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## **COMMANDERY NEWS**

- The Spring Commandery meeting is Tuesday, 19 May at Richbrau Brewing Company, in Richmond's Shockoe Slip. We plan to gather for drinks starting at 6:30, with dinner and business meeting to follow. If you haven't already RSVP'd, please do so to [richburd6165@yahoo.com](mailto:richburd6165@yahoo.com).
- Officers elected in December for the Commandery's 2008-10 term include: -
  - Clifton Potter of Lynchburg, Commander
  - Richard Bishop of Fayetteville, NC, Senior Vice Commander
  - Kent Kane, of Onemo, VA, Junior Vice Commander
  - David Penhallow of Richmond, Treasurer
  - Jeffry Burden of Richmond, Recorder
  - Courtney Fleenor of Richmond, Registrar
  - Chris Agnew of King George, VA, Chaplain
  - Robert Krasche of Williamsburg, Chancellor.
- The annual assessment of \$24.00 is due. If you haven't sent it in as instructed in the April notice letter, please do so at your first opportunity.
- The Commandery awarded ROTC Medals of Merit for "Academic Excellence and Demonstrated Leadership Potential" to Army ROTC Cadets Alexander Muth of the College of William & Mary and James Holliday of Christopher Newport University, members of the Revolutionary Guard Battalion, on 15 April; and Colton Raposa and Morgan Perry of the University of Richmond's Spider Battalion, on 21 April. As in past years, thanks go to Companion Bob Krasche of Williamsburg for purchasing two medals for use at ROTC events.



Recorder-in-Chief and Virginia Companion Jack Kane presents an ROTC Medal of Merit and Certificate, in ceremonies at Christopher Newport University on 15 April 2009.

## **New Companions**

***These individuals have joined the Loyal Legion's Virginia Commandery since July 2008:***

***Edmund Dickinson Potter, #22488 , of Fishersville, Va, is a college professor and son of Commander Clifton Potter. He is a descendant of Capt. Justus Hull Potter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Heavy Artillery.***

***James Geary Ward, #22493, of Merritt Island, Fl., served a long career in the military after graduating from the Naval Academy in 1965. His ancestor, James Coburn Gearey, was Lieutenant Colonel of the 32<sup>nd</sup> U.S.C.T.***

***Joel Patrick Hinzman, #22499, lives in Arlington, Va., where he is Senior Government Affairs Director for Oracle Corp. His ancestor was Capt. Jacob Cramblet of the 170<sup>th</sup> Ohio National Guard Infantry.***

***Zachary Alan Burnett, #22500, is a grandson of VA Senior Vice C-in-C Dick Bishop and shares descent from 1<sup>st</sup> LT Asahel Mann, 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry with his grandfather. He is a student at Radford University.***

***John Henry Libaire, Jr., #22501, lives in Beaufort, S.C., where he is an antiques dealer. His ancestor, Capt. Adolphe Libaire of the 9<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry, received a Medal of Honor in 1898 for gallantry displayed at the Battle of Antietam.***

***Robert Emmett Pollard, #22502, is a descendant of Maj. James Augustus Pratt of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. He is an architect living and working in Charleston, S.C.***

***Michael William Taylor, whose number is being assigned, is our newest member. A retired professor in Raleigh, N.C. and an Air Force veteran, he is a descendant of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Samuel Smith Taylor of the 101<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry.***

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## **Dispatches from the Front**

**The Virginia Commandery has several members now serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. We will try to provide brief updates on them in this and future issues.**

**MICHAEL MCGURK: Colonel McGurk is posted to the U.S. Embassy in Paris, where he is the Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation. In that role, he helps oversee U.S. defense policy interests in France. He serves as the Department of Defense liaison to the French National Armaments Director as that country begins to reintegrate into NATO. He is also the on-site Commander for DoD participation in the Paris Air Show (the world's largest) and other defense shows in Europe. He speaks regularly on US-France relations, Future Combat Systems, and other technical subjects.**

**He reports that he hopes to jump with paratroopers into Normandy on the anniversary of D-Day this year – “Old but not that old yet.”**