



**25-26 December 1776**

**On Christmas Day, General Washington leads 2400 men across the Delaware River to successfully attack the British /Hessian army at Trenton, New Jersey. The Hessians surrendered after only an hour of battle. In this battle, General Washington's forces suffered six casualties and took nearly 1000 prisoners. This success created a much needed morale boost for the revolutionary cause.**

**17 December 1777**

**France officially recognizes the American colonies as independent following the American victory at Saratoga.**

**29 December 1778**

**The British capture Savannah, Georgia and initiate a southern campaign.**

**14 December 1782**

**The British forces remove themselves from Charleston, South Carolina.**

**15 December 1782**

**France objects to not being consulted before the preliminary peace pact was signed with the British. Benjamin Franklin's diplomacy smoothed the ruffled French feathers.**

**We don't know how our Chapter's activities will compare with the performance of other VASSAR chapters, but we should be pleased by our overall performance. The Chapter has been very active locally, and all of you who have been a part of our efforts to draw attention to the sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors are to be commended.**

**We look forward to continued participation in our community. Warrenton Heritage Days and Culpeper Remembrance days are opportunities for us to remind our neighbors and friends of the sacrifices that our Patriot Ancestors made to bring us to where we are today. Come join with us in telling their story !**

**The 2007 class of CMM officers have been meeting and planning for activities next year; and they are well organized and will be well led by 2007 President J. Dominic Lay.**

**The 2007 MUSTER CALL editor will be 2007 1st V.P. J. Paul Bess.**

**Our CMM membership numbers remained relatively constant through 2006 with losses from transfers, etc. being about equal to our gains of new members. We are especially pleased by the response of some of our new members in accepting meaningful responsibilities in 2007.**

**Please welcome and tip your hat to the following 2007 Officers who will be installed in January:**

**Dominic Lay, President  
J. Paul Bess, 1st Vice President  
Francis Lay, 2nd Vice President  
Lance Lyngar, Treasurer**

**These officers will need help to make 2007 a successful year for the CMM Chapter. Think about how you might be able to contribute, and call Dom at (540)661-3315 to discuss ways you can help. The 2006 officers appreciate all the help we received.**

**Have a GREAT 2007!**