

**Certificates of Appreciation:** Jim Bayne, Lon Lacey and Mike Lyman, and spouses Beverly Alexander & Dotty Lay Also, It was noted that Beverly Alexander and Dotty Lay were recognized for their Hospitality at the Annual Meeting.

### INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

The Chapter's newest member, Timothy Charles Thoman was introduced and sworn-in by Larry Alexander. He was then presented a Membership Certificate and SAR Rosette by the Chapter President, Paul Bess.



Paul Bess, Tim Thoman, Larry Alexander

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Grave Registration – Chapter,** Francis Lay asked that we remember the Gaar Grave site marking on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. (Two patriots grave sites) and try to be there.

**Grave Registration – State,** Mike Lyman reported that VASSAR this year will reimburse Chapters for one grave marker, that is, for the total cost, not just \$100.00 as in the past.

**JROTC Chairman –** Don Jennings reported that on March 15, 2008 a letter was mailed to the three High School Military JROTC Advisors in the High School's that we sponsor (Bealton, Culpeper and Orange). The letter stated that CMM Chapter, SAR would be pleased to participate in their awards programs if they were interested in having us do so. They were asked to advise us of the name of the person selected and the date and time of the presentation and that we would have someone there to present them with a certificate and an award.

**Boy Scout Chairman –** It was reported that the Madison County Boy Scouts will be involved in the GAAR Family gravesite Marking Ceremony on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

**Veterans Affairs/Programs Chairman –** Gar Shulin said to bring any sundry items to the May meeting that you would like. However, it was reported that they particular like to get small afghan throws, stamps, underwear, socks, telephone call cards, etc. Also, Gar said a program for our May meeting is in the works.

**Muster Call Issues –** Francis Lay mentioned that if you have a computer you can get the Muster Call online. In doing so, it helps the Chapter save money and allows you to get the Muster Call much faster.

### GUEST SPEAKER

**Senor Al Garcia,** a U.S. Air Force Veteran and Spanish Teacher gave a most interesting presentation on “The Role of the Spanish in the American Revolutionary War.” Senor Garcia said in support of the Revolutionary War that Spain provided (1) Money (loaned and given), (2) War Supplies, and (3) Military Advisors. Also, he said that one of the most important figures to assist the Colonies' in their struggle for independence was Bernardo de Galvez (after which Galveston, Texas is named). He helped the cause through diplomatic, financial and military exploits against the British in the Mississippi River Valley, the Gulf Coast, including Florida, Louisiana and in the Gulf of Mexico. From the time when he became governor of Louisiana, and until the Revolutionary War ended, Galvez's diplomatic knowledge and military skill greatly contributed to the eventual defeat of the British and aided in our independence. The Chapter presented Senor Garcia a Certificate of Appreciation.