

**CULPEPER MINUTE MEN BATTALION  
ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY,  
THE OBELISK, SOUTH MAIN STREET,  
CULPEPER, VA**



*Photo courtesy of Deanne Alexander*

On Saturday, June 12th President Gar Schulin presided at the ceremony honoring the men of the Culpeper Minute Men Battalion. This unit was formed July 17, 1774 in Culpeper as a militia unit to provide men for the defense of the colony (later state) of VA in the Revolutionary War. Men were selected (drafted) from the counties of Culpeper, Orange and Fauquier (including the areas that are now Madison and Rappahannock counties). This is the 15th consecutive year that this chapter has honored these men.

Past Chaplain Larry Alexander gave the invocation. And the CMM Color Guard including Larry Alexander, Francis Lay, Paul Bess and Don Jennings posted the colors on either side of the Obelisk. 1st Vice President Lance Lyngar led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Francis Lay was the Bell Ringer as President Schulin announced the names of the 10 CMM BN members to be honored today. Three of our members, Jim Bayne, Lance Lyngar and Gar Schulin rotated in reading the histories of the Minute Men who were as follows:

JOHNSON, Charles	Private	Orange
JOHNSON, George	Captain	Fauquier
JOHNSON, Yellis/Kelles	Private	Fauquier
JONES, Benjamin	Private	Orange

JONES, Charles	Private	Fauquier
JONES, Gabriel	Private	Culpeper
JONES, John	Private	Fauquier
JONES, Henry	Private	Fauquier
JONES, Richard	Private	Culpeper
JONES, William	Private	Fauquier

**JUNE CULPEPER MINUTE MEN CHAPTER  
MEETING**



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The June meeting was held at the Best Western Inn in Culpeper, Virginia, where we were privileged to be joined by several distinguished guests which included Thomas B. Denegre III, who established and served as President of the Madrid, Spain S.A.R. Chapter; and Dr. Robert M. Peters of the University of Southern California, University of Vienna and scholar with the Abbeville Institute for the Study of Southern Culture, who gave an outstanding presentation on "Spanish Louisiana Contributions to the American Revolution," and which focused on the unit raised by Spanish Governor Galvez in Natchitoches Parish, which was predominately French. The lecture greatly illuminated Spanish actions on behalf of the American colonies and was followed by a lively question-and-answer session. We also welcomed Dr. Peters and two additional guests, Mr. Greg Womack and Mr. John Buckley, all attending from Louisiana.