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The News-Letter
Of the
SGT Lawrence Everhart Chapter
Of the Maryland Society
Of the
Sons of the American Revolution

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter of the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold its Annual Luncheon Meeting at Dutchø Daughter Restaurant on Thursday, April 16 starting at 12:00 Noon. A cocktail and social period will start at 11:30 AM. Members, prospective members, DAR and guests are invited.

The emphasis of this meeting will be presentation of Awards and reception of new members. The Knight Essay Contest winner, Nick Thomas will be recognized; a Junior ROTC Medal will be presented to Jennifer Munley; and Flag Awards will be presented to Greg & Terri Wills, Airport View Signs and Endless Summer RVø. Ai Smith will receive a Military Service Medal, Bruce Champion a War Service Medal, and Elizabeth Bass will receive a Medal of Appreciation for supporting three persons becoming SAR members. To be presented awards at McDaniel College will be ROTC candidates Peter B. Manciti from Mt. St. Mary's and David P. Gudeman from Hood. These awards are sponsored by the Chapter.

STATE PRESENTS MEDALS AT GW LUNCHEON

Paul Offutt, Ai Smith and Richard Stup received Military Service Medals at the recent George Washington Birthday Luncheon. Bruce Champion was to have received a War Service Medal. Elizabeth Deering and Elizabeth Bass received Medals of Appreciation for supporting SAR applicants. Ai, Bruce and Elizabeth Bass will receive their medals at the April Meeting.

NEW MEMBER INITIATIVE

At the direction of the Executive a New Member Initiative has been developed. The intent is to make new members welcome into the chapter. The intent is to provide introductions to the Chapter Officers and Committees, provide information that will assist new members about SAR and SAR Programs, provide information to help them become active members of the chapter, and help them understand and get through their first meeting. There will be a Chapter Initiation/Orientation for new members prior to designated meetings, and a New Member Buddy Program will be instituted to assist new members during their first meeting. Because the information may also be useful to current members, President Doug has requested that an overview of the Initiative be given as part of the April Semi-Annual Meeting. For more information or if you wish to become part of the New Member Buddy Program, contact Assistant Secretary Rick Stup at rlstup@aol.com.

SAR MERCHANDISE

NSSAR has printed a new Merchandise Catalog, which was distributed in January. There are now actually two catalogs. One contains items that are useful and will especially assist new members as they begin the SAR Experience. The other is much larger and contains the normal supplies, awards, medals, etc. While items can be viewed and ordered through the NSSAR Web Site at http://store.sar.org/index.php?1=product_detail&p=146, it is much easier to view the items and descriptions from the catalogs. We have made arrangements for and have received copies of the two catalogs and order forms. For your convenience copies will be available for viewing at Chapter Meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Secretary Rick Stup at rlstup@aol.com or at a Chapter Meeting and he will try to assist you.

Also, in an effort to better organize chapter administrative supplies, we are going to initiate a central point for ordering supplies from NSSAR. Committee Chairs are asked to coordinate with Secretary Bruce Champion at bdc.champ@comcast.net or Assistant Secretary Rick Stup at rlstup@aol.com for the certificates/awards/medals/etc. to determine the need of additional items and creation of a supply inventory. Part of this is necessary because of the number of merchandise in the new SAR Catalog.

MDSSAR Web Site

For those that haven't had the opportunity to view the State Web Site, the address is www.marylandsar.org. There is information of interest to all members on the site, and there are changes and new items that will be posted. We have made arrangements to post our Chapter Events on the MDSSAR Events Calendar. So, all can go to the Events Tab and the month, click on the event, and details of each event be able to be viewed. It is our hope that this will be of use to not only our Chapter Members but also other SAR Members who may want to participate in our chapter Events.

Through the coordination and efforts of the Public Relations Committee we have been working with MDSSAR to establish a web page in the MD State Web Site, which is www.marylandsar.org. The initial Chapter Webpage will be simple with basic information about the Chapter. The webpage address is <http://lawrence-everhart.marylandsar.org/index.html>. If any Chapter Member has experience or expertise with web site design and/or management, we could use your help. Please contact Public Relations Committee. The PR Committee Co-Chairs are: Paul Offutt e-mail pauloffutt@comcast.net or Sam Cincotta e-mail s_cinco@hotmail.com.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The chapter has established a Public Relations Committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide recommendations and counsel to the Chapter President for the purpose of promoting the SAR and Sgt. Everhart Chapter. The goals to increase education of the public, strengthen Chapter Membership, and increase our civic involvement. The initial focus is the development and presentation of press releases, public presentations, web site content and maintenance, and other related efforts directed by the Chapter President.

It has already been identified that a Web Site Sub-Committee is needed to work specifically on the Chapter Webpage. The sub-committee will maintain the existing new webpage and develop options to expand the content. Anyone interested in serving on either the Web Site Sub-Committee or the PR Committee, please contact one of the Co-Chairs Paul Offutt at pauloffutt@comcast.net or Sam Cincotta at s_cinco@hotmail.com.

COMMITTEES AND INFORMATION

In order to encourage committee involvement and provide information to members an Information Area will be available at Chapter Meetings. Committee Sign Up Sheets with a brief explanation of each committee will be available for your convenience. Additionally, information about SAR Programs will be available along with any information about SAR Events that is available.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

President Doug has established a Membership Committee in accordance with NSSAR Guidelines. The committee is tasked to stimulate and sustain chapter growth, duties to contact and assist eligible prospective members, contact former and lapsed members to encourage re-instatement, make recommendations to the President and Executive for future growth of the chapter, and develop membership recruitment programs when approved by the Executive Committee. Through individual efforts these tasks have been accomplished in the past. However, it was felt, that to better serve the needs of the chapter, there was a need to formalize the process to be more efficient and responsive.

The committee is chaired by the 1st Vice President. The Registrar, Secretary/Assistant Secretary, and the Newsletter Editor are permanent members of the committee.

If anyone is interested in serving on the Membership Committee, please contact one of the permanent members listed below:

Committee Chair: Charles L. (Larry) Bishop (V.P.) e-mail: charleslb@comcast.net

Members: Frederick W. (Fred) Pyne (Registrar) e-mail: fwpyne@edurostream.com

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Richard L. (Rick) Stup (Asst. Sec.) e-mail: rlstup@aol.com

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CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES, JAN. 29, 2009

The meeting, held at Buckingham Choice in Adamstown, was called to order by president Doug Favorite at 11:45 AM. The pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by the American's Creed was given at the start of the meeting. There were 14 members in attendance including one new member in waiting, Sam Cincotta.

The secretary's report was waved but the secretary, Bruce Champion, reported on the duties requested of him at the fall executive committee meeting. At the request of the Frederick County Public Libraries, the secretary submitted an organization description of the SAR Chapter to support the library's new computer database.

The secretary also reported that the effort has been initiated to award our 9th term congressman, Roscoe Bartlett, with the SAR Legislator's Award. The scheduling of the congressman and MDSSAR approval must be gained first, but the decision was made to proceed with this plan. Frank Joy made the treasurer's report and it was reported that we have \$315. in the checking at this time and \$3,741.62 in the savings accounts.

A committee report by professor John George on the SAR essay contest was made. Our winner is Nick Thomas; a senior at Tuscarora High School whose winning essay on John Jay was selected. He and his parents will be out guests at the spring luncheon as which time he will read his essay.

Dr. George also outlined a proposal for our chapter's involvement in the National History Day contest. This contest is conducted throughout the schools nationally, but is not limited to US History. It was voted on and approved that he should search for a US History program at the county High Schools so we could limit the essays to US History; a goal that furthers the efforts of the SAR.

Ai Smith, Flag Awards chairman reported that there would be three awards this year. All recipients have been notified and will attend our spring luncheon.

Asst. Secretary, Rick Stup, stated that we have a new Chapter Letterhead available. If needed, please contact him. A new NSSAR Merchandise catalogue and price list will be available from Rick at Chapter meetings for the convenience of the members. At this point we broke for a fabulous four-course lunch in the Buckingham Choice dining room. Rev. Pyne gave the Benediction.

After lunch, assistant secretary, Rick Stup outlined his extensive New Member Initiative Information package. Copies of the draft pages were distributed to the members and Rick went through the outline as to how this would work to involve all the new members at their swearing in ceremony. It was determined by all that this is a terrific new tool that should be forwarded to the State for dissemination to the chapters in Maryland and possibly National. Rick will finalize and prepare the package for use in our upcoming spring meeting at which time we will have not less than 5 new members. The idea is to get all new members involved in the chapter activities on committees of their choosing. The idea was widely endorsed and approved to establish all the items in the initiative. Rick will work with Bruce to make any necessary changes to complete the package, and update as necessary in the future..

The spring luncheon at Dutchess Daughter was discussed and the date was proposed as April 16th. Doug Favorite will firm up the date and the location. As it stands, this will be the date with the noon meeting to start with new members one half hour before for orientation conducted by Rick Stup, asst. secretary, under the new member initiative.

There is no Eagle Scout recipient of this award this year. The college ROTC student and the local HS ROTC award winners have not been announced at this time. David Schrodell, chairman, will handle this presentation at the schools award assemblies. Good Citizenship awards will be presented at the chapter level when nominated.

The summer event has been determined to be held in Mt. Olivet cemetery in Frederick on June 28th, 2009. At that time we will honor our patriot, Captain Peter Mantz. Capt. Mantz was

Captain of the 1st Maryland Battalion of the Flying Camp to support General Washington's defense of New York in July 1776. This event will be held at 3:PM. (Editors Note, Peter Mantz was later promoted to Major.)

Much discussion ensued about having a second event in 2009 and possibly every year thereafter. Bruce Champion suggested, and it was indorsed to pursue, the possibility of having an early November dedication at the site of the Catoctin Furnace in Thurmont. The Catoctin Furnace was a significant manufacturer and supplier of pig iron and tons of munitions to Washington's troops during the Revolutionary War. Thomas Johnson and his brother built this furnace. Thomas Johnson eventually became Maryland's first Governor. It is a Maryland State Park site and worthy of a plaque to respect this historic place. Much scheduling must be worked out first and Bruce Champion has been defined as a committee of one to work out the details and report to the executive committee.

Discussion was made as to better our PR in the local press. New member Sam Cincotta, who has a public relations background, has volunteered to develop a new committee to work with the local paper to promote our chapter activities, before the fact as well as after the events. Paul Offutt, another new member, has offered to help in this effort.

Plans for the fall dinner meeting were discussed and the date of Oct 9th was decided. It will be finalized at a later date after scheduling is worked out.

The SAR pledge and benediction by Rev. Pyne was made and the meeting was adjourned at 3:PM.

Patriotically submitted, Bruce Champion, Secretary

HISTORY PROJECT

The History Project is complete. A copy will be at the April meeting for review. Permanent copies will be in the Maryland Room of the C. Burr Artz Library and at the Frederick County Historical Society.

2009 CALANDER OF EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Day, Date and Time</u>
Chapter Luncheon	Dutch's Daughter	Tuesday, April 16, Noon
MDSSAR State Conference	Towson Sheraton 903 Dulaney Valley Road	Saturday, April 18, 8:00 AM
Dedication of Grave Site Of Major Peter Mantz	Mt. Olivet Cemetery Section E	Sunday, June 28, 3:00 PM
Chapter Annual Meeting	Dutch's Daughter (Tentative)	October 9, 7:00 PM
Catoctin Furnace Dedication	Catoctin Furnace(Tentative)	October 2009

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NOTICE

**The Semi-Annual Meeting of the
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**Will be held at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant
581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, Maryland**

On Thursday, April 16, 2009

At 12:00 Noon (Reception and Cash Bar from 11:30)

Remit Payment of \$25 per person, by April 10, to

Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter and

Mail to 25 N. Court St, Frederick, MD 21701

Call 301-662-4119 for Reservations by April 10.