



The Haversack

The Newsletter of the Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter
Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



President's Message

Throughout the period of July 18-23, Chapter Compatriots Gene Moyer, Doug Favorite, Pat Warner, Matt Moyer, and I had the honor and pleasure of representing you as MDSSAR Delegates to the 124th Annual SAR National Congress in Greenville, South Carolina; the largest ever SAR National Congress. It was a grand affair packed with a wide variety of educational, patriotic, SAR business, culinary (to include lots of grits and BBQ), field trip, and fellowship opportunities. The South Carolina Society and Chapters were the perfect, gracious hosts and did an outstanding job of making all feel welcome, at home, and appreciative of our new awareness of the importance of the Revolutionary War's Southern Theater and the turning point significance of the Upcountry battles of King's Mountain, Cowpens, and Ninety Six. Doug Favorite (wearing his MDSSAR President's hat) made too-many-to-count trips to the Congress podium to receive honors, streamers, and special recognition for MDSSAR accomplishments during Pat Warner and Doug's tenure at the state helm. Past Chapter Presidents Larry Bishop and Rick Stup, and Chapter Registrar Ed Smith, received national Liberty Medal recognition for their recruitment of new members, and Gene Moyer participated in four formal musters for impressive color guard events, one of which was a grand parade and Sunday dress memorial service in honor of recently departed SAR Compatriots; to include our losses of Mark Hoke and Don Wolf.

Special thanks to the Jack Schrodell led Secretarial Nominating Committee for their diligent search and July 31 nomination of Compatriot Pat Barron for the position of Chapter Secretary; with the same date concurrence of the Executive Committee, I appointed Pat as SLE Chapter Secretary, effective September 1, 2014. When next you see Don Deering, take the opportunity to thank him for his labor of love and necessity as our Interim Chapter Secretary. As you further peruse the pages of this month's Haversack, look for the date/time/location of an exciting array of upcoming events: 1812 Home of the Brave, Frederick Under The Flag, MDSAR Semi-Annual Meeting, our Chapter's fall grave marking, and the SAR Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter Annual Meeting.

George Lewis

Compatriot & President

New Chapter Office

Great news, Compatriots: effective July 21, 2014, the Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter officially opened its 19 E. Church Street office for business. The office is located in the heart of Frederick's historic district. First Vice President Don Deering and Membership Committee and Color Guard member, Ron Harbaugh, spent time assembling and situating furniture, connecting computers and making the office a hospitable business operations and destination site.

Don's next step is to finalize and roll out the Chapter's Frederick Town Fife and Drum (FTFD) fundraising initiative. Two Hood College interns, majoring in journalism and communications, will soon help staff the initiative. Another student who specializes in websites and face book construction is slated to flesh out the team; the FTFD operation will be a major and integral part of 19 E. Church Street operations.

For more information, or to offer support, reach out to Don Deering at 301-606-8827 or dadeering@comcast.net.

Silent Auction

This is an early reminder that a Silent Auction will again be held during our Annual Meeting, October 2, 2014. This announcement kicks off our drive to obtain donations, for the Auction, from our members, friends, neighbors relatives, public, private organizations, etc. We are soliciting donations for the Auction. If you have any items, especially Patriotic or Historical in nature, books, etc. or any other items that you wish to donate, or if you would like to help with the event or have any questions, please contact Assistant Secretary Neil Fay at neilfay@verizon.net or call him at 301.694.9686.

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Secretarial Task Force Final Report

During our June Executive Committee meeting, Chapter President, George Lewis, commissioned a task force to review, evaluate and streamline the duties of our Chapter Secretary. Associated with this task was the charge to propose a candidate, for the new position, who would be approved during the July Executive Committee meeting. The task force members included: Pat Barron, Bruce Champion, Don Deering, and Jack Schrodell.

During their initial meeting, task force members reviewed the secretarial duties and agreed that although the position is critical, its current duties could be condensed and restructured in a thoughtful manner so as to lessen the existing, and somewhat unrealistic, workload and time commitment. In order to spark an interest in the new position, the task force placed an article in the July Haversack highlighting the edited position and soliciting volunteers who might be interested in filling it (however, no one volunteered).

At a meeting on July 28, the task force concentrated on reviewing potential candidates for the position. After discussing a number of possibilities, a proposal was put forward by First Vice President Don Deering that the Second Vice President and Secretary positions be merged. This idea was immediately supported by all attending task force members.

In supporting this determination, all agreed the Secretary must work closely with the Chapter President, its elected officers, committee chairs and members. It was emphasized that the Secretary is indeed a key position focused on overarching communications including interaction with the NSSAR, MDSSAR and our society's chapters within proximity to and distant from our local jurisdiction.

The newly tailored duties of the Secretary, as constructed by our task force, merge seamlessly with those of the Second Vice President whose duties allow ample time to carry out both functions. By integrating these two positions we are assured of a committed Secretary and well-trained future First Vice President and President. Further, if the incumbent feels the need to resign his position, he can complete one year as Secretary and Second Vice President, providing sufficient time to recruit and install a replacement to complete the second year. This assumes our officers will normally serve two-one year terms.

Finally, as Chapter Secretary and Second Vice President, the incumbent will have ample opportunity to learn the workings of the Society and Chapter, which will likewise prepare him to become a more knowledgeable and effective officer and Chapter President. This proposal was presented to the current Second Vice President, Pat Barron, who agreed to staff the combined Second Vice President and Secretary position.

Frederick Under The Flag:

Frederick's Role In 19th Century Conflicts

August 23, 2014

As the name suggests, this commemoration will focus on events related to Frederick's involvement in the War of 1812, American Civil War and Spanish-American War. In each, Frederick contributed its share of participants, and three would become national heroes in the form of Francis Scott Key, Barbara Fritchie and Admiral Winfield Scott Schley. The Barracks here was the major site of Western Maryland militia mustering in 1812, and 50 years later saw Civil War troops, serving as a major Union Army hospital center.

There will be plenty of programming. Topping the list is the Maryland Historical Society's Star-Spangled replica flag and accompanying exhibit (stitched last year in Baltimore). Other programming will include the US Sanitary Commission exhibit and CW soldiers. The festivities will include the unveiling of a restored 1812 cannon, dredged from the Inner Harbor and given to MSD by the State's 1812 Centennial Commission one hundred years ago. A recent grant project included restoration and building of a cannon carriage. The other "unveiling" will be a companion piece for the EMMY award winning "Maryland's Heart of the Civil War" documentary. Lectures and book talks will be featured as well, headlined by author Marc Leepson who wrote a book in 2006 entitled "Flag: An American Biography" and recently released a new book "What so Proudly We Hailed: Francis Scott Key, A Life."

There will be a presentation on Frederick in these conflicts and a collection of Civil War authors featured in the documentary. An additional program will be presented on the fore-mentioned Admiral Schley. In between each of these lectures, PBS produced documentaries will be aired: "Maryland's Heart of the Civil War" and "War of 1812 on the Chesapeake," and "Crucible of Empire: the Spanish American War" produced in the late 90's. Look for schedule and full details of the Tourism Council of Frederick County site, coming soon. 10am-6pm.

Frederick (Hessian) Barracks/Campus of Maryland School for the Deaf

101 Clarke Place

Frederick, MD 21701

For More Information:

301-600-4045

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Medal of the Month

The Roger Sherman Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered faithful service to their Chapter, State Society, or to the National Society over multiple years. This medal is awarded for significant "active service" which lacks the requirements for the Meritorious Service Medal. Suggested minimum Eligibility Guidelines:



Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

- Served as an active Officer for a minimum of two (2) years, or
- Served as an active Committee Chairman for a minimum of three (3) years, or
- Served as an active Committee Member for a period of four (4) years. Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Committee Members must have actively served.

Unlike the Meritorious Service Medal, an SAR member may receive the Roger Sherman Medal more than once via the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for an additional two (2) years or more of outstanding active service to the National Society, State Society or Chapter after the presentation of the compatriot's first Roger Sherman Medal. The service is counted cumulatively rather than consecutively, and may not be added concurrently for multiple offices, committee chairmanships, or committee membership.

This Medal is named after Roger Sherman (April 19, 1721 – July 23, 1793) who was an early American lawyer and politician, as well as a Founding Father. He served on the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration of Independence, and was also a representative and senator in the new republic. He was the only person to sign all four great state papers of the U.S.: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. Roger Sherman had a large part in what is known as the "Great Compromise". In 1787 this combined the "New Jersey Plan" which proposed a one house national legislature where each state could cast one vote, and the "Virginia Plan" where representation would be based upon a state's population.

The medal for Chapter use is bronze in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of Roger Sherman within the inscription "Roger Sherman Medal." The reverse of the medal is inscribed "In Appreciation for Service to the SAR". It is suspended from a chest ribbon and is accompanied by a certificate, which should be engrossed and presented with the medal. The medal is also available in miniature.

Chapter Grave Site Dedication

This is a Reminder for the upcoming Chapter Grave Site Dedication for patriot Johann Jost Eigenbrod buried at the Graceham Moravian Graveyard east of Thurmont, MD off of Route 77 (Rocky Ridge Rd.). This patriot is the ancestor of our member Sheldon Shealer. The dedication will take place on Sunday September 7th, beginning at 3:00 pm. The Cemetery is across the road, to the left of Graceham Church (which is on your right). Just before you enter the cemetery you will cross a railroad track. As you enter the cemetery, the gravesite will be on the right, half-way back. This is a section that is all grass with flat grave stones/markers. Please mark your calendars as a reminder. Another descendant of Eigenbrod is one of our past members, Paul E. Fogle (now of Quincy, PA). He and his wife Patricia "Pat" will also be attending this dedication, along with some of his family members. We look forward to seeing all of you there. We are still looking for another Chapter member who has a patriot buried in Frederick County for next spring's grave site dedication.

2014 Executive Committee Meeting Calendar

Aug 21 (A change in date)

Sept 17 (A change in date)

Oct 15 (A change in date)

Nov 19 (A change in date)

Dec 18

Please note, all Chapter members are welcome to attend and participate in our Executive (EC) committee meetings. The meetings are held at the Historical Society of Frederick County, 24 East Church St. Frederick MD. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (note changes above), commencing promptly at 6pm and ending at 7:30pm. Help us grow and improve the organization by being part of the process and deliberations.

Chapter Compatriots, Take Notice of Change in Website Address

The William Smallwood Chapter website is moving to a new website location:

william-smallwood.mdssar.org.

Please ensure you change any saved links you have to use this new URL.

MSSAR Semi-Annual Meeting

Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution Cordially invites you to attend the Semi-Annual Meeting at The Miller Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Maryland. 21041 on Saturday, October 25, 2014.

Schedule: Continental Breakfast: 8:30 A.M. A guest program between breakfast and lunch will be held. Guests not involved in the business meeting are invited to take a guided tour of the Maryland State House, led by staff of the Maryland State Archives. OUR BUSINESS: We will have our usual order of business. Luncheon: 12:00 P.M. (Speaker: Alexander (Sasha) Lourie, Curator of Artistic Property, Maryland State Archives) The Miller Senate Office Building is within walking distance of the Maryland State House, with plenty of nearby public parking garages for you to choose from (Gott's Garage, runs about \$15/day; Calvert St. is free on weekends).

Please make checks payable to MDSSAR and send to Treasurer: Gary Neal, P.O. Box 1, Cockeysville, MD 21030-0001.

RSVP: By 11 October 2014

Meal	Number of People	Price per meal	Total for Meal
Breakfast		\$17.00	\$
Lunch		\$24.00	\$

Please indicate the number of meals required.

October Annual Meeting Announcement

Compatriots, spouses and friends of the Chapter, please be sure to reserve the evening (6:00 – 8pm) of October 2nd, 2014, for our Chapter's Annual Meeting, to be held at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant.

Our planning process is well underway and we are positive you will thoroughly enjoy this year's premier event. Stay tuned for more particulars as October approaches.

Fraternally,

Don Deering, First Vice President

Pat Barron, Second Vice President



This photograph was taken on July 22nd after the President General's banquet at the 124th S.A.R. Congress in Greenville, South Carolina. It shows Maryland Society President Douglas Favorite standing on the left of the photo next to immediate past PG Steve Leishman (a dual member of MDSSAR) and most of the other Compatriots in attendance, along with their ladies. From left to right, the other Maryland compatriots next to PG Leishman are: 2nd VP Jim Engler, Treasurer Gary Neal, past MDSSAR President Dave Hoover, Pat Warner, past MDSSAR President Lou Raborg, Gene Moyer, Dr. George Lewis, 3rd VP Bill Smithson, and past MDSSAR President Doug Stuart.

Information Web Links: NSSAR Web Site: www.sar.org MDSSAR Web Site: www.marylandsar.org Sergeant

Lawrence Everhart Chapter Web Page: <http://lawrence-everhart.marylandsar.org/index.html> Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter Events are posted on the MDSSAR Events Calendar. (Go to the Events Tab and the month, click on

the event, and details of each event be able to be viewed.)