



Francis and Carlyn Lay, Dominic and Dotty Lay, and Beverly and Larry Alexander in the lobby of the Crown Plaza in Williamsburg just prior to attending the VASSAR sponsored "Victory Dinner". Societies present included Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Texas, North Carolina, France, District of Columbia, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, California, Florida, West Virginia, Ohio, Delaware, Missouri, Maryland, Virginia and New York, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Tennessee and South Carolina.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November 10, 1775:

Congress Resolved:

That two Battalions of Marines be raised consisting of one Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors & other Officers as usual in other regiments, that they consist of an equal number of privates with other battalions; that particular care be taken that no person be appointed to office or inlisted into said Battalions, but such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea, when required. That they be inlisted and commissioned for and during the present war between Great Britain and the colonies, unless dismissed by order of Congress. That they be distinguished by the names of the first & second battalions of American Marines, and that they be considered a part of the number, which the continental Army before Boston is ordered to consist of. November 15, 1775:

John Murray, fourth Earl of Dunmore and the last royal governor of Virginia, having fled Williamsburg for the ship H.M.S. Fowey. On November 15, issued a proclamation decreeing martial law and declaring all indentured Servants, Negroes, or others free, that are able and willing to bear Arms, they joining his Majesty's Troops.

LTC Richard Colfax Schnorf

We lost a good friend and Compatriot this month. Rick's suffering ended on 30 October 2006. Rick had been trying to recover from a collapsed lung for several weeks and finally lost the fight.

Rick, who was a retired US Army LTC with service in WWII, Korea, and VietNam, was a fighter, and a friend.

Rick served the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter as 1988 Vice President, President 1989-1990, ROTC Committee Chairman, Veterans Committee Chairman, and JROTC Committee Chairman.

While a member of the CMM Chapter, Rick received the following awards:

CMM Gold Medal, 1/15/05,
Certificate of Distinguished Service, 11/13/04,
Meritorious Service Medal 10/18/97,
Meritorious Service Medal "President" 01/20/01,
Meritorious Service Medal 11/17/01,
Meritorious Medal 11/22/03,
Certificate of Appreciation 10/18/96.
Certificate of Appreciation 10/17/98,
War Service Medal (WWII, Korea, Viet Nam) 10/18/96.

Everyone loved Rick

Rick will be long remembered. He was a friend to each of us. He seemed to be unable to meet someone he didn't like, and he was always able to find a way to encourage a compatriot who needed encouragement.

When there seemed to be a conflict between compatriots, Rick was able, and willing, to be the conciliator. With his smile and an appropriate joke, he could reduce tensions right away. He often helped resolve conflicts with his winning smile and kindness.

Rick will be missed.