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JUNE LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 @ 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: Mission BBQ Pulled Pork, Brisket, various Sauces, Baked Beans w/Brisket, Cold Slaw, Slider Buns Desert and Beverage.

Price: \$21.00 per person

**Reservations MUST arrive by
Monday, June 13, 2022**

Make checks to: George Washington Chapter-SAR

Send to: Edward Schreiber – Treasurer
113 Tory Road
Coraopolis, PA 15108-2811
Phone: (412) 264-3590

Program: Researcher and author, Alan Fitzpatrick will present a program on “White Indians” (captives that that Natives took into their communities). Remember, Meadowcroft is very nice location but 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.

Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help man the Chapter SAR info table during the Whiskey Rebellion being held Saturday July 9, 2022 from 10 AM – 5 PM. We will be located in the History and Heritage Area in the Uram Parking Lot behind the Le Moyne House gardens. Compatriots do not need stay the entire time for the event. Just show up at your conveyance. Please consider helping.



Minutes ~ Saturday, April 9, 2022

Call to Order: President Michael D. C. Merryman. called the meeting to order at the Nemaquin Castle at 11:00AM. President Merryman welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance and the pledge to the SAR was recited followed by Ronald Miller who offered an Invocation.

Attendance: Eighteen (18) people, guests (5)
Compatriots (13) Kevin Burne; Ralph W. Busha; Bryan C. Cunning; John Mathues; W. Thomas McCracken; Michael D. C. Merryman; Jane & Ronald E. Miller; Jennifer & Kevin M. O’Neil; Marie & Edward Schreiber; Trudi Busha-Smith; A. J. Swerbensky; Patricia & W. Gerald Taylor; Gary W. Timmons; Kurt J. Winter and Robert W. Zelch.

Presidents Report: President Merryman requested a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Secretaries Report: Secretary Gary Timmons reported that the chapter has a new dual member. William Finley from Dublin, Ohio.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ed Schreiber reported the current checking account balance \$2,490.60. Received a check from PASSAR for our 2022 Chapter dues in the amount of \$949.48. This amount includes \$102.00 in donations, minus \$338.52 (or \$2.73/member) for insurance.

Old Business: Kurt Winter spoke on plans that are being made for our chapter to host the Summer BOM meeting of PASSAR on Friday and Saturday August 19 & 20, 2022 at the George Washington Hotel.

New Business: A possible grave dedication and continuing work on a chapter budget continue. Gary Timmons made a motion to form a Chapter Centennial Committee. The motion was seconded and passed. Several Compatriots volunteered to join this committee.

Committee Reports:

Registrar/Genealogist; Michael Merryman reported that 4 new member applicants have been approved at National so far this year.

Color Guard: Color Guard Commander Robert “Chip” Zelch reported that a training session will be held on Saturday April 16, 2022 at the Claysville Community Park at 10 AM.

Medals & Awards: Nothing to report.

Outreach: Ron Miller reported on the History Hunt that the chapter is holding in conjunction with the David Bradford House. He showed the prize water bottle that the first 50 participants will receive. Since the hunt went live on the internet April 1 there have already been 47 hits. The hunt will conclude at the Whiskey Rebellion on Saturday July 9, 2022.

Good of the Order: President Merryman reported the next chapter meeting will be held at Meadowcroft on June 18, 2022. (Details on page 1 of this newsletter)

Adjournment: All present read the SAR recessional followed by Ronald Miller who gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25AM.

Program: Many of those present took a tour of the Nemaquin Castle. The 20 room Castle is the third oldest castle in the United States. The tour guides gave an in depth tour and told many interesting stories

about the history and even shared some ghost stories about the castle.



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 Monday. Compatriots are asked to contact their church, synagogue or spiritual organization and encourage them to take time during the worship service on July 3rd 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.

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 Kurt Winter and bring them to his attention.

Report of the PASSAR Annual Meeting:

The 129th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society was held the first weekend of May at Camp Hill. Compatriots Robert Grumbling, Ron Miller, Gary Timmons and Kurt Winter were in attendance. Kurt Winter is now the Second Vice-President of PASSAR. Ron Miller (pictured below) received the State Distinguished Service Medal from PASSAR President Andrew Lick for his work at various projects both in the chapter and State including the cemetery sign project. The new PASSAR President is Michael Seibert.



A Revolutionary War veterans sign has been placed in the Washington Cemetery at the veterans monument.

Welcome Aboard

The Chapter is honored to welcome its newest members to the SAR. Compatriot John P. Bruner whose Patriot ancestor is Ezekiel Lewis who served as a private in Colonel Archibald Lochery in Pennsylvania. Lewis was also a Prisoner of War.

Compatriot Alvin L. Rogers Patriot is Richard Tennant who was a Drummer in the McIntosh Campaign serving under Captain James Daugherty of the Westmoreland County Militia. Tennant was also a Private in the Continental Line and is listed as being at Fort Laurens which is located near Bolivar, Ohio.

Our new dual member is William Finley of Dublin, Ohio. Compatriot Finley has several ancestors that served. Among them are Richard (Alexander) Skinner, Robert Finley, Abraham Enlow, Thomas and Thomas Jr. Atkinson. Finley, Enlow and Atkinson, Sr. are all buried in Washington County.

We welcome these Compatriots and look forward to them attending future meetings when possible.



Members of the chapter Color Guard held a practice at the Claysville Community Park. (L-R) Mark Black, Nathaniel Black, Gary Timmons, Ron Miller, A. J. Swerbensky, Chip Zelch, Wesley Black and Bryan Cuning.

Dates to Remember

May 30 Claysville Memorial Day parade 9:30AM

June 19 GW Chapter meeting – Meadowcroft

July 9-15 National Congress – Savannah, GA.

July 9 Whiskey Rebellion – Washington

July 23 Fort Laurens Memorial – Bolivar, OH

August 6 & 7 Frontier Days – Old Fort Steuben.
Steubenville, Ohio

August 20 PASSAR BOM meeting –Washington, PA

August 20 GW Chapter Picnic – Claysville Park

September 3&4 Fort Henry Days – Oglebay Park,
Wheeling, WV

October 15 GW Chapter meeting – Breezy Heights

December 3 GW Christmas Party – Century Inn

December 17 Wreaths Across America



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