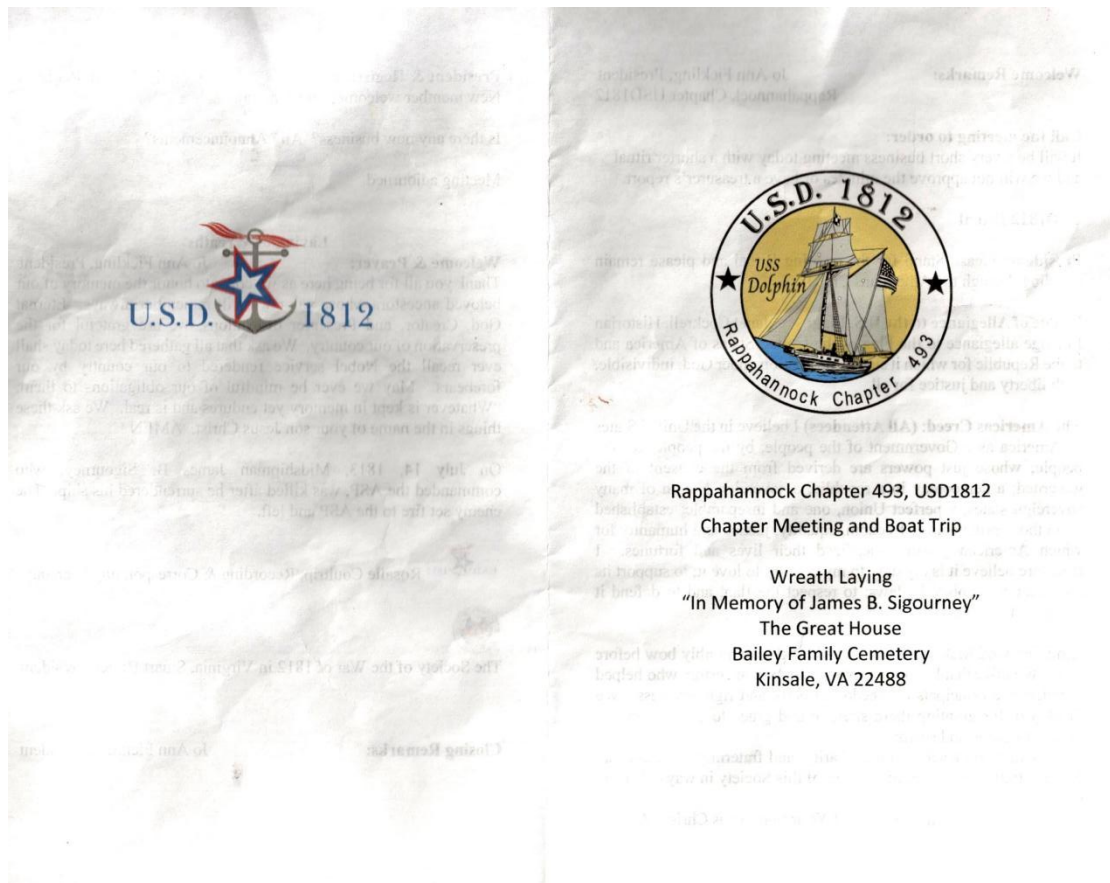


Wreath laying for Lt. James B. Sigourney, USN, and Kinsale Boat Trip, September 28, 2024

On September 28, 2024, Rappahannock Chapter 493 of the U.S. Daughters of the War of 1812 sponsored a boat trip to visit the numerous sites of British landings on the shores of the Northern Neck during the War of 1812. The boat trip was organized by Rosalie Coaltrip of the Rappahannock Chapter. Joining with the Rappahannock Chapter were several members of the Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia including Stuart Butler, current president of the Virginia Society. At the conclusion of the boat trip there was a wreath presentation at the grave site of Lt. James B. Sigourney, USN, who died defending his ship, *Asp*, against British attackers at Kinsale, Virginia, July 14, 1813.

Attached is the program for the dedication and photos of members of the Rappahannock Chapter and Society of the War of 1812 during the trip.



Welcome Remarks: Jo Ann Fickling, President
Rappahannock Chapter USD1812

Call the meeting to order:
It will be a very short business meeting today with a shorter ritual and we will not approve the minutes or have a treasurer's report.

USD1812 Ritual

President: Please Stand for the opening Ritual and please remain standing through the Americans Creed.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag: Janet Cockrell, Historian
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Americas Creed: (All Attendees) I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign states; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principals of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect the flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

Almighty God Maker of Heaven and Earth, we humbly bow before You. We offer thanks for our country and our ancestors who helped establish the principals of freedom, liberty and righteousness. We thank you for granting them strength and grace to endure through times of trouble and sorrow. We ask that you teach us love, charity, and fraternity. We ask that You continue to guide each member of this Society in ways pleasing to You.
These things we ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

President & Registrar: Cindy Packett, Registrar
New member welcome; Jane Harcum

Is there any new business? Any Announcements?

Meeting adjourned.

Laying of Wreaths

Welcome & Prayer: Jo Ann Fickling, President
Thank you all for being here as we come to honor the memory of our beloved ancestors whose valor we will remember always. Eternal God, Creator, and Preserver of Nations, we are grateful for the preservation of our country. We ask that all gathered here today shall ever recall the Nobel service rendered to our country by our forebears. May we ever be mindful of our obligations to them. "Whatever is kept in memory yet endures and is real. We ask these things in the name of your son Jesus Christ. AMEN

On July 14, 1813, Midshipman James B. Sigourney, who commanded the ASP, was killed after he surrendered his ship. The enemy set fire to the ASP and left.

 Rosalie Coultrip, Recording & Corresponding Secretary


The Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia, Stuart Butler, President

Closing Remarks: Jo Ann Fickling, President

Sigourney Gravestone, Kinsale, VA



Inscription:

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
MIDSHIPMAN JAMES B
SIGOURNEY OF US NAVY A
NATIVE OF BOSTON, MASS AGED
23 YEARS, WHO DIED
GALLANTLY DEFENDING HIS
COUNTRY'S FLAG ON BOARD
THE US SCHOONER ASP UNDER
HIS COMMAND IN ACTION WITH
FIVE BRITISH BARGES OF VERY
SUPERIOR FORCE DIED THE 14TH
DAY OF JULY 1813



Naval gun at the grave site of Lt. James B. Sigourney



Charter boat used to explore the creeks and rivers of the Northern Neck of Virginia



Wreaths presented at the grave site of Lt. Sigourney at the “Great House,” Kinsale, Virginia.



Society of War of 1812 member Charles Belfield in the foreground