

GUEST SPEAKER



VASSAR President Jim Bayne speaks of "Freedom".

Jim Bayne was also our Guest Speaker. His topic was "Freedom". "What was it that brought these (Rev. War) gentlemen together in Philadelphia. Freedom from the dominance of a tyrannical king and parliament across the seas! He stated that we were "**Americans**" not hyphenated Americans! A quote from Col. Theodore Roosevelt spoken more than 100 years ago.

INDUCTION OF THE 2007-08 CULPEPER MINUTE MEN CHAPTER, SAR Officers:

Jim Bayne, VASSAR President conducted the Induction Ceremony. Inducted were James Dominic Lay, President, Jack Paul Bess, Jr., 1st Vice President, Charles Francis Lay, 2nd Vice President, John W. Winn, Secretary, Lance Lyngar, Treasurer, Andrew W. Gutowski, Registrar, Myron "Mike" Lyman, Historian and Larry Ray Alexander, Chaplain.



Paul Bess, Francis Lay, John Winn, Lance Lyngar, Andrew Gutowski, Mike Lyman and Larry Alexander are sworn into office.

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY, CULPEPER MINUTE MEN CHAPTER COLOR GUARD

Col. Andrew Johnson, Chairman, VASSAR Color Guard Committee and winner of the **2006 NSSAR Color Medal** was the official presider at the Changing of the Color Guard Commander. Andy took the symbol of Command Francis' 1955 VPI saber, from Dominic Lay, retiring commander and presented it to Francis Lay, followed by a snappy salute, and thus installed Francis as the new Chapter Color Guard Commander. (A first such ceremony in the state we think.) In formation were color guard members Lon Lacey, Jr., Paul Bess, and Thad Hartman. Absent from formation were color guard members Jim Bayne and Larry Alexander, who were tied up with other duties.

NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT DOMINIC LAY'S CLOSING REMARKS

This is your chapter not mine:

1. I need all the help I can get!
2. All suggestions for improvements will be greatly accepted.
3. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend the Annual meeting in Richmond, February 16-18.