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September and October Prove to be Very Busy Months for Several Chapter Members

From grave marking in the Shenandoah Valley to celebrating in the 225th Anniversary of George Washington's victory over Cornwallis at Yorktown, members of the Chapter found themselves coming and going in September and October.

The hectic two-month schedule began at the September Chapter Meeting held at the Zirkle Mill in Forestville, northwest of New Market. Just prior to the meeting, the members marked the grave of John Branner, a member of the Dunmore County Militia, 8th Virginia, and a patriot ancestor of Chapter Vice President Rob Andrews. The VASSAR Color Guard led a contingent of 21 in attendance at the grave marking. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the back page.



(Left) Honoring the Revolutionary War service of John Branner. (Right) Meeting at the old Zirkle Mill.



VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting – Culpeper – September 15-16 (L-R) Chapter VP Rob Andrews (second front left) joined the VASSAR Color Guard Former Chapter President Walt Sheffield was presented the Virginia Society Medal for his work coordinating recognition of the SAR by Governor Tim Kaine Former Chapter President Bob Bowen was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as Chairman of the National 225th Anniversary Committee and President Bill Simpson was presented a Liberty Medal for being the first-line signer on ten new member applications.