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APRIL LUNCHEON

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Arrival & Greetings @ 12:00 PM

Union Grill

13-1/2 East Wheeling Street

Washington, PA

Phone: (724) 222-2860

DAR/SAR Members and guests welcome

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.

Menu: Buffet: Salad, Stuffed Chicken and Pork Loin with gravy, Mashed Potatoes and Glazed Carrots, rolls and butter, beverages and ice cream dessert.
Cost: \$33.00 each includes gratuity.

Reservation Deadline Friday April 7, 2023

Please Mail Reservations To:

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

Program: Edd Hale will present a power point presentation on the USS Brig Niagara. Hale works with other volunteers in maintaining and sailing the War of 1812 replica which is based out of Erie. Please see last page of this newsletter.

Minutes ~ Saturday, February 18, 2023

Call to Order: President Michael D. C. Merryman called the meeting to order at the Citizen Library in Washington at 10:08 AM. After welcoming all, President Merryman then led all in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge and Kurt Winter gave the Invocation.

Attendance: Twenty-two (22) people, guests (5) **Compatriots (17); Alex Brown, Eleanor & Charles Curry, Charles Ferrell, Joshua Ferrell, Patty & Doug Fraley, Michael Kuhlman, Ron**

Malmgren, John Mathues, Michael Merryman, Mark Pearson, Linda Reese, Larry Ridgway, Edward Schreiber, Trudi Busha-Smith, A. J. Swerbensky, Gary Timmons, Mark Welsh, Glenn White, Wil White, Kurt Winter

Presidents Report: President Merryman asked for and received a motion and second to approve the December 3, 2022 chapter meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ed Schreiber reported the Chapter balance as of February 15, 2023 is \$2,903.91.

Committee Reports:

Genealogy/Registrar: Michael Merryman reported that currently there are 4 new applications and 2 supplementals at National awaiting approval.

Wreaths Across America: Gary Timmons gave a final update on the 2022 wreaths campaign.

Nominating Committee: Chairman, Kurt Winter read the names of the officers for 2023 (same as 2022) with no nominations from the floor the slate was unanimously approved.

Color Guard: Compatriot Alex Brown reported on a joint DAR/CAR/SAR joint wreath laying honoring George Washington at the Jefferson Memorial Park on Saturday February 25, 2023 at 1:30PM.

Program: Linda Reese presented an informative program about cemeteries and tombstone over the years. All received several handouts to take home.



Old Business: None

New Business: Kurt Winter reported on the passing of his mother-in-law Helen Byrnes on February 6, 2023. Helen was a frequent attendee at our George Washington Chapter meetings and events for many years. Charles and Joshua Ferrell and Benjamin Mathues received new member packets. Changes to the Chapter By-laws and Constitution were approved with 1 abstention.

Good of the Order: President Merryman noted that the next chapter meeting will be at the Union Grill on April 15, 2023 at noon.

Adjournment: President Merryman led all in the SAR recessional and Kurt Winter gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.



Congratulations

George Washington Chapter Compatriot Byron Zajdel, has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is assigned to the Army Space Command in Ft. Carson, Colorado.



Some Compatriots from the George Washington Chapter took part in a wreath laying sponsored by the Bethel Fife & Drum DAR.



Compatriots Gary and Christopher Timmons presented programs on Revolutionary War clothing to 4 separate 4th grade classes at Olde Providence Elementary School in Charlotte, NC.



Welcome Aboard!

We would like to welcome our newest Compatriots: Donald Lee Bamberger whose Patriot ancestor is Thomas Kent who was a Private in Captain James Maxwell's Maryland Flying Camp and Junior member Gabriel William Swerbensky. Gabriel's ancestor is Frederick Snyder who served in Col. Daniel Brodhead's Pennsylvania Regiment. We look forward to meeting both at a future meeting.

(L-R): Kurt Winter, William Gresh (PA State CAR President) and Gene Moyer at annual CAR Banquet held at Bedford. Also in attendance but not pictured was Everitt Meer.

US Brig Niagara—1813 and Today By Edd Hale



DATE: April 15, 2023

TIME: Noon

LOCATION: The Union Grill, Washington, PA

The U.S. Brig Niagara is the official flagship of the state of Pennsylvania. In 1813, Oliver Hazard Perry sailed the original Niagara into history with a stunning victory over the British. The modern reproduction of this ship sails the Great Lakes, taking this story to many ports of call each summer, serving both as a floating museum and an ambassador of goodwill from our state. What was it like to sail in 1813 aboard a tall ship, and what is it like today?

As a volunteer crewmember, Edd Hale will recount his experiences of sailing each summer in the spartan conditions of this 1813 replica. Learn how you can take a day sail or even become a volunteer and “sail the high seas” with the crew of the U.S. Brig Niagara.

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



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