

Sons of the American Revolution



HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER - PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

February Meeting

The Annual George Washington's Birthday Meeting will be held jointly with the Harrisburg Chapter of the DAR at 1 pm on Sunday February 23 at the West Shore Country Club. The speaker will be Rev. David Biser speaking on the role of Revolutionary War chaplains.

Newletter Format Changes

This newsletter starts a format change that we are trying to reduce production time and costs. We would like to hear any comments on ways to make it better. We regret that we had to revert to black & white and hope that we may bring some color back in the future.

Comments can be addressed to Eric Bugaile at 313 Short Street, Harrisburg,

President Miller Reviews 2002

The following is President Miller's report to the chapter at the 62nd Annual Meeting of Harris Ferry Chapter conducted Dec. 1 at the Officer's Club in Mechanicsburg.

This year for Harris Ferry Chapter has been an active and hectic one. I want to first thank all my board members for their support and the lending of their respective abilities and expertise.



Rear Admiral Michael Roesner and his wife are greeted by President Miller and VP Lunsford. Roesner spoke at the May meeting.

Our biggest activity and responsibility was the hosting the PSSAR Quarter Session last February. I continue to hear how well our efforts were received and appreciated.

It was shortly after this we lost our Treasurer Walker Hoak. Our condolences to his family. We continued to expand the presence of SAR

to the public by attending the State's Heritage Day in March and by having an information table in the State Museum. We answered questions, provided handouts, and attempted to recruit. We intend to man a table again this year. The date will be in the 2003 calendar of events.

I have also received feedback on the excellent quality of our guest speakers at our luncheons. I know that you will agree with me that we have VP Bill Lunsford to thank.



Lt. Goshert and his family are joined by Compatriot Maley, (left) and Harrisburg police Chief Kellar, (right)

Harris Ferry Chapter continued to recognize the efforts of its law enforcement officers and fireman. This year Lt. John Goshert, Commander of the Organized Crime and Vice Unit in Harrisburg, was chosen for his contributions to law and order at our 2nd Annual Awards Luncheon. At the same time we had the distinct honor to recognize Kasha Amour Franklin as our JROTC State SAR essay winner, a first for Harris Ferry Chapter.

Throughout the year we continued our close association with the Harrisburg Chapter DAR and their Regent Leona Rhoads. Many of us had the opportunity to attend their wonderful luncheon meetings. We thank them for having graced ours with their presence.

I had the honor to represent Harris Ferry Chapter at the

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JROTC cadet Kasha Amour Franklin poses with her father, commander and Compatriot Pringle.

HARRIS FERRY-HARRISBURG –Author unknown

John Harris who in 1705 received a license to “seat himself on the Susquehanna” established Harrisburg, originally known as Harris Ferry. John Harris was born in 1673 in Yorkshire, England and Came as a young man to the Port of Philadelphia. He pushed westward where he built himself on the banks of the broad Susquehanna a log dwelling and store house to carry on trade with the English and French and the several tribes of Indians, the Onondaga, Seneca, Mohawk, Oneida, and Tuscarora. Travelers; found it safe to leave their boats and canoes with him before proceeding overland to the west, and his place soon became an accepted river crossing. John Harris was buried in 1748 in Harris Park on the lower East Bank of the river one hundred yards north of his original log home.

John Harris, Jr. carried on the work of his father and in 1753 was granted the right to operate a ferry across the Susquehanna. By that time the settlement included some one hundred dwellings and was known as Harris Ferry. It was laid out as a town in 1785, incorporated as a borough in 1791 and became a city in 1860, the name being changed from Harris Ferry to Harrisburg.



Ed Miller is installed by PASSAR president J. Thomas Showler as Chapter

John Harris, Jr. served as an officer in the Provincial Service and his sons enlisted in one of the first companies raised in the Colonies formed ten days after the news of the Battle of Lexington.

From the original log home on the riverbank have come generations who forged American Independence. Memories of the past mingle with the accomplishments of today that transpire at the State Capitol of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

State Meeting in York end of January

The chapter members will recall that we hosted last year's successful quarter session of the PASSAR. This January, the event will be hosted by the Continental Congress Chapter in York at the Yorktowne Hotel on Jan. 31 & Feb. 1.

Registration is \$8. Friday buffet is \$28 and Saturday lunch is \$18. A ladies program is \$7.

You can make your reservation by contacting H. Hoover Yount, 15 Singer Rd., New Freedom, PA 17349 by Jan. 27.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES MAY 11,2002

President Miller called the Board of Management Meeting to order at 9:00A.M. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Highspire, PA. Those in attendance were: Herbert Braden, Eric Bugaile, Robert Coleman, Lawrence Berger-Knorr, William Lunsford, William Marshall, Edwin Miller, Eric Milliron, John Pringle, Richard Rice, Whitley Simmons. Chaplain Coleman gave the invocation followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

President Miller presented his report concerning his activities since the last meeting. He gave a final status report of the PASSAR Quarter Session hosted by Harris Ferry Chapter. President Miller regretfully informed the Board of the resignation of Willis Friese and Eric Milliron from their respective positions. Eric Milliron will remain on the Board as a Trustee. Report accepted.

The Secretary's minutes were accepted as mailed. President Miller will temporarily fill the position.

Treasurer William Marshall reported a balance of \$3,501.12 in the checking account with all bills having been paid. Report accepted.

Robert Coleman, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented Lawrence Berger-Knorr to fill the position of Registrar. It was moved and seconded. Mr. Berger-Knorr is now our newest Board member as Harris Ferry Chapter's Registrar. DAR Liaison Edwin Miller reminded the Board of the upcoming Flag Day Luncheon hosted by the Harrisburg Chapter, DAR at the West Shore Country Club.

Willis Friese, Chairman of the Color Guard Committee, presented a draft proposal for the creation of a color guard. After much discussion it was moved to accept the proposal subject to change as information becomes available. Motion carried.

Program Chairman, William Lunsford, informed the Board of the current arrangements for the Awards Luncheon. The award will be presented to Lt. John Goshert of the Harrisburg Police Department. Admiral Michael Roesner will be the speaker.

Medals & Awards Chairman, Robert Coleman, expressed concern for the presentation of the Gold Citizenship Medal for Charlton Heston as to when and where it will take place.

Old Business: Treasurer Marshall reported that while Harris Ferry Chapter is a non-profit society we are not eligible for tax-free status. The Treasurer will continue to look into it further.

Discussion ensued about the fact that the most recent draft of the Chapter's Constitution was not recorded in the minutes as being accepted. A clean copy will be made and presented for ratification.

New Business: Discussion concerning the printing of the newsletter was made with several suggestions presented but there was no resolution. Eric Bugaile will try to make arrangements with Herbert Braden for its printing. William Lunsford suggested that the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal be given to Admiral Roesner for his service to his country and upholding the ideals of the Sons of the American Revolution. Motion carried.

President Miller proposed that a \$50 savings bond be presented to Kasha Franklin as our winner in the JROTC Essay Contest with the presentation to be made at the Awards Luncheon. Motion carried.

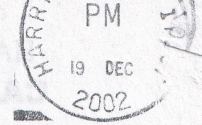
HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2003

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW WITH THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- January 31/February 1 Winter PASSAR Quarter Session, hosted by Continental Congress Chapter, York.
- February 8, 9:00 a.m. Board of Management Meeting at St. Peters Church, Highspire.
- February 22 Ringing of the bells at 1:00 p.m. (As on July 4th contact your church to help Celebrate George Washington's Birthday with "Ringing of the Bells/Chimes for several minutes.)
- February 23, 1:00 p.m. George Washington's Birthday Luncheon hosted by the Harrisburg Chapter, DAR. Reservation Form Required
- March 9 Family Heritage Day at the Pennsylvania State Museum. Come and share what the SAR means to you, what it is, and how someone might qualify (noon to 3 p.m.). Volunteers needed.
- MAY 2 & 3 Spring PASSAR Quarter Session. Hosted by Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Philadelphia. Annual Meeting with installation of officers.
- May 10, 9:00 a.m. Board of Management Meeting at St. Peters Church, Highspire.
- May 18, 12:00 noon Harris Ferry Chapter 3rd Annual Awards Luncheon.
Reservation Form Required
- May 26 Participate with Harris Ferry Chapter in one of the many Memorial Day Parades
- June 14, 12:00 Flag Day Luncheon hosted by Harrisburg Chapter, DAR.
Reservation Forms Required
- June 28 Celebrate our country's "Freedom" with the "Ringing of the Liberty Bell". Bring the family to hear Patrick Henry's stirring speech and ring the "Bell" without fear of its further cracking, Harrisburg State Museum, 10:00 a.m.
- July 4 Contact your church to help observe "Our Nation's Birthday" with "Ringing of the bells/chimes" at 2:00 p.m. thirteen times. We, as a free nation, have much for which to "be proud".
- July 25 – 26 Annual Atlantic Middle States Conference. Hilton Hotel Downtown Harrisburg. Chapter Officers, members and friends are encouraged to attend.
- August 1 & 2 Summer PASSAR Quarter Session. Hosted by Centre County Chapter, State College.
- August 9, 9:00 a.m. Board of Management Meeting at St. Peters Church, Highspire
- September 14, 12:00 noon, Constitution Day Luncheon hosted by Harris Ferry Chapter SAR. Reservation Form Required
- October 31/Nov. 1 Fall PASSAR Quarter Session. Hosted by Conococheaque Chapter, Chambersburg.
- November 8, 9:00 a.m. Board of Management Meeting at St. Peters Church, Highspire
- December 7, 12:00 noon Harris Ferry Chapter's Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers. Please support your Chapter's Officers.
Reservation Form Required
- December 14 Request your church to honor George Washington's death by the "Ringing of The Bells/Chimes" for two minutes at 1:00 p.m.



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my first experience at the National and I must say it was all very impressive. I'm sorry to say that there will be a \$5 increase in the national dues. Our Board of Management also made the tough decision to raise our local dues \$4 to keep up with increased costs as well.

It was at this time that the Chapter normally has it's "Ring of the Liberty Bell" at the State Museum over the Independence Day holiday but we had to cancel. They took the bell away. Actually it's being reconditioned. We will try again next year.

In all fairness I must admit that I also attended the DAR State Conference in Pittsburgh. I accompanied my delegate wife. As a guest I was not involved but I did provide moral support for our esteemed State SAR President J. Thomas Showier who is with us today.

For six weeks we had an SAR display in the Wrightsville Historical Society's Museum. It was for their Heritage Days. We never know when the seeds we plant will be harvested.

HFC Board Openings

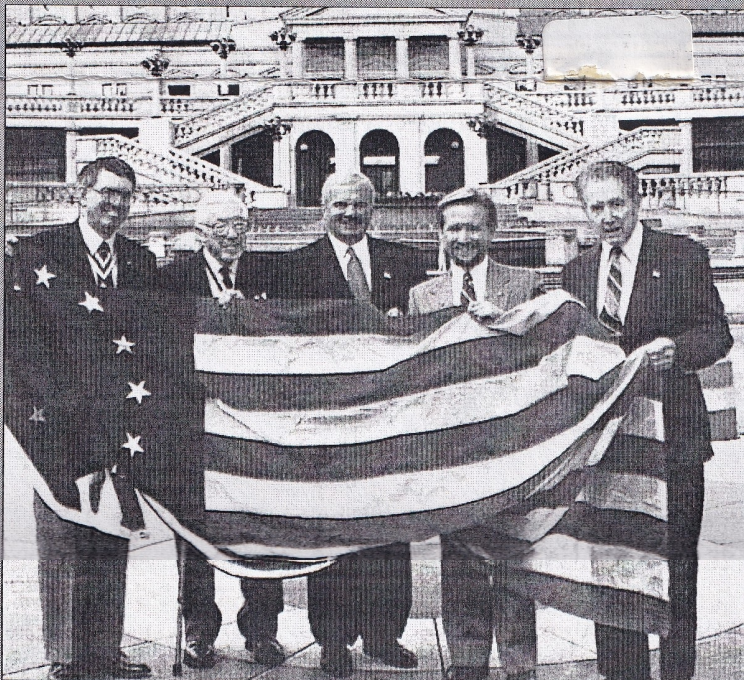
The Harris Ferry Chapter has openings for Secretary and Board of Management. If you can serve the chapter in either of these important positions, contact President Edwin R.

Our biggest challenge has been arranging for the presentation of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal to Charlton Heston. I will not go into the long story but I can say that it is moving forward.

So once again I thank everyone for their support to myself but more importantly to the Sons of the American Revolution.



Walker Hoak's daughter, left and wife receive Patriot's Medal bestowed to Walker posthumously on Sept. 15.



FLAG DAY PRESENTATION
 Rep. Ron Marsico, (R-Dauphin), center in left photo, receives the chapter's "Betsey Ross" 13-star flag at Soldiers' Grove across from the East Front of the State Capitol in June. The photo above shows a Capitol Policeman raising the colors in front of the dome.
 The presentation is made to a state official annually.