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## A Welcome for Eliza Oatlands Historic House & Gardens

Loudoun County, Virginia

June 13, 2025

2:00 PM

*Celebrating the return of the  
remains of Eliza Kortright  
Monroe Hay from France to  
the United States of America*

# A WELCOME FOR ELIZA

An Event of the Bringing Eliza Home Project



## ***Program***

### **Welcome**

*Lori Kimball, Oatlands*

### **Presentation of The Colors**

*Combined Color Guard  
VA Society, Sons of the American Revolution*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Posting of the Colors**

### **Opening Remarks**

*Lori Kimball, Oatlands*

### **Speakers**

*State Senator Bryce Reeves  
Virginia Senate District 28*

*Michael Kamtman  
Direct Descendent of Eliza Monroe Hay*

*James "Jay" Harrison, III  
Community Program Asst.  
Smithsonian Institution  
James Monroe Historical Interpreter*

*Beau Robbins  
James Monroe Historical Interpreter*

### **Closing Remarks**

*Lori Kimball, Oatlands*

### **The Colors are Retired in Place**

### **Dismissal**

*Lori Kimball, Oatlands*

## **Pallbearers**

**Michael Kamtman**  
Direct Descendent of  
Eliza Monroe Hay

**Chris Snyder**  
Senior Advisor to  
State Sen. Bryce Reeves

**Nancy Ocasio**  
Business and Operations Mgr.  
James Monroe's Highland

**Jeff Goonan**  
Supporter and Consultant to the  
Bringing Eliza Home Project

## **The Bringing Eliza Home Project**

*Members of the Committee*

**Barbara VornDick, Chair**

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**Maureen Goonan**  
Financial Manager

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Community and Public Relations



## **THE BRINGING ELIZA HOME PROJECT IS GRATEFUL TO**

*Anubis International Assistance* for its excellent service, pro bono, in transporting the remains of Eliza. Their thorough management of all aspects of this international repatriation helped realize this goal.

*Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc.* for its service in allowing The Eliza Project to accept donations under its non-profit status. They provide a home for our website and a careful accounting of all donations.

*Found & Sons Funeral Chapels and Cremation Service*, particularly Julie Found, for flawless service in receiving the remains, completing all forms and documents, as well as transporting and storing the remains from arrival in Dulles to interment in Richmond.

## **ABOUT THE BRINGING ELIZA HOME PROJECT**

Several years ago, Barbara VornDick, a guide at James Monroe's Highland, developed an intellectual curiosity about why so little information could be found about Eliza Monroe Hay, Monroe's eldest daughter. Her research revealed that Eliza's true story lay dormant in undiscovered original sources, and that the scurrilous information widely cited was erroneous. Her research led to a passion to repatriate Eliza's remains to the United States. Her efforts have been rewarded by the return of Eliza's remains from Paris.