



April 20, 2020

Defenders

As most, if not all, of you know by now the James Monroe birthday ceremonies at the Monroe birthplace in Westmoreland County and the Hollywood cemetery have been canceled. Other Society related events scheduled for May in conjunction with the Virginia Sons of the American Revolution have also been canceled and are awaiting new dates. I am informed by Mike Lyman that the joint VASSAR and War of 1812 ceremonies at Ebenezer Church and Ketoctin cemeteries in Loudoun County are now scheduled for November 21, 2020, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

More information will be forthcoming as to the exact times for the these events.

As President of the Virginia Society, I intend to visit Hollywood Cemetery on James Monroe's birthday, April 28, 2020, and lay a wreath as I did for John Tyler's birthday last month. I should be there at 2pm on April 28, 2020, to lay the wreath. All members so inclined are welcome to join me in this event, of course, practicing spatial distancing. The choice to do so is purely voluntary, of course.

As far as I know, our June 22, 2020, annual muster is still scheduled. I will be contacting the Westwood Club to confirm that event. I will inform the Society of any changes in that regard as soon as I can.

I hope we can all resume our normal lives in the near future and until we do, I know all will remain safe and secure in following the health guidelines set forth by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sincerely,

Stuart L. Butler

President

Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia



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