



Honorary Chairman John O. Marsh, Jr.

and

The James Monroe Memorial Foundation

request the pleasure of your company

at

Ceremonies honoring the

251st Birthday of

Fifth President James Monroe

at

The James Monroe Birthplace

4460 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach

in Westmoreland County

10:30am on Saturday, April 25th, 2009

with reception to follow

& at the

Presidential Wreathlaying Ceremony

at

Hollywood Cemetery

in the City of Richmond

11:00am on Tuesday, April 28th, 2009

**The James Monroe Memorial Foundation
Commemorates the 251st Birthday of Fifth President James Monroe
With Ceremonies in Westmoreland County and Richmond**

Public ceremonies commemorating Fifth President James Monroe's birthday will take place at his birthplace in Westmoreland County on Saturday, April 25th, 2009. Dr. Daniel P. Jordan, who served for more than 20 years as President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello will be our keynote speaker at the ceremony which begins at 11:00am. A luncheon reception will follow at the Colonial Beach Moose Lodge which is adjacent to the birthplace and part of the farm originally owned by the Monroe family. The Visitor Center at the Birthplace will be open at 10:30am. Last year, former Army Secretary John O. Marsh, Jr. dedicated the visitor center and presented the U.S. Army exhibit highlighting James Monroe's role in the Revolutionary War.

At 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 28th, Major General James Chambers, Commanding Officer of Fort Lee, will present a wreath on behalf of the President of the United States at The Monroe Monument, Hollywood Cemetery. Representatives of patriotic and lineage societies will also make special presentations. The public is invited to these events.

Working in partnership with a number of historical and preservation organizations, educational institutions, citizens and state and local governments, the James Monroe Memorial Foundation is coordinating the restoration of the Monroe Farm, the birthplace of President Monroe, which is a State and National Historic Landmark located near Colonial Beach. Thanks to generous support from The Jessie Ball duPont Fund, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is finalizing its working drawings for the reconstruction of the 18th century frame structure which is approximately 18 by 42 feet.

Born in Westmoreland County on April 28th, 1758, just a few miles from President Washington's birthplace, James Monroe left the family farm at age 16 to attend the College of William and Mary and in 1776 postponed his studies to fight in the Revolutionary War. After serving with General Washington, Monroe embarked on an extraordinary career of public service that would lead him from the Governorship of Virginia to the United States Senate (during the first Congress), Minister to France, Spain and Great Britain, Secretary of State, Secretary of War, and culminate in the Presidency.

Since 1927, the James Monroe Memorial Foundation has been the founder, donor and supporter of the James Monroe Law Office Museum and Library located at 908 Charles Street in Fredericksburg. In 2002, donations by members and friends of the Monroe Foundation were given to the Commonwealth of Virginia to restore and refurbish the gardens at the museum and a plaque honoring our founder, Laurence Gouveneur Hoes, was presented. In 2008, the Monroe Foundation opened an exhibit at the James Madison Museum in Orange honoring the "Founding Friendships of Madison and Monroe in the Young Democratic Republic," and continued its work with The College of William and Mary which has recently finalized its archaeological findings, www.MonroeFoundation.org. Further information about this and the ways that the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is helping is available on our website or by writing to G. William Thomas, Jr., President at 113 North Foushee Street, Richmond , Virginia 23220, 804.687.0711 or pres@MonroeFoundation.org.

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