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News & Events

George Washington Chapter

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DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014

Meet @ 11:30 AM / Lunch @ 12:00 PM

Atria's

McDowell Shops

4059 Washington Road

McMurray, PA 15317

724-942-1108

DAR / SAR Members and guests are welcome.

Directions: From Routes 79 or 70, travel to Route 19 (Washington Road) toward Peters Township. Atria's is located in the McDowell Shops just North of Waterdam Plaza.

Meal Choices:

Chicken Chopped Salad – \$17.00

Marinated, grilled chicken breast served over a dozen different vegetables tossed in a garlic vinaigrette dressing with dry bleu cheese

Bourbon Maple Glazed Pot Roast – \$17.00

Tender, beef braised, and slowly cooked served with smashed redskins in a vegetable gravy

Crab Cake – \$19.00

Our signature jumbo lump crab served with hand cut fries and coleslaw

The George Washington Chapter will pay the gratuity and taxes for everyone – Merry Christmas!!

**Reservations MUST arrive before
Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

Please Mail Reservations To:

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

Minutes ~ Saturday, October 25, 2014

Call to Order: President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at the Woodville Plantation in Bridgeville, PA at 11:45AM. After welcoming all, the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Pledge to the SAR was recited and Vice-President Lindsay Morris gave the Invocation.

Attendance: Nineteen(19) people, guests (6)
Compatriots (13) Maureen & **Scott M. Helfrich;**
Dick Mellon; Ronald E. Miller; Joyce & **Lindsay S. Morris;** Larry L. **Ridgway;** Marie & **Edward W. Schreiber;** Ruth & **John C. Schreiber;** Barb & **Joseph M. Shaffer, Gary W. Timmons; John M. White; Richard L. White; & Cynthia & Kurt Winter.**

Officer Reports: Following lunch, President Miller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2014 Chapter meeting/picnic. The motion was approved.



Secretary Report: Secretary Timmons reported that he had received an e-mail from Ron Eisert that his son Eric had a serious fall and was in ICU at Allegheny General Hospital and asked for prayers. He also received a call from Rev. Nat Roe that morning that Grace was taken to the Emergency room the day before but was now home and he would be unable to attend the meeting.

Financial Report: The balance as of October 25, 2014 was \$4,324.44.

Committee Reports:

Color Guard: President Miller reported on two grave dedications that took place recently as well as the annual Fort Henry Days held in Wheeling.

Wreaths Across America: See update in this newsletter for more information.

Old Business: President Miller previewed the upcoming PASSAR Fall meeting of the BOM that our chapter would be hosting and asked for any volunteers to help with registration on Friday & Saturday.

New Business: Compatriot Scott M. Helfrich asked for all submissions to the chapter newsletter are received by him no later than the 15th of the month. Compatriot Timmons reported that he will be representing the Chapter & SAR as one of three speakers at Naturalization Ceremonies to be held at the Federal Courthouse in Wheeling, WV on Friday November 7, 2014 at 11AM. President Miller lead some discussion on chapter plans for next year.

Program: Rob Windhorst, Executive Director of Woodville Plantation, guided all on an informative and interesting tour of the oldest home in Allegheny County. President Miller mentioned that the current CAR State President is from the local area and her state project is to raise funds to purchase a piece of period furniture for Woodville Plantation. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$50.00 to her project. The motion was unanimously approved.



Good of the Order: The next George Washington Chapter meeting will be the Annual Chapter Christmas party on Saturday December 6, 2014 at Atria's at 11:30 AM.

Adjournment: The SAR recessional was recited and Lindsay Morris gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Wreaths Across America 2014



Our Wreaths Across America 2014 campaign is doing very well. To date, sponsors for over 600 wreaths have been received and this does not include the bonus wreaths the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies will receive in our name. The majority of these sponsors continue to come from our mass mailing. Compatriots and wives who attended our chapter picnic, stuffed envelopes to send to those people, groups and organizations that have sponsored in the past. For every two wreaths sponsored, the cemetery will receive a third wreath. We would like to acknowledge the following individuals and groups that have sponsored wreaths since our last newsletters; Altmeyer Funeral Homes, John & Charlene Andes, Donna Antone, Arthur Anderson, Carla Anderson, Dolores Babich, Trina Banco, Nancy Barnard, Beatty Storage, Judy Beichner, John Bell, Sue Bender, Nancy Bishop, Ann Bopp, Mary Borch, Larry Bostich, Ray & Sherle Bourg, Russell Burhenn, Robert Byrne, Gary & Roberta Cameron, Capt. David Van Camp Memorial Foundation, Margaret Cipicic, Dolores Collins, Kathryn Cortese, James Craig, Robert & Lois Crawford, Cheryl Cummins, Vaughn Curry, Richard & Marjorie

D'Antonio, John Darby, Barbara Dellorso, Dewitt Family, Kenneth Dornbush, Virginia Dulany, Joseph Dyga, Richard Eckles, Robert Edgell, Elm Grove Civics, Carole Fatigati, Jennifer Felt, Dorothy Fetherlin, Dennis & Katalyn Filippell, First Christian Church of Weirton, Margaret Flynn, John Folmar, Dorothy Ford, Fort Jackson Chapter-SAR, Fort Steuben Chapter-DAR, Gen. Anthony Wayne Chapter-SAR, Gerry Getman, Kenneth Gorton, Renae Gress, Joanne Gump, Rosemary Guna, Valerie Haney, Ada Harsh, Norma Hartman, Jeanne Hicks, Cheryl Hindman, John & Joyce Holland, Karen Huggins, Rosemarie Jacanin, Jacob Ferree Chapter-DAR, Marilyn Johnson, Harry & Nancy Johnston, Patricia Joyce, Linda Kacvinsky, Sandra Kiefer, Harry & Lois Killen, Linda Kocian, Judith Koerber, Eleanor Kowell, Sylvester & Kay Kukich, Joann Kulesa, Lynn Lacock, Mike & Kathy Leone, Marshall & June Lignian, George & Beverly Livingston, Isabella Livolsi, Robert Lloyd, Patricia Lutz, Barbara Maggi, Joseph Mals, Raymond & Mary Martin, Sherrill Maynard, Carol McMurrain, Roberta Meixell, Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates, Gloria Miller, Carole Morrison, James Moyer, Harry Murtaugh, Patricia Nagy, National Pike Chapter-DAR, Mark Nave,

Barbara Nicolella, Alica Oblock, Olczak Family, Parkinsons Ferry Society-CAR, Maya Patnesky, Florence Patrick, Pat Puskar, Sandra Rea, Ward Reighard, Beverly Resciniti, E. J. Ritson, Ronald Rudnisky, Jeanne Russo, Garnetta Samuel, Anna Santacroce, Rene Saut, Edward Schreiber, Joseph & Barb Shaffer, Richard Shrontz, Joseph Sites, Carol Skerbetz, Julia Smith, Doreen Smittle, Loretta Stanek, Tom & Linda Stigliano, Susan Stonebraker, Steven & Lynne Stout, Tim & Alice Thomassy, VFW Post 6553 Ladies Aux Barto Post, David Warne, Warwood Lions Club, Shirley Washam, Washington Co. Chapter-DAR, Candie Wauthier, Wheeling Chapter-DAR, Wheeling Lodge #9, Jesse White, Richard White, Bruce & Georgia Wieland, Ronald Wilkinson, Patricia Wishnok, Ruth Yago, Ebenezer Zane Chapter-SAR & Clara Zulick . We also remind you to "save the dates" of December 7 & 13, 2014 on your calendar. On Sunday, December 7 at 3PM we will meet at Cabela's in Wheeling at 1PM for a wreaths "send off" ceremony. Then on Saturday, December 13 at noon, join with fellow compatriots, veterans, youth groups, families and others as we place wreaths on the graves of those buried in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.



Ron Miller with program presenter (Greg Park) during the PASSAR quarterly meeting.



Naturalization ceremony in Wheeling: Gary Timmons, Joan McClelland (DAR), E. Gordon Gee (President of WVU), and Federal Judge Frederic P. Stamp

Marshall E. Lignian – In Memorium

1924 – 2014



Marshall E. Lignian, 90, of Edgefield, S.C., formerly of Monongahela, died Tuesday, November 18, 2014, in his home. He was born in Coudersport January 8, 1924, a son of Marshall E. and Leola Young Lignian. Deceased are his parents; a sister, Beatrice Glassmire; a brother, Bernard; his first wife, Helen Ainsworth Lignian, who died in 1960; and his second wife, Irene Putnam Lignian, who died in 1995. On October 17, 1998, he married June Shook Jones, who survives. Also surviving are daughter Bonnie and her husband, Charles Still, of Edgeville, S.C.; granddaughter Valerie Andrews of Grovetown, Ga.; and nieces and nephews.

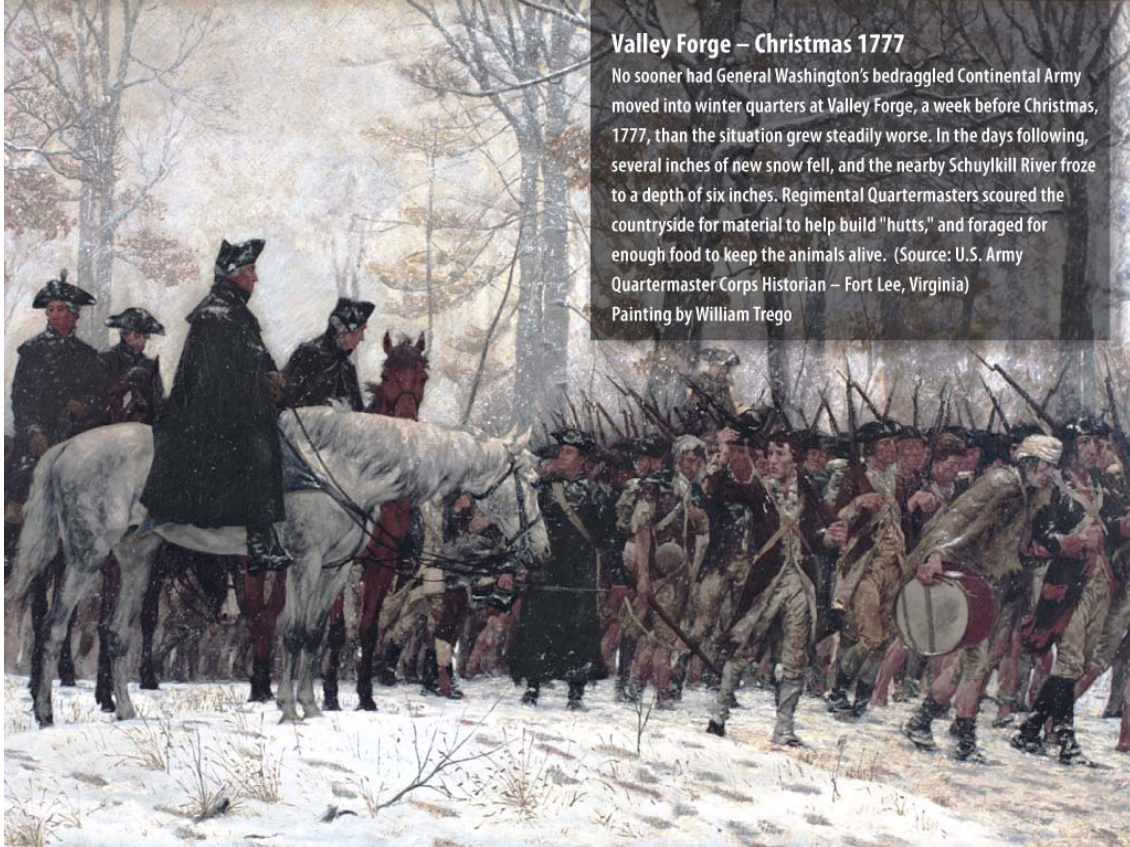
Mr. Lignian attended Coudersport schools, graduating in 1941. He was class president for three years, serving during his freshman, sophomore and senior years. After graduation, he enrolled in Pennsylvania State University. During his junior year, in May 1944, he joined the U.S. Navy, and received his basic training at Bainbridge, Md. During World War II, he served in the Italian Theater and North Africa, achieving the rank of quarter-master third class. He returned to the United States and was discharged June 1946 in Bainbridge. He received the American Campaign, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign and World War II Victory medals.

Upon returning home, he re-entered Penn State and graduated in September 1948 with a bachelor's of science degree in chemical engineering. Following graduation, he went to work for Corning Glass Works, now Corning Inc., in Corning, N.Y., in September 1948. He held several positions in supervision, production and engineering during his career in Corning and Oneonta, N.Y., and Charleroi. He retired in 1986, after 38 years of service. For the next two years, Mr. Lignian worked as a consultant at the Charleroi plant.

In 1966, he joined Sons of the American Revolution in Corning. In 1982, having been transferred to the Charleroi plant, he transferred his membership to the George Washington Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society in Washington. In 1983, he was elected president of the chapter and served three years, through 1986. In 1983, he was elected Pennsylvania Society state registrar. In May 1985, he was elected third vice president of Pennsylvania Society. In succeeding years, he served as second vice president, first vice president and, in May 1988, he was elected president of the society. In May 1987 and again in May 1989, he was elected national trustee for the Pennsylvania Society. Also in May 1989, he was elected secretary of the society, serving until May 1997. In June 1997 and again in June 1999, Mr. Lignian was elected vice president general of the Middle Atlantic District of National Society for a one-year term. In May 2000, he resigned as state registrar of Pennsylvania, after serving in that capacity for 17 years. In July 2000, he was elected genealogist general for National Society, serving one year.

Over the years, Mr. Lignian received numerous awards for his service: a Patriot Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, seven Liberty Medals and numerous Distinguished Service Certificates. In July 1998, he received the highest award given by National Society, the prestigious Minute Man Medal. He also received the Mr. SAR Award from the Pennsylvania Society. Other organizations he was affiliated with are Carroll American Legion James C. Ford Post 949 and Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates, where he was chairman of the flag etiquette committee. They visited area elementary schools and presented programs on the history of the flag, folding of the flag and what constitutes respect and disrespect of the flag. He was a life member of Penn State Alumni Association and Masonic Fraternity, of which he was a 32nd-degree member. He also held memberships in the Eulalia F&AM 342, Coudersport Consistory and First United Methodist Church in Monongahela, where he served on church council, finance committee, worship committee and as head usher.

President's Corner



This year seems to have gone by so quickly. The Christmas season will soon be here, along with the many celebrations and events that are so important and meaningful.

Our annual Christmas party has been one of the best attended and most enjoyable events of the year. If you haven't been able to join us in the past, this is the year to come and enjoy a terrific meal and great fellowship with your Compatriot brothers and their families. We will be gathering again at Atria's in McMurray, (by Donaldson's Crossroads) on December 6th at 11:30 AM. Don't miss out on an enjoyable time together!

There is no better way to start this time of giving than to remember and honor our veterans by decorating their graves at the Cemetery of the Alleghenies. If you haven't already contributed wreaths through Wreaths Across America, there is still time, up to December 1st. We will gather at the cemetery, along with hundreds of other volunteers on Saturday, December 13th at 11:00 AM for our annual wreath laying ceremony at the Revolutionary Soldier stone marker. This is a short time to remember our Revolutionary soldiers and then the large Wreaths Across America Ceremony (about 10 minutes in length) will begin at 12:00 noon and then we all lay wreaths until they are all displayed on a grave. It is particularly meaningful to take the time to read the gravestone and ponder on a veteran and their service. What a great experience to see the many children learning about honor and respect by helping to distribute the wreaths. You will not regret talking just a small part of your day, as there is no better way to start the Christmas Season!

Just a short report on the PASSAR Quarterly meeting that the George Washington Chapter hosted in November: We had a very successful meeting and our thanks to Larry Ridgway, Joe Shaffer, Ken Gorton, and especially Gary Timmons for all of their hard work. One of the highlights was the ladies program at the David Bradford House in Washington, PA. A number of the ladies commented that this was one of the best programs they have attended. Our thanks to the David Bradford House Association for taking such good care of our ladies.

I hope everyone has a very blessed Thanksgiving and I hope to enjoy your company at the Christmas Party in December.

Your Most Humble and Obedient Servant,

Ron

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