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News & Events
George Washington Chapter
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Washington, Pennsylvania

March / April 2017

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

Saturday, April 22, 2017 @ 12:00 PM

Union Grill

13-1/2 East Wheeling Street
Washington, PA

Phone: (724) 222-2860

DAR/SAR Members and guests welcome

Menu: Roast Pork with Dressing OR Baked Boston Cod, Served with Scalloped Potatoes, Whole Baby Carrots, Tossed Salad with House Dressing, Rolls & Butter Coffee, Tea and Vanilla Ice Cream.

***** \$22.00 per person *****

**Reservations MUST arrive before
Saturday, April 15, 2017**

Please Mail Reservations To:

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

Program: Clay Kilgore, Executive Director for the Washington County Historical Society will present a program on forts of Washington County.

Minutes ~ Saturday, February 18, 2017

Call to Order: President Larry L. Ridgway called the meeting to order at The Union Grill in Washington, at 12:10PM. President Ridgway welcomed all in attendance and acknowledged Past PASSAR State President Joe Shaffer, Past Nevada State President Dr. John Burnett and Past State DAR Regent Debra Davis. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the pledge to the SAR was recited and Ronald Miller gave the Invocation.

Attendance: Twenty four (24) people, guests (12)
Compatriots (12) Sarah & Nick Bruno; Helen Burne; **Dr. John A. Burnett;** Deborah Davis; Marsha & **Kenneth E. Gorton;** Trudi & Dr. Ted McAuley; Chuck McElroy; **Dick Mellon;** **Michael D. C. Merryman;** **Ronald E. Miller;** **E. Ward Reighard;** Linda & **Larry L. Ridgway;** Ruth &

*** <http://www.georgewashingtonchapter.com> ***

John C. Schreiber; Joseph M. Shaffer, Sr;
Joseph M. Shaffer, Jr.; Dr. Craig Smith; **Gary W. Timmons;** Cynthia & **Kurt J. Winter, Esq.**

Presidents Report: Following lunch President Ridgway made opening remarks and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2016 Chapter meeting be approved; Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Installation of Officers: The Nominating Committee proposed the slate of officers for the 2016 term as: President - Kurt J. Winter, Esq.; Vice-President - Michael D. C. Merryman, Treasurer – Larry L. Ridgway & Secretary – Gary W. Timmons. The slate was approved and Past State and Chapter President Joseph M. Shaffer installed said officers.



(L-R) Gary Timmons, Larry Ridgway, Michael Merryman & Kurt Winter

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Awards: President Kurt J. Winter presented Larry L. Ridgway with a Past President Certificate and pin and listed some accomplishments made over the last two years of his term as President.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ridgway reported the Chapter balance as of February 17, 2017 \$2,163.32.

Committee Reports: Wreaths Across America (WAA) - Gary Timmons reported that over 400 wreaths have already been committed to the 2017 WAA campaign.

Old Business: None

New Business: A thinking of you card was passed around for Rev. Dr. Nat C. Roe who is in Washington Hospital.



Kurt Winter, Larry Ridgway & Joseph Shaffer

Program: The announced speaker was unable to attend due to illness and Dr. Craig Smith of California University graciously filled in. He presented a lively and very informative talk on the War of 1812. Relating some little known facts.



Dr. Craig Smith

Good of the Order: Michael D. C. Merryman announced that the next George Washington Chapter meeting will be Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Union Grill. Craig Kilgore will present a program on forts of Washington County. Ronald E. Miller announced that he has secured Braken Burns to speak at our June meeting.

Adjournment: Ronald E. Miller gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

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 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



Compatriots!

I am both honored and proud to be your President for this next term. We had a good turnout for the last meeting at the Union Grille, which included the installation of officers by Compatriot Joseph Shaffer and an excellent presentation by Dr. Craig A. Smith of California University of Pennsylvania on the War of 1812.

I believe that now more than ever, in this time of extreme political division and special interest group demands, do we as American citizens need to take the time to pause and focus on the constitutional principles of freedom and liberty promoted by our founding fathers in establishing our great country. The SAR is an effective platform to facilitate education and service towards the preservation of these ideals and goals.

Quoting from George Washington's Farewell Address from September 19, 1796:

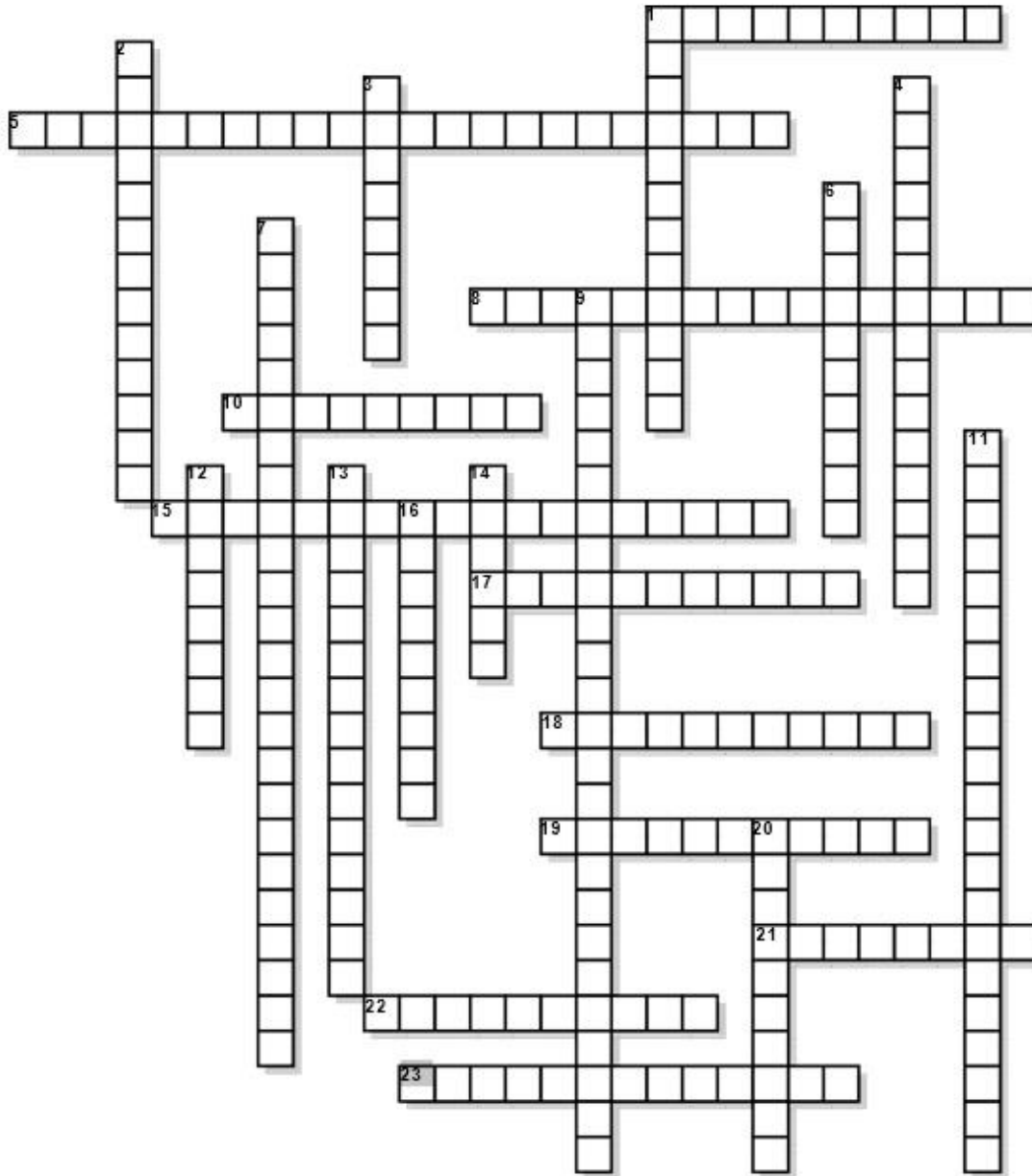
The unity of government which constitutes you, one people a main pillar in the edifice of your real independence, the support of your tranquility at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty which you so highly prize. But ... it is easy to foresee that, from different causes and from different quarters, much pains will be taken, many artifices employed to weaken in your minds the conviction of this truth; This is the point in your political fortress against which the batteries of internal and external enemies will be most constantly and actively (though often covertly and insidiously) directed.

Your humble and obedient servant,
Kurt Winter

Name: _____

Date: _____

PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

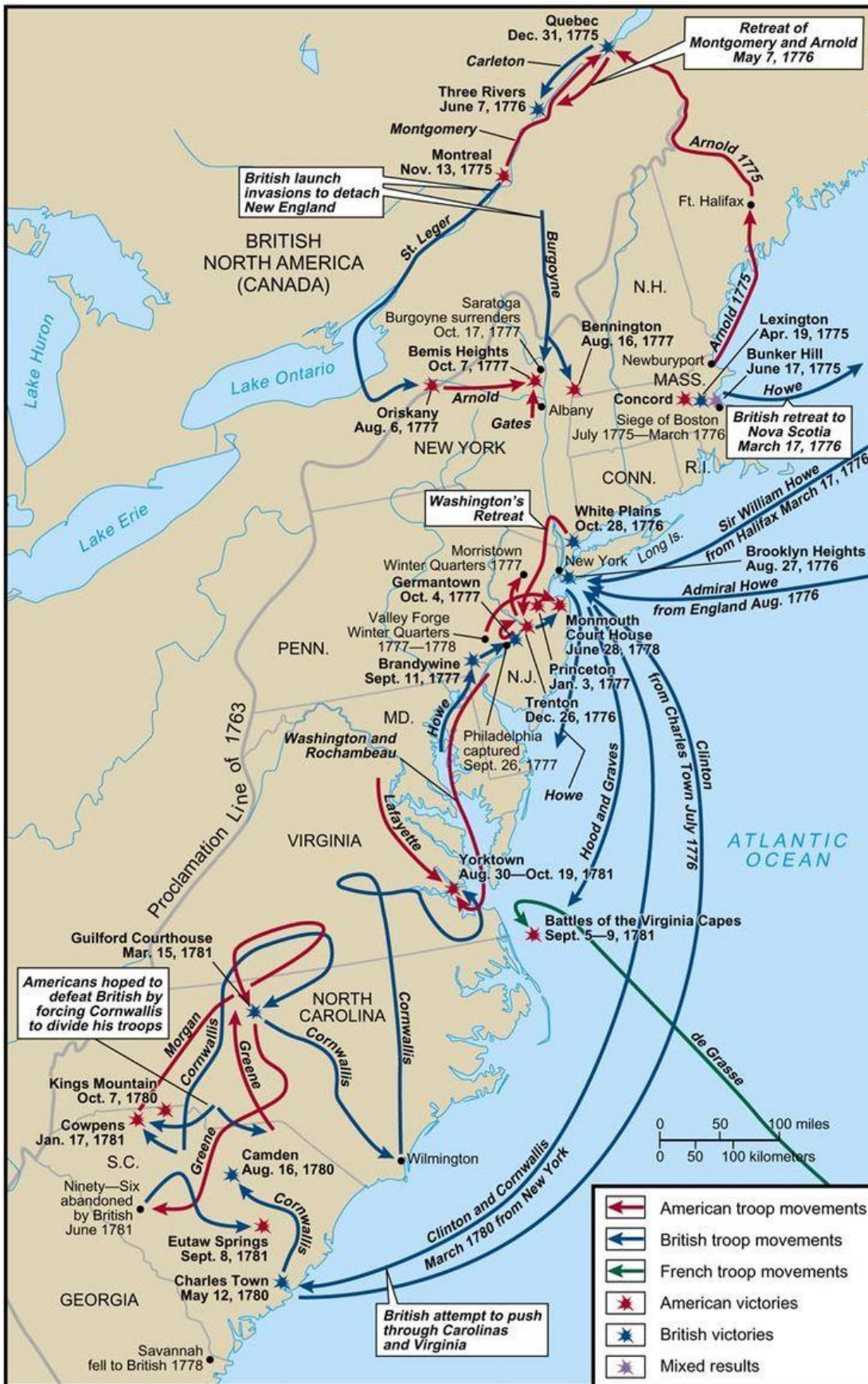


ACROSS

- Washington was a member of this organization
- Washington presided over this during the drafting of the U.S. Constitution
- Washington led U.S. soldiers to put down this insurrection
- An agreement with Britain
- Washington was born here
- Washington's home
- Where the first Capitol was
- Washington and his men camped here
- Said Washington was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen"
- The father of our country
- Washington's only military surrender

DOWN

- Washington led an attack against the French Canadians here
- Washington and his forces crossed this
- Colony that Washington was from
- Washington says goodbye and gives advice
- Washington supported this political party
- One of Washington's important foreign policies
- Appeared here in a military uniform to show that he was ready to go to war
- Washington's wife
- 1,000 of them captured
- He commanded this during the Revolutionary War
- One of Washington's occupations
- Washington's religion
- Washington's favorite leisure activity



THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 1775-1781



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