

### BOARD ACTION

Due to the death of President Lunsford the Board of Management had to make some decisions in February. Edwin R. Miller, Secretary, will serve as President the remaining of the year. To aid him with his duties it was decided that the Board members would serve as hosts at the luncheons. The Board as a whole will serve as the Program Committee. The Board meeting was well attended by most of its current members. President Miller stated that he was very pleased with the cooperation of the Board and looks forward to the rest of the year. Chapter membership is still a primary concern so if you are aware of anyone that qualifies the Board suggests that you present them with an application. Also, if you would like to be a part of this exciting year, volunteer to be come a Board member. Call President Miller (944-7364) or any other member you know.

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### DON'T GET LOST!

Those of you who attended the George Washington Birthday Luncheon in February are already aware of this information but for those of us that were not able to attend read carefully.

Through the efforts of the Mechanicsburg Officer's Club the only entrance to the Naval Base is now off Sporting Hill Road, the entrance closest to the club. Coming from Carlisle (Rt 11) you turn right onto Sporting Hill; from the West Shore (Carlisle Pike) you turn left onto Sporting Hill; from Trindle Road you turn at Country Meadows Home onto Sporting Hill road. The base entrance is at the traffic light. See you at the next luncheon.

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### NSSAR CONGRESS DALLAS TX

The Texas Host Committee has given us a personal invite to the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress in Dallas, July 8-12, 2006. In addition to the usual Congress events there is a great hotel at a reasonable rate with free parking. There will be optional events planned as well as a special host Society event Saturday night with a western barbecue dinner and entertainment. Pack up your jeans and enjoy Dallas. Specific information will be in the SAR Magazine. Look for it.

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### GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY WELL ATTENDED

Thirty members and guests attended the George Washington Birthday Luncheon given by Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR in conjunction with Harrisburg Chapter, DAR and hosted by Compatriot John Peifer. After the usual fine buffet they heard a rather unique presentation. Lt. Col. Mark Waters gave a talk as to 'How George Washington Might Deal With Iraq'. Lt. Waters, a long time student of Washington, did additional research and discussed the topic with peers. It was well received and appreciated. This was the last luncheon arranged by President Lunsford. He will be missed.

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### Time and George Washington

John Pringle, a Harris Ferry past-president and currently our District #3 Deputy, was a photographer in WW II so he knows his way around a camera. John has provided us with some thoughts concerning the time on the Independence Hall Clock Steeple and the George Washington insert. He made the picture from some taken while he was on tour, June 19, 2004, in Philadelphia.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER,  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,  
PRESENTED AT COMMISSIONED OFFICERS MESS, NAVAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES,  
MECHANICSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, 12:30 P.M. SUNDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2005**

This report covers my activities as President during the period from 2004 to 2005, inclusive and begins with attendance at a joint meeting with Harrisburg Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution at West Shore Country Club on Sunday, 20 February 2005. Traditionally, one year, Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR arranges and conducts the meeting; the following year, the DAR. This was a DAR year and a special tribute program was presented honoring our first President, General George Washington.

It is always a privilege to work with Ms. Joan Romig, Regent, Harrisburg Chapter, DAR, who conducts her meetings with dignity and decorum.

Following a Board Meeting on Saturday, May 14, our Fifth Annual Awards Luncheon was held at the Commissioned Officers Mess, Naval Supply Activities, Mechanicsburg, on Sunday, 22 May 2005. Cadet Matthew Dean, of Red Land High School, Fairview Township, received the Junior ROTC Award presented in competition with students from his school, Cedar Cliff and Harrisburg High Schools. He received a Medal, Certificate and \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. Cadet Dean also won at the PSSSAR level. Past President John Pringle continues as Chair of this event.

A Law Enforcement Award went to Police Officer William N., Eynon Jr. Of the Middletown Department. In addition to a Certificate and Medal, Officer Eynon received a \$75.00 gift certificate usable at Alfred's Victorian Restaurant in Middletown. Past President Edwin Miller was Chair of this event which honored the Middletown Police Department.

Program speakers were Army Lt. Col. Gordon Rognrud and Air Force Col. Aubrey McKinney, both students of the Class of 2005 at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA. They gave excellent presentations on the status of our military forces. Col. Rognrud spoke on "The Duality of Being a Soldier and a Citizen." Col. McKinney discussed "Critical Military Issues." Each received a copy of one of my novels.

Compatriots Edwin Miller and John Pringle have received the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medals. In addition, at the Awards luncheon, SAR Rosettes were presented to Harris Ferry Chapter's newest members: Samuel Willard, Wynn Willard, William Jackson, Paul Boyer and Ronald Wix.

Compatriots Ron Wix and Steve King were able to place 13-star Betsy Ross American flags on the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers at Paxton Presbyterian Church Cemetery and Derry Township Presbyterian Church Cemeteries on behalf of Harris Ferry Chapter.

Harrisburg Chapter, DAR hosted the traditional Flag Day luncheon at West Shore Country Club on Saturday, 11 June. Among others, Compatriots Miller, Pringle, Peifer and Lunsford were in attendance. John A. Roc, Esq., a fellow Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR member, gave an informative talk on requirements of becoming a U.S. citizen. Ms. Romig, DAR Regent, was presented a Betsy Ross 13-star American flag by Harris Ferry Chapter.

There has been considerable discussion regarding The Patriot Act passed after the dastardly attacks on New York, Washington and Somerset, Pennsylvania on 11 September 2001. A well-attended luncheon meeting was held at the Commissioned Officers Mess at Mechanicsburg on Sunday, 18 September 2005. Cameron Texter, President of the York City Council and J. Bruce Walter, prominent Harrisburg attorney with Rhoads and Sinon, gave differing points of view on "The Patriot Act and Its Consequences." There were many questions.

Compatriot Herbert H. Braden was Program Chair for this Constitution Day luncheon. We were joined by a number of members of the Washingtonburg Chapter, PSSSAR, including President John Fralish.

Throughout the entire year, we have been best with the problem of having replacement officers for our Chapter. I have served two consecutive terms as President which also has been true of my predecessor, Edwin Miller, currently Secretary. Continual attempts have been made to provide successors but to no avail.

At a Board of Directors meeting held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Highspire on Saturday, 12 November 2005, it was voted unanimously to extend the current Officers and Board members terms until such time as successors have been selected and installed.

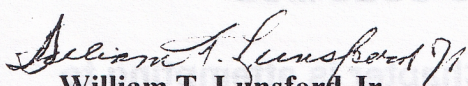
This action was needed particularly since Harris Ferry Chapter, PSSSAR is responsible for the joint meeting with Harrisburg Chapter, DAR at the Commissioned Officers Mess, Naval Supply Activities, Mechanicsburg, on Sunday, 19 February 2006. This is a traditional George Washington Birthday luncheon program.

A speaker, Lt. Col. Mark Waters, U.S. Army, a student at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, and a prospective SAR member, will discuss an intriguing topic of how Gen. Washington might have conducted the current war in Iraq.

In view of the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of Harris Ferry Chapter, the President may serve only two (2) consecutive terms which I have done. Because of health reasons, it may be necessary for me to resign immediately following the 19 February 2006 luncheon meeting.

However, for today, 11 December 2005, we are most appreciative that our State President, Miles Dechant, and his charming wife, Betty, could be with us to install our Officers and Directors and provide us an overall view of the Pennsylvania State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and its activities.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
William T. Lunsford Jr.  
President

# We Hold These Truths...

Imagine standing, say, outside your local post office and being approached by a kid who wants to know if you know the answers to questions like, "What's the Fifth Amendment?" or "What truths are self-evident in the Declaration of Independence?"

Would you be ready?

Throughout Colorado, kids are doing exactly that and having plenty of fun. It's all part of a growing movement across the country to help students understand the importance of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence—and to celebrate Liberty Day.

You may not have heard about it yet, but the day was actually started six years ago by the Lions Club of Denver, after members realized that these two national documents were missing from many area classrooms. Determined to do something, they began taking donations to print and distribute a pocket-sized booklet with the two treasures in them. The free books helped, but to really excite kids, teachers began urging a day devoted solely to the teaching of the documents. So the Lions Club chose March 16, the birthday of

James Madison, widely considered the "father of the Constitution."

Soon after, says Andy McKean, national coordinator for Liberty Day, teachers began coming up with all kinds of creative ways to use the book to supplement their teaching—including sending kids out to quiz the public. That fun exercise, he says, helps reinforce what students learn in the classroom and also lays the groundwork for civic activism.

So far Liberty Day has been officially recognized by 15 governors, and McKean thinks the numbers will grow. The books are already being used in schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. "I've heard numerous stories from teachers about how they use the books to help teach the material," McKean says. Students like them, too, because they fit handily in their pockets. "They don't have to worry about lugging around a big heavy textbook," McKean says.

McKean notes that while he hopes Liberty Day becomes a truly national event, people don't have to wait for it to become official where they are. "The lessons of Liberty Day can be taught any day of the year," he says.

—Jozen Cummings



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**For More:** To get copies of the books, contact Andy McKean at 303/333-3434 or visit [www.libertyday.org](http://www.libertyday.org).

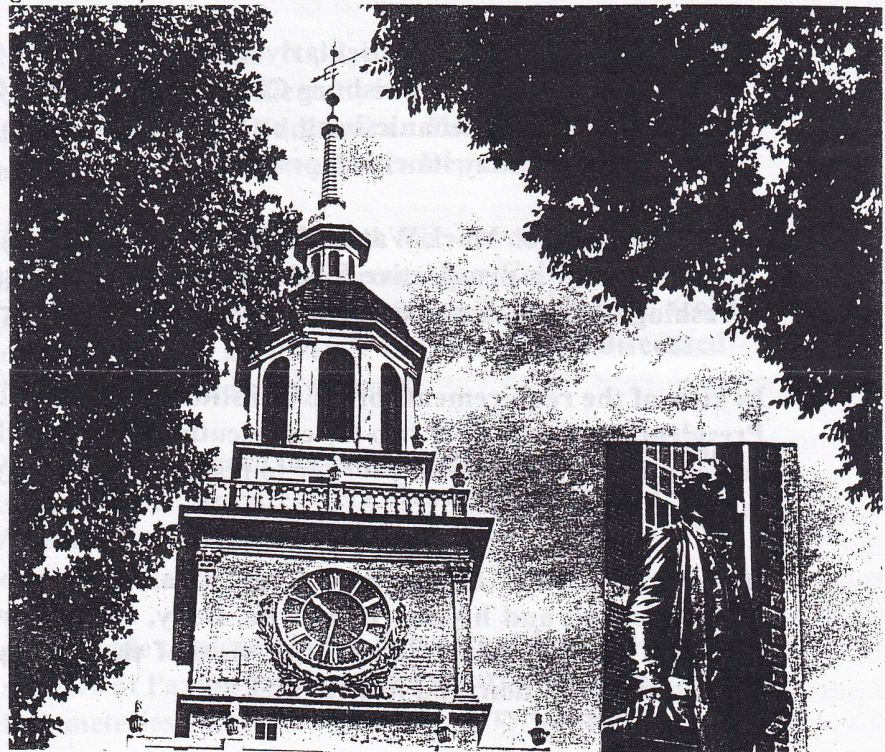
National Education Association [www.nea.org/neatoday](http://www.nea.org/neatoday)

**The Clock Steeple is striking 10:32.**

**Providence: The "32" is a reminder of George Washington — born in 1732; he was 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason.**

**The "10" is a reminder of the 10 years Philadelphia was our Nation's Capital, 1790 – 1800; "10" is a reminder of the approximate 10 years Washington spent in PA creating our Nation.  $10 + 32 = 42$  his age when he became a member of the Continental Congress in 1774.  $32 - 10 = 22$ , his age in 1754 when he ambushed a French detachment and killed 10 soldiers, including the commander... this incident precipitated the French and Indian War.... he built Ft. Necessity.**

**George's statue, from the opposite side of Independence Hall, is superimposed in the sky. He is our preeminent Founder, "Father of Our Country." John Pringle**



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## AWARDS LUNCHEON

**The Annual Awards Luncheon is May 21<sup>st</sup> and will recognize Sergeant Ryan from the Hummelstown Police Department. See invite and respond.**

**Harris Ferry Chapter is attempting to get into the modern age with the use of e-mail. Not only does it save paper but postage as well. If interested send a note to [sking@psu.edu](mailto:sking@psu.edu).**