



News & Events

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JUNE LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016 @ 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 one 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: Fresh Green Salad, Chopped Brisket, Pulled Pork, Chicken, Potato Salad, Barbeque Baked Beans, Barbeque Sauce, Junior Buns, and Corn Muffins

Price: \$14.00 per person

**Reservations MUST arrive by
Monday, June 13, 2016**

Make checks to: George Washington Chapter-SAR

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

Program: The chapter will once again host its popular "Show & Tell" program. Compatriots can bring in heirlooms or items that may be of interest to share with the membership. This year, again, Meadowcroft will be holding its 18th 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, those attending our meeting will receive a wristband if you want to tour Meadowcroft and see all it has to offer, after the meeting.

Minutes ~ Saturday, April 18, 2016

Call to Order: President Larry Ridgway called the meeting to order at Breezy Heights restaurant in Avella, at 12:05 PM. President Ridgway welcomed all in attendance.

Attendance: Sixteen (16) people, guests (4)
Compatriots (12) Eleanor & Charles D. Curry; Dr. Scott M. Helfrich; Ronald E Miller; Jack Puglisi; E. Ward Reighard; Linda & Larry L. Ridgway; Rev. Dr. Nathaniel C. Roe; Edward W. Schreiber; John C. Schreiber; Charles Smith (RISSAR); Gary W. Timmons; Willard C. White; Cindy & Kurt J. Winters.

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel C. Roe gave the Invocation before lunch. Following Lunch, The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the pledge to the SAR was recited and Rev. Dr. Nat Roe gave an Invocation.



Above: President Larry Ridgway & Newly Inducted Compatriot Charles D. Curry

Presidents Report: President Ridgway made opening remarks and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2016 Chapter meeting be approved. Motion was made, seconded and approved. President Ridgway installed new Compatriot Charles David Curry.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ridgway reported the Chapter balance as of April 15, 2016 \$3,109.19

Secretaries Report: Secretary Timmons reported that the Chapter has 2 additional applications in route to National and a third in the works.

Old Business: None

New Business: Thinking of you cards were passed around for Barb Shaffer and Grace Roe.

Committee Reports: Nothing to report

Program: Jack Puglisi compared the 1800 Presidential election with some of the accusations being leveled in this year's Presidential primary campaign (* *Photo below* *)



Good of the Order The next George Washington Chapter meeting will be Saturday, June 18, 2016 at Meadowcroft. The chapter will once again host its popular "Show & Tell" program. Compatriots can bring in heirlooms or items that may be of interest to share with the membership.

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

Special Thank You!

A generous donation was made by Mrs. James McGrew in memory of her late husband and GWC Member James McGrew. Thanks so much!

Welcome Aboard

The George Washington Chapter is honored and delighted to extend the warm hand of friendship to our newest member, Charles David Curry

Allegiance Sunday

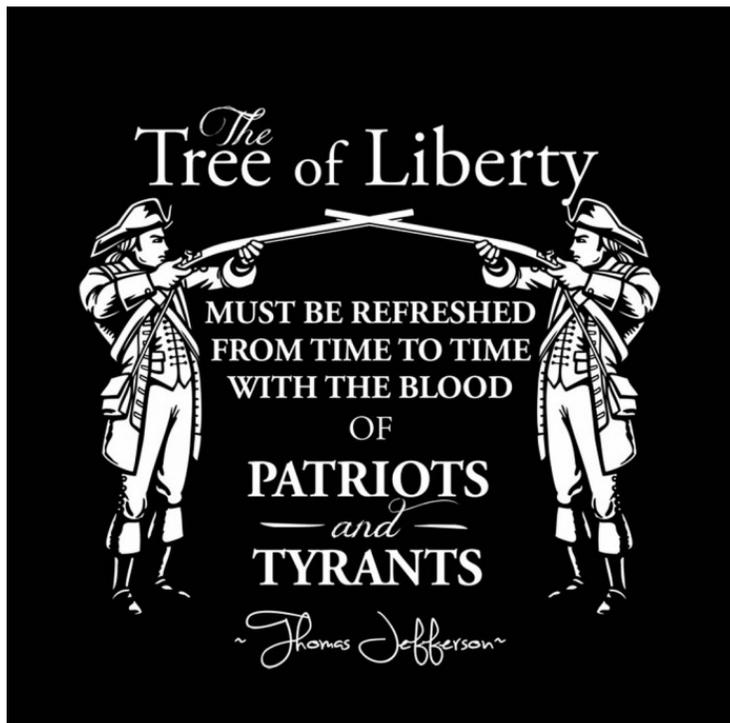
The time is fast approaching for Allegiance Sunday which is observed on the Sunday closest to July 4th, every year. This year, July 4th is on a Monday. Compatriots are asked to contact their church, synagogue or spiritual organization and encourage them to take a time during either the service before or after the following July 4th to include the Pledge of Allegiance or sing a patriotic hymn as part of their worship service. We then ask that a copy of that church bulletin be sent to our Allegiance Sunday Chairman, Gary Timmons for tabulation. The United States of America is a land of freedom and equal opportunity. A country founded by men and women who had a great love of family, the land and their creator, God. They sacrificed their lives, their fortunes and their time to obtain this land and make it a land of freedom for all people regardless of their race, religion or financial status. Now is the time to contact your pastor, priest, minister, rabbi, or spiritual leader and encourage them to participate this year. Please send bulletins to Gary Timmons, 13 Elm Lane, Wheeling, WV 26003-4905.



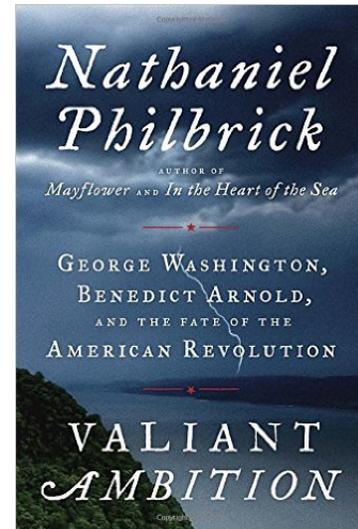
Above: Claysville Memorial Day Parade

PASSAR Annual Meeting

On Saturday May 7th, 36 compatriots from across the state met at Eden Resort in Lancaster to attend the 123th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Current National PG Thomas Lawrence was also in attendance and opened his remarks by mentioning that many years ago he was neighbors with our own Joe Shaffer when they all lived in Texas. Years later when he attended his first national congress and was registering in Pittsburgh, who was manning the registration table, but Joe Shaffer! In items of business, the National Society is currently in negotiations with Family Search to scan and index old SAR applications for all to use. The National Society is also working on a new SAR website so keep an eye out for that. A bit of good news: a motion was made seconded and unanimously approved to suspend the \$3.00 added fee effective when our 2017 dues notices go out this fall. The \$3.00 fee was in anticipation of PASSAR hosting the 2020 National Congress, which PASSAR did not get. Our new state President is Donald E. Mengle from State College, and we wish him a successful term!



New Book Review (Amazon.com)



Published May 10, 2016 (Hardcover)

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *In The Heart of the Sea* and *Mayflower* comes a surprising account of the middle years of the American Revolution, and the tragic relationship between George Washington and Benedict Arnold.

In September 1776, the vulnerable Continental Army under an unsure George Washington (who had never commanded a large force in battle) evacuates New York after a devastating defeat by the British Army. Three weeks later, near the Canadian border, one of his favorite generals, Benedict Arnold, miraculously succeeds in postponing the British naval advance down Lake Champlain that might have ended the war. Four years later, as the book ends, Washington has vanquished his demons and Arnold has fled to the enemy after a foiled attempt to surrender the American fortress at West Point to the British. After four years of war, America is forced to realize that the real threat to its liberties might not come from without but from within.

Valiant Ambition is a complex, controversial, and dramatic portrait of a people in crisis and the war that gave birth to a nation. The focus is on loyalty and personal integrity, evoking a Shakespearean tragedy that unfolds in the key relationship of Washington and Arnold, who is an impulsive but sympathetic hero whose misfortunes at the hands of self-serving politicians fatally destroy his faith in the legitimacy of the rebellion. As a country wary of tyrants suddenly must figure out how it should be led, Washington's unmatched ability to rise above the petty politics of his time enables him to win the war that really matters.



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