

Society's president lays wreath at the tomb of President James Monroe at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia

On April 28, 2026, President Stuart Butler laid a wreath at the tomb of President James Monroe at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia. Over fifty different patriotic and lineage societies participated in the ceremony. The event was sponsored by the James Monroe Memorial Foundation and officiated by Bill Thomas, its president, and Peter Broadbent, its vice president. Enclosed is a photograph of President Butler with the wreath at the tomb. Also included is the program for the event.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE VIRTUAL LAYING CEREMONY (continue)

Dr. Curtis Chapter, DMR
Michael Bryant
Southwest Chapter, DMR
Sherrell Buchanan, Repent
The Monroe Chapter, U.S. Daughters, BFL
Luprena McCannady, President
Reprohannah Chapter, U.S. Daughters, BFL
Rosalie Conroy, President
St. John's Church Foundation
Stephen Wilson, Executive Director
James Monroe Museum
C. T. Spagon, Repent
James Monroe's Highland
Sara Ross Harper, Executive Director
James Monroe Birthplace & Boyhood Home
Ann Cowan, Chief Docent

*Music by 29th Infantry Division Band, Virginia National Guard
Reception to follow at the Virginia War Memorial
621 South Boulevard Street, Richmond*



**The James Monroe
Memorial Foundation
Presents the**



**268th Birthday Celebration
Ceremony
for
Fifth President
James Monroe**

**Presidents Circle
Hollywood Cemetery
Richmond, Virginia
April 28, 2026
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, Assistant Chaplain

Presentation of Colors..... The ACCA Shriners Legion of Honor

National Anthem..... The 29th Infantry Division Band

Presidential Wreath..... Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock, U.S. Army (ret.)

Greetings from the General Assembly..... Delegate Betsy Carr

Gubernatorial Proclamation..... Peter Broadbent, Vice President

Keynote Speaker..... Hon. David L. Bulova,
Virginia Secretary of Natural & Historic Resources

Greetings from James Monroe Birthplace and..... Kathleen Kilpatrick
Boyhood Home Development Committee Chair

Remarks by Virginia's New Director of Historic Resources..... Roger Kirchen

Special Presentation..... Dr. Arthur Kellerman
National Advisory Board

James Monroe Distinguished Public Service Medal Recipients:
Adrienne Maxwell - Diana Davis Spencer - Kay Coles James - Charles James, Sr.

Laying of Wreaths and Remarks..... List Follows

Benediction..... W. Gregory Burkett, Assistant Chaplain

Closing Remarks..... G. William Thomas, Jr., President

Group Photos

PARTICIPANTS IN THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY (BY SENIORITY)

James Monroe Memorial Foundation Mary Anna Broadbent

Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia, AF&AM Matthew T. Szramoski, Grand Master

Virginia Society of the Cincinnati Dave Southworth

Sons of the Revolution, General Society Mark Jakobowski, General President

Sons of the Revolution, Virginia Society Mark Jakobowski, State President

Va. Society of Sons of American Revolution Kenneth Bonner, First Vice President

Virginia Daughters of American Revolution Kathleen Mayer Rugh, State Regent

Virginia Society, U.S. Daughters of 1812 Dr. Cheryl Davis, State President

Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Va. William A. Nash, State Secretary

Virginia Society, Order of Founders & Patriots Philip Barnard, Governor

Virginia Mayflower Society Peter Broadbent

Virginia Daughters of Founders & Patriots Faye Sobel, State President

National Society of Colonial Dames of America Judith H. Smith, Richmond Chair

Virginia Daughters of the American Colonists Debbie Misiag, State Registrar

Virginia Society of the War of 1812 Stuart Butler, State President

Virginia Dames of the Court of Honor Kim Defibaugh, Honorary State President

Virginia Huguenot Society David LeGrande, Vice President

Virginia Society, Daughters of Indian Wars Kathy de Jonge, State Recording Secretary

PARTICIPANTS IN THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY (AS LISTED)

Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter of SAR John Carberry, President

Col. William Grayson Chapter of SAR Dave Button

Col. Joseph Minutemen Chapter of SAR Mark Crain, President

General Daniel Morgan Chapter of SAR Louis March, Secretary

George Mason Chapter of SAR Kenneth Morris, President

George Washington Chapter of SAR Scot Bryant, President

Hamhannock Chapter of SAR W. Gregory Burkett

Richmond Chapter of SAR Philip Barnard, President

Richard Henry Lee Chapter of SAR Jim Russell, Past President

Sgt. Major John Champe Chapter of SAR Barry Schwoerer, President

Thomas Jefferson Chapter of SAR Lester Wilson, President

Williamsburg Chapter of SAR Stephen McGuffin

Rev. James Blair Ch. NSCD XVII Century Patricia Collmeyer, President

Leticia Lee Chapter NSCD XVII Century Dr. Cheryl Davis, Vice President

Stephen Bailey Chapter, DAC Kathy de Jonge

Richard Bland Lee Chapter, DAC Eugenia McGroarty, Regent

District V, Virginia DAR Natalie Ardoline, District Director

Bermuda Hundred Chapter, DAR Jenny Jolinski, First Vice Regent

Commonwealth Chapter, DAR Suzanne Brown, Past Regent

Chancellor Wythe Chapter, DAR Teresa Joyce, Regent

Elizabeth McIntosh Hamill Chapter, DAR Paula Schwoerer

Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter, DAR Tracy Ramos, Regent

Henricopolis Chapter, DAR Rebecca Townsend, Regent

Hercules Mulligan Chapter, DAR Dr. Cheryl Davis, Second Vice Regent

Montpelier Chapter, DAR Virginia Hydock, Regent

Nathaniel Bacon Chapter, DAR Beverley Brooks, Regent