



Comments by Outgoing Commander

Gentlemen of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter Color Guard, CMM Chapter members and friends. I thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your Color Guard Commander for the past two years.

I especially want to thank Jim Bayne, who was commander when I became a member of the Color Guard in 2004, and my twin brother Dominic Lay, my immediate predecessor, both of whom helped me become an effective member of the color guard.

The Color Guard is one of our chapter's best ways of communicating the image and purpose of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to the people of the area we represent and to the state of Virginia.

It is through the efforts of you, the gentlemen of the color guard, that we have done an excellent job. I am proud of all of you.

With great pleasure, and even greater confidence that I relinquish my command to your new Commander, Lon Lacey, Jr.

Notes on January 17th meeting

After a social period that began at 11:00 A.M., the Installation of Officers Meeting for 2009 was called to order by Chapter President Paul Bess at 11:45 A.M. Paul stated that this was his last meeting as Chapter President and that he would like to thank everyone for their loyal support during his term in office. There were 17 attendees, including twelve SAR members, three DAR members and two guests as follows: Paul and Monica Bess, Francis and Carlyn Lay, Lance Lyngar, Larry and Beverly Alexander, Don Jennings, Tim Thoman, Jerry and Shirley Hubbard, Lon Lacey, Jr., Gar and Kathryn Schulin, Jim Bayne, Bob Bowen and Art Batten.

The Culpeper Minute Men (CMM) Chapter Color Guard members were asked to assemble in the back of the room for the "Change of Command Ceremony." Chapter President Bess then installed the newly elected Commander of the CMM Color Guard, Lon Lacey, Jr.

Francis Lay – Handed out the Schedule of Meeting & Events Agenda (January 2009 – January 2010). Also, congratulated Jim Bayne for his recent article in the SAR magazine and Bob Bowen as well for his articles in the past.

Gar Schulin – Announced that there were no contestants for the Joseph E. Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Gar Schulin then presented outgoing President Paul Bess with a Patriot's dinner plate with the signatures of the members present signed on it. Gar then thanked President Bess for a "Job Well Done!"

Francis Lay reported that the Grave Site Markers have gone up in price. Costs now over \$200.00.

Lance Lyngar reported that he needed a list of all of the members of the Chapter that are Eagle Scouts for VASSAR.

Larry Alexander handed out cups with the Culpeper Minute Men logo on them to everyone present. The cups were created by the mother of Nathaniel Hassall who lives in England. Nathaniel is interested in the history of the American Revolution and particularly the Culpeper Minute Men. They were sent to Larry and Beverly Alexander to give to the members of the Chapter.