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## News & Events

### George Washington Chapter

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#### DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

**Arrival & Greetings @ 11:30 PM  
Saturday, December 4, 2021**

#### **Union Grill**

13-1/2 East Wheeling Street  
Washington, PA  
Phone: (724) 222-2860

**Directions:** The Union Grill is located on the corner of Main and South Wheeling Streets in downtown Washington, PA. Street parking is available in the vicinity of the restaurant as well as down the block at the Citizen Library lot.

**Lunch Menu:** Order on your own. **Please give Ed Schreiber a call with number attending (412) 264-3590 so Union Grill can be advised.**

**2022 DUES:** *If you have not already paid your 2022 SAR dues please do so as soon as possible to avoid an extra \$10.00 reinstatement fee. They were due this year by November 30, 2021*

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#### **Minutes ~ Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**Call to Order:** President Kurt Winter, Esq. called the meeting to order at Breezy Heights Restaurant, Avella, PA at 12:04 PM. After welcoming all President Winter lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge. Chapter President Winter introduced PASSAR State President Rev. David Felts who gave an Invocation.

**Attendance:** Twenty-six (26) people, guest (15) **Compatriots (11);** Dorothy Bewick & sister Betty, Helen Burne, **Ralph Busha**, Thomas Carson, Ken Cherry, **Rev. David Felts**, Robert Fraizer, **Scott Horn**, **Dick Mellon**, **Michael D. C. Merryman**, Jane & **Ronald E. Miller**, Michael Pattison, Michael & Nancy Sippey, Bonnie Sites, Trudi Busha-Smith, **A. J. Swerbensky**, Chris & **Tim Thomassy**, **Gary W. Timmons**, **Willard White**, Cindy & **Kurt J. Winter**.



*(L-R) District Deputy Ron Miller presents President Kurt Winter with the Americanism 250 SAR streamer.*

**Officer Reports:** The minutes from the August 21, 2021 chapter picnic were approved.

**Secretary Report:** A Get Well card was passed around for Ed Schreiber who was hospitalized.

**Financial Report:** Current balance \$2,571.13

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Genealogy:** VP & Registrar Michael Merryman reported that 5 new applications have been approved and several other new and supplemental applications are awaiting approval at National Headquarters.

**Wreaths Across America:** Wreaths Chairman Timmons gave an update on the wreath count.

**Medals & awards:** President Winter presented Michael and Nancy Sippey with a Flag award. Ron Miller presented Dorothy Bewick with a Bronze Good Citizen medal for her dedicated work at the Mingo Creek Cemetery where she has served for many years as the cemetery historian. She also has located most of the Revolutionary War veterans that are buried in that cemetery. Robert Frazier, Michael Pattison and Thomas Carson also

received Bronze Good Citizen Medals for their work constructing a replica of the Rice's Fort.

**Program:** Ken Cherry presented an entertaining program on explorer Christopher Gist. Relating stories of his exploits with a young George Washington during the French and Indian Wars.



*Ken Cherry*

Past PASSAR State President Rev. David Felts spoke on his ancestor Sam Weaver who was at the Battle of Kings Mountain that took place on October 7, 1780 in South Carolina.

**Old Business:** Ron Miller reported on receiving a \$10,000.00 grant from the Washington County Community Foundation for the cemetery sign project and an upcoming scavenger hunt that will be held next year in conjunction with the Washington County Historical Society.

**New Business:** President Winter informed all that the 2024 National Congress of the SAR will be held in Lancaster, PA. The George Washington Chapter will host the Summer Quarterly meeting of PASSAR next August in Washington. He also recognized and thanked Jane Miller for quilt she made and donated to be raffled by the PASSAR SAR Ladies Auxiliary.

**Good of the Order:** President Winter reminded all in attendance of the Chapter Christmas party on December 4, 2021.

**Adjournment:** The SAR recessional was recited and Rev. David Felts gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM.



*Above: (L-R) President Kurt Winter and Ronald Miller present Dorothy Bewick with a Bronze Good Citizen Medal.*

*Below: Michael Pattison, Robert Frazier, Thomas Carson receive their Bronze good Citizen awards from President Kurt Winter and Ronald Miller.*





## Welcome new Members

We would like to extend the warm hand of friendship to our newest Compatriots. Three generations of the Coates family. Gary Alan Coates who is the father of Christopher Alan Coates and the grandfather of Johnathan Alan Coates. They're patriot ancestor is James Brady who served as a private in the Cumberland County Militia. Bryan Christopher Cunning whose patriot is Archibald Prater who signed an Oath of Allegiance in Henry County, Virginia. Arthur Boyd Keys and son Alexander Boyd Keys whose patriot ancestor, Silas Crane was a private in the Washington County Militia. Brandon Michael Kuhlman and Michael Anthony Kuhlman's patriot, Stephen Brown served as a private in the Morris County, NJ Militia. John Kennedy Mathues whose patriot ancestor was James Marshel who in 1781 was a County Lieutenant in Washington County and also was the first Register of Deeds and Recorder of Wills for Washington County. Joel Lawrence Zupancic whose patriot was Dewalt Mechlin who was an Ensign in the 8<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Line in 1777 under Lieutenant Colonel David Brodhead. Junior members Hunter Gage Haight and Fisher Moore Haight's patriot, Frederick Snyder was a Private in Colonel David Brodhead's Regiment at Westmoreland County. We hope to welcome these new Compatriots at a future meeting. We also want to extend special thanks to Michael Merryman who has done yeoman's work assisting these new members.



## Wreaths Across America 2021

Our 2021 Wreaths Across America campaign did very well. To date, sponsors for **2,200** wreaths have been received. The majority of these sponsors continue to come from our mass mailing. Nearly 400 envelopes were sent to those people, and organizations that have sponsored wreaths in the past and Ron Miller sent out over 100 additional e-mails to past sponsors as a way to cut our printing and

mailing expenses. As always, we get a tremendous response from these mass mailings. For every two wreaths sponsored, the cemetery receives a third wreath at no additional cost. We would like to acknowledge the following individuals and groups that have sponsored wreaths this year: Altmeyer Funeral Homes, American Legion Aux. Unit 525, Greta Baker, Deborah Bartz, Debbie Battaglia, Sue Beels, Bertha Bell, Carol Bell, David Bier, Linda Brezinski, Bill Brown, Susan Burchett, Gary & Roberta Cameron, Mark Chaney, Buddy Clark, Kathleen Clark, Charles Cleaver, Commadore Barry Ass. # 802 K of C, Diane Courtwright, DAV Chapter 76, John Darby, Patty DeThomas, Paula DiNardo, Bob Edgell, Deborah Farabee, Rebecca Fehl, Ralph Ferry, First Christian Church, Janet Ford, Fort Jackson Chapter-SAR, Cindy Freyvogel, Charlotte Garove, Carl Garrett, Gen. Anthony Wayne Chapter-SAR, Gen. Arthur St. Clair Chapter-SAR, Katy Getman, Daniel & Leslie Gill, Patty Goehring, Barbara Griffin, Adrienne Guelker, Amy Hamilton, Ken Hartzell, Anthony & Linda Haswell, Denise Helsel, Cheryl Hindman, Elizabeth Hoskins, Karen Huggins, Marilyn Izzi, JJP&R Properties, Rose Jacanin, Mary Jo Jepson, Larry Jones, Nancy Jones, Jeanie Keenan, Joan Kim, Patricia Kozon, Barbara Landefeld, William Lantz, Arlene Lawson, Vanetta Lewis, Bruce Littleton, Isabella Livolsi, Joseph Mals, Gloria Mankey, Marshal-Wetzel-Tyler CLU, Bob & Rhonda McDonald, Ester McElravy, Jean McNary, Edward McVeigh, Rebecca Moore, Lynn Nelson, Philip & Karen Neubauer, Ronald Paris, PA Dept. LGAR, Joseph Perezbak, Kathleen Poisel, Emilie Poplarchik, Tom Porter, Dolores Poznak, Fred & Ann Puchany, Terry & Rondae Puskarich, John & Martha Quigley, R & K Disposal, George & Deb Richardson, E. J. Ritson, Pauline Rozsas, Rene Saut, Dorothy Schultz, Shirlee Schwab, Julia Smith, Joan Stewart, Joan Stiefrater, Steven & Lynne Stout, Thomas & Son Trucking, Robert Thornton, Cathy Walters, Marvin Watson, James Webb, Daniel Weiss Family, Wheeling Elks Lodge # 28, Wheeling Encampment # 1, Glenn & Martha White, Willard White, Wayne Wicks, Kurt & Cindy Winter, Beth Work and Thomas Yoho.

We also want to remind you that the wreath laying will be different again this year due to ongoing construction on the property. Starting on Friday December 17 at 3PM until 5 and then on Saturday December 18 and Sunday December 19 from 9 until noon, volunteers will be placing wreaths on the graves.



President Kurt Winter presents Michael and Nancy Sippey with a Flag certificate for properly displaying the American Flag

We are the chosen. In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

## President's Corner

Compatriots!

This will be my last "President's Message" as my term is about to end this year.

I am grateful for our chapter membership over the years of my presidency. As members of the Sons of the American Revolution, you have supported the George Washington Chapter with your payment of dues, referrals for new members, attendance, fellowship and participation at chapter meetings and events. This support has enabled our chapter to pursue the SAR objectives which are the promotion of patriotism, history, education and service. At the state society level our chapter has been recognized in areas of membership, community service and the promotion of SAR goals, all because of your support!

I am also grateful for my officers and executive board members who have been a constant source of inspiration, education and assistance to me over the years. We have all worked together to coordinate and execute the meetings and programs of my term.

I am especially excited to turn the gavel over to Compatriot Michael Merryman. He has been my vice president and has thankfully filled in for me at a moment's notice. His background in the SAR and leadership abilities make him the man for the job!

As some of you are aware, I am currently the Third Vice President for PASSAR and the State Flag Chairmen, therefore, I will certainly continue to be involved in the SAR. At our chapter level, I will be involved in our outreach to our local schools to promote the Elementary School Poster Contest, the Middle School Brochure Contest and the Knight Essay Contest. If you are interested in assisting in this effort and/or referring a particular school for participation, please contact me.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday! I hope to see many of you at the December 4th Christmas Party at the Union Grill.

Your humble and obedient servant,

*Kurt Winter*



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