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President-General Butler, you have our heartfelt gratitude for your remembrance of Compatriot 2LT Cowherd on a day which also featured a luncheon and your remembrance ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Our deepest gratitude goes to all who made this special visit possible.

On 13 April, Past President Larry Alexander and Chaplain Len Cowherd presented our Chapter Wreath at the Thomas Jefferson Birthday Observance at Monticello. On 17 April, our Chapter hosted the 24th Annual Graves Mountain Lodge Multi-Chapter Meeting on a beautiful day in Old Virginia which featured over 50 Compatriots from six Virginia Chapters, notable guests from OFPA and the Society of Cincinnati, and Compatriot and Mrs. Andrew Lyngar, who traveled from New Mexico and gave their greetings from the Gadsden Chapter S.A.R. in New Mexico. Virginia Society President Robert Bowen gave a fine slide presentation, "The Wallace Family During the American Revolution," which linked the Revolutionary Wallace Patriots back to the fierce warrior and stalwart defender of liberty and independence, Scotsman William Wallace. I wish to give special thanks to 1st Vice President Lance Lyngar and Past President Francis Lay for their planning and logistical support which ensured the success of this occasion. The level of participation and conviviality at the 24th Annual Multi-Chapter Meeting was heartening indeed. A good time was truly had by all.

On 24-25 April, Compatriots Larry Alexander, Francis Lay and I greeted the public on the lawn of the Burgandine House, the oldest surviving home in Culpeper County, built in 1749, next to the Museum of Culpeper History, where we recruited several potential new members over the weekend. On 29 April, Compatriots Mike Lyman, Jerry Hubbard, Larry Alexander, and Francis Lay represented the Chapter with our wreath presentation for President James Monroe's Birthday Observance at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

I urge all of our Chapter members to please consider participating in our upcoming events posted on our web site and highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter. If each of our members near and far selected even one activity to participate in during the year, either directly in person by attending a special event- or by writing and submitting a history article for the Newsletter from long distance- it would make a dramatic contribution to our overall annual efforts. There are many opportunities for each of our members to contribute time and talent to our Chapter whenever their busy schedules permit. Please feel free to call or email me with any specific questions or suggestions you may have. We will be supporting a special event in Raphine, Virginia for the Virginia Society on Saturday, 15 May; and our members will not want to miss a very special 22 May Regular Membership Meeting and extraordinary guest speaker presentation by Michael G. Macdonald in the Fine Dining Room at the Inn at Kelly's Ford at 11:30 AM. Mr. Macdonald will be presenting items of national significance in his special guest presentation - none of which have been seen by the public - which dates back to the 1775 Battle of Bunker Hill, and have never been seen by the public. The Inn will offer us a nice menu selection for the all-inclusive price of \$15.00 per person and the atmosphere is very pleasant. For driving directions, please refer to the Inn at Kelly's Ford; 16589 Edwards Shop Road; Remington, VA 22734. The phone number to the Inn is 540-399-1779.

It is my privilege to cast my lot with all of you. Join us during the month of May as we "Forward the Colors!"

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

Gar Schulin