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## JUNE DINNER & CHAPTER MEETING

THURSDAY~JUNE 17, 2010 ~6:30 PM

Meadowcroft Museum of Rural Life

401 Meadowcroft Road

Avella, PA. 15312

Phone: 724-225-9245

### 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).Rt-50.

**Both**: Once on Avella Road ( ) 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 tp of the hill.

### PROGRAM

Program: Compatriot Ward Reighard, Ass't. District Commissioner of BSA, will present a program on the Boy Scouts of American and their 100 year anniversary celebration that is taking place this year.

### IMPRECISE AGENDA

1. Open Chapter Meeting
2. Dinner (See menu below)
3. Election & Installation of Officers
4. Conduct routine business
5. Program by Ward Reighard

### DINNER BUFFET MENU

Dinner will be catered by The Spring House:  
Smoked Baked Ham, Penn State Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Peach Pie, Ho-ho Cake & lemonade and Ice Tea.

PRICE: \$19.00 each (includes tax & gratuity)

**DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST ARRIVE BEFORE  
FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010**

### PLEASE MAIL TO:

William P. Welsh Jr., Treasurer  
70 Red Fox Road  
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### DINNER RESERVATION(S)

Please reserve \_\_\_ buffet dinner(s) @ \$19.00 each for the June 17, 2010 Chapter Meeting. Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to: George Washington Chapter SAR.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEETING DRESS CODE

As you may know, Meadowcroft is a rural location and is not adequately equipped for use after dark. By having the meeting this month it should still be light at the conclusion of our meeting making driving home easier. Meadowcroft also has no air conditioning so we have relaxed our dress code. Please dress for the weather.

### Message from President Kenneth Gorton **THE HAITIAN CONNECTION**

As we all know, the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti caused enormous devastation, both to the country and to its people. During my visit to the country last week, I observed the resilience and tenacity of its people to continue with life in the midst of hopelessness. The collapse of buildings, homes and businesses has set the country further behind in its effort to move ahead economically. Of its 8.7 million people, 1.3 million are now homeless, depending on relief to return to a "normal" lifestyle. This consists of the bare necessities of food, shelter and the purification of water. Countries around the world have come to their rescue pledging \$5.3 billion over two years. America is leading the relief effort, and now returning support for a people that came to our rescue during the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War.

In 1778, the British easily captured Savannah, Georgia, from the Americans. Their occupation set up the second bloodiest battle of the Revolution. Maj. General Benjamin Lincoln realized that the loss of Savannah was a key and he set out to regain the coastal Georgian port.

On September 8, 1779, Admiral D'estaing, commander of the French fleet, brought his 32 ships and 4,000 men into the harbor to align with Lincoln's forces to encircle the British. Battles continued for the next thirty days as both forces sought to strengthen their positions. Then on October 9<sup>th</sup>, thousands of French and Americans attacked the British and were cut down. It was the bloodiest hour in the Revolutionary War. American hero Sgt. Jasper was killed trying to save the unit's flag. Haitian troops from the French Reserve came forward to cover the retreat of the shattered attackers. In an hour, one thousand casualties resulted. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln began an orderly withdrawal to Charleston while the City of Savannah remained under British control until 1782.

The City of Savannah has honored the Haitian contribution to the War with a monument that reads "... following the battle with the British in 1779... Haitian soldiers were part of the allied forces... and many were diverted to other military duties, returning to their homes years later... several veterans of the campaign became leaders of the movement that made Haiti throw off the yoke of European capitalism..."

As we celebrate Memorial Day, we remember the sacrifices our men and women have made to preserve our freedom

#### A CHAPTER FIRST

For the first time in the history of The George Washington Chapter we will be sending entries in two different youth competitions to represent both the chapter and PASSAR at the National Congress that will be taking place in Cleveland latter this month. Senior Shannon Kiley Smith's Knight Essay and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Anna Dean's Elementary School Poster contest both won earlier this year at the Chapter level and then went on to win the state competition. Both received framed certificates and savings bonds for their achievements.

#### ALLEGIANCE SUNDAY

The time will be 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 Sunday. Compatriots are asked to contact their church, synagogue or spiritual organization and encourage them to take a time during that weekend service to include the Pledge of Allegiance or sing a patriotic hymn as part of their worship service. We then ask that a copy of that church bulletin be sent to our Allegiance Sunday Chairman, Gary Timmons for tabulation. Last year 24 religious organizations from the tri-state area took part.

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. A copy of this years letter is attached to this newsletter. Please feel free to use or make copies and contact churches in your area. Please send bulletins to Gary Timmons, 13 Elm Lane, Wheeling, W. Va. 26003-4905.

#### Minutes ~ Saturday ~ May 22, 2010

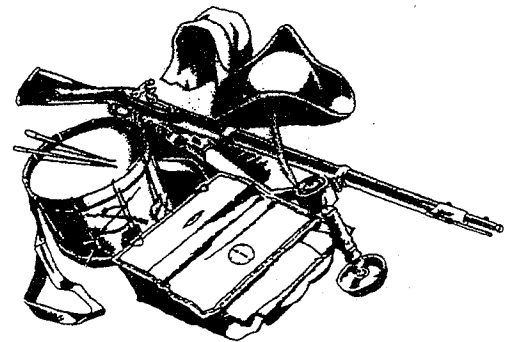
Due to lack of a quorum, no meeting was held.

#### CHAPTER FLAG

Our new George Washington Chapter Flag will make it's debut at the Claysville Memorial Day parade. It will also be on display at the June Meadowcroft meeting. Ron Malmgren, Ron Miller and Scott Helfrich have put a lot of research and work into this new addition to our Chapter. A big pat on the back and thank you go out to these Compatriots.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 31 Claysville Memorial Day parade
- June 5 Citizen Library - Collaborative meeting with organizations
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 17 Monthly Chapter meeting - Meadowcroft
- June 28- July 3 NSSAR Congress - Cleveland, Ohio
- July 4 Independence Day - Allegiance Sunday
- July 28-August 1 Washington Bicentennial
- July 31 Fort Laurens memorial - Bolivar, Ohio
- Aug 6-7 PASSAR Summer meeting - Erie, PA
- Aug 12 Chapter picnic - Mt Pleasant Park
- Sept 4-5 Fort Henry Days - Wheeling, W. Va.
- Sept 16 Monthly Chapter meeting
- Oct 2 Naturalization Ceremony - Wheeling
- Oct 2-3 Battle Days - Point Pleasant, W. Va.
- Oct 9 Joint CAR/DAR/SAR meeting - George Washington Hotel.



Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have.

Memorial Day is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.

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May 28, 2010

To: The Churches of the Ohio Valley  
Subject: ALLEGIANCE SUNDAY

Each year, a Sunday nearest the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday and the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution would encourage you to honor the Flag on this special day by offering the Pledge of Allegiance and/or singing a patriotic hymn during that Sunday worship service.

Because of continuing world circumstances and the dangers the men and women of our Armed Forces continue to face, we encourage your support of our service personal. Please honor those who have given their lives over the years and those that continue to fight for the freedoms we enjoy every day.

Again, thank you for your past participation and we look forward to your continued support. If you would send a church bulletin for that day, to the address below, so that a report may be tabulated, we would be most appreciative. Thank you and may God continue to bless our great country.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Timmons  
Allegiance Sunday Chairman

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