



## News & Events

### George Washington Chapter

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### AUGUST CHAPTER PICNIC

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**

**Arrival & Greetings @ 3:30 PM**

**Meal @ 4:30 PM**

**Cross Creek Park**

**Off Route 50 near Rea, PA**

DAR / SAR Members and guests are welcome.

Bring your children and grandchildren!

**Directions:** From Washington take your best route to PA Route 18 until it intersects with Route 50. Turn left onto Route 50 West and go approximately 4 miles. Take a left onto Country Park Road. The picnic area is about a mile down the road.

**Facilities:** Cross Creek has electricity, water, and restrooms. Adjacent to the picnic area is a playground. There is also a boat launch over the hill in the case you'd like to bring your boat (if you have one, of course!)

**Menu:** Oven Fried Chicken, Ham BBQ, Cheddar & Bacon Mac & Cheese, BBQ Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Watermelon, Rolls and drinks.

**Price:** \$14.00 per person

**Reservations MUST arrive by  
Monday, August 13, 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

**Minutes ~ Saturday, June 16, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Vice-President Michael Merryman called the meeting to order at Meadowcroft Museum of Rural Life in Avella, PA. at 12:04PM. After welcoming Compatriots and guests VP Merryman led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Pledge to the SAR. He then recognized Compatriot Gene Painter on celebrating his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday in the past week. Robert K. Grumbling gave an Invocation.

**Attendance:** Twenty-three (23) people, guests (9) **Compatriots (14):** Susan & Frederick G. Bender; Dolores Clegg; **Charles D. Curry; Lewis J. Curry; Rev. Dr. Roger R. Fischer; Dr. John K. Folmar, Dr. John K. Folmar, Jr; Sally & Walter P. Goodboy; Mary Beth Graf; Robert K. Grumbling; Michael D. C. Merryman; Karen & Philip Neubauer; Eugene G. Painter; Marie & Edward W. Schreiber; Ruth & Jack C. Schreiber; Vic Struck; William C. Sturgis; Gary W. Timmons.**

Following lunch VP Merryman called for approval of the minutes from the April 21, 2018 chapter meeting. Minutes were approved.

**Secretary Report;** Secretary Timmons read a Death Resolution for Compatriot Charles Ross Weirich. A thinking of you card was circulated around the room for Rev. Dr. Nat Roe.

**Treasurer Report:** Chapter balance as of 6/15/18 Contact the Treasurer.

**Committee Reports:**

**Medals & Awards** VP Merryman (L) presented Charles D. Curry with a Certificate of Appreciation for his recruitment of new members.



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**Genealogy** – Chapter Genealogist Michael Merryman reported that 8 new applications have been approved by National. Of those 8, 5 were present for this meeting. One supplement has

also been approved by National. Currently three new applications and three supplements are awaiting approval at National.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Louis J. Curry, Dr. John K. Folmar & William C. Sturgis were installed as new members. Volunteers are requested to man the SAR info table at the annual Whiskey Rebellion on July 7 from 10-5.



*Charles Curry (L) with newly inducted Compatriots William Sturgis, Louis Curry, VP Michael Merryman, Dr. John Folmar, Jr. and Dr. John Folmar, Sr.*

**Program:** Dr. John K. Folmar presented an informative and entertaining program on how industry and demand influenced and changed transportation on the Monongahela River through the years. Following the program VP Merryman presented Dr. Folmar with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work in preserving the history of the area. Dr. Folmar has authored several books on the Mon Valley and had copies available for purchase with all proceeds going back to the chapter.

**Good of the Order:** VP Merryman announced that the next meeting would be the annual Chapter picnic to be held at Cross Creek Park on Saturday August 18, 2018 at 3:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** VP Merryman closed the meeting with all reciting the SAR Recessional and the Benediction was given by Robert K. Grumbling. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

\*\*\* A Hog Reeve was a term for a constable in Colonial New England for a person chartered with the prevention or appraising of damages by stray swine. Wandering domestic pigs were a problem to the communities due to the amount of damage they could do to gardens and crops by rooting.



*VP Michael Merryman (L) presents Compatriot Dr. John Folmar with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work preserving history.*

**Welcome Aboard:** The Chapter is excited to welcome 2 new members to our ranks. Loren James McCullough is a Computer Programmer and System Administrator and occasionally plays in the pit orchestra at California University of Pennsylvania. His ancestor is Samuel Baldwin, Sr. who served as Town Clerk, Assessor and Surveyor of Highways. He was also a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Warden and Hog Reeve. Do you know what a Hog Reeve did? \*\*\* (see below left). Also joining our ranks is Enoch Wesley Parry II. He is the father of Compatriot Enoch Wesley Parry III and is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine who resides in Alabama. His Patriot ancestor is Philip Gilman who was a Ranger on the Frontier. We welcome both Compatriots to our George Washington Chapter and hope they are able to attend future meetings.

### **2018 Dates to Remember:**

**July 28** Fort Laurens memorial ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier, Bolivar, Ohio

**August 4** PASSAR Summer BOM meeting – Greensburg

**August 18** George Washington Chapter picnic

**September 1 & 2** Fort Henry Days – Oglebay Park - Wheeling, WV 10 AM – 5 PM (free)

**September 16** Elizabethtown Festival – Moundsville, WV 10 AM - 4:30 PM (free)

**October 6** Battle Days Memorial wreath laying – Point Pleasant, WV 2:00 PM

**October 20** George Washington Chapter meeting  
PASSAR Breezy Heights

**November 3** PASSAR Fall BOM meeting – Lancaster

**December 8** George Washington Chapter

## Christmas party – Union Grill



GW Chapter Compatriots who helped man SAR info table at the 2018 Whiskey Rebellion (L-R) Gary Timmons, Kurt Winter, Ron Miller, and Michael Merryman.

### DR. BENJAMIN RUSH BIOGRAPHY

By - ROBERT K. GRUMLING - CHAPLAIN

Benjamin Rush, one of our founding fathers, was born January 4, 1746 in Byberry Township, Philadelphia. He was the son of John Rush, farmer and gunsmith, and Susanna Hall Harvey. Rush was one of seven children. John Rush passed in 1751 when Ben was six years of age. Ben was put under the tutelage of his uncle, Rev. Samuel Finley – Headmaster Nottingham Academy. Benjamin earned a degree from Princeton at age 14 and then earned a medical degree from Edinburgh University, London in 1768 where he became friends with Benjamin Franklin. Dr. Rush was the most well-known physician in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Pennsylvania. After 1768 he returned to Philadelphia to set up a medical practice and pursue a publishing career. Dr. Rush had a very blessed career and is called “The Father of American Chemistry”. Benjamin Rush, Patriot signer of The Declaration of Independence, was a civic leader, physician, politician, humanitarian social reformer and educator. He was the only Patriot Declaration of Independence signer to hold a medical degree. He founded Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa. and assisted Thomas Paine in writing the classic American Independence text “Common Sense”. Dr. Benjamin Rush and wife Julia Stockton had 13 children. Julia was daughter of Richard Stockton, a judge and co-signer of the Declaration of Independence. Dr. Rush died of typhus fever on April 19, 1813 after a 5 day illness in Philadelphia, Pa. He is buried at Christ Church Burial Ground. His wife, Julia, 3 daughters and 6 sons survived him. Four other children died in infancy.

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Fort Laurens Memorial Ceremony held Saturday, July 28, 2018 (L-R) Michael Merryman, Ron Miller, Kurt Winter, newly installed National President General Warren Alter, Gary Timmons and Bob Grumbling

## From Gary Timmons:

All, It is with a heavy heart that I have to report the passing of our long time George Washington Chapter Chaplain Rev. Dr. Nathaniel C. Roe on August 1, 2018. I have attached his obituary. Nathaniel C. Roe, 95, of Washington, went to be with his Savior and Lord, Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

He was born December 18, 1922, in Goshen, N.Y., a son of the late Thomas Beech Roe Jr. and Margretta Farley Roe.

Growing up on a dairy farm, he graduated from Chester High School in 1940. Early, at a summer conference in 1939, he heard the call of God to serve as an agricultural missionary. In fall 1941, he enrolled at Cornell University in order to study agricultural engineering, where he also participated as a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. With the entrance of the United States into [World War II](#), Nathaniel became part of the 94th Division in the 302nd Infantry Regiment. He was promoted to master sergeant and was decorated with a [Bronze Star](#) and Combat Infantry Badge for his military service in Europe.

Upon returning home, he resumed his studies by completing his bachelor's degree at Cornell University and a degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1950. He and his wife, Muriel, served together in Cameroon from 1951 to 1959 as Presbyterian missionaries, proclaiming the Gospel and teaching rural development. During that time, he also completed a master's degree in New Testament studies at Princeton Seminary in 1955. Returning from Cameroon, he was assigned as a missionary to India, where he served for nearly six years as a district superintendent, based in the city of Miraj.

Returning home, he received a call to serve Washington Presbytery as its general presbyter beginning in 1966, consulting and working with 87 Presbyterian churches in Washington and Greene Counties, until his retirement in 1989. He also participated in ecumenical relationships with the founding of Christian Associates, representing Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox traditions in Western Pennsylvania. During this time, he would be recognized by Waynesburg University with a doctor of divinity degree in 1978.

During his life in Washington, he served as an active member of [Rotary Club](#) and Sons of the American Revolution. Throughout his life, he was also a beekeeper and a master craftsman woodworker.

As a faithful servant of God, Nathaniel loved to speak of the uniqueness of Jesus Christ. In witness to that grace, he shared his stories of how his Lord had blessed him through growing up on a dairy farm to his experiences around the globe and to his long life of service in Western Pennsylvania.

Surviving are three sons, Daniel (Sandy) Roe of Bellefonte, David (Jackie) Roe of Grand Haven, Mich., and Thomas (Barbara) Roe of Stoughton, Wis; two daughters, Nancy (Gary) Kagarise of Westerville, Ohio, and Martha (Skip) Noftzger of Waynesburg; 16 grandchildren, Jenny Kenderski, Daniel Kagarise, Elizabeth Lang, Mary and Anna Roe, Jessie, Eliza, Audra, Caleb and Aaron Roe, Ben and Tim Noftzger, Jacob, Katie, Owen and Clea Roe; and four great-grandchildren.

Deceased are his sister, Katherine "Kate" Williamson; brother Reynolds "Bud" Roe; both of his former wives, Muriel Osgood Roe, to whom he was married from 1949 until her death in 1998 and Grace Vierling Wilson Roe, to whom he was married from 1999 until her death in 2017.

Friends will be received from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in Piatt and Barnhill Funeral Home, 420 Locust Avenue, Washington. Interment will be private. A service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 4, in Church of the Covenant, 267 East Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301, with the Rev. Stuart D. Broberg and the Rev. Craig Kephart officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to Church of the Covenant Mission Fund at the above address, or to Washington City Mission, 84 West Wheeling Street, Washington, PA 15301 or at [www.citymission.org](http://www.citymission.org).

Condolences may be expressed at

[www.piattandbarnhillfh.com](http://www.piattandbarnhillfh.com). Piatt and Barnhill Funeral Directors Inc., Charles R. Piatt, owner/supervisor, and Lawrence K. Donovan, director.



## **President's Corner**

Compatriots!

I hope this message finds you and your families well and enjoying the summer. On Saturday, August 18, at the Cross Creek Park, the George Washington Chapter of the SAR will be holding our annual summer picnic. Usually we plan the Chapter Picnic to be a more relaxed event for the members, guests and family members. The caterer, who is a recent member of our chapter, will provide great picnic food. As a special treat, we will have the privilege to have a presentation by Everett Meer, a member of our chapter, who is the current PA State President of the Children of the American Revolution. I have been reporting on events of the CAR during my term. Everett's sister, Morgan, was last year's president, and I was very impressed at the accomplishments they made during 2017, which ended with a very substantial donation to the Meadowcroft Village. What I have observed at the PA State Level is that these children and youth, while pursuing their society goals, are actually having fun. I am aware that their parents and mentors are very supportive and provide guidance, however, these young people are running their own programs themselves. I am planning on starting the application process for our first grandchild, Elizabeth Ann Winter, to become a member of the CAR. My hope is that she would come to appreciate her patriot ancestors and the role they had in forming our nation with the freedoms and

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rights we currently enjoy. And also, that she may become energized by this knowledge to actively support the ideals of the CAR. I hope to see as many compatriots as can make it at the Picnic for good food and fellowship and to support the Children of the American Revolution.

Your humble and obedient servant,

*Kurt Winter*



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