

NATIVE AMERICAN. HE POINTED OUT----AND RIGHTLY SO---THAT ANYONE BORN HERE IS A NATIVE AMERICAN. THEY REFER TO THEMSELVES AS AMERICAN INDIAN.

OUR PATRIOT ANCESTORS OBTAINED OUR FREEDOM AT GREAT COST. THEY WERE BOUND TOGETHER WITH A COMMON OBJECTIVE. AS THE BATTLE LINE ADVANCED IF THE FLAG BEARER SHOULD FALL ANOTHER IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP THE FLAG AND MOVED AHEAD KNOWING THAT HE HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A TARGET FOR THE ENEMY. THOSE MEN, BY THEIR ACTIONS, GAVE US THE FOUNDATION FOR THE QUILT OF OUR NATIONAL SENSE OF PATRIOTISM.

DURING THE BOMBARDMENT OF FORT McHENRY ANOTHER PIECE IN OUR QUILT OF PATRIOTISM WAS GIVEN TO US BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY WITH OUR GLORIOUS NATIONAL ANTHEM "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER" ALTHOUGH IT WAS MANY YEARS LATER BEFORE IT WAS ACCORDED THE STATUS OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM (AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD SEE IT CHANGED).

WE FIRST LEARNED OF TERRORISM IN THE EARLY 1800s WHEN THE BARBERY COAST BEYS STRUCK OUR MERCHANT VESSELS AND DEMANDED TRIBUTE. THEY WERE OVERCOME BY CAPTAIN STEPHEN DECATUR AND THE US MARINES AND ANOTHER PIECE IN THE FABRIC OF OUR QUILT OF PATRIOTISM WAS SEWN IN PLACE. TEXAS BECAME AN INDEPENDENT NATION IN 1836 AFTER DEFEATING THE MEXICANS AT THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO AND JOINED OUR UNION IN 1845 AND ANOTHER PIECE WAS SEWN.

I COULD CONTINUE BUT I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND MY POINT. OUR FREEDOM HAS BEEN ATTAINED AND MANTAINED BY THE ACTIONS OF PATRIOTS FOR OVER 230 YEARS. THEY CAME FROM THE HUMBLEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND FROM THE LOFTIEST OF POSITION. THEY WERE ALL AMERICANS. NOW IF YOU WILL, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR GLASSES.

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.

- February** George Washington Day Parade, Alexandria, VA
A.M. **Planning Coordinator:** Francis Lay
- 02/16- 2/18** - VASSAR Annual Meeting Sheraton Park South Hotel, Richmond, VA
Planning Coordinator:: Dominic Lay & Paul Bess
- A. M. **02/22** – George Washington’s Birthday Placing of American Flags On Revolutionary War Heros and SAR Member Graves in Cemeteries in Culpeper, VA
Planning Coordinator: Francis Lay and Dominic Lay
- 02/23-02/25** – NSSAR Leadership Institute Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY
Contact for CMM: Dominic Lay and Jim Bayne
- March** **03/10** - History Day, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
A.M. **Contact of CMM:** John Sinks/Dominic Lay
- 11:30 a. m. **03/16** - James Madison’s Birthday, Montpelier, VA
Contact for CMM: Jim Bayne and/or Dominic Lay
- A. M. **03/17** -CMM Monthly Meeting, Fauquier Springs Country Club, Warrenton, VA
Planning Coordinator: Paul Bess
Speaker: (To be Announced)
3:00 p.m. Grave Marking – Capt. Slaughter-Jones – (Proposed)
Location to be announced
Planning Coordinator: Thad Hartman.
- 03/30 - 04-01** - Culpeper Remembrance Days, Culpeper, VA
Planning Coordinator: Lon Lacey
(Details to be announced)