



# The Haversack

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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please note that the date of our July Executive Committee meeting has been changed from July 17th to July 31st; the time, 6 PM, and the location (Historical Society of Frederick County) remain the same. Also of special note is the ongoing effort (as detailed on subsequent pages) to simplify and fill the most important position in our Chapter, that of Chapter Secretary; Don Deering has held this critical position on an interim basis for over six months, we owe it to him to liberate him from his secretarial duties so that he, on behalf of our Chapter, can facilitate the development of our Frederick Town Fife and Drum Corps. Please consider contacting a member of the search committee to explore how you can share in our Chapter's leadership opportunities. Efforts to detail and manage the realignment our Chapter's annual/business/administrative year with that of our state (MDSSAR) continue, and should be in place by this fall. Fellow Compatriots, I hope that you and yours had a great 4th of July, and that each of you took a minute or two to savor our independence and reflect on the cost our Patriots paid to attain it, -- and our shared cost to maintain it.

George Lewis

Compatriot & President

## CHAPTER SEEKS COMPATRIOT FOR SECRETARY POSITION

The Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter is in need of a Secretary. This is an important position and is one in which the incumbent can be aware of all that is going on in the Chapter. It does not have to be a difficult position. We encourage Chapter members, interested in this vital and exciting position, to contact one of our Secretarial Nominating Committee members: Pat Barron, Bruce Champion, Don Deering or Jack Schrodel.

Secretarial duties include: Maintain the official documents of the Chapter (e.g. constitution and by-laws) and provide updates to the Executive Committee as required by State or National actions; take minutes of all official meetings (e.g. Chapter and Executive Committee); provide for receipt and maintenance of all official records (minutes, committee reports, budget, financial reports and Membership List); as requested by the President, prepare reports for the State Board of Managers and the Annual Report; annually, provide the State with a list of chapter officers and notify of any changes during the year; upon request, assist the President in preparing agendas; provide for, or assure, communication to members regarding meetings and events; provide information, to State and Chapter Webmasters, of event schedules; upon request, provide support to the President; and provide training and direction to an Assistant Secretary (if one is selected).

If you are interested in participating in Chapter activities, please afford this position serious consideration. To ensure a smooth and successful transition from our current secretary, we would like to have a candidate identified by the end of July, 2014.

**JUNE HAVERSACK CORRECTIONS**— Photo and accompanying caption from the Flag Retirement Ceremony on page 2 was from 2012 events, not 2013 as indicated. The Fifth Grade Essay Contest winners listed under the photo on page 3 were from the 2014 event, but the accompanying photo was of the 2012 winners.

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## FREDERICK NEWS-POST HIGHLIGHTS UPCOMING FIFE AND DRUM CORPS



*A number of area enthusiasts aspire to form the Frederick Towne Fife & Drum corps. Several Members of a Planning Committee formed to organize the group are, from left, Kara Norman, Executive Director, Downtown Frederick Partnership; President George Lewis, SAR; Don Deering, committee chair SAR; Larry Bishop, SAR and Lt. Jason Keckler, Frederick City Police, Patrol Commander. The new group is sponsored by the Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. (FNP staff photo by Bill Green)*

Reporter Rachel S. Karas profiled our Frederick Town Fife and Drum Corps for the June 22 edition of the Frederick News-Post (FNP). As we lead up to the launch of this exciting new community initiative, which is sponsored in part by our Chapter, we look forward to promoting it via the FNP, Frederick Magazine and other local media outlets. Below is a reprint of the original article:

The American Revolution is returning to Frederick.

The Frederick Town Fife and Drum corps will tap and tweet into town this summer, as a way for young history and music enthusiasts to bring old-time sound to modern-day events.

"Fife and drum attracts many to Williamsburg," organizer Don Deering said of the iconic Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums in Virginia. "Everyone kind of hears that and they run to it."

The group is sponsored by the Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in partnership with Frederick County Public Schools, area law enforcement and other organizations. Deering, vice president of the local chapter, called Frederick the "hub of our history" and hopes bringing some revolutionary flair to the county will draw visitors from far and wide.

They would perform at any public or private event where their act is appropriate, like parades, historical celebrations, concerts and street festivals. It's not too far-fetched to think Frederick could become the colonial Williamsburg of Maryland, Deering added.

He believes this is the area's first fife and drum corps for children, like those first trained in Virginia to work with soldiers in the field. In the 18th century, military musicians tended to be boys ages 10 to 18 whose tunes led troops on long marches and signaled daily activities like wake-up calls and meal times.

In the spirit of historical accuracy, anyone age 10 to 19 can join Frederick's crew. There is no audition process. The group will meet two to three times a week, Deering said. He hopes to start out with 10 members and grow the corps as large as possible. Membership is expected to be free through funding from the Sons of the American Revolution Foundation and other donors.

Though organizers hope to recruit some with a musical background, the group focuses on building character as well as skill. Those who show progress and responsibility will be rewarded by promotion through the ranks.

Georgia Leonard, 11, is a flutist at Mount Airy Christian Academy and sees the corps as a unique opportunity to try a similar instrument. But Georgia also adores Revolutionary War history, according to her mother Charity: she's "very into presidents and wars," and goes on presidential house tours for fun.

"I like the way they dressed" in the 1700s, Georgia said, adding that George Washington is one of her favorite figures for his bravery.

The corps is a unique way to get students into the community and teach them about what happened right down the road in various time periods, Charity Leonard said.

"It's good to have young people involved in Frederick County history," she said. "We have so much Civil War history with Monocacy, Antietam ... it's a way to highlight that."

But would Georgia practice? Yes, she said with a smile, more than she does for school.

"I think it's because of what she gets to do," Charity said of that motivation. "This is a recognition of her interests." (Cont. on page 4)

## CHAPTER MARKS VETERANS GRAVES FOR MEMORIAL DAY

In observance of Memorial Day, Wayne Larkin, Fred Michel, Gene Moyer, and Tom Sherald assisted Sheldon Shealer in marking 160 veteran graves in St John's Cemetery in downtown Frederick.

In addition to the volunteers mentioned above, Bill Robertson got up early, drove to St Johns cemetery (in Ellicott City), and called to ask where we were! Apologies to Bill on the location confusion, but we'd like to recognize him for his effort and commitment to volunteer his time on such a beautiful Saturday morning in support of this Chapter event.

This is the second year that our Chapter has marked the graves in conjunction with our Partners in Patriotism agreement with The American Legion, FSK Post 11. Post 11 provided the flags and we marked 160 graves. Additionally, we placed markers provided by the cemetery staff on about 25 graves in the old section. A special thanks to Fred Michel and Wayne Larkin who took on the chore of doing the old section with great patience and eye strain. Although only about 35 graves of the several hundred graves in that section needed marking, stones are very hard to read and some were knocked over.

A woman who went to St. John's Cemetery to place a flag on her husband's grave for Memorial Day was so pleased to see that we had already placed one, she took the time to write a letter of thanks to Post 11 which was read at the last Post meeting. I believe that nearly 6,500 graves were marked by the efforts of the American Legion.

Having received a letter of thanks, for one of the graves we marked, reminded us of what our volunteer work is about. Please consider these types of benefits when someone asks, "Why should I join the SAR?"



## 2014 ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES CONFERENCE

The MDSSAR is very proud to host this year's Atlantic Middle States Conference. The conference will be held August 8-10 at the Hunt Valley Inn in Hunt Valley, MD. The hotel is located just off of Interstate 83. Registration will be open from 3 – 5 pm. The conference will begin on Friday evening with a welcome, buffet social starting at 5pm. The meeting will follow along with a program for the Ladies. McCormick's Gourmet chef, Amanda Dansereau will present Flavor Forecast, McCormick's process in developing new and exciting flavors. There will also be a tasting.

After a Saturday morning breakfast Buffet the AMS meeting will start. The ladies will then be able to enjoy a historical lecture on "Why we remember Betsy Ross and leave Mary Pickersgill behind" by past Star Spangled Banner Flag House Executive Director Annelise Monotone. After their conclusion guests will enjoy a trip to Baltimore to visit The Maryland Historical Society. Exhibits currently include: Inventing a Nation: Maryland in the Revolutionary Area, The Star Spangled Banner Gallery and Woman of Two Worlds: Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte and Her Quest for an Imperial Legacy. The day's events will culminate with our dinner banquet and an evening of Colonial Melodies by musician Charlie Zahm and his fiddler. For more details visit the Maryland web site at [www.marylandsar.org](http://www.marylandsar.org).

This year marks the first year of the AMS Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals. The bronze medal is available for any AMS member and the silver will be available for those members that have completed the cycle of Atlantic Middle States Conferences, starting in Annapolis (2007).

### 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

- ◆ July 31 (rescheduled from previous date due to National Conference)
- ◆ Aug 21
- ◆ Sept 18
- ◆ Oct 16
- ◆ Nov 20
- ◆ 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, commencing promptly at 6pm and ending at 7:30pm. Help us grow and improve the organization by being part of the process and deliberations.

## *Medal of the Month*

The Meritorious Service Medal was authorized in 1980 and may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their chapter, state society, district, or to the National Society. This medal may be awarded by the National Society, a district, a state society, or a chapter and is awarded for lesser services than would merit the Patriot Medal. It may be awarded to an individual once by the National Society, a district, a state society or a chapter. The President General may make multiple awards of this medal to a compatriot without referral to any committee. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation. The medal has a silver finish and bears on the obverse a relief of Thomas Jefferson. On the reverse inside a pair of laurel branches is space to insert the recipient's name and the date of presentation. It comes with a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal and a miniature medal.



**Meritorious Service Medal**

### **FLAG DAY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CARROLLTON MANOR DAR AND FREDERICK KEYS**

A hearty thanks to our compatriots who participated in Saturday's Flag Day event with the DAR's Carrollton Manor Chapter. Fun was had by all, while handing out 2000 flags to eager recipients (young and old), and we benefited by acquiring a prospective member. From left to right: Doug Zimmerman; Linda Zimmerman (Carrollton Manor DAR), Woody Woodcock; Don Deering; Liz Deering, Regent, Carrollton Manor DAR; Mascot Mr. Francis Key; Mia Gallagher (Carrollton Manor DAR); Ron Harbaugh; Bob (Mia's friend and prospective SAR member); Gene Moyer. Not pictured, but in attendance, were Bill Robertson; Gary Brohawn; Bruce Champion and Larry Bishop.



### **FIFE AND DRUM CORPS**

*(Cont. from page 2)* Tim Sutphin, Revolutionary City Programs director at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation who led the famous corps for 18 years, said minimal parental involvement is required to truly teach tenets of responsibility. There are a few simple rules: keep themselves and their equipment clean and available; follow orders before complaining; and no lying, cheating or stealing.

Students become peer teachers and mentors who perpetuate the program by helping grow the next class of leaders, Sutphin said. He is confident Frederick Town Fife and Drum will succeed, adding that their agreement to promote the program within the school system is "miles above what most other fife and drum corps have."

Deering hopes local youth will rise to the fun challenge of establishing themselves as "Frederick's best ambassadors."

"It should be something that's not easy," he said. "It should be an honor."

To learn more, contact Don Deering at [dadeering@comcast.net](mailto:dadeering@comcast.net) or 301-606-8827.

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**Information Web Links:** NSSAR Web Site: [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) MDSSAR Web Site: [www.marylandsar.org](http://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.)