

Guard was awarded the Best 250th Theme Parade Trophy. And was pictured in the local Culpeper newspaper

2. VASSAR President Elect Bob Bowen talked about the 119th Annual Congress held in Atlanta GA.

Culpeper Minute Men Chapter was recognized for their participation in a Partners in Patriotism Program.

Liberty Medals Oak leaf clusters were awarded to OLC's Jim Bayne, and John Sinks. All awards will be presented at the Semi-Annual in September.

It was also pointed out that the current President General, Secretary General and Treasurer General are dual members of our Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance Lyngar, 2nd Vice President

CONGRATS - The MINUTEMEN AWARD is the most prestigious award of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The beautiful medal is sterling silver. It depicts a MINUTEMAN holding a rifle with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background. **Congratulations to CMM's own ROBERT L. BOWEN who was awarded the Minutemen Medal at the 119th Annual SAR Congress.**

David N. Appleby is the immediate Past SAR President General
"From the Desk of SAR President General David N. Appleby

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Compatriots,

There is some concern, which I share, regarding upcoming Independence Day events, as well as other events where our Color Guards are participating in the future. This concern centers around participants in the now popular "Tea Parties." Apparently, the media has shown participants in these Tea Parties wearing Continental uniforms. Of course, it is not within the authority of the NSSAR to prohibit our membership from participating in these events--in fact, one could argue the right to participate in peaceful demonstrations is what we are about. But, the concern is that such events could receive adverse attention from some of the media, which could be adverse attention for us--we have no control in these events, and organizers could have agendas not consistent with our collective values. And, also remember that our members have different personal political views, and some may strongly disagree with the Tea Party concept.

So, I ask that if you choose to participate in a Tea Party as an individual, that you not wear the uniform of our Color Guard. And, implicitly, of course, I ask that our Chapter, State, and District Color Guards not participate in these events as an SAR entity. And, at our own or community Independence Day events, which I encourage you to participate in, please be careful that the media clearly understands what we are doing and why. Thanks for your help in self-policing event participation by clearly delineating between personal participation and "official" SAR participation. A good rule is: If you have to pause and think, "*is this event okay for the SAR to participate in?*", then it probably isn't.

Yours in Patriotic Service,
Dave Appleby, PG"

The following was received from President General Ed Butler. QUOTE I agree with PG Appleby, that the SAR should not take a position on political issues. I have no problem with