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Sons of the American Revolution

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Culpepper Restaurant in St. Charles, MO

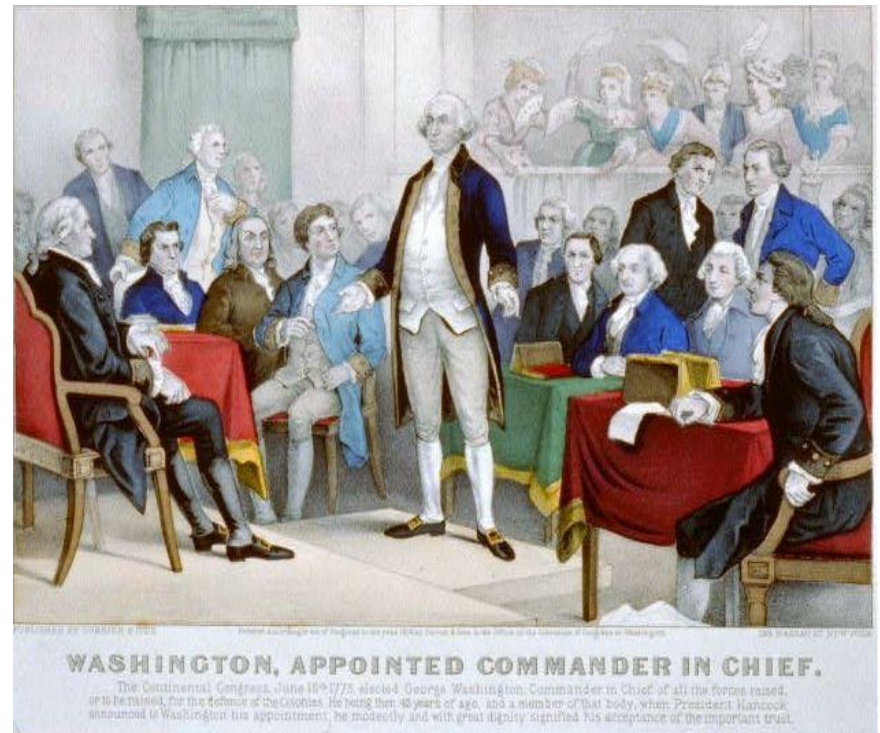
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June 19, 1775

George Washington's Commission as Commander in Chief

The Continental Congress commissioned George Washington as "Commander in Chief" of the Continental Army on June 19, 1775. Washington was selected over other candidates such as John Hancock based on his previous military experience and the hope that a leader from Virginia could help unite the colonies. Washington left for Massachusetts within days of receiving

his commission and assumed command of the Continental Army in Cambridge on July 3, 1775. After eight years of war, Washington resigned his commission as Commander in Chief on December 23, 1783.



George Washington to Martha Washington

Philadelphia, June 18th 1775

My Dearest,

I am now set down to write to you on a subject which fills me with inexpressible concern--and this concern is greatly aggravated and increased when I reflect upon the uneasiness I know it will give you. It has been determined in Congress, that the whole army raised for the defense of the American Cause shall be put under my care, and that it is necessary for me to proceed immediately to Boston to take upon me the Command of it. You may believe me my dear Patsy, when I assure you in the most solemn manner, that, so far from seeking this appointment, I have used every endeavor in my power to avoid it, not only from my unwillingness to part with you and the Family, but from a consciousness of its being a trust too great for my

capacity and that I should enjoy more real happiness and felicity in one month with you, at home, than I have the most distant prospect of reaping abroad, if my stay were to be seven times seven years. But as it has been a kind of destiny, that has thrown me upon this service, I shall hope that my undertaking of it is designed to answer some good purpose. You might, and I suppose did perceive, from the Tenor of my letters, that I was apprehensive I could not avoid this appointment, as I did not even pretend to intimate when I should return--that was the case--it was utterly out of my power to refuse this appointment without exposing my Character to such censures as would have reflected dishonor upon myself, and given pain to my friends. This, I am sure, could not, and ought not to be pleasing to you, and must have lessened me considerably in my own esteem. I shall rely therefore, confidently, on That Providence, which has heretofore preserved, and been bountiful to me, not doubting but that I shall return safe to you in the fall. I shall feel no pain from the Toil or the danger of the Campaign. My unhappiness will flow, from the uneasiness I know you will feel from being left

alone. I therefore beg of you to summon your whole fortitude and Resolution, and pass your time as agreeably as possible--nothing will give me so much sincere satisfaction as to hear this, and to hear it from your own Pen.

If it should be your desire to remove into Alexandria (as you once mentioned Upon an occasion of this sort) I am quite pleased that you should put it in practice, and Lund Washington may be directed by you, to build a Kitchen and other Houses there proper for your reception--if on the other hand you should rather Incline to spend good part of your time among your Friends below, I wish you to do so. In short, my earnest, and ardent desire is that you would pursue any Plan that is most likely to produce content, and a tolerable degree of tranquility as it must add greatly to my uneasy feelings to hear that you are dissatisfied, and complaining at what I really could not avoid.

As Life is always uncertain, and common prudence dictates to every Man the necessity of

settling his temporal concerns while it is in his power--and while the mind is calm and undisturbed, I have, since I came to this place (for I had not time to do it before I left home) got Colonel Pendleton to Draft a Will for me by the directions which I gave him, which Will I now enclose. The Provision made for you, in case of my death, will, I hope, be agreeable; I have included the Money for which I sold my own land (to Doctor. Mercer) in the Sum given you, as also all other Debts. What I owe myself is very trifling--Cary's Debt excepted, and that would not have been much if the Bank stock had been applied without such difficulties as he made in the Transference. I shall add nothing more at present as I have several Letters to write, but to desire you will remember me to Milly and all Friends, and to assure you that I am, with the most unfeigned regard, my dear Patsy.

Your Affectionate,

George Washington

http://www.pbs.org/georgewashington/collection/other_last_will.html

Next meeting will be on June 11, 2012 and we will meet at Culpeppers 6:30 PM.



Treasurer's report as of April 30, 2012:

Beginning Balance = \$2,662.38 – Ending Balance = \$2,292.38

Genealogist report as of November 11, 2011:

At National:

- Pat Jefferson (2 supplements)
- John Wilson (1 supplement)
- Charles Lilly (1 more supplement)
- Mike Dollard & Son's

At Chapter:

- Guy Young (New member)
 - John Lincoln Post (New member)
 - Martin White
 - Steve White
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At the May 14, 2012 meeting:

Meeting Opens 7:00 pm

Introductions: Guy Young, J L Post, Jean Ehlmann

1. **Fernando de Leyba Chapter** celebrates 15 yrs on May 4 2012.
Started with 21 Charter Members.

2. MOSSAR CONVENTION: **Fernando de Leyba** winner of the Josiah Fog Award for Large Chapters. Charles Lilly - Vice President, Steve Baldwin – Surgeon General.
3. Steve Baldwin: “Patriot Fund” Interest will go toward Scholarship Awards and Essay awards.
4. David Christian: Visited Independence Mo for Truman Days.
5. Charles Lilly: Received “Distinguished Service to MOSSAR” award.
6. John Rush: Received “Meritorious Service Medal”.
7. Charles Lilly: Received “Past Chapter President Missouri Society Medal”.
8. Charles Lilly: Openings on (4) committees at MOSSAR.
9. David Christian: A Physical Therapist to speak to FDL in the fall.
10. MOSSAR membership now totals 578 in 16 Chapters.

Old Business: NASSAR 122 Congress will be in Las Vegas N.V. July 6-11.
WWW.sar2012congress.com

Meeting Closed at 9:05 pm

18 Members and Guest in Attendance:

Ron Hauser, Pat Jefferson, Marty White, Mimi White, Jerry Cook, Jean Ehlmann, J.L. Post, Bill Grote, Sylvia Grote, Steve Baldwin, Keith Morris, Barb Morris, David Christian, Charles Lilly, Chuck Simms, Dennis Hahn, John Rush, Paul Smith,



Program: John Wilson – “Who Do You Think You Are”.



Yesterday is History. Tomorrow is Mystery?? Today is a Blessing!!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday...

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