



Prince Michel Winery



John D. Sinks

Following the Obelisk Ceremony in Culpeper we held our June meeting at the Prince Michel Winery in Leon, VA. This is our first meeting in some time in Madison County and the Prince Michel Winery holds promise for future meetings. Our October and November chapter meetings as well as the DAR/SAR Christmas Party in December are all scheduled for this restaurant.

Our speaker in June was our old friend John Sinks, who gave us the benefit of his more recent research into the original Culpeper Minutemen of 1775.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY AT CULPEPER



Lon Lacey, Larry Alexander, Don Jennings

Our Program for Independence Day in Culpeper, done by Lon Lacey, in coordination with the Culpeper Celebration Committee, was as always a highlight of our year. The Blue Ridge Chorale provided wonderful patriotic

music; the colors were paraded in to fife and drum and posted. Lon Lacey gave a great talk on how the Declaration of Independence was a precursor to our Bill of Rights, and Jim Bayne, in uniform and in character presented our Declaration of Independence as if he had just come from the signing in Philadelphia. Both the Chairman of the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors, Mrs. Sue Hansohn and the mayor of Culpeper, Mr. Chip Coleman addressed the sizable crowd. This was all capped off with a musket volley from our color guard. Many thanks to the Culpeper Minutemen for your hard work and great turnout.

The Ceremony was followed by the parade in the afternoon