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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots,

December greetings to all near and far, and a special thank you to all of our members and their wives who participated in our memorable November events to advance the mission of our Chapter, and that of our State and National Societies.

On Saturday, 6 November 2010, the Chapter conducted a grave marking ceremony and heartfelt tribute for two Revolutionary War Patriots and one War of 1812 Veteran at the beautiful Fauquier County farm near Warrenton owned by the von Elten family relatives of William Withers, a Revolutionary Patriot who served in the Fauquier County Militia; and George Nelson, War of 1812 Veteran. The joint ceremony with the War of 1812 Society in the Commonwealth of Virginia took place on a beautiful, chilly Fall afternoon on the grounds adjacent to the historic home built by 1812 Veteran George Nelson, still in use by his relatives today. In addition to the men from each organization, our guests included a contingent of spouses from the Fauquier Court House Chapter NSDAR; Mr. Larry Payne and Mrs. Lorene Payne of the Southern Fauquier Historical Society; Mr. James Flanagan of the Liberty Heritage Society; and family descendents Mrs. Sandra von Elten, her husband Steven von Elton, her son Alexander S. von Elten, and Langhorne Putney Withers. We wish to extend our special thanks to our von Elten family hosts for their warm hospitality, snacks, hot cider and coffee provided; and to Compatriots Mike Lyman and Francis Lay for their outstanding assistance and coordination to make this remembrance event possible, along with the active participation of our other Chapter members resent. My dear father, Bernard Schulin, a World War II Veteran of the 106th U.S. Army Signal Corps, played "Taps" on his harmonica which added extra meaning to the occasion. *(Continued on page 9)*



Portrait of Governor Thomas Nelson by Ole Erekson, Engraver, (1876)



"We are carrying" on a war and no war; they seize our property on land and sea, and we hesitate to retaliate because we have a few friends in England. Away with such squeamishness, say I! One of our reverend fathers in God refused to ordain a young gentleman who went from this country because he was a 'rebellious American,' so that unless we submit to parliamentary oppression we shall not have the gospel of Christ preached among us. But let every man worship under his own vine and fig-tree." - GOVERNOR THOMAS NELSON