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## News & Events

### George Washington Chapter

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### Pennsylvania Society ~ Sons of the American Revolution

Washington, Pennsylvania



July / August 2022

#### JOINT CAR/DAR/SAR PICNIC

**Saturday, August 20, 2022**  
**Arrival & Greetings @ 3:30 PM**  
**Meal @ 4:30 PM**  
**McGuffey Community Park**  
**132 Mill Street**  
**Claysville, PA**

CAR / DAR / SAR Members and guests are welcome. Bring your children and grandchildren!

**Facilities:** The park has electricity, water, and restrooms. Adjacent to the picnic area is a playground and a replica of Rice's Fort has been built nearby.

**Menu:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, CAR and DAR will bring assorted covered dishes and desert.

**Cost: SAR members and their guests \$15.00ea. No charge for CAR or DAR members.**

**CAR families bring deserts**

**DAR families bringing covered side dishes.**

**Reservation Deadline Friday August 13, 2021**

#### Please Mail Reservations To:

Edward Schreiber, Treasurer  
113 Tory Road  
Corapolis, PA 15108-2811  
Phone: (412) 264-3590

#### Fort Henry Days

The 25<sup>th</sup> 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. On Sunday evening the Wheeling symphony will have a free concert followed by fireworks at the park. Come for the day.

#### Memorial Day 2022

Once again, the George Washington Chapter participated in the annual Claysville Memorial Day parade which stepped off at 9:30AM on Monday May 30. Along the parade route several volleys were fired, by the chapter Color Guard, which the onlookers always enjoy. Following the parade, the Color Guard traveled to the Turner Graveyard, located in the Squirrel Hill area of Pittsburgh to dedicate markers for 2 Revolutionary War veterans. The memorial service honored Abraham Boocher and John Girty Turner. The chapter would like to extend a special thank you to Compatriot Michael Kuhlman who surprised everyone by providing refreshments after a long hot day of events.



*George Washington Chapter Color Guard members that attended the Turner Graveyard Memorial Service (L-R) Ron Malmgren, Mark Pearson, John Mathues, Bob Tomlinson, Chip Zelch, Ron Miller, Gary Timmons, Wesley Black, Mark Black, Bryan Cunning, A. J. Swerbensky. & Commander Ronald Griffin.*



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**Minutes ~ Saturday, June 18, 2022**

**Call to Order:** President Michael Merryman called the meeting to order at Meadowcroft Museum of Rural Life in Avella, PA at 12:00 PM. After welcoming Compatriots and guests President Merryman led all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and pledge to the SAR Flag. Ron Miller offered an Invocation. All in attendance then sang Happy Birthday to Compatriot A. J. Swerbensky. The minutes from the April 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

**Attendance:** Thirty-four (34) people, guests (16) **Compatriots (18):** Diana Berry; **Alex B. Brown;** **John P. Bruner;** Helen Burne; **Kevin S. Burne;** **Ralph W. Busha;** Al Fitzpatrick; **Robert B. Frazier;** Tom Garvey; **John K. Mathues;** **Michael D. C. Merryman;** Jane & **Ronald E. Miller;** Darcie Musick; Karen & **Philip J. Neubaur;** **Kevin M. O'Neill;** Linda & **Larry L. Ridgway;** CeCe Rose; Marie & **Edward W. Schreiber;** Bonnie Sites; Trudi Busha-Smith; **A. J. Swerbensky;** **Louis E. (Tim) Thomassy;** **Gary W. Timmons;** **Willard C. White;** Alexa, Theresa & Joseph Williams; Cindy & **Kurt J. Winter and Robert W. Zelch.**

**Secretary Report:** Nothing to report

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Edward Schreiber reported a balance as of June 17, 2022 \$ 2,222.98.

**Committee Reports:** **Color Guard:** Chip Zelch reported that the Chapter Color Guard took part in 2 events on Memorial Day (see article front page of newsletter). He also mentioned that the Color Guard will be taking part in the Whiskey Rebellion parade and the Summer BOM meeting.

**Genealogy:** Michael Merryman reported that there are 2 new applications in process at Louisville. Also there are 5 new prospective members.

**Grave Project & History Hunt:** Ron Miller reported that 56 signs have been placed and the History Hunt has been well received and will be coming to an end on July 9..

**Medals & Awards:** 2<sup>nd</sup> PASSAR VP Kurt Winter presented Alexa Williams with a Certificate and \$25.00 check as our chapters entry and her 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the State Elementary School Poster contest. **Flag Committee:** No Report.

**Old Business:** Kurt Winter gave an update on the Summer PASSAR BOM meeting which will be hosted by the George Washington Chapter. The event will begin on Friday August 19 at the George

Washington Hotel with registration and a Friday evening reception and entertainment. Saturday will be the men’s business meeting and the ladies will have a tour of the David Bradford House and the Whiskey Rebellion museum. There will be a luncheon followed by a sign viewing and grave ceremony at the Proviance Cemetery in Claysville. Following the ceremony will be the annual chapter picnic at the Claysville Community Park.

**New Business:** President Merryman installed John Bruner and Robert Frazier as the chapters newest Compatriots and 2<sup>nd</sup> PASSAR VP Winter installed Compatriot Bruner as chapter Vice-President. The chapter will be having a SAR information table at the 2021 Whiskey Rebellion Festival to be held on July 9, 2022. Volunteers are welcome to help man the table from noon til 5PM.

**Program:** Alan Fitzpatrick provided a different view from the prospective of the Native Americans. Many took white people and and when given the chance to return to their white families, many stayed with their adopted tribes.



**Good of the Order:** President Winter announced that the chapter picnic will be held on August 20 at MuGuffy Community Park in Claysville.

**Adjournment:** President Merryman led all in the SAR recessional followed by Ron Miller giving a Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

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*“Be civil to all; serviceable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none.” Benjamin Franklin*



*This Spring Compatriots John A. and John E. (pictured) Burnett placed a marker for their ancestor, Evan James. The tombstone is located in the Poland Family Cemetery at Westernport, Allegany County, Maryland.*



*Elementary School Poster Contest Chapter winner Alexa Williams receives a certificate and check for her winning entry. Her entry also took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state.*



*Above The chapters Betsy Ross Flag flies over the Washington County Court House on Flag Day.*



*Above (L-R seated) Chip Zelch, Ron Miller (standing) Ron Malmgren, John Mathues, Gary Timmons & Michael Kuhlman helped man the SAR info table at the Oliver Miller Homestead.*



*George Washington Chapter Color Guard at 2022 Whiskey Rebellion Parade*



### Quarterly PASSAR Board of Management Meeting

#### Friday, August 19, 2022

- 3:30 to 6:00 pm Registration in Lobby
- 5:30 to 6:30 Dinner on your own
- 6:30 to 7:00 Reception
- 7:00 to 9:00 Musical Program featuring 18<sup>th</sup> century music

#### Saturday, August 20, 2022

- 6:30 to 9:00 am Breakfast on your own
- 8:00 to 9:00 am Registration in Lobby
- 9:00 to 11:30 am Board of Management Meeting
- 9:00 to 11:30 am Ladies Program (Tour of the David Bradford House and the Whiskey Rebellion Museum – within a block of the George Washington Hotel)
- 12:00 to 1:30 pm Lunch
- 2:00 to 2:45 pm Memorial Service at the Purviance Historical Cemetery (ap. 20 minutes from the hotel)
- 3:30 to 5:00 George Washington Chapter annual picnic with the Washington County DAR Chapters and the CAR – within 2 miles of the Memorial Service Cemetery

### Ramada by Wyndham

1170 West Chestnut St, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301

724-225-9750

Hotel Reservation Deadline for SAR rate of \$74.00 + tax is August 5, 2022

Meeting and Activities Registration Form  
Deadline for Registration is August 5, 2022

Registration Fee (Compatriots only)	_____ x \$ 28.00	\$ _____
Zoom Registration Fee (Online only)	_____ x \$ 20.00	\$ _____
Friday evening Program and Cash Bar	_____ x \$ 20.00	\$ _____
Saturday Ladies Program	_____ x \$18.00	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	_____ x \$33.00	\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ planning on attending the Memorial Service (no charge)  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ planning on attending the Picnic (amount to be determined)

Mail Checks payable to George Washington Chapter  
 Mail Registration and checks to Ron Miller, 505 Arthur Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108  
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