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CIVIL WAR ON TAP FOR SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING

One of West Virginia's leading young historians, Robert Thompson, will be the featured speaker at the Thursday, September 14, meeting of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Enslow Park Presbyterian Church in Huntington.

Thompson's lecture will focus on Joseph Jefferson Mansfield and his wife, Amanda Smith Mansfield Walker Osburn. He is writing a book on Amanda Mansfield and her Civil War experiences in Wayne County.

Joseph Mansfield was a veteran of the Mexican War and was a prominent lawyer and the colonel of the Wayne County Militia. Their home was located in downtown Wayne and they owned several slaves.

When the Civil War began he sided with the Confederacy and was killed by friendly fire prior to the July 1861 Battle of Hurricane. The presentation will also focus on Amanda's wartime experiences, including a Union raid on Wayne.

Make plans now to hear this outstanding speaker. Many of his books will be available. The public is welcome.



A dedication was held August 12 for the roadside marker of Revolutionary War Soldier James Maynard near the Queen's Ridge Cemetery. The sign was made possible by the efforts of the Wayne County Genealogical and Historical Society. The GAL Chapter placed a wreath at the marker.



Ronald Maynard speaks at the dedication ceremony for his ancestor, Revolutionary War Soldier James Maynard, last month at the Dunlow Community Center. Ronald Maynard and his son, Robert Maynard, spent 10 years searching for their ancestor's grave.

DEDICATION FOR REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

A dedication and unveiling of the James Maynard Revolutionary War Soldier Marker was held last month in Dunlow. A program was conducted at the community center and a roadside marker was placed near Maynard's gravesite.

GAL President Tom Galloway spoke during the program and WVSSAR Chaplain Greg Michael gave the invocation. Chapter member and direct descendant, Larry Maynard, was also in attendance.

The roadside marker was secured by the Wayne County Genealogical and Historical Society and completed with the approval of the West Virginia Department of Archives.

Ronald Maynard was the featured speaker detailing the life of his ancestor. Ronald and his son, Robert, located the grave after a 10 year search.

James Maynard served as a private under Captain Jesse Franklin and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland.

POINT PLEASANT BATTLE DAYS OCTOBER 6-8

Point Pleasant Battle Days is scheduled from Friday, October 6 thru Sunday, October 8.

Battle Days activities include:

* A Candlelight Tour of the Battle Monument State Park featuring speakers commemorating the important persons and moments of "The Battle" on Friday starting at 7:30 p.m.

*Battle Days Parade Saturday at 11 a.m.

*Colonial Governor's Reception Saturday, 6 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall.

*Colonial Ball, Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Church Hall.

*Early Colonial Church Service, Sunday, 10 a.m. at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park.

*Memorial Service to commemorate the Battle of Point Pleasant of October 10, 1774. The memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. at the state park. Guest speaker is NSSAR President General Larry T. Guzy.

*GAL President Tom Galloway, who had Revolutionary War and Indian ancestors in the battle, will place a wreath.

For further information click on the state website at wvsar.org.



Dr. Harold Eugene Cook III (left) of Powell, Ohio, is presented with his membership certificate at the July chapter meeting by President Tom Galloway.

CHAPTER DUES REQUEST TO BE MAILED SOON

Be on the outlook for your chapter dues statement later this month, says Treasurer Ken Smith.

Dues are \$56.00 and must be paid before the deadline of December 31 to retain membership.

PARKERSBURG TO HOST 2018 STATE MEETING

The WVSSAR 2018 annual dinner and meeting is set for Friday, May 18, 2018, and Saturday May 19, 2017 in Parkersburg.

The Captain James Neal Chapter will host. Further details will be available later.



Vice President Greg Michael (left) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Dovie Dunn at the July chapter meeting. Dunn portrayed the Rebel spy Nancy Hart.

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