

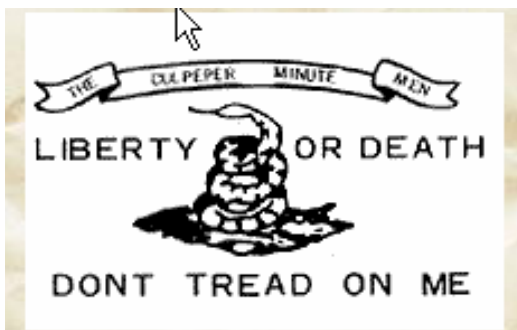
## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This past year has been a busy one for the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter of the SAR – from the first event celebrated by three members of the chapter (Lon Lacey, Francis Lay, Dominic Lay) at the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cowpens at Chesnee, South Carolina to the last sad event, the burial of long-time member and friend, Richard (Rick) Schnorf and his wife, Midge, at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

It was a banner year. It was an exciting year. It was a good year for the Sons of the American Revolution. Our Chapter was ably led by Larry Alexander as President, supported to the fullest by the Chapter Officers and Principal Committee Chairmen and the strong backing of the members and their wives and helpmates. Thanks go out to all of you.

On January 20, 2007, Jim Bayne, our former Chapter President, and currently President of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) helped us to give a fitting end to this wonderful year by presenting his views on FREEDOM. He said *“Can you ideate anything more dear than Freedom.”* *“When I meet with groups such as you who have gathered to celebrate the installation of new officers for the chapter, I know that patriotism is alive and well.”* He ended his remarks with a toast: *“To our patriot ancestors who gave us our great nation; to those who followed and preserved it; to those who are now defending it; to the future patriots who will defend it.”*

To you, my fellow compatriots, I pledge my sincere efforts to lead us to an equally successful and patriotic year in 2007. Long live our dedication to our ancestors of the Revolutionary War that brought to us this freedom which we enjoy. May all of us pledge ourselves to continued protection of this freedom and the continuance of our efforts to let our belief in America shine on, and on, and on. January 23, 2007



*Lon Lacey Francis Lay, Dominic Lay, Paul Bess and Thad Hartman take place in the change of command led by COL Andrew Johnson*

The Chapter Color Guard, with Col. Andy's inclusion retired the colors. Secretary John Winn led the membership in the SAR Recessional and Chaplain Larry Alexander closed the meeting with the Benediction.



*Francis Lay, Andrew Johnson and Dominic Lay at Cowpens 2007*

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