

Dominic was a great SAR member. We are all lessened by his death. Please pass along my sincere condolences to his brother Francis, and other family members.

Fraternally,
Ed Butler

+++++

This is very sad news. I've always admired Dom and his twin brother, Francis, who was just installed as President of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter on the 17th. As his health declined, Dom's spirit and determination to attend SAR functions was an inspiration to us all. He was one of the "Good ones" and he will be missed.

Semper Fi - Bob Bowen

PRESIDENTS CORNER:



Compatriot members, wives, invited guests and our esteemed VASSAR President, Art Batten. You have given me a great honor and trust by electing me as president of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in this the 33rd years since its charter. It is my pleasure to follow in the footsteps of the great men who had led this chapter. Some of them are here today: Jim Bayne, Jerry Hubbard and Larry Alexander. I especially want to pay tribute to my twin brother, James Dominic Lay, President 2007, who cannot be here today because of health problems. Dom recruited me into the SAR. Without his guidance, support, and love, I would not be standing here today. Congratulations and tremendous thanks are due to

our outgoing president, Jack Paul Bess and his wife Monica. Paul has done an outstanding job for the chapter this year. Despite have a full time job he has kept on top of all the activities of the chapter and reports due on them--to include the meetings, the committee work and many public events the chapter has participated in. As your new president, I will take a very few minutes to outline my hopes and aspirations for the chapter for the coming year. My goals are to continue the fabulous work of my predecessors to include: 1) Increase chapter membership--have each member recommend for membership one new member. 2) Increase member participation in chapter meeting, public events, and committee work. I ask each member that is able to, to "volunteer" to assist committee chairman in his work. 3) Identify and register the gravesite of a Revolutionary War patriot in the chapter area and or a family ancestor. And 4) actively participate in the chapter and state Color Guard events.

Calendar of Events:

No Chapter meeting in February!

February 13-14 – **Virginia Society, SAR 2009 Annual Meeting**, Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Koger South Conference Center, 1021 Koger Center Blvd., Richmond, VA 23235-4756. Note: Info about the Annual meeting can be found at the VASSAR website: www.sar.org/VASSAR.

Sun., Feb. 22nd 1:30 – 4:00 pm **George Washington's Birthday Commemoration** Gravesite visits to Rev. War patriots and deceased CMM compatriots by CMM Color Guard and other CMM members in friends to Culpeper National Cemetery, the Culpeper Masonic Cemetery and Fairview Cemetery, Culpeper. Contact Lon Lacey, Jr. (540) 547-9904 lmml@comstat.net.

If you do not fly an American flag 24/7 but only on patriotic days, per the VFW these are the days to fly the flag during the month of February. **12th**, Lincoln's Birthday and the **16th**, President's day.