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THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING NORFOLK, VIRGINIA OCTOBER 21-22, 2016

The host hotel for this year’s meeting is the

**Hampton Inn & Suites Norfolk Airport
1511 USAA Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502
(757) 605-9999 [corrected]- call for reservations**

The “Bondurant Association” block of 10 rooms (5 with 2 queen beds and 5 with 1 king bed) has the rate of \$99 per night (plus \$15 per night room tax). **Call the hotel at (757) 605-9999 to request this special rate - it is not available for online reservations.** The hotel has also extended this rate for three nights before and three night after the meeting, for those who want to stay longer. ***The deadline for making your reservation at this reduced rate is Sept. 21, 2016.***

Free hot breakfast for registered guests, in-room internet access, a Fitness Center / Indoor Pool, a Business Center, elevator access, handicap accessible rooms and a complimentary bus to and from the hotel from the Norfolk International Airport are available from this hotel.

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday evening, Oct., 21, 7:00 - 9:00 – Meet & Greet in the meeting room designated by the hotel. Bring displays, memorabilia, and any other items you wish to share so we may learn more about your family.

Saturday morning, Oct. 22, 9:30 - noon – Annual business meeting, followed by special programs prepared by members or invited guests.

- David Bondurant will talk about the impact of the Norfolk Naval Base during WWII.
- Amy Warren Sanders and/or Eve Mayes will give an update on the BFA DNA project.
- TBA

Saturday afternoon is free for your own choice of activities.

Saturday evening, Oct. 22, 6:30 pm – BFA Dinner at Max & Erma’s in the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel nearby, *a la carte* – <http://www.maxandermas.com/menu/>

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From Our President

April 2016

Hello, Bondurants,

We are so excited to announce that Norfolk, Virginia is the site for our annual meeting. Norfolk is one of our most important cities for United States military use. It has a history that spans from the 17th century all the way through present.

After researching the city, I found that an indentured servant Adam Thoroughgood (from King's Lynn, Norfolk, England) settled in the area of South Hampton Roads. He developed the area along with Thomas Willoughby. Thoroughgood is given the recognition of having suggested the name Norfolk from his English home town.

The colonists of the Virginia company immediately recognized that this area was important to them for a defense. They established Old Point Comfort, then built Fort Algernourne, Fort Henry and Fort Charles. Present day Fortress Monroe was built in the place of Old Point Comfort at the southern tip of Virginia peninsula. As an addendum: For those who may be interested, an English couple named William and Susannah Moseley lived in the area and built a house called Rolleston Hall (1649). Some of the Bondurant lineage married into the Moseley family.

By the time Jean Pierre Bondurant arrived in 1700, there was a thriving city in Norfolk. The ship *Peter and Anthony* had to pass Norfolk going up the James River before arriving in the Richmond area. This water way was very important to the commerce of early America. It was a deep water river at that juncture with the Atlantic. Along the James River were Jamestown, Williamsburg, Newport News, Hampton and Richmond. Not only were there places to land and settle, the river provided food, transportation, export, import, and local trade opportunities.

Over the years the area grew extensively because of the port. By the middle of the 1700s, it was a city of 4,000. During the Revolutionary War as a defensive move the British burned down the town. Because the warehouses & town was so badly destroyed, Norfolk took time to recover.

By the mid-1800s, it became the location of the Norfolk/Western Railway & Norfolk Southern Railway. It was already a busy port area exporting tobacco, coal, and other crops from the central and southern areas of the country.

Norfolk was also an important area for slavery. The American Colonization Society was established there for many slaves who wanted to sail back to a colony in Liberia. Joseph Jenkins Roberts who was born in Norfolk actually became the first President of Liberia.

The late 1800s to early 1900s the port played a large part in the growth of Norfolk. The railway and Naval base grew into an important contributor to WWI and WWII.

Presently Norfolk Naval Base is the largest Naval Base in the world. The military has had an important presence in the area. There is the US Naval Base and Langley Air Force Base. It has also merged into a big metropolitan area with Virginia Beach/Newport News on the north side of the Elizabeth River and on the south, Portsmouth and Chesapeake.

The BFA Annual Meeting Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22, 2016

We hope you will join us this year October 21-22, 2016. Below in this newsletter is a list of all the opportunities of sightseeing in the area.

Our meeting will start with **Meet & Greet on Friday night, October 21 at 7:00pm** at the hotel. Please bring your genealogy, books, posters, photos etc. and we can display them in our meeting room. We can't wait to meet and re-meet all of you.

Saturday morning, October 22, 9:30 am, will be the start of the **BFA Annual Meeting** and David Bondurant has offered to speak on the importance of the Norfolk port to the United States. I have seen some of his photos and they are fascinating. If anyone else would like to present any

history on their ancestors, or places of settlement, have any questions, or even introduce themselves and tell stories, we always have time for that during our meetings. The Bondurant DNA project is always discussed.

We will also be voting on our next meeting place for the year 2017, which will be outside of Virginia. The afternoon will be saved for “on your own” touring for those who want to explore any places around the area. We will have a **Dinner as a group Saturday night, 6:30 pm**, at **Max and Erma’s** at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel at the Norfolk Airport.

Please join us for both days of this meeting – you do not need to be a paid member of the Bondurant Family Association to attend, but we wish you would join while you’re here! Dues are only \$20 per calendar year – your dues help to fund maintenance for the burial site of Jean Pierre Bondurant near Powhatan, research on other Bondurant families (of all variations of spelling) for the BFA genealogy database, and quarterly newsletters with current news as well as research findings.

Looking forward to see you there,

Marcelle

Driving Directions to the Hampton Inn & Suites, the host hotel for this year’s meeting:

- **From I-64W** - Take Exit 282. At exit ramp light take left onto Northampton Blvd. At first light, take right onto USAA Dr. Hotel is on the left.
- **From I-64E** - Take Exit 281B (S. Military Highway). Stay in left lane and turn left onto Elizabeth Ave. At next stop sign, make right onto USAA Drive. Hotel is on right.
- **From Norfolk International Airport** - exit via airport access road to main exit. Take left at first stop-light onto Azalea Garden Road. Take left onto Military Highway. Take left onto Elizabeth Avenue, then right onto USAA Drive. Hotel is on the right.

THINGS TO DO WHILE YOU’RE IN NORFOLK

Thanks to Mme. President Marcelle Hoffman, here is a list of activities and sites you may want to see while you’re in the Norfolk area. Or find others by searching online.

MILITARY:

- **Nauticus:** <http://nauticus.org/>
One Waterside Drive, Norfolk. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon-5 p.m. Tickets range from \$15.95-\$35.95 adults, children 4-12 \$11.50-\$31.50, includes tour of Battleship *Wisconsin*, exhibits, and 3-D movies. (See *Victory Rover* harbor tour packages below for even more discounts!) Wheelchair accessible throughout Nauticus building and main deck of *Wisconsin*. New exhibit *For All Those in Uniform Who Have Served* and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum also included in this admission.
- **Battleship USS Wisconsin:** <http://nauticus.org/battleship-wisconsin/>

The *Wisconsin* is one of the largest and last battleships ever built by the U.S. Navy. A self-guided tour is included in Nauticus admission (above). A guided tour of selected interior areas of the Battleship *Wisconsin* is available for an additional charge.

- **Norfolk Naval Station Bus Tour:** http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/installations/ns_norfolk/about/installation_guide/visitor_information.htm

The 45-minute tour is conducted by Naval personnel. Visitors will have an opportunity to see several different types of warships and one of the busiest airfields in the country. The tour also features historic homes from the 1907 Jamestown Exposition. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 3-11 and senior citizens over the age of 60. A photo ID is required. Tour busses are not handicapped accessible.



- **Langley Air Force Base - 100 Years of Langley (1916-2016):** <http://www.airpoweroverhamptonroads.com/#!langley-history/eq8i1>

Unfortunately we'll miss the big 100th anniversary Open House April 22-24 at Langley, but you may enjoy learning more about the earliest military base specifically built for air power.

- **The MacArthur Memorial:** <http://www.macarthurmemorial.org/>

198 Bank Street, MacArthur Square, Norfolk. Admission FREE. Open Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sunday 11:00 am-5:00pm. Includes 27-min. film *The MacArthur Story*.

The MacArthur Memorial is a museum and research center dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the life of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. The Memorial also pays tribute to the millions of men and women who served with General MacArthur in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War.

- **Hampton Roads Naval Museum:** <http://www.history.navy.mil/museums/hrnm/index.html>

On the 2nd floor of *Nauticus* on Waterside Drive, Norfolk, open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m., included in *Nauticus* admission fee.

From the 18th century Virginia State Navy to the 1862 Battle of Hampton Roads to the modern day ships at Naval Station Norfolk, the permanent gallery exhibits tell the courageous story of American sailors and ships in Hampton Roads.

- **Victory Rover Naval Base Cruises:** <http://www.navalbasecruises.com/schedule/>

The *Victory Rover* offers a regular schedule of two-hour narrated Naval Base Cruises from *Nauticus* in Downtown Norfolk, Virginia. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling 757-627-7406. Labor Day – October Cruises start at 11am and 2pm every day – Adults \$22 Children \$14. Combo Ticket includes cruise, admission to *Nauticus* and Battleship *USS Wisconsin* – Adults \$33 Children \$24



CULTURAL/HISTORICAL:

- **Norfolk Botanical Garden:** <http://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/>
6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, Virginia 23518-5337. Next to Norfolk International Airport. Open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm beginning October 16. Tickets \$20 general; Youth, Senior, Military \$10.00. Free guided tram tours depart from the Visitor Center on the hour 10am-4pm daily, Labor Day-Nov. 1st.

Norfolk Botanical Garden is nationally recognized for its deep-rooted history and celebrated for its blooms in every season. In 1938 a WPA grant paid 220 African-American workers to clear 30 acres of dense vegetation, sowing the seeds for what is now one of the largest collections of azaleas, camellias, roses and rhododendrons on the East Coast. The 175 acre garden is home to 52 distinctive themed gardens, 95 species of birds and 30 kinds of butterflies.

- **Chrysler Museum of Art & Glass Blowing exhibit:** <http://www.chrysler.org/>
One Memorial Place, Norfolk. Open 10:00 am-5:00 pm Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00 pm-5:00 pm Sunday. Admission FREE. A museum photo tour can help you plan what you want to see: <http://www.chrysler.org/planning-your-visit/museum-photo-tour/>. Free glassmaking demonstrations take place at noon Tuesday-Sunday.

- **Hermitage Museum & Gardens:** <http://www.thehermitagemuseum.org/>

7637 North Shore Road, Norfolk. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm; house tours at 11:00 am & 2:00 pm. Admission adults \$12, students, children 5-12 \$8, members, active duty, children under 5 free.

The house was built by William and Florence Sloane, wealthy New Yorkers who came to Hampton Roads in 1895 to operate textile mills. Named *Hermitage*, the house was constructed in 1908 as a five-room summer home but soon became the Sloanes' principal residence. Under Florence Sloane's active direction, the Arts and Crafts style house was reoriented and expanded to its final forty-two rooms by 1936.



The Sloanes had broad artistic interests and were educated collectors. They were instrumental in the founding of the Norfolk Museum of Arts and Sciences, now the Chrysler Museum. Florence Sloane also maintained friendships and corresponded with prominent artists, many of whom are represented in the Sloane Collection.

- **Moses Myers House:** <http://www.chrysler.org/about-the-museum/historic-houses/the-moses-myers-house/>
323 East Freemason Street, Norfolk. Open Saturday-Sunday Noon-5:00 pm. Free.

The stately Moses Myers House and its peerless collection create an exceptionally accurate picture of the late Federal period and the life of this prosperous Jewish family. Moses Myers, an early American entrepreneur and leading citizen, built the house to accommodate his growing family and social prominence. The home passed down through several generations of the family to Norfolk mayor Barton Myers, who carried out early architectural restoration in 1892.

It was one of the first brick homes built in Norfolk after the Revolutionary War, which saw most of the town leveled by British bombardment and subsequent fire. The home contains a

remarkable number of furnishings original to the family, including Gilbert Stuart's companion portraits of Moses Myers and his wife, Eliza, as well as works by Thomas Sully.

Extensive work on the home took place in 2004-2005 with the goal of returning the principal rooms of the first floor and the stair hall to their early 19th-century appearance. It is currently home to a special exhibition, *Adeline's Portal*, and two permanent exhibitions, one dedicated to Moses Myers, one to Barton Myers.

- **Hunter House Victorian Museum:** <http://www.hunterhousemuseum.org/>

240 West Freemason Street, Norfolk. Open Wednesday-Saturday 10:00 am-3:30 pm, Sunday 12:30 pm-3:30 pm. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$1 children. The house was built in 1894 as the family home for Mr. James Wilson Hunter and his wife Lizzie Ayer Barnes Hunter and their three children James Wilson, Jr., Harriett Cornelia and Eloise Dexter Hunter.

None of the three children married and lived their adult lives in their family home. With no heirs, Eloise, as the last surviving member of the family, created the Hunter Foundation. According to her will, she required the foundation to operate her "residence at 240 Freemason Street ... with the furniture, decorations, paintings and curios ... as a museum and example of American Victorian Architecture."

In 1988 the Hunter's family home opened to the public as the Hunter House Victorian Museum. The interior was refurbished with reproduction wall coverings, floor and drapery treatments and upholstery on the original furnishings. Lighting fixtures were refurbished as well with the inclusion of reproduction fixtures where needed. The original collection of furnishings and decorative arts has been complemented with the donation of several unique pieces.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES:



- **Virginia Zoo:** <http://virginiazoo.org/>
3500 Granby Street, Norfolk. Open daily 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, except major winter holidays. Tickets may be purchased online - \$14.95 adults, \$12.95 seniors (62+), \$11.95 children 2-11.
- **Ocean View Fishing Pier:**
<http://www.oceanviewfishingpier.com/virtual.php>
400 West Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk. Open Weather Permitting.
- **Victory Rover Naval Bases & Harbor Boat Tours:**
<http://www.navalbasecruises.com/>
(see details under Military above)

Downtown Norfolk: <http://www.downtownnorfolk.org/map>

All you need to know about downtown Norfolk is just a mouse click away. Explore attractions, parking, shopping, night life, road closures, and more.



OTHER PLACES TO SEE:

- Virginia Beach
- Newport News
- Chesapeake
- Jamestown
- Williamsburg
- Yorktown
- Suffolk

**HISTORIC MAPS (ONLINE):**

Panorama of Norfolk VA and Surroundings 1892 - take a few minutes to download this very detailed historic map of the Portsmouth- Norfolk area, including such sites as Fortress Monroe (a Civil War prison), the U.S. Navy Yard, Hampton Roads, Ocean View, and Virginia Beach. The right corner has sketches of the luxurious hotels like the Gladstone, the Chesapeake, and the New Atlantic where visitors could enjoy their beach vacations.

<http://www.bigmapblog.com/maps/top40us/XLVHysyaLODYwjoe.jpg>

Illustrated Map of Historic Norfolk Virginia, issued 1972 by the Virginia National Bank, has sketches of historic places in Norfolk, as well as descriptions of various areas in the city, around a circular map. <http://www.usgwarchives.net/maps/virginia/statemap/norfolk-historic.jpg>

HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS (ONLINE):

Sargeant Memorial Collection Photograph Collection, 1850s-2010s at the Norfolk Public Library contains thousands of photographic images of the Norfolk area and its inhabitants dating from the 1850s through the current era which have been digitized by this project and made available online.

<http://www.norfolkpubliclibrary.org/local-history-genealogy/special-collection-and-archives>

<http://www.norfolkpubliclibrary.org/local-history-genealogy/smc-collection/digital-collection-updated>

The **Hampton Roads Heritage Project** photos can be browsed here – click on the BROWSE ALL link in the bar next to HOME to scroll through all of the collections at your leisure. Or you may search for a particular term or word to limit your results. Have fun!

<http://cdm15987.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/>

Books About Our Bondurant Ancestors

THE BONDURANTS OF GÉNOLHAC, FRANCE

By Mary Bondurant Warren

Ancestry of our immigrant ancestor, Jean Pierre Bondurant

Family history and family trees are included, with photographs of sites and documents relating to the ancestors of Jean Pierre Bondurant. Maps and a driving tour of the family’s most important places let you be your own tour guide, and see the sights of France at your leisure.

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