

# The Virginia Giant

*Newsletter of the Peter Francisco Society*

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## WALKING IN PETER'S FOOTSTEPS...

The Society will be meeting at the National Museum of the United States Army to pay tribute to our military heroes. Members may not be *walking in Peter's footsteps*, but will be following his and other soldiers' stories since the establishment of the U.S. Army on June 14, 1775. Our tour at the museum will include the Peter Francisco Exhibit and the Path of Remembrance where the brick honoring Peter was placed by the Society. ~ Bring photos and memorabilia to share during our meeting. ~

## *Peter Francisco Society*

*cordially invites you to attend its Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the*

### NATIONAL MUSEUM of the UNITED STATES ARMY

Conference Rooms A & B\*

1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

1-800-506-2672 ~ [thenmusa.org](http://thenmusa.org)



### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

- 10:00 am Meet and Mingle ~ Sharing Photos and Memorabilia
- 11:00 am Business Meeting ~ Peter Francisco's Contributions to the American Revolution
- 12:00 pm Complimentary Lunch ~ *Make your selection on "Punchbowl"* ~ *See order form for details*
- 1:00 pm Guided Tour of the Museum ~ *On your own – Optional visit to Mount Vernon ~*

**\*LIMITED SPACE ~ Only 40 can be accommodated for the meeting and luncheon.**  
**RESERVATIONS for museum admission, meeting and luncheon must be made with the Society by March 6, 2024.** ~ *See order form to make reservations on "Punchbowl" ~*

## AMONG OUR MEMBERS

### PFS “AMBASSADORS”

*Bill and Suzanne Brown of Richmond, VA, have become great ambassadors for our Society and for promoting Peter Francisco’s legacy. Join them in spreading the word!*



- September 12, 2023 – Hanover County, VA - Bill Brown with Patrick Henry Jolly, 5<sup>th</sup> great grandson of Patrick Henry, who portrays his famous grandfather annually in Scotchtown in Ashland, VA, and Red Hill, Patrick Henry’s home near Lynchburg, VA
- September 24, 2023 – Shockey Hill Cemetery, Peter Francisco’s gravesite, Richmond, VA - Bill Brown with Bob Bushnell, 4<sup>th</sup> great grandson of John Marshall, after a wreath-laying ceremony in observance of the 265<sup>th</sup> birthday of former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Marshall
- December 16, 2023 – Richmond National Cemetery, Richmond, VA – “Wreaths Across America” - Bill and Suzanne Brown, Regent of DAR Commonwealth Chapter, with VA Governor Glenn Youngkin
- “Wreaths Across America” - Mission: “Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom”

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

*John Cary Francisco of West Windsor, NJ  
Peter F. Francisco of Scottsville, VA*

### CONGRATULATIONS!

*Alex and Kaleigh Brown of Arlington, VA, welcomed their first child Harrison Gregory Brown on January 17, 2024! Proud grandparents are Bill and Suzanne Brown; proud uncle is Will Brown.*

## PETER FRANCISCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**To All Members: Please promote our \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP to family and friends. Scholarship information can be found at [www.peterfrancisco.org](http://www.peterfrancisco.org). Deadline is April 15, 2024.**

Because of the generosity of new member, John C. Francisco, our Scholarship for 2024 is completely funded. We have a carryover of donations which will be used to help fund our 2025 Scholarship. Donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for your continued support!

*2024 Scholarship Committee: Anne Wilson, Chair; Penny Geiger, Karen Kardian, Erin Mvabwanda*

### Donations received for our 2024 and 2025 Scholarship Fund

*Herculean \$1,000+ Revolutionary \$200+ Patriot \$100+ Cavalry \$75+ Infantry \$50+ Militia \$25+ Colonial up to \$25*

*Herculean - John C. Francisco – In Memory of Edith F. Buckley; Revolutionary - Gail Tonkens – In Memory of Dr. Ross Tonkens and Edith F. Buckley; Patriot - Francisco Mendonca – In Memory of his mother Maria da Luz; Infantry - Anne Wilson – In Memory of her mother Ida Shorter Craig; Elizabeth Finley – In Memory of her mother Glenna Corum; Colonial - Anne Linares – In Memory of her husband Dr. Juan F. Linares*

## SOCIETY BOARD MEETINGS

*Did you know that, under the leadership of our President/Treasurer Ed Bowman, the Society Board holds a telephone conference meeting every month? Members who participate in the Board meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> VP Erin Mwalwanda; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Will Brown; Caroline Corum, Secretary; Sue Terminella, Genealogy Chair; Gail Tonkens, Historical Advisor; Anne Wilson, Website Liaison; and Scott Buckley.*

Recent discussions and planning: upcoming meeting; a better means of collecting dues and fundraising; keeping up with technology ~ Recent developments: Anne Wilson and Webmaster Brad Vogler have updated our website; Will Brown and Sorina Rosoiu are preparing an official logo for use on polo shirts and/or other apparel for fundraising; Sue Terminella is updating and maintaining our membership lists. Your Board works “behind the scenes” in order for the Society to continue to promote our purpose and to be relevant in today’s fast-changing world.



*The LUSO team has launched a new website [www.LUSO.tv](http://www.LUSO.tv) on which the short film about Peter Francisco can be viewed and updates and promotional information can be found.*

## FUNDRAISERS

**Membership Certificates and PFS Pins** - This fundraiser has proven to be one of our most successful—52 certificates and 53 pins have been sold! Every PFS member is encouraged to purchase a Membership Certificate and PFS Pin to show pride in being a member of the Society and to promote Peter Francisco’s legacy. **Locust Grove Notecards and PF Postcards** are available as well. *See attached form for special pricing and to place orders.*



Member Certificate



PFS Pin



Locust Grove Notecard



PF Postcard

~ **COMING in 2024 – a new Fundraiser for all ages – PFS POLO SHIRTS** ~

# *Peter Francisco Society*

*Purpose: To compile and maintain the documented records of Peter Francisco and his descendants and give him his rightful place in history.*

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President & Treasurer ~ Ed Bowman  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President ~ Erin Mwalwanda  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President ~ Will Brown  
Recording Secretary ~ Caroline Corum  
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If you have news for the next issue of "The Virginia Giant" please send it to writers/editors Anne Wilson and Erin Mwalwanda at [PeterFranciscoSociety@gmail.com](mailto:PeterFranciscoSociety@gmail.com)

PETER FRANCISCO SOCIETY

~ MARCH 17, 2024 MEETING at the NATIONAL MUSEUM of the U.S. ARMY ~
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE for ADMITTANCE into MUSEUM, MEETING & LUNCH
Only 40 can be accommodated for the meeting & complimentary lunch
Reservations Deadline: Wednesday, March 6, 2024
~Make Reservations and Lunch Selection on PUNCHBOWL at ~
https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/2862a6168c82301fd568

To make payment for items below, complete this form & mail it, along with your check made payable to PFS, to: Ed Bowman, Treasurer PFS, 3715 Belt Blvd., Richmond, VA 23234

Name
Address
Phone(s) Email
Relationship to the Society or to Peter Francisco:
D1 Descendant of Peter and Susannah
D1 Child (DOB)
Friend
D2 Descendant of Peter and Catherine
D2 Child (DOB)

~ DUES & SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE \$15 per membership! ~

Adults: Pay only \$25 to receive your Membership Certificate and PFS Pin—and your dues for one year are included—a \$40 value for only \$25!

Children/Full-time Students thru age 24: Pay only \$12 to receive your Membership Certificate and PFS Pin— and your dues for one year are included—a \$27 value for only \$12!

Adults: orders x \$25 = \$
Children/Full-time Students: orders x \$12 = \$

Name on Certificate
Membership Designation for Certificate:
D1 (Descendant of Peter and Susannah)
D1 Associate (Spouse of D1)
Friend of the Society
D2 (Descendant of Peter and Catherine)
D2 Associate (Spouse of D2)

If paying dues only ~ Name(s):
No. of Adults x \$15 = \$
No. of Children/Full-time Students x \$2.00 = \$

~ FUNDRAISERS ~

Peter Francisco Postcards - 5 for \$5 - or - 15 for only \$10
Locust Grove Notecards - Set of 8 cards/envelopes for only \$12
No. Ordered = \$
No. Sets x \$12 = \$

~ TAX-EXEMPT DONATIONS ~

Scholarship Fund - In Memory of \$
- In Honor of \$

TOTAL for Certificates & Pins, Dues, Fundraisers, and Donations = \$