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President's Comments

My Brethren All,

A quick check of the National Sojourners home page shocked me into the realization that the Spirit of America Youth Conference which we frequently refer to as "Freedoms Foundation" will be held July 17 – 20, 2008 at Valley Forge. Particulars can be found on the home page...candidates in the 10th or 11th grades of class 2008 – 2009...tuition \$420.00 each. How many will Old Dominion sponsor this year?

It seems like yesterday that Dottie and I were headed to Freedoms Foundation with young Samantha Samuels and Ben Rogers, who had never met but jabbered all the way as if they grew up next door. On the return it was more of the same and except for a brief exchange about Harry Potter, the conversation was about how great their experience had been. Even with more than a fifty year difference in our ages, we could easily detect a change in their outlook.

And so the remainder of my elective

year has flown just as swiftly, provided memories as fond, established new friendships and mourned the loss of good friends. A poem that I once read entitled "Be What You Is, Don't Be What You Ain't" has pretty much been a good measuring stick for my life of which thirty years was on active duty. I could no more be like my beloved predecessor than could the officer who took my place at the change of command. We are those stones in the fence that I spoke of in another message to you. All of us different, yet all contributing something of importance to the finished product.

Let me thank one and all for the privilege of serving you this past year and I look forward to supporting my good Brother Tom Little as he assumes the mantle of President.

Ralph W. Smith, Jr.

May Meeting Information

The next chapter meeting is on **Wednesday, May 21, 2008** at the Arlington-Fairfax BPO located at 8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22031.

Uniform of the Day: **Business Attire**

Social one hour before dinner. Dinner at 1900 hours in Fairfax Room (on Lower Floor of Lodge). Dinner is \$20.00 per person. Make your reservations through Brother Joe Spruill, 2nd Vice President, at Joe.Spruill@yahoo.com or call: 703-615-6275.

Deadline for reservations: **End of day, Sunday, May 18, 2008.**



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Old Dominion Chapter #364

Commander's Message



Brethren:
FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO ALL.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Commander this year. I wish my successor Les Albers well, pledging to support him to the best of my ability, and asking you to do the same.

I do want to thank those who assisted Brother Harry Sanders with the James Monroe Day on April 26, and those who assisted Brother Bill Turner with the flag detail at Congressional Cemetery. Unfortunately, I was not available for either event.

Our next scheduled event, and the last for my year as Commander is the Federal Area Encampment scheduled for May 17 at Camp Collingwood. There we will join with our area Camps and enjoy a short day of fellowship and enjoyment along with a good meal hosted by our Chapter and our Federal Area Representative Jerry Kunkle. LHHL Camp will be the host camp. I will serve as Commander and am attempting to involve as many officers of other local camps as I can. I also need our members to volunteer for the many supporting roles.

Please call me (703-281-7489) if you plan to attend and will assist. Come and enjoy the day's festivities with your Lady.

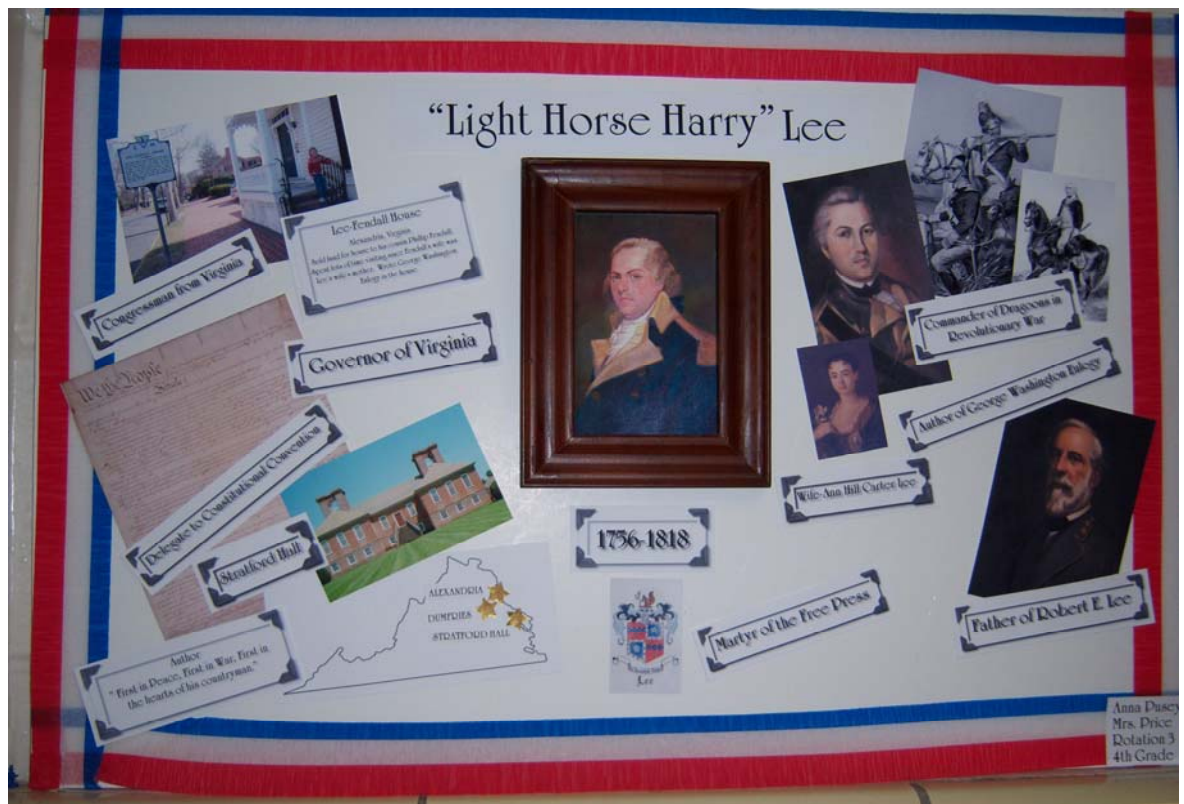
My greatest concern, as I have said frequently in the past, is the support by our members for our regularly scheduled events – chapter meetings and bivouacs as well as supporting special ceremonies. Your support is critical to our Old Dominion chapter's good health. By participating, we demonstrate our commitment to promote Americanism and Patriotism, and support to our elected officers. Please remember our commitment, if it is within the length of your cable tow.

At the last chapter meeting, I started issuing special Light Horse Harry Lee Camp pins to those Heroes who have attended meetings this year. Once you attend a meeting, you are eligible for this special pin. My special thanks to Harry Sanders for making them for us.

Thanks again to those of you who have supported the Light Horse Harry Lee Camp.

Woody Bentley
Commander

This poster was created by a 4th grader to show his favorite person in history during Showcase Night at Wayewood Elementary School.



Anna Dusey
Mrs. Price
Dotation 3
4th Grade

May 2008

From the Secretary's Desk

Minutes of the Meeting, April 16, 2008

Twenty-seven members and guests met at the Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 for a great business/dinner meeting of Old Dominion No. 364. The dinner bell clanged at 1900 hours and Bro. Dan Clark, Chaplain, offered Grace. We enjoyed a delicious roast turkey dinner with all the traditional trimmings.

Bro. Ralph Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 2000 hours. The Colors were in place as all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Bro. Clark attended the Bible and presented the Opening Prayer. Bro. Scotty Cameron recited the Toast to the Flag, and Bro. Tom Little, 1st VP, presented the Purposes of the National Sojourners. Pres. Smith introduced all Chapter VIP's and ladies, and welcomed all. A special guest was introduced by Bro. Joe Spruill, 2nd VP...his son Jay. He was welcomed by all.

Secretary: The March 2008 minutes were approved unanimously. Two new MIP's were acknowledged, Bros. Daniel M. Clark and Richard A. Kirkman. Both brothers have been active members for years. Word was received on 3/27/08 that Bro. Daniel G. Cook passed away on 3/22/08. On 4/14/08, an email was received from Bro. Jim Helt that Bro. Barney S.K. Lau was found dead in his home on that date. On 4/15/08, a check for \$1,994.33 was received from National Headquarters for our 2007-2008 MIP Dividend. The Treasurer, John Mayers immediately took possession of same. A "Thank you" letter was sent to Mr. Daniel W. Kriss in appreciation for his presentation in

March concerning his experiences as a fourteen year old sailor during WWII. The total charge for the March Newsletter was \$194.29.

Treasurers Report: Bro. Johnny Mayers reported \$529.00 in the regular account, and \$8,672.66 in the Capitol One Savings Account.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Bro. Bill Turner reported that on Saturday, 4/19/08, a Color Guard will perform at the U.S. Congressional Cemetery in Wash. D.C. supporting the DAR which is in the process of beautifying the Cemetery after many years of disrepair by placing bronze memorial plaques on the gravesites and conducting proper dedications. They request an Honor Guard for this activity. Bro. John Philip Souza, 33 Degree, is just one example of the honored buried at this cemetery.

Membership: Bro. Joe Spruill asked that all remember to call in at the prescribed time to reserve for the dinner meetings. The general management has asked us (contract) to call in our numbers by noon on the Monday prior to the business meeting. This does not seem to be working well on our part; therefore, we are going to ask members to call/e-mail in by the end of the day on Sunday prior to the Wednesday meeting. PLEASE, brother members...we are under the gun by contract to get these numbers in so Sheila, General Manager, can properly prepare for us.

ROTC: Pres. Smith reported he has heard from fourteen institutions of higher education. He has fourteen Americanism Awards and two Patriotism Awards to present.

Sick and Distressed: Lady

Patti Turner reported cards being sent to Bros. Bill Sanner for eye surgery, Bob Elliott who took a fall, and Scotty Cameron for surgery to remove a dental instrument from his stomach. Bro. Danny Levin reports that his Lady Ruth has been diagnosed with a tumor on her liver and will begin a Chemo series on 4/17/08. Bro. Ray Whitney had a knee replacement and will attend the next meeting. Bro. Ed Arndt will have surgery on his right eye on 4/22/08, and Lady Claire Bentley had to have shoulder surgery for which the results have not been very positive.

LHHL Camp, Heroes of 76: Cmdr Woody Bentley asked Bros. Clark, Mayers, and Dooley to come forward and presented them with very nice badges for their support for Heroes. The April 30 Bivouac was canceled due to being so close to the 5/17/08 Area Encampment, response for which has been disappointing. Bro. Bentley, as Secretary of NA-SOCOCO, then asked that more members sign up as Delegates for the National Convention in June and learn more about the "goings on" in the National setting. (See the Chapter Secretary for forms) The Commander then asked that when any honor details are requested or performed that he be notified for consistency of command. Bro. Woody then reported, as Vice President of Finance for CLMA, that donations from National Sojourners and outside sources are not enough to sustain the new Legacy Center and other income will be needed. Less than two thirds of Sojourners have donated, and most of those have been for less than fifty dollars. The



Board has decided to hire a third person to work in "Sales" to get the word out to bring business in—and financial and personal support is needed from Sojourners.

New Business: President Ralph Smith then asked for a motion to endorse our Bro. Bill Turner as 2nd Nat. VP. Bro. Ed Arndt so moved, Bro. Ron Dooley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. The next item was election of officers for OD 364 and LHHL. Pres. Smith, read the slate of officers, which had been publicized in the April Newsletter and on the OD Web site. There were no nominations from the floor, and a motion was made to close the nominations. A motion was made to call the question and the slate was unanimously carried as read. The installation of officers for 2008-2009 will be conducted at the May 21, 2008 business meeting.

The Gavel and Closing: There being no further business, the gavel was passed with several comments and announcements. Bro. Bill Turner thanked all members for their endorsement and expressed his hopes that the Convention would do the same.

Bro. Dan Clark attended the Bible and presented the Closing Prayer. All sang the closing song, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee". The meeting was officially closed at 2105 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Ron Dooley
Secretary/Adjutant

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