

THE BADGER PATRIOT

Newsletter for the Wisconsin Sons of the American Revolution, January 2017

WISSAR DEDICATES HISTORICAL MARKER

(Stockbridge, WI) Near the east shore of Lake Winnebago, on a hill known as the Stockbridge Old Indian Cemetery, the Wisconsin Sons of the American Revolution unveiled an historical marker. More than a hundred people basked in the early fall sunshine while several veteran groups honored the memory of **Bartholomew Scott Calvin**, scout and interpreter for the Continental Army.

Calvin was born in New Jersey, a full-blooded Delaware Indian. He left his studies at Princeton



College to serve with several Continental units from Pennsylvania. After Revolutionary service, Bartholomew returned to New Jersey to be a schoolmaster. When the Delaware were invited to join the Mohicans in a move to Western New York, he was the tribal leader. Calvin led his people there and then to Wisconsin. Calvin was an outstanding scholar, soldier, teacher and tribal leader.

Ceremonies featured Puzzle Hill Singers, a Native American group singing an Entrance Song and the Warrior Song in native tongue. Native Drummers performed twice and the Honor Flute Song was played.

An eight man color guard from WISSAR performed a 'solemn salute', an elaborate 'pass in review' led by Brian Barrett at the marble marker near Calvin's burial place. As the unit returned to ranks, a large WISSAR bell pealed thirteen times. SAR members were followed by members of the nearby American Legion posts' color guard and firing squad. Past WISSAR President and VPG Russ Buhr was the Master of Ceremonies. Steve Michaels represented the SAR in the removal of the marker's covering. SAR member Kim Heltemes was the chief ceremony organizer and liaison with the tribal communities; Kim also played Taps after the rifle squad salute. WISSAR President Charles McGee and immediate past president Roger Boeker also attended along with State Genealogist Bob Stone.

Bartholomew Calvin was the 43rd Patriot identified and honored with an historical marker in Wisconsin. Contributions to WISSAR for the marker also came from Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonel Benjamin Harrison Chapter of Monroe, WI and Oneida and Mohican Tribal Councils.

Mohican lady veterans served light refreshments after the program.

COMPATRIOT AUSTIN RENDERS HONORS TO EASTMAN ON VETERANS DAY

Grave ceremony for Justin Eastman on Veterans Day 11/11/2016. Pictured from left to right: Nancy Burns, DAR, Howard Austin, SAR, Mike Nelson, Mark Nelson, William Austin, SAR Color Guard. Justin Eastman is the son of Capt. Enoch Eastman who served in the Revolutionary War and is William Austin's third Patriot.



Justin Eastman served in the War of 1812. A War of 1812 standard and American flag was presented and left at the grave site in Belleville, Wisconsin. Efforts are being made to enter Justin Eastman on the Roll of Veterans from Wisconsin.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, let me express my humble appreciation in being elected your State President. It is my privilege to serve you, and I hope to do so to the best of my abilities with the help of our Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, and all Compatriots of our society. If we all work together, we can accomplish great things.

Participation is the backbone of our society. I urge all members to stay in contact and set aside a small amount of time to fellowship with one another at meetings, patriotic events and holidays, or other social settings. And reach out to your local schools, veterans organizations, scout troops, and ROTC/JROTC units. Inform them of our youth awards and school programs, veterans support, and our commitment to further the understanding of the American Revolution. Join our Color Guard and take part in the upcoming Memorial Day observance. There are many ways to become

involved, both large and small - it only matters that you are involved. So I urge you to contact your chapter officers, or any state officer or board of director, to see how you can help (visit our website at www.wissar.org).

I would like to take a moment to recognize the accomplishments of my predecessor, Past President Roger Boeker. He succeeded in two major goals he set for his presidency: the installation of the Revolutionary War soldier's statue at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield; and, the dedication of an historical marker for Revolutionary War Patriot Bartholomew Calvin, thanks to the coordination between Compatriot Kim Heltemes and the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Tribe. He has raised the bar for me and future presidents.

Finally, in keeping with working together, part of my duties in the society are also as its webmaster. If you visit our website, as I noted above, you will see we have undergone a major revision—and I could use your help. If you have some experience with website design, and a little extra time, please contact me. The site was designed using the Squarespace website building system. There is a good deal of content still waiting to be published.

Have a safe and warm winter season. I look forward to meeting all Compatriots at our upcoming annual meeting in April.

Fraternally yours,
President Charles McGee



36TH ANNUAL GEORGE WASHINGTON LUNCHEON ANNOUNCED

The Wisconsin Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and The Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution invite you and your guests to the thirty sixth annual George Washington's birthday celebration.

The date is Saturday February 18, 2017 at the Sentry World Grand Hall, 601 N. Michigan Ave, Stevens Point WI. Social begins at 11:00 with lunch at approximately 12:00. MENU: Clam Chowder Salmon Collop with Creamed Egg Sauce, Chicken Collop with Mushroom Sauce Roasted Potatoes, Winter Vegetable Medley, Popovers with Cherry Butter, George Washington Rum Cream Pie, Milk, Tea or Coffee. Vegetarian: English Winter Vegetable Pot Pie

Program: Tribute to George Washington in Story and Song.

Cost of attendance is \$30. Check Payable to WSDAR Treasurer and Mail to: Beverly D. West, WSDAR ~ WSSAR Liaison 35 Ridgewood Drive, Stevens Point WI 54481-4377.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2017.

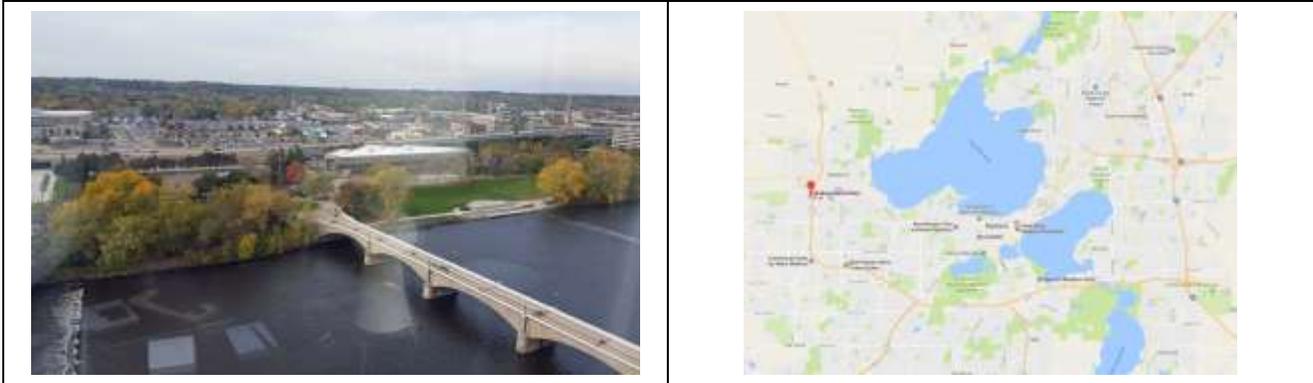


George Washington

GREAT LAKES DISTRICT MEETING 2016 & 2017

Compatriots Charles McGee, Bill Austin and Roger Boeker attended the Grand Rapids meeting of the Great Lakes District (GLD) of NSSAR on October 28th and 29th. Illinois and Wisconsin color guards members met with host Michigan society at the Gerald Ford library, museum and mausoleum.

McGee, Austin and Boeker were careful to take notes on the operation of the gathering in preparation for the same meeting in Madison for October 2017. **The GLD will be at the Marriott in Middleton October 27th and 28th.** Plan to be there for a special ceremony.



WAUKESHA WEST STUDENT WINS THE KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST

Cameron Chyla, a 12th grade student at Waukesha West High School, has won the WISSAR George S. and Stella M Knight Essay Contest this year.

Six applicants had submitted a variety of essays for consideration, several of which were impressive and dealt with the Constitution. However, the winning essay took a different tack. Cameron's piece dealt with a little known but significant participant in the Continental Congress, John Dickinson, whose words of wisdom played a major role in keeping a sense of balance to the debates during those tumultuous days.

The essay was beautifully constructed, well written and was so good that it might well go on to win further recognition. Cameron will receive his award at the upcoming Annual Meeting of the WISSAR this year.

You can find more about the essay by visiting the NSSAR webpage at <https://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest>

- Tom Curtis, Chairman, WISSAR Knight Essay Contest Chairman

WISSAR PARTICIPATES AT THE WSGS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 2016

The State Genealogical Society Fall Conference took place at the Aurora Healthcare Conference Center at Summit, WI on Oct. 8, 2016. There were 92 registered attendees at the conference, which is smaller than usual, but WISSAR did have good discussions with those who came into the room where the WISSAR table was set up. We got five people to sign up saying they were going to prepare applications for six new members.



The photo on the left shows Genealogist Bob Stone, Marilyn Hagerstrand, a DAR member from the local chapter in Oconomowoc and her husband, Milton Hagerstrand, an M-K Chapter member at the WISSAR table. The Hagerstrands represented WISSAR at the table from 10 AM to 2:45 Pm on Oct. 8. The photo on the right shows Genealogist Bob Stone and WISSAR color guard member Don Skarda manning the table. The presence of a color guard member always draws attention from the attendees.

STATE SECRETARY REPORTS ON 2017 DUES COLLECTION

The dues collection for 2017 is nearing completion and while we did not reach our goal of 100% of our members continuing their memberships, we are happy to report that we will keep over 78% of our members. In addition to retaining these members we are welcoming in recent transfers to WISSAR: Roger A. Krebs (from New Mexico), James Gammon (from Idaho) and Peter Irvine (from Illinois).

Your continued membership in WISSAR will help us continue to support excellent youth programs: JROTC, Eagle Scout, Badger Boys State and Knight Essay to name just a few. Your chapter also benefits from your membership and can use your dues to support local projects of interest.

W.S.C.A.R STATE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES PROJECT

W.S.C.A.R State President Elizabeth Orwig announced her state project to members of C.A.R, WSDAR and WISSAR. “This year’s state project will be centralized around literacy. Our main goal: to promote literacy cross the state of Wisconsin by donating books to local little free libraries and libraries across the state accompanied with our very own personalized W.S.C.A.R bookmarks.”

You can learn more about this project and find ways that your chapter or you can participate by reaching out to Elizabeth at OrwigElizabeth@gmail.com or contacting the Senior State President Mrs Anne Wanke at WISrStatePres@gmail.com . You can learn more about the little free library by visiting their website at <https://littlefreelibrary.org/> .



STATE GENEALOGIST REPORTS ON MEMBERSHIP

Since the last Badger Patriot, WISSAR has gained 14 Regular members, 1 Junior member and there has been one Supplemental application approved. The new members include Morgan Kosciuszko Chapter members: Christopher Mueller, Bernard Kachnowski and Christopher Beloin; Capt. Hendrick Aupaumut Chapter members: Neil Johnson & James Grover; Elisha Raymond Chapter members: Louis Fowler, Darby Fowler, Glenn Hoefflin, Brian Yates, Junior member Tyler Yates, Fredrick Swords and John Woolley- now deceased; Nathaniel Ames Chapter member: John Everitt and Bill Austin got a supplemental application approved for his 3rd patriot; Stephen Tainter Chapter members: Kurtis and Jesse Borre.

We also have 6 Regular and 2 supplemental applications awaiting approval at National SAR as well as 2 regular and one supplemental in transit to National SAR.

STATE OFFICERS

President – Charles McGee
1st Vice President – Aaron Krebs
2nd Vice President – William Muether
Secretary – Aaron Krebs
Treasurer – Bill Austin
Registrar: Brian D. McManus
Genealogist: Robert J. Stone
Historian: William A. Muether
Chaplain: James A. Hargan
Chancellor: Russell M. Buhr
National Trustee: Russell M. Buhr
Alt. National Trustee: Roger Boeker

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February – WISSAR Board Meeting 11, George Washington Annual Luncheon 18.
April – Annual meeting
May – Memorial Day
July – NSSAR 127th Congress in Knoxville, TN
October – Great Lakes District Meeting in Middleton, WI 27 and 28
November – Veterans Day

The Badger Patriot is put together by Roger Boeker and Aaron Krebs. We'd like to thank our predecessors Win Williams and Dave Dean for their many years of excellent work. If you have an article, picture, event, news report that you would like to share please contact Secretary Krebs at WISSAR.Secretary@Gmail.com

