

**GEORGE WASHINGTON CHAPTER
OF THE SAR**

JUNE 1st 2009

**June Dinner & Chapter Meeting
Thursday- June 18th, 2009
6:30pm Dinner-7:30pm Meeting
Meadowcroft Museum of Rural Life
401 Meadowcroft Road
Phone: 724-587-3412**

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 1 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.

Program

**Installation of Officers
Presentation of Good Citizenship Medal to Meadowcroft Director
Historical Moment by Joe Shaffer
"Miller's Fort" by descendent Ron Miller**

Menu

**Stuffed Peppers or Breaded Chicken
Twice Baked Potato**

**Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Beverage (Coffee, regular or decaf and Iced Tea)
Dessert: Assorted Cakes
Cost \$15.00**

RESERVATIONS DUE BY JUNE 10TH

Please call or send your reservation to Treasurer Bill Welsh

**William P. Welsh Jr.
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE
PRESIDENT**

"I Pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America....", so begins the oath of loyalty to our country that Compatriots recite at the beginning of each Chapter meeting. This national symbol is as old as symbolic standards used by ancient Egyptians, Assyrians and Jews usually depicting religious significance. In medieval times numerous flags were used as battle field banners bearing the arms of the person entitled to carry it. In the armies and navies of various nations of the world, flags are used for signaling.

The week of June 14th is designated as National Flag Week, upon which the President will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag. The SAR is actively involved in proclaiming Sunday, June 14th Allegiance Sunday, as

it commemorates the adoption of the flag of the U.S. which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

In the British colonies before the Revolution, each of the 13 colonies had its flag. On January 2, 1776, George Washington raised the Grand Union flag, consisting of 13 stripes, alternate red and white with a blue canton bearing the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. The Second Continental Congress adopted the Flag of the U.S. with 13 stripes alternate red and white, and that the Union be 13 stars white in a blue field representing a new constellation. Congress in 1818 enacted that a star be added for each state after its admission to the Union. In 1916, President Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day.

Throughout our history we have carried our national symbol into battles, stood beside her at grave sites, watched her waving over homes and buildings, saluted her as she passed in parades or ceremonies, and held firm to this pledge "....with liberty and justice for all."

As Compatriots, participate in activities during National Flag Week and/or on Flag Day and in so doing encourage others to renew, refresh, or reaffirm their commitment to a strong Republic. This is our sacred duty.

MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD AT WOODLANDS AT REDSTONE CLUB HOUSE

The members of the Chapter and guests who attended the meeting are the following:

Cliff Bergman, Ken Britten, Ken and Marcia Gorton, Dave and Anna Jane Gove, John and Ruth Habel, Buck and Marge Meneely, Jeffrey Hemmis, Ron Miller, Nat and Grace Roe, Joe and Barb

Shaffer, Gary Timmons, Bill and Eleanor Welsh, Jack White, Ed and Jack Schreiber, Ron Eisert, Jim Flanigan, Dick Mellon and Gene Painter.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:30pm. The prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Nat Roe. Everyone then introduced themselves and their guests. The Historical Moment was presented by Ken Gorton who gave us the history of Memorial Day. Ken Gorton told us that he had lived in the Boston area and had been able to walk where the Revolution had started. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead". While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on 30 May 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states and after World War I the southern states started to recognize the observance of the day.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as mailed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report is as follows:
As presented by Bill Welsh

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The Secretary Ken Britten reported that over 300 letters have been mailed to various Churches and religious groups asking them to observe Allegiance Sunday. Please see enclosed copy of the letter. Also he reported that we are receiving copies of DAR newsletters since we started to exchange newsletters with them.

Gary reported that we have two applications being reviewed at National, also he reported on a meeting he attended in the Eastern part of the State please see enclosed copy of letter.

A Certificate for service was presented to past President of the Chapter David Gove.

Joe Shaffer presented the slate of Officers for 2009-2010
President- Kenneth Gorton
Vice-President Ronald Miller
Secretary Kenneth Britten
Treasurer William Welsh

John Habel was presented with a membership pin for 40 years.

Gary had already presented youth awards to Cierra Renard for Americanism Elementary School Poster. The Knight Essay was presented to Kyle Fahey. The Eagle Scout Award was presented to Calvin Bergmann and Christopher White. Calvin was unable to attend the meeting because he is now serving on his mission call for the LDS church accepting the award for him was his father Cliff Bergman and the Ast. Scout Master of the Scout Troup from the Washington Ward of the LDS church Jeffery Hemmis.

Several SAR Medals where presented to Gary Timmons, Patriot Medal and Service to Veterans Medal. Please see enclosed newspaper articles.

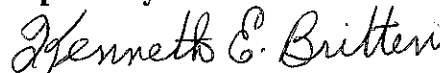
Ron Eisert was presented the Meritorious Service Medal for all of his dedicated service to the finding and marking of graves of Rev. Soldiers.

Ken Gorton reminded us about the National Congress which will meet in Atlanta in July so far Gary and Ken G. plan on attending the meeting.

Our next meeting will be held at Meadowcroft Village where the new officers will be installed and special awards will be presented.

The benediction was offered by Rev. Dr. Roe.

Respectfully Submitted



Kenneth Britten Secretary

You are cordially invited to the

Washington County Community Foundation's



Legacy Gala



on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Meadowlands
6:00 pm - Dinner Buffet 7:00 pm - Ceremony Business Attire
\$100 per person / fair market value of the benefits you will receive is \$65 per person.

James H. McCune Acorn Society Awards


Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award
Barry Wood

Finalists - Renee Hajdu and Anne Marie McDonald

Louis E. Waller Humanitarian Award
Janet Abernathy

Director's Choice Award

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Questions to 724-222-6330 or info@wccf.net
A favor of a reply is requested by May 27

Gary Wayne Timmons promotes West Virginia's Revolutionary War history and exemplifies the goals of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) to preserve, perpetuate, and educate about the patriots and history of that event. He was president of the George Washington Chapter for four years and has been a district deputy with the SAR for seven years. He has raised funds, researched West Virginia patriots, compiled a list of Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Ohio County, and helped install markers for soldiers buried in the tri-state area. In 2007, he co-chaired the 225th anniversary celebration of the siege of Fort Henry. Timmons also has compiled a list of men who served at the fort during its thirteen-year existence and currently is spearheading preparation of a Fort Henry brochure.

Nominated by George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution



Sunday, March 8, 2010

Nine Northern Panhandle residents were honored during West Virginia History Day at the Legislature, a day-long event held at the Capitol in Charleston Thursday, March 5.

Recognized as History Heroes were the following area citizens:

■ **John Bowman** of Wheeling, nominated by the Wheeling Area Historical Society;

■ **Gloria Palmer Brinkmeier** of Wheeling, nominated by the Wheeling Area Genealogical Society;

■ **Kate Quinn** of Wheeling, nominated by the Friends of Wheeling;

■ **Gary Wayne Timmons** of Wheeling, nominated by the George Washington chapter, Sons of the American Revolution;

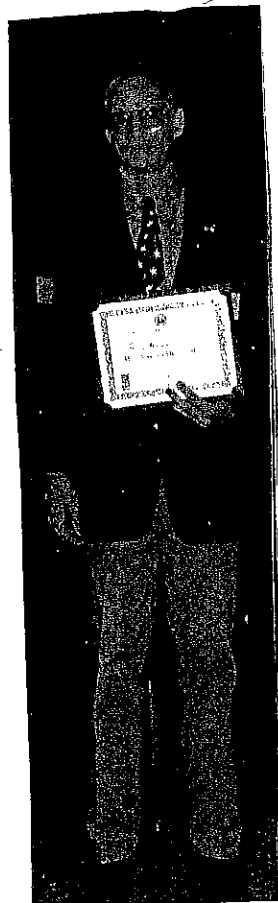
■ **Shirley Fox Allen** of Cameron, nominated by the Marshall County Virtual Genealogy Society;

■ **Kay Mason, Irene Oliveto and Florence Schaffer** of Marshall County, nominated by the Marshall County Historical Society;

■ **Norman Schwertfeger** of Wellsburg, nominated by the Brooke County Historical Museum.

West Virginia History Heroes are nominated by historical, genealogical, preservation, museum, patriotic or similar organiza-

tions across the state for the annual recognition.

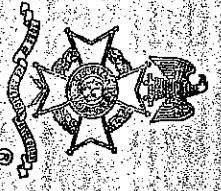


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May 14, 2009

TO: The Churches of Washington County and Religious Groups

TOPIC: ALLEGIANCE SUNDAY

The Sunday
Each year, nearest the Fourth of July is designated as Allegiance Sunday, a day that offers people the opportunity to pledge allegiance to God, our country, and our flag. By sharing in such a ceremony, we may reaffirm our loyalty and love for our country.

This year either the 28th of June or the 5th of July can be used as this special day. The George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution encourages you to honor the flag by offering a pledge of Allegiance during a Sunday or religious worship service. If you can not say the pledge of Allegiance during your religious service then could you please offer a prayer for the flag, our nation and our men and women serving in the arm forces who may be placed in harms way defending our nation.

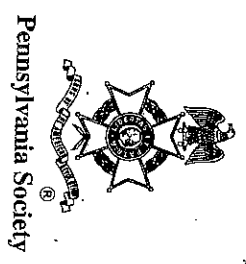
Because of world circumstances this year and the dangers men and women of our Armed Forces are facing, we encourage your support of our service men and women. Please honor those who have given their lives for our freedoms!

If you would send a church bulletin for that day so that a report may be tabulated, we would be most appreciative. The report will then be turned into National Headquarters of the Sons of the American Revolution stating how many Churches or Religious groups' participation in Allegiance Sunday. Our goal is someday to have 100% participation of all groups. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Britten

Coordinator for Allegiance Sunday
Kenneth E. Britten



PASSAR Annual Meeting Report

I had the pleasure of attending the 116th Annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Society that was held the weekend of May 1st and 2nd at King of Pursua about 1/2 mile from the entrance to Valley Forge National Military Park. National Society guests included President General, David Appleby; Vice-President General, Gary Bond; Registrar General, David Symson and Timothy Bennett, currently running for the office of National Treasurer General.

With the problems we have had over the past year with the state secretary, we lost about 140 members. Of that number 30 have since been reinstated. A motion was made and approved that for dropped members, this year only, the \$10.00 reinstatement fee would be waived. Also, any active military dues would also be covered by the state. Chapter dues for military would be up to the individual chapters. It was also mentioned that new member applications are currently taking 13 weeks or more to be approved at National and there is talk of doubling new applicants fees as opposed to raising current members dues. This will be taken up at the National Congress this Summer in Atlanta.

The Saturday Memorial Service was held at the Washington Memorial Chapel on Valley Forge property. The chapel was small but beautiful in design and seemed very appropriate for the service. Dr. David Schrader lead the service and during the litany of the 34 compatriots that passed away in the last year David focused on three that he was personally acquainted with. Those being Dr. Howard Jack, Bill Baily and Norm Tannehill. It really made the service special to me. I have sent bulletins from the service to both Bonnie Baily and Darcy Tannehill.

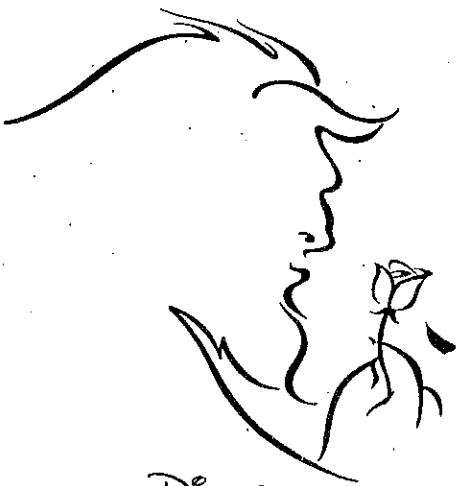
Following the Memorial Service we caravanned to the Freedom Foundation and President General Appleby presented the Distinguished Patriotic Leadership Award and PASSAR State President Lanny Patten presented them with a Flag Certificate.

During the Saturday evening banquet our George Washington Chapter was named as the winner in the Chapter Activities contest Division B (50 - 100 members) and received the traveling BOM meeting last August in Washington. Duane Miller, from the Arthur St. Clair Chapter was installed as the new PASSAR State President and I was installed for another term as your District Deputy for District # 7. It is always a long drive but overall an enjoyable and rewarding trip.

Yours in patriotic service,

Gary W. Timmons
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Washington Community Theatre, Inc presents



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**BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST**
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Starring Dana Dalesio & Erich Lascek
Directed by Barry Wood

June 23*—28, 2009
Curtain 8 p.m.

Washington Park Main Pavilion
Washington, Pennsylvania

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CITY NEWS

Peters Twp. teacher to receive outstanding educator award

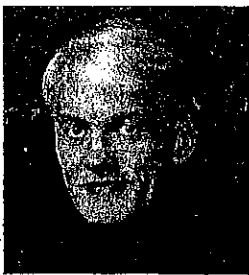
The Washington County Community Foundation has announced that Barry N. Wood will receive its inaugural Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Educator Award.

The award is given to "a local public educator who has displayed the ability to inspire children from all backgrounds and abilities, who has earned the respect of colleagues, students and parents, and who is actively engaged in the community."

The award is named in honor of Dr. Howard Jack, a founding trustee of the WCCF and past chairman, who retired as superintendent of Peters Township High School after a long and distinguished career in education.

Wood is a 38-year veteran English and theater teacher at Peters Township High School. Named to the Teacher Excellence Center's Hall of Fame in Pittsburgh, Wood was also a nominee for the Disney Teacher Award and was invited to the American High School Festival in Scotland. He established Thespian Troupe No. 185 and the Peters Dance Company. Wood was hired by Jack 38 years ago.

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was Dr. Jack who hired me to teach and direct at Peters Township High School. He was—and continues to be—an inspiration to me," said Wood.

Fellow teachers, administrators, a school board member, parents, and students all supported his nomination. Student Benjamin West writes, "Mr.

Wood... recognizes and brings out talents in us we did not know were present."

Fellow teacher Donna Fox praises his work, saying, "Barry fills the students' need to communicate, collaborate and innovate."

The award will be presented at the WCCF Legacy Gala on June 3 at the Holiday Inn Meadows. As part of the award a \$1,000 grant will be made to the PTHS Thespian Troop 185. Reservations to the Gala may be made by calling the WCCF at 724-222-6330.

The WCCF accepts applications year round for the Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award. Check www.wccf.net for details and an application.

Dorothy Tecklenburg contributed to this story.

WCCF announces award recipient

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was a nominee for the Disney Teacher Award and was invited to the American High School Festival in Scotland. He established Thespian Troupe No. 185 and the Peters Dance Company, and his theater program is widely recognized as one of the best in the state. Many of his former students have found careers in the performing arts.

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Two other outstanding local educators, Anne Marie McDonald, Washington School District, and Renee Hajdu of California Area Middle School, were named as finalists.

The award will be presented at the WCCF Legacy Gala

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