The James Monroe Memorial Foundation presents the



Grand Opening Ceremony for Fifth President James Monroe's Birthplace House

James Monroe Birthplace and Park Westmoreland County, Virginia October 2, 2021 10:00 a.m.



Call to Order	G. William Thomas, Jr., President, James Monroe Memorial Foundation
Invocation	W. Gregory Burkett, Assistant Chaplain
Presentation of Colors	[James Monroe Chapter SAR Color Guard]
Pledge of Allegiance and Toast to the Flag	Shelby L. Chandler, II Commander WCC Heroes of '76, National Sojourners
Greetings	Congressman Rob Wittman Delegate Margaret Ransone
Welcome	Hon. Woody Hynson, Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors Hon. Robin Schick, Mayor, Colonial Beach
Greetings	VASSAR President Jeff Thomas VA DAR Vice Regent Laurie Nesbitt V.S.C.A.R. President Sara Cox
Recognition of Docents	Bucky Doerr
Remarks about Monroe	Lee Langston-Harrison
Remarks about the Birthplace House	Sumpter Priddy III
Remarks about Monroe	Stanley F. Klos
Laying of Wreaths and Remarks	List Follows
Benediction	W. Gregory Burkett, Assistant Chaplain
Closing Remarks	President G. William Thomas, Jr.
Retiring of Colors and Adjournment	
Group Photos	

Participants in the Wreath Laying Ceremony

James Monroe Memorial Foundation National Society SAR Virginia Society of SAR **Richmond Chapter of SAR** [George Mason Chapter of SAR Col. William Grayson Chapter of SAR [James Monroe Chapter of SAR **Richard Henry Lee Chapter of SAR** Fairfax Resolves Chapter of SAR George Washington Chapter of SAR Rappahannock Chapter of SAR Williamsburg Chapter of SAR Culpeper Minutemen Chapter of SAR Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter of SAR Thomas Jefferson Chapter of SAR French Society, SAR Grand Lodge of Virginia, Ancient, Free & **Accepted Masons** [Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia Va. State Society, U.S. Daughters of 1812 Rappahannock Ch., U.S. Daughters of 1812 Eliza Monroe Ch., U.S. Daughters of 1812 National Society, Children of 1812 Virginia Daughters of American Colonists Richard Bland Lee Chapter, Nat. Soc. Daughters of American Colonists Daughters of Colonial Wars in Virginia Rev. James Blair Ch., NSCDA XVII Century Order of Founders & Patriots in Va Daughters of Founders & Patriots in Va [Sons of the Revolution, Va. Society

Hon. Helen Marie Taylor Michael Elston, Chancellor General Jeff Thomas, President Chris Yohn, Second Vice President Kenneth Morris, President] Ross Schwalm, President Art Buswell, Past President] Jim Russell, President Dave Cook, President Tom Roth, President **Gregory Burkett** George Corbett Charles Jameson, President Paul Cox James O'Kelley, Past President Pat Kelly, Past VASSAR President Bernard Dungan, Past Grand Master Paul Walden, President] Nancy Howard Mossburg, President Jo Ann Fickling, President Natalie Ardoline, President Cynthia Matsumoto, Senior National President General Pamela Redd Meiring, State Regent Margaret Stromberg, Regent

Barbara Rooney, 1st Vice President Nancy O'Reardon, President Mike Lyman, Past Governor Faye Sobel, President Carter Reid, Past President] Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Va Virginia Society CAR

William Byrd Society, CAR Light Horse Harry Lee Society, CAR Col. Alexander Spottswood Society, CAR Virginia Society, DAR District V, Va. DAR District IX, Va. DAR Ann Wager Chapter, DAR Henricopolis Chapter, DAR Lane's Mill Chapter, DAR Williamsburg Chapter, DAR Commonwealth Chapter, DAR Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, DAR Nelly Custis Chapter, DAR Cobbs Hall Chapter, DAR Leedstown Resolutions Chapter, DAR Old Dominion Chapter, DAR [Fauquier Ct. House Chapter, DAR Arlington House Chapter, DAR Montpelier Chapter, DAR Thomas Nelson Chapter, DAR Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter, DAR Virginia Huguenot Society Taylor Family [Virginia Society of the Cincinnati

Peter Broadbent, Past Governor Sara Cox, President and Stacy Wajciechowski, Senior State President, V.S.C.A.R. Christopher Hopkins, President Isaac Bodge, President Anna Cox, President Laurie Nesbitt, State Vice Regent Nancy Hill, Vice Director Vicki Dehlbom, Director Virginia Lee, Regent Anne Jackson, Regent Anita Bonner K. J. Corbett Darcy Mathes, Regent Clotilda Cassidy, Regent Pamela S. Reid, Honorary Regent Betty Pettyjohn, Vice Regent Mary Wasenko, Regent Heather Theakston, Regent Lt. Col. Cat Schwetke, Honorary Regent] Nancy Weinberg, Regent Jan O'Kelley and Jennifer Kelly, 1st Vice Regent Daun Thomas Frankland, Regent Sonja Johnson, Regent Louis March, President Brandon Taylor 1

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James Monroe Birthplace Park and Museum

The historic James Monroe Birthplace Park and Museum is open for the summer on weekends from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays



The Foundation's purpose is for Education and Preservation honoring the life and legacy of James Monroe, our fifth President and founding father. He was the only U.S. President to have served in active military duty in the Revolutionary War other than George Washington, and helped save this nation during the War of 1812 when he served as both Secretary of State and Secretary of War. Visit the Museum with its exhibits honoring President James Monroe, and see the reconstructed Birthplace house.

Directions: The Birthplace is located on Route 205 in Westmoreland County, 1 mile east of Colonial Beach at 4460 James Monroe Highway at the James Monroe Birthplace Historical Marker.

Visit <u>www.monroefoundation.org</u> and James Monroe Memorial Foundation on Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/jmonroebirthplace</u> Phone: 804-214-9145

A TOAST TO JAMES MONROE

(with apologies to William Wordsworth's Ode to Milton)

Monroe! Thou shouldst be living at this hour: America has need of thee. She is a fen Of stagnant swamps: altar, sword and pen. The clouds grow dark, the times seem dour Our ancient freedoms are forfeit; we are selfish men.

O raise us up, return to us again And give us manners, virtue, freedom, power! Thy soul was like a Star, and dwelt apart; Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea. Pure as the naked heaven, majestic, free, Establishing our land and liberty.

So here's to Monroe! At Trenton he took the Hessian's ball! Here's to Monroe! At Brandywine he carried off the field the wounded Lafayette! Here's to Monroe! At Valley Forge he joined the pantheon of heroes! Here's to Monroe who stared in the face of the mighty Bonaparte! Here's to Monroe who tangled with Tallyrand to get a fair price! Here's to Monroe whose great Purchase doubled the size of the Nation!

Hail to Secretary of State James Monroe who sent Commissioners to Ghent to demand a peace! Hail to Secretary of War James Monroe who sent Jackson to New Orleans to crush the foe! Hail to our President James Monroe whose glorious Doctrine proclaimed freedom for our Hemisphere! Hail to our President James Monroe who brought to our nation the Era of Good Feeling!

> Let's have three cheers for Monroe! Huzzah, for Monroe! Huzzah, for Monroe! Huzzah, for Monroe!

--James P. Lucier, October, 2021