

President Francis Lay addressed our “**Incoming Agenda**” items:

- 1) The upcoming Multi-Chapter meeting at Graves Mountain Lodge on April 18, 2009.
- 2) Bob Bowen discussed the upcoming Mid-Atlantic SAR meeting in Rochester, N.Y. on August 6-8, 2009.
- 3) Sat. & Sun. April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>—Remembrance Days, Culpeper Museum (see Calendar of Events)
- 4) Pres. Lay discussed new flagpoles be purchased in memory of Dominic Lay. A motion was made to purchase poles at an approximate cost of \$250. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by voice vote. It was suggested by Jim Bayne that the chapter look at [www.carrotop.com](http://www.carrotop.com) as a possible place to purchase the poles.
- 5) A new meeting site was discussed. Gar Schulin and Larry Alexander researched new venues and determined that the Culpeper Country club was the most favorable option. We would be committed to a minimum attendance of twenty people at \$18 a plate all inclusive with a 5 day prior notice. A decision was tabled, with a later e-mail vote on the move to be determined.
- 6) Bob Bowen discussed a Trustee’s Committee decision to raise the fee for new SAR membership from \$60 to \$120. If approved at the next Congress it would become effective Jan. 2010.
- 7) John Sinks made a motion that we request that VASSAR continue the Scrapbook Program. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **Officer’s Reports**

**1st Vice President:** Gar Schulin-No Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Lance Lyngar-Nothing to Report

**Secretary:** Tim Thoman-Nothing to Report. John Sinks made a motion to approve the minutes of the Chapter’s last meeting as electronically printed in the Muster Call. It was seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer:** Lance Lyngar-No Report

**Registrar:** Paul Bess—announced the upcoming registration of two new members with a third being worked on.

**Historian:** John Sinks announced that he will be giving a talk on The Culpeper Minute Men Battalion at the Bealeton Library at 3:00 today.

**Website Manager:** Len Cowherd-No Report

**Muster Call:** Jerry Hubbard expressed the need for member article contributions .

### **Committee Reports**

***Chapter Grave Registration:*** No report.

***State Grave Registration:*** Mike Lyman announced that we were way behind on new registrations. He discussed upcoming wreath laying for James Monroe on April 24<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> in Richmond and Colonial Beach.

**JROTC Chairman:** No report.

**Boy Scouts Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Veterans Affairs/Programs Chairman:** No report.

### **Speaker**

VASSAR President-Elect and Culpeper Minute Men Chapter member Bob Bowen spoke on the Continental Marines, founded by a resolution made in 1775 that two Marine Battalions be raised to serve during the ongoing war with England. The Marines wore green coats with white or red facings, a round hat with a turned up brim and were issued 70 caliber rifles. Two hundred and thirty were enlisted within two months to serve on 5 of 8 ships of the Continental Army. In March Of 1776, under Major Nicholas, they conducted the first ever amphibious landing when they captured Ft. Montague in the Bahamas. The Marine companies served in various missions and campaigns during the war, including the support of