

***SOCIETY PRESIDENT LAYS WREATH AT JAMES MONROE TOMB IN HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY,  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA***

President Stuart Butler of the Virginia Society of the War of 1812 laid a wreath at the tomb of President James Monroe at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia, on the birthday of President Monroe, April 28, 2025. The Society was joined by over fifty other patriotic and lineage organizations to pay respect to President Monroe. By law, a wreath is laid at the tomb of every president by direction of the sitting president. In addition to the presidential wreath, an Army National Guard band and retired Lt. Gen. Carl A. Smock, USA-Ret were also present. Also on hand for the festivities were several state and delegate representatives who addressed the large crowd. General Smock spoke on the many accomplishments of James Monroe from his service in the Revolutionary War to the presidency of the United States.



***President Butler in front of President Monroe's tomb***

Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia	Stuart Butler, President
Va. State Society, U.S. Daughters 1812	Dr. Cheryl Davis, President
Eliza Monroe Chapter, U.S. Daughters 1812	Eugenia McGroarty, President
Sons of the Revolution, General Society	Mark Jakobowski, President
Order of First Families of Virginia	Julie Daum, President
Virginia Society of the Cincinnati	Dave Southworth
Virginia Society, Order of Founders & Patriots	Philip Barnard, Governor
Virginia Mayflower Society	Nancy Saul, Governor
Descendants of Signers of Dec. of Ind.	Bruce Laubach
James Monroe Museum	C. L. Sigmon
James Monroe's Highland	Sara Bon-Harper, Executive Director

*Music by 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Band, Virginia National Guard*

*Reception to follow at the Taylor House  
2325 Monument Avenue, Richmond*



*We appreciate Commonwealth Chapter DAR  
graciously contributing the United States flags distributed today.*

## The James Monroe Memorial Foundation Presents the



## 267<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Ceremony for Fifth President James Monroe

Presidents Circle  
Hollywood Cemetery  
Richmond, Virginia  
April 28, 2025  
11:00 a.m.

### JAMES MONROE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION CEREMONY

Call to Order.....	G. William Thomas, Jr., President, James Monroe Memorial Foundation
Invocation.....	W. Gregory Burkett
Presentation of Colors.....	The Richmond Scottish Rite Guard
National Anthem.....	Dr. Cheryl Davis
Presidential Wreath.....	Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock, U.S. Army ret.
Greetings from the General Assembly.....	Delegate Betsy Carr
Gubernatorial Proclamation.....	Adrienne Maxwell, Chair, Nat'l. Advisory Board
Comments.....	Mark Jakobowski, President, Gen. Society, Sons of the Revolution
Remarks about Monroe.....	Hon. Aimee Guidera, Virginia Secretary of Education
Laying of Wreaths and Remarks.....	List Follows
Benediction.....	W. Gregory Burkett
Closing Remarks.....	President G. William Thomas, Jr.
Group Photos	

### Participants in the Wreath Laying Ceremony

James Monroe Memorial Foundation	Mary Anna Broadbent
Virginia Society of SAR	Michael Weyler, President
Richmond Chapter of SAR	Philip Barnard, President
James Monroe Chapter of SAR	Andrew Packett, President
Richard Henry Lee Chapter of SAR	Jim Russell, Past President
Williamsburg Chapter of SAR	Stephen McGuffin
George Washington Chapter of SAR	Scot Bryant, President
Col. William Grayson Chapter of SAR	Dave Button, Secretary
General Daniel Morgan Chapter of SAR	Edmund Davidson, President
George Mason Chapter of SAR	Ken Morris, President
Rappahannock Chapter of SAR	W. Gregory Burkett
Sgt. Major John Champe Chapter of SAR	Barry Schwoerer, President
Thomas Jefferson Chapter of SAR	Angus Lamond, President
Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter of SAR	John Carberry, Secretary
Culpeper Minutemen Chapter of SAR	John Kuvakas, Chaplain

Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Va.	Blair Nelsen, Governor
NSCDA - VA, Richmond Committee	Judith Harrison Smith, Chair
Sons of the Revolution, Virginia Society	Mark Jakobowski, President
Daughters of Founders & Patriots	Faye Sobel, Virginia President
Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia	John N. Malliarakis, Grand Junior Deacon
Virginia Huguenot Society	Louis T. March, President
Rev. James Blair Ch. NSCD XVII Century	Patricia Collmeyer, President
Pinnacle Ch. NSCD XVII Century	Anne Kline
Virginia Daughters of the American Colonists	Margaret Stromberg, State Chaplain
Norfolk Mace Chapter, DAC	Wanda Russo, Regent
Richard Bland Lee Chapter, DAC	Eugenia McGroarty, Regent
Va. Society Dames of the Court of Honor	Kim Defibaugh, Ed. D. President
Virginia DAR	Dr. Cheryl Davis, State Librarian
District V, Virginia DAR	Natalie Ardoline, Vice Director
District IX, Virginia DAR	Sonja Johnson, Director
Commonwealth Chapter, DAR	Suzanne Brown, Regent
Williamsburg Chapter, DAR	Robin Doucette, Regent
Ann Wager Chapter, DAR	Elizabeth Greaf, Regent
Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter, DAR	Tracy Ramos, Regent
Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter, DAR	Eugenia McGroarty, Hon. Regent
Nelly Custis Chapter, DAR	Marcia Neuendorf, Regent
Phyllis Wheatley Chapter, DAR	Anne Kline, Second Vice Regent
Nathaniel Bacon Chapter, DAR	Beverley Brooks, Regent
Chancellor Wythe Chapter, DAR	Teresa Joyce, Regent
Elizabeth McIntosh Hamill Chapter, DAR	Paula Schwoerer
William Byrd Chapter, DAR	Rebecca Orcutt, Regent
Bermuda Hundred Chapter, DAR	Wendy Briskman, Regent
Fauquier Courthouse Chapter, DAR	Lt. Col. Cat Schwetke, Honorary Regent
Midlothian Mines Chapter, DAR	Dotsie Williams, Historian
Virginia Society, CAR	Meredith Hopkins, President





***Lt. Gen. Smock addresses the crowd at the Monroe birthday event at Hollywood Cemetery***