Veteran in the Commonwealth of Virginia:"

- a. Seventy eight copies were received 30 Jul 2018 from Heritage Books, Inc. Our society was able to purchase the addendum at one-half of retail price of \$20.50 or \$10.25 each. A Heritage Books payment of \$799.50 (78X\$10.25) was made. The remaining inventory held by Lyman is 24 copies as of 10 Jun 2019. Some copies are in the possession of the Quartermaster for sale as well

- b. It is desired that all members dedicate addendums to libraries for the society. The cost to do so is a discounted price of \$12. For personal use the addendum is \$17.50 for members

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. A portion of the remaining inventory of these books will be brought to the meeting for purchase by members. Others are available from the Quartermaster. For member presentation to libraries that are without the book the discount price is \$25. For members personal use the price is \$37.50. On 10 Jun 2019, 23 books remain in the inventory by the undersigned.

Additional burials of 1812 veterans in VA are being identified by the undersigned that are not in the book or the addendum. Currently 140 more burials are available by email from Lyman

Mike Lyman, Publications Chairman e-mail melyman@va.metrocast.net

GRAVE MARKING & EVENTS REPORT JUNE 22, 2019

Grave Marking Report since February 2019 BOD meeting:

Grave Marking Ceremonies conducted from BOD meeting Feb 2019 through June 2019: (See website postings for details)

18 May 2019; A joint Ceremony at the Glen Gery brickyard, in Manassas with Colonel William Grayson Chapter, VASSAR honoring War of 1812 veteran, Thomas Thurman with a new Veteran's Administration grave stone and the unveiling of a War of 1812 grave marker. Charter member and past president, Thad Hartman was the project officer. Many members of the society participated. Cost to the society \$80

26 May 2019: Grave Marker Unveiling Ceremony for Sgt John Atkins, Shackelford Chapel Church Cemetery, King & Queen Cemetery. Conducted by President Butler; Past President Mike Lyman and Color Guard Chairman, Charles Belfield. Forty or so attendees, many of which were descendants attended. Cost to society is \$80 for one grave marker

01 Jun 2019: Joint Plaque Unveiling Ceremony, with Norfolk Chapter, VASSAR at the Trinity Episcopal Church, at Portsmouth. Eleven Rev War patriots and 14 War of 1812 veterans were honored. Mayor, John L Rowe of the City of Portsmouth in a Proclamation made the day as "A Day of Celebration and Grateful Remembrance" and gave our society special appreciation and recognition for the plaque which was mounted on the entrance wall to the church. Many members of our society attended. War of 1812 member Ken Hawkins was Master of the ceremony as the President of the Norfolk SAR Chapter. The cost was \$1425 which was approved by the BOD in February 2019. (See website posting for details)



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 MCPHERSON
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 LINGSCOTT
SERGEANT SAMUEL LIVINGSTON
LT COLONEL BERNARD MAGNIEN
2D LIEUTENANT JACOB MASON
ASSISTANT SURGEON GEORGE W. MAUPIN
SURGEON SAMUEL R. TREVETT

DEDICATED JUNE 2019 BY THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
AND THE WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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"

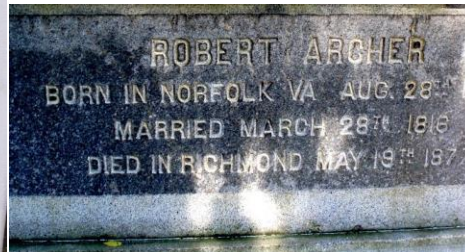
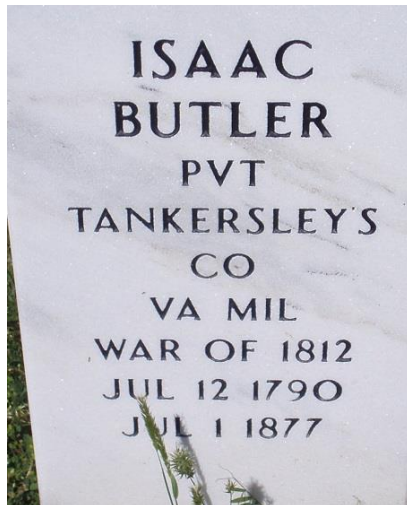
to honoring the eleven Patriots of the American Revolution and the fourteen veterans of the War of 1812 interred in the Trinity Episcopal Church cemetery, and to give special appreciation for the recognition given by the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia in observance of the sacrifices 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

22 Jun 2019: Grave Marker Unveiling Ceremony, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond for two War of 1812 soldiers, Robert Archer and Isaac Butler. See the program at the ceremony for more details The cost to society is \$160. Gravestones inscriptions are shown.



Inventory of War of 1812 Grave Markers:

Request that the society have the treasurer purchase eight veteran grave markers (stake type) at \$65 each and eight brass rods for them at \$15 each for use by the society to mark 1812 veteran graves. (See Price list and order form in any of the General Society's "WAR CRY" magazines) Have them sent to the undersigned. The total cost is \$640 as I believe shipping is free. **Request approval of this amount.**

After the graves marking ceremony at Hollywood Cemetery on June 22d we will be down to the two markers being returned from Paul Walden and one old style marker being held by the "Friends of the Shockoe Hill Cemetery" that was returned to them after being stolen

Scheduled grave marking ceremonies Jul 1 2019-30 Jun 2020:

Nov 11 2019 (Veterans Day) at the St Mary's White Chapel Cemetery in Lancaster County. Three grave markers will be used in that ceremony. One of the veterans being honored is that of the ancestor of Counsel, Carter Furr. The cost to society is \$240

Scheduled sometime in fall of 2019 is the grave marking of Paymaster Thomas Towles buried in the Stith Cemetery, on the property of the Northumberland House in Northumberland County. This will be a dual ceremony with the Richard Henry Lee Chapter VASSAR. It involves one individual grave marker, with a cost to the society of \$80.

Scheduled sometime in fall of 2019 to 10 February 2020 is an unveiling of a joint pole mounted plaque or a monument listing 28 War of 1812 veterans and at least 14 Revolutionary War patriots buried in Warren County cemeteries. It will be installed probably near the court house of the county. **An amount of \$1800 was approved by the February 2019 BOD.** This event is being arranged with the county Board of Supervisors by Dale Cory President of the James Wood II Chapter VASSAR. He is also a member of the 1812 society and assistant VASSAR Graves Chairman. This event is one of the initiatives of VASSAR President, Peter Davenport, who is also a member of our society. This event has been delayed as Cory is finding more buried Rev War patriots in the county

Scheduled for April 2020 is the unveiling of two pole mounted plaques in the graveyard of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Loudoun County. One will list 14 Revolutionary War Patriots interred in the cemetery which will be financed by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The second will be a plaque listing 27 War of

1812 veterans interred in the cemetery. Charter member, and past president, Thad Hartman of the society is making the arrangements with the church officials for both plaques and for the financing of the Rev War pole mounted plaque. This event will be a dual ceremony with the Colonel William Grayson chapter, VASSAR. The cost to the society will be \$2550. **Request approval of this amount.** The design of the plaque is shown below.



WAR OF 1812 VETERANS BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY

PRIVATE WILLIAM ADAMS	PRIVATE JAMES LEWIS
PRIVATE WILLIAM BRADFIELD	CORPORAL SAMUEL LODGE
SERGEANT JOHN H BUTCHER	PRIVATE SAMUEL MOORE
PRIVATE JOHN CARPENTER	ENSIGN WILLIAM C PALMER
PRIVATE MATTHEW H CARPENTER	CORPORAL JOHN PIERCE
PRIVATE WILLIAM CARPENTER	PRIVATE WILLIAM RILEY
PRIVATE WILLIAM CHAMBLIN	PRIVATE MAHLON RUSSELL
LIEUTENANT EDWARD CUNARD, JR	PRIVATE CHARLES THOMAS
PRIVATE JOHN J CURRELL	PRIVATE EVAN THOMAS
PRIVATE WILHAM DEMORY	PRIVATE JOSEPH (JAPHET) THOMAS
PRIVATE JAMES H HAMILTON	CORPORAL WILLIAM P THOMAS
PRIVATE JESSE HUMPHREY	CORPORAL JOHN UPDIKE
PRIVATE JOHN JENKINS	PRIVATE CONRAD VIRTZ (WERTS)
PRIVATE JOHN KEEN	

*DEDICATED APRIL 2020 BY THE WAR OF 1812 SOCIETY
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA*

A monument listing Rev War patriots and War of 1812 veterans interred in the cemeteries of Prince William County was planned earlier this year and \$1800 was approved for spending by the February BOD. **This project is now deleted** as the Colonel William Grayson Chapter SAR is not able to proceed with it at this time.

Planning for calendar years 2010 to 2013

Vice President, Elect of VASSAR, Bill Schwetke for calendar year 2020 will undoubtedly have initiatives on his tour of duty that will involve joint grave markings with our society. Generally as VASSAR Graves Chairman I will learn about his desires this fall. Generally one or more of these ceremonies will be before our fiscal year ends in June 30 2020. Also current VASSAR president, Pete Davenport asked me to make recommendations for getting the VA Soc DAR or NSDAR involved in funding large plaques or monuments with VASSAR and our society. The NSDAR needs at least two or three years to arrange funding. One of my recommendations to him is a monument in the Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Cemetery in Augusta County. This cemetery contains 31 Rev War patriots and 22 War of 1812 veterans. Some other recommendations using NSDAR funding include listing all Rev War patriots and 1812 veterans buried in counties or independent cities with the monuments being mounted near their courthouses or historical society buildings. Three recommendations to him were: (1) the City of Lynchburg at the Court house installing a monument listing 32 to 35 Rev War patriots and over 65 War of 1812 vets. (2) Pittsylvania County at the court house with 60-65 Rev War patriots and 45 or more War of 1812 vets (3) Hanover County court house with 45 Rev War and about 70 War of 1812 veterans

Up-Coming Events to attend and participate in:

29 Jun 2019: A joint ceremony in the cemetery of Wren Dame located at 2615 Hillsman Drive, and Mahala Lane, Falls Church. Two War of 1812 veteran's graves with US Daughter's of 1812 grave markers will be recognized. War of 1812 members are welcome to attend. Secretary Paul Walden plans to represent the society.

July 4th: The Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society and Cople Episcopal Parish invite you to join us on Thursday, July 4, for our 12th annual Independence Day Celebration. The Salute at Burnt House Field will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the Patriotic Service at Yeocomico Church will begin at 9 a.m. The Lee Family cemetery at Burnt House Field in Westmoreland County and is located from Route 202 at the Hague take Coles Point Road then left on Mt Pleasant Road to entrance road Reenactors of Richard Henry Lee and his wife Anne Pickard (Gaskins) will discuss what is happening In June of 1776

With duty and honor

Mike Lyman Graves Chairman

Some meeting photos follow



Above President Stuart Butler presides over the meeting





The Luncheon Agenda follows



Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia

ANNUAL MUSTER

22 JUNE 2019

**Westwood Club, 6200 West Club Lane
Richmond, Virginia 23226**

Call to Order	Stuart L. Butler, President
Invocation:	Acting Chaplain
Post Colors	Society Members
Pledge of Allegiance	LTC Mike Lyman, Past President
Introduction of Guests	Stuart Butler, President
Toasts	Chuck Poland, Past President
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Stuart Butler, President
Guest Speaker:	Jane Hampton Cook "The Rise of the First Lady"
Introduction and Induction of New Members	Hugh Markham, Registrar
Announcements and Adjournment	Stuart Butler, President
Adjournment to Hollywood Cemetery for Grave markings ceremonies in honor of Isaac Butler and Robert Archer	(Time set for 2:30 pm.)

**Hollywood Cemetery: Address is: 412 South Cherry Street, Richmond.
Directions will be provided at program.**



President Butler presides



President Butler sits with the guest speaker. Below the members stand in line for the buffet



Below guest speaker Jane Cook gives her presentation ""The Rise of the First Lady"



Below are some tables of members and guest eating







New members are administered the oath and are inducted by Society Registrar, Hugh Markham



