

Sons of the American Revolution



HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER - PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

FLAGDAY LUNCHEON

The annual Flag Day Luncheon will be a combined meeting of DAR and the SAR. The DAR will be our host for the Saturday June 12, 1999 event at the West Shore Country Club.

The speaker for the noon luncheon will be Lou Rollins, state manager of Woodmen of the World. He will speak on "What the Flag Means to Me."

Reservations for the \$14 per person event are due June 8th. Checks should be made payable to the DAR-Harrisburg Chapter c/o Patricia Crumb, 8032 Devenshire Hgts. Rd., Hummelstown, Pa. 17036. You may phone 566-9656 with any questions. A reservation coupon is on the rear of this newsletter

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ROTC AWARD '99

The 1999 winner of the Bronze ROTC Medal is Chauntia Kennedy, a senior at John Harris Campus of Harrisburg High School.

The 18-year old Kennedy enrolled in the Navy Jr. ROTC program at John Harris will be presented with the medal at a ceremony in Mechanicsburg on May 27. Harris Ferry Chaplain Robert T. Coleman, head of the ROTC committee will make the presentation.

The award is in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors.

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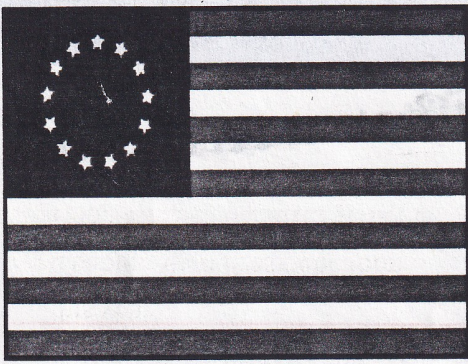
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SAR FLYS 13-STAR FLAG OVER CAPITOL

The Harris Ferry Chapter will conduct its annual ritual of flying our 13-star "Betsy Ross" flag over the Pennsylvania State Capitol Building in honor of Flag Day. The ceremony will take place on Friday, June 11th this year.

Chapter Vice President John Pringle has made arrangements with state Senator Hal Mowery for the annual display of the colors. The presentation will be made by Harris Ferry officers in the senator's capitol office at 11

a.m.

Betsy Ross Story

In March 1870, in anticipation of America's Centennial, William Canby, a grandson of Betsy Ross, made public the story of Washington's visit to the flagmaker. In a paper given to the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the justifiably proud grandson related to the world his grandmother's deeds.

Since Canby (cousin to SAR compatriot Eric Bugaile) was a mere lad of 11 when Betsy passed on in 1836, he relied on his own recollections as well as those of other relatives. For the record, three affidavits were sworn to, one by a daughter of Betsy Ross, one by a granddaughter, and one by a niece. These statements communicate in clear detail that Betsy Ross often told them the heroic saga of the birth of the American flag. Canby's paper recounts a meeting between a secret Congressional Committee and the widowed seamstress. This committee included George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross. The meeting resulted in the creation of the first American flag. Betsy contributed by suggesting a 5-pointed star, rather than the 6-pointed star recommended by Washington.

After Canby's lecture, the story of Betsy and the flag took root in the hearts of Americans. Harper's Monthly retold the story in a July 1873 issue. In the 1880s, the story began to appear in textbooks. Casper Weisgerber's painting "Birth of Our Nation's Flag" (a detail of which is displayed on page one) was exhibited with admiration at the 1893 World Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

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The Harris Ferry Chapter can now be found on the World Wide Web. Thanks to the efforts of chapter Genealogist, Robert L. Maley, the web site located at

<http://maley.net/harrisferry> and

is also accessible on a link from the Pennsylvania SAR site,

www.sar.org/passar. These

sites are packed with information and can be helpful to members and prospective members of the society.

Maley, who serves as the webmaster for the site can be e-mailed at sarinfo@maley.net

.Members with e-mail addresses are invited to share their address

with Maley and our chapter secretary Willis Friese at

csmfriese@paonline.com.



RESERVATION-Annual DAR-SAR Flag Day Meeting

Noon, Saturday, June 12, AT THE WEST SHORE COUNTRY CLUB

TO: Harrisburg Chapter, DAR, c/o Patricia Crumb, (Tel. 566-9656)
8032 Devonshire Hgts. Rd. Hummelstown, PA 17036

Enclosed is a check payable to the "Harrisburg Chapter, DAR" in amount of \$_____ for _____

Luncheons at \$14.00 each for the Annual DAR-SAR Flag Day Meeting.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

NAMES of Guests: _____

(Tuesday June 8th is Deadline for Reservations or Cancellation)