

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grave Registration – Chapter, Francis Lay reported no change in Chapter grave registrations.

Grave Registration – State, Mike Lyman reported that grave registrations at the State level have increased and the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter is doing well.

Muster Call Editor – Paul Bess reported nothing new at this time.

Orations – Gar Schulin said need to focus on upcoming oration contest and requested \$35.00 fee to reserve the John Baton Building in Old Town Warrenton, VA for Saturday, January 26, 2008. The fee was seconded and approved.

Veterans Affairs – Gar Schulin thanked the members of the Culpeper Chapter for their generous donation of items to the Hunter-Homes McGuire Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia on November 6, 2007 for use of Veteran patients. The total value of the items donated exceeded \$600.00.

Web Site Manager - Leonard Cowherd reported that if you receive an email regarding sending Christmas Cards to wounded American Soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center you should not respond. The U.S. Post Office will return any Christmas Cards address in this manner because Walter Reed will not accept them due to the danger of biomedical stuff being in unknown envelopes, i.e., anthrax. Leonard suggested that the email not be forwarded nor responded to.

OLD BUSINESS

Tri-Chapter (SAR/DAR) Christmas Banquet. Reminder that it will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the Hazel River Inn located at 195 E. Davis Street, Culpeper, VA. Social hour: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chapter voted to donate \$100 to the Fauquier County Public Library.

VOTING FOR 2008 CMM OFFICERS

The members voted on the Officers for 2008 as follows:

President – J. Paul Bess, Jr.

1st Vice President – Francis Lay

2nd Vice President – Gar Schulin

Secretary – Open

Treasurer – Lance Lyngar

Registrar – Andrew Gutowski

Chaplain – Jerry Hubbard

Historian – John Sinks

Each of the Officers nominated for 2008 were unanimously elected by the members present. The President congratulated each of them on their election and recommended that they work with the current Officers to solidify the offices and committees for the upcoming Installation in January, 2008.

CHAPTER ANNUAL AWARDS

President Dominic Lay was assisted in presenting the Chapter Annual Awards by NSSAR/President General Bruce Wilcox, Larry Alexander and Paul Bess.

The Annual Awards presented were as follows:

CMM Gold Medal – NSSAR/PG Bruce A. Wilcox

CMM Student of the Year – Steven James Griffin

Martha Washington Medal – Connie Anthony

Daughters of Liberty Medal – Monica Janette Bess

Meritorious Service Medal – Lon Lacey, Jr.

Bronze Color Guard Medal – Dominic Lay, Francis Lay, Lon Lacey, Jr., Larry Alexander and Paul Bess.

Certificates of Appreciation – Paul Bess, Jr., Gar Schulin, Monica Bess, Larry Alexander, Lance Lyngar, Andrew Gutowski, Francis Lay, Len Cowherd and Mike Lyman

FEATURED SPEAKER

Alonso “Lon” Lacey, Jr. member, Culpeper Minute Men Chapter gave an excellent ancestral speech about his 5th Greatgrandfather, Elijah Lacey who served in the American Revolutionary War (he was called up for service on four different occasions). He was from Goochland County, Virginia and during part of his Revolutionary War Service he was assignment guard duty of the German Hessian POW Soldiers in Charlottesville, Albemarle County. Also, Lon said that it should be noted for the record that on Veterans Day Compatriot Mike Lyman gave an excellent talk on “The Encounters with the British in Virginia during the War of 1812.” The talk was given at the Henderson Methodist Church in Northumberland County, Virginia.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

President, Dominic Lay thanked everyone for coming out and reminded everyone about the upcoming Installation of Officers in January and the Annual Meeting of VASSAR in February, 2008 in Richmond, VA. Said he thought that we had a very nice meeting and looked forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Banquet. The 50/50 Raffle drawing was won by Andrew Gutowski and donated to the Chapter. The Color Guard led by Francis Lay retired the colors, Leonard Cowherd led us in the SAR Recessional and Chaplain, Larry Alexander gave the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Jennings, Acting Secretary

