

Francis Lay, placed **First** in the **Loudest Hawaiian Shirt Contest**. Two other VASSAR members placed first in the most Exotic and Largest shirt contests!

An article follows, covering the participation in **The Town of Culpeper 250th Anniversary** Celebration held on Saturday September 19th.

Member participation in the above events helps us to carry out the SAR's goal of helping Virginians and other Americans remember the price that our Revolutionary Ancestors paid so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have today! It is also a great recruiting tool for attracting new members to SAR.

May God Bless you all, and May God Bless America.

Francis Lay, President
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Sons of the American Revolution.

Report from Color Guard Commander

CMM Guardsmen Larry Alexander, Don Jennings, Jim Bayne, Lon Lacey, III, Alan Lacey and Lon Lacey, Jr. mustered at Yowell Park at 10:30 AM, presenting exhibits and living history for a good crowd until 3:00 PM. Lon and Alan Lacey, Fife & Drums, played two thirty minute sets of fife and drum tunes, including informative comments about the uniforms, music, and use of the F&D during the Revolutionary War.

At 3:30 PM, the Color Guard marched in the "Coleman Street" Parade. Lon and Alan Lacey led with fife and drum tunes, followed by Don Jennings carrying the Dolly Madison flag and Larry Alexander and Lon Lacey, Jr. with muskets flanking. There were eight DAR ladies in lovely period dress following the Colors, including Beverly Alexander and Dotty Lay. Guardsman Jim Bayne followed in his convertible sports car flying the CMM Battle Flag!

The Color Guard and Field Music were awarded the "Best Musical Entry" trophy by the Culpeper 250th Parade Committee. Well done!

Editor's comment: After my other function finished, I rushed across town to catch part of the parade. I had never seen the Color Guard from the side lines before. It was so impressive and awesome that I literally stood there with my mouth open as they marched by. Fabulous! You did yourself and the Chapter proud!

Warrenton/Fauquier County Heritage Days:

Please remember the Warrenton-Fauquier County Heritage Days Parade next Saturday - muster at 10:00 AM at the courthouse, parade at 11:00 AM - and the special events at Chapman Mills and Buckland Mills that afternoon. Compatriot Don Jennings has a family wedding so he will not be able to be there. Please refer to my previous emails for details.

Planning is already in progress for next year for a larger Buckland event so we are on the ground floor. Buckland has received historic funding and I believe Jamestown/Williamsburg archeologists are to do some work in the future...? Mike Lyman and Mr. Blake have discussed possible Revolutionary soldier graves on site. This could develop with work.