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JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014 @ 12:00 PM

**MEADOWCROFT MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE
401 Meadowcroft Road
Avella, PA 15312**

Phone: (724) 225-9245

DAR / SAR Members and guests are welcome.

Directions

From **Washington**: Take Jefferson Avenue (Rt-18N). Rt-18 becomes Rt-844. Follow Rt-844 until you come to Avella Road (Rt-50).

From **Wellsburg**: Take Rt-27 East. Rt-27 becomes Washington Pike (Rt-844) in PA. Turn slight left onto Avella Road (Rt-50)

Both: Once on Avella Road (Rt-50) go 1 mile and turn slight left onto Fallen Timber Road. Continue 1.3 miles and turn left onto Meadowcroft Road. Parking lot is at the top of the hill.

Menu: Salad, chopped brisket, pulled pork and chicken (barbeque sauce on the side), with potato salad and baked beans and cake for desert.

***** \$12.00 per person *****

**Reservations MUST arrive before
Saturday, June 14, 2014**

Please Mail Reservations To:

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

Meeting Dress Code

This year, again, Meadowcroft will be holding its 16th annual Atlatl competition. Try your hand using the Atlatl, which is a spear that was used by prehistoric hunters. Remember Meadowcroft is a rural location, and while the building is very nice, it does not have air conditioning and therefore we relax our dress code. Please dress for the weather. As in the past, if you want to tour Meadowcroft and see what all it has to offer, after the meeting, you might want to wear a good pair of walking shoes.

Minutes ~ Saturday, April 19, 2014

Call to Order: President Ronald Miller called the meeting to order at Breeze Heights restaurant in Avella, at 12:05PM. President Miller welcomed all in attendance.



Attendance: Twenty (28) people, guests (12)
Compatriots (16) Mike Burke; **Richard R. Cornish**; Kathleen & **Gerry D. Getman**; June & **Marshall E. Lignian**; **Dick Mellon**; **Ronald E. Miller**; Joyce & **Lindsay S. Morris**; **Eugene G. Painter**; Eugene Painter, Jr; **E. Ward Reighard**; Linda & **Larry L. Ridgway**; Grace & **Rev. Dr. Nathaniel C. Roe**; Marie & **Edward W. Schreiber**; Ruth & **John C. Schreiber**; Barb & **Joseph M. Shaffer**; John Tecklenburg; **Gary W. Timmons**;

John M. White; Willard C. White; Kay Lynn Wilson.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the pledge to the SAR was recited and Rev. Dr. Nat Roe gave the Invocation.

Presidents Report: President Miller made opening remarks and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2014 Chapter meeting to be approved. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ridgway reported the Chapter balance as of April 2014 \$3,504.79

Old Business: Following lunch, President Miller went over the revision to the affiliate membership discussed at February meeting. Planning continues for our Chapter hosting the PASSAR Fall BOM meeting. President Miller also went over the answers to the crossword puzzle that was in the February Chapter newsletter.

New Business: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to continue to be Friends of the SAR Library and a \$25.00 donation will be sent in. In other action, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to go half on the cost of a life size poster of a Revolutionary War soldier with the Ebenezer Zane Chapter that can be used by both chapters at different events.

Committee Reports:

Color Guard: Two upcoming Color Guard events were mentioned. We are always looking for new Color Guard members to join the ranks.

Veterans Committee: Larry Ridgway has delivered 40 more playing card decks to the Pennsylvania State Veterans Home & South Western PA Veterans Center.



Program:

Mike Burke presented a power point program on trading for goods & services in this part of the "West" from 1753 – 1760. It was also mentioned that April 19th is observed as Patriot Day.

Good of the Order: The next George Washington Chapter meeting will be Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Meadowcroft. Shane Miller will be giving a program on the history of the American Flag.

Adjournment: Rev. Dr. Nat Roe gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55PM.

Flag Award

The Flag Award was presented on May 12, 2014 to George "Red" Guzzi of Allenport, PA. Red is a Korean Service veteran and belongs to the Roscoe American Legion Post 801. He has proudly flown the American Flag daily since the end of the Korean War.

The Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, by the Society of The Sons of The American Revolution is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.

Presenting the award is Larry Ridgway, Compatriot representative of the Society of The Sons of The American Revolution, George Washington Chapter, Washington, PA.

*(**see photo in subsequent "Chapter Photos" section**)*



President's Corner

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoque, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

John Adams wrote this to his wife, Abigail concerning what we now celebrate as the Fourth of July or Independence Day. It seems like summer has only started, but as this newsletter goes out Independence Day is just around the corner. Americans began observing the Fourth of July as early as 1777, when the first-ever major celebration in Philadelphia included a parade, a thirteen-shot cannon salute and fireworks, but Congress didn't make it official until 1870, when it was part of a bill passed to recognize major state holidays at a federal level -- like Independence Day, Christmas and New Year's Day,

Did you know that the July 4th holiday is when the most hot dogs are eaten in America!! Here is what has been reported that the Adams meal was like on July 4, 1776:

John Adams and his wife, Abigail, sat down for a celebratory meal of turtle soup, New England poached salmon with egg sauce, green peas and boiled new potatoes in jackets. They followed the meal with Indian pudding or Apple Pandowdy.

I hope that you will have a most memorable Epoque on this July 4th just as John Adams wished for all America. But before you start celebrating in July, be sure to join us for our June meeting at Meadowcroft Village. This is usually our largest attended meeting each year and we have a great speaker, Shane Miller from Raccoon Creek State Park. Shane is very passionate about the American flag and will share with us some very interesting facts about the history of our flag.

At the annual PASSAR annual meeting, our Chapter received the Most Active Chapter Award for medium sized chapters. What an honor to again receive this award on your behalf. Gene Painter also received the Marshall Lignian Award. Congratulations to Gene.

Have a Great Summer and get started by joining us for the June meeting. If you haven't been able to attend a luncheon meeting in a while, this is the perfect opportunity to join us and feel free to come in relaxed summer casual attire!

Your most humble and obedient servant,

Ron Miller

CHAPTER PHOTOS



PASSAR President Ernie Sutton and Ron Miller



Larry Ridgway and George "Red" Guzzi



An honor guard that our combined Color Guard took part in to benefit Cystic Fibrosis



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Sons of the American Revolution George Washington Chapter

June 1, 2014

To: The Churches of the Ohio Valley
Subject: ALLEGIANCE SUNDAY

Each year, a Sunday nearest the 4th of July is designated as Allegiance Sunday. A day that offers people the opportunity to pledge allegiance to God, our country and our Flag. By sharing in such a ceremony, we may reaffirm our loyalty and love for our country. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past participation in this service.

This year July 4th is on Friday and the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution would encourage you to honor the Flag on Sunday July 6th by offering the Pledge of Allegiance and/or singing a patriotic hymn during your worship service.

Because of continuing world circumstances and the dangers the men and women of our Armed Forces continue to face, we encourage your support of our service personnel. Please honor those who have given their lives over the years and those that continue to fight for the freedoms we enjoy every day.

Again, thank you for your past participation and we look forward to your continued support. If you would send a church bulletin for that day, to the address below, so that a report may be tabulated, we would be most appreciative. Thank you and may God continue to bless our great country.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Timmons
Allegiance Sunday Chairman

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