



News & Events

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JUNE LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018 @ 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, Pulled Pork, Smoked Turkey, Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Junior Buns.

Price: \$14.00 per person

**Reservations MUST arrive by
Monday, June 11, 2018**

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: Dr. John Kent Folmar will present a program titled "The Monongahela; A Remarkable History". Dr. Folmar has authored several books on the history of the river and local history and will have copies available for purchase with all proceeds going back to the Chapter. 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.



Above: Presenters Dolores Clegg and Robert Grumbling arrived at the meeting wearing period clothing.

Minutes ~ Saturday, April 21, 2018

Call to Order: President Kurt J. Winter, Esq. called the meeting to order at the Ramada Inn at 12:15. President Winter welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the pledge to the SAR was recited and Robert K. Grumbling gave an Invocation.

Attendance: Eleven (11) people, guests (4)
Compatriots (7) Helen Burne; Dolores Clegg; Robert K. Grumbling; Richard Mellon; Michael D. C. Merryman; Ronald E. Miller; Ruth & John C. Schreiber; Gary W. Timmons; Cindy & Kurt J. Winter.

Presidents Report: President Winter made opening remarks and requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2018 Chapter meeting be approved. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Financial Report: VP Michael Merryman reported for Treasurer Larry Ridgway that the chapter balance as of April 20, 2018 is please contact Treasurer for balance.

Secretaries Report: A Get Well card was passed around for Linda Ridgway who recently had triple bypass surgery.

Old Business: None

New Business: There will be a genealogy workshop on Saturday May 5, 2018 from 12-4 at the George Sarris Library in Canonsburg. Volunteers welcome.

Committee Reports: Registrar/Genealogist Michael Merryman reported that currently there are 4 regular and 1 junior membership applications at National awaiting approval. He is also working with several other individuals on their applications. Michael also discussed SAR Memorial Memberships.

Program: Compatriot Robert Grumbling presented a informative talk on the Battle of Point Pleasant that took place on October 10, 1774 and is recognized as the first battle of the Revolutionary War. Dolores Clegg spoke on clothing of the period and passed around samples of many items she has made.



Above: Following the program President Kurt Winter presented Robert Grumbling with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Good of the Order The next Chapter meeting will be Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Meadowcroft.

Adjournment: Robert K. Grumbling gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Need Flag certificate

Every year PASSAR encourages chapters to present a Flag Certificate to deserving individuals/businesses that display our Nations Flag properly. If you know of an individual or business that might qualify please contact Flag Chairman Larry Ridgway and bring

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them to his attention.

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 Wednesday. Compatriots are asked to contact their church, synagogue or spiritual organization and encourage them to take time during the worship service either the Sunday 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 Compatriot Charles Ross Weirich. Compatriot Weirich was a 45+ year member of our Chapter and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. The members of the George Washington Chapter want to express their thoughts and prayers to the family of Compatriot Weirich.

Welcome Aboard

The George Washington Chapter is honored and delighted to extend the warm hand of friendship to our newest members.

1. Arthur Springer Hagan, Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO is a second cousin of Compatriot Charles D. Curry. His Patriot Ancestor is James McCoy who paid the 1783 Supply Tax in Menallen Township, Westmoreland County, PA.

2. William James "Bill" Sturgis, III, of Newport News, VA is a close friend of Compatriot Charles D. Curry. Bill is the son of Cyrus Lyman Sturgis, and was a member of the now defunct Fort Necessity Chapter of Uniontown, PA. The Sturgis family was from the Uniontown area since the settlement of their immigrant ancestor who was the Revolutionary War Patriot John Sturgis, a private in Captain Josiah Harner's Company of the first Pennsylvania Battalion under Col. Philip DeHass of the Philadelphia City and Philadelphia County Militia.

3. William Christopher Alan "Chris" Sturgis, of Virginia Beach, VA, is the son of Bill Sturgis, above.

4. Jacob Reed Walters, of Virginia Beach, VA, is the grandson of Bill Sturgis, above. (William Christopher Alan "Chris" Sturgis is Jacob's uncle.)

5. Louis John Curry, of Hopwood, PA, is the brother of Compatriot Charles D. Curry. His Patriot Ancestor is Benjamin Lincoln who was a private in Captain John Robinson's Company of the Berks County, Pennsylvania, Militia.

6. Dr. John K. Folmar, Jr., of Belle Vernon, PA, is a retired high school principal and school administrator. His Patriot Ancestor is Jacob Fulmer, who was a private in Capt. John Adams' Company under Col. Jonas Beard in the South Carolina Militia.

7. Fredric Grant Bender of McMurray, PA, is interested in reconstructing his lineage in Germany. His Patriot Ancestor is Henry Arnold who was a private in the Lancaster County, PA Militia under Capt. John Withers and Col. John Ferree and also served in the Flying Camp in New Jersey under Captain John Marshall and Col. Butler.

8. W. Philip Goodboy of Belle Vernon, PA, is a retired engineer. His Patriot Ancestor is Rev. John Corbly who was a private in Capt. William Harrod's Company in Monongalia County, Virginia; a Justice of the Peace, a member of the 1777 House of Delegates, and he paid the 1781, 1782 and 1783 Supply Tax in Greene Township, Washington County, PA.
We welcome all four Compatriots and look forward to them attending our meetings when possible.



Above: 2018 Claysville Memorial Day Parade



At the 125th Annual meeting of PASSAR held in Valley Forge President Winter spent time with National Society President General Larry Guzzu.

Congratulations Evertt !!

George Washington Chapter Junior Compatriot Evertt Meer is serving as President of the Pennsylvania Society, Children of the American Revolution. He was installed at the 74th Annual meeting that was held at Cranberry in March.

We wish you have a successful year!

President's Corner

Compatriots!

When was the last time you heard someone complain about the teenagers today? Maybe you have been put off by young people's preoccupation with video games and social media. As an SAR member, did you know that our chapter, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Society, promotes the recognition of our outstanding youth. Your annual dues for membership help to provide awards and scholarships for our deserving patriotic young people. Gary Timmons and I attended the PASSAR meeting at Valley Forge a few weeks ago. At the Saturday night banquet, I was amazed at the young people representing different state chapters attending for recognition. One young woman gave an inspiring patriotic speech as part of the SAR oration or speech contest. She won a scholarship at our state level and will go on to the SAR national level. Another young man was recognized as an outstanding Eagle Scout and received a scholarship. The JROTC, a cooperative US military high school program focusing on character and citizenship, was represented by a young man who received an award. For the younger folks, a number of patriotic posters were displayed of the winners of the SAR Poster Contest. In addition, we heard from a state officer of

the CAR, Children of the American Revolution. He brought greetings from Everett Meer, a member of our chapter, who is the current PA State President of the CAR. The focus of their participation and fundraising for this year is on our military veterans.

All of these young people should be commended on their patriotic desire to make a positive difference in our world today.

I am asking each and every one of you reading this newsletter to appreciate how your membership in the SAR helps to promote our ideals of patriotism and service to our young people today. I would also ask that you go a step further and come out for our chapter meetings. If we do not have participating SAR members we cannot achieve our goals for our young people.

Your humble and obedient servant,

Kurt Winter



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