



# THE GUNNERY NEWS

Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter of the SAR

Volume 14, Edition 2 March 2012



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:

Summer is quickly upon us! Please mark your calendars for the next two luncheon meetings, May 12th and June 9th, and plan on joining us for one or both of these summer meetings. Our fall meetings will take place on September 8th and November 10th, and our joint meeting and silent auction in conjunction with the Prince William Resolves, DAR, is scheduled for December 8, 2012. Also, the annual Graves Mountain Lodge Multi-Chapter Meeting, sponsored by The Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, will be held Saturday, April 14th. This is a fun event in a wonderful venue. You will find details and the registration form included in this edition of *The Gunnery News*.

Dave Hazel

---

## **Chapter News**

If you missed our last luncheon meeting, held on March 10th, you missed Compatriot Bill Simpson's fascinating presentation, "Revolutionary Controversies." The meeting included the induction of three new members into the CFL Chapter: Scott Boros, Frank Jennings, and John Tierney. Welcome to our newest Compatriots! A first for the Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter, we also awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Petty Officer Second Class Elizabeth Hayes of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Pentagon Division. Complete minutes of the March meeting will appear in the next edition of *The Gunnery News*.

---

## **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the January luncheon meeting were presented at the March meeting and were approved. They are published here for Compatriots to review:

**Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter, Virginia Society**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2012**

After a social period of about 30 minutes, the January meeting of the Chapter was called to order at 1:00 pm at the Fredericksburg Country Club by President Dave Hazel.

**Officers present:**

President, Dave Hazel  
Vice President, Walt Sheffield  
Secretary, Rudy Lane  
Registrar, Skip Nolan  
Chaplain, Bob Bailey  
Historian, Wayne Rouse

There were 25 attendees including 13 members of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter (1 being inducted,) VASSAR President Mark Brennan, 3 prospective members, 2 DAR, and 5 guests.

The invocation was given by Bob Bailey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wayne Rouse and the Pledge to the SAR was led by Skip Nolan.

President Hazel welcomed members and guests. President Hazel read a resolution from The Virginia Society acknowledging the Colonel Fielding Lewis and the James Monroe Chapters for their efforts in sponsoring the VASSAR Semi-annual meeting in Fredericksburg.

President Dave Hazel adjourned the meeting for lunch and called the meeting back to order at 1:48 pm.

**Installation Of Officers:** VASSAR President Mark Brennan installed the CFL slate of officers for 2012:

President Dave Hazel  
Vice President Tom Cook (Walt Sheffield acted as proxy for Tom Cook in his absence.)  
Secretary Rudy Lane  
Treasurer and Historian Wayne Rouse  
Registrar Skip Nolan  
Chaplain Bob Bailey

**Approval of Minutes:** President Hazel referred to the minutes of the past two luncheon meetings and asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes from the past two meetings were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was reported in the program insert as follows:

Balance as of November 11, 2011	\$5,530.77
Deposits	\$4,846.48
Expenditures	\$5,723.80
Balance as of January 11, 2012	\$4,653.46

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer Wayne Rouse presented the 2012 budget as recommended by the Board of Managers. Wayne made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and carried.

**New Business:** President Hazel announced that the Chapter's annual report was completed in consultation with the Board of Managers and had been submitted to The Virginia Society.

President Dave Hazel presented Compatriot Mel Becker with a Supplemental Patriot Ancestor Certificate.

**Awards:** The following awards were presented:

Robert Bailey	Certificate of Appreciation
Jim Clemons	Certificate of Appreciation
Rudy Lane	Certificate of Appreciation
Skip Nolan	Certificate of Appreciation
Walt Sheffield	Chapter Service Medal
Wayne Rouse	Chapter Service Medal
Wink Rouse	Chapter Service Medal
Laura Hazel	Chapter Service Medal
Dave Hazel	Chapter Service Medal

**New Member Induction:** New member of the Col. Fielding Lewis chapter, Compatriot Robert E. Swartwood Jr. was inducted by VASSAR President Mark Brennan.

**Raffle Drawing:** Laura Hazel won the raffle of thirty dollars.

The SAR Recessional was led by VASSAR Chancellor Walt Sheffield and the benediction was given by Chaplain Bob Bailey.

President Dave Hazel adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.



**Culpeper Minutemen Chapter**  
*of the Virginia Society of the*  
**Sons of the American Revolution**



**PRESIDENT**  
Lance Lyngar

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Bill Schwetke

**SECRETARY**  
Jake Lay

**TREASURER**  
Don Jennings

**REGISTRAR**  
Paul Bess

**HISTORIAN**  
Francis Lay

**CHAPLAIN**  
Len Cowherd

**COLOR GUARD**  
**CMDR**  
Lon Lacey

*Serving the Central Piedmont Culpeper, Fauquier,  
 Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock Counties*

March 18, 2012

Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I cordially invite you and your Chapter compatriots, wives and guests to attend the Annual Graves Mountain Lodge Multi-Chapter Meeting to be held Saturday, April 14, 2012, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. We will break for lunch "family style" at 12:00 noon. Our distinguished Guest Speaker will be VASSAR President Henry P. "Phil" Williams III, PhD.

A final count of attendees is required by Friday April 6, 2012. Please have all checks arrive by that time.

Graves Mountain Lodge is located on Rt. 670, in Syria (Madison County), VA. Directions can be obtained from their website: [www.gravesmountain.com](http://www.gravesmountain.com)

Please distribute this information to your members. This event has become a delightful annual tradition of conviviality and fellowship; and we enjoyed a fine turnout last year from all Chapters involved. Please encourage each of your compatriots to participate. We look forward to seeing all of you!

Respectfully yours,

*Lance M Lyngar*

Lance Lyngar, President  
 Culpeper Minutemen Chapter  
 Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



**GRAVES MOUNTAIN LODGE LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM**

April 14, 2012 -- Graves Mountain Lodge --11:30 PM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remittance \$17.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Please submit by April 6, 2012)

Checks should be submitted to: Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, VASSAR  
 c/o Don Jennings, Treasurer  
 P.O. Box 148  
 Boston, VA 22713-0148