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WHEELING CHAPTER ORGANIZATIONAL DINNER OCTOBER 23

The Fort Henry Chapter will have its organizational dinner Thursday, October 23 at 6 p.m. at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling.

The WVSSAR's newest chapter will receive its charter and officers will be installed.

Fort Henry's officers are President James (Jay) H. Frey, Secretary-Treasurer Lloyd D. Smith II, Registrar Brian L. Crawford, Genealogists James G. Auber and David G. McIntire, and Chaplain Lester C. Hess, Jr.

Guest of honor will be President General Lindsey C. Brock.

David T. Javersask, PhD, Dean Emeritus, School of Liberal Arts and History, West Liberty University, is the guest speaker.

The chapter president's gavel will be presented by Regent of Wheeling Chapter, NSDAR.

For more information see the state website at wvsar.org.



Officers for the Fort Henry Chapter in Wheeling include from left, Genealogist James Gary Auber, Chaplain Lester Clay Hess Jr., Genealogist David Glen McIntire, President James Harrison Frey and Secretary Treasurer Lloyd Dale Smith II. Not pictured is Registrar Brian L. Crawford.



Cary Brian Campbell of the Point Pleasant Chapter received his membership certificate at the WVSSAR Board of Management meeting in Clarksburg. From left, Point Pleasant Chapter President Finlay “Jack” Coles, WVSSAR President Steve Hart and Cary Campbell.

LIBERTY MEDALS PRESENTED AT BOM

Three compatriots received the Liberty Medal at the Board of Management meeting in Clarksburg.

Award winners included James Lockhart, Captain James Neal Chapter, Donald Hale, General Adam Stephen Chapter and Lance Carter, General Andrew Lewis Chapter.



WVSSAR President Steve Hart (left) presents Liberty Medal to General Andrew Lewis Registrar Lance Carter at the Board of Management meeting in Clarksburg.

PHILIP SIEBERT SERVED SAR FOR 66 YEARS

The oldest member of the General Adam Stephen Chapter has passed.

Philip Trammell Siebert, 97, passed away in Martinsburg on July 16.

He was a member of the SAR for 67 years. He joined July 31, 1947, after serving in World War II.



Maddie Van Note, granddaughter of Finlay “Jack” and Jane Coles poses as General Andrew Lewis at her high school in Akron, Ohio. Jack is president of the Point Pleasant Chapter.

COLES GRANDDAUGHTER RECEIVES MEDAL

Maddie Van Note, a sophomore at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, gave a first person presentation of General Andrew Lewis for her United States history class.

She was the recipient of the George Washington Leadership Medal presented by her school’s history department.

Maddie is the granddaughter of Finlay “Jack” and Jane Coles of Point Pleasant. Jack is the president of the Point Pleasant Chapter.

General Andrew Lewis was the Commander of the Virginia Militia that fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774.



WVSSAR President Steve Hart (left) presents Point Pleasant Chapter President Finlay “Jack” Coles with the 2013-2014 Flag Streamer Award.



Transferring his membership to the General Andrew Lewis Chapter is Don McDowell (left). At right, Keith Bowles is a prospective member of the GAL Chapter.

BATTLE DAYS SCHEDULED OCTOBER 3-5

The start of the American Revolution will be celebrated October 3-5 hosted by the Point Pleasant Chapter.

On Friday, October 3, the play "Maid of the Mist" will be presented in the round at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park starting at 7:30 p.m.

Events on Saturday include the Battle Days Parade which commences at 11 a.m. on Main St at 10th Street.

Beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, the Colonial Governor's Reception will be held at American Legion Post 23 from 8 to 10 p.m. Colonial attire is encouraged but not required. The event is free of charge.

On Sunday, starting at 10 a.m. there will be an outdoor Early Colonial Church Service at the state park.

The memorial service to commemorate the Battle of Point Pleasant of October 10, 1774 will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at the state park.

Guest speaker will be WVSSAR President General Lindsey Brock. The general public is welcome.

There will be a wreath laying ceremony during the memorial service.

Further information on Battle Days can be found at the state website, wvsar.org.

WILLIAMSON GRAVE MARKING NOVEMBER 8

The grave marking for Jacob Williamson is set for Saturday, November 8 in Shepherdstown.

Watch the state website, wvsar.org, for further details.



Secretary Fred Harmon (left), Vice President Greg Michael and Dixie Wilson of the Colonial Dames at the September meeting of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter. Wilson's presentation was a "Parade of Flags" from the Viking period to the present.

WAR OF 1812 GENERAL BURIED AT SALT ROCK

A War of 1812 brigadier general is buried at Salt Rock in Cabell County.

Elisha McComas rose in the military life of Virginia from captain of the militia to brigadier general. He and his wife, Anne, are buried in the Elisha McComas Family Cemetery.

During the War of 1812, McComas served as colonel of the 120th Regiment, Thirteenth Brigade, Third Division. While his regiment was not called into service under his command, recruits were drawn from it, both for infantry and cavalry service. Detachments from the 120th Regiment saw active service in the defense of Fort Meigs, Ohio, and along the Atlantic seaboard.

McComas moved to Cabell County along with his wife from Montgomery, Giles County, Va. He helped organize the new Cabell County.

He had two sons who voted during the Virginia secession that started the Civil War. One voted for secession and the other voted against. Another son organized McComas' Artillery and was killed in battle. A fourth son served as a doctor in McComas Artillery. A fifth son became the editor of a Chicago newspaper.

General McComas was a member of the first court of Cabell County. He was a teacher, lawyer and farmer.

He was county sheriff in 1816 and 1841. McComas was school commissioner to oversee the education of the children of indigent parents in the county and served 13 terms as a county delegate to the Virginia Assembly.



General Andrew Lewis Chapter President Tom Galloway meets Frederick Douglass (Michael E. Crutcher, Sr.). Crutcher was the featured speaker at a Civil War event in Pomeroy, Ohio.

GAL CHAPTER LEADER AT BOM MEETING

All five officers of the General Andrew Lewis Chapter were present at last month's WVSSAR Board of Management meeting in Clarksburg.

Attending were President Tom Galloway, Vice President Greg Michael, Treasurer Kenny Smith, Secretary Fred Harmon and Registrar Lance Carter.

"In my nearly 20 years attending these meetings I can never recall a chapter being represented by all of their officers," Galloway said. "I am so proud of that the chapter is active not only locally but statewide."

The GAL Chapter had more members at the meeting than any other chapter. The Daniel Boone Chapter of Charleston had three members present.



General Andrew Lewis Chapter Vice President Greg Michael stands in front of the slave cabin in 2011 near the Yatesmont Cemetery in Ona. Unfortunately, the more than 150- year-old cabin has now collapsed.

EVENTS SCHEDULED AT FORT RANDOLPH

Three events are scheduled for the remainder of the year at Fort Randolph in Point Pleasant.

They include:

- *October 4, Battle Days at the Point.
- *October 18, Harvest Fest, Haunted Fort, Hog Roast and Ladies Tea.
- *December 6, Christmas on The Frontier.

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