

Kudos to Harris Ferry Chapter

This is what was heard any number of times at the PASSAR Winter Session hosted by Harris Ferry Chapter at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center. Starting February 4th with the social Friday evening and a presentation by the Rev. David Biser. He imparted the significance of the Revolutionary War Chaplain during the war. Together with HFC traditional soft pretzels the evening was credited a success. Prior to the social many of the compatriots ate in the Bridges, the restaurant of the Radisson, and were well pleased.

The presenters Saturday morning for the Ladies Program were Jan Reinhart, who talked about her sheep and her travels, and Gerri Nadler with Barb Musselman who discussed the history of Mourning Jewelry while providing samples for study. I'm sure they were both offered a number of possible future bookings.

After a delicious lunch, J. Thomas Showler, the new Executive Director of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, discussed how the Society could be of help to PASSAR Chapters and members. As the compatriots and spouses exited many positive comments were made to President Lunsford. Congratulations Harris Ferry Chapter!

Significant Quotes

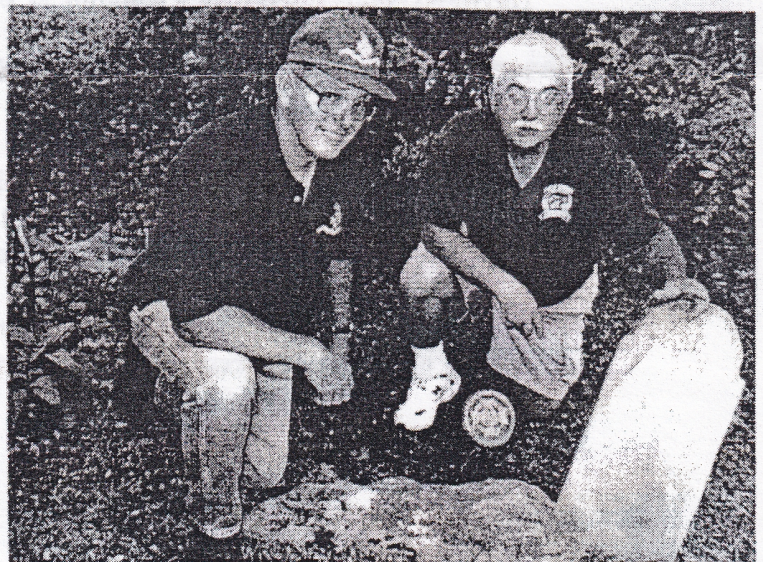
I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.

--- Helen Keller

Combined Efforts Materialize

Ed Miller and John Peifer aided Lowell Clark of Colorado in recognizing his Patriot, Philip Greiner, at the Greiner Cemetery. The cemetery is located behind TYCO on Fullingmill Road, Highspire, PA. It started in March of '02 when Ed Miller received a letter from Lowell Clark of Pueblo West, Colorado. Lowell had been researching his ancestors in the State Library and was able to locate the Greiner Farm Cemetery. His ancestors are Henry and Barbara Zimmerman and Philip and Barbara Greiner. Lowell found the cemetery to be severely overgrown. He requested help from Harris Ferry Chapter with the cemetery. It took some time but with the help of TYCO Industries the cemetery was cleaned out of vegetation and critters.

It culminated this past fall when Lowell and his wife came in to honor his Patriot with a marker. A Saturday morning, some digging, and a little concrete accomplished the task. Everyone had a good time and HFC has a friend in the West.



Ed Miller and Lowell Clark at gravesite of Clark's Patriot.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER,
PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, GIVEN AT
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MECHANICSBURG, SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2004
BY WILLIAM T. LUNSFORD JR.

The year 2004 was a major one for the Harris Ferry Chapter, Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution. It was our turn to conduct the Washington's Birthday celebration program on the anniversary of our great first President's birth, Sunday, the 22d of February. Like all of our recent activities, this luncheon meeting was held at the Commissioned Officers Mess, Naval Support Activities, Mechanicsburg.

Our speaker was Jeffrey S. Wood, who operates the Whistlestop Bookshops in Carlisle and Gettysburg and is a noted historian on the Washingtonian era. Program Chair John Peifer introduced Mr. Wood. Immediate Past President Edwin Miller was presented a SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Traditionally, our May meeting is a high point of the year's activities. At this luncheon, we honor a Policeman of the Year from one of the area's police department; a winner of the Knight Essay Contest and Junior ROTC activities at one of three area high schools who participate with us and an Eagle Scout from Keystone Council, Boy Scouts of America. The 2004 luncheon meeting was held on Sunday, 16 May at a time closest to the national celebration of Armed Forces Day.

Immediate Past President Edwin Miller was in charge of the Knight Essay Contest while Past President John Pringle conducted the JROTC selection and awards. Trustee Steven King, whose own son, Christopher, received our 2003 award is chair for the Eagle Scout award program. Trustee John Peifer is chair for the Policeman of the Year award.

David Neagley, currently a senior at Upper Dauphin High School, was Harris Ferry Chapter winner of the Knight Essay Award for 2004. David also was the PSSAR statewide winner. A news story featuring David and Edwin Miller and a photograph appeared in the *Pennsylvania Minuteman* publication.

Joseph Innerst, a senior at Red Land High School, was winner of the Chapter JROTC award presented by Chair John Pringle. Col. Edward G. Murdock, Senior Instructor at Red Land High School attended our luncheon meeting.

The total New Cumberland Police Department were honored for their devotion to duty. Chief Oren Kauffman represented his department. John Peifer was program chair.

Report of Harris Ferry Chapter, PSSAR President

Speaker for the day was Navy Capt. Thomas P. McIlravy, Commanding Officer, Navy Supply Information Systems at Mechanicsburg talking on "Patriotism." Capt. McIlravy received a SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal from Harris Ferry Chapter. A photograph appeared in the National SAR magazine.

As Harris Ferry Chapter, PSSAR President, I participated in the Let Freedom Ring program held at the State Capitol in Harrisburg on July 4th. Thirteen veterans of World War II, including myself, represented one of the original colonies and assisted in the bell ringing program celebrating our nation's Declaration of Independence. A photograph appeared the following day in the Harrisburg *Patriot-News*.

Constitution Day was celebrated on Sunday, 12 September. Our speaker was Jon LaFaver, a New Cumberland attorney and former President of the West Shore School Board. Mr. LaFaver discussed current attempts to remove the words "Under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. LaFaver was honored with a Chapter Bronze Citizenship Medal.

Immediate Past President Edwin Miller is Chair for the Quarterly Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution to be held at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill on the 4th and 5th of February, 2005. We met with Mrs. Sandy Sipe, Radisson sales manager, on two occasions to plan the two-day statewide event. I contacted Thomas Showler, now Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, to be the major speaker at a luncheon on Saturday, 5 February. Mr. Showler is a Past President of PSSAR.

At we bring 2004 to a close, we are privileged to have as our Installer and Speaker today, J. Fenwick Shugrue, current President of Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Respectfully Submitted:



William T. Lunsford, Jr., M.Ed.
President

Middletown Patrolman Latest Recipient of Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

William N. Eynon, Jr. has been a Middletown patrolman since 1984. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Officer Eynon has distinguished himself on countless occasions. His area of expertise is in driving under the influence (DUI) detection, enforcement, and prosecution. As a result of his training and devotion to duty Officer Eynon has made hundreds of DUI arrests and arrest for other alcohol related crimes. He sees his cases through from start to finish and is an expert witness in Dauphin County Court on DUI prosecutions.

George Gets A Makeover

Washington didn't look much like the face on the \$1.00 bill, says forensic anthropologist Jeffrey Schwartz. He's creating 3-D images using a life mask (a plaster cast of his face), paintings and statues to show how George did look—as a surveyor at 19, a general at 45 and President at 57. What's wrong with the dollar? Washington probably wasn't wearing his false teeth, so his lower face is distorted. (His dentures were made of ivory or other people's teeth—not wood.) Schwartz's images of the 6-foot-2 Washington will show his ruddy cheeks, smallpox scars and reddish hair, seldom depicted. They go on view next year at Mount Vernon in Virginia. (Intelligence Report—Parade Magazine)

Mark Your Calendar

Mark Hagenbuch, Board member and reenacted, has informed us of a huge, huge reenactment that will take place the second weekend of October (8-9). Mark it down. Keep it open. Look for more information later.

Harrisburg Chapter, DAR, Hosts Joint George Washington Birthday Luncheon

This year's GWBD Luncheon at the West Shore Country Club was well received by all in attendance. Hostess Marian Peifer provided for a most enjoyable time. Lieutenant Colonel Paul D. Montanus, guest speaker from the Carlisle War College, spoke on one of his favorite idols, George Washington and his involvement in the Cumberland Valley during the Whiskey Rebellion. Lt. Col. Montanus shared many little known anecdotes from that time. Harris Ferry Chapter will host the GWBD Luncheon in 2006. Hope to see you there.



Gerald W. West, Jr. receives his SAR rosette as a new member of Harris Ferry Chapter. Ed Miller reads the oath as Marian Peifer makes ready to pin Mr. West.
