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JOINT CAR/DAR/SAR PICNIC

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Arrival & Greetings @ 3:30 PM

Meal @ 4:30 PM

Cross Creek Park

Off Route 50 near Rea, PA

CAR / 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!)

Adult Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Red Skin Potato Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Desert and Beverage. **Cost: \$17.00ea.**

Childrens Menu: Chicken Tenders, Macaroni and Cheese, Plates, Napkins and Silverware. **Cost: \$8.00 per child.**

Reservation Deadline Friday August 13, 2021

Please Mail Reservations To:

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Minutes ~ Saturday, June 19, 2021

Call to Order: President Kurt J. Winter, Esq. called the meeting to order at Meadowcroft Museum of Rural Life in Avella, PA at 12:10 PM. After welcoming Compatriots and guests President Winter led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to the SAR Flag followed by offering an

Invocation. All in attendance then sang Happy Birthday to Compatriot A. J. Swerbensky.



Once again, our George Washington Chapter Betsy Ross Flag flew over the Washington County Court House on Flag Day.

Attendance: Twenty-one (21) people, guests (8)
Compatriots (13): Helen Burne; **Kevin S. Burne;** **Ralph W. Busha;** **David Felts;** Edward Hajduk; **Michael D. C. Merryman;** Jane & **Ronald E. Miller;** Karen & **Philip J. Neubaur;** **Kevin M. O'Neill;** Marie & **Edward W. Schreiber;** Bonnie Sites; Trudi Busha-Smith; **A. J. Swerbensky;** Alice & **Louis E. (Tim) Thomassy;** **Gary W. Timmons;** **Richard L. White;** **Kurt J. Winter.**

Program: National Cemetery of the Alleghenies Director Edward Hajduk presented an informative power point talk on the National Veterans cemeteries and who is qualified to be buried in them. Following his presentation, President Winter presented Hajduk with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation for his work with veterans and their families.

Secretary Report: Two Thinking of you cards were passed around for Chapter Compatriots Robert Grumbling & Rev. Dr. Roger Raymond Fischer.

Financial Report: Treasurer Edward Schreiber reported a balance as of June 18, 2021 \$ 2,928.54.

Committee Reports: **Color Guard :** Ron Miller reported that the Chapter Color Guard took part in the Memorial Day parade held in Claysville, PA. **Genealogy :** Michael Merryman reported that there are 2 new applications in process at Louisville. Also there are 5 new prospective members. **Grave Project:** Ron Miller reported that, to date, 2 rev war veterans grave signs have been installed with plans to install up to 12 more in the works. Miller also is working on 2 grant requests to help with the purchase of the signs. **Medals & Awards :** President Winter presented Michael Merryman with a Lafayette medal certificate and 20+ oak leaf clusters for his work on Patriot Bios at the National level. **Flag Committee:** President Winter also reminded all about the Flag Certificate program to recognize individuals and businesses that display the American Flag properly.

Old Business: The minutes from the April 17, 2021 meeting were approved. Gary Timmons reported on the Wreaths Across America Mobile Exhibit. Over \$1,020.00 were raised towards wreaths for this year's campaign.

New Business: A discussion was had about our chapter having a SAR information table at the 2021 Whiskey Rebellion Festival to be held on July 10, 2021. It was decided that we will man a table. Volunteers are welcome to help man the table from noon until 5PM. Past PASSAR State President and National Chaplain General David Felts invited all to a Service of Devotion to be held on July 3 in Beaver, PA. He then presented Compatriot Gary Timmons with the PASSAR medal of Distinguished Service. President Winter the installed Louis Edward (Tim) Thomassy, Jr. as a new member of the chapter.



President Winter presents Edward Hajduk with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work with veterans and their families.

Good of the Order: President Winter announced that the chapter picnic will be held on August 21 at Cross Creek County Park.

Adjournment: President Winter led all in the SAR recessional followed by David Felts giving a Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM.



President Winter presents Michael Merryman with a Lafayette Certificate and Oak Leaf Clusters.



Above (L-R) Chip Zelch, A. J. Swerbenski, Gary Timmons, Kurt Winter, Ron Miller and Michael Merryman helped man the SAR info table at the 2021 Whiskey Rebellion

Below – Kurt Winter, Gary Timmons and Ron Miller present Texas Roadhouse manager Adrienne Hartnett with a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of the Wreaths Across America mobile exhibit.



Fort Henry Days

The 23rd annual Fort Henry Days will take place on Labor Day weekend at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, West Virginia. The event is free and open to the public from 10-5 on both Saturday and Sunday. It is a chance to step back in time and see what life was like at the time of the Revolutionary War.

In Memory

The chapter is saddened at the loss by death of Life member, Rev. Dr. Roger Raymond Fischer on July 1, 2021 at age 80. He was a 50+ year member of our chapter. Roger served 22 years as a Representative from the 47th District in the Pennsylvania House. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and was active in many organizations. He enjoyed sports and fitness, competing in numerous marathons including twice finishing the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii. The chapter wishes to express our deepest sympathy to his wife Catherine, sons Roger Raymond II, Stephen Gregory and daughter “Katy” and their families.

WELCOME ABOARD

The George Washington Chapter is honored and delighted to extend the warm hand of friendship to the newest member of our chapter. Lucas Andy Hillebrand graduated from high school at the beginning of June and is shortly headed to college in South Carolina. His patriot is John Shields, who was a private in the Pennsylvania Militia companies of Captain Thomas Clark and Captain William Blaine.



Above left Chapter President presents new Compatriot Louis E. (Tim) Thomassy with his membership certificate and rosette at the Meadowcroft meeting.



Recently the Chapter presented a check from the donations we received at the Wreaths Across America Mobile Exhibit that was held earlier this summer at the Texas Roadhouse in Bridgeville. The check was \$1,020.00. We want to thank everyone who showed up, whether to help man our SAR info table, to check out the exhibit, or chow down on some great food. In the photo to the left Brynnly Schwartz (location coordinator for WAA), Gary Timmons and Ronald Miller.

President's Message

Compatriots:

I hope you and your families are having a great summer!

The George Washington Chapter has been active this month with the Whiskey Rebellion Festival in Washington, PA. The festival was well attended and we had many people stop at our table and inquire about membership. It certainly kept our genealogist, Michael Merryman, busy. There was also much interest in the Patriot Cemetery Sign Project as Ron Miller had provided a detailed map of Washington County (with cemetery locations) for display, along with a display example of a Patriot Cemetery Sign. Several new cemetery signs have been installed by this committee since our last meeting. This committee extends an open invitation to the membership for volunteers to help installing signs. I want to thank Chip Zelch for dressing in period attire at our table. The festival goers loved him. He was good PR!

As some of you may know, I am the PASSAR Flag Committee Chairman.

Recognition of the proper display of the American Flag is a goal and part of the mission of the SAR. Our chapter presented a Flag Certificate to the Mission BBQ Restaurant early this year. It was a patriotic event as the presentation was held in the restaurant with all the customers to witness! The staff was very appreciative of the recognition. In furtherance of this goal I am challenging all our membership to submit to me at least one example of a flag flown properly, whether it is a business, a private property or a government site. The target date for finishing the presentations will be November 11, 2021 on Veteran's Day. This gives us plenty of time to identify the flag, report it to me and I can organize the presentations. I would also appreciate any volunteers to participate in the presentations. I believe this would be a fitting tribute to Veteran's Day by our chapter this year.

Our next chapter event is the annual picnic to be held this year at the Cross Creek Park. This year we have opened up participation to include our friends in the DAR and CAR. I am very excited to have us all together as we all share the same goals and objectives. A special treat will be for us to hear from some of the young people about the CAR programs and why they believe the CAR is important.

Hope to see you there!

Your humble and obedient servant,

Kurt Winter



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