

Sons of the American Revolution — Harris Ferry Chapter News

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Winter 2018



President's Message

Andrew Lick

Harris Ferry President

Dear Compatriots,

I am honored to have been sworn in as Chapter President for 2018, and I look forward to a productive year. Our goal for 2018 is to boost our membership, our coffers and our events. We have been at work to bring an interesting lineup of speakers for this year, and a new event in April that will specifically honor veterans within our local community. Our Board of Management is energized to expand our community involvement by

recognizing Eagle Scouts, JROTC, patriotic organizations and good citizens of all kinds who uphold the values of our nation.

We ask for your continued support as we seek to strengthen our chapter for future generations. This year please consider asking ten friends and family members to join us. Sign up your children and grandchildren in SAR or CAR. This makes a wonderful Christmas or birthday gift, and it lasts a lifetime.

If there are ways that you would like to get involved in our chapter, we would like to hear from you. Please visit our website at www.harrisferrysar.org for updates throughout the year.

Thank you for your contributions to Harris Ferry Chapter and I look forward to seeing you.

In Patriotic Service,

Andrew L Lick
President

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Our Washington's Birthday Luncheon will be held on Sunday, 18 February at the Colonial Country Club in Linglestown. Social will begin at 1:00 with the luncheon program beginning at 1:30. The reason for the location change is that our regular venue, the Harrisburg Country Club, is currently undergoing renovations.

Our speaker will be Jessica Sheets, Archivist at the US Army Heritage and Education Center. "A Family at Odds: The Tilghmans in the American Revolution" is the title of her presentation. The meal choices are chicken marsala or a vegetarian selection. Cost of the event is \$25.

Join us, the DAR, and members of the Washingtonburg and Conococheague SAR Chapters for this special event!

Annual Awards Luncheon On Deck

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Annual Awards Luncheon on May 20 at the Harrisburg Country Club. Our featured speaker will be James Beidler, who specializes in German genealogy. His presentation is titled "Genealogy's Lighter Side". In addition, we will be also be presenting our annual awards. Join us for what should be a very fun event!

Upcoming Events

Washington's Birthday Luncheon
Sun, Feb 18 @ Colonial CC

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, Mar 3 @ H-town 9:00

Veteran's Awards Luncheon
Sat, Apr 19 @ Hampden Twp

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, May 12 @ H-town 9:00

Harris Ferry Awards Luncheon
Sun, May 20 @ Hbg CC 1:00

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, July 7 @ H-town 9:00

Constitution Day Luncheon
Sun, Sept 23 @ Hbg CC 1:00

**All Compatriots are invited
DAR invited to all Luncheons**



2018 Officers Elected

On Sunday, 03 December, the Harris Ferry 77th Annual Meeting was held at the Harrisburg Country Club. The following officers were elected for 2018 at this event: President: Andrew Lick, First Vice President: Forrest Myers, Second Vice President: Richard Wenner, Secretary: Curtis Aumiller, Treasurer: Dennis Bobb, Registrar: Robert Bakelaar.

President Lick has appointed the following committee chairmen: Chancellor: Charles Stone Esq, Chaplain: Ronald Coleman, JROTC: Keith Huntzinger, Eagle Scouts: Forrest Myers, Americanism: John Pringle, Flag Committee Co-Chairmen: Forrest Myers and Ed Miller.



President Andrew Lick, First VP Forrest Myers, Second VP Richard Wenner, Treasurer Denny Bobb, Secretary Curtis Aumiller

At our January BOM meeting, a new committee called the Medals and Certificates Committee was created. This committee is charged with housing the Chapter's certificates, medals and

awards inventory and creating certificates as necessary. Appointed to lead this committee is VP Forrest Myers. Secretary Curtis Aumiller will also have a significant role in this committee.

Welcome New Compatriots



Daniel Lute and Ronald Curtis Aumiller are sworn into the SAR

Ronald Curtis Aumiller of Camp Hill and Daniel Lute of Harrisburg were sworn into the SAR at our annual meeting at the Harrisburg Country Club on December 3. Their Patriot heritage can be found in our last newsletter.

Chapter Creates Eagle Scout Committee

At our 06 January BOM meeting, it was approved that the Chapter will create an Eagle Scouts Committee. This committee will be chaired by VP Forrest Myers.

Compatriot Myers was instrumental in the creation of this committee, doing the research and personally funding this year's program.

The program involves local area Eagle Scouts writing an essay on the subject of patriotism. The winner will be presented with an SAR patch, SAR certificate, and an engraved SAR Eagle Scout medal.

The inaugural winner of this award is Nathaniel Stauffer of Boy Scout Troop 77 of the New Birth Freedom Council. Nathaniel will be invited to read his essay and receive his award at the Harris Ferry Annual Awards Luncheon in May at the Harrisburg Country Club.



*** Town Crier ***



Get Involved!

We have a very aggressive agenda of honoring our veterans, young citizens, and our Patriot ancestors. Many Chapter members are very active in trying to establish and achieve the strategies of the Chapter.

We are in need of volunteers and donations to help us accomplish our goals. We are asking our Compatriots for assistance, even if it's for an hour. Please help us out by placing your name on a volunteer list to possibly assist us at a some future event. Contact Compatriot Andrew Lick for more information at president@harrisferry.org.

We also graciously accept help from Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other community and civic groups. We thank you for your anticipated support.

Sponsorship Needed

We are seeking a sponsor, either business or individual, to sponsor our new Eagle Scout Awards program. We estimate this program will cost the Chapter between \$150-\$200 per year. If interested or you know of an interested party, please contact Compatriot Forrest Myers at vicepresident@harrisferry.org.

Flag Certificate Awarded to Sutliff Chevrolet

The Sutliff Auto Group on Paxton St in Harrisburg was recently awarded an SAR Flag Certificate from the Chapter. We've all seen the extremely large Flag flying proudly over the Sutliff Chevrolet dealership as we travel along I-83 in Harrisburg, a truly impressive sight!

The flag certificate presentation was held on December 27. Harris Ferry First Vice



Jonathan Casey and Greg Sutliff receive the SAR Flag Certificate from Harris Ferry Compatriots Clay Dawson and Forrest Myers



American Flag flies proudly over the Sutliff Chevrolet dealership in Harrisburg

President and Flag Committee Co-chairman Forrest Myers presented the certificate and

was accompanied by Color Guard Coordinator Clay Dawson. Receiving the certificate for Sutliff were Chairman Greg Sutliff and President Jonathan Casey.

For 2018, co-chairmen have been appointed to the Harris Ferry Flag Committee as the Chapter has identified two distinct operational responsibilities. One of these is the identification of businesses who fly the American flag according to protocol and the associated awarding of SAR flag certificates to these businesses. The other function is the recognition of gravesites

of our Patriot ancestors that are located in local cemeteries with the placement of our Betsy Ross flags.

Forrest Myers will lead the effort of our flag certificate program. Forrest's goal for this year is to recognize one local business per quarter with the certificate program.

The other co-chairman is Ed Miller, a Past President of the Chapter. Ed will head up our Patriot gravesite recognition program.

Compatriots interested in helping the Flag Committee should contact Ed or Forrest.

Webmaster Bakelaar Keeps Membership Informed



Have you checked out the Chapter's website lately? If so, you realize that the information is always current and the pictures of our events are voluminous.

Through the continuous effort of Compatriot Robert Bakelaar MD, the Chapter's site is one of the best around. Bob updates the site after each event or BOM meeting to keep our membership up to date with Chapter happenings.

Bob is very active in our Chapter, serving as our Chapter Registrar for the past few years. He is also a Past President of the Chapter.

Thanks, Bob, for a job well done in keeping our membership informed!

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Board of Management Meetings at New Location

Effective immediately, the Chapter's BOM meetings will be moving from Highspire to the Henderson House in Hummelstown. The house, built in 1829, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is operated by our sister organization, the Harrisburg Chapter of the DAR.

The house will give the Chapter a historic venue from which to operate.

As always, all Chapter members are welcome to attend our BOM meetings and get involved in the Chapter's activities. The address of the Henderson House is 31 East Main St in Hummelstown. Parking is available along Main St and a public parking lot is a house away from the building. Meeting times will remain at 9:00. See page one for meeting dates. Our next meeting is March 3.



Henderson House, 31 E Main St, Hummelstown

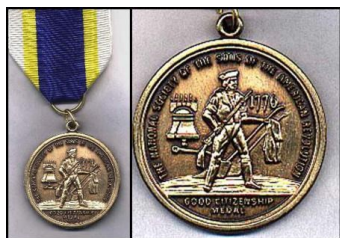
VETERAN'S AWARDS LUNCHEON ANNOUNCED

The inaugural Veteran's Awards Luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday, 19 April at 11:00 at the Hampden Veterans Memorial, Hampden Township Veterans Park, 4345 Market Place Way, Enola. The ceremony will be followed by a catered luncheon at the Capital Blue Cross Store, 4500 Market Place Way in Enola. The Capital Blue Cross Store is just a short walk from the Hampden Township Veterans Park. The luncheon will be free of charge to SAR members.

At the luncheon, our Chapter will be honoring Helen Sajer, President of the Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors (PAWW) program. Together with her late husband, Major General Gerald Sajer, PAWW was founded in 2006 to support and assist Wounded Warriors and their families as the soldiers returned from deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. PAWW is an independent statewide non-profit 501(c)(3) organization providing support to Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Veterans in Crisis, and their families. PAWW is not affiliated with nor a part of any national organization, including the Wounded Warrior Project, and it does not receive any funds from them. PAWW provides emergency financial assistance to veterans to help pay for housing, utilities, transportation, medical and other expenses. For more information on the Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc or to investigate volunteer opportunities, see their website at pawoundedwarriors.org. Much of the information found in this article is from their website.



Helen Sajer



SAR Bronze Citizenship Medal

We will also be honoring Lt Colonel (retired) Frank Sajer, who served in Fallujah, Iraq. Frank is the son of Helen Sajer and is on the Board of Directors of the organization.

Both will be receiving the SAR Bronze Citizenship Medal and Certificate in appreciation of their efforts and service. Scheduled to present the awards are Harris Ferry President Andrew Lick and First Vice President Forrest Myers.

The date of this event is not mere coincidence. April 19 was selected as it marks the 243rd anniversary of the beginning of the Revolutionary War in 1775 with the battles at Lexington and Concord.

Compatriot Gary Coburn Instrumental in Success of Hampden Township Veterans Recognition Committee

Harris Ferry Compatriot Gary Coburn, who joined the SAR in May of 2016, serves as chairman of the Hampden Township Recognition Committee, an organization founded to honor the township's veterans.

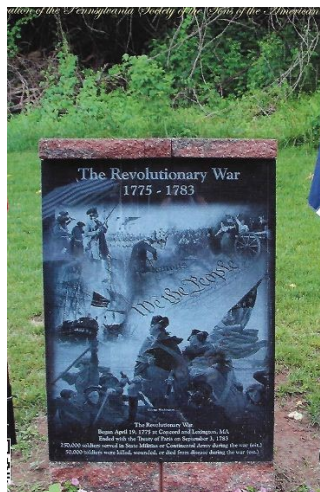


Gary Coburn at SAR induction

Gary has been involved from the initial stages in the project, which was conceptualized back in 2010. To accomplish their mission, the HTVRC is creating a memorial "that's worthy of the sacrifices they made for our country". The memorial will be located at the Hampden Township Veterans Recognition Park which is at 4345 Marketplace Way in Enola.

The park will feature a path that will contain memorials commemorating all of the wars that America has been involved in. The initial memorial of the project, a beautiful plaque commemorating The Revolutionary War, was dedicated on July 14 of this year. In addition to Coburn, Compatriot Clay Dawson attended the event as a member of our Chapter Color guard, appearing in his Continental Army uniform.

Gary has also been very active in Harris Ferry activities, attending Board of Management meetings regularly and donating a banner for our Harris Ferry Color Guard.



Revolutionary War Memorial

Our Patriots' Stories

—John G Gearhart—

John Gearhart was born in 1754 in Frederick County, Maryland. In 1784, he married Catherine Gray, another native of Frederick County, MD.

Moving to Pennsylvania before the Revolution, Gearhart joined the Lancaster County militia during the war. He served as an Ensign in the militia and his name appears in the 3rd Company under Captain George Gantz in the 4th Battalion under Lt Colonel Jacob Cook.

Gearhart died in Philipsburg, Centre County, PA in 1840. He is buried with his wife in the Old Mud Church Cemetery in Philipsburg.

- John Gearhart is the Patriot ancestor of Lewis Jr, Lewis III, and Nathan Shaw.