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Counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange & Rappahannock.

NEXT CMM CHAPTER MEETING: Saturday, June 13, 2009, **10:00 am, CMM Obelisk;** 11:30 am
Best Western, Culpeper Inn, Culpeper, VA.

PRESIDENTS CORNER:



My Fellow Compatriots: Two events occurred in May that reflects positively on the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter, SAR.

The first is the **Memorial Day** remembrance for our military Veterans who gave their lives so that our country would remain safe, and our living Veterans who have served their country so well in times of war and times of piece. Our Chapter Color Guard and fellow members were well represented at the Culpeper National Cemetery on Monday May 25th. Especially honored by us was 1st Lt. Leonard Cowherd, III, the son of our long time member Leonard M. Cowherd, II. Lt. Cowherd was killed in action in Iraq five years ago on May 16, 2004.

The second event was the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the **Great Bridge Battlefield Historic Park** on May 29th. As many of you know, the Culpeper Minute Men Battalion, comprising of men from what are now the counties of Culpeper, Madison, Orange, Fauquier and Rappahannock were members of the Virginia Continental Army that defeated the British in the Battle of Great Bridge, VA on December 9, 1775, seven months before the signing the Declaration of Independence. This was the first battle of the war in eastern Virginia. This battle resulted in the capture of Norfolk (VA) three weeks later on Jan. 1, 1776. It also ended the rule of the British Crown in Virginia. Bob Bowen, Jerry Hubbard, Larry Alexander, Len Cowherd and I participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies. We proudly carried the Chapter flag and the CMM Battalion battle flag. You know the one with the snake on it!

Our Color Guard and other members and wives also marched in the **250th Anniversary of the Town of Warrenton**, Fauquier County, VA. Our Chapter 1st Vice President Gar Schulin was in charge of assembling and directing all of the units that were in the parade, and chapter member Bob Bowen was one of the official photographers.

Thanks to each of you for the time and effort you took to let other Virginians know about the American Revolution and the War for Independence.

Francis Lay, President
Culpeper Minute Men Chapter.