

Society Member Teaches 6th Grade Students About the War of 1812

Charles Belfield, a councilor and chairman for the War of 1812 Society in Virginia gave presentations about the War of 1812 to five six grade history classes on March 9 2018 at the Richmond County Elementary School. The specific topic was the War of 1812 on the Northern Neck of Virginia where these students reside. The students were able to view a map marking the encounters with the British during the war period 1813 and 1814.

The encounters that were explained to five separate groups of students by Belfield using specially made models as aids to student understanding were::

- (1) The Rappahannock River battle involving the capture of the Baltimore schooner, "Dolphin" in Lancaster County
- (2) The British coming ashore at Munday Point in Northumberland County whose landing party was engaged by Captain William Henderson's artillery battery and the subsequent chase by the British forces of Henderson's unit to his home where his house was burned. (the rebuilt house now called "Burnt Chimneys")
- (3) The British raid at Nomini Creek in Westmoreland County where the militia was driven back toward Montross and the Nomini Church was burned
- (4) The Battle at North Farnham Church in Richmond County between the British forces and the Richmond County Militia
- (5) .Finally they also got to see a battle scene display of the Battle of the White House that the Northern Neck militia took part in in Fairfax county at now Fort Belvoir involving the militia attack on British ships returning from Alexandria on the Potomac River

Each class lasted a total of 55 minutes with 105 students attending. Mr. Evan Thrift, the class teacher, had Belfield speak first, thus setting the stage for increased interest and learning about the War of 1812. Some photos taken follow.











