

Coppage-Coppedge Family Newsletter

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Message from Your CCFA President 2025-2026

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Hello Cousins, it is our country's 250th birthday this month, and the 78th anniversary of the Coppage-Coppedge Family Association!

On July 4th, we can be thankful for our freedoms, the sacrifices of those who defended them, family and friends, and the blessings of living in a nation founded on independence. Sometimes we forget about how fortunate we are, which leads me to the next item.

Our Wonderful Country

Interviews with visitors from other countries attending the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) soccer games around our country are quite interesting. They are amazed at things they found in our country that we take for granted. They love our country's diverse scenic landscapes and natural beauty, large portion sizes of the restaurant meals, free ice water, free refills on sodas in the restaurants, Ranch "Sauce" (Dressing), Walmart, Costco, Sam's Club, low cost of items (even gas), and how friendly we Americans really are. If you have traveled to Africa, Asia, Europe, or South America, you can understand why this country is an amazing place for most of these visitors. We really are very fortunate to live here.

The CCFA Anniversary and Reunion

Looking back 78 years, the first CCFA reunion took place in 1948. It was a highly anticipated event by all. It was an opportunity to see relatives not seen in years, share family stories, make new friends, and also establish some business relationships.

The Banquet Dinner took place on September 1, 1948, at the Tides Inn in Irvington, Virginia. During the dinner, there were five presentations by CCFA members. The detailed notes on those presentations covered nine pages. The photos in the archive do not



show a group picture at the banquet dinner, but there were probably at least 80-100 folks there. Those were the good old days!

Our upcoming reunion is from July 31 through August 2, 2026, at Graves Mountain Farm and Lodge in Syria, Virginia. If you have not done so already, please make your reservations now.

www.gravesmountain.com

You can make your room reservation by calling Graves Mountain at 540-923-4231.

Reunion Schedule of Events

Friday, July 31st - Social Gathering begins at 6 PM

Friday, Business meeting at 7 PM

Saturday, August 1st – Banquet Dinner at 6 PM

Things To Do Around the Area

Wineries: DuCard Vineyard 3 miles, Blue Quartz 7 miles, Revalation 8 miles, Prince Michel 15 miles, Early Mountain 14 miles

Orchards: Graves Mountain Farm, Jenkins Fruit stand, 15 miles, F.T. Valley Farm at Mont Medi, 15 miles.

Hiking: White Oak Canyon Falls, Dark Hallow Falls, Rose River Falls, Stony Man Mountain Summit Lookout, Rose River Fire Road and many more around the property.

Other Sites: Shenandoah National Park, 25 miles, Town of Little Washington, VA, 20 miles, Yoder's Country Market, 12 miles, The Ole Country store and bakery, 20 miles, Plow and Hearth, 15 miles

Unique Shops: East Davis Street in Culpeper, VA. This area was transformed from a 19th-century commerce railway hub into a thriving, brick-lined business district 25 miles.

Saturday Banquet Dinner

Once again, this year the CCFA is covering the cost of the reunion dinner for all dues-paying members in

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good standing. **Please read the following carefully.** I need your help to ensure we plan for the correct number of rooms and attendees at the banquet dinner.

If you are a current dues-paying member (through at least 2024, 2025 membership dues are due now, form included) and plan to attend the reunion, please email me the number of attendees for the dinner by July 1st. If you plan to bring your children (under 19), please include them in your family total. Children 19 or older must have their own membership or pay for dinner.

Those who book a room, please email me.

Many CCFA members live in the local area of Syria and do not plan to stay overnight at the lodge. Please email me if you plan to attend, along with the number of attendees for dinner.

If you are not current on your dues and would like to attend the dinner, please pay now; it's more cost-effective than paying for the dinner separately. Use the form included with this newsletter.

If you would like to bring a non-member, the per-person meal cost is \$40. Send me an email noting this ASAP, make your check payable to the Coppage-Coppedge Association, Inc., attach a note as to who it is for, and mail it to:

Chris Coppage:
1903 Bowen Way
Forest Hill, MD 21050

Please help me with this. Please provide an accurate count. We can't accommodate unexpected guests at the banquet dinner, as there won't be enough food for everyone.

My email is: donnaafreeman@gmail.com

I hope you are all looking forward to our next reunion. It's a great time to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and share stories and experiences. **See you there!**

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Coppage-Coppedge Revolutionary War Veterans

The American Revolutionary War lasted from April 19, 1775 – September 3, 1783). The Declaration of Independence, adopted on July 4, 1776, formally announced the American colonies' separation from Great Britain and asserted the right to self-governance. In 1783, in the Treaty of Paris, the British monarchy acknowledged the independence of the Thirteen Colonies, leading to the establishment of the United States as an independent and sovereign nation. During this eight-year war, Coppages and Coppedges fought to establish independence from the British.

Below is a list of Coppage-Coppedge veterans. It is not fully inclusive, just what we have found so far.

- Charles Coppage North Carolina
- Charles Coppage, Virginia
- Edward Coppage, Maryland
- George Coppage, Virginia
- James Coppage, North Carolina
- Jesse Coppage, North Carolina
- Jno Coppage, Virginia
- John Coppage Delaware
- John Coppage, Virginia
- Moses Coppage, North Carolina
- Philemon Coppage, Maryland
- William Coppage, North Carolina
- Augustine Coppedge, Virginia
- John Coppedge
- Thomas Coppedge, Virginia



Please send comments, recommend topics, or submit stories for the newsletter to Mike Oaks at:

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We will share it with our cousins.

Remember to check the CCFA website to find the current newsletter, various forms and updates:

ccfa.website