

THE SLHS NEWSLETTER

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THREE EXTRAORDINARY POWHATAN VETERANS

A reception honoring and remembering "Three Extraordinary Powhatan Veterans" was held on Saturday, October 15th, in St. Luke's Parish Hall, sponsored by the St. Luke's Historical Society. Paul Mitchell of Midlothian gave a talk on Maj. Gen. Henry Jervey, the great-great-grandfather of his children PJ and Bonnie Mitchell. Dr. Mary Ashby McDonald of Catawba gave a talk on her great-grandfather Brig. Gen. James Postell "Jinks" Jervey, and Pete Ashby of Gwynn gave a talk on the Ashbys' grandfather Col. Alexander Shepherd "Alec" Quintard.



(Left to right: Presenters Paul Mitchell, Pete Ashby and Dr. Mary Ashby McDonald)

Gen. Henry Jervey graduated academically first in his 1888 class at West Point and set a precedent for a strong connection between West Point and the men of the greater Jervey family. Shortly after World War I ended, Gen. Jervey took on the role as the

United States Army's Assistant Chief of Staff/Director of Operations during WWI and was recognized by four European countries in gratitude for the role he played.



Display of medals earned by Col. A Quintard (left) and Brig. Gen. James Jervey (right)

Brig. Gen. James Jervey served in the Army Corps of Engineers during WWI. He was the Resident Engineer of the

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Featured person of interest

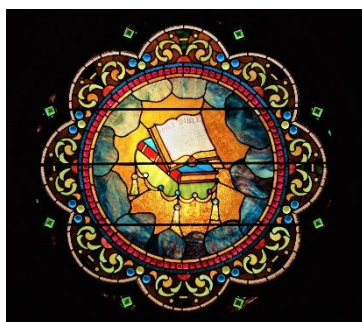
CARLA RENÉE HUNT

1967 - 2022

The Committal, in St. Luke's Cemetery, for Carla Renée Hunt (née Calaguas), 55, took place on 29 May 2022. She died on 13 May 2022 with her husband, David, by her side, after a 7-month battle with metastatic cancer. How does one put into words the realities of a life well lived? Carla strongly believed in her family, her career, her faith, and her community and was passionately active in each of them.

Carla was graduated from Perry Hall High School and went on to earn her BSc in

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Our Mission Statement

To research, discover, promote, and share the significance of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and its Cemetery within the broader community.

CARLA RENÉE HUNT

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in Marketing from Towson University and her CFP® and ChFC® from The American College of Financial Services. She spent the majority of her career in Banking and Financial Services, working the last 15 years with Envestnet/MoneyGuide as a Financial Planning Technology Trainer.

Carla was selfless and gave her time generously to many agencies. She volunteered as a mentor for CFP (Certified Financial Planners), where she helped candidates prepare for exams and shared insights, strategies, and moral support. She was also a board member and volunteer for Backpacks of Love which aims to eliminate hunger in school-age children in Central Virginia. Carla served and volunteered alongside high-school students with Junior Achievement USA where she helped them understand financial planning concepts, budgeting for college, and how to live independently after completing their education.

Carla was very grounded in her faith. She loved St. Luke's Episcopal Church and was very active in serving as a Sunday School Teacher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and active congregant. Carla worked with elementary through high school-aged children, planning curriculum and educational retreats and working specifically with kids in the "Journey to Adulthood" program. At St. Luke's, she focused on teaching children the value of community and caring for one another.



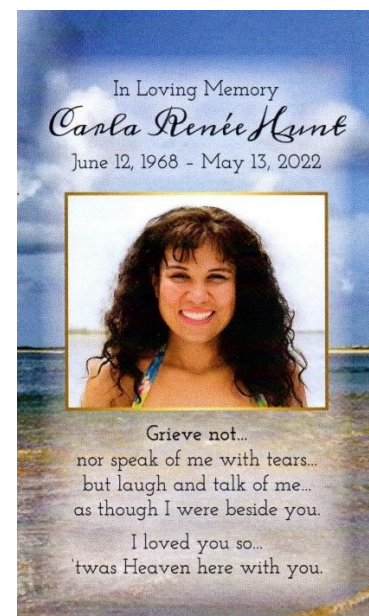
Carla was also a military wife and served as the FRG Co-Leader (Family Readiness Group) of the Army National Guard while her husband was deployed and serving our nation. She acted as the primary point of contact for the commander and was essential in communicating between the Army National Guard and other deployed soldiers' families.

One of Carla's other joys was the beauty and vastness of our oceans and beaches. From Ocean City, MD, to Emerald Isle, the Cayman Islands, and Misibis Beach in the Philippines, she marveled in the magnificence of it all. Carla was a PADI certified scuba diver, loved snorkeling with her daughter Destiny and would shell for hours in timeless bliss. She loved watching the sunrises and sunsets over the water with David and Destiny, together with their toes in the sand.

Carla was also incredibly creative and artistic. Over the years she painted, worked with stained glass, clay, and even knitted. Her passion for art was obvious in her drawings, sketches, and jewelry making.

Many weekdays one could find her and Destiny getting their nails done, having coffee, and chatting about their lives. During the weekends, she and David would explore wherever the wandering road took them. It was all about enjoying their time and life together. Most importantly, Carla was a loving and selfless wife and mother to her family, a thoughtful person, with a gifted sense of humor, always ready to laugh.

Carla's life was a life well lived.



ST. LUKE'S WELCOMES DALE CUSTER, OUR NEW RECTOR



(Left to right: Linda Richter, Bishop Susan Haynes and Dale Custer)

The weather was ideal, the celebration was even better. On a beautiful sunlit morning, Saturday, October 22, Dale Custer was officially installed as Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Powhatan, Virginia. Bishop Susan Haynes officiated at the service in Celebration of a New Ministry. A full ten member choir was in fine voice and parishioners served as Presenters of the Signs of Ministry during the Institution and The Induction. St. Luke's itself was adorned with decorated windows and multi-colored flowers on the altar. The Church was filled with visiting clergy, choir and parishioners, all gathered together full of welcoming joy and with thankful hearts. The service, full of litany and liturgy was anchored and grounded when our new Rector knelt and accepted the Calling of his Ministry before all.

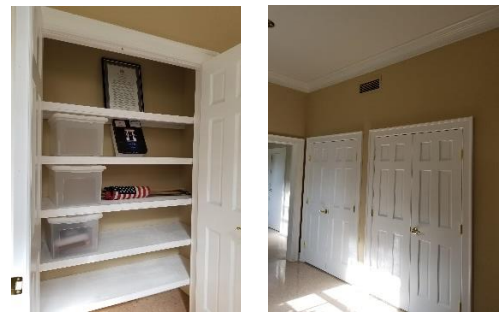
And then this memorable and meaningful service was followed by a wonderful reception in the Parish House. Food and fellowship of the highest order were served up in abundance. The room was beautifully appointed and a real feast enjoyed by all. The whole day seemed to flow effortlessly, a true sign that a great deal of preparation was involved. All that work truly paid off as this was a day in the history of St. Luke's that will be remembered and savored for years to come.

NEW STORAGE SPACE FOR SLHS COLLECTIONS

Over the years, the Historical Society has amassed a large collection of information, and we continue to receive documents, photographs, and stories about the church and those interred in the cemetery.

We are pleased to announce that we now have a dedicated location for secure storage of our collection. The former coat closet in the lower Parish House foyer has been enclosed and shelves and panel doors have been installed.

We are grateful to all who contributed to this project, and especially to Mr. Kent Williamson, a communicant of St. Luke's, for donating the carpentry.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SLHS MEMBER?

To become a member of SLHS, please make a check payable to *St. Luke's Historical Society* with "Membership" on the memo line and mail it to the church (SLHS, 2245 Huguenot Trail, Powhatan, VA 23139). A life membership is \$100.

All members are invited to attend our monthly meetings typically held the second Thursday of every month at 10AM in the Parish House.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

VETERANS DAY SERVICE

NOVEMBER 13th at 3PM



A Veterans Day service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 3pm. Please join us to honor all American veterans, living and deceased, who served this country honorably during wartime and peacetime. We will pray for our veterans, sing beloved hymns, read from the Bible and enjoy music played on the harp by our organist Betsy Brandt.

St. Luke's cemetery has over forty service men and women interred, who served. During the service, we will honor each by reciting their names.

If you have family members who served in the military and would like their name to be mentioned, please contact the Church Office (804-794-6953 or via email secretary@stlukespowhatan.org) by Thursday, November 10th and give their name.

CHRISTMAS WREATH FUND RAISER



Last year, many of our SLHS members and others purchased Christmas wreaths to be placed on the gravesites of loved ones buried in our little churchyard.

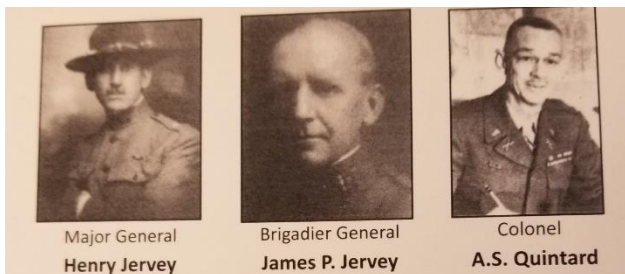
The Society Leadership Committee is offering to provide this service again this year. Sixty wreaths have been ordered to be delivered to St. Luke's during the first week of December. Last year we ordered 50 and sold out to the disappointment of some who did not get their orders in on time.

If you would like to order 21" wreaths made from fresh evergreens with large red bows to be placed on wreath stands, please complete the enclosed form and mail it to SLHS, 2245 Huguenot Trail, Powhatan, VA 23139 along with a check payable to **St. Luke's Historical Society** noting "**Wreath(s)**" on the memo line. The price for each wreath is \$50.00.

Please send your request as soon as possible as we could perhaps order more wreaths if needed. No orders can be accepted after November 25th. Thank you. We hope to hear from you soon.

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Panama Canal's Gatun Locks, then the largest engineering project in world history. Later he had a long career as chair of the mathematics department at The University of the South, eventually retiring to his home, John Tree Hill, in 1945.



Col. Alexander Quintard, a son-in-law of Jinks, built Medway beginning in the late 1940s as the retirement home for him and his wife Jean Jervey Quintard after he retired from the Army in 1953. Col. Quintard was a POW for 3.5 years, surviving the Bataan Death March. During his retirement years, Col.

Quintard founded BSA Troop 869 in 1957, sponsored by St. Luke's, and served as its beloved Scoutmaster for 13 years. He, his close friend Gen. "Chux" Collins, and another Jervey, Darrell, built the original St. Luke's Parish House. Col. Quintard was senior warden and Sunday school superintendent.
