



## News & Events

### George Washington Chapter

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### **OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING**

**Saturday October 21, 2023 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 13, 2023**

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

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

**Program: National Park Ranger Brian Reedy will talk about Fort Necessity.**



*Combined Color Guard at Fort Henry Days (L-R) Mark Black, Larry Perkins, Bob Tomlinson, Gary Timmons, Ron Bruce, Jay Frey and Wesley Black.*

### **2024 SAR Dues**

You should have received notice of your 2024 dues. Please take a moment to pay your dues by check. Unfortunately, National raised their dues an additional \$15.00 for 2024. 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

### **WE Need YOU!**

With the coming of fall, we begin the process of planning for the upcoming year. 2024 will be the 100th anniversary of **YOUR** George Washington Chapter. That's a big deal! We want to make it an amazing year of patriotic, historic and community service events. But we need your Help!! Please consider getting involved. There are so many ways that you can contribute. We need help with event planning, logistics, and of course participation. We also need some Compatriots to fill some upcoming vacancies. Secretary, Treasurer and Historian are 3 that we need filled ASAP. Bring your ideas and your energy. You can make a difference! Our chapter is only as good as the energy and leadership of our members. Help us honor our patriot ancestors while serving our communities.

Please contact Kurt Winter at: (412) 498-0842 or Gary Timmons at (304) 242-8759 or email me at [g.timmons@comcast.net](mailto:g.timmons@comcast.net)

Thank you in advance for stepping up.

### **Welcome Aboard!**

We would like to welcome our newest Compatriot: Matthew D. Saxton. His Patriot ancestor is Matthew McConnell, Sr. who served as a private under Captain Robert Miller in the Washington County, Pennsylvania, Militia; and private under Captain David Reed in the Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Militia. He also paid the Supply Tax from 1781-1783 at Cecil Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. We look forward to meeting Matthew at a future meeting.

## 2024 Joint Picnic Meeting



*PASSAR State President Eric Troutman (L) presented Gary Timmons with the National SAR Gold 250 Anniversary medal and certificate.*

### Minutes ~ Joint Picnic August 19, 2023

**Attendance:** Over 50 Compatriots, DAR Ladies, C.A.R. and guests were in attendance.

**Call to Order:** Past Chapter President Kurt Winter welcomed all to the McGuffey Community Park. In addition to George Washington Chapter compatriots and guests, PASSAR state President Eric Troutman and his wife Stephanie and Past Maryland State President Gene Moyer and his wife were in attendance. DAR Ladies and their guests from the: Bethel Fife & Drum, Fort Necessity, Jacob Feree, Monongahela, National Pike and Washington County chapters as well as Youth and leaders from the Parkinson's Ferry Society of the C.A.R were in attendance. Kurt Winter led all in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Gary Timmons reciting the SAR Pledge. Kurt then offered an invocation.

**Medals and Awards:** Following the meal, PASSAR State President Eric Troutman presented the first and second place chapter winners of the Elementary School poster contest with certificates and checks. Our First place winner also won the Pennsylvania State competition and her poster went onto the National Congress in Florida in July to compete. President Troutman also presented Compatriot Gary Timmons with the Gold 250 SAR Anniversary medal.



*(L-R) State President Eric Troutman, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Calli Lehman, Kurt Winter and 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Hannah Koontz*

*President Troutman also presented Compatriot Gary Timmons with the Gold 250 SAR Anniversary medal.*



*Adam Dunn looks on as PASSAR President Eric Troutman pins the SAR rosette on his father's lapel.*

### New Business:

Father and son Mark William and Adam William Dunn were installed by President Troutman. All in attendance shared a time of fellowship and great food!

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*"When you assemble a number of men to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with those men, all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests, and their selfish views. From such an assembly can a perfect production be expected? I think it will astonish our enemies, who are waiting with confidence to hear that our councils are confounded like those of the Builders of Babel; and that our states are on the point of separation, only to meet hereafter for the purpose of cutting one another's throats." Benjamin Franklin*



It is once again time to kick off our 2023 **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 3,728 locations both here and on foreign soil, over 2.7 million wreaths were placed. Of the estimated 2 million volunteers nationwide who placed wreaths in those cemeteries 1/3 of them were children. Of that number, 15,200 wreaths went to the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies (NCA) located in Washington County, PA. This year those buried at the NCA number over 25,000. 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. Unfortunately, for the first time in the 25+ years Wreaths Across America has been in existence, they have had to increase the cost of wreaths from \$15.00 to \$17.00 each. So if you purchase two at \$17.00 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 3,197 wreaths. The George Washington Chapter continues the distinction of being one of the largest out of over 30 other groups to get wreath sponsorships for the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Again last year, for the sixth 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 16, 2023 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: James Amato, Sue Bender, Dixie Bennett, John Berg, Jacquelyn Bianchi, Richard Black, Darryl Bourguignon, John Bowman, Margaret Brennan, Greg Carpenter, Richard Chaney, Barbara Conn, Clyde Connelly, Nancy Copney, Nelson Coulter, James Craig, Robert

Crawford, Arleen Donaldson, Patricia Dorsey, Ebenezer Zane Chapter-SAR, John & Sue Edgerly, James Ford, Cynthia Freyvogel, Hydie Friend, Evelyn Gallo, Charlotte Garove, James Garrett, Beverly Gashel, Joanne George, James Glaser, Stephen Gray, Jean Gump, Suzanne Hensel, Jean Hicks, Ronnie Howe, Daniel Jones, Sarah Kleeh, Joan Kness, Knights of Columbus, David Komlenic Eileen Kramer, Sylvester Kukich, Donzel Lamp, Desiree Lanzino, Kevin & Patricia Lauff, Howard Laur, Agnes Lesniakowski, Beverly Livingston, Jane Lloyd, Mary Marockie, Kathleen Mazzocco, Anne Marie McDonald, Donna Metts, Ed Miller, Mark & Susan Nickler, Alice Oblock, John Palavido, Florence Patrick, Betty Plant, Politan Household, Tom & Linda Porter, Kathy Quaresima, Carol Ridgely, Pauline Rozsas, Kathleen Schirra, Joanne Schmoutz, Joyce Schrader, James Slovick, Doreen Smittle, Donald Stark, Harley & Marylee Stewart, Joan Stewart, Stritzinger, Norbert Stumpf, Marianne Tessier, Tammy Turkaly, Jerry & Nancy Wade,



*National Cemetery of the Alleghenies 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, 2023**

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	\$17.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		
		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**

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Cash \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Total\$: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total # Checks: \_\_\_\_\_ Reconciled: \_\_\_\_\_  
MO \$: \_\_\_\_\_  
Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

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