

GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF SAR

April 23, 2009

May Dinner & Chapter Meeting
Thursday-May 21, 2009
6:30pm Dinner-7:30 Meeting

WOODLANDS AT REDSTONE
CLUB HOUSE

For directions please see attached
directions with phone numbers incase
you get lost.

PROGRAM

The program will be the Annual
Meeting & Election of Officers,
followed by the Historical Moment:
"Patriots Day Remembered" BY
Kenneth Gorton
Youth Awards & Compatriot
Recognition
Note: All Compatriots are encouraged
to attend as we reflect, celebrate and
advance the Chapter.

MENU

Choice of Ham/pineapple or herb
crusted tilapia, Twice baked potato,
steamed vegetable, fruit salad,
beverages, dessert
Cost: \$20
Please call or send your reservation to
Bill Welsh by May 18th.

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Message from the desk of the
President Kenneth Gorton

Today is April 20th, Patriots Day. As
compatriots we reflect on the battles on
Lexington Green and the march to Concord
that became known as the start of the
American Revolution. Americans
demonstrated their true hope and
determination for a cause they believed in.
Over the next several years, this faith would
be tested at the invasion of Canada, Valcour

America today is confronted with challenges
that may seem overwhelming, so let us take a
lesson from George Washington who
responded to an even greater crisis. Things
were not going well for the Continental
Army-losses at Brooklyn, Manhattan, White
Plains, Harlem Heights, and Fort Lee
reduced the American forces from 10,000 to
3,000. On Dec 11, 1776, Washington and his
troops fled into Pennsylvania-cold, hungry
and poorly armed; the Continental Congress
abandoned Philadelphia, fearing the British
would seize the city; and enlistments were set
to expire on Jan 1, 1777. Thomas Paine clearly
defined the condition as "These are the times
that try men's souls." By all standards this
should be the end of the Revolution.

However, our first commander-in-chief would
become immortal in history as he retained
HOPE because he and his followers believed
in their cause. He also realized that he must
become INNOVATIVE in his military tactics,
and so on Christmas night he led his troops
back across the Delaware and landed north of
Trenton, which was occupied by 1,500
German mercenary troops under British
command. His plan was for a surprise attack

at dawn, defeat them, and capture their food and ammunition. The snow caused delays, yet he remained DETERMINED to succeed. His motto for the operation was "VICTORY OR DEATH." After marching all night, his band of soldiers defeated the Hessians in less than an hour. A week later, a second surprise victory at the Battle of Princeton forced the British to retreat to New York. America was now on the road to establish itself as a nation.

So, on this Patriots Day, let us be encouraged by the faith of former compatriots and exhibit General Washington's example of hope, innovation and determination, Challenges and crisis. Step aside, for we are conquerors.

MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD AT THE WASHINGTON GOLF CLUB

The members of the Chapter and guests who attended the meeting are the following: Kenneth Britten and his guests four Mormon Elders, Dr. John Folmar and his guest Dee Furnier, Marsh Lignian and his wife June, Ron Miller, Rev. Nat Roe and his wife Grace, Joe Shaffer and his wife Barb, Gary Timmons, Bill Welsh and his wife Eleanor. Dave Gove and his wife Anna Jane joined the meeting after dinner for the regular part of the meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at about 6:45 by Joe Shaffer who conducted the meeting in the absence of our President Ken Gorton who was with his wife in Kansas due to the passing of her father. The prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Nat Roe. We then had a very nice dinner. After dinner Joe called the meeting back to order and each table introduced themselves and their guests. Ken Britten introduced his guests who were four Elders from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) the Elders individually introduced themselves; Elder Derek Whitmill from Idaho Falls, Idaho; Elder Riley Nielson from Gresham, Or.; Patrick Denning from Meridan, Idaho; and Elder Tanner Morrissette from Calif.; The elders then explained their mission and what they are doing. Ken Britten explained that he had invited them because they have an interest in tracing their family history and if they get back to the time of the American Revolution

then they would know what the Sons Of the American Revolution is all about.

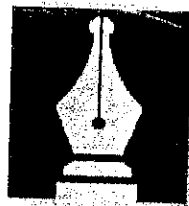
The historical moment was presented by Ken Britten who remained every one how important the week of April 13th-April 18th is. This is the week of the beginning of the American Revolution and the midnight ride of Paul Revere when he rides to warn the country side of the march of the British soldiers on Concord and Lexington. The British open fire on our militia and we have the Battles of Concord and Lexington. Copies of the poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson "The Concord Hymn" was passed out to everyone. The poem was sung at the completion of The Battle Monument, April 19th 1836. Please see enclosed copy of poem.

Kenny also reported on a new award which is being offered by The Washington Community Foundation to Teachers and Educators in Washington County in honor of Dr. Howard Jack who was active in our Chapter and the Foundation. At an Executive meeting of the Chapter the board decided to use the candidate chosen by the Foundation each year as our candidate to give our educators award to also.

A question was raised as to how one can put items in the display windows at Citizens Library the Chapter wants to do a display. If someone or a group wants to do a display here is the information and contact person;

Cynthia L. Fowler

PR / Print Shop Manager



Washington District Library Center
CITIZENS LIBRARY
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Washington, PA 15301-4877

724-222-2400 ext 236 / pr@citlib.org
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The minutes from the April meeting were approved as presented with corrections for the listing of persons attending the meeting the wrong wife's were listed with the wrong husbands. Sorry about that.

Bill Welsh reported the following on our treasury account

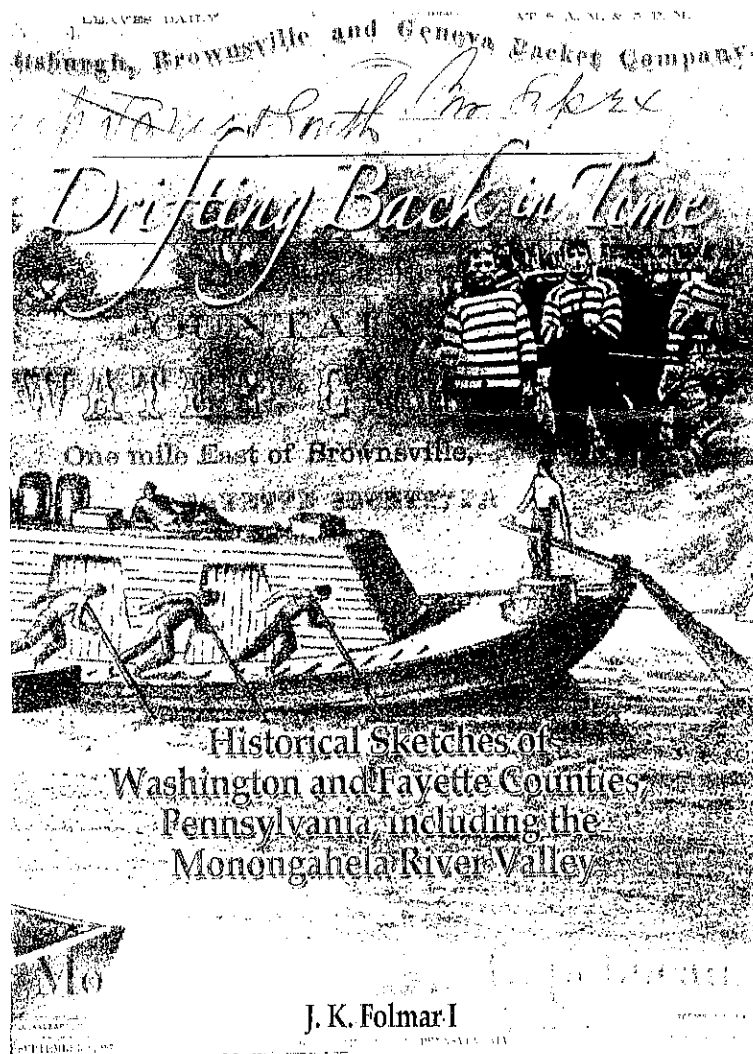
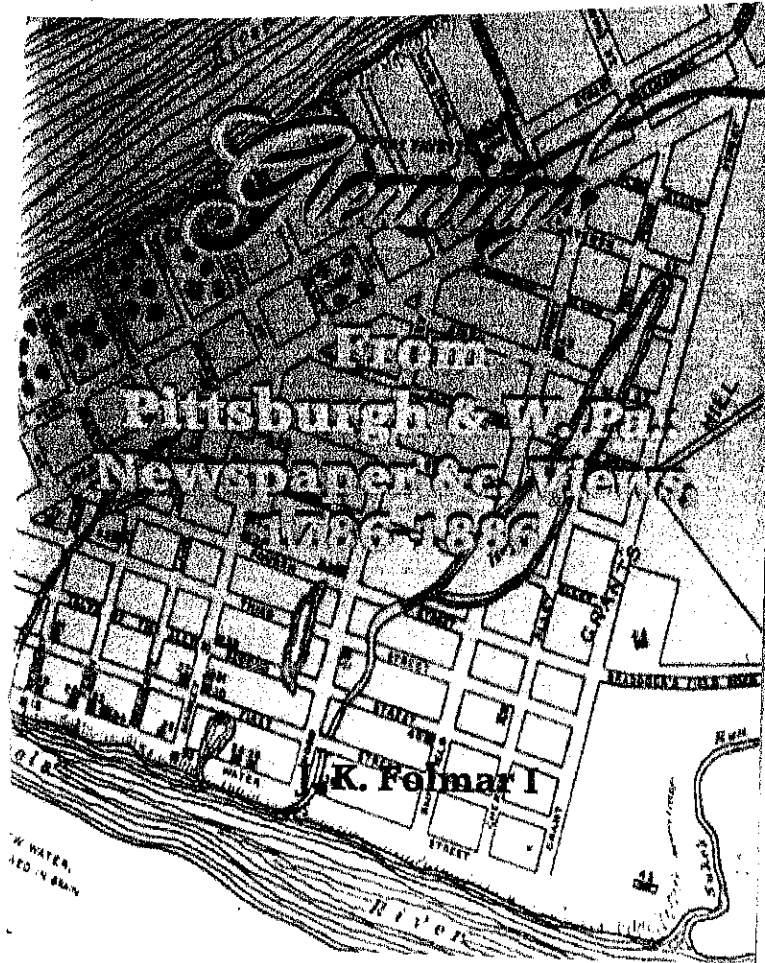
Checking Account as of 4-16-09 \$2,175.24
 Receipts-meals 464.00
 Sub Total \$2,639.24
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 -466.75
 Checking account balance 4-16-09 \$2,172.49

1 year CD at 2.5% \$1,004.42

Our guest speaker for the evening was one of our members John Kent Folmar I a professor emeritus of history, California University of Pennsylvania. He has a Ph.D. in U.S. History, University of Alabama. A long time student of local history, he belongs to eight local, state, and national historical organizations. As president of the Monongahela River Buffs Association in Monogahela, Pennsylvania, he edits its publication THE VOICE OF THE MON.

Dr. Folmar gave a very interesting talk on the history of river boat travel and the different types of boats and design of boats used on the rivers. We learned that a tugboat really does not pull anything it pushes the barges up and down the rivers. Had we had not been blessed with the different waterways and rivers that western Penna. has the area may not have developed into the industrial power house that it did. During both of the major World Wars Western Penna is where most of the steel and armaments were produced that won the wars and preserved our freedoms. We were also reminded about all of the natural resources that the area has been blessed with one of which is coal and natural gas.

For more about Dr. Folmar please see copies of the covers from the two books he published about the rivers.



Report on Chapter Activities Contest

Joe Shaffer gave the following report at the meeting:

I. June 14 Flag Day Ceremony at Courthouse 100
 Ceremony at National Cemetery 100
 500 decks of playing cards 100
 18 ditty bags given to VA facilities 100

II. Allegiance Sunday – Bulletins enclosed

Allegiance Sunday mailing was handled by Kenneth Britten. The following Churches participated in the event by saying the Pledge of Allegiance or recognizing our brave men and women who defend our freedoms by offering prayers for them.

1. Roney's Point United Presbyterian
2. Calvary Baptist
3. Salvation Army-Washington Corps.
4. Ten Mile Baptist
5. Graysville Calvary United Methodist
6. Bethlehem United Presbyterian
7. St. Paul's
8. Ohio Valley Christian Center
9. Jefferson Avenue United Methodist
10. Zion United Methodist
11. First Methodist
12. First United Presbyterian
13. Venice Presbyterian
14. Starkdale Presbyterian
15. Fourth Street United Methodist
16. Holy Trinity Parish
17. Elm Grove United Methodist
18. United Methodist Community Churches
19. Simpson United Methodist
20. Christ Evangelical Lutheran
21. Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal

Total 19 @ 100 = 1,900

III. Ohio River Council 100
 Pittsburgh Council 100

IV. A. 11 Meetings @ 25 275
 B. May mtng 22 attended=28%
 Oct mtng 23 attended=29% 50
 C. Aug 18 joint DAR/CAR/SAR picnic 50
 Oct 4th joint DAR/CAR/SAR luncheon 50
 D. August 1-2 Hosted Fall PASSAR BOM 250
 E. 8x5 from GW Chapter, 10x38 from PASSAR
 3x15 other states 450
 F. FEB Trustees meeting Lignian & Perkins
 July 3-9 Congress Perkins
 District Perkins
 Sept Trustees meeting Perkins
 5 @ 25= 125

V. A. March 19 Good Citizens Medal 50
 B. May 15 Law Enforcement x 3 150
 C. Flags Naturalization ceremony 140
 D. Books donated to VA Facilities

Kenny Britten obtained the books left over from a library sale at the Chartiers-Houston Library, Joe picked them up and Gary helped to sort them not of a research value

418 @ 5 = 2,090

Books donated to National Society

2 @ 50 = 100

VI. A. Perkins- National Color Guard
 Commander 100
 C. Timmons- PASSAR Deputy 15

VII Items handled by the Secretary Kenny Britten

A. 11 newsletters 3 pages each 33 @ 25 = 825 points

11 newsletters with special Masthead
 11 @ 50 = 550 points

Total for newsletters 1,375 points

B. Mailings 11 @ 15 = 165

C. Fall issue 2 @ 15 = 30

D. Articles placed in local newspapers
 11 @ 25 = 275

VIII. Folmar, Stout, and three Timmons men who have joined the Chapter in the last year
 5 x 25 = 275

IX. Farris and McClure 2 @ 25 = 50
 Gary and Ron Eisert place 157 flags at three cemeteries 157 @ 10 = 1,570

15 Rev. War Graves registered
 15 @ 100 = 1,500

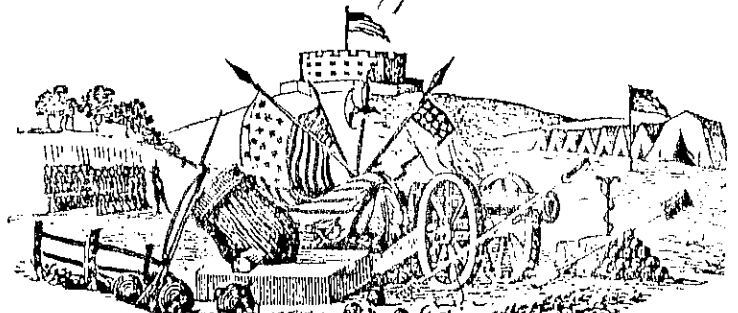
X. 1 entry 50 points

Total points earned by the Chapter 11,555
 Average points per member = 78 members 148

Respectfully Submitted

Kenneth E. Britten

Secretary



DIRECTIONS TO THE WOODLANDS AT REDSTONE CONDOMINIUMS CLUB HOUSE

1. From The Court House in Washington:

Proceed south on Main Street for about 1½ miles. After passing The Presbyterian SeniorCare on the right make left turn on Rural Avenue. Then right on Club House Drive. The Club House is the second building on the left. Park wherever you can.

2. From I-79 North:

Traveling south on I-79 bear left onto I-70 east. Take exit #20, Beau Street. Turn left and proceed on Beau Street to the Court House (at the 4th traffic light). Turn left on South Main Street and proceed as in "1" above.

3. From Route 19 North:

Follow Route 19 to the junction of Route 40 west. (On College Steet, which is one way, stay in the right lane.) Turn right on Route 40 for one block then left on South Main Street (Chinese restaurant on diagonal left, Vocelli Pizza on the right and Miracle Ear on diagonal right) and proceed as in "1" above.

4. From I-70 East:

Heading west on I-70 turn south on I-79. Leave I-79 at the first exit, #33, Laboratory, Turn right on Route 40 west, go 5 traffic lights (Chinese Restaurant on diagonal left and Miracle Ear on diagonal right), turn left on South Main Street and proceed as in "1" above.

5. From I-79 South:

Exit I-79 at exit #33, Laboratory. Turn right on Route 40 west and proceed as in "4" above.

6. From Route 40 West:

Follow Route 40 east to South Main Street (Miracle Ear on left and Chinese Restaurant on right). Turn right on South Main Street and proceed as in "1" above.

7. From I-70 West:

Exit on I-70 at exit #15, Chestnut Street East, proceed as in "6" above.

8. From Route 18 North:

Follow Route 18 through town. When on South Main Street proceed as in "1" above.

9. From Route 18 South:

At the junction of South Main Street, College field is on the left and Judson Wiley across, turn right on South Main Street and proceed as in "1" above.

If you get lost call 724-229-8228 or 724-228-2613 (Club House) during activity hours.



CONCORD HYMN

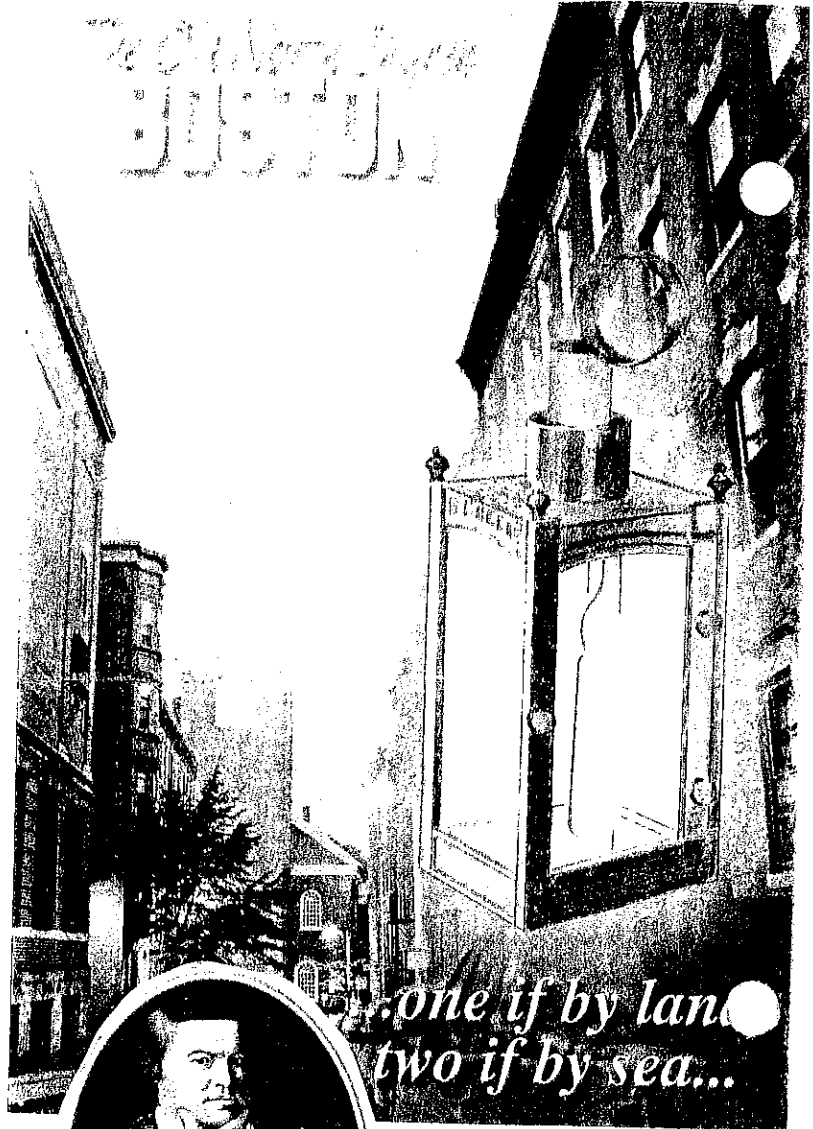
SUNG AT THE COMPLETION OF
THE BATTLE MONUMENT, APRIL 19, 1836.

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We set today a votive stone;
That memory may their deed redouble,
When, like our sires, our sons are gone

Spirit, that made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free,
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and thee.



one if by land
two if by sea...



BOSTON
THE PAUL REVERE HOUSE