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JUNE LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017 @ 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: Coleslaw, Chopped Brisket, Pulled Pork, Smoked Turkey, Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Junior Buns.

Price: \$14.00 per person

**Reservations MUST arrive by
Monday, June 10, 2017**

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: Bracken Burns, Sr. will present a program on the history of Washington County. Also, Meadowcroft will be holding its 19th 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 free wristband if you want to tour Meadowcroft and see all it has to offer, after the meeting.

Minutes ~ Saturday, April 22, 2017

Call to Order: President Kurt J. Winter, Esq. called the meeting to order at The Union Grill at noon. President Winter welcomed all in attendance and recognized past DAR State Regent Deborah Davis. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the pledge to the SAR was recited and Rev. Dr. Nat Roe gave an Invocation.

Attendance: Thirty-two (32) people, guests (18)
Compatriots (14) Linda Bergman; **Stephen R. Burchesky**; Karena & Dennis Cooke; Hazel Crawford; Eleanor & **Charles D. Curry**; Deborah Davis; **Kenneth E. Gorton**; Nancy Kagarise; Clay Kilgore; Charles McElroy; **Richard Mellon**; **Michael D. C. Merryman**; Martha & Richard Noftzgen; Jerry Phillips; **E. Ward Reighard**; Linda & **Larry L. Ridgway**; Daniel Roe; **Rev. Dr. Nathaniel C. Roe**; Sandy Roe; Marie & **Edward W. Schreiber**; Ruth & **John C. Schreiber**; Rebecca Thomson; **Gary W. Timmons**; Mary Jane & Sam Vozel; **Richard L. White**; **Willard C. White**; **Kurt J. Winter**.



Above: President Kurt Winter & Newly Inducted Compatriot Stephen R. Burchesky

Presidents Report: President Ridgway made opening remarks and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2017 Chapter meeting be approved. Motion was made, seconded and approved. President Winter installed new Compatriot Stephen R. Burchesky.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ridgway reported the Chapter balance as of April 21, 2017 \$2,503.01.

Secretaries Report: Secretary Timmons read a Resolution on the passing of Compatriot Raymond Hamilton Patterson. A thinking of you card was passed around for Compatriot Ron Eisert.

Old Business: None

New Business: Michael Merryman announced that the Chapter will present a Flag Certificate to Mr. Frank Romeo of Monongahela on May 29. Gary Timmons announced that the Chapter will be holding a grave dedication for Thomas Hamilton Brownlee at the South Buffalo Cemetery on Saturday May 20, 2017 at 10 AM.

Committee Reports: Medals & Awards Chairman Kenneth Gorton presented Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Roe with a Meritorious Service Medal and a 30 year membership pin and certificates. (Below)



Program: Clay Kilgore, Executive Director of the Washington County Historical Society presented a program on the "Forts of Washington County". He also related his working with the National Geographic Channel on their show "Diggers" and the discovery of the only known pewter musket ball ever found.



Clay Kilgore (left) accepts a certificate of Distinguished Service from President Kurt Winter.

Good of the Order The next Chapter meeting will be Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Meadowcroft.

Adjournment: Rev. Dr. Nat Roe gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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 Tuesday. Compatriots are asked to contact their church, synagogue or spiritual organization and encourage them to take a time during the worship service either before or after July 4th to include the Pledge of Allegiance or sing a patriotic hymn as part of their 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.

In Memory

The Chapter is saddened at the loss by death of fellow Compatriot Raymond H. Patterson who died on March 28, 2017 at age 83. Compatriot Patterson was a well know dairy farmer, living on the family Century Farm as well as being an auctioneer for over 40 years. The members of the George Washington Chapter want to express their thoughts and prayers to the family of Compatriot Patterson.

Welcome Aboard

The George Washington Chapter is honored and delighted to extend the warm hand of friendship to three of our newest members, Enoch "Wes" Parry, III and his son Alik Jordon Parry. Wes is the Assistant Director of Elections for Washington County, PA and Alik is a grad-student who works for an underwriting company. Their Patriot ancestor is Philip Gilman who served as a Ranger on the Frontier. Stephen Burchesky resides in Canonsburg and his the owner of U. S. Life Safety which specializes in commercial and corporate emergency preparedness. He enjoys history and the sport of curling and co-founded the Pittsburgh Curling Club. His Patriot ancestor is Charles Bickley who served in the Washington County, Virginia Militia and was at the battle of Kings Mountain. We welcome all three Compatriots and look forward to them attending our meetings when possible.



Above: 2017 Claysville Memorial Day Parade



The Chapter held a grave dedication on Saturday May 20, 2017 in the old South Buffalo UP Church Cemetery near Claysville. A combined Color Guard participated in the dedication of Patriot Thomas Brownlee's marker.



Frank Romero (center) is presented with an SAR Flag Certificate by Chapter Vice President Michael Merryman. Also attending the presentation are chapter members John Yates & Larry Ridgway.



At the 124th Annual meeting of PASSAR held in State College President Winter spent time with newly installed Children of the American Revolution President Morgan Meer who is the daughter of chapter member Kurt Meer.



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