

# PEYTON NEWS

Spring 2026 Edition

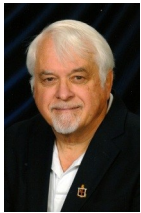


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**Annual and Meeting**

**May 15 - 17, 2026**

The Peyton Society of Virginia Established 16 May 1972  
 as successor of the John Peyton Memorial Association Founded 8 May 1952



## James H. Peyton, President

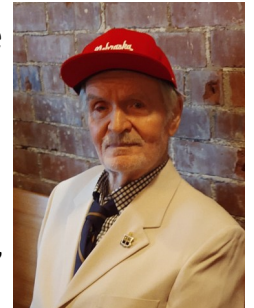
April 2026

Hello to all our members. This year at our annual meeting in May we will meet again in Stafford county near Aquia church. I hope many of you will plan on joining us this year. It is an election year so please see the slate of officers currently nominated in this newsletter. You will notice that I am not seeking another term as President. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as President for 9 years, three three-year terms beginning in 2017. With the Executive Committee we have been able to see needed changes and also projects to honor our Peyton forefathers. I compiled a list of the events as I reflected on these past years.

- In 2017 Sheila Anastas built our website and put us online [peytonsocietyva.org](http://peytonsocietyva.org)
- In early June 2018 following our May meeting we relocated 23 bank boxes of PSV material from Joan Allen's home in Arizona to Virginia and eventually most of it was archived in the Museum of History and Culture in Richmond, Virginia.
- On June 21, 2018 we incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia as The Peyton Society of Virginia, Inc.

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## Harold L. Davey, Obituary



Harold Davey was a long time member of the Peyton Society of Virginia, and a Past President of the Society.

Harold was born February 13, 1930, in Lincoln NE, to Leonard and Kathryn Davey. He passed away November 24, 2025.

He retired from the US Labor Department in 1995, wrapping up a career with the Federal Government begun with the State Department in Washington DC 1952.

In 1952, Harold began a long career with the Federal government, starting out with the State Department's U.S. Information Agency in Washington DC. After that, still with State, he began a series of 2-year assignments as a Foreign Service Officer from 1953 to 1962.

His first post was Toronto, Canada, followed by Southampton, England. After Southampton, attended the Univ. of Wisconsin (Madison), where he received a Masters in International Economics.

After Wisconsin, his final 2-year foreign service post was at the embassy in Tunis, Tunisia. (continued on page 2)

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- In April 30, 2019 we were granted 501 C7 tax status by the U. S. Federal government.
- March 31, 2020 we held our first trial Executive Committee meeting online via Zoom.
- In May 2020 we canceled our annual meeting due to Covid-19 and held elections by email and US mail. This may have been the first time since 1952 there was not a meeting.
- In June 2020 we started producing and selling our Peytons of VA II on USB Flash drives and ended offering it on a CD.
- In June 2020 we formed a committee to prepare for a Peytons of VAIII book. The committee later stalled due to a member's death and Co-vid.
- In August of 2020 we updated our Constitution and By-laws
- March 2023 the Peytons of VA III Book Committee was re-organized.
- We provided to the town of Occoquan, VA with a historical marker for Valentine Peyton and it was installed in River Park. It was dedicated at our May 2023 annual meeting.
- We purchased and provided a headstone with an attached bronze historical plaque for John Peyton of Stony Hill. It was dedicated at our May 2024 annual meeting.
- In 2024 we verified a hard copy of each member's application in our archives
- In May 2025 we held our annual meeting at Colonial Williamsburg. The first annual meeting held outside Stafford County.
- In 2025 and 2026 have worked on historical markers for Sir John Peyton and Jesse Peyton.

- Replaced our website in February 2026 peytonsoctyva.com
- This list is not a complete list of all the activities but my attempt to capture most of the major events. As my term draws to a close, I want to thank all the members for their support these past nine years. Also, a special thanks to all the members of the Executive Committee who volunteer their time and energy to accomplish the projects before listed.
- In 2026 as our nation celebrates its 250th year of independence. My hope is that the Peyton Society of Virginia continues the work to recognize our colonial ancestors who played a vital role in U.S. History.

James H. Peyton



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**Randolph Bell, Archivist**

### **Sir John Peyton (1720-1790)**

On Blackwater Creek in Mathews County, Virginia lies Isleham Cemetery, on the remaining lands of Isleham Plantation, named for the village of Isleham in Cambridgeshire, historic home of the Peyton family of England and of the Peyton Baronets. In the Cemetery lies buried Sir John Peyton (1720-1790), presumptive Fifth Baronet, who exhausted his financial resources raising and equipping a Company of Gloucester County Militia to fight for Independence during the American Revolution, of which he was an ardent supporter. He served as Colonel to the Gloucester Militia in 1775. He became a Justice of the Peace in 1776. He was Sheriff of Gloucester County from 1783 to 1784. He was Vestryman and Church Warden at Kingston Parish, where he was a faithful parishioner. Mathews County was at the time was part of Gloucester County. Sir John even devoted to the Patriot Cause and to the settlement of debts his fees and proceeds as Sheriff of Gloucester and died before Virginia authorities could in any way compensate him. Following his death, relatives in Britain who had remained loyal to the Crown tried unsuccessfully to dispute his historic claim to the Baronetcy.

As we celebrate the two-hundred fiftieth anniversary of American Independence, it is valuable to recall the financial and personal sacrifices of Sir John. He is remembered for them where he lived and by those of us who are his direct descendants. His life reminds us that the Revolution was in many ways, a civil war, which -- like the conflict ninety years later -- divided families on both sides of the water.

Sir John's daughter Lady Seignoria Peyton married Thomas Tabb Bolling of Mayfield Plantation in Dinwiddie County. His mother, Mary Marshall Tabb Bolling, upon the death of her husband Robert Bolling, became the wealthiest woman in British North America. Her lands included much of what is now Petersburg.

Sir John died in 1790. His death notice included the information that he had, on the preceding evening, consumed a dozen oysters and a quart of milk.

Richard Abbott, Recording Secretary



Greetings fellow PSV members. I hope you are enjoying all the exciting activities of America's 250th Year celebration. For my part, I have been given the honor to become the President of the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

What a great year to take the helm of an SAR State Society. However, with this honor comes a very busy schedule of activities that will leave me little time for other obligations. I have enjoyed my time in the PSV Executive Committee with 3 years as Vice President and the last 3 years as Recording Secretary but I feel I must step aside for now. It has been a great pleasure to work with this society and I fully intend to keep up with all of your good work.

Sincerely,

Rick Abbott

Annual Meeting Weekend Schedule  
May 15 - 17, 2026

**Friday, May 15**

Arrivals

6:00 pm Dinner

**Saturday, May 16**

10:00 am Annual Meeting

Lunch on your own

6:00 pm Dinner (let Annette know if you are attending) . Email at [arace@mac.com](mailto:arace@mac.com)

**Sunday, May 17**

10:30 am Church Service at Aquia Church, followed by graveside prayers

ECW Lunch following the graveside prayers. (let Annette know if you are attending). **Email at [arace@mac.com](mailto:arace@mac.com)**

Departures

If you are planning to attend any or all of the weekend festivities, please pay attention to the details & deadlines noted on the following pages, and call, text, or email Annette Race to let her know you will attend. Phone & text at 703.732.1983. Email at [arace@mac.com](mailto:arace@mac.com).

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our annual membership meeting will be held Saturday morning at 10 am at the Aquia Episcopal Church, 2938 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, VA., at the Christian Formation and Fellowship Building.

## **DINNERS**

**Friday night DINNER will be casual, at El Gran Charro**, a Mexican restaurant, at 2834 Richmond Hwy. It is a popular restaurant, and parking is scarce, so please try to carpool. In the past, we have gone at 6 p.m., but it may be helpful for some to go a bit earlier to try to get a big table. We will all have travelled so we'll all need to relax and enjoy some social time together.

**Saturday night DINNER will be at 6 pm, at Zibibbo 73**, an Italian restaurant, at 2757 Richmond Hwy. Fortunately, we will be able to order from the whole menu (rather than from a limited list usually offered to larger groups such as ours). **Deadline for giving the restaurant our numbers for dinner is May 8 – PLEASE LET ANNETTE KNOW IF YOU WILL COME TO DINNER BY MAY 7.**

## **Saturday LUNCH**

You're on your own for Saturday's lunch.

**Sunday's lunch** is the ECW luncheon at Aquia Episcopal Church, on Sunday, following the 10:30 service and after prayers at the grave-side of John Peyton.

There is no charge for the luncheon but there will be baskets for donations. The donated funds are used for the church's outreach missions. **PLEASE LET ANNETTE KNOW IF YOU WILL COME TO THE LUNCHEON BY MAY 7.** We need to let the ECW know how many of us to expect.

## **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Aquia Episcopal Church, has services at 7:30 am, and 10:30 am. Those of us who attend usually go to the 10:30 service. Following the service, we'll walk out to John Peyton's grave for prayers. If it's been a while since you were there, you'll notice the beautiful headstone we placed there two years ago.

There are other churches nearby.

**See you in Aquia! Please call/text/email Annette Race to let her know:**

**Name(s)**

**Number of those who will attend Friday dinner**

**Name(s) and number of those who will attend Saturday meeting**

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**Name(s) and number of those who will attend Sunday's ECW luncheon**

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**LODGING May 15-17, 2026**

Staybridge Suites Quantico-Stafford, 2996 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, VA. 27554. Call 540-720-2111 to reserve your room, and state that you are with the Peyton Society of Virginia. We have reserved 10 rooms.

Our group rate is \$149 plus tax per night for rooms with King-sized beds, and \$169 plus tax per night for rooms with 2 Queen-sized beds. When you call use code PSV or use the link below to make your reservation online.

**THE GROUP RATE EXPIRES APRIL 17 at NOON.**

Note: “There are other hotels nearby if you prefer to stay elsewhere or if all 10 rooms have been booked.

Below is the booking link for you to make a reservations. Click on the link below.

<https://www.ihg.com/redirect?path=asearch&brandCode=SB&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=SRDSB&checkInDate=15&checkInMonthYear=042026&checkOutDate=17&checkOutMonthYear=042026&rate-Code=6CBARC& PMID=99801505&GPC=PSV&cn=no&adjustMonth=false&showApp=true&monthIndex=00>

**Please pay attention to the deadlines on pages 6 and 7.**

### Nomination Committee Report

The nominations committee comprised of Dr. James L. Mullins, PhD, Chair, Frank West Read, and Jane E. Rosman was formed to evaluate candidates for the Peyton Society 2026-2029 offices.

<b>Peyton Society 2026 Nomination Slate</b> <b>(Bylaws Requires the EC to have a Minimum of 11, Maximum of 18)</b>	
President	<b>Conrad Peyton</b>
Vice President	<b>Robert Peyton</b>
Treasurer	Annette Sullivan Race
Recording Secretary	<b>Allison Jenkins</b>
Membership Secretary	Annette Peyton
<b>Historian</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
Genealogist	Frank West Read
Archivist	Randolph Bell
Member at Large/Newsletter Editor	Jane E. Rosman
Member at Large/Merchandise Mgr.	Julia E. Moore
<b>Member at Large/Webmaster</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
Member at Large/Book Committee Chair	Beverly Peyton Griffith
Member at Large	<b>Susanne ("Susie") Cole Wean</b>
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Past presidents of the Society are automatically members of the EC	
Past President/Book Committee Chair	Beverly Peyton Griffith



**As noted above, the Peyton Society of Virginia, Inc. has several vacant positions. If you are interested, please contact us at [PeytonNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:PeytonNewsletter@gmail.com).**

## Candidates for Executive Committee Election

### President

#### Conrad Peyton

Conrad Harrison Peyton, born in Decatur Illinois, and graduated from Mt. Zion High School, Mt. Zion, IL. Served in the United States Marine Corps from 1992-1996 and was stationed at Quantico, Virginia. Most of my career after the USMC has been in Manufacturing Supervision/Management; Glass Mfg. -at Gardner Glass Products of Virginia, Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Indiana, I did commercial diving -at Mainstream Commercial Divers, several years in pharmaceutical Mfg. -at: Bristol Myers Squibb, AstraZeneca, Catalent Pharma solutions and Novonordisk. I very recently made a major career change and am a manager at BWXT in Mt Vernon, IN a Navy Nuclear Operations Group (NOG-M) Contractor, and somewhere in that lengthy career my wife, Brittany, and I found time to own and operate a restaurant in Florida for a year.

I am the son of the current Peyton Society of VA President James H. Peyton. I have many childhood memories of PSV meetings at the Aquia Church and weekend trips going through old cemeteries trying to find some past relative. Our family is from The G line of Peyton's. My middle name Harrison is not by accident. It was my great great grandfather's middle name (Isaac Harrison Peyton). who was named after his great grandfather, (Cuthbert Harrison Peyton) who's mother's maiden name is (Seth) Harrison. Cuthbert was an Ensign in the Revolutionary war along with his brothers, Robert and George, who died in service. Robert was killed in action fighting alongside Lafayette at the Battle of Brandywine September 11, 1777.

I have a passion for history and enjoy researching our great Family's History. In my free time. I love all things outdoors: Camping, Fishing, Hiking, Running, Biking, Canoeing, metal detecting and the list goes on.

### Vice President

#### Robert Peyton

Rob lives in Saint James North Carolina with his wife of 46 years, Susan. He has three children, Thomas, Meredith and Geoff and two granddaughters, Brooklyn and Dakota.

Rob grew up in New Jersey, lived in Texas for several years before moving to Boston in 1973 where he lived until moving to North Carolina in 2010.

After a career that spanned almost 50 years, Rob retired in 2016. He began his career in the hospitality industry but transitioned to the technology sector in 1978 – where he focused on marketing and product management for software and services systems.

Rob served as Treasurer of a condominium association for over ten years until selling the condominium in 2025. He serves as Secretary of Brunswick County Computers for Kids, a

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Candidates for Executive Committee Election continues

### **Recording Secretary**

#### **Allison Jenkins**

Allison Jenkins lives in Round Rock, Texas (near Austin). She's lived there since 1992. Before that, she lived in California, Iowa, Louisiana, Arizona, Virginia, and Hawaii! Her love of genealogy started about 20 years ago when she began to research her Peyton line (CX line, her maternal grandmother's side). Her most "famous" Peyton ancestor is her 4th great grandfather, Micajah Peyton, who participated at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811 as part of the Indiana Militia, Indiana Territory. When not looking for ancestors, Allison is a toxicologist for the state of Texas and enjoys history, traveling, walking, and looking for rocks, fossils, **and** arrowheads in Texas.

### **At Member at Large**

#### **Susanne ("Susie" ) Cole Weam**

I believe I attended my first Peyton Society meeting when I was in high school in Bethesda, Maryland. My mother, Anne Marshall Magruder Cole was involved in a number of genealogical societies including the Peyton family. Her mother, Anne Louise Peyton, was married to General Marshall Magruder, who became a Chieftain in the American Clan Gregor Society after he retired, as well as a member of the National Society of Washington Family Descendants. Over the years as a family, we attended a number of Clan events and several Peyton Society ones at Aquia.

I graduated from Holton-Arms School and attended Canvas College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. After working in Colorado Springs, I married John Weam who I had known since elementary school in Florida. We raised our two children in Pittsburgh, PA: Tyler Fletcher Weam, (47) married with 2 children, living in Arlington, VA; and Britton Peyton Weam( 42) married with 1 child living Pittsburgh.

I have a master's degree from the Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University but spent most of my life volunteering for a number of different organizations, mostly focused on Women's Health Care and Education. I have served in a leadership role with many and Chaired several Boards. Additionally, for 15 years I was a board member and, more recently, a Vice President of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. My daughter and I belong to the Pittsburgh Committee of the Pennsylvania National Society of Colonial Dames and I am a courtesy member of the Florida NSCDA.

Currently, my husband and I spend our winter in FL, spring and fall in Pittsburgh and summer in Western NC.



Below are some places to visit while your are here for the Annual Meeting.

<https://aquiachurch.org/about/history/>

<https://www.tourstaffordva.com/>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g58204-Activities-Stafford\\_Virginia.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g58204-Activities-Stafford_Virginia.html)

<https://fredericksburgguidebook.com/staffords-family-friendly-attractions/>

It is an hour drive to Washington, DC.

It is about a half hour drive to Occoquan, Virginia. You will find the historical maker for Valentine Peyton.



There are over 350 members from all over the United States.

#### WEBSITE

PeytonSocietyva.org website has been down. We now have it up and working! Please try the website and go to the store.

## The Peyton Family Store



- The Peytons of Virginia II, Volumes I and II, published by the Peyton Society of Virginia Inc., Genealogy on Flash drive or CD (limited).
- Peyton Flag, Pin, Ties, Necklace, or Ornaments

Orders may be placed on-line or by mail. We accept PayPal. (preferred payment) Check the website below. Prices and format are subject to change.

<https://www.peytonocietyva.com>



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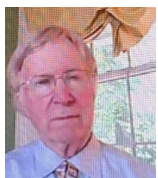


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**Chair, New Book Committee**  
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**Past Presidents:**  
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