

## **SEPTEMBER EVENTS:**

**No chapter meeting in September!**

**Sep.3, 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris. The treaty that officially ended the Revolutionary War.**

**Sep. 17- Constitution Day- Montpelier, Pres. James Madison's Estate, Orange, VA**

**Sep. 19-20 – VASSAR Semi-annual Meeting, Holiday Inn & Golf Center, Staunton, VA**

**Sep. 27 – Warrenton-Fauquier Co. Heritage Day, Main Street, Warrenton.**

## **PRESIDENTS CORNER:**

We are almost finished with summer and the cooler temperatures will soon be upon us. I want to thank all of you that made it to the Chapter's annual picnic in July. Little business was discussed and we just relaxed and enjoyed the comfort of the warm weather, but mostly the food! Important dates to mark on your calendars are as follows:

19-20 SEP 2008 - VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting: <http://www.sar.org/vassar/2008%20SA%20-%20Conference%20Registration.pdf>

27 SEP 2008 - Warrenton-Fauquier Heritage Days:

<http://www.pecva.org/anx/index.cfm/1,266,1352,0,html/Sep-27-Warrenton-Fauquier-Heritage-Day>

25 OCT 2008 - The Chapter's next Monthly Meeting at the Culpeper Best Western at 11:30 AM - Annual Community Awards

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a summer that has been one of relaxation and enjoyment and I look forward to the activities that we have planned for the fall and winter seasons!

Very Respectfully,

Paul (Jack Paul Bess, Jr.)

Linden, VA

## **CMM Members' awards at the National SAR Meeting in Sacramento, CA:**

1. **Robert L. Bowen**: National –level Meritorious Service Medal, Gold Council of State Presidents Medal, elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of State Presidents.
2. **John Sinks**, Dual member: Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the Liberty Medal.
3. **Chuck Bragg, Ed Butler, and David Sympson**, Dual members, and Bob Bowen attended the national meeting.

## **Culpeper 4<sup>th</sup> Of July, Independence Day events:**

**11:00am:** The Chapter Martial Unit consisting of Lon Lacey, III, and Alan Lacey & Gil Hocker entertained the visitors at the Railroad Depot at the bottom of Davis St. and then they and the CMM Color Guard marched up Davis St. to the "Green" at Culpeper Courthouse.

**12.00 Noon:** The CMM Color Guard led by Color Guard Commander Francis Lay and Paul Bess, Jr, Larry Alexander, Don Jennings & Lon Lacey, Jr. posted the colors in front of the stage. Past President Dominic Lay then read the entirety of the **Declaration of Independence**. The CMM Firing team led by Lon Lacy, SR. along with Larry Alexander and Paul Bess, Jr. conducted a gun salute of three volleys.

**4:00pm:** The Parade on Main Street. The CMM Martial unit and the Color Guard and Jim Bayne's decorated truck with Jim driving and Dom & Dotty Lay in the bed waving to the crowd led the parade of dozens of floats and hundreds of marchers. (The Culpeper Minute Men Chapter and their ladies won the trophy for the best unit in the parade.)