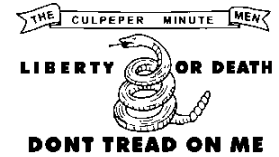




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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Compatriots,

A special "Thank you" to all our Culpeper Minute Men members and spouses who traveled to Richmond to represent our Chapter at the 120th Annual Virginia Society S.A.R. Meeting. The occasion and proceedings were truly memorable if not extraordinary and especially noteworthy for the prominent roles held by our Chapter members and for the recognition of our Chapter by outgoing VASSAR President Bill Simpson, President Elect Bob Bowen and NSSAR President General Ed Butler, each of whom are proud Culpeper Minute Men Compatriots. From the behind-the-scenes logistics, the business proceedings, the Color Guard evolutions, the State Presidents' departure and swearing-in ceremonies; to the President-General's remarks and formalities, the personnel and contributions of the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter have been key assets to the success of the Virginia Society and the National Society. At no time was this more evident than at the 120th VASSAR Annual Meeting.

Also during February, wife Kathryn and I traveled to South Boston, Virginia, to present our Chapter Wreath at the 229th Anniversary Crossing of the Dan commemoration. I was quite moved by the efforts of all who attended from 10 VASSAR Chapters and specifically the regional S.A.R. and D.A.R members; and South Boston and Halifax County officials who have labored so hard to advance this very worthy event and the Museum complex to its present state. I am heartened that this key part of our Virginia and American history will not be lost to future generations thanks to the far-ranging leadership and continued careful stewardship of all involved.

I wish to encourage as many of our Compatriots and prospective new members as possible, to support our upcoming events listed in the Calendar of Events.

With sentiments of great admiration and respect, I remain, yours in liberty, Gar Schulin



"Do not separate text from historical background. If you do, you will have perverted and subverted the Constitution, which can only end in a distorted, bastardized form of illegitimate government." JAMES MADISON



MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

On March 20th our Chapter Meeting will feature a distinguished local historian, Mrs. Jerrilynn MacGregor, who will present a fascinating presentation on James Hunter's iron works. Known as the Rappahannock Forge during the American Revolution, Mrs. MacGregor notes James River was a major producer of military supplies Hunter's iron works on the Rappahannock and weapons. Established in the late 1750s for the production of goods for local consumption, an influx of state funds in 1776 and 1777 allowed for a shift to the manufacture of arms and military supplies. During this period the Rappahannock Forge opened as a subsidiary to Hunter's iron works and produced four types of firearms as well as swords. From at least 1770 to 1781 Hunter's operation was one of the largest multi-faceted manufacturing facilities in colonial America, yet is all but forgotten today.