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NEWSLETTER

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The BOARD OF DIRECTION MEETING of the Society, was held at the Monico Hotel, Alexandria, VA September 13 2013.

The attendees are shown in the photo except for 2d Vice President, Walter J. Sheffield, Esq. who had to depart early. L/R: Past President, LTC (Ret) Myron (Mike) E. Lyman, Sr.; Past President, LTC (Ret) Thadeus L. Hartman; Vice President General, John M. Epperly; Registrar, Charles B. Poland; Vice President, C. Dennis Fritts; and member Samuel Adams. Sitting in front is President Capt USN (Ret) John N. Dickie who presided.

Presidents Pen:

Virginia Defenders:

Ten States plus the District of Columbia formed War of 1812 Bicentennial Commissions. Planned celebrations in these states coincided with the anniversary of significant events occurring within the states during the war.

The Virginia Bicentennial Commission has been involved in numerous projects, ranging from historical markers throughout the state to the huge OpSail event in Hampton Roads in June 2012 to a planned symposium in Hampton in June 2014, and a Fort Meigs, Ohio monument installation in 2015. In addition to the work of these commissions, State Societies of the War of 1812 are executing significant plans to celebrate the anniversary of the War.

Although 2013 is rapidly closing, the Bicentennial Celebrations of the War of 1812 are still in full swing, with more opportunities to recognize major historical events. The "Second War of Independence" lasted 32 months, from June 18, 1812 to February 18, 2015. While The Treaty of Ghent was signed on December 24, 1814, the war officially ended on February 17, 1815 when US Congress ratified the treaty. With the defeat of Napoleon on April 6, 1814 the British were able to devote more resources to fight the war in America, sending three large invasion armies. The British victory at the Battle of Bladensburg in August 1814 allowed them to capture and burn Washington, D.C.; however, American victories in September 1814 repulsed the British invasions in New York and Baltimore. Eventually the British suffered a major defeat at New Orleans in January 1815. The General Society has planned meetings and exciting events to coincide with the anniversary of the Battles of Baltimore and New Orleans. From Wednesday September 10 through Sunday September 14, 2014 the General Society will combine its Triennial Meeting with a Bicentennial Celebration of the Battle of Baltimore. All Virginia Society members are encouraged to attend. Scheduled events include a banquet on Thursday 11 Sep at Ft McHenry. Reenactments will be held at Ft McHenry on Friday and Saturday. A public fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday Night.

At the General Society meeting in Nashville in August the Board voted to have an annual meeting in January 2015 in New Orleans to celebrate the anniversary of victory there, exactly 200 years ago. Last September the Virginia BOD selected Petersburg, VA as the site of the 2014 Annual Muster to be held on 7 June 2014, with a Bicentennial Grave Marking at the Blandford Cemetery, where 97 War 1812 veterans are buried. 2nd VP Walter Sheffield will handle the arrangements for the muster. The BOD also approved submitting a grant proposal to the General Society to help fund this as a Bicentennial event. I urge you to consider a donation for this project when mailing in your annual dues notice.

Speaking of grant money, the October 22 edition of The Washington Post carried an article on The Bicentennial revealing that the State of Maryland provided \$1.2 million to mark the war's anniversary. Grants include \$20,000 to Frederick's Mount Olivet Cemetery for commemorative plaques on the graves of 103 War of 1812 veterans, including Francis Scott Key. \$250,000 was given to the Maryland Academy of Sciences to make a 3-D Imax movie about the "Star-Spangled Banner." "Brookeville, the town James Madison stopped in for a night after fleeing Washington, got some money too: \$98,550." These funds are targeted to encourage tourism and economic development.

As noted above, The Virginia Bicentennial Commission is planning a symposium on the War at Fort Monroe and Hampton University, (both in Hampton) on June 20-21, 2014. Furthermore, the City of Alexandria is planning a series of events over Labor Day weekend in 2014 (August 29 - September 1, 2014) to commemorate the bicentennial of the occupation of Alexandria by the British (similar to what Norfolk and Portsmouth did to commemorate the Battle of Craney Island's bicentennial in June 2013). Please plan on attending these events.

Judy and I wish you the best for the upcoming holidays and a great year 2014.

Minutes of Board Meeting

SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Minutes 13 September 2013 Alexandria,
Virginia

Meeting called to order by President Dickie at 1200 hours. Attendees: John Dickie; Dennis Fritts; Charles Poland; John Epperly; Mike Lyman; Walter Sheffield; Thadeus Hartman; Samuel Adams, a new member of our society. Minutes from the previous meeting accepted. Officers' reports were accepted and discussed.

Dickie reported, in summary, on the General Society meeting in Nashville, TN. He noted that Shane Newcombe has been designated as Assistant Quartermaster General, General Society of the War of 1812.

The BOD unanimously voted to reinstate John Epperly to his position on the BOD and as Vice President General, upon a motion by President Dickie.

Registrar Charles Poland reported that he met with and obtained the society's registrar records from Hank Howells. Poland being the recently elected registrar and Howells being the outgoing registrar.

Reports submitted by Sheffield, Fritts, Dickie and Lyman were summarized by the submitters.

Sheffield suggested that the \$12,000 in the BB&T savings account be invested in I Bonds, which have a present interest rate of 1.8% for 13 months. Poland made a motion that was seconded by Lyman which resulted in a unanimous vote implementing Sheffield's suggestion.

Following a discussion broached by Lyman regarding the bequeathing of society books to organizations, a motion by Sheffield and seconded by Fritts, a unanimous vote resulted in a policy that requires BOD approval (routinely via email) for every instance.

On a motion by Sheffield and seconded by Fritts, it was unanimously voted that Mike Lyman would be reimbursed \$125 for the vase that was placed at the War of 1812 veterans monument at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester. The agreement with the Colonel James Wood II Chapter, VASSAR, is that if the society (War 1812) would install a vase—as did VASSAR—the Colonel Wood chapter would provide perpetual flowers for the two vases.

The BOD authorized Lyman to negotiate with VASSAR regarding a joint grave marking next year.

The BOD selected Petersburg, VA as the site of the 2014 Annual Muster to be held on 7 June 2014, with a grave marking at the Blandford Cemetery, where 97 War 1812 veterans are buried. Sheffield will handle the arrangements for the muster. This action based on a motion by Poland and seconded by Sheffield and a unanimous vote. Dickie will seek a grant from the General Society to help defer costs associated with the marking of the graves/memorializing the veterans. Lyman to invite the USD1812 to participate.

Lyman commented on the high level of influential participation by Defenders Butler and Broadbent on the Bicentennial Commission. Regarding activities in August 2014, Dickie stated that society members should participate in a grave marking with the Color Guard. (Continued page 3)



A group photo from the local newspaper of attendees on page 9 shows our representative, Chuck Poland

Minutes of Board meeting continued

The BOD discussed 1st VP Fritts' submission of the list of proposed "Officer Responsibilities," an assignment he was tasked with previously by President Dickie, that was intended to become a handbook for society officers. Fritts obtained the suggested responsibilities from members who have served in the respective offices. The report was submitted as a draft at the 2013 Annual Muster. On a motion by Sheffield and seconded by Poland, resulting in a unanimous vote, the "Officers Responsibilities" were adopted as a guideline until the 2014 September BOD meeting at which time it will be reviewed and a decision made regarding implementation, thereby providing an opportunity for field testing.

Dickie volunteered to purchase a uniform coat for a member who is willing to serve in the Color Guard.

Following a detailed discussion of the proposed budget for FY2014-2015, Hartman made a motion seconded by Lyman leading to a unanimous vote that resulted in: Approved Income - \$8680 and Approved Expenses - \$7025.

Fritts broached the perplexing problem of low attendance at the annual musters, and why this has been the case for the past few years? Observations were made but no action was suggested. Fritts stressed that this is an issue that needs addressing.

Meeting adjourned Thad Hartman, substitute Secretary for the meeting

A CEREMONY FOR REVOLUTIONARY WAR & WAR OF 1812 VETERANS WAS CONDUCTED SEPTEMBER 29, 2013 IN FLOYD COUNTY IN THE PINE CREEK CEMETERY NEAR THE TOWN OF FLOYD

The events were sponsored by the Floyd Courthouse DAR. In addition to their members, Judge Gino Williams of the Montgomery General District Court was the primary speaker at both sites. Other groups represented were:

DAR District VII; The Fincastle Resolutions Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution: John Brown, Doug Hankins, and Chuck Poland; The Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia: **Chuck Poland**, who presented a wreath for the Society.

From the War of 1812 Society *Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia* book, the following text about the veterans honored in the ceremony follow:

GOODSON, Thomas; b 1789; d 15 Mar 1815 RU: Private, 8th VMR (MagneinSpangler) GS: Y SP: No spouse information VI: No further data P: None BLW: No PH: N SS: A rec 972 BS: 91 pg 116.

GOODSON, William; b 11 Apr 1793; d 24 Oct 1852 RU: Private, 80th VMR, Capt George Graham, Troop of Cavalry, Fairfax Co, attached to 1st Corps d'Elite (Randolph) GS: Y SP: mar in Patrick Co on 08 Jan 1837 America Sandefur, d c1891, LNR PO Turtle Rock, Floyd Co, 1878 VI: No further data P: Spouse BLW: Yes PH: Y SS: M pg 174; BD pg 838; B pg 71 BS: 25.

MOORE, Isaac; b 10 Aug 1789; d 01 May 1875 RU: Private, 4th VMR (Greenhill) GS: Y SP: mar Nancy (—), d 26 Dec 1862 age 70 yrs, 7 mos, 21 days VI: No further data P: None BLW: No PH: N SS: A rec 4268 BS: 91 pg 122.

SHELOE, George; b 25 Dec 1778, MD; d 10 Sep 1856 RU: Private, 75th VMR GS: Y SP: mar in Montgomery Co, 27 Jan 1804 to Ruth Banks, b 23 Aug 1783, d 24 Apr 1875 VI: No further data P: None BLW: No PH: N SS: A rec 22129 BS: 91 pg 121.

SPANGLER, William; b 18 Sep 1792; d 14 Jun 1862 RU: Private, Cocke's Detachment VA Militia GS: Y SP: mar Mary Irvin, b 1808, d 1880 VI: No further data P: None BLW: No PH: N SS: A rec 15423 BS: 91 pg 119; 49.

RU=Rank/Unit GS=Gravestone SP=Spousal Information VI=Other Veteran Info P=Pension BLW=Bounty/Land Warrant PH=Photo SS=Service Source BS=Burial Source VMR=VA Military Rgt LNR= Last Known Residence

**WAR OF 1812 & REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETS ARE HONORED IN A CEREMONY OCTOBER 5TH 2013 IN
DUMFRIES, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA**

A joint ceremony between the Col William Grayson Chapter, VASSAR and the War of 1812 Society in VA took place in Dumfries, Prince William County on October 5th at the Tebbsdale Cemetery on Possum Point Road
A War of 1812 grave marker was unveiled on War of 1812 veteran, Surgeon John Spence's grave



Gravestone of War of 1812 veteran, John Spence

War of 1812 member, Charles Belfield dressed in War of 1812 attire & SAR member, Tim Headley provide the musket salute



A group photo of the participants is shown of which four are War of 1812 society members. Third from left is Council member, John Epperly who presented the society wreath (pictured below). Sixth from the left is Thad Hartman who arranged and conducted the ceremony. Next to him is Mike Lyman in 1812 attire. Next is Charles Belfield, who in addition to firing the musket also unveiled the 1812 grave marker



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KROGER IS PROVIDING OUR SOCIETY FUNDS FOR OUR PROJECTS –WE NEED MORE MEMBERS TO USE IT. Read below to see how you can help

As of 2 FEB 2012 the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 has been approved to participate in the KROGER CARES FUNDRAISING PROGRAM. This program is sponsored by the Kroger Company and its affiliates to help nonprofit organizations raise funds for their activities.

The way the program works is when an organization's account reaches \$5,000 Kroger will cut a check for 5% of that amount (\$250). Kroger confirms each account on a 4 week schedule. So if we don't reach the \$5,000 amount in that time the account will be carried over until we reach the \$5,000 level. If we were to exceed the \$5,000 level then we get 5% of that amount.

Virginia Society of War of 1812 members must establish a Kroger Gift Card to be used at Kroger or its associate stores. Once the member establishes the gift card money can be added to the gift card at any Kroger or an associate. An example of how this works is:

You normally buy groceries at Kroger or use Kroger gas stations to buy gas and you write a check or charge your purchase. Now you go to the Kroger Customer service desk with your Kroger Gift Card and add money to your gift card. When you buy your groceries or gas you now use the gift card to make your purchases. Just as soon as you add money to your gift card that amount is credited to the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 and when \$5,000 is reached Kroger cuts a check for 5% to the Society.

Get cards for every member of the family especially if they shop at Kroger's on a regular basis. The attached list shows location of and names where the card can be used.

Suppose you don't have a Kroger store in your area. You can still use the cards at Kroger associates that are located in other states or when you travel look for a Kroger gas station to use your card.

All money raised in this program will be used to support Virginia Society of the War of 1812 projects such as Grave markings, publication

of the graves book and other events approved by BOD.

Every member should show their support for the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 by signing up for the program!

How do you get a Kroger Cares card: Contact: Dennis Fritts You will need to tell him how many cards you want. Cards are \$5.00

When you get your card it will have a starting value of \$5. If you want to start your card with a value higher than \$5 then send a check with that amount). Remember once you have the card you can always add to it by going to the Kroger Customer Service desk or any cashier.

How to contact Dennis: 59 Buckingham Court, Roanoke, VA 24019 tel 540-992-6475
dennis3@ntelos.net

October 18th: Dennis reported that our account with Kroger had reached \$5000 again from five members only using the Kroger card and we received a check for \$257.50 !!!!!

What a potential for more money to help pay for plaques and monuments honoring our War of 1812 veterans, if we could get more members to use it.

WE HAVE BEEN PRAISED

The Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter of August 2013 in its Book Review section contains a review of our Society's, *Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia* publication.

Their editor, Barbara Vines Little, in addition to describing our book and what it contains and how to receive a discounted copy wrote this:

"This was obviously a monumental task and the Society and its volunteers deserve our gratitude for their efforts to preserve the often disappearing information on the burial place of those who served this nation"

**A JOINT CEREMONY BETWEEN OUR SOCIETY AND THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY SAR TOOK PLACE AT
MT HEBRON CEMETERY IN WINCHESTER ON SEPTEMBER 12 2013**

At the ceremony a monument listing forty Revolutionary War patriots and one listing forty two War of 1812 veterans were unveiled. The 1812 monument was financed evenly between our Society and the U.S. Daughters of 1812. Below are some photos taken during the ceremony.





Eight member of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia gather around the inscribed monument after the ceremony L/R: Rick Hendrick; John Epperly; Thad Hartman; Mike Lyman, Dennis Fritts, Charles Belfield; Victor Diehl and Stuart Butler Below: Jodi Killeen, 1st VP National & Jacque-Lynne Schulman, VA State President of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 join the group

The ritual for unveiling monuments is recited by Thadeus Hartman and Dennis Fritts. Standing on the left is President Larry Johnson of the James Wood II SAR Chapter whose chapter conducted the ceremony.



On the left are some of the wreaths that were presented during the ceremony. Below is a larger view of the 1812 logo



MORE MT HEBRON CEREMONY PHOTOS



For the first time an attired War of 1812 Society Color Guard carry the colors to be posted L/R: Mike Lyman and Victor Diehl lead the guard, followed by Thad Hartman (hid behind Victor) carrying the Star Spangled Banner Flag, followed by Dennis Fritts with the Virginia flag and Charles Belfield with the Society flag



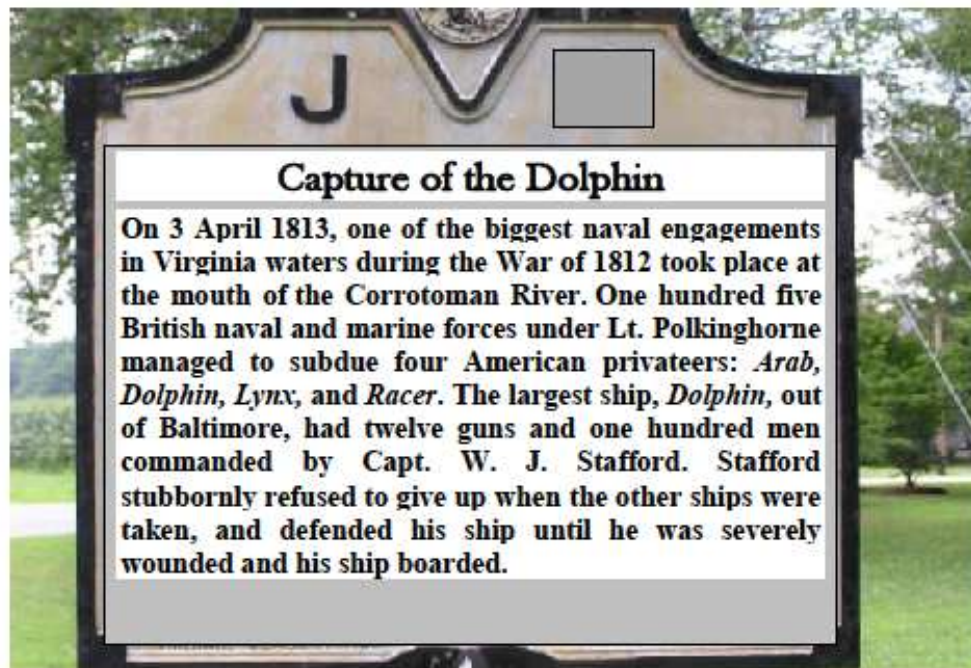
On the left is a photo of the War of 1812 veteran's monument after it had been set of its base near the General Daniel Morgan area of the cemetery. Our Society purchased the perpetual flower vase in front of the monument. Below are some of the attendees at the ceremony.



From the Floyd County ceremony depicted on page four is a portion of the attendees. Our Society representative, Chuck Poland is the gentleman in the center with the blue coat This photo is from the local newspaper.



A crowd listens to the ceremony at Pine Creek Cemetery - Sunday, February 10, 2008.



A new Virginia historical road sign commemorating an encounter with the British in the War of 1812 with wording as shown above, will be unveiled in a ceremony in Lancaster County on December 3, 2013. Our Society in conjunction with the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Society and the Mary Ball Washington Museum & Library are jointly sponsoring the ceremony. The sign, financed by the Virginia War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, will be erected by VDOT on US Route 3 as one crosses the Rappahannock River bridge entering the county. Since, there is insufficient room on the highway for the ceremony it will be conducted nearby at Willaby's Restaurant at the foot of the bridge. The scheduled time is 10am. The ceremony is open to the public and to our society members and guests, however room in the restaurant for a large number of attendees may be restrictive. Councilor, Stuart L Butler of our Society is scheduled to be the guest speaker. More detailed information about the encounter is spelled out in Butler's new book, *Defending the Old Dominion; Virginia and Its Militia in the War of 1812*. Our Society Publication, *Encounters With the British in Virginia During the War of 1812*, distributed to most libraries in Virginia in 2009, also provides some details as well. It was the first encounter with the British during the war in the Northern Neck counties. Mike Lyman and Craig Kilby also jointly authored an article published in the December 2012 issue of the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Magazine entitled *The War of 1812 in the Northern Neck in the Year 1813*. Thirteen pages in this article describe the above encounter in detail and give excerpts from period newspapers. On the next page is a drawing of the battle and an article about it in the Baltimore newspaper from a reporter who observed the action from across the river in Urbanna in Middlesex County.

Capture of the Dolphin Continued



BALTIMORE WHIG ISSUE OF APR 12, 1813 FROM A REPORTER VICINITY URBANNA

"... WE WENT TO RIVER BANK OPPOSITE ROSEGILL TO OBSERVE...THE AMERICAN FORCE WAS THREE LETTERS OF MARQUE...& THE PRIVATEER DOLPHIN MOUNTING 12 POUNDERS AND TWO 9'S; THE ENEMY FORCE WAS 14 BARGES WELL MANNED AND A TENDER; THE BATTLE LASTED FOUR HOURS, AND UNFORTUNATELY BECALMED, THE AMERICAN VESSELS WERE TAKEN. I CANNOT EXPRESS THE SENSATIONS I EXPERIENCED WHEN I SAW HOW HARD THE LITTLE BALTIMORE PRIVATEER FOUGHT. BEING BECALMED, AND ALMOST DEFENSELESS, SHE FOUGHT TO THE LAST MOMENT, AND HER COLORS WERE NEVER TAKEN DOWN UNTIL THE BRITISH BOARDED HER AND STRUCK THEM THEMSELVES. I HOPE THE BRAVE AMERICANS WHO FELL IN THE ENGAGEMENT THIS DAY, ARE SLEEPING IN THE ARMS OF THEIR HEAVENLY REDEEMER"

The above drawing at top left is from the Maryland Magazine. The other is a water color by Irvin Bevin provided courtesy of the Mariner's Museum

Recruitment of New Members

One goal that our Society should have for the year 2014 is the Recruitment of new members. Every member of the Society should Recruit at least one new member and then get that member to participate in the annual Muster! In our Recruitment effort we need to try and bring in members from every corner of the Commonwealth.

When I was Registrar we had a General Society handout that provided information about the Society and how to become a member. I no longer see that handout available from the General Society. We need to either recreate it or develop a new handout for the Virginia Society.

We need to identify locations where genealogy fairs and workshops are taking place and try to get publicity to that event. Even better we need members to attend those events and make the participants familiar with the Virginia Society of the War of 1812.

Most of our members are members of other historical organizations and we need to recruit from their ranks. We need publicity to show all the things we do especially when it comes to grave markings.

Let's make 2014 a banner year and double our membership!

First Vice President, Dennis Fritts, Membership Chairman

REFLECTIONS ON THE WAR OF 1812

Author: Thadeus L. Hartman, Past President

The War of 1812 was a significant event in American history not because it was a war, per se, but because it ensured the sovereignty of the United States of America. It was America's second war of independence. Sadly, as important as it was, its significance is often overlooked and it has become a forgotten war. This bicentennial period—2012-2015—is an opportune time to reflect on the importance of the War of 1812, Ohio's role in it, and how it affected the American frontier. Moreover, 2013 is the bicentennial of the service of many men from Belmont (and Monroe) County in the War of 1812.

Within 25 years after America's first war for independence—the Revolutionary War—the country found itself entangled in five years of serious disputes with Great Britain which severely strained United States-British relations. These disputes involved naval blockades, embargoes, interference with trade, and impressment of merchant sailors off American ships on the high seas. Furthermore, there was a long-festering backdrop to this international entanglement, i.e., British agitation of Indians against American settlers on the frontier had been continuous since the outset of the Revolutionary War. Given this immense provocation, President James Madison asked the Congress for a declaration of war against Great Britain and after several days of deliberation Congress acted in the affirmative and the United States government declared war on Great Britain on 18 June 1812. Opponents referred to it as "Mr. Madison's war."

The War of 1812 wasn't just an American war; it was part of a world war. At the time, Britain was engaged in the Napoleonic Wars in Europe (also known in Britain as the Great French War) and brought the War of 1812 into that conflict, treating it as a North American theater of that European war. So, in an obscure way, Napoleon Bonaparte was a bit player in the War of 1812. British antagonism toward America that finally brought things to a head was focused on the disruption of American foreign trade and the need for sailors to man their ships, hence, the blockades, embargoes and impressments of merchant sailors. However, these factors address only the naval aspect of the war, not the Indian raids of the nation's interior.

Another historical character involved in the war, playing a leading part, was Tecumseh the Shawnee war chief. The Shawnee, a tribe of Algonquin speaking Indians, inhabited Belmont County and other parts of Ohio. Tecumseh was born in 1768 along the Scioto River in central Ohio and lived much of his life in the Ohio Country. He was a leader of note and through excellent interpersonal relationship skills formed a large inter-tribal alliance known as Tecumseh's Confederacy. Tecumseh intended his confederacy to evolve into an independent Indian nation under British protection and at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War it moved west into present-day Indiana. Of course, during the War of 1812 this Indian confederacy fought with the British. Tecumseh and his confederacy had a key role in the Battle of the Thames which took place near present-day Chatham, Ontario, Canada where the combined force of British soldiers and Indian warriors fell to the American Army led by Major General William Henry Harrison[1]. Tecumseh was killed in that battle on 5 October 1813. Following Tecumseh's death his confederacy collapsed and at the close of the war the British abandoned their Indian

allies. Tecumseh had been involved in hostilities on the frontier both prior to and during the War of 1812.

A month prior to America's victory in the Battle of the Thames, Ohio's Lake Erie was the site of one of the most significant naval battles of the war, ending in a tremendous American victory. This battle directly affected soldiers from Belmont County. On 10 September 1813 Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry defeated Commander Robert Heriot Barclay of the Royal Navy in what is now known as the Battle of Lake Erie, or the Battle of Put-in-Bay. Perry's victory resulted in the capture of the British warships *Detroit* and *Queen Charlotte*, four smaller vessels, an entire squadron of sailors, and the recovery of Perry's initial flagship *Lawrence* which had fallen into enemy hands. The *Lawrence* suffered heavy damage during the battle but was restored and returned to service in 1814. History records Perry's message to the Commander of the Army of the Northwest, Major General William Henry Harrison—"Dear General: We have met the enemy and they are ours. Two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. Yours with respect and esteem, O.H. Perry." These captured British naval vessels were moored in an island harbor and Captain John Howell's company from Belmont County, part of the "musket fleet" and comprised of men largely from the Captina Creek area, guarded them. Perry's victory placed Lake Erie under American control for the remainder of the war and Belmont County troops assisted in securing that theater of operations.

Belmont County men responded readily to the nation's appeal to arms and between 1000 and 1200 men enlisted for the war[2], an impressive statistic given the 1810 population of the area the soldiers were drawn from was only 11,097. Ten companies in three Ohio regiments plus three other militia companies were staffed with men from Belmont County[3]. Originally, Belmont County encompassed much of the eastern portion of present-day Monroe County. Because Monroe County, named for James Monroe, Secretary of War during the War of 1812, wasn't established until 29 January 1813 its administrative affairs and government functions were administered by the three counties from which land was taken to form it. Therefore, some Belmont County soldiers were actually residents of newly-formed Monroe County. Unfortunately extant records do not include the names of all who served.

The 1795 Treaty of Greenville ended the Indian Wars in Ohio. Although many Indian groups left Ohio after the Greenville treaty some remained, living beyond the Ohio Valley toward the center of the state. Settlers along other sections of the frontier, however, were engaged in defending against Indian raids from 1774 until the War of 1812 ended, due to continual incitement of Indians against them by British Indian Department agents. And, Indian armies were often lead by British army officers. For over 45 years ongoing warfare between American settlers, Indians and the British military was the norm along sections of the frontier! It was as if the Revolutionary War never ended. In fact, frontier hostilities associated with the Revolution did not stop until the signing of a document in Europe that concluded the War of 1812!

A most noteworthy event, having a calamitous result for the United States, occurred after Great Britain's role in the Napoleonic Wars changed. Capitalizing on the change of events in Europe, Britain increased the number of ground forces deployed in America and that resulted in the sacking of

Washington, DC, which included the burning of the United States Capitol building and the White House. Other government buildings were also burned and many federal documents destroyed.

Even though WE won the War of 1812, the result has often been bantered back-and-forth. Some historians have observed that neither side won; the war ended in a draw. Some say that the British simply quit and went home. Canadians have even a different opinion. Many British military historians view the war only in concert with the Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812 has no context of its own. Others opine that America was the victor but nothing really changed. An American victory without a doubt, it is a fact that the British quit and returned home. Yet, the outcome of the War of 1812 made a great difference to America, as noted by Mackubin Thomas Owens[4] in his 21 December 2012 article in the Wall Street Journal:

- American independence is validated.
- Decisive military victories achieved despite an overall lackluster performance by American forces.
- The repulse of the British attack on Fort McHenry at the Battle of Baltimore inspired Francis Scott Key to write the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner."
- American statesmen came to realize that to survive in a hostile world, international relations require measures that include military power and traditional diplomacy.
- The myth of civilian militia's superiority to a professional military was exploded. Over a period of three decades following the war the United States Army adopted training standards, specialized training, discipline and doctrine.
- The Military Academy (West Point) produces highly motivated professional officers.
- Creation of the position of Commanding General of the Army, a position sorely missed during the War of 1812.
- An end to the British demand for an Indian barrier state in the Old Northwest (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota). This was no minor problem. American Indians today are portrayed as mere victims. But the Indian nations of the Old Northwest constituted a formidable foe to the U.S., especially in alliance with the British.

The War of 1812 ended with the signing of a peace treaty in Ghent, Belgium on 24 December 1814. The treaty was ratified by Great Britain three days later and by the United States Congress on 18 February 1815, one day after it was received. However, the Battle of New Orleans was fought on 8 January 1815 (a decisive American victory) and skirmishes continued into February 1815. Some post-treaty fighting continued on the high seas for a period of months.

Much is often made of the fact that the American victory at New Orleans occurred on 8 January 1815, after the signing of the peace treaty. That treaty notwithstanding, it is extremely unlikely that, had they prevailed, the British would have given up what at that time was the most important port in North America without substantial American concessions, including

territorial ones[5]. This salient point, had it come to fruition, would have had a deleterious effect on Ohio.

Finally, after 45 years of hostilities American families along the frontier experienced peace. Fortunately for Ohioans hostilities ended after 26 years. Those stalwart families that settled the frontier prepared the way for America's westward expansion. Unfortunately, the erosion of time coupled with a collective eye diverted from history and focused on the future has allowed America to forget not only the War of 1812 but also the unthinkable tragedies endured by our ancestors on the frontier.

END NOTES

1. Harrison was born in Virginia, the son of Benjamin Harrison a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His public service was phenomenal; he had a distinguished military career, served in the Ohio State Senate and both houses of the United States Congress representing Ohio, as well as accomplishments in international affairs. His wife, Anna Symmes, was from Ohio. Harrison was elected the ninth President of the United States from Ohio but served only one month (died of pneumonia), the shortest term of any president. William Henry Harrison's grandson Benjamin Harrison, born in Ohio, served from Indiana as the 23rd President of the United States.

2. Centennial History of Belmont County, Ohio, Chapter X, "The Soldiery of Belmont County"

3. Ibid

4. Mackubin Thomas Owens, editor of the Foreign Policy Research Institute's journal, and professor of national security affairs at the United States War College

5. Owens, Wall Street Journal, 21 December 2012

EPILOGUE

Hartman's third great-grandfather, Adam Henthorn of Monroe County, was a private in Captain John Howell's company in Colonel John DeLong's 1st Ohio Infantry Regiment. Matilda Archer, Hartman's second great-grandmother, resided in Richland County, Ohio, when she was young. There was an Indian village in the vicinity of her family's farm and when she was ten or twelve years old (1819/1821) she had a frightening experience with a Indian; however, the incident ended with the Indian giving Matilda a string of beads because she was so fleet of foot.

Hartman is a Belmont County native and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of the War of 1812.

Several years ago our Society furnished a plaque with monument and had it installed in the historic St John's Church Cemetery in Richmond indicating 85 War of 1812 veteran's remains are there. This year on Veterans Day, November 11th 2013, Councilor James Thacker of our Society will read the names to attendees at a ceremony there. If you can please attend.

Also, on Veterans Day at the 1917 Court House in Chesterfield County, the War of 1812 veterans from there will be honored. There is a plaque on the Court house wall there recognizing these men.

THE ANNUAL MEETING IS PLANNED FOR JUNE 5 2014 IN PETERSBURG. AFTER THE LUNCHEON WE PLAN TO UNVEIL A MONUMENT LISTING 96 1812 VETS BURIED IN THE BLANDFORD CEMETERY THERE see below

| <div> <div>THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE</div>  <div>COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA</div> </div> | | CONTINUED FROM FRONT SIDE | |
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| THE FOLLOWING WAR OF 1812 VETERANS ARE INTERRED OR MEMORIALIZED IN THIS HISTORIC CEMETERY | | | |
| PRIVATE BENNETT ALDRIDGE | PRIVATE GRIFF DRUMMOND | PRIVATE JOHN MICHAELS | CORNET DANDRIDGE SPOTSWOOD |
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DUES REMINDER FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NOT PAID THIS FALL (Fill in, cut out and mail please)

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\$375 for ages 65 or older

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1812 200th Anniversary Funding campaign _____

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If you would like to become a member of the Society Color Guard, be the Newsletter Editor, be the website manager or be on a committee or contribute in any way so indicate.

The Journal of the War of 1812Archives

Past issues are made available at no cost. These are highly recommended

<http://journal.thewarof1812.info/archive.asp.htm>

NOTE: Our Society website is a blog where viewers can make comments. Some are quite interesting See at www.1812va.org

UPCOMING CEREMONY At the Ware Episcopal Church Cemetery in Gloucester County, two War of 1812 veterans along with two Revolutionary War patriots are in the planning stage of being honored with a grave marking ceremony by our Society and the Thomas Nelson Jr Chapter, SAR sometime in the spring. The 1812 veterans are: Captain Catesby Jones & Quartermaster John Dixon

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Most every month new items are posted

UP-COMING EVENTS

November 11, 2013: Reading of names of War of 1812 veterans interred at St John's Church cemetery in Richmond. Also 1812 veterans will be honored at the Chesterfield County Court House at 2 pm See page 13

December 3, 2013: Unveiling of the *Capture of the Dolphin* Virginia historical road sign in Lancaster County 10am. See page ten for details

February 14, 2014: Board of Direction Meeting 1 pm at the Omni Hotel & Resorts, 100 South 12th St, Richmond. Members may attend.

March 2014 (date TBA): Joint grave marking with the Thomas Nelson Jr Chapter SAR at the Ware Episcopal Church in Gloucester County. Date to be determined, See page 16 for details

March 29, 2014 11am Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, wreath presentation ceremony honoring President John Tyler's birthday He was a Captain in the War of 1812.

April 2014 (date TBA): Lancaster Court Day, Lancaster, VA. Mike Lyman will man an 1812 display table. Another member needed

April 16?, 2014 (date TBA): 3:30pm Navy Auditorium, University of Virginia, Charlottesville Society officer presents ROTC certificates to Army, Navy, Air Force ROTC cadets

April 27?, 2014 (date TBA): 10am James Monroe Birthplace ceremony to include wreath presentations, vicinity Colonial Beach, Westmoreland county. Lunch follows at the Moose Lodge. Member attendance desired.

April 28, 2014: 2pm James Monroe Tomb, Hollywood cemetery, Richmond; includes wreath presentations honoring his birthday. Member attendance desired

June 5, 2014: Society's Annual muster and luncheon in Petersburg and a monument unveiling at the Blandford Cemetery. See page 15 Details in Spring newsletter. **All members please plan to attend**

June 20,21 2014: VA Bicentennial symposium at the Hampton University and at Fort Monroe. Details in the Spring newsletter

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SOME OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mike Lyman has teamed up with author Carolyn Jett for an article in the next issue of the Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Magazine espousing on the lives of twenty two War of 1812 veterans interred in Northumberland County, and also with author, Craig Kilby on an article in the same publication on the encounters with the British in year 1814 in the Northern Neck counties.

Author Stuart Butler of our Society on CSpan3, September 13th at 7 & 11pm presented a lecture on the War of 1812

Dennis Fritts, Charles Belfield and Mike Lyman now have identical period hats and coats for the color guard. It is the stovepipe shako hat worn by Regular Army Infantry officers during the War of 1812 that has the same hat emblem, plume and cockade as pictured below. The coat is a replica of the one worn by the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Company, a part of the 19th Virginia Militia Regiment of Richmond City. The hat with accessories is available for purchase from C.D. Jamagin Co at <http://www.jamagincos.com/> President Dickie says he will help finance obtaining an 1812 coat. The rest of the uniform is similar to Revolutionary war dress.



The 1813 pattern shako hat the U.S. Army used was made entirely of leather. The hat has an external plume holder which is on the left hand side. The sweatband has a drawstring liner. This hat has a light leather cape folded around the back of the hat held in place with two buttons at the back edge of the brim. A wool cord and tassel is attached at the upper side by a copper ring and to the button on the left hand side.

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