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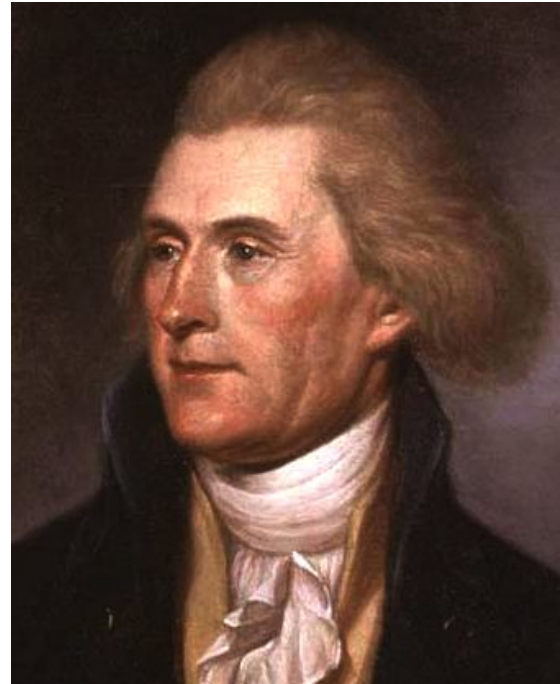
Counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange & Rappahannock

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Compatriots,  
Our Chapter enjoyed a successful March "forwarding the Colors" across a range of activities and events. A special "Thank you" to all of our compatriots and their wives who participated, and to all of our Committee chairmen who continue to labor diligently to advance the mission of our Chapter, State and National Society. I salute all of you.

On 13 March, wife Kathryn and I attended the 229<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Guilford Courthouse Commemoration filled with moving and solemn ceremony at the statue of General Nathanael Greene on the grounds of our nation's first National Military Park. It was our Patriot survivors of Guilford Courthouse, after exacting heavy casualties on the British in 1781, which went on to victory later that year at Yorktown, securing our independence. Distinguished guest and U.S. Congressman Howard Coble, a S.A.R. Compatriot and native of Greensboro, North Carolina- who earned a B.A. in history at Guilford College in 1958- gave heartfelt remarks in which he expressed his life-long reverence for the sacred ground and his return year after year. "Our nation must never forget what happened here," Coble observed to a large gathering of Compatriots and the public.

On 16 March, Compatriots Jerry Hubbard, Len Cowherd and Francis Lay represented the Chapter at the President James Madison Birthday observance. On 20 March, our Chapter Membership Meeting in Culpeper was highlighted by S.A.R. Induction of Mr. Daniel Harmon Lay; awarding of the Bronze Medal of Appreciation to Mrs. Dotty Lay, widow of J. Dominic Lay and NSDAR Regent of the Fauquier Court House Chapter;  
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*"A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned - this is the sum of good government."*  
THOMAS JEFFERSON



### **24TH ANNUAL MEETING AT GRAVES MOUNTAIN LODGE**

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1130 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge, Rt 670, Syria, Virginia 22743 will feature Virginia Society SAR President Robert L Bowen, who will present a fascinating presentation on the Wallace family and their contributions to the fight for freedom. Dr. Michael Wallace was the patriarch. He and his wife had nine children, seven boys and two girls and lived on the family estate, Eilerslie located in what was then King George, now Stafford County. One son and one daughter died at an early age. All six of the surviving sons fought in the Revolutionary War.