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FEBRUARY MEETING

Saturday, February 18, 2023

10 AM

Citizen Library

55 S. College Street

Washington, PA

Phone: (724) 222-2400

DAR/SAR Members and guests welcome
Please note meeting time.

Program: Linda Reese will present a program on interpreting cemetery tombstones.

Minutes ~ Saturday, December 3, 2022

Call to Order: President Michael Merryman called the annual Chapter Christmas party to order at the Century Inn at Scenery Hill at 12:05 PM. After welcoming all, Kurt Winter gave the Invocation.

Attendance: Twenty-seven (27) Compatriots & guests were in attendance.



(L-R) Vice-President John Bruner installs new members Austin and Tyler Schoenfelder

In an abbreviated meeting President Merryman installed two new members. Awards presented: Washington County Chapter-DAR received a Certificate of appreciation, PP Larry Ridgway received a 10 year certificate and Michael Merryman was presented a Veterans Certificate for his grandfather

from the National Society. Gary Timmons reported on the Wreaths Across America Campaign for 2022 (see following article).

Treasurer: Treasurer Ed Schreiber reported the checking account balance as \$3,000.19

Adjournment: All shared in good food and fellowship. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30



Above: Chapter Vice-President John Bruner with a 10 year membership certificate.

Below: Compatriot Gary Timmons was one of two featured speakers that welcomed 13 new citizens at the Federal Court House in Wheeling on November 18, 2022.





The George Washington Chapter has had another great wreaths campaign! We received sponsorships for 2,120 actual wreaths and the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies received 3,197 in our name. Thanks goes out to everyone who participated in any way. Whether you helped stuff envelopes, sponsored a wreath(s), or helped place wreaths this past December, we thank you! This year we stuffed over 400 envelopes to previous sponsors requesting their participation again in 2022. Most new sponsors were due to newspaper articles that were published in Weirton, West Virginia, Steubenville and Martins Ferry, Ohio as well as Washington and Uniontown. These numbers do not include our own chapter members that sponsored wreaths. We received donations from as far away as Las Vegas, Nevada South Carolina and New York. Then on December 17 Compatriots from our George Washington Chapter placed wreaths at the cemetery.



This year, over 16,000 wreaths were delivered. As a result, with graves that were already decorated by families, again this year every grave was marked! We would like to acknowledge this last list of corporations, individuals and groups that have sponsored wreaths since our last newsletter: 84 Lumber, American Legion Aux 212 & 639, Arden Athletic Club, Jim & Paula Anderson, Marlene Antonetti, Ann Atkinson, Darlene Barni, Deborah Bartz, Debbie Battaglia, Elaine Bertocci, Beaver Town Chapter, Jean Belski, Cheryl Bertolino, Bethel Fife & Drum Chapter-DAR,

Nancy Bishop, Ruth Bland, Judith Blanton, Ruth Blose, William Boardley, Ann Bopp, Larry Bostich, Laura Braher, Linda Brezinski, Mary Brosick, John Bruner, Thomas & Susan Burchett, Tori Calvert, Francis Cavalier, Ann Celento, Central Labor Union AFL-CIO, Mark Chaney, Barbara Conn, Betty Coulter, Anna Cowden, Lois Crawford, Gayle Crile, Wayne Cunningham, Charles Curry, William Daniels, DAV Chapter 76, Melissa DeJohn, Barbara Dixon, Rosalie Dlesk, Dorothy Dudzik, Ebenezer Zane Chapter-SAR, Charlene Edwards, Ruth Falconi, Fred Farren, First Christian Church, James Frey, Judith Clatz, Patricia Gatten, Joyce George, Kathleen Getman, Nicholas Ghaphrey, Peggy Glaser, Ellen Greer, Janet Hadden, Betty Hall, Shirley Hans, John Hargleroad, Sandra Harton, Ken & Georgianna Hartzell, Larry & Karen Headley, Nicole Henderson, Michelle Herron, Jean Hicks, David Homerosky, Elizabeth Hoskins, Karen Huggins, Irey Family, JJP&R Properties, Pat Jakiel, Patricia Jeffers, Mary Jepson, Janet Jobes, Harry Johnson, Larry Jones, K of C Assembly 802, Cecelia Kazakewicz, Marilyn Kemper, Joan Kness, David Komlenic, Renee Korpus, Carole Krebs, Thomas Kreger, Linda Kreminsky, Lory Kujawa, Carol Kuzemko, Laboratory Presbyterian Church, Ladies GAR Dept of PA, Barbara Landefield, Jay & Linda LeRocka, Lewis Wetzel Pistol Club, Rosalind Laur, Bonnie Liberatore, Bruce Littleton, Beverly Livingston, Janet Livingston, Marsha Lucas, Celeste Lynch, Gloria Mankey, Celeste Marshall, Jim & Nancy Matijevich, Kim & Holly McCluskey, Carol McConnell, Rhonda & Anne McDonald, Judith McIntire, Jean McNary, Ruth Mecera, Ali Michael, George & Mary Miller, Sally Minter, Iris Mirich, Donna Miscovich, Rebecca Moore, Patty Morgan, Carole Morrison, Janice Morse, Patty Narish, Lois Navrotsky, Catherine Obenour, Dorothy Oberg, Maureen O'Connell, John O'Leary, Rita Pagendarm, Margaret Palfi, Ronald Paris, PASSAR, Shawn & Vicki Pennybacker, Sam & Linda Perry, Jeff Phillips, Mary Podany, Polaris Lodge 375, Jacqueline Preaux, Raymond Pscolka, Fred & Ann Puchany, Pat Puskar, R&K Disposal, Ruth Raspet, Karen Renee, Thelma Richardson, Judith Ridge, Larry & Linda Ridgway, Ferne Rogers, Roneys Point Presbyterian Church, Mary Roscoe, Ed & Marie Schreiber, Dorothy Schultz, Mary Schupp, Shirlee Schwab, Violet Sines, Slovik & Quaresima Families, Donna Smith, Julia Smith, Richard Smith, Specialized Professional Services, Robert Spencer, Peter & Alicia Steele, Stephen Bayard Lodge 526, Mary Stewart, Anita Stopporich, St Oscar Romero Catholic Men, Gloria Suchko, Joe & Nancy Tencer, John Thomas & Son Trucking, Lourie Tomney, Valley Electric, Mary West, Wheeling Chapter-DAR, Wheeling Rebecca Lodge 45, Glenn White, Col. William Wallace Chapter-DAR, Warwood Lions Club, Washington County

Chapter-DAR, Sandra Wauthier, Wells Fargo Advisors, Wheeling Womens Club, Tim Whetsell, Beth Work, Avril Zaharoff, Dan Zedel, Chip Zelch and

Bonnie Zellie. With the help of these generous sponsors and the ones listed in the last couple issues of our newsletter, Our George Washington Chapter continues to be one of the largest groups to gather sponsors for this cemetery. Thank you.



Above: Chapter Wreaths Across America Chairman Gary Timmons presents Washington County Chapter-DAR Ladies, Renee Schoenfelder (left) and Karen Neubauer with a certificate of Appreciation for the chapters sponsorship of wreaths for the 2022 campaign.

Welcome Aboard

The George Washington Chapter is honored and delighted to extend the warm hand of friendship to our newest members. Brothers **Tyler J. & Austin J. Schoenfelder**. Their Patriot ancestor is John Palmer who served as a Private in the Chester County Militia. **Todd L. Ashmore** whose Patriot is Joseph Ward who furnished supplies in Berkeley County, Virginia. **Steven C. Morreale** M.D./M.P.H., Patriot is James Dinsmore, Sr. who was a Second Lieutenant in the Bedford County Militia. Father and son Charles & Joshua Ferrell. Their Patriot ancestor is Reuben Perkins, Sr. who was a Private in the Washington County Militia. We also have 2 new dual members. **Charles McMillan** lives in Springfield, MO and is a member of the Ozark Mountain Chapter. He participates in the Color Guard and his ancestors, John Welty, Sr. and George Steele were both born and did service in Pennsylvania. Junior member, **Jeremy William Barton II**. Wil's Patriot ancestor is John Supler who served as a Private in the Washington County Militia. We welcome these new Compatriots and hope to see them at future meetings.



Members of the Wissinger family recently installed a new cemetery sign in the Wissinger Family Cemetery where one of their Revolutionary War ancestors are buried.

Save the Date Dates to Remember 2023

Feb 18 GW Chapter meeting - Citizen Library

Apr 15 GW Chapter meeting – Union Grill

May 5&6 PASSAR Annual meeting – Gettysburg, PA

May 29 Memorial Day Parade – Claysville, PA

Jun 17 GW Meeting – Meadowcroft

Jul 8 Whiskey Rebellion – Washington, PA

Jul 29 Fort Laurens – Bolivar, Ohio

Aug 19 Chapter Joint Picnic-McGuffey Park

Sep 2&3 Fort Henry Days – Wheeling, WV

Oct 7&8 Battle Days – Point Pleasant, WV

Oct 21 GW meeting – Breezy Heights

Dec 2 GW Christmas party – Century Inn

Dec 16 Wreaths Across America

A summary of proposed amendments to be made to the George Washington Chapter Constitution and Bylaws:

These amendments have been offered to the chapter by the Board of Management for two purposes, **(1)** to bring our Constitution and Bylaws up to date to be in compliance with the Pennsylvania Society and the National Society (which is required of us as a chapter), and **(2)** to bring the Constitution and Bylaws and our chapter's actual practices into alignment.

The specific amendments to bring us into compliance with the state and national societies are:

Constitution, Article Three, Section One: Any male person as defined by the State Society and the National Society is eligible for membership in this Chapter; providing he meets the requirements of membership in the State Society and the National Society.

Constitution, Article Three, Section Five: Any male person of the Society of the Children of the American Revolution may transfer to this chapter upon paying the fees required by the State Society and the National Society. There will be no payment of a membership fee to this chapter, until such member reaches the regular membership age of 18 years.

Bylaws, Article One, Section Five: Junior Members of the Chapter shall not pay dues until they reach the age of 18 years and are regular members.

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The specific amendments to bring the Constitution and Bylaws and our chapter's actual practices that we have in effect into alignment are:

Constitution, Article Four, Section Two: The Board of Management hereinafter designated as the Board, shall have management and control of the property and affairs of the Chapter and be responsible for the promotion of its objects. It shall possess and exercise whatever power and authority may be required, including the power to adopt Bylaws for the Chapter, they not being inconsistent with this Constitution and of the State Society and the National Society.

The Board shall be composed of the officers listed in Section One of this Article, along with at least three other Chapter members, who are appointed by the President. The Chapter Members of the Board shall hold this

position for one year, or until their successors are appointed. The President shall be the Chairman of the Board, and the Secretary shall be the Secretary thereof. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Constitution, Article Four, Section Four: Vacancies, howsoever arising, in any office or in the Board shall be filled by the Board for the remaining unexpired term. The Board will fill such vacancies by a majority vote of two-thirds. If the Board cannot reach a minimum of a majority vote of two-thirds, a replacement for the remainder of the term will be appointed by the President and the matter shall thereafter be closed.

Constitution, Article Five, Section One: The Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be held in January of each year at such time and place as may be designated by the Board. At this meeting, officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected, the activities for the new year determined, and the general business of the Chapter shall be transacted; provided, however, that only members of the Board shall be eligible for election to and service on the Executive Committee.

The Board will determine the slate of officers for the coming year at the Annual Board Meeting in January, and will present this slate of officers to the chapter for election at the February meeting. At the February meeting, the floor will also be opened to nominations to the slate of officers. The newly-elected officers will then be immediately installed at the February meeting.

Constitution, Article Five, Section Six: The election of officers (as described in Article Four, Section One) shall be made and appointing Chapter members of the Board (as described in Article Four, Section Two) shall be done before or during the Annual Board Meeting, and no member shall be declared elected unless he shall have received a majority of the votes cast at the February Chapter Meeting.

Constitution, Article Six, Section One: The fiscal year shall be the same as the calendar year.

Bylaws, Article Two, Section Two: Meetings for the transaction of business shall be held on a date and at such an hour and place as shall be designated by the Board of Management.



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