

JROTC OUTSTANDING CADET PRESENTATION



Francis Lay presented Cadet Second Lieutenant Kenny Daniel of Orange County High School in Orange, Virginia, with an Outstanding Cadet Award on May 20th 2010.

PRESIDENT GENERAL VISITS MONTICELLO



Photo Courtesy of Stephanie Ann Brahin

On 10 June, President General Ed Butler, Jr. visited Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson to present a wreath in Jefferson's honor. This event was hosted by Thomas Jefferson and the Culpeper Minutemen Chapters of the Virginia Society SAR. The following members of the Culpeper Minutemen Chapter were present: President Gar Schulin, 1st Vice President Lance Lyngar, Don Jennings, Larry Alexander, C. Francis Lay, and Lon Lacey Jr.

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On 12 June, our members conducted the annual Culpeper Minute Men Memorial Ceremony for original members of the battalion at the Obelisk on South Main Street in Culpeper, Virginia, immediately followed by the Chapter Meeting at the Best Western Inn nearby. We were privileged to be joined by several 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.

On 27 June, I joined noted local grave researchers Larry and Lory Payne at historic Buckland Hall in Fauquier County, Virginia to perform a survey of the burial grounds there in anticipation of conducting future grave markings of Revolutionary War Patriots and 1812 Veterans. Mr. and Mrs. Payne will be issuing our Chapter a copy of their formal report to landowner David Blake for study by Francis Lay and Mike Lyman.

I strongly encourage all of our members who can participate on Saturday 3 July, for Independence Day observance, see the schedule of events on page 2 of the newsletter. Of course Independence Day is one of our most important annual public education outreach efforts, and I salute Color Guard Commander Lon Lacey and others who have worked diligently to prepare another truly outstanding program for the community this year. Also, we have a truly memorable CMM Chapter Picnic- privately and exclusively for our membership- lined up for Saturday 24 July beginning at 11:30 AM at historic Buckland Hall (see details in the "Events" section). Members who can make the journey to this historic home in Fauquier County will truly enjoy owner David Blake's hospitality, and the spectacular "Old Virginia" setting is not to be missed.

Our National and Virginia Societies, and our Chapter are strengthened by your participation. Keep charging and "Forward the Colors!" With sentiments of great admiration and respect, I remain, yours in liberty,
Gar Schulin