

that posted the Colors for the ceremony. Members Len Cowherd, Jerry Hubbard and Bob Bowen also represented the Chapter.

2. Dotty Lay thanked members Larry Alexander and Gar Schulin for helping her DAR Chapter clean up the cemetery site of Rev. War patriot Captain Ball on Saturday May 30th. They greatly assisted in cleaning up the overgrown site just south of Warrenton in the woods off U.S. Rte. 29. A grave marking is planned for this fall.
3. Larry Alexander, Lon Lacey, Jr. Bob Bowen, Mike Lyman and Jerry Hubbard assisted the Col. William Grayson Chapter in conducting a grave marking event in Manassas, VA.
4. Lon Lacey, Jr. read letters from county and city officials thanking the chapter for our efforts in celebrating the opening events of the **250th Anniversary of the Town of Culpeper** on May 24th (CMM Color Guard posting & Retiring the Colors.) and participating in the **Remembrance Days** at the Culpeper Museum of Living History (Posting the Colors and explaining the involvement of the Culpeper Minute Men Battalion in the Rev. War. Lon, Paul & Larry were great in showing the use of weapons in that conflict!)

Coming Events:

1. Saturday July 4, 2009 – **Independence Day**, CMM Members meet at the depot at **11:15am** CMM Color Guard marching up Davis St. to the Courthouse Green and posting the colors. **12:00 Noon** **Reading of the Declaration of Independence** – Authored by Thomas Jefferson and read by Past VASSAR and CMM President Jim Bayne. **3:15 pm** assemble on Piedmont Street, 4th of July **Main Street Parade, Culpeper**. CMM color guard and members will lead the parade! Contact Lon Lacey for further information.

2. Saturday, July 18, Culpeper Minute Chapter **Annual Picnic** – Mountain Run Lake Park, Culpeper. 11:00am- 3:00pm.

3. Mike Lyman reported that the OFPA (Order of Founders and Patriots) and the Williamsburg Chapter of VASSAR would hold a **joint Grave Marking** on Saturday, October 17th, 2009 at the **Warner Hall Plantation** in Gloucester Co. by marking two graves of founders (those persons living in VA before May 13, 1657.) and one Rev. War patriot. Mike noted that George Washington was the 3rd great-grandson of the founder of the plantation.

Officer & Committee Reports

1st Vice President/Veterans Comm. Chairman Gar Schulin Gar recognized the chapter for its outstanding Culpeper Minute Men Monument (Obelisk) Ceremony, which was highlighted by the participation of two home schooled children Jefferson Day and Lincoln Day, and their mother Mrs. Day. Gar also thanked all the members for their participation in the **Memorial Day** services at the Culpeper National Cemetery on Monday, May 25th. Lon Lacey, Jr, Francis Lay, Larry Alexander and Don Jennings were uniformed members of the CMM Color Guard. Gar Schulin, Lance Lyngar, Jerry Hubbard and Jake & Betsy Lay also supported the honoring of the departed and living veterans. Member Jim Bayne was part of the VFW firing team and posted the VASSAR wreath at the veteran's monument.

2nd Vice President/ Boy Scout Comm. Chair. Lance Lyngar Lance reported that the treasury balance was \$6938.47 and that all bills due were paid.

Registrar J. Paul Bess, Jr. Paul reported that **James Dominic Lay, Jr.**'s SAR application was at NSSAR awaiting approval. Jimmy's brother Loren and Francis and Jake's brother Daniel Harmon Lay's applications were approved by VASSAR and waiting to be sent to NSSAR. Member Bill Sudduth said that his son and grandson's applications are ready to submit. Paul also said that he had received **several** other inquiries but that follow through was pending.

VASSAR Graves Registration Chair. Mike Lyman: Mike reported that Jim Bayne has found the gravesite of a Rev. War patriot that was re-buried in the Masonic Cemetery on Rte. 229 N, Culpeper The question was raised, "Has Claude Guinn's grave in the same cemetery ever been marked?" The answer was "NO." Claude was a charter member of the Chapter in 1974 and passed away about 4 years ago. Plans will be made to mark both graves.

Mike also mentioned that SAR has never marked the grave of Rev. War Patriot Betty Washington Lewis. She is a patriot in her own right – she gave a warehouse to the cause. Her grave is in northern