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DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Saturday December 9, 2017

Arrival & Greetings @ 12:00 PM

Ramada Inn

1170 W Chestnut Street

Washington, PA 15301

(724) 225-9750

Directions: Take Route 70 East to Exit 15 (Chestnut Street / Route 40.) At the exit veer to the right and continue on Chestnut Street and go through the stop light. The entrance to the Ramada Inn is the first right directly after the McDonald's.

DAR / SAR Members and guests are welcome.

Program: Sharing good food and fellowship.

Meal Choices:

Pasta Primavera w/Grilled Chicken – \$18.00
Breast (assorted veggies in wine & butter sauce)

Sirloin of Beef Rouladen – \$18.00

Entrees include: Tossed Salad, Chefs potato & Vegetable, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea.

Please Note: Reservations MUST arrive before Saturday, December 2, 2017. Compatriots have been calling in reservations and saying that they will pay at the door then do not show up. The chapter has to pay for however many reservations it calls in and we have to absorb the cost out of our Treasury. Please pay in advance.

Please Mail Reservations To:

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

2018 DUES: If you have not already paid your 2018 SAR dues please do so as soon as possible to avoid a reinstatement fee.

Minutes ~ Saturday, October 21, 2017

Call to Order: President Kurt Winter called the meeting to order at the Union Grill - Washington, PA at 12:05 PM. After welcoming all, including several guests, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Pledge to the SAR followed by an Invocation led by Robert Grumbling.

Attendance: Fifteen(16) people, guest (5)
Compatriots (11) Dolores "Shorty" Clegg, **Kenneth E. Gorton, Robert K. Grumbling,** Michael Kraus, **Dick Mellon, Michael D. C. Merryman, Ronald E. Miller, Larry L. Ridgway,** Marie & **Edward W. Schreiber,** Ruth & **John C. Schreiber, Gary W. Timmons, Willard C. White,** **Kurt J. Winter** and Daniel Zajdel.

Officer Reports: The minutes from the August 19, 2017 chapter meeting were approved.

Secretary Report: Secretary Timmons read a resolution on the death of Ronald W. Eisert.

Financial Report: The balance as of October 20, 2017 was \$1,821.16.

Committee Reports:

Registrar/Genealogist: Michael Merryman reported on 2 new Compatriots and 3 junior applicants whose applications have recently been approved as well as another junior applicant and 3 supplementals that are awaiting approval.

Color Guard: Ronald Miller reported on two events that the guard had recently taken part in. Also an upcoming dedication in Robinson Township on Veterans Day Saturday November 11, 2017.

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

Old Business & New Business: None

Program: Michael Kraus, Curator at Soldiers & Sailors Hall in Pittsburgh did a power point presentation on the Medal of Honor and some of the Western PA people that have received it and the

display they have at the hall. Following the program, President Winter presented Mr. Kraus & Soldiers & Sailors Hall with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Good of the Order: President Winter recognized Daniel Zajdel who was attending from Boothbay, Maine and whose son Byron is a Chapter member and is currently serving in the U. S. Army after graduating from West Point and new Dual Compatriot Bon Grumbling.

Adjournment: The SAR recessional was recited and Robert Grumbling gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Welcome Aboard: The Chapter is honored to welcome a new member to our ranks. Robert "Bob" Grumbling hails from near Point Pleasant, West Virginia and has chosen to be a dual member of our chapter. Bob attended our October meeting and filled in as Chaplin. Bob has taken part in several Color Guard activities. Bob's patriot ancestor is Michael Hileman who served as a Private in the York County, PA. Militia.

Wreaths Across America 2017



Our 2017 Wreaths Across America campaign is doing very well. As we go to press, sponsors for over 1,200 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. As always, we get a tremendous response from this mass mailing. For every two wreaths sponsored, the cemetery receives a

third wreath at no extra charge. We would like to acknowledge the following individuals and groups that have sponsored wreaths since our last newsletter: Howard Abel, Arthur Alderson, Luann Allridge, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 525, Mr. & Mrs. John Andes, Ann Atkison, Mark Baila, Edith Baker, Debbie Battaglia, Sue Beels, Judy & Marty Beichner, Bertha Bell, John Bell, Peter Belski, John Bernaciak, Karen Biela, Joanne Bier, Ann Bopp, Myrna Bowman, Margaret Brown, Susan Burchett, Gary Cameron, Diane Clark, Charles Cleaver, Pete Coffield, Tim & Chris Connell, Robert & Lois Crawford, Cheryl Cummins, Sharon Curry, Mary D'Angelo, John Darby, Melissa DeJohn, Barbara Dellorso, Dept. of PA Ladies GAR, Kenneth Dornbush, Virginia Dulany, Richard Eckles, Robert & Susan Edgell, Erie Insurance, F & AM Lodge 583, Ruthann Falconi, Pat Ferrari, Tanya Few, First Christian Church of Charleroi, Dr. John Folmar, Janet Ford, Kenneth Foreman, Fort Jackson Chapter-SAR, Richard & Mary Frankhauser, Kevin Freyvogal, General Anthony Wayne Chapter-SAR, General Arthur St. Clair Chapter-SAR, Kathleen Getman, Patty Goehring, Kenneth Gorton, Grace Lutheran Church, Mona Graham, Grisell Funeral Homes, Hamilton Family, Jeanne Hicks, Cheryl Hindman, John Holland, Judy Homerosky, Elizabeth Hoskins, Karen Huggins, Marilyn Izzi, Rosemarie Jacanin, Fran Jones, Charles Kacvinsky, Linda Kocian, Cheryl Kondik, Joann Kulesa, Arnetta Kurtz, Mary Lou Lachman, Agnes Lesniakowski, Bruce Littleton, Isabella Livolsi, Ed & Marilyn Malinowski, Lee Marshall, Anne Marie McDonald, Dee McDowell, Ester McElravy, Gloria Miller, Jane & Ronald Miller, Moravian Trail Chapter-DAR, Verna Mossor, Mark Nave, Robert Newcomer, John O'Leary, Melisse Osterman, Rita Pagendarm, Parkinson's Ferry Society-CAR, Joel Patterson, Gertrude Pavlik, Sam & Linda Perry, Pat & Julia Plunkett, Polaris Lodge No. 375, Donovan Powell, Dolores Poznak, Vivian Prentice, Freed & Ann Puchany, Terry & Ronda Puskarich, Rev. Fexil Pyzowski, Robert Redlinger, Linda & John Romano, Pauline Rozsas, Kathryn Simon, Joe Sites, Evelyn Skotnicki, Julia Smith, Betty Snider, Loretta Stanek, Margaret Steele, Stephen Bayard Masonic Lodge # 526, John Stoneberg, Jenice Stout, Gloria Suchko, Samuel Thomas, Alice & Tim Thomassy, Jeff Turner, Washington County Chapter-DAR, Glenn White, Cindy & Kurt Winter, Lindsay & Scott Winter, Daniel Zajdel, and Zane's Trace Chapter-DAR.

We also remind you to “save the date” of December 16 on your calendar. On that Saturday, 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. As has been our tradition, we will meet at our George Washington Chapter “boulder” located by the POW Flag around 11AM for our brief ceremony.



Above, President Kurt Winter presents Michael Kraus representing Soldiers and Sailors Hall with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Below, the Chapter took part in a Veterans Day dedication of a new Revolutionary War monument in Robinson Township. The marker has the names of 48 formerly unknown Patriots buried in two local cemeteries.



Washington County Chapter – DAR recently celebrated its 125th Anniversary. Members of the Chapter Color Guard were invited to present the Colors during the opening ceremonies. Chapter President Kurt Winter presented the ladies with a Certificate of Appreciation on their accomplishment as well as junior chapter member Evertt Meer brought greetings from the C. A. R. The Washington County Chapter is the third oldest chapter in Pennsylvania. Below, Color Guardsmen in attendance (l-r) Larry Perkins, Gary Timmons, Jay Frey and Ron Miller.



President's Corner

Compatriots!

The Holiday Season is upon us. A time of reflection, gratitude and thanksgiving. The Sons of the American Revolution is about reflecting on our patriot ancestors and remembering their sacrifices which led to the creation of our great county. However, we are also about the present in honoring the patriots of today who have served in our military. Consider meeting with us on Saturday, December 16, at the Cemetery of the Alleghenies to lay evergreen wreaths on the graves of our fallen heroes. Wreaths Across America is making it possible that every service man and women buried there is honored with a wreath. My first experience of being at the Cemetery of the Alleghenies was one of awe as I was standing in what was once empty farm land and was now filled with so many headstones of men and women who have died in our country's service. The ultimate sacrifice for us. To you and your families from Cindy and me, have a Blessed Holiday Season.

Your humble and obedient servant,

Kurt Winter

In Memorial



The Chapter is sadden to report the loss, by death, of loyal Compatriot Ronald W. Eisert on September 28, 2017 at age 74. Ron was born in Buffalo, NY and moved with his family to Washington where he lived his entire life. He graduated from Immaculate Conception High School and served in the U. S. Navy. Ron was a draftsman at McGraw Edison / Cooper for 29 years until its closure. Ron was also a avocational archeologist and published numerous manuscripts on local site excavations as a field associate of the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh. Ron did the majority of the research on our "Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in Washington County, Pennsylvania" which won the National Society Periodicals Award at the 121st National Congress held in Winston-Salem, N.C. Ron enjoyed fishing, canoeing and doing genealogical research. Ron was a member of the George Washington Chapter Color Guard and also took part in reenacting of both Revolutionary War and Civil War. He was always proud to say that he could be seen dying twice in the movie Gettysburg, as both a Union and a Confederate soldier. Ron also volunteered in the construction of the fort at Washington Frontier Center. The thought and prayers go out to his family.



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Your opinion counts: This is **your** chapter. Please fill out survey and sent to President Larry Ridgway.

George Washington Chapter survey form:

1. Are you satisfied with having Chapter meetings on Saturdays? Yes No

2. If No what other day would work better? Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

3. Would day or evening meetings work better for you? Day Evening

4. Would you rather have just a meeting without a lunch or dinner being served? Yes No

5. Would you rather meet at the same place or vary locations? Same Vary

6. Would you be willing to serve as an officer or on a committee? Yes - which office or committee

Any comments: _____

