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APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014 @ 12:00 PM

BREEZY HEIGHTS TAVERN & RESTAURANT

**714 Washington Pike
Route 844 West
Avella, PA 15312**

Phone: (724) 587-3461

DAR / SAR Members and guests are welcome.

**Menu: Broasted chicken, potatoes, a vegetable,
brownies, coffee, tea and soft drinks**

***** \$16.00 per person *****

**Reservations MUST arrive before
Saturday, April 12, 2014**

Please Mail Reservations To:

Larry L. Ridgway, Treasurer
Box 355 - 113 Railroad Street
Stockdale, PA 15483-0355
Phone: (724) 938-2197

Minutes ~ Saturday, February 15, 2014

Call to Order: President Ronald Miller called the meeting to order at The Union Grill in Washington, at 12:10PM. President Miller welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the pledge to the SAR was recited and Rev. Dr. Eric C. Powell gave the Invocation.

Attendance: Twenty (20) people, guests (8)
Compatriots (12) Richard R. Cornish; Ronald W. Eisert; Dr. Scott M. Helfrich, D.Ed.; Dick Mellon; Ronald E. Miller; Rev. Dr. Eric C. Powell; Linda & Larry L. Ridgway; Richard Robbins; Grace & Rev. Dr. Nathaniel C. Roe; Debra & John R. Ruffing; Marie & Edward W. Schreiber; Ruth &

John C. Schreiber; Gary W. Timmons; Cynthia & Kurt Winter.

Presidents Report: President Miller made opening remarks and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2013 Chapter meeting be approved. Motion was made, seconded and approved.



Awards: President Miller presented Edward W. Schreiber with a Distinguished Service certificate for serving as our Past President and John C. Schreiber with a certificate of Appreciation for his service as past Treasurer.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ridgway reported the Chapter balance as of February 7, 2014 \$3,118.16.

Old Business: Planning continues for our Chapter hosting the PASSAR Fall BOM meeting.

New Business: Following lunch, President Miller opened the floor for discussion of the affiliate membership that was described in the last Chapter newsletter. A motion was made to accept the affiliate membership. It was seconded and approved. This membership will be open to men that are interested in the Revolutionary War but may have no actual blood ties to that period and would not otherwise be eligible for membership. They will pay chapter dues but will not be

recognized by the Pennsylvania or National Societies. New Compatriot John R. Ruffing was installed.



Compatriot John R. Ruffing and Wife Debra.

Committee Reports:

Color Guard - Two upcoming Color Guard events were mentioned as well as we are always looking for new Color Guard members to join the ranks.

Program: Richard Robbins presented a program on his book "Our People."

"Frontiersmen. Aviators. Ballplayers. Showpeople. Flops and failures. Dreamers and heroes. These are just some of the characters in OUR PEOPLE. In OUR PEOPLE George Washington fights for his western Pennsylvania lands; and Pittsburghers cheer Abraham Lincoln on the way to his inauguration. Here is Uniontown's fabulous coal land baron J.V. Thompson; Scottdale's intrepid pioneer pilot J.D. Hill; and Tin Pan Alley's Hughie Cannon, whose burial in Connellsville put an end to the music. In the pages of OUR PEOPLE strides Richard King Mellon, responsible for the rebirth of both Pittsburgh and Ligonier; and four Somerset County boys struggling to overcome the ravages of the Great Depression. Here is Jack Garner, actor and star pitcher, and Gilbert Simpson of early Perryopolis, Washington's overseer of lands and chief nemesis."



Author Richard Robbins

Good of the Order: Compatriots Larry Ridgway and Edward Schreiber distributed playing cards to several nursing homes and the VA hospital in Pittsburgh. The next George Washington Chapter meeting will be Saturday, April 19, 2014.

Adjournment: Rev. Dr. Eric C. Powell gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13PM.

Historian Wanted:



Would you like to help preserve the history of the George Washington Chapter? You would be responsible for holding the photo albums of the chapter as well as adding pictures, newspaper clippings, etc. that would be submitted to you. You would NOT be required, but encouraged, to attend all meetings or events. If any Compatriot or his better half would be interested, please contact Gary Timmons (304) 242-8759 for information.



President's Corner

Happy Spring! I think that we are all looking forward to a warm spring and even warmer summer! We have been staying warm in our homes for the last couple of months – so NOW is the time to get out and visit with friends, enjoy a meal together and listen to some very interesting stories of the American Revolution in Western Pennsylvania. Join us on April 19th to hear Mike Burke from the Heinz History Center, Fort Pitt Museum, tell us how Western Pennsylvania was a part of the Revolution. We will meet at one of our favorite restaurants featuring their famous broasted chicken: Breezy Heights Tavern and Restaurant.

If you haven't been able to join us for a meeting in the past or ever – NOW is the time to come out and join in the fellowship! If you haven't been a part of our meetings, we encourage you to come out for at least one meeting this summer. We have some great speakers lined up at great local restaurants.

Keep your eyes open for someone that is doing a good job displaying old glory. We want to give recognition to those that are properly flying the flag by presenting them a Flag Certificate. Just let one of the officers know who and where (address) and we will do the rest.

For those that worked on the crossword puzzle at the last meeting, we will reveal the correct answers at the April meeting and I have a bonus question for everyone: What crucial role did Boston's Green Dragon Tavern play in U.S. History?

Looking forward to seeing you on April 19th.

Your most humble and obedient servant,

Ron Miller



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