

Society Conducts Annual Meeting Muster June 9 2018

The War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia met in Richmond on June 9, 2018. See the announcement of the muster below followed by reports and photos taken.



Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MUSTER Saturday June 9, 2018, Richmond, Virginia

Westwood Club

6200 West Club Lane Richmond, VA 23226

(Directions: I-64 to Broad St East, go 1 mile then take a right on W Club Lane, Westwood Club is on the Left)

PLEASE REGISTER:

Contact Shane Newcombe, Treasurer, Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia at (804) 322-7623 or email at shane@accessoriesabroad.com or use RSVP Mail-In Notice (*included below*)

Attire: Coat and Tie (*James Monroe Tie preferred*), wear your name badge.

Schedule of Events:

10:00AM – BUSINESS MEETING (*members only*)

Westwood Club

6200 West Club Lane

Richmond, Virginia 23226

11:30 – RECEPTION (Cash Bar)

12:00PM – LUNCHEON (*guests welcome*) – \$30/person

Buffet: Salmon and Roasted Pork Loin with soup, salads, veggies, deserts and beverages

Guest Speaker: Patrick O'Neill - 1814 Battle of the White House

2:30PM – Grave Marking Ceremony (*guests welcome*)

Shockhoe Hill Cemetery - 20 min drive from Westwood Club - caravans encouraged

4th and Hospital Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Grave markings for Pvt John Rowland, Major Bowling Branch, and Major Philip Triplett

NOTE: Members will also receive a USPS mailed out invitation.

If you register from this email, it will be recorded and you should receive an email confirmation.



Above President Poland is shown presiding. Other of the 46 members are shown below





The Treasurer's Report indicated that we had 150 members made up of 107 regulars, 29 Life, 12 dual and 2 honorary

Newsletter Editor, Ken Williamson report is shown below



SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

New Business/Discussion Items

Presented by Ken Williamson

Discussion items for the Annual Muster include:

- 1) Volunteers needed in all areas:
 - a. Someone to take over the website management.
 - b. Consider carving out an hour a month to volunteer with your Society - ask the President.
 - c. What would you volunteer for, if the Society had an event that was of interest to you?
 - d. Are events properly identified and disclosed to members in a timely manner and with easy access to sign-up and participate.
- 2) Member participation please consider the following:
 - a. Would it be helpful to have smaller, local meeting around the State of Virginia where regional activities in their part of the State would be discussed and plans made for participation?
 - b. When was the last time you visited our Society website? Do you think the current website should be re-vamped to a more modern looking and user friendly version? If available, would you be willing to pay your dues through the Society website?
 - c. Have you ever helped anyone in looking for their ancestors? If so, did you do so with the intent of also helping them make application to this Society for membership? Have you ever asked for assistance from our Society Registrar?
 - d. What do you view as important work/events for your Society to be involved with? Please send an email to your president and make suggestions about how the Society can play an active role in Virginia and become recognized as a leader in community activities.
 - e. Would it help to identify Society meetings one year in advance help to have additional meeting participation? This would be advertised in Newsletter, and website.
- 3) New Member Package – When new members come for their induction ceremony they should be presented a package with the following items:
 - a. Information about the Society – this will include a full up to date Handbook and additional information that provides detailed information to the new member about their Society.
 - b. List of Committees and the name and contact information for the chairperson. Also to be included would be a note from each chairperson about what their committee is currently involved with and how the new member can actively participate. We could create a promotional sheet that is specific to each committee and have that duplicated and signed by the chairperson
 - c. Copy of the most current Society Newsletter
 - d. Name tag
 - e. Lapel pin
 - f. Welcoming letter from the President

- 4) Request membership to look for civic and historical events that might be useful in promoting the work of the Society throughout the State and local communities. A convenient place for membership to tell the Society Officers about these events will be critical to participation. A place on the Society website would be ideal. There are many local events that are attended by other Fraternal, Historical, and Lineage groups, and our Society needs to know about those events. Our members know about these events and can be the best source to the Society officers.
- 5) Request our members to provide candidates for personal or corporate financial support. This would include financial support in the procurement of promotional products that can be distributed for free at any event where the Society participates – events where information can be distributed to make the public aware of the work of the society and/or events where members participate in informative speaking events. Perhaps this would include placement of advertising for the donor in the Society Newsletter – this would need additional discussion and consideration. These promotional items would include another production of the Society brochure, low-cost handouts for people of all ages; pencils, magnets, stickers, coffee mugs, t-shirts, caps, and other items that may be taken home as reminders that the Society is available to help them discover their ancestors.
- 6) Make a concerted effort to announce Society events to the general public through news and print media. Request a member to set forward and lead this.
- 7) Update the Society Handbook – Especially, Volumes 3, 4, 6 (remove reference to Deputy Councilors from Article IX – subject is properly recorded in Vol 7), 8 (remove reference to bi-Centennial) 9 (review and update, or remove, reference to Fundraising, item #1), and 10 (update). Also, it would be helpful to mark all pages (preferably on the bottom edge) in the Handbook with a “last updated” date so any printed page will be able to be traced back to an approved copy of the Society Handbook that was updated on a specific record date.

The Registrar's Report by Hugh Markham indicated we had added 14 new members as shown below
(Addresses have been omitted)



SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Introduction of New Members for 2017-2018

Hugh A. Markham *Registrar's Report*
June 9, 2018

*New Members
FY 2018*

Name	Ancestor
Charles Scott Ray	David McGill
Christopher James Hagert	Seth Hudson
Clifford Duane Lenart	Lt. Elisa Pierce
Dale Edward Corey	Isaac Morley
David Alan Sheley	Wiley Harris
David Alan Vazquez	Robert Hall
Eugene Granville Christman, Jr.	Vincent Rollins, Jr.
Glen McLaughlin	James Cannon
Jack Todd Pitzer	John Pitzer, Jr.
John Mark Walenta	James East
John Paul Graham	Thomas P. Pettus
Joseph Scott Christman	Vincent Rollins, Jr.
Lewis Clayton Foster	William Humphries
Thomas Joseph Dillon III	Peter Perdue

The Quartermaster's Report, by James Thacker shows items that the Society has for sale
It should be added that Mike Lyman has copies of the War of 1812 veteran burials in Virginia book for sale as well for \$37.50 and in a few weeks an addendum to it will be available for \$15 each.



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Quartermasters Report for annual muster June 9, 2018

We have on hand the following items for sale

VA Society Neckties -\$30.00

VA Society Medals -25.00

Rosette -15.00

General Society (large) Bronze Gilt 135.00


Mini Bronze Insigna -72.00

Society Glasses 5.00

Blazer Patch has been on backorder since Feb. 9, 2018. General Society Quartermaster is in the process of procuring a new vendor.

Also on hand but not for sale are ROTC Medals for 2019 awards to be given at the college level awards programs. In 2018 our society members presented 7 ROTC medal at 7 colleges.

We processed 4 mail order supply requests includes 1 international and 1 returned because the item was not available.


James T. Thacker Sr

Quartermaster

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www.1812va.org Website Chairman's Report for Annual Membership Meeting

Mike Lyman

June 8 2018

Report covers the period since the BOD meeting in February 2018

Twenty five postings were made during four month period February-May

Eighteen queries were replied to during this period as well. Stuart Butler has assisted me on some replies to queries

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.

A replacement for me as the website chairman is needed, however this person to be effective needs to be able to post up-dates to the site within a few days after the event occurs. He also needs to be able to answer queries received on the site within a few days of receipt. To answer them he needs to become real familiar with the contents of Stuart Butler's *A Guide to Virginia Militia Units in the War of 1812* and have a paid access to Ancestry.com, and Fold3 and to be able to open with an old MS operating system these two CDs--Ancestry.com's *Military Records: War of 1812 Muster Rolls* and Genealogical Publishing Co's *Family Archives Virginia Military Records: Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812* and have access to the Library of Virginia website. He would need to know what happened in Virginia during the war period.

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



SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Society Publications Report

Mike Lyman

June 8 2018

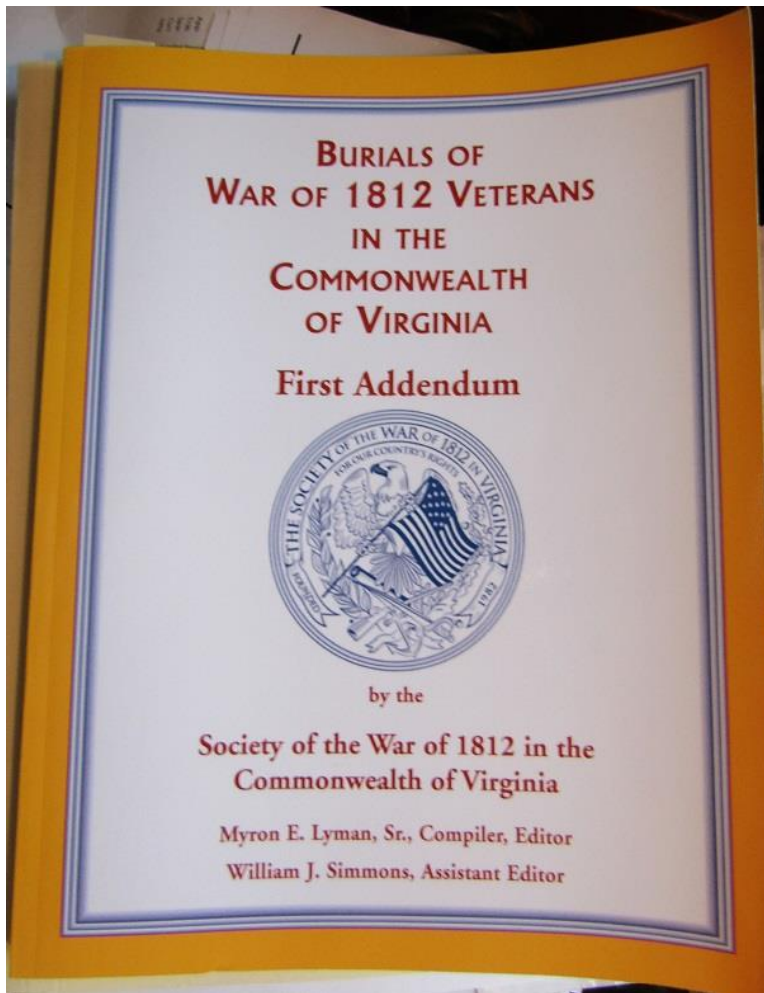
In 2009 the society prepared and privately published "*Encounters With the British in Virginia During the War of 1812*" One hundred and eighty five copies were made of which 115 copies were distributed to county and other libraries. It listed some 235 encounters with maps showing the locations and a source quote for each encounter. Since then some 65 or more encounters have been identified. There are no copies left in the inventory. Even though it needs up-dating, the need has lessened with Stewart Butler publishing in 2013 a more detailed list of encounters in his book, *Defending the Old Dominion: Virginia and Its Militia in the War of 1812*. and with Patrick O'Neill's book, *To Annoy or Destroy the Enemy: The Battle of the White House after the Burning of Washington*, which provided the logs of the British ships in 1814 involving encounters in King George and Stafford counties.

In 2012 the society prepared *Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia*. It was published by Heritage Books and 110 copies were received at a cost of \$22.50 each. This publication provided a paragraph of information on some 4443 veterans buried or memorialized in Virginia. The inventory has been exhausted for several years until on May 31st when fifty more copies were received from the publisher at again a cost of \$22.50 each. The society approved a cost of \$37.50 for our members to purchase the book.

In February 2018 an addendum to the above book was sent to Heritage Books for publication consisting of over 900 more burials in Virginia. A new contract was needed which was prepared by our historian, Peter Broadbent and this contract been approved by the publisher and we will be able to purchase the addendum at 50% off the retail price or at \$10.25 each. A proof copy has been received by the undersigned listing the retail price of \$20.50. In the February BOD meeting a purchase of 75 copies was approved as some libraries in Virginia will need only the addendum as they already have the book. The society needs to determine the selling price to members. The delivery date will probably be in late June.

Since the addendum was submitted for publication in February, thirty five more burials of War of 1812 veterans in Virginia have been identified. Twenty five of these were identified by the submitter by reviewing the scans made of the burial cards of Hollywood cemetery and by looking up possible service for those born on or before year 1799. This list will be provided to the members attending the annual membership meeting, Jun 9th

Below is the cover page to the addendum



The back page is shown below

**BURIALS OF WAR OF 1812 VETERANS
IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
FIRST ADDENDUM**

by the

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

Myron E. Lyman, Sr., Compiler, Editor

William J. Simmons, Assistant Editor

This addendum provides over 900 new War of 1812 veterans with known burial locations in Virginia. It provides more information on approximately 185 others as identified in the original publication by the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia, *Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia*. It also lists fifteen deletions. These additions make a total of more than 3325 identified veteran burials in Virginia.

The reader will need to use the original *Burials* alongside this addendum for a thorough understanding of the work and for a full listing of abbreviations, references, and codes. This addendum lists alphabetically the additions, updates, and deletions to the veteran information. This addendum also features supplements to the original appendices and illustrations. Appendices include: Additions to Veteran List by County/Independent City, Additions to Cemetery List by County/Independent City, Additions to Code to and Bibliography of Service Sources, Additions to Code to and Bibliography of Burial Sources, Additions to General Bibliography of Other Sources, and Additions to Index of Names Other than Veterans and Unit Commanders. New photographs show cemetery plaques and monuments placed by the Society since the first book's publication.

The paragraphs of veteran information follow the same format as the original book. A key to the bolded category abbreviations is located at the bottom of each page. Readers should also take note of the additional explanations regarding birth and death dates and places, rank, unit (for militia soldiers), and cemetery names and locations.

U.S.A. \$20.50
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Grave Marking Chairman's Report

Mike Lyman

June 8 2018

Report covers period February-May 2018

No grave markings were conducted during the period

A plaque was researched and designed by the chairman and coordinated with the cemetery officials and ordered May 10th for production by C P Dean Co in Richmond. It will be used for a joint unveiling ceremony with the VASSAR for the City Cemetery in Lynchburg. Forty seven War of 1812 veterans are listed on the plaque with their rank. Expected delivery is mid-June 2018. The cemetery officials have indicated they will mount the plaque without an expense to our society adjacent to one listing Revolutionary War patriots interred in the cemetery

The total cost of the plaque is \$2076.00 which is below the figure approved by the BOD at the February meeting. Partial funding for the plaque in the amount of \$1000.00 was requested and has been received from the General Society War of 1812. The society's expenditure is expected to be the remaining \$1076.00 plus about \$50 shipping, however there may be additional shipping expense to get the plaque to the cemetery. The size of the plaque is 24X26 inches and is made of cast bronze. The dedication line at the bottom of the plaque will read: *"Dedicated 2018 by the General and Virginia Societies of the War of 1812"* The date and time of the dual unveiling ceremony is TBA

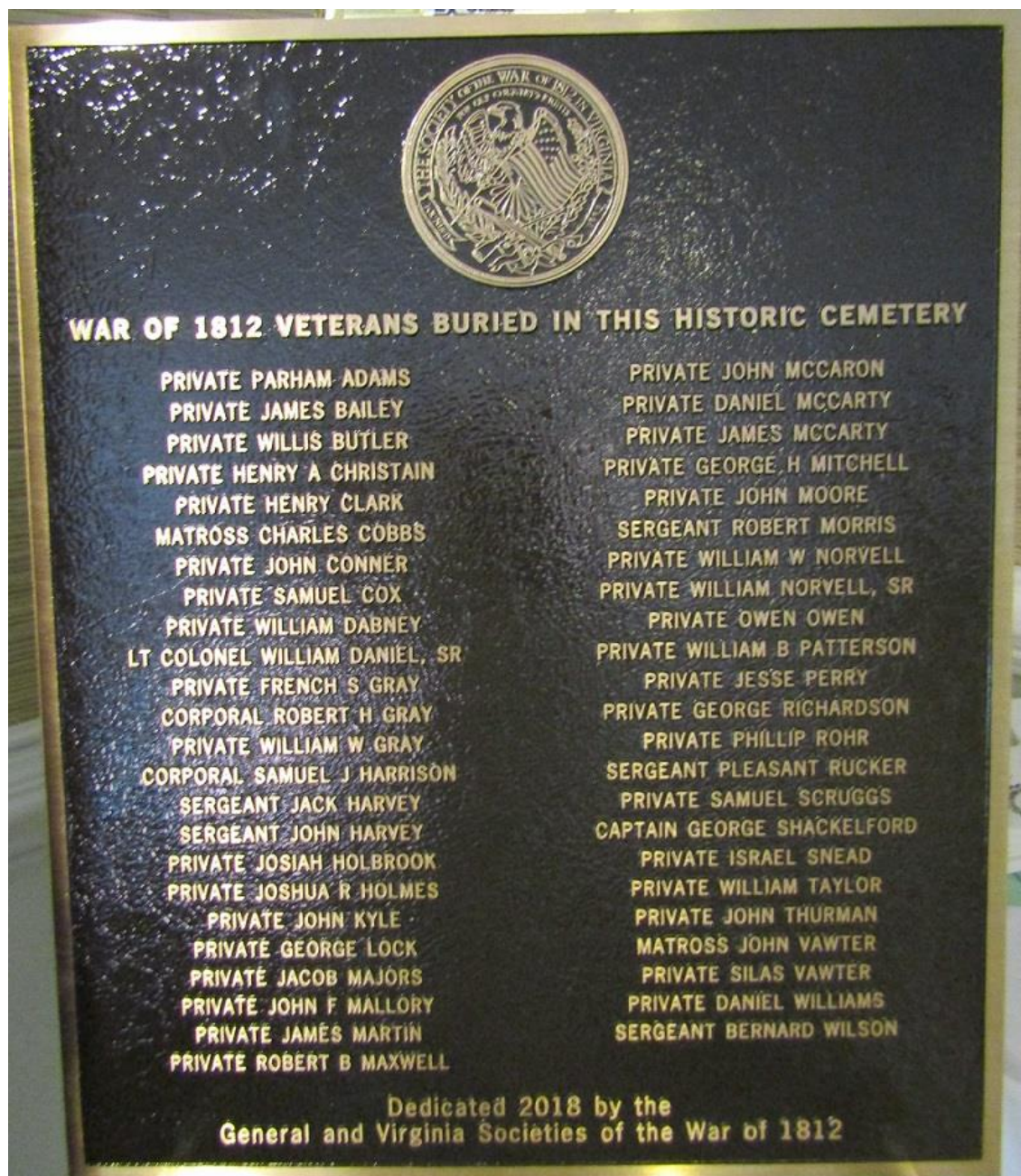
A plaque approved by the BOD in February for the Burnt Chimney's house in Richmond County has been ordered and received March 27th from CP Dean Co in Richmond. Member Charles Belfield has it in his possession and is coordinating with the home owners to have it mounted. The cost was \$2682.00. A small plaque is being attached on the mounting pole indicating it was dedicated by our society. A dedication time is TBA

A projected grave marking is planned on Jun 9th at 2:30pm in the Shockoe hill Cemetery in Richmond for Major Philip Triplett, Major Bowling Branch and Private John Rowland. As of June 8th permission from the City Supervisor has not been obtained to install our society grave markers. There is an additional requirement that a descendant's approval is also necessary. The ceremony may only contain reading of the data found on the veterans and a wreath presentation.

A projected dual grave marking with the Richmond Henry Lee Chapter SAR is planned at a date TBA at the Cressfield Cemetery in Northumberland County for Ensign Joseph Ball.

The grave markers in inventory held by the undersigned as of Jun 8th consist of five of the new type and one of the old type. This is considered enough for this fiscal year but for the year beginning July 1st more markers may need to be purchased at a cost of \$75 each.

Below is the plaque to be dedicated this summer or fall in the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg



Below is the plaque planned for unveiling by the society at the Burnt Chimney's House in Richmond County on August 18th

BURNT CHIMNEYS

At day break on August 3, 1814 Captain William Henderson and forty men from Northumberland County faced a party of about 500 British Marines including Admiral Cockburn. The attack occurred on the bank at Mundy Point. After Henderson and his men inflicted what damage they could on the invading British, they retreated to Lottsburg. The embarked British Marines proceeded to where Henderson lived and destroyed his house by fire. The chimneys still stand today with a new house erected in between, as a reminder of the devastation inflicted on the inhabitants of the Northern Neck during the War of 1812.