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  Hon. Helen Marie Taylor
National Society SAR  Michael Elston, Chancellor General
Virginia Society of SAR  Jeff Thomas, President
Richmond Chapter of SAR  Chris Yohn, Second Vice President
[George Mason Chapter of SAR  Kenneth Morris, President]
Col. William Grayson Chapter of SAR  Ross Schwalm, President
[James Monroe Chapter of SAR  Art Buswell, Past President]
Richard Henry Lee Chapter of SAR  Jim Russell, President
Fairfax Resolves Chapter of SAR  Dave Cook, President
George Washington Chapter of SAR  Tom Roth, President
Rappahannock Chapter of SAR  Gregory Burkett
Williamsburg Chapter of SAR  George Corbett
Culpeper Minutemen Chapter of SAR  Charles Jameson, President
Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter of SAR  Paul Cox
Thomas Jefferson Chapter of SAR  James O’Kelley, Past President
French Society, SAR  Pat Kelly, Past VASSAR President
Grand Lodge of Virginia, Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons  Bernard Dungan, Past Grand Master
[Society of the War of 1812 in Virginia  Paul Walden, President]
Va. State Society, U.S. Daughters of 1812  Nancy Howard Mossburg, President
Rappahannock Ch., U.S. Daughters of 1812  Jo Ann Fickling, President
Eliza Monroe Ch., U.S. Daughters of 1812  Natalie Ardoline, President
National Society, Children of 1812  Cynthia Matsumoto, Senior National President General
Virginia Daughters of American Colonists  Pamela Redd Meiring, State Regent
Richard Bland Lee Chapter, Nat. Soc. Daughters of American Colonists  Margaret Stromberg, Regent
Daughters of Colonial Wars in Virginia  Barbara Rooney, 1st Vice President
Rev. James Blair Ch., NSCDA XVII Century  Nancy O’Reardon, President
Order of Founders & Patriots in Va  Mike Lyman, Past Governor
Daughters of Founders & Patriots in Va  Faye Sobel, President
[Sons of the Revolution, Va. Society  Carter Reid, Past President]
Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Va
Virginia Society CAR

Peter Broadbent, Past Governor
Sara Cox, President
Stacy Wajciechowski, Senior State President, V.S.C.A.R.

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

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

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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 www.monroefoundation.org and James Monroe Memorial Foundation on Facebook www.facebook.com/jmonroebirthplace
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