



## News & Events

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### JUNE LUNCHEON

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023 @ 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 10, 2023**

Make checks to: George Washington Chapter-SAR

**Send to:** Edward Schreiber – Treasurer

113 Tory Road

Coraopolis, PA 15108-2811

Phone: (412) 264-3590

**Program:** Site Director David Scofield will give a brief update on what is happening at Meadowcroft and all will be welcome to tour Meadowcroft as it is a special weekend with demonstrators and their annual attatal competition going on. As guests, there will be no charge to those that choose to check Meadowcroft out. 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.

### Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help man the Chapter SAR info table during the Whiskey Rebellion being held Saturday July 8, 2023 from 10 AM – 5 PM. We will be located in the Washington Financial Employee 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 and stay as long as you wish. Please consider helping.

### The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and 911 Memorial Traveling Wall Exhibit

Date: June 15 thru 19, 2023 24 Hour Visitation

Location : Roscoe Sportsmen's Association

1069 Sloan Lane, Coal Center, PA 15423

More information 724-938-9080

### Allegiance Sunday

The time is fast approaching for Allegiance Sunday which is observed on the Sunday closest to July 4<sup>th</sup> every year. This year, July 4<sup>th</sup> is on Tuesday so either the Sunday before or after will work. Compatriots are asked to contact their church, synagogue or spiritual organization and encourage them to take time during the worship service 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.



**Committee Reports:**

**Registrar/Genealogist;** Michael Merryman reported that 4 new member applicants and 1 supplemental have been approved at National so far this year and that the turnaround time has improved significantly.

**Color Guard:** Will probably participate in the annual Claysville Memorial Day parade.

**Medals & Awards:** Nothing to report.

**Program:**

Edd Hale, who volunteers on the USS Niagra presented an interesting and informative power point program on the Pennsylvania Flagship, USS Niagra that is based out of Erie.

**Good of the Order:** President Merryman reported the next chapter meeting will be held at Meadowcroft on June 17, 2023. (Details on page 1 of this newsletter)

**Adjournment:** All present read the SAR recessional followed by Kurt Winter who gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:16PM.

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**Minutes ~ Saturday, April 15, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Michael D. C. Merryman called the meeting to order at the Union Grill at noon. President Merryman welcomed all in attendance and recognized PASSAR 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Kurt Winter and past DAR Regent Debbie Davis that were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance and the pledge to the SAR was recited followed by Kurt Winter who offered an Invocation.

**Attendance:** Eighteen (18) people, guests (8) **Compatriots (10) Ralph W. Busha;** Eleanor & **Charles D. Curry;** Deborah Davis, Tom Garvey; Edd Hale: David Houston; **Ronald A. Malmgren;** Chuck McElroy; **Michael D. C. Merryman; Ronald E. Miller;** **Kevin M. O'Neil; Edward Schreiber;** Trudi Busha-Smith; **A. J. Swerbensky; Gary W. Timmons;** Cindy & **Kurt J. Winter.**

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

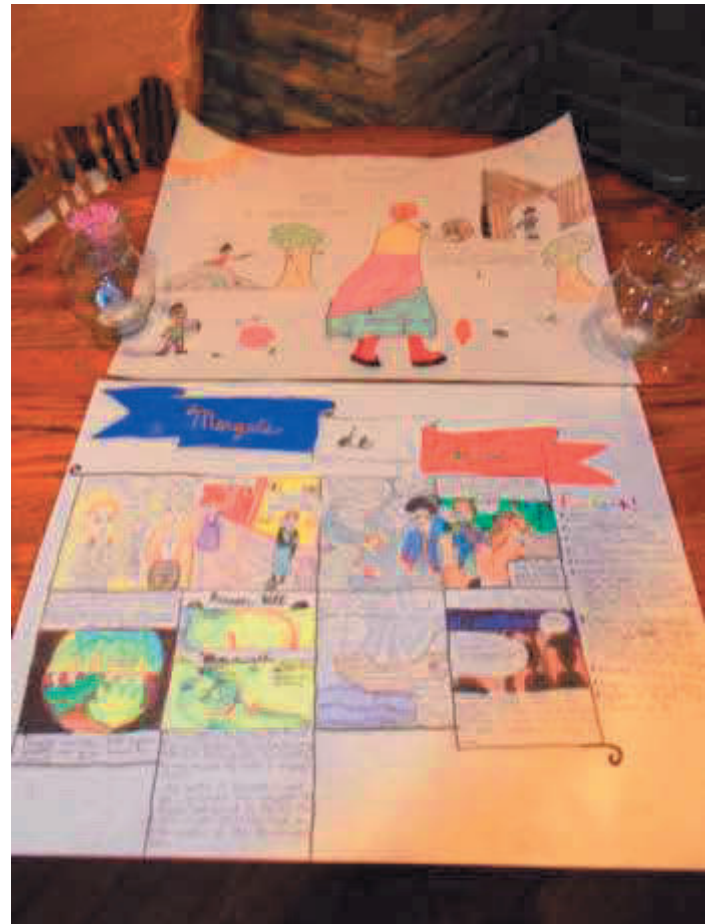
**Secretaries Report:** Nothing to report

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Ed Schreiber reported the current checking account balance \$2,795.03.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Kurt Winter spoke on the up coming State meeting that will be held in Gettysburg on May 5, 2023. The chapter has also received 2 posters for the elementary school poster contests and asked that members take a look at and pick a winner after the meeting which will go on to the state competition.

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*These two posters were judged at the Union Grill meeting with the one towards the front being judged as the winner.*



**In Memory**

The Chapter is saddened at the loss, by death, of Compatriot Samuel Richard "Dick" Mellon on May 18, 2023 at age 90. Dick served as Chapter Chaplain for many years. The members of the George Washington Chapter want to express their thoughts and prayers to the family of Compatriot Mellon.

**Welcome Aboard**

The Chapter is honored to welcome its newest members to the SAR. Father and son, Jarrod and Jonah Ward of Washington, PA. Their Patriot ancestor is Joseph Ward who provided supplies to troops in Berkeley County, Virginia (now West Virginia). We welcome these Compatriots and look forward to them attending future meetings when possible.

**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 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society was held the first weekend of May in Gettysburg. Compatriots Robert Grumbling, Gary Timmons and Kurt Winter were in attendance. Kurt Winter is now the First Vice-President of PASSAR and was also awarded the Silver Roger Sherman medal from PASSAR President Michael Seibert for his work at

both in the chapter and state levels. The George Washington Chapter received the plaque for the most active chapter in Pennsylvania with 100+ members. Our entry in the Elementary School Poster Contest was the state winner and will go on to compete at the National Congress later this year in Florida. (See picture on page 1 of this newsletter.) The BOM also voted to give \$1,000.00 to the Hannah's Town group. The new PASSAR President is Eric Troutman. The next quarterly PASSAR BOM meeting will be in State College on August 5, 2023.



*Compatriots Ron Malmgren and Gary Timmons took part in the Dedication of the Fort Barr Cemetery in New Derry, PA. Six Revolutionary War veterans are buried in this cemetery.*

**Dates to Remember 2023**

May 29 Claysville Memorial Day parade 9:30AM

June 3&4 Frontier Days – Old Fort Steuben, Steubenville, Ohio

June 17 GW Chapter meeting – Meadowcroft

July 15-20 National Congress – Orlando, FL.

July 8 Whiskey Rebellion – Washington

July 29 Fort Laurens Memorial – Bolivar, OH

August 5 PASSAR Summer meeting - State College

August 19 GW Chapter Picnic – Claysville Park

September 2&3 Fort Henry Days – Oglebay Park, Wheeling, WV

October 21 GW Chapter meeting – Breezy Heights

December 2 GW Christmas Party – Century Inn

December 16 Wreaths Across America



**Memorial Day events** the chapter Color Guard participated in. Above, Claysville Memorial Day parade. Below, Ron Miller too part with other SAR Color Guardsmen at Colonial Williamsburg.

