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The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence. As a historical, educational, and patriotic, non-profit corporation, we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum" that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people.

President's Call

Fellow Compatriots:

One of the significant activities of the CFL Chapter is to recognize outstanding JROTC Cadets in our community. Please join me in expressing thanks to our JROTC Chairman, Tony Lister for his efforts. I recently had the opportunity to attend an award ceremony at Brooke Point High School, and presented the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Savannah Howard. I was most impressed with the entire JROTC unit and their many accomplishments. These fine young people are proof that the high ideals and principles which motivated our patriot ancestors remain alive today!

Dave Hazel

Chapter News

Our next luncheon meeting will take place on May 12th and will feature Al Conner, a speaker with exceptional credentials: Albert Z. Conner is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute (B.A., History) and Georgetown University (M.A., Government, and Certificate in National Security Studies). He served 12 years in the Regular U.S. Army with two tours in Vietnam and five years in the 82nd Airborne Division. He then served 18 years with the Defense Intelligence Agency (including a 12-year detail with the Central Intelligence Agency). He co-authored a book on the Soviet Army in World War II; contributed to a work on professional military education in the United States; authored ***A History of Our Own: Stafford County, Virginia***; has published over 20 journal and magazine articles; and has two Civil War books in-work: ***Not For Fame Or Reward: VMI's Civil War Soldiers and Sailors*** and ***Union Army's "Valley Forge" 1863: 93 Days That Saved America***. Locally, he is a past president of both the Fredericksburg Civil War Roundtable and the Stafford County Historical Society. He is a National Park Service volunteer at "Chatham," and credits that experience and working on his latest book with developing the insights about which he'll speak to us. Incidentally, the Fielding Lewis Chapter, successfully nominated him for the VASSAR Good Citizenship Award in 2006. Please RSVP to cflsar@hazelsales.com and plan on joining us for this meeting.

**Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Meeting– March 10, 2012
Fredericksburg Country Club**

At 12:05 pm President Dave Hazel called the meeting to order.

Officers present:

President, Dave Hazel
Secretary, Rudy Lane
Registrar, Skip Nolan
Chaplain, Bob Bailey
Treasurer & Historian, Wayne Rouse
Past President/Revolutionary Graves Chairman Bill Simpson

There were 34 attendees including 19 members of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter (3 being inducted,) 3 DAR, 2 CAR and 10 guests.

The Posting of Colors: Registrar Skip Nolan and Compatriot Parker Weeks.

Invocation: Chaplain Bob Bailey

Pledge of Allegiance: Secretary Rudy Lane

Pledge to the SAR: Treasurer/Historian Wayne Rouse

Special Guests:

President Dave Hazel welcomed members and guests to the meeting. The guests included representatives of the Sea Cadet Corps, Rebecca and Alex Slaughter, representatives from the Light Horse Larry Lee Chapter, CAR and 3 new members: Scott Boros, Frank Jennings, and John Tierney.

Announcements:

President Dave Hazel explained the purpose of the SAR and what the SAR involves:

1. Honor Patriots
2. Promote descendants
3. Assure community relations
4. Encourage research on Patriots
5. Mark Revolutionary events
6. Celebrate American heritage
7. Follow Washington's farewell address to the American people

President Hazel announced that Veterans Affairs Jim Clemons was ill and a card was being passed around for everyone to sign.

Chaplain Bob Bailey announced that a program will be presented on May 24th called "Growing Up Female in the 18th Century" at Stratford Hall, 9 am to noon.

Upcoming Events: March 11th Battle of Guilford C.H. Greensboro, NC
 March 15th President James Madison's Birthday Montpelier, VA

April 8th Halifax Days Halifax, NC
April 13th Thomas Jefferson's Birthday Washington DC Jefferson Memorial
April 15th-16th Battle of Petersburg Petersburg, VA
April 28th President James Monroe's Birthday Westmoreland County and
Richmond, VA

President Hazel adjourned the meeting for lunch.

At 12:50 President Dave Hazel called the meeting back to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Secretary Rudy Lane motioned approval of the last meeting minutes; the motion was seconded, and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of January 12, 2012	\$4,653.45
Deposits	\$ 638.00
Expenditures	\$1,467.21
Balance as of March 7, 2012	\$3,824.24

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. Secretary Rudy Lane seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Other Officer and Committee Chairman Reports VASSAR Annual Meeting Chapter Awards:

Historian/Treasurer Wayne Rouse attended and assisted with the VASSAR Annual Meeting. Wayne reported that the CFL Chapter received a total of seven streamers: three for VASSAR Presidential initiatives including participation in a 9/11 event, attending a joint grave marking at Shockoe Cemetery, and for participating in the joint grave marking ceremony at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. a streamer for History Day Support, a Chapter Excellence streamer, a streamer for 100% chapter participation in the VASSAR Flag Program, and a streamer for participation in the Battle of Great Bridge ceremony. The CFL Chapter also received two stars, one for Graves Registration and one for recognizing a Forgotten Patriot. President Hazel pointed out that Wayne Rouse personally received a Presidential Award and Meritorious Service Medal presented by VASSAR President Mark Brennan.

Wayne Rouse also stated that the Virginia Society expressed interest in hosting a National Congress in the year 2020. More information will available in the future.

Induction of Compatriots:

Scott Boros (sponsored by Ritchie Dagg,) Frank Jennings (sponsored by Skip Nolan), and John Tierney (sponsored by Walt Sheffield).

Presentation of Awards:

All new inducted Compatriots received their SAR Rosettes and membership certificates.

After giving an updated report on the CAR, Alex Slaughter from the Light Horse Larry Lee Society, CAR received 50 dollars.

A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Anthony Lister for his work with the JROTC program; however Anthony Lister was not present to receive it.

A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Bill Simpson for serving as chairman of the Revolutionary War Graves Committee.

A Ten Year Service Award Certificate was presented to Registrar Skip Nolan.

Skip Nolan's wife, Diane Nolan, received the VA Society Service Medal for her continued support of the CFL Chapter.

The Pentagon Division, United States Navel Sea Cadet Corps nominated Petty Officer Second Class Elizabeth Hayes to receive the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Award and Ribbon. Petty Officer Second Class Hayes accepted the award, presented by CFL President Dave Hazel, and was greatly appreciative.

Raffle Drawing:

\$32.00 was won by Jack Apperson. Compatriot Apperson donated the money back to the Chapter.

Guest Speaker:

Revolutionary War Graves Chairman Bill Simpson gave a presentation called "Revolutionary Controversies." The presentation mainly focused on who was the real Molly Pitcher? Several theories and different personas were presented as to who she might have been.

Retire the Colors: Registrar Skip Nolan and Compatriot Parker Weeks.

SAR Recessional: Revolutionary War Graves Chairman Bill Simpson

Benediction: Chaplain Bob Bailey

Adjournment: President Dave Hazel adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.