



## News & Events

### George Washington Chapter

Chartered June 5, 1924



## Pennsylvania Society ~ Sons of the American Revolution

Vol. 97, No. 5

Washington, Pennsylvania

September / October 2022

### OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

Saturday October 8, 2022 at Noon

### **BREEZY HEIGHTS TAVERN & RESTAURANT**

714 Washington Pike - Route 844

West Avella, PA 15312

Phone: (724) 587-3461

**Menu: Broasted Chicken, Potatoes, Cole Slaw,  
Cookie tray, coffee, tea and soft drinks.**

**\*\*\* \$22.00 per person \*\*\***

**Reservation Deadline Friday September 30, 2022**

**Make checks to: George Washington Chapter - SAR**

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

**Program:** Jason Cherry will do a first person portrayal of Captain William Trent. Trent was a Captain in the French & Indian War and served with a young Lt. Colonel named George Washington.



*Combined Color Guard at the Historic Purviance Cemetery Memorial Ceremony. (Seated L-R) Larry Perkins, Ron Bruce, John Mathues, Chip Zelch, Dave Embrey. (Standing) Ron Miller, Gene Moyer, Gary Timmons, Jay Frey, Bryan Cuning, Ron Malmgren and Rich Baker. More pictures on page 3.*

### 2023 SAR Dues

You should be receiving notice of your 2023 dues. Please take a moment to pay your dues by check. **There will be no credit card payments accepted this year.** This will keep everything running efficiently and save having to be reminded later and possibly having to pay an additional \$10.00 if you are dropped. They want the dues paid this year by the end of November. Thank you



*Ron Miller was recognized at the 132nd National SAR Congress that was held in Savannah Georgia this past July. Ron was presented with the Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award as "the Compatriot who, by his research and writing, has made a distinguished contribution to the preservation of the history of the American Revolutionary era and its Patriots ".pictured (L-R) National President General Davis Lee Wright, Miller and PASSAR State President Michael Seibert.*

### Historic Purviance Cemetery Memorial

On August 20, the George Washington Chapter hosted a memorial ceremony in Claysville to honor the 9 Revolutionary War veterans that are buried in the Purviance Cemetery. Colorguardsmen were joined by many PASSAR state officers and the public. Nine wreaths were placed by various SAR, DAR and CAR. A fife and drum and musket firing added a special touch to the ceremony.



*President Kurt Winter presents Hannah Knootz with a Certificate and check as runner-up in the Chapter Elementary School Poster Contest. .*

### **Minutes ~ Joint Picnic August 20, 2022**

**Attendance:** Over 50 Compatriots and guests were in attendance. In addition to the George Washington Chapter, several PASSAR state officers, members of the: Bethel Fife & Drum, Fort Necessity, Jacob Feree, Monongahela, National Pike and Washington County DAR chapters as well as Youth and leaders from the Parkinson's Ferry Society of the C.A.R.

**Call to Order:** Past Chapter President Kurt Winter welcomed all to the McGuffey Community Park and delivered an invocation. All in attendance shared a time of fellowship and great food!



It is once again time to kick off our 2022 **Wreaths Across America (WWA)** campaign. Their mission is to REMEMBER the fallen – HONOR those who serve, and TEACH our children the value of freedom. Last year, at over 3,137 locations both here and on foreign soil, an estimated 2 million volunteers nationwide placed over 2.4 million wreaths in those cemeteries. Of that number, 16,100 wreaths went to the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies (NCA) located in Washington County, PA. This year those buried at the NCA number over 20,558. Again, this year we will go with the "3-for-2" option. This means that for every two wreaths sponsored, the cemetery will get three. So if you purchase two at \$15.00 each

the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies will receive three. Buy 4 and they will receive six. Purchase 10, and they will receive 15. Last year, with **your** help, our George Washington Chapter got sponsors for 3,490 wreaths. The George Washington Chapter continues the distinction of being the largest out of over 30 other groups to get wreath sponsorships for the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Again last year, for the fifth consecutive year, with graves that were already decorated by families, **every** grave was marked. What a beautiful sight! If you have purchased wreaths in the past, we sincerely thank you. If you have not, we would ask you to please look at the enclosed form and consider sponsoring a wreath(s) this year. You are also encouraged to join fellow Compatriots, Veterans, Scout groups, family, friends and students on Saturday December 17, 2022 rain, snow or shine at noon at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies or if you do not live in this area find a National Cemetery near you to help place wreaths. It is a humbling and gratifying experience. Remember "in life they served their country and now it's a chance for us to honor them". We want to thank our friends that have already sponsored wreaths this year: American Legion Post 159, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 525, Thomas Augustine, Alex & Linda Basey, Sue Bender, John Berg, Richard Black, John Bowman, Margaret Brennan, Mary Ellen Brosick, William Brown, Elizabeth Bruckner, Janet Burig, Joanne Carlton, James Carnes, Greg Carpenter, Richard Chaney, Clyde Connelly, James Craig, Richard Craig, Patricia Dabrawsky, Marjorie D'Antonio, Arleen Donaldson, Ken Dornbush, Patricia Dorsey, Debra Fanning, Fort Jackson Chapter, Charlotte Garove, Barbara Gibbs, Melissa Emery-Gillo, Katherine Gray, Patricia Griffith, Ed Gustkey, Ada Harsh, Michelle Herron, Patricia Hollot, Ronnie Howe, Barry Huggins, Janet Jobes, Janice Keeling, Mary Korsmeyer, Eileen Kramer, Sylvester Kukich, Donzel Lamp, Kevin & Patricia Lauff, Dwana Lauze, Agnes Lesniakowski, Reberta Levering, Jane Lloyd, Arthur Loy, Nancy Masek, Rodney McCracken, P.J. Meloy, Laverne Messina, Therese Moore, Marian Morgan, Susan Moyer, Judy Murdock, Sandra Nicklas, Mark & Susan Nickler, Barbara Noble, Alice Oblock, Michael Obringer, Russ & Rosemary Orenchuk, Barry & Margaret Ottena, John Palavido, Pancake Tawning, Greg & Jill Park, Florence Patrick, Tona Pepper, Kathy Politan, Tom Porter, Jean Price, Karen Randall, Carol Ridgely, E. J. Ritson, Pauline Rozsas, Geraldine Rush, Roberta Sarraf, Joanne Schmoutz, Donna Skerl, Karen Solobay, Rose Marie Sprando, Sandy Sprowls, Sandra Stinogle, Carol Sturm, Norb Stumpf, Marianne Teissier, Tammy Turkaly, Paulette Turner, Uniontown Flower Club Jo Ann Uscio, Nancy Wade and Mary Wichterman,





Kurt Winter acted as MC for the Purviance Cemetery Memorial ceremony



I attended my first National Congress in 2004 at Pittsburgh. The National Color Guard Commander was Peter Gobel. Peter was a West Point graduate and an Iraq War veteran and he took the time to take me under his wing at that first congress. Peter passed away this month and I would be remiss if I did not recognize the passing of a great veteran and true friend. You will be missed my friend. In the photo above (L-R) Gary Timmons, President General Hank McCarl and Peter Gobel.



George Washington Chapter Vice-President John Bruner was in attendance at the memorial ceremony.

Ron Miller takes a well deserved rest after doing so much for our chapter this past year



A. J. Swerbensky and Ron Miller took shifts guarding George Washington's Tomb at Mount Vernon on September 17, 2022





## Wreath Sponsorship Form

\*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org)

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction. Please be sure to mention Group ID **WV0005** and Cemetery location **PANCAB** for delivery to the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

**Deadline to place orders for wreaths November 26, 2022**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**Wreaths Across America TM**  
13 Elm Lane  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
Questions? Please call 304-242-8759  
Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

**\*\*SORRY- WE CAN NOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS\***

Please note that **all** sponsorships are sent directly to the location and **no** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: **PANCAB** Fundraising Group ID: **WV0005**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Cash \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Total\$: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # Checks: \_\_\_\_\_ Reconciled: \_\_\_\_\_

MO \$: \_\_\_\_\_

GEN:

Entered: \_\_\_\_\_



George Washington Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution  
c/o Gary W. Timmons  
13 Elm Lane  
Wheeling, W. Va. 26003-4905