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At the evening banquet, the Color Guard was commanded by Culpeper Minuteman Francis Lay, the other Culpeper Minutemen serving in their normal duties. Andrew Johnson became a Color Bearer for that occasion.

During the social gathering before dinner, the Culpeper Minuteman Field Music played authentic Revolutionary War tunes for the entertainment of the Compatriots and their ladies.

President Jim Bayne, a Culpeper Minutemen, ordered the Color Guard to post the Colors. The Guard proceeded from the rear of the hall down the wide aisle. They bore the Colors while the Field Music played "Yankee Doodle". The Colors were posted after an appropriate ceremony, including Grace, the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. The Color Guard marched to the rear as the Field Music played an appropriate tune.

After the dinner, General George Washington arrived outside the hall. Lon Lacey, Jr., portraying General Washington's Life Guard, called the Compatriots to order by announcing at the door, "Ladies and Gentlemen – General George Washington!" The Field Music immediately stuck up the tune "Chester", appropriate for the introduction of a dignitary of the period. General Washington proceeded down the long aisle and Compatriot Lacey followed as his Life Guard, returning to the rear after the General reached the podium. General Washington was excellent in appearance and comments.

After the General had spoken and received honors from the head table. President Bayne said, "Sgt. Lacey, Escort General Washington from the hall." Compatriot Lacey was already in place and escorted the General to the rear as the Field Music played honorary tunes. The Color Guard was at the rear in a line formation.

After appropriate business, then President Joseph Dooley ordered the Colors retired. The Color Guard marched to the front, retrieved the Colors and marched them to the rear while the Field Music played Revolutionary War tunes of honor.

The Culpeper Minutemen Color Guard was a key element of the event. *Reported by Compatriot, Lon Lacey, II.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10 - History Day, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. Contact John Sinks for event information (703) 931-2660

March 16 - James Madison's Birthday, Montpelier, VA. Contact Jim Bayne for event information (540-825-3557).

March 17 - Regular CMM Luncheon Meeting, Fauquier Spring Country Club, Warrenton, VA.

Speakers: Larry C. & Lorene W. Payne – "Fauquier Cemeteries" and John Winn to speak about his RW ancestor. Meal Choices are as follows:

Sunset (Grilled Chicken) Salad - \$18.00
New York Steak Sandwich - 18.00
Grilled Chicken Sandwich - 18.00

Each person that makes a reservation must contact Muster Call Editor, Paul Bess by **10 MAR 2007** with their party's orders and pay **\$18.00** to Lance Lyngar, at P. O. Box 221195, Chantilly, VA 20153-1195 for each plate before or at the meeting. Lance will pay the bill at the Country Club.

March 30 – April 01 - Culpeper Remembrance Days, Culpeper, VA, Planning Coordinator: Lon Lacey

April 7 - Hugh Mercer Wreath Laying Celebration, Fredericksburg, VA. Cont Jim Bayne for information. Color Guard and all other members of CMM invited to participate. The complete agenda and proper registration forms can be acquired from the VASSAR Internal Website identified above:

April 21 – Annual Multi-Chapter Luncheon Meeting, Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, VA. Social Hour begins at 11:30 A.M. and the luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon. The cost, per individual, will be **\$18.00**, payable in advance. Guest can order wine individually. Reservations should be made no later than **April 12**. Reservation by name and a check made out to **Culpeper Minute Men**, should be sent to our treasurer, Lance Lyngar, at P. O. Box 211195, Chantilly, VA 20153. Directions to Graves' Mountain Lodge can be obtained by going on line to: www.gravesmountain.com. The phone number of the Lodge is (540) 923-4231