

CHAPTER MINUTES

September 10, 2005

Location: Fredericksburg Country Club,
Fredericksburg, VA

After a social period that began at 11:30 A.M., the fifth regular meeting of 2005 was called to order by President Terry Block at 12 noon in the Rappahannock Room with the following officers present.

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

There were 39 attendees, including twenty-four members and five DAR members.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Bowen. Following the invocation attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance (led by Vice-President Bob Bailey) and the SAR Pledge (led by Historian Skip Nolan).

President Block welcomed all and asked members to introduce themselves, and guests, at each table. Several announcements were made prior to lunch. The President General of the National SAR has pledged \$500 each to the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army on behalf of the SAR for those in need from the recent Hurricane Katrina. Members of CFL were encouraged to give any contributions to Treasurer Hobert Southall, and these likewise would be split between the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

President Block distributed a list of events that are coming up, and noted Constitution Day and events at the James Monroe Museum on September 17th; the Yorktown Victory Day Celebration on October 19th; the 225th anniversary of King's Mountain on October 22nd; and Valley Forge on November 13th. Members are encouraged to review the listing and support the vents with their attendance.

After lunch the business portion of the meeting began with a motion to approve the minutes of the previous CFL meeting (June 11, 2005) as distributed by the electronic newsletter. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Hobert Southall reported that our checking account balance as of September 10, 2005 was \$1,913.01. An additional \$1,000 has been placed in a Certificate of Deposit for an annual Good Citizen Medal and certificate in memory of Cameron Thompson.

Registrar Bill Simpson, Jr. reported that six new members were in attendance at the luncheon. All are to be inducted later in the program. Currently working on two prospective members.

Bill Simpson, Jr. also reported on programs for grave making in 2006 and 2007/. We plan to make the grave of George Washington Lewis on Maryes Heights at the Fredericksburg National cemetery in 2006, and two patriots during Charter Day in Dumfries (Bernard Gallagher and Sarah Williams) in May, 2007.

Vice-President Bob Bailey reported that we will be recognizing an individual from King George County for Law Enforcement of the Year Medal, and an individual from Prince William County for Fire Safety Commendation at our November meeting. We have no nominees at this time for Heroism Award, and members were encouraged to make a recommendation(s) to Vice-President Bailey.

President Block inducted six new members into the CFL Chapter. Those inducted were Robert W. Andrews, Warren L. Duffie, Brent D. Mullinix, Kevin F. Mullinix, Pierre J. Ortiz, Jr., and Robert W. Rouse. They were all presented with a rosette, and Certificate. It is believed this is the largest number ever inducted at a meeting.

President Block announced two awards (WWII and Blue Star Salute) received by the CFL Chapter, one National and one VASSAR, for the Partners in Patriotism Program to honor the men and women who served at home and on the battlefields during World War II. Bob Bowen and Bill Simpson, Jr. accepted the awards for the Chapter.

President Block then introduced the speaker for our meeting Jon Yagla. Jon lives at Eagles Nest, and has done considerable research on the early residents. The house at Eagles Nest was finished in 1823 and is registered as a Virginia Historic landmark. Jon showed some portraits of the original owners, the Fitzhughs, and then reviewed the life of Ben Grymes. Mr Grymes joined the Continental Army near the time of Trenton, and was part of the Grayson Continentals, and elite guard for the protection of General George Washington. Following the war, Mr Grymes weakness for alcohol landed him in trouble with the authorities when he shot and killed a Mr. Galloway. He was found not guilty by reason of insanity, and sent to a hospital in Williamsburg. He eventually was released but spent the remainder of his life struggling with alcohol.. In appreciation for his talk, President Block presented Mr.Yagla with a copy of the book "The Great Experiment, George Washington and the American Republic"

Under New Business President Block requested nominations for Teacher of the Year Award, and nominations of youths to participate in the Oration and Essay contests. The Board of Managers (BOM) in their meeting on 9/7 selected an Administrative Enforcement of the Year Medal for individual in King George County, and two Law enforcement awards for individuals in Stafford County.

Chaplain Bob Bowen offered the benediction. Registrar Bill Simpson, Jr. led the SAR Recessional. President Block adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Up-coming Events:

--17 September (12:00 P.m. – 5:00 P.M. – Constitution Day and Welsh festival and James Monroe Museum and Library Open House, 908 Charles street, Fredericksburg.

--1-3 October – Battle Days, Point Pleasant, WV – Colonial Dance, Parade, Commemorative Program and Wreath Laying. Sponsored by Point Pleasant Chapter WVSSAR, and co-sponsored by VASSAR.

--7 October – Battle of King's Mountain, SC – Commemorative Program and Wreath Laying, sponsored by Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, NCSSAR

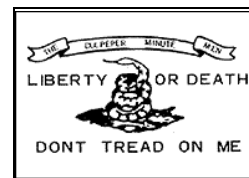
--19 October – Yorktown Victory Day Celebration -10:00 A.M. Wreath laying, tomb of Thomas Nelson, Jr., sponsored by VASSAR; 11:00 A.M. Parade

--12 November – CFL Meeting – Annual Awards Meeting

--13 November – Valley Forge – Virginia State Service at Valley Forge, PA. Lunch at noon, a special Carillon concert at 1:30 P.M., followed by and Evensong Service at George Washington Chapel at 2:00 P.M., co-sponsored by VASSAR

--3 December – James Monroe Wreath laying – Fredericksburg.

*Submitted by Conway Richardson
Chapter Secretary*



CMM invites CFL to Commemorative Program

The Culpeper Minute Men Chapter will hold a special program on Saturday, December 10, to commemorate the original Culpeper Minute Men who were formed during the Revolutionary War. Among those who will play a major role will be VASSAR President-elect Jim Bayne, Chapter President Jerry Hubbard, Past President General Larry McClanahan and Past VASSAR President John Sinks. Both, McClanahan and Sinks are dual members of the Chapter. For additional information, contact Jim Bayne at 540-825-3557 or walking.h.farm@erols.com