

Hubbard, James Flanagan (our guest speaker), Lon Lacey, Jr., and Paul and Monica Bess. Attendance totaled 15. There were 10 SAR Members, 2 DAR Members and 3 guests present.

President's Announcements

- (1) Chapter President, Paul Bess announced that the Graves Mountain Lodge Multi-Chapter Meeting on April 26th was a great success. Over 50 SAR members and guests participated. Having VASSAR President, Arthur Batten and Past-VASSAR President, Larry McKinley attending the Multi-Chapter Meeting was certainly an honor, as well as, having three-time Past-Culpeper Minute Men Chapter President, Henry Pusey receive his pin and certificate for 20 years of service to the SAR,
- (2) Paul announced that the Gaar Dual Grave Marking Ceremony would take place at 3:00 p.m. today and that we would be going to the grave site right after our meeting which would be around 2:00 p.m. (directions to the grave site were available for anyone that needed them),
- (3) Lon Lacey, Jr. announced that the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Program at the National Memorial Cemetery would be held on May 26th at 11:00 a.m. Lon suggested that we should try and arrive at the Cemetery around 10:30 a.m.,
- (4) The Culpeper Minute Men Memorial Ceremony at the Obelisk will be held at 10:30 a.m. on June 14th. After the Ceremony we will have our June Monthly Meeting at the Culpeper Best Western Hotel, The Independence Day (July 4th) Celebration and Parade in Culpeper. Lon Lacey, Jr. will serve as the "point-of-contact" for the 4th of July event. The first part of the Celebration will take place at 12 o'clock (noon) in the Culpeper Court House Square with the CMM Chapter Color Guard posting the colors and the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Past President, Dominic Lay. The CMM Chapter Color Guard and Membership will also participate in the parade in the afternoon.

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

2nd Vice President: Gar Shulin – Congratulated Dominic and Dotty Lay on their 50 years of marriage and devotion to each other. Also, Gar thanked Dominic and Dotty, as well as, all others who have set such a great example for us and for all of their years of service to this country.

Secretary: The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the Muster Call by vote of the Chapter.

Treasurer: Treasurer, Lance Lyngar said the Chapter is in good shape money wise at this time.

Grave Registration Committee – Chapter: Francis Lay, Chairman: Francis & Dominic Lay and Lon Lacey, Jr. assisted Jim Mitchell of the Piney Woods Chapter (TX) SAR and a descendant of John & Andrew Gaar, Mr. Gordon Saunders owner of the property upon which the GAAR Family Cemetery sits, the Boy Scouts of Madison County and their leaders to include Colt Puryear, Scoutmaster in preparing the cemetery for the dual gravemarking ceremony. SAR Rev. War Markers were cemented in place.

JROTC Chairman – Don Jennings reported that everything is in order to present the SAR JROTC Medals (with ribbons) and Certificates at Culpeper High School on May 29th and Liberty High School in Bealton on May 30th. The SAR JROTC Medal and Certificate was presented at Orange County High School on May 2, 2008 by Past President, Dominic Lay.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for the day was Mr. James G. Flanagan who gave an excellent presentation on the "Importance of the Rappahannock River in Colonial America." Mr. Flanagan explained the importance of the Rappahannock River and how the many grain mills along the river provided for the grinding of the food that was so necessary for the existence of the people at that time. Additionally, the river was an important source of transportation. Mr. Flanagan showed us numerous pictures of the Rappahannock River and its many Fords (some can still be seen today) that were in service during the Colonial period. The Chapter presented Mr. Flanagan a Certificate of Appreciation from the Chapter and invited him to come back and visit us again.