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MONTH OF AUGUST

With no regular Chapter meetings or minutes scheduled for the months of July and August, this results in a shortened version of this month's issue of the Muster Call as our summer approaches its conclusion.

CMM CHAPTER COLOR GUARD EVENTS

The Virginia Society challenged the usual supremacy of August weather by conducting not one, not even just two, but three commemorative events in a single day. So many compatriots and friends of the SAR were involved in planning and executing these events that their names cannot all be listed. All are loyal friends and supporters of President General Bruce Wilcox who spoke to us to appropriately cap a day of great events.

The first event was a gravemarking for ancestors of Reverend Christos Christou of the Maryland SAR. Benjamin Berry served in the Revolution and his son, John S Berry, in the War of 1812. Both are buried at Keezletown, VA. Reverend Christou and his family were there to conduct that moving ceremony accompanied by man well wishers and the VASSAR Colorguard.

From Keezletown, many of the same celebrants drove to the Raders Church cemetery near Timberville to honor John patriots Bowman and Matthias Miller. The Ft Harrison Chapter conducted this ceremony in the old and well kept section of that historic church cemetery and the VASSAR colorguard presented national, state and chapter colors.

The third stop for the day was at Forestville for the unveiling of a Virginia Highway Department historical marker celebrating the history of historic Zirkle Mill. Owner of the mill, Rob Andrews, related to a considerable crowd of people the history of the mill and the role of his family in its rescue and restoration. VASSAR President Elect represented President Joe Dooley to unveil the highway marker to shouts of encouragement from well-wishers. President General Bruce Wilcox delivered an address to the crowd noting that this historic site and occasion represented the first of many public events in his administration. VASSAR Colorguardsmen under the command of Francis Lay presented colors. The mill owners graciously provided refreshments to the President General and others including county supervisors and many members of the Zirkle and related families.

Following a new tradition, the colorguard recorded a GPS reading for each site. In related news, Allen Brahin, Culpeper Minuteman Chapter, signed his enlistment in the VASSAR Colorguard.

Annex A

GPS readings by Francis Lay took on Saturday August 4th.

Grave Marking # 1, Keezelton Cemetery, Keezeltown Cemetery, VA

Pvt. Benjamin Berry, (Ancestor of Christos Christou, Jr., Maryland)