

# CHAPTER MINUTES

11 November 2006 Meeting

Location: Fredericksburg Country Club,  
Fredericksburg, VA

After a short period that began at 11:30 A.M., the fifth regular meeting of 2006 was called to order by President Bill Simpson, Jr. At 12 Noon in the Rappahannock Room with the following Officers present:

President: Bill Simpson, Jr.  
Vice-President: Robert Andrews  
Secretary: Conway Richardson  
Treasurer: Hobert Southall  
Historian: Skip Nolan  
Chaplain: Bob Bailey  
Registrar: Bob Bowen

There were 37 attendees, including 18 members, 6 DAR members, 2 CAR members, and 11 guests. One of the guests was Joe Dooley, VASSAR President Elect.

President Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. The invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Bailey. Following the invocation attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance (led by Secretary Conway Richardson) and the SAR Pledge (led by Compatriot Wayne Rouse). President Simpson then asked for introductions of all members and guests.

Following lunch, President Simpson made a presentation entitled "The Turning Points That Weren't". He spoke of the military actions at Great Bridge, Moore's Creek Bridge, Sullivan's Island, and Valcour Island. These actions could have resulted in English victories, but through daring and good luck, the patriots won. The program was well received by those in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous CFL meeting (9 September 2006). The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer Hobert Southall reported that our checking account as of 11 November 2006 was \$2,739.07; with an additional \$1,000 Certificate of Deposit for the annual Good Citizen Medal.

Registrar Bob Bowen reported that we would be inducting a new member, David Hazel. We also have another approved application for Elwin Holland who will be inducted in January 2007. Three applications are being processed, as well as 5 supplementals.

## NEW BUSINESS

President Simpson reported that the Col. Fielding Lewis President's medal is in need of repair. After some discussion whether to have a new medal issued or repair the current medal,

a motion was made, seconded and approved to repair the existing medal up to \$50.

VASSAR 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dooley then presented Historian Skip Nolan with a George Washington action figure for his first person interpretation of Gen. Weedon as part of the 225<sup>th</sup> Yorktown celebration activities.

President Simpson presented Compatriot Walt Sheffield with a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the Chapter, particularly in obtaining the proclamation from Fredericksburg Mayor Tom Tomzak for recognition of Sons of American Revolution Day (9 June 2006).

President Simpson presented the Good Citizen Medal to Al Conner for his contributions to the Stafford County Historical Society, a variety of historical research activities, authorship of a pictorial history of Stafford County, and his latest project "VMI at War" which is documenting VMI alumni participation in all of America's wars.

President Simpson reported that we will be presenting a Heroism Award to Deputy William Jeffries, a Fire and Safety Award to retired Fire Marshall Gerald Brown, and a Good Citizen Medal to Fredericksburg Mayor Tom Tomzak in the near future.

Vice-President Andrews was called by President Simpson to affix one streamer to our Chapter flag for participation in the Battle Days of Point Pleasant.

President Simpson introduced Claire Hergert from the Light Horse Harry Lee Society, V.S.C.A.R., who gave a report on their chapter activities.

President Simpson then introduced Phillip Carter from the Surgeon Lawrence Brooks Society, V.S.C.A.R. who gave a report of their chapter activities.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote to donate \$50 from the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter to each V.S.C.A.R. Society, to support their activities.

Former President Terry Block was then requested by President Simpson to report the nominations from the Nominating Committee for 2007. Those nominated are:

President: Robert Andrews  
Vice-President: Wayne Rouse  
Secretary: Will Simpson  
Treasurer: Hobert Southall  
Historian: Skip Nolan  
Registrar: Marv Pixton  
Chaplain: Bob Bailey

Following a call for any further nominations, for which none were offered, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to close

nominations, and all nominees were elected unanimously by voice vote. The new officers will be installed at the January 2007 meeting.

President Simpson then inducted new member David Hazel, and presented him with the SAR certificate. Registrar Bowen then placed the SAR rosette on Compatriot Hazel's lapel. This rosette is the official recognition pin for the SAR. President Simpson also pointed out the Compatriot Hazel's ancestor was a "forgotten patriot". VASSAR President Jim Bayne initiated a program in 2006 to reward Virginia Chapters and members who sponsor new or supplemental applications based on descent from Patriots whose service to the cause of liberty has heretofore not been recognized by the SAR or DAR. Vice-President Rob Andrews has also submitted a supplemental application for a forgotten patriot, George Adam Zirkle.

President Simpson announced that the new Marine Corps Museum was dedicated on 10 November 2006, and will be open to the public 13 November 2006. Attendees were encouraged to visit the museum.

The Chapter raffle was then conducted by President Simpson, and the winner of the framed Zirkle Mill photograph (generously donated by Vice-President Andrews) was won by Jack Morris. The Chapter realized \$45 from the raffle.

President Simpson then distributed a CD ROM to each member that includes reports, rosters, important administration files, and a wealth of other SAR information that may be of interest. President Simpson requested that each member review the Annual Report and provide information on any activities they would support Chapter recognition.

Chaplain Bailey gave the benediction. The SAR Recessional was led by Historian Skip Nolan. President Simpson adjourned the meeting at 1:56 P.M.

Submitted by Conway Richardson, Chapter Secretary

## **New but Temporary Editor**

**Bob Bowen did an excellent job that will be a hard act to follow. I have temporarily taken on the editor position until a replacement can be found. It is not a hard job, but as my duties as a VASSAR Officer are growing and I will need to give up this position eventually.**