



SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Minutes Board of Direction Meeting 2:00 pm, 14 September 2019 Marriott Fair Oaks Hotel, Fairfax, Virginia

- 1) Meeting was called to order by President Stuart Butler at 2:00 pm with 11 members in attendance
- 2) Invocation was given by Paul Walden
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Mike Lyman
- 4) The minutes from the 22 Jun 2019 meeting were approved unanimously. Thad Hartman made motion, seconded by Charles Belfield.
- 5) Officer Reports
 - a) President Stuart Butler
 - i) Report submitted and made a part of these minutes
 - ii) Appointed Paul Walden as Chaplain due to the passing of Chaplain Dave Howard
 - b) 1st Vice President and Treasurer Shane Newcombe
 - i) Treasurer Newcombe was absent but filed a report, which is made a part of these minutes, President Butler represented him at the meeting
 - ii) 2020 Dues notice is made a part of these minutes: due date is 14 Dec 2019.
 - c) 2nd Vice President James Green, absent, no report
 - d) Registrar Hugh Markham
 - i) Report submitted and attached to these minutes
 - ii) 2 prospective members were in attendance
 - e) Quartermaster/ROTC Chair James Thacker
 - i) Report submitted and attached to these minutes
 - ii) Need someone in Charlottesville to represent the Society at ROTC awards at University of Virginia.
 - iii) Paul Walden will be the contact for George Mason since he lives in Fairfax County.
 - iv) Reminder that merchandise can be ordered online: <https://squareup.com/store/society-of-the-war-of-1812-in-virginia>
 - f) Chaplain's Report, Report attached to these minutes
 - g) Historian Peter Broadbent, absent, report filed by email and attached to these minutes

- i) Discussion regarding the movement to remove public monuments for patriots of the American Revolution and War of 1812
 - ii) Suggestion was made that Society Chancellor Carter Furr contact VASSAR Chancellor Eric Monday to provide our support for any legislation protecting these monuments
 - h) Color Guard Chairman, Charles Belfield
 - i) Report submitted and incorporated in these minutes
 - ii) Color Guard will be participating in grave markings on 11 Nov at St. Marys White Chapel in Lancaster County and at Northumberland House in Northumberland County.
 - iii) Still planning a bus tour of War of 1812 sites in the Northern Neck in the Summer of 2020. He was able to get a “free” bus through his church. Society just needs to pay for the driver’s lunch.
 - i) Newsletter-David Vazquez (absent)
 - i) Recognized for his outstanding work with the newsletter
 - ii) Members can subscribe to a hard copy of the newsletter for \$30 for 4 issues, or \$10 per individual issue by either sending a check to the Treasurer (newsletter in the memo line) or donate the amount on the squareup website <https://squareup.com/store/society-of-the-war-of-1812-in-virginia>
 - iii) Please notify Davis Vazquez and Shane Newcombe that the donation is for the newsletter
 - j) Publications Committee, Mike Lyman, Chairman
 - i) Report submitted and incorporated in these minutes
 - k) Grave Marking Committee, Mike Lyman, Chairman
 - i) Report submitted and incorporated in these minutes
 - ii) Mike sold several books today at the VASSAR meeting.
 - iii) 145 Patriots have been identified for addition to the 2nd Edition of the burial book. Peter Broadbent is to be contacted regarding our contract with the publisher, Heritage Books, whether a 2nd edition is allowed.
 - iv) On 4 Apr 2020, there may be a joint grave marking with the SAR in Loudon County and Henrico County
- 6) Old Business
- a) Essay Contest: Paul Walden, report attached and incorporated in these minutes
 - i) Suggestion made that we require entrants to allow the Society to publish their essays on our website and newsletter
 - ii) Encourage members to share the contest rules (attached to these minutes) with their family members and school contacts
 - iii) Paul Walden and Charles Belfield are presenting a check to the Northumberland High School and a certificate of appreciation to Morgan Ransone, on 27 Sep at a school assembly.
 - iv) Motion by Paul Walden, Seconded by Jim Thacker, that the following members be appointed judges for the essay contest: Jim Russell, Stuart Butler, and Tom Whetstone. Motion passed.
 - v) Reminder that a Motion was passed at the 22 Jun meeting that his contest be open to West Virginia students as well.

- vi) Shirts and other apparel with our Society's logo can be ordered from Queensboro.com, logo id is 20277986.
- b) Revision of handbook
 - i) President Butler suggested that since Dennis Fritts and Chuck Poland are absent, that this discussion be tabled until they are available
 - ii) President Butler spent considerable time in updating this handbook
- 7) New Business
 - a) Nominating Committee
 - i) Article IV of the Bylaws state that officers hold a two year office and that new officers are elected at the June annual meeting: the term of the current officers will expire in June, 2020
 - ii) Motion made by Jim Russell, seconded by Charles Belfield, that Chuck Poland be appointed chair of the nominating committee and that Mike Lyman and Thad Hartman also be appointed to that committee. Motion passed.
- 8) Paul Walden gave the benediction
- 9) Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Walden
Secretary



PRESIDENT'S REPORT, September 14, 2019

- 1 Attended the General Society of the War of 1812 meeting in Washington, D.C. on August 24, 2019, both the Board Meeting and Annual Banquet. Main action of the General Society was the approval of spending \$8600 to scan the War of 1812 applications now being held at the Ohio Genealogical Society in Bellfield, Ohio. The scanning will be done by American Ancestors, Inc. and take up to 48 months to complete. Also approved was the merger of the office of historian general and archivist general.

Also in attendance from the Virginia BOD were VP General Chuck Poland and Secretary Paul Walden. The keynote speaker for the dinner was Fox News personality Brian Kilmead who signed his books on American history, and spoke on Andrew Jackson. There was at least one other Virginia society in attendance, but whose name I did not retain.

- 2 Will plan to attend the joint grave marking ceremony with VSSAR at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Portsmouth, Virginia, on September 21, 2019, at 10am.
- 3 Also plan to attend the grave marking ceremony at St. Mary's White Chapel Episcopal Church in Lancaster County, Virginia, on November 11, 2019, where one of the four War of 1812 veterans to be honored is an ancestor of Board Member Carter Furr.
- 4 Working on an article for the next issue of the *Northern Neck of Virginia Historical Magazine* listing the names and pertinent dates of officers who received a militia commission from the Northern Neck counties and Essex and Middlesex counties for the period 1793-1815.

Stuart L. Butler

President

Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth
of Virginia



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Registrar's Report
Hugh A. Markham
14 September 2019

The addition of new members has been slow since the Muster on 22 June 2019 but we have added two new members, Clinton Soper, Jr. and Justin Porter. We have also processed several Supplemental Applications. At this time we also have another applicant nearly ready.

From: Peter Broadbent <pbroadbent@cblaw.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 3:10 PM
To: Paul Walden
Cc: srtb@widomaker.com
Subject: RE: Room change: Society of the War of 1812 in VA Board of Direction Meeting, Fairfax, VA Sep. 14, 2019

I regret that I am not going to be able to make it to the meeting tomorrow.

My Historian's report is as follows:

1. The Society had good representation at the 2018 James Monroe Day ceremonies at the Birthplace on April 20, and at Hollywood cemetery on April 28, with President Stuart Butler in attendance at both events.
2. Construction at the James Monroe Birthplace house is making good progress, and will be completed by next spring. The next James Monroe Day there will be on Saturday April 25, 2020, at 10:30 am, which will also serve as a grand opening of the Birthplace house. The usual Hollywood Cemetery ceremony in Richmond will be on his actual Birthdate, Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 11 am. Please mark these dates on your calendars.
3. I am concerned that we are already seeing calls to take down public monuments to not only Civil War veterans who served in the Confederacy but also to Revolutionary War heroes such as George Rogers Clark), on the grounds that he was a slave owner and oppressed native Americans. I suspect that the same could be said of many of our War of 1812 ancestors who owned slaves or participated in some campaigns of the War of 1812 or other campaigns against the Indians in the course of westward expansion. We need to stand up for the preservation of our existing historic monuments (and our right to commemorate historical events and figures by erecting new monuments), without every past person or event so honored being judged in the light of present-day sensibilities or moral standards.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter E. Broadbent, Jr.
Historian

From: Paul Walden <paulwalden@live.com>
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Paul Walden <paulwalden@live.com>
Subject: Room change: Society of the War of 1812 in VA Board of Direction Meeting, Fairfax, VA Sep. 14, 2019

The meeting room has been changed to the [Monticello Room](#) at the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks.

From: Paul Walden
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 5:38 PM
Subject: Mark your calendar: Society of the War of 1812 in VA Board of Direction Meeting, Fairfax, VA Sep. 14, 2019

Defenders:

Please mark your calendars for the Board of Direction meeting at 2:00 pm, Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks, 11787 Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA 22033 in the Fairfax Room.



2020 DUES NOTICE

SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

Membership Type:

National #:

State #:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Email:

Ancestor:

DUES (please note the 3 different grades of membership: **Regular, Dual, and Life**, please pay accordingly.)

REGULAR MEMBERS

\$40.00 _____

DUAL MEMBERS

\$15.00 _____

(Dual members only pay \$15, if Virginia is NOT the primary society)

Virginia **LIFE MEMBERS** Owe No Dues

\$375 for ages 65 or older; \$750 for ages 55-64; \$1,500 for under 55 _____

CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS:

GRAVE & BURIAL MARKINGS _____

FISHER HOUSE _____

ROTC MEDALS _____

SCHOLARSHIP FUND _____

GENERAL/OPERATING _____

*****TOTAL REMITTED:** **\$** _____

****PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO “SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN VIRGINIA” and remit to:**

J. Shane Newcombe, Treasurer
Society of War of 1812 in Virginia
P.O. Box 59
Randolph, VA 23962

DUE DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

PLEASE SEND Address, Phone or Email Changes to: shane@accessoriesabroad.com (subject line War of 1812).



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Quartermasters Report September 14, 2019

We have 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

Blazer Patch-\$12.00

Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in Commonwealth of Virginia -Retail
\$45.00 Libraries without Book Donated - member price \$25.00 member
personal use 37.50

Burials of War of 1812 Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia First
Addendum-Libraries without Book Donated-member price \$12.00 members
personal use 17.50.

We sold at the annual muster the following items:

3 - Society Neckties

13 - Rosetts were given to New Members- 1 was sold

2- Virginia Society Medals

1-Blazer Patch

ROTC military Awards program at VMI, VT and UVA participated in the
General Society of the War of 1812, but made no request for a member of
the Virginia Society to present the awards. (one exception Wayne Mieser

present the award to VMI Army). VMI army received a ROTC Medal from our Society, while the other 8 units did not receive a ROTC Medal or have a representative from our society at their awards program. Reported in the the Quartermasters Report June 22, 2019 listed our participation in the awards program.

JAMES T. THACKER SR

QUARTERMASTER



Color Guard report September 14, 2019 by Charles Belfield.

June 22,2019 Color Guard members posted Colors at the annual muster in Richmond Va. Members present,was Jim Russell, Hugh Markham Mike Lyman and Charles Belfield.

June 22,2019 Color Guard members Mike Lyman, Jim Russell , Hugh Markham and Charles Belfield were at the Grave ceremony at Holly wood cemetery Richmond Va.

June 29, 2019 Hugh Markham and Charles Belfield of the Society Color guard Posted the Colors along with the Va. Society SAR at the joint grave marking for Wren Darne in Fairfax Va.



Publications Chairman's Annual Report for September 22 2019

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

- a. Seventy eight copies were received 30 Jul 2018 from Heritage Books, Inc. Our society was able to purchase the addendum at one-half of retail price of \$20.50 or \$10.25 each. A Heritage Books payment of \$799.50 (78X\$10.25) was made. The remaining inventory held by Lyman is 24 copies as of 10 Jun 2019. Five copies are in the possession of the Quartermaster for sale as well
- b. It is desired that all members dedicate addendums to libraries for the society. The cost to do so is a discounted price of \$12. For personal use the addendum is \$17.50 for members

Burials of War of 1812 Veteran in the Commonwealth of Virginia Fifty more copies were purchased and received by the undersigned for the society. Heritage books has been paid for these at one-half of the retail price of \$45 or \$22.50 each. A portion of the remaining inventory of these books will be brought to the meeting for purchase by members. Five others are available from the Quartermaster. For member presentation to libraries that are without the book the discount price is \$25. For members personal use the price is \$37.50. On 10 Jun 2019, 23 books remain in the inventory by the undersigned.

Additional burials of 1812 veterans in VA are being identified by the undersigned that are not in the book or the addendum. Currently 145 more burials have been identified and are available by email from the undersigned. Several other 1812 vet burials have been identified and are awaiting my preparation of the text paragraphs

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



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Grave Marking Chairman

Conducted 22 Jun 2019 after the annual luncheon was a grave marker unveiling ceremony, at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond for two War of 1812 soldiers, Robert Archer and Isaac Butler. See chapter website for details of the event and photos taken. www.1812va.org

Scheduled Nov 11 2019 St Marys White Chapel Cemetery, Lancaster County. Four 1812 vets in the cemetery with gravestones are Surgeon James Kendall Ball, Private Joseph Addison Carter, Private James S Ewell and Sergeant William Dowman McCarty. The cemetery chairman has approved the ceremony. The grave markers are in the inventory. Officers, members and color guard will need to participate to conduct the ceremony. The US Daughters of 1812 indicate they will participate. Approval for three marker expense was obtained at annual meeting in June, the fourth was not. They cost \$80 each. By 3 November please let me know if you are attending.. General and VA society wreaths will be presented. I plan to post a pre-event in the local newspaper and ask for descendants to attend and be recognized.

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

Scheduled event for joint pole mounted plaque listing War of 1812 vets and Rev War patriots in Warren County is being postponed by the James Wood II SAR chapter for more research. We approved \$1800 for this event at the June meeting.

Scheduled for April 2020 is the unveiling of two pole mounted plaques in the graveyard of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Loudoun County. One will list 14 Revolutionary War Patriots interred in the cemetery which will be financed by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The second will be a plaque listing 27 War of 1812 veterans interred in the cemetery. Charter member, and past president, Thad Hartman of the society is making the arrangements with the church officials for both plaques and for the financing of the Rev War pole mounted plaque. This event will be a dual ceremony with the Colonel William Grayson chapter, VASSAR. The cost to the society will be \$2550 which was approved at the annual meeting

Planning for calendar years 2020 to 2013

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



Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia
High School Essay Contest-2019
Paul Walden, Secretary

Two entries were received by the June 1, 2019 deadline. Neither essay met the essay requirements. As a consolation prize, it was decided to present the students' high school history department with a check in the amount of \$100 to recognize their efforts. We also were going to present the students with a certificate of appreciation.

The student from Lord Botetourt High School in Daleville evidently had moved, and Dennis Fritts was unable to contact her to present the certificate. Also the principal of that school never responded to my offer of \$100 for their history department.

However, the principal of Northumberland H.S. in Lottsburg, Dr. Travis Burns, called me and was very enthusiastic about recognizing his student, Morgan Ransone, at an assembly at 2 pm on Sept 27 at the school. I, and hopefully Charles Belfield in uniform, will personally present her with the certificate and the check to the high school at that assembly.

I propose that we again conduct this contest in 2019. Subject will again be the role of famous Virginians in the War of 1812. First place \$750, Second place \$500. Due date February 1, 2020.

Need volunteers for a judging panel. Since I will be the only one who knows the entrants, I probably should not be one of the judges.

Need members' help in publicizing this to their local high schools. Perhaps your son, grandson, nephew, etc is a high school student who can introduce this to his or her history teacher.



Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia High School Essay Contest Rules Essays Due February 1, 2020

The Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia encourages Virginia and West Virginia High School students to study the War of 1812, and especially, the role Virginians had in supporting what is often referred to as the “Second War for Independence.”

1. Subject of the Essay must be on a Virginian who supported the United States in the War of 1812. Suggestions include, but not limited to, James Monroe, James Madison, Dolley Madison, Elizabeth Monroe, William Henry Harrison, John Randolph, and James Barbour.
2. Title Page – The title page must include the following:
 - Title of the Essay
 - Applicant’s name, grade, address, phone number & email
 - Applicant’s high school’s name, address & phone number
3. Essay Pages – The essay must:
 - Be a minimum of 800 and a maximum of 1,500 words (excluding title page, endnotes, bibliography, page and biography)
 - First page must include the title
 - No applicant information is on the essay pages
 - 12-point Times New Roman font and double-spaced
 - Use 8 ½” by 11” paper with 1” margins on all sides
 - Essay pages are numbered sequentially, starting with “1”
 - No graphics, special covers or bindings are allowed. Please do not staple the pages.
4. Bibliography pages – The bibliography must include:
 - Citations in the essay and references in the bibliography must be in accordance with a widely used, publicly available citation system (Examples include the Chicago Manual of Style, the MLA Manual of Style, & the MHRA Style Guide).
 - Minimum of 5 references, 3 of which must be published works (encyclopedias or internet sources are acceptable but not considered part of the 3 published works)
5. Student Biography page - The biography of the student must be:
 - Limited to one page.
 - Includes academic awards and achievements, school activities, community activities and plans for college.

Essays which meet the criteria above will be accepted and judged equally on the following criteria:

- Historical accuracy
- Clarity of thought
- Organization and proven topic
- Grammar and spelling
- Documentation

Entries must be received by **February 1, 2020**. Please mail to Paul Walden, Secretary, Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia, P.O. Box 4057, Alexandria, VA 22303-0057.

Students submitting essays give permission to the Society of the War of 1812 in the Commonwealth of Virginia to publish their essays on the society website and newsletter.

Judging will occur before the Society's Spring, 2020 meeting. The winners will be announced on the Society's website: <http://1812va.org>

Entries are limited to public, private, and home-schooled High School students in West Virginia and Virginia who are in the 9th through 12th grade.

Prizes: First Place: \$750, Second Place: \$500