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# Next membership Meeting 19 October 2017 See pages 2 and 3

### Welcome New Associate

Welcome to Associate Joshua Shawn Wilberger,

VA Number 250 Order number 6237

Founder: Zach Effat at Lancaster Co., VA 06 June

1656

Patriot: Zachariah Efford of Northumberland Co.,

VA

Welcome to the best OFPA Society. We all look forward to meeting/seeing you at our next meeting.

#### Notes from the EC Meeting on July 23rd.

## **Youth Memberships**

Secretary Doug Graves reported that at our last EC meeting, we approved the three Kirby juveniles for full membership this year. Another juvenile reaching the age of 18 is Zachary Nolan Hall. A vote was taken (all in favor) and he also was approved for full membership. At the October 19th membership meeting the four (4) individuals will be voted on by the general membership for full membership in the VA Society and/or Order.

## **Louisiana Society Amendment**

(The proposed amendment to the Order's Constitution was fully explained in the previous newsletter.) Motion was made and seconded. Those in favor were six members with one member not in favor. The amendment will now be presented to the full members at the 19 October meeting. (Cont. on page 5)



## I am Your American Flag

Behold me! At birth I bore a circle of only 13 stars. Today there are fifty stars gleaming on my blue field.

I fly over a great land. . .I am seen in every land where your sons guard the freedom of their people.

I stand for your history . . . your principles . . . your government.

I stand for your hope of peace and your dream of brotherhood.

I stand for still greater achievements here and throughout the world.

But . . . I have no power except that which you give me.

My colors are bright and strong . . . They stand for your character and your dedication to keep this a land of freedom.

I am your inspiration. I will always wave proudly as long as you endow me with your courage . . . Your faith . . . And your strength.

I Am Your American Flag
Composed 1969
Steve Balkam



# THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America

Fall 2017 Meeting Thursday, October 19, 2017 9:00AM – 3:00PM Yorktown, Virginia

## **Meeting and Luncheon Location:**

Riverwalk Restaurant 323 Water Street Yorktown, Virginia 23960 757-875-1522 www.RiverwalkRestaurant.net

## **Itinerary:**

9:15-10:00AM – Wreath-laying Ceremony at Governor Thomas Nelson Jr.'s Grave Grace Episcopal Church, hosted by the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

10:30AM - 11:00 - Yorktown Day Parade Main Street, sponsored by the National Park Service

Noon – 2:00PM – Luncheon & Business Meeting-Riverwalk Restaurant

2:00-3:00PM — Grave Marking for Major William Gooch (one of the oldest marked graves in the Commonwealth and the  $2^{nd}$  oldest legible inscription)

(The above indicates events that the VAOFPA are involved in; however, there are numerous events throughout the day and we will have a full schedule once the Yorktown Day Association releases their schedule.) Additional:

8:45 a.m. Commemorative Ceremony at the French Cemetery, Yorktown Battlefield 11:45 a.m. Patriotic Exercises and Memorial Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Monument to Alliance and Victory, Yorktown



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## Membership Meeting and Luncheon Menu & Reservation form Riverwalk Restaurant-Yorktown, Virginia Thursday October 19, 2017

## \$35.00 per person

Menu choices are ( <u>please</u>	select your choice):			
	SALMON	or	CHICKEN	

with Mashed Herbed Potatoes and a seasonal medley of mixed fresh vegetables Signature Warm Apple Bread Pudding Ice Tea (sweet or unsweet), Coffee, or Soft Drink (your choice) are included

Please make your selection of an entrée as indicated above: Salmon or Chicken. Vegetarian dishes are available upon request. Spirits and cocktails are also available but not included.

Please remit your menu selections along with a check payable to Virginia Society OFPA

## Checks and meal selection must be received by October 5, 2017

#### Mail to:

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<u>Above</u>—Shane Newcombe (l) and Cranston Williams, Jr.(r) placed a wreath honoring Rev. War Patriot William Dove on Saturday, 1 July 2017 at the Old Dove Family Cemetery in Gretna, VA. <u>Below</u>—Attendees at Executive Board meeting on July 23, 2017 are (l-clockwise) Walt Sheffield, Carl Bess, Mike Lyman, Doug Graves, Jerry Hubbard, Shane Newcombe, and Wes Graves..





<u>Above-(from left)</u>—Governor Shane Newcombe, Associates Will Simpson, Ron Mihills and past Governor Mike Lyman at the Pohick Church in Lorton, VA on Saturday July 29th. The plaque dedication honors Revolutionary War and War of 1812 patriots.. Shane placed a wreath on behalf of the VAOFPA.

## Additional notes from EC Meeting (cont'd from page 1)

Planning has begun for the 2019 General Court, which will be held in Virginia, and to coordinate same with the planned festivities occurring in Jamestown to honor the 400th Anniversary of several momentous events which occurred in Jamestown to wit:

- First Legislative body in English North America (July 30, 1619)
- Recruitment of the First Group of Women (arrivals in 1619, 1620, 1621)
- First Thanksgiving at Berkeley Planation (1619) and the
- Arrival of the First Group of African-Americans (1619)

Former Governor Walter Sheffield is on the Order's planning committee for the 2019 General Court and is chairman of the committee in Virginia. Walt will be working with VA Associate, Ben Fegan, with regards to coordinating the planned burial ceremony to be held at Two Rivers Country Club-Williamsburg, VA (as we did in 2016) in conjunction with the General Court dates and their assorted activities, etc.

Additional activities for the 2019 General Court have not been finalized.

## **Ancestor Memorials**

**Associate-**James M. Bayne **Founder-**William Hatcher **Patriot-**Edward Hatcher

**Associate**-A. Brian Cowardin **Founder**-Peter Cowardine **Patriot**-John Cowardine

**Associate**-L. Taylor Cowardin **Founder**-Peter Cowardine **Patriot**-John Cowardine

**Associate**-Asa Wesley Graves, VI **Founder**-Thomas Graves **Patriot**-Thomas Graves

Associate-Douglas M. Graves
Founder-Thomas Graves
Patriot-John Graves
Patriot-Thomas Graves

**Associate**-Michael T. Halterman **Founder**-Christopher Wadsworth **Patriot**-Joseph Wadsworth

Associate-Liam Jackson Hubbard Founder-George Hubbard Patriot-Peter Hubbard

**Associate**-Roger P. Jones **Founder**-Rev. Richard Jones **Patriot**-Peter Jones

**Associate**-George W.B. Elder **Founder**-Robert Abernathy **Patriot**-John Abernathy

**Associate**-Myron "Mike" E. Lyman **Founder**-Richard Lyman **Patriot**-Ozias Lyman

**Associate**-Eugene A. Walker **Founder**-Capt. Samuel Walker **Patriot**-Sgt. Timothy Walker

Associate-Cranston Williams, Jr.
Founder-Ambrose Cobbs
Founder- Robert Cobbs
Associate-Cranston Williams, Jr.
Patriot-Capt. Robert Lewis Cobbs

Associate-Lewis Turner Cowardin, II Founder-Peter Cowardine Patriot-John Cowardine Associate-Zachary N. Hall Founder-Thomas Graves Patriot-John Graves Patriot-Thomas Graves

**Associate**-Christopher L. Hubbard **Founder**-George Hubbard **Patriot**-Peter Hubbard

Associate-Donnel J. Hubbard Founder-George Hubbard Patriot-Peter Hubbard

**Associate**-Walter Jervis Sheffield **Founder**-Col. Robert Wynne, II **Patriot**-John Winn and son Peter Winn

Associate-Asa Wesley Graves, VIII Founder-Thomas Graves Patriot-Thomas Graves

**Associate**-Robert S. Marks **Founder**-Robert Abernathy **Patriot**-John Abernathy

**Associate**-Hugh E. Fraser, III **Founder**-John Barker **Patriot**-Henry Barker, Jr.

**Associate**-Asa Wesley Graves, VII **Founder**-Thomas Graves **Patriot**-Thomas Graves

**Associate-**James Lewis Wheeler **Founder-**George Wheeler and son William **Patriot-**Sgt. Timothy Wheeler, Sr.

Associate-Charles B. Fegan

Founder – Robert Moulton & son Robert Moulton

Patriot – Freeborn Moulton

Elijah Moulton

**Associate**-Wade Howard Osborne Kirby **Founder** - Thomas Kirby **Patriot** - Captain William Kirby

**Associate**-Charles Edward Phebus **Founder** - Gov. Leonard Calvert **Patriot** - Obediah Calvert

**Associate**—Jeffrey Dean Thomas **Founder** - Thomas Burton **Patriot** - Joseph Burton

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## **Ancestor Memorials**

(Continued)

Associate— Walter A. Sheffield Founder— Col. Robert Wynne, II Patriot— John Winn, Sr. & son Peter Winn

Associate-Robert B. Kendall Founder-Francis Kendall Patriot-Josiah Kendall

#### Please Remember

VA OFPA has several wreaths, a parade banner and an OFPA flag which can be used by any VA OFPA Associate at an event. It is a good way to let people know you are an OFPA member. And, the VA OFPA has two magnetic signs that can be placed on cars if you are in a parade that allows autos. Contact Bob and Vicki Kendall. (email next column)

If you participate in an activity where you are identified as an OFPA Associate, please advise the Governor and Secretary. Save a copy of the program, and a photograph of your participation if possible. If you write an article, save a copy and send to Governor Sheffield and Secretary Graves to be included in the annual Governor's report.

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The Order of Founders and Patriots is now on Facebook. Like at:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Founders-and-Patriots-of-America/212618818770058

The VA OFPA web site is <a href="www.vaofpa.org">www.vaofpa.org</a>. Donald Moore is our webmaster and has recently updated it. Take a look at a *great* web site!

This is how the OFPA Handbook describes the OFPA flag.

"SECTION 3. COLORS. The colors of the Order shall consist of the National Colors or Flag as prescribed by an Act of Congress, and the colors of the flag of the Order. The latter shall be cross, Gules, on a field, Argent, with canton, Azure, a constellation of thirteen stars, Argent."



Above—OFPA Flag