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

CHAPTER TO HOLD Semi-ANNUAL MEETING

The Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, on Thursday, April 12, 2012. Our semi-annual affair will commence with a Social Hour starting at 11:30 AM. The business meeting will be called to order and the lunch buffet will be served at 12:00 Noon. The Lunch Buffett will feature Portabella Chicken and Sautéed Beef Tips accompanied by a side and desert; the cost is \$25 per person. (If there is anyone that requires an alternative meal because of health reasons or special dietary needs please let us know prior to April 5.) Please mail your checks to Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter, 199 Fairfield Drive, Frederick, MD 21702 prior to April 5, 2012, or call Chapter Secretary Rick Stup at 301-662-0139.

A New Member Initiation and Orientation will be conducted by the Membership Committee at 10:45AM immediately prior to the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Guests will include MDSSAR 2nd VP Pat Warner, and Ron Pearcey, Superintendent of Mt Olivet Cemetery, who will speak about "Revolutionary War Patriots Buried at the Cemetery." Additionally, several Chapter Members will be recognized with awards.

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE 2012 BUSINESS/PLANNING MEETING

The chapter held its annual Business/Planning Meeting in the Traver Center of the Evangelical Lutheran Church on January 19, 2012. President Bishop called the meeting to order with 14 members in attendance. Opening Ceremonies were conducted and a quorum confirmed. The minutes of the October 6, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed. Doug Favorite presented the Treasurer's Report stating that total assets were \$1569.82. The report was approved.

President Larry Bishop highlighted his accomplishments since October and submitted his report. Secretary Rick Stup stated that a written report had been submitted and provided highlights. Addressing delinquent dues and updating the web page have been priorities. Rick also commented on upcoming events. Updates were provided on Bell & History day, the Chapter's Discretionary Awards committee, Flag Awards, the Knight and 5th Grade Essay Contests, The EMS/Fire and Rescue and Law

Enforcement Awards, and Outstanding Citizenship Awards. Carl Harbaugh commented on the difficulty of getting press coverage of our events. Ed Smith offered to help address this matter.

At this point the meeting was interrupted, and following grace, a nice hot lunch was enjoyed.

Jack Schrodell commented that the chapter did not have an Eagle Scout applicant for this year's competition. It was decided we had to be more aggressive in this matter, see subsequent article. The JROTC and ROTC awards are progressing on schedule. Ed Smith summarized the Membership Committee report. Sheldon Shealer summarized the Veteran's Committee report and distributed an information packet. In response to a request, Neil Fay volunteered to provide assistance.

Treasurer Doug Favorite presented the Budget Committee Report. The budget had previously been approved by the Executive Committee for submission to the membership. Paul Offutt discussed the fund raising efforts involving the Community Foundation. See a following article. Neil Fay commented on the Silent Auction and stated that the chapter netted \$538 at the Annual Meeting. An additional contribution of \$100 had been provided by Frank McGill.

President Bishop presented the 2012 schedule of events and announced the Committee Chairs. Ed Smith was newly appointed Chair of the Membership Committee. Rick Smith commented on activities involving the America Legion to establish a Partners in Patriotism Program. See a subsequent article.

Jack Schrodell announced that the next Haversack would be published before the end of March. Articles should be submitted by March 10. 2nd Vice President Paul Offutt announced that Ron Pearcey, Superintendent of Mt. Olivet Cemetery, will be the Guest Speaker at the Semiannual Meeting. He will discuss the cemetery and comment on Revolutionary Patriots buried there.

The Budget for 2012, previously approved by the Executive Committee, was approved by the membership.

President Larry Bishop discussed his goals for the year. They are to: Establish an Endowment Fund; Maintain Chapter Activities at the current level and; keep agendas and speakers focused on historical topics. President Bishop discussed the Summer Event which will be the Grave Marking of Captain Joseph Swearingen's grave in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at 3:00PM on June 24, 2012. The MDSSAR Color Guard will participate.

It was announced that Compatriot Walter Hoffman had passed away on May 14, 2011. Compatriots Don Wolf and Mark Hoke continue their recuperation. Coming events: The GW Birthday Luncheon is February 18; the Semiannual Luncheon is April 12; the chapter will participate in Bell & History Day on March 31; The MDSSAR Annual Meeting is at the B&O Railroad Museum on April 14. Doug Favorite will be nominated for 2nd Vice President.

Compatriot Jim Beall won the SAR Lapel Pin Drawing. Fritz Bowers won the 50/50 which he donated to the chapter. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM with closing ceremonies.

A complete set of minutes will be available for review at the meeting on April 12.

MDSSAR GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The MDSSAR GW Birthday Event was held on February 18, 2012 at the Towson Golf Club. Sixteen chapter members were present along with ten guests and twelve local DAR members.

There were eleven War or Military Service Medals awarded with nine to the chapter. Four of the member medals were War Service Medals. Larry Bishop and Don Deering were recognized for their contribution to the MD-400 fund.

The state presented Larry Bishop a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Rick Stup the Patriot Medal for exceptional services to MDSSAR and Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter. The Patriot Medal is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level.

Nominees for State Offices were presented with final vote coming at the Annual Meeting

CHAPTER CREATES ENDOWMENT FUND WITH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

As previously communicated, the chapter has established a fund with the Community Foundation of Frederick County. As of press time, \$10,700 had been donated. Creation of this fund will permit us to expand our programs without raising dues. The Fund will primarily be used for awards, scholarships, and an expansion of our participation in historic and patriotic endeavors. It will not be used for office expenses or operations, nor membership expenses such as meals, travel expenses unless they are related to specific, approved, fund raising ventures and activities. As future steps, we see creation of partnerships with organizations such as Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Council, Historical Society, schools, etc. We also anticipate a ramp-up of marketing and promotion of our Fund with the help of the Community Foundation.

BELL & HISTORY DAY

The Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter will be participating again this year in the Bell & History Day on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery Chapel from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be setting up a table within the chapel for those traveling the Bell and History circuit throughout the county. Three DAR Chapters will also provide a table: Frederick, Carrolton Manor and Pleasant Plains. For those of our Chapter who would like to assist at the table, please contact Larry Bishop at charleslb@comcast.net.

CHAPTER TO PARTICPATE IN FAIR 150 YEAR CELEBRATION

The Chapter will be providing a 10 by 10 display booth at the Great Frederick Fair's 150th Anniversary on Friday May 18th through Sunday, May 20. (Friday is open only to 4th & 5th grades). Saturday is open to the public from 10 to 7, and Sunday from 10 to 4. The manning of the booth will be scheduled by our Fair Display Committee chaired by Larry Bishop with members in period attire. Our soon to be State President, Lou Raborg, has indicated a desire to attend. The display will consist of a number of SAR items including brochures on membership.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Woodsboro's Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 27, 2012. The Chapter will again join forces with the DAR Chapters. Chapter Members are needed to participate in the parade. Assembly is at the Mt Hope Cemetery at 12:00 Noon. The Parade begins at 1:00 PM and ends at American Legion Post 282 for a short Memorial Day Ceremony.

The Chapter Color Guard will again lead the SAR Group in volunteered period uniforms and march with the US, MD & SAR Flags. Please contact Rick at rlstup@aol.com, if you wish to participate in the Color

Guard. Questions about the event should be directed to Event Coordinator Larry Bishop at charleslb@comcast.net .

PARTNER IN PATRIOTISM PROGRAM

The Chapter continues to explore the NSSAR's "Partners in Patriotism Program" with Francis Scott Key Post 11 of The American Legion. It is agreed that there are programs and events of mutual interest in which they can partner. They will co-sponsor the Flag Day & Awards Reception in June at their Post Home. Compatriot Sheldon Shealer has agreed to be the Liaison with FSK Post 11. Additionally, an agreement has been approved with VL # 155, 40/8, who will be a co-sponsor of the Flag Day & Awards Reception, and provide cash prizes for 6th, 7th and 8th Place 5th Grade Essay Winners. The Chapter has also approached Glen W, Eyler Post 282 of The American Legion to investigate their interest in the Program. Anyone interested in helping to promote this Program or wishes more information about it, please contact Rick Stup, Chapter Assistant Secretary, at rlstup@aol.com for details.

FLAG DAY AND AWARDS RECEPTION

The Flag Day & Awards Reception will be held on, June 14, 2012 at FSK Post 11 from 5:00--7:00 PM. FSK Post 11, The American Legion is a co-sponsor under the Partner in Patriotism Program. Voiture Local 155, 40/8 is also a Partner, co-sponsoring the 5th Grade Essay Contest. The eight 5th grade finalists and the Knight Essay contest winner will be invited to read their essays. Parents and teachers will be invited. Teachers will be recognized for their effort in promoting Patriotism through the Chapter Essay Programs.

Flag Awards will be presented with certificates from the Chapter and FSK Post 11. Other Chapter Awards will also be presented. So, mark your calendars for June 14. Additional specific details will be announced in the May/June Haversack.

5TH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST

The chapter sponsors an essay contest for 5th grade students in all public and private schools in Frederick and Washington Counties. This year's topic is, "How the Design of the Original Revolutionary War Flag promoted a strong feeling of Citizenship." The contest ends April 25th with finalists contacted by mid-May. The top eight essays will be recognized . If you have a 5th grade family member who may be interested, please contact John George at georgej@hood.edu. Also, contact John George, if you are willing to assist with judging.

ROTC AWARDS

This year, the 92nd annual Army ROTC President's Review will be held at 11:45 AM, April 12, 2012 at McDaniel College. The Sergeant Lawrence Everhart Chapter will be represented at that Review to present certificates and medals to Cadet Joseph E. Buchheit from Mt. Saint Mary's University and Cadet Isaac-Ndze-Williams from Hood College.

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

The Eagle Scout Committee has been busy trying to improve this Program. Representatives of the Chapter have met with the two BSA District's Leadership Committees explaining the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program. The committee is also considering mentoring Scouts pursuing the Genealogy, Law and American Heritage Merit Badges, as well as helping Eagle Scouts who wish to submit an Eagle Scout Scholarship Application. It has been proposed that we recognize all Scouts attaining Eagle Scout Status. We are looking for Chapter Members who are active in scouting and may already be BSA Merit Badge Counselors. If you have any questions or wish to be a Merit Badge Mentor or have family members active in scouting or a relative who is working on their Eagle Scout rank, please contact Co-Chairs Tim Gallagher at spqr753@msn.com or Jack Schrodell at jackschrodell@verizon.net. Tim is a new member of the chapter who has been active in scouting for many years and has already proved to be an asset to the chapter and committee.

CIVIL WAR MEDAL OF HONOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter has been notified by the Antietam Camp #3, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War of their Civil War Medal of Honor Remembrance Service for 1st Sgt. Decatur Dorsey. Sgt. Dorsey was a slave born in Howard County, who enlisted into Company B, of the 39th U. S. Colored Infantry. This honor is based on his service at the Battle of the Crater during the Petersburg, Va. Campaign on July 30, 1864. Sgt. Dorsey's extraordinary heroism was accomplished by the planting of his colors on the Confederate works in advance of his regiment arrival. When his regiment was driven back to the Union Works, he carried the colors there and bravely rallied the men. Sgt. Dorsey died December 4, 1891, in Wilmington, NC, and was buried in Flower Hill Cemetery, Hoboken, NJ. For those who wish to attend this HONORS SERVICE, it will be held on March 24, 2012 at 10 am in the Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church at 106 East 3rd St., Frederick, MD.

2012 CALANDER OF EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Day, Date and Time</u>
Sgt. Dorsey Honoring	Quinn Chapel	Saturday, March 24, 10:00AM
Bell & History Day	Mt Olivet Cemetery	Saturday, March 31, 10-4
Chapter Luncheon	Dutchø Daughter	Thursday, April 12, 11:30 AM
ROTC Awards	McDaniel College	Thursday, April 12, 11:45 AM
MDSSAR Annual Meeting	B&O Railroad Museum	Saturday, April 14
150 Year Fair Celebration	Frederick Fair Grounds	May 18-20, See Article for time
Woodsboro Mem. Day Parade	Woodsboro, MD	Sunday, May 27, 1:00, form at 12:00 At Mt. Hope Cemetery
Awards Presentation	American Legion Post 11	Thursday June 14, 5:00-7:00
Dedication of Grave Site Of Captain Jos. Swearingen	Mt. Olivet Cemetery	Sunday, June 24, 3:00 PM
Chapter Annual Meeting	Dutchø Daughter	October 11, 6:00 PM

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At 11:30 PM (Social Hour) and 12:00 Noon (Lunch)

Remit Payment of \$25 per person, by April 5, to

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Mail to 199 Fairfield Drive, Frederick, MD 21702

Call Secretary Rick Stup at 301-662-0139 for Reservations by April 5, 2012.