

# The Virginia War Cry



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## WHAT DO WE DO?

### Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia

#### *"The Role of Chaplain"*

By Larry G. Aaron

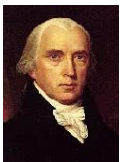
The role of military chaplain has a long history, even back to ancient times, when priests led the armies of Israel into battle. The job description is found in Deuteronomy 20: 1-4 quoted here in part: "When you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people...Hear O Israel...let not your heart be faint, do not fear, or tremble...for the Lord your God is he that goes with you...to give you the victory." In the same way, today's chaplains are to point us to God and provide hope.

In July 1775, the Continental Congress established a military chaplaincy to minister to the troops in time of battle. In the book, Reliable and Religious: U.S. Army Chaplains and the War of 1812, by Kenneth E. Lawson, the author states, "Many United States Army chaplains in the War of 1812 also fought alongside the soldiers they served. Most of the chaplains (over 200) who served in the War of 1812 were militia chaplains. Only 13 official regular army chaplains served during the war. Today, most chaplains are typically embedded with the troops in deployed combat units, at service schools, military hospitals in the field and at military installations around the world."

As State Chaplain for the Virginia Society of the War of 1812, I consider it my duty to offer encouragement and prayers for our fellow Defenders and/or their families in time of suffering or death of a loved one. I also consider it an opportunity to promote the spiritual welfare of our organization, beyond prayers for invocation and benediction, realizing that whatever our endeavors we need God's hand guiding and providing for us. And, further, as chaplain, to participate as much as possible in commemorations that honor those ancestors who served in the War of 1812.

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### A Proclamation



"... I do therefore recommend the third Thursday in August next as a convenient day to be set apart for the devout purposes of rendering the Sovereign of the Universe and the Benefactor of Mankind the public homage due to His holy attributes; of acknowledging the transgressions which might justly provoke the manifestations of His divine displeasure; of seeking His merciful forgiveness and His assistance in the great duties of repentance and amendment, and especially of offering fervent supplications that in the present season of calamity and war He would take the American people under His

peculiar care and protection; that He would guide their public councils, animate their patriotism, and bestow His blessing on their arms; that He would inspire all nations with a love of justice and of concord and with a reverence for the unerring precept of our holy religion to do to others as they would require that others should do to them; and, finally, that, turning the hearts of our enemies from the violence and injustice which sway their councils against us, He would hasten a restoration of the blessings of peace."

Given at Washington, the 9th day of July, A.D. 1812.

JAMES MADISON

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## President's Pen:

DEFENDERS,

Society members have been very active since the publication of our last newsletter and as a result, interest in membership has grown. Our biggest source of new members is from the ranks of current Sons of the American Revolution chapters and I encourage you to continue your recruitment efforts in your SAR chapter. Another source of new recruits comes from people who see us at other events.

One thing that would help our recruitment effort would be the development of a Virginia unique recruitment brochure. One of our member's had volunteered to create one for us but unfortunately, he has not been able to complete the project. If anyone is interested in taking on this project, please contact me. In addition, if you know of any historical or genealogy fairs let me know and we will try to get brochures to you once they are available.

I'm pleased to announce that the annual muster will be held 13 June 2015 in Lynchburg. The location will be on the campus of Lynchburg College at the Drysdale Student Center. The Board meeting will start at 10 AM in the West Conference Room on the third floor. A buffet lunch will be held after the Board meeting in the East Room on the



same floor. Bring your spouse and join us in the induction of new members. After lunch, we will present a Plaque at the Presbyterian Cemetery for the 18 known War of 1812 veterans buried there. Additional information and cost will be provided at a later date.

I currently know of four of our members who are graduates of Lynchburg College. If you graduated from the college please contact me.

We have a strong need for volunteers to take charge of the publicity and meeting committees. We also need more of our members to come out and attend the different events we sponsor and support. These events are not just for officers but the entire membership. The more members we have present the better our recruitment efforts become.

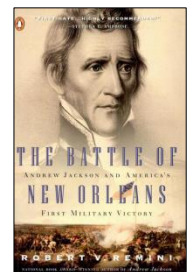
I look forward to seeing everyone at the June Muster!

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Fritts

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Andrew Jackson and America's First Military Victory

The Battle of New Orleans was the climactic battle of America's "forgotten war" of 1812. Andrew Jackson led his ragtag corps of soldiers against 8,000 disciplined invading British regulars in a battle that delivered the British a humiliating military defeat. The victory solidified America's independence and marked the beginning of Jackson's rise to national prominence. Hailed as "terrifically readable" by the Chicago Sun Times, The Battle of New Orleans is popular American history at its best, bringing to life a landmark battle that helped define the character of the United States.



([http://books.google.ca/books?id=m6c5hfBftSAC&source=gbs\\_navlinks\\_s](http://books.google.ca/books?id=m6c5hfBftSAC&source=gbs_navlinks_s))

## General Society News



The General Society has reworked their website and published a new look. The picture above is the look of the heading on the web page. Try it out: [www.gsw1812.org](http://www.gsw1812.org)

### WHAT DO WE DO?

*(From the General Society Webpage)*

#### Purposes of the Society

The objectives of the Society are the collection and preservation of rolls, records, books, and other documents relating to the War of 1812; the encouragement of research and the preservation of historical data, including memorials to patriots of that era in our national history; the caring for the graves of veterans of the War of 1812; the cherishing, maintenance and extension of the institutions of American freedom; and the fostering of true patriotism and love of country.

In carrying out these objectives, the State Societies hold meetings for their members and guests at which programs relating to the War of 1812 and intelligent patriotism are presented. Over the years, the membership has been fortunate in attracting gentlemen of high caliber, intelligence, and gracious demeanor. The General Society and its affiliated State Societies are sensitive to the high ideals espoused by our Founding Fathers and they feel the duty that ever vigilant defense of our nation and its Constitution entails.

### THE INSIGNIA OF THE SOCIETY

*(From the General Society Webpage)*

The insignia shall consist of a badge of gold, pendant from a ribbon. Said badge shall be in the form of a Maltese cross (emblematic of faith in the justice of our cause), between four (4) golden eagles (symbolizing the four sections – north, south, east and west of our common country), and resting upon an anchor of gold (representative of the American navy, by which so many glorious victories of the War of 1812 were achieved).

The ribbon shall be of watered silk, dark blue in the centre, with white and black stripes on the sides successively, and edged with scarlet; the entire ribbon to be one and one-half inches in width and the same dimensions in displayed length.





# PREAMBLE



HEREAS, in the Providence of God, victory having crowned the forces of the United States of America, in upholding the principles of the Nation against Great Britain in the conflict known as the War of 1812; we the survivors and descendants of those who participated in that contest, have joined together to perpetuate its memories and victories; to collect and secure for preservation rolls, records, books and other documents relating to that period; to encourage research and publication of historical data, including memorials of patriots of that era in our National history; to care for and, when necessary, assist in burying actual veterans of that struggle; to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and foster true patriotism and love of country.

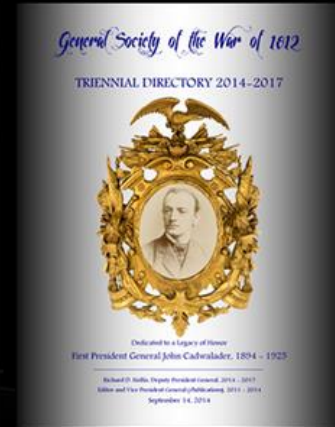
## PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY! TRIENNIAL DIRECTORY, 2014-2017

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### THE SEAL OF THE SOCIETY

(From the General Society Webpage)

Shall be two and one-half inches in diameter, and shall consist of an eagle displayed in the center of the seal, holding in his talons the American flag of the period (of fifteen stars), with rays of a rising sun above, and wreaths of oak and laurel (emblematic of the valor and victory of our soldiers and sailors), with trophies of cannon, musket, sword and anchor, below. The motto of the Society, “For Our Country’s Rights,” to be placed above the sun’s rays in small Roman capital letters, and the whole to be encircled with a ribbon one-fourth of an inch wide, bearing, in plain Roman capital letters, the legend, “General Society of the War of 1812. Founded 1814.” The seal is to be in conformity with the design submitted to the General Society.



**Board of Direction Meeting, 2:00 PM Friday, February 20, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes and Reports of Officers and Committees Chairman, and Others**  
**Omni Hotel, Richmond, Virginia**

- 1) Call to Order & Opening Remarks – President Dennis Fritts
- 2) Invocation – Larry Aaron
- 3) Pledge of allegiance – President Dennis Fritts
- 4) Minutes of the previous BOD meeting read, motioned and approved.
- 5) Report of Officers and Committees
  - a) President’s Report
    - i) With Chuck Poland, went to grave marking in Crimora, VA
    - ii) Represented with 4 other members of the Va. Society at the 1812 Bicentennial events in New Orleans
    - iii) Approved updated By-Laws, Constitution & History prepared by Cranston Williams.
    - iv) Requested investment plan from Budget Committee
    - v) Conferred with VASSAR President about joint Society events
    - vi) Conducted talk to Martinsville DAR
    - vii) Working with Gen Society on Certificate for a grandson of a War of 1812 grandson
  - b) Chaplain’s Report
    - i) - Willing to contact members regarding death, difficult times.
  - c) Registrar’s Report
    - i) Reported that 14 new members have been recruited since Sept meeting and 17 potential new members have been contacted.
  - d) Historian’s Report
    - i) 1812 Historical Markers project is finishing up and nearing its completion by 30 June.
    - ii) State of Va. has come up with the funds for the Fort Meigs monument for the May 23rd ceremony in Ohio. Several Va. Society members plan to attend including Pres. Fritts.
    - iii) Library of Va. purchased a map of the Battle of Craney Island which is available to the public.
    - iv) Thad Hartman mentioned that he submitted an article to the War Cry re. Mary Ann Cave, female vet of the War of 1812.
  - e) Color Guard Report
    - i) Conducted events on Sept 20, Oct 5, Oct 7 and Dec 14 in Richmond.
    - ii) Newest member George Beckett was recruited.
    - iii) Color Guard is involved in several presentations throughout the state to give good exposure to the public of our Society.
  - f) Mike Lyman’s Report
    - i) Reported that he has been involved in numerous activities since our last Sept meeting.
    - ii) Website has been updated numerous times.
    - iii) One remaining copy of the Burial Book remains
    - iv) Upcoming events include:
      - (1) Joint VASSAR wreath laying at Masonic Cemetery in Fredericksburg
      - (2) 1812 Annual Meeting in Lynchburg on June 13
      - (3) Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Augusta Co. on July 25<sup>th</sup>

- g) Old Business
    - i) By-Laws, Constitution and Handbook were completed by Cranston Williams.
    - ii) Have had good exposure and recruitment success in new member recruitment.
    - iii) Kroger Card still brings in some money despite changes
    - iv) Still undetermined in what location Annual Meeting should be held.
    - v) Publicity was discussed which includes War Cry articles, possible television coverage suggested by Chuck Poland and distribution of business cards. We still are in need of a Publicity Committee Chairman.
  - h) New Business
    - i) Issue of late dues was discussed and is yet to be resolved. Do we drop members who haven't paid or wait a year grace period? Sending dues notice out sooner was suggested.
    - ii) Annual Muster will be held June 13 in Lynchburg perhaps at Lynchburg College which has yet to be determined.
    - iii) Issue of the state of our investments was discussed. Do we invest over \$20,000 of extra funds over and above our allotted administrative funds of \$12,000 in stocks or securities? A stock portfolio plan was presented and the Budget Committee will investigate further our best options here.
    - iv) Billion graves resource was discussed.
    - v) 1812 Pension Records through Ancestry.com was discussed and it was voted on and approved to send them \$250 for this project where it will be matched by them
  - i) Committees
    - i) We still are in need of Committee chairpersons to head different projects of the Society such as Publicity, Meetings, etc.
    - ii) Grave Markings Committee requested money for the 3 upcoming grave markings at Masonic Cemetery (\$1400), Annual Meeting in Lynchburg (\$1500) and the Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Augusta Co (\$1500). The requested was voted on and approved. Mike Lyman also mentioned that churches throughout the state need to be contacted and coordinated for potential markings.
    - iii) Chuck Poland suggested the possibility of having regional semi-annual meetings for members who live in different parts of the state.
    - iv) It was recommended to potential member, Tom Whetstone, that for Virginia 1812 vets who migrated west, that General Society grave markers can be purchased and placed on graves of these veterans.
    - v) Charles Belfield mentioned the Monroe Birthplace Project and the future plans there. VASSAR local chapters are assisting in maintaining the property.
    - vi) Carter Furr mentioned the Treaty of Ghent ceremonies coming up and Ball planned.
    - vii) President Fritts mentioned how important it is for all of us to participate in the different Society events which gives us greater publicity.
  - j) Presentation of Certificates
    - i) Certificates of Appreciation were presented to members Cranston Williams, Ken Williamson, Billy Simmons, Peter Broadbent, Stuart Butler and Charles Belfield for their exceptional work for our Society.
- 6) Closing Prayer – Larry Aaron
- 7) Adjournment – President Dennis Fritts



Pictures from the February 20<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting:



Above, President Dennis Fritts presenting



Above, BOD Members and others at the meeting



President Fritts (left) presented Certificates of Appreciation to Stuart Butler, Charles Belfield, and Peter Broadbent. Ken Williamson and Billy Simmons also received awards but were not present. Awards were presented for exceptional service to the Society

**Bicentennial Celebration in New Orleans  
Message from President Fritts  
19 January 2015**

Defenders:

During the period 6-10 January 2015 The Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia was well represented at the War of 1812 Bicentennial Observances conducted in New Orleans. We had five members (Cowherd, Fritts, Nash, Poland and Smith) and two dual members (Barlow and Edwards) representing us.

Based on the comments I heard, everyone enjoyed all the events and especially enjoyed the FOOD. Sadly the event didn't get all the media attention that Fort McHenry received.

The highlight of New Orleans for me was not the actual events but talking to other State Society members and General Officers and hearing all the good things they had to say about the Virginia Society. I received several complements concerning the Virginia newsletter and web site. Also had very positive comments made about the number of events that members from the Virginia Society participated in.

At the General Society Board meeting Virginia was one of two States that was acknowledged for its Grant proposal. In fact, I was told by a couple General Society officers that the Virginia Grant proposal was excellent and could be used as an example by States applying for Grants in the future.

At the Board meeting it was announced that the next General Society meeting will be held in Springfield, IL in Sept 2016. Another announcement was the decision by the General Society to award a TRUE grandson award. There are two people eligible for the award. One of those is a Virginian. I'll have more to say about this at our 20 Feb meeting.

I want to thank everyone who represented Virginia at New Orleans!  
President Fritts



Pictured top row left to right Col John Barlow, Jr. ret (dual member Del), Dr. Wallace Smith, Dennis Fritts, William Nash, Chuck Poland, LTC James White ret(GA Society), Lenard Cowherd II  
Bottom Row left to right Nancy Barlow, Sally Smith, Sheila Fritts, Virginia White, Mary Cowherd





## 1812VA Society Activities December - March



### EVENTS:

#### November

- 11 Williamsburg SAR meeting, War of 1812 Presentation
- 14 James Monroe SAR meeting, War of 1812 Presentation

#### December

- 8 War of 1812 VA Bicentennial of the American Meeting, Richmond, VA
- 14 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Hill Home Tour, Anthony Turner house, Richmond VA

#### January

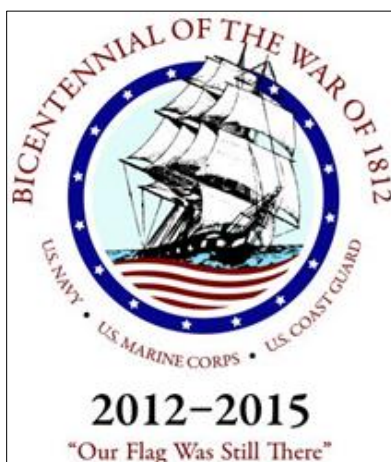
- 11 Treaty of Ghent lecture, Norfolk, VA
- 14 Treaty of Ghent, War of 1812 state Marker placement, Plum Point Park, Norfolk, VA
- 6-10 War of 1812 Bicentennial Observances in New Orleans

#### February

- 20 BOD Meeting, Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA
- 21 Treaty of Ghent Bicentennial Ball

#### March

- 1 Highway Marker Dedication Ceremony – Henrico County Historical Society at Antioch Baptist Church Sandston, VA
- 16 President James Madison 264<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, Madison, VA
- 29 President John Tyler 225<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, Richmond, VA



#### **WAR OF 1812 AND ARMY CHAPLAINS**

*"One of the more famous chaplains [during the War of 1812] was Reverend Joshua Thomas, a fisherman turned Methodist minister who founded churches and preached along Virginia and Maryland's Eastern Shore, often using his log canoe. Joshua and his wife Rachel were living on Tangier Island, just below the Maryland-Virginia border during the War of 1812, when the British took possession of the Island and used it. They built the 100-acre Fort Albion as their center of operations as they plundered the Chesapeake Bay shoreline and prepared for their invasion of Baltimore ... On September 11th, 1814, on Tangier Island, Parson delivered his famous, fiery sermon, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," with its dire prediction to the British that they would be defeated at the upcoming Battle of Baltimore."*

<http://govbooktalk.gpo.gov/2012/06/18/us-army-chaplains-and-the-war-of-1812/>

**Society Member Discusses War of 1812 in Virginia at the Rotary Club Meeting February 4, 2015**

Stuart L Butler, a Councilor of the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and who is the author of several books on the War of 1812 in Virginia, was the guest speaker at the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Historic Triangle Rotary Club in Williamsburg.



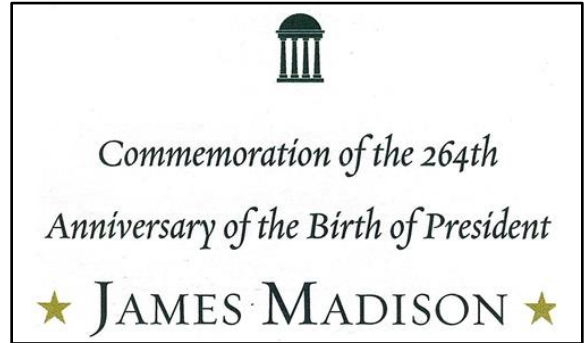
**Society Members Attended James Madison Ceremony at Montpelier Mar 16, 2015**

The 264<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of President James Madison, who was Commander-in-Chief of our country during the War of 1812, was celebrated in the Madison Graveyard at Montpelier, his home in Orange County on March 16, 2015

It was attended by at least eight members of the society and the wreath was presented by President, Dennis Fritts.



L/R Mike Lyman, Past President, Dennis Fritts, President, Chuck Poland, Registrar, Bob Spencer, Member; Stuart Butler, Councilor; Charles Belfield, Color Guard Chairman, Un-identified member and Hugh Markham, Member



Above is Colonel David W Maxwell, Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Base Quantico, who gave remarks and who presented the wreath for President Obama as shown in the photos below



President Fritts presents the Society Wreath

**Society Member speaks at Virginia State  
Historical Marker Ceremony  
March 1, 2015**

**STATE HISTORICAL HIGHWAY MARKER  
"RICHMOND'S WAR OF 1812 DEFENSIVE CAMPS  
Department of Historic Resources  
For Immediate Release**

The ceremony for the marker, "Richmond's War of 1812 Defensive Camps," begins at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 1, at Antioch Baptist Church, located at 3868 Antioch Church Road, in Sandston.

Speakers during the dedication ceremony will include historian Stuart Butler, author of *Defending the Old Dominion: Virginia and its Militia in the War of 1812*; historian Dr. Louis H. Manarin, author of *Henrico County Field of Honor*; Lt. Col. Myron Lyman, past president of the War of 1812 Society in Virginia; Tyrone Nelson, a member of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors, and Dr. Jennifer Loux, historian with the marker program at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Sarah Pace, president of the Henrico County Historical Society, will emcee the event and the Varina High School Navy Junior ROTC will present the colors and the Henrico Concert Band will perform the national anthem.

## QUESTION:

Would you like to honor a family ancestor who is buried in another state, and who participated in the War of 1812?

**You can!!!** Purchase a grave marker from the 1812VA Quartermaster General and we'll help you plan your event. Take a lot of pictures and send a report and pictures for our newsletter.

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**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Church Hill Home Tour  
Anthony Turner house, Richmond VA  
December 14, 2015  
1812 Militiamen Dress Demonstration**

Members Charles Belfield and Mike Lyman dressed in 1812 attire, met on the porch of the Anthony Turner house on Church Hill, and provided a demonstration to about 300 people on December 14th. They provided a discussion was about our society and Captain Turner's involvement in the War of 1812.

Charles brought a mannequin of a militiamen and described the uniform dress of the Company. Mike talked about Captain Turner's unit and showed muster and payroll records from the company.





## Society Holds Meeting and Society Members Attend VASSAR Banquet, February 21, 2015

Officers and members of The Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia held a business meeting at the Omni Hotel in Richmond on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, they attended a social gathering. The next evening, several of the War of 1812 society officers and members attended the VA Society Sons of the American Revolution banquet at the Omni



L/R: Mike Lyman - Past President, Joe Dooley - dual member; Chuck Poland - Registrar, Thad Hartman - Past President, Tom Whetstone - member, Ed Truslow - member; Bill Collier - Councilor, Mike Tomme - dual member, and Dennis Fritts-President



## Short History of the War of 1812 From the USS Constitution Museum

<http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/about-us/mission-history/>

### The End of the War

The War of 1812 ended in a stalemate. The treaty of Ghent signed on December 24, 1814 returned all territorial conquests made by the two sides. It did not address the issue of impressment, one of the major causes of the war. However, with the downfall of Napoleon and peace in Europe, the Royal Navy no longer needed so many sailors. Despite the inconclusive ending, later-day Americans often regarded the post war period as prosperous.

With the advent of peace came decades of stability, improved diplomatic relations and economic growth, the so-called "Era of Good Feelings." A sense of self-confidence pervaded the nation, and it inspired the western expansionism that characterized the rest of the nineteenth century. The War of 1812 allowed the new nation to break free of its colonial past, and told the nations of Europe that a new player had emerged on the world stage. As British diplomat, Augustus J. Foster acknowledged at war's end, "The Americans ... have brought us to speak of them with respect."

### War of 1812 Realities

1. The largest battle of the War of 1812 took place after U.S. and British envoys signed a peace treaty. The Battle of New Orleans was a resounding U.S. victory and is considered the greatest American land victory of the war.
2. The War of 1812 cost the U.S. around \$105 million, which was about the same cost for Great Britain.
3. Most battles of the War of 1812 occurred along the U.S. - Canada border. Other battles took place on the Great Lakes as well as on the Atlantic coast.
4. Although the British fired more than 1,500 cannonballs at Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore, the fort suffered little damage. The British knew they had failed to take the fort and withdrew.  
<http://facts.randomhistory.com/war-of-1812-facts.html>



How To Tell Your Family's History  
By Charles Belfield

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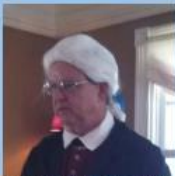
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Charles Belfield

Charles Belfield was born on the Belfield family farm in Richmond County, Virginia. Charles, his father, and generations of grandfathers have resided on the same land since 1700. Charles and his wife, Brenda, have two children, Brennan and Megan, and three grandchildren.

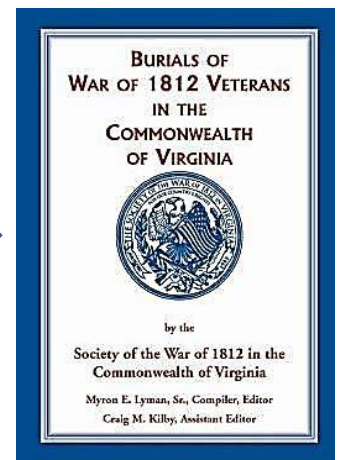


Charles Belfield, appearing as his ancestor, Joseph Belfield (1700-1720)

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How is your certificate presented? Don't have one, ask our Quartermaster General for details.



The original publication and Appendix G of *Burials of War of 1812 Veterans In The Commonwealth of Virginia* are in circulation. The good news is that the work continues! Newly discovered veterans, corrections, and some deletions to the lists are underway. Appendix G has been updated to include 321 new veterans and 14 deletions. There remains an additional 98 veterans that Mike Lyman and Billy Simmons are in the process of adding to Appendix G. After this is complete, the total number of War of 1812 Veterans listed in the book will be 4,847. As the Editor, I wish to thank these men for their tireless work in discovering these 1812 veterans and cataloging them into the book – and I'm sure you join me saying a big **THANK YOU!**

**Virginia War of 1812 Soldiers to be Honored  
May 23, 2015**

The placement of a granite monument at Fort Meigs, Perrysburg, OH, listing Virginia’s war dead in Ohio – those from General Joel Leftwich’s Virginia Brigade and from the Petersburg Volunteers – is underway. The design has been approved by Fort Meigs and has been approved and will be fully funded by the Virginia War of 1812 Bicentennial

Commission. With the approval and dedication of this Fort Meigs monument, the Virginia War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission will have concluded its bicentennial activities, and the Commission will go out of existence on June 30.

Member Stuart L Butler provided the names for the monument, and detailed Virginia’s involvement in the Fort Meigs campaign in his book, *A Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812*.

**A Volunteer Chaplain, a Biography  
By Larry G. Aaron**

After graduating from Virginia Tech in 1968 with a B.S. In Biology, I was ordained into the Baptist ministry at my home church in Pittsylvania County. I then attended Midwestern Baptist College in Michigan where I received a Bachelors Degree in Religious Education. In later years, I received a Master of Divinity Degree from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and then my Doctor of Ministry from Luther Rice Seminary in Georgia.

During my ministry, I have served on church staffs and as pastor of several churches, plus taught in private Christian schools as well as public schools. In recent years, in addition to my present role with the Virginia Society War of 1812, I have previously served as State Chaplain of the Virginia Society of the American Revolution, and as chaplain for the Dan River Chapter VASSAR.

While serving our Society I have also been appointed a chaplain by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and have received approval to serve as chaplain with the rank of captain for the Danville Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, an Air Force Auxiliary. Civil Air Patrol chaplains are qualified to serve on Air Force bases as needed. I am also a member of the Military Chaplains Association.

**Virginia’s Historical Highway Markers  
For The War of 1812**

Markers To Be Erected – Dates Not Yet Available

- Dinwiddie County: Winfield Scott (1786-1866) K-322\*
- Henrico County: Richmond’s War of 1812 Defensive Camps V-53\*
- Norfolk: War of 1812 Elizabeth River Defenses KV-23\*
- Virginia Beach: British Naval Blockade and Cape Henry Lighthouse KV-17\*

For the complete list of War of 1812 Markers:

[http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/pdf\\_files/War%20of%201812%20Markers%20publicationFINAL.pdf](http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/pdf_files/War%20of%201812%20Markers%20publicationFINAL.pdf) and <http://www.markerhistory.com/tag/war-of-1812/>

**1812VA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

Member	Ancestor	Admitted Date:
Robert Swartwood	JohnSwartwood	Dec 6, 2014
Frank Moore II	Enoch Biggs Moore	Dec 23, 2014
Robert Spencer	Bartholomew Lott	Jan 31, 2015
John Whetstone III	Peyton Madison	Feb 14, 2015
Darren Guillot	Jean Guillot	Mar 17, 2015
Samuel Wiggins	Jesse Wiggins	Mar 17, 2015
John Lynch	John Shaw	Mar 26, 2015

**A warm welcome to all of these new members.**

**On-Line Merchandise Store  
For Members Only**

By J. Shane Newcombe, Quartermaster General

I am pleased to announce that an online store for the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia has been created. These items are for members only.

Paste this link into your browser...  
<https://squareup.com/market/society-of-the-war-of-1812-in-virginia>

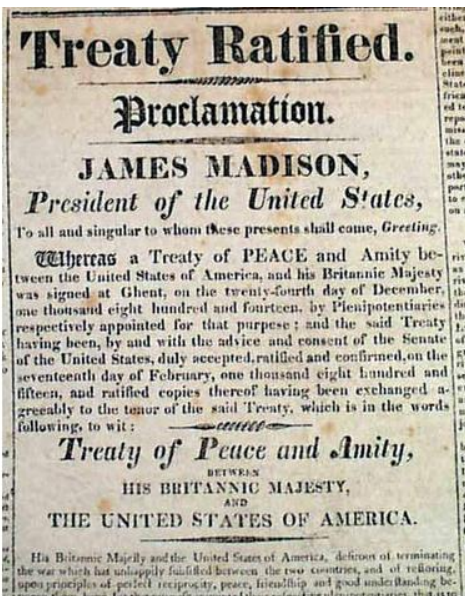
You will find an array of items that are available for sale to members of the Virginia Society. This site currently accepts credit cards, but you can also mail an order by visiting the Society’s website. Take a look, and treat yourself to something special.

Completely versatile, mobile, and above all else, a great way to get the items you’ve been looking for.

Regards,  
Shane

**Examples of items available:  
Bicentennial Medals – >>>>>**

**Regular (\$50) and Mini (\$30)**



**State Society Grants  
Grants Policy – Adopted August 24th 2013  
at The Hermitage, Nashville Tennessee**

The Grants Committee of the General society of the War of 1812 has been established to respond to funding request that, from time to time, are submitted to the General Society for consideration. The Grants Committee will have a Chair and two other members from the General Society membership appointed by the President General and approved by the Executive Committee.

A project must be of national or regional significance, of enduring character, and demonstrated permanence specific only to the War of 1812, events, landmarks and personalities. The committee will not consider a transitory proposal. No grant requests will be considered for individuals. The granting of Scholarships and Fellowships are never considered, except for high school and college students who may act as interns or students on an approved 1812 era Ship or historic site. In this case a report or essay of the experience will be required.

The General Society may match up to 50% of a State Society’s project not to exceed \$1,000.00 per proposal or in the amounts approved by the Executive Committee.

Read the full article as published on the website of the General Society War of 1812, March 23, 2015





## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOTE: REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR SOCIETY WEBSITE  
BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS FOR OTHER UP TO DATE EVENT NEWS  
[WWW.1812VA.ORG]**

### **April 18, 2015 (Saturday)**

*Treaty of Ghent Banquet*

Mark the end of the War of 1812, at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

### **April 25 (Saturday)**

*President James Monroe 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, Colonial Beach, VA*

The celebration will be at 10:00 am at his Birthplace located at 4460 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA.

### **April 28 (Tuesday)**

*President James Monroe 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, Richmond, VA;*

Society Member Peter Broadbent will be a presenter, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hollywood Cemetery, 512 South Cherry St., Richmond, VA.

### **May 16 (Saturday)**

*Joint Plaque unveiling ceremony*

At the Masonic cemetery in Fredericksburg with VASSAR and our Society 1812VA.

### **May 28 (Saturday)**

*Highway Marker Sign unveiling*

War of 1812 Opposition – John Randolph marker dedication – Charlotte County, VA.

### **Jun 13 (Saturday)**

*1812VA Society Annual meeting*

Begins 10:00 am, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA.

### **Jun 13 (Saturday)**

*Presbyterian Church Cemetery Plaque*

Unveiling of a plaque listing eighteen War of 1812 veterans interred or memorialized conducted after the Society annual meeting.

### **June 20 (Saturday)**

*Dual grave marking ceremony, Ware Episcopal Church, Middlesex County*

Thompson Nelson Jr. VASSAR Chapter and Society 1812VA, marking War of 1812 and Rev. War veterans.

### **July 25 (Saturday)**

*Joint Plaque unveiling ceremony*

At the Old Augusta Stone Church at Fort Defiance. With VASSAR and Society 1812VA, marking 21 War of 1812 and 42 Rev. War Veterans.







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