



*Honorary Chairman John O. Marsh, Jr.*

*and the*

*James Monroe Memorial Foundation*

*Cordially requests the pleasure of your company*

*at Ceremonies honoring*

*the*

*250th Birthday*

*of Fifth President James Monroe*

*at*

*The James Monroe Birthplace,*

*Westmoreland County*

*10:30am on Saturday, April 26th, 2008*

*and at*

*The Monroe Monument*

*Hollywood Cemetery,*

*Richmond*

*11:00am on Monday, April 28th, 2008*

*and the*

*Retreat Ceremony*

*at Fort Monroe,*

*Hampton*

*4:00pm on Monday, April 28th, 2008*

**The James Monroe Memorial Foundation  
Commemorates the 250th Birthday of Fifth President James Monroe  
with Ceremonies in Westmoreland County, Richmond, & Fort Monroe**

*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, President Madison's Cabinet, and culminate in the Presidency. President Monroe's administration established the nation's first homeland defenses, echoed Jeffersonian support for independence, and ultimately achieved an America strengthened by an "era of good feeling" and full emancipation from European influence.*

*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 and a State and National Historic Landmark located near Colonial Beach.*

*Public ceremonies commemorating his birth will be held at the birthplace at 10:30am on Saturday, April 26th, 2008. The dedication of The James Monroe Birthplace Visitor Center will take place at 11am. Former Army Secretary John O. Marsh, Jr., Honorary Chairman of the Monroe Foundation's Commemoration Ceremonies will officiate. At 11am, on Monday, April 28th at the Monroe Monument at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, the Presidential Wreath laying Ceremony will be hosted by Fort Lee. Later that day, at 4pm, a Retreat Ceremony will be held at Fort Monroe located in Hampton. The public is invited to these events.*

*Since 1927, the James Monroe Memorial Foundation has been the founder, donor and supporter of the James Monroe Law Office Museum and Library 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. This year, the Monroe Foundation will open an exhibit at the James Madison Museum in Orange honoring the "Founding Friendships of Madison and Monroe in the Young Democratic Republic," and continue its work with Westmoreland County at the Birthplace. Further information about this is available at our website: [www.MonroeFoundation.org](http://www.MonroeFoundation.org) or by writing to G. William Thomas, Jr., President, at 113 North Foushee Street, Richmond, Virginia 23224, (804) 231.1827. The Foundation was incorporated in 1947, and is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit public organization. All donations are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowable by law.*