

Sons of the American Revolution



Ewings Chapter OSSAR

December 2015



Wishing all a Happy Holiday and a warm merry winter season unlike the winter at Valley Forge many years ago. Though several locations were proposed, Washington selected [Valley Forge, Pennsylvania](#), 20 miles (30 km) northwest of [Philadelphia](#). Named for an [iron forge](#) on Valley Creek, the area was close enough to the British to keep their raiding and foraging parties out of the interior of Pennsylvania, yet far enough away to halt the threat of British surprise attacks. The densely forested plateau of Mount Joy and the adjoining two-mile-long (3 km) plateau of Mount Misery combined with the [Schuylkill River](#) to the north, made the area easily defensible, along with providing abundant forests of timber that would later be used to construct the thousands of log huts. Seventy-eight of the huts in the camp would house the soldiers, **but over 2,500 of those soldiers died.**^[1]

Notes of Interest

As we approach the holiday season we all have much to be thankful for. Hope your Thanksgiving was spent with family and friends and that your Christmas will be bright and merry. Bright and Merry describes the festivities held this past weekend at the Parkersburg Country Club. Ewings was well represented at this SAR/DAR Regional meeting. In attendance was President Jim Lochary, Treasurer, Jim Smith and his wife Diana, Secretary, George Benz and wife Charlotte and Scott Moody and his wife Rose.

The following Ewings Committees for spring 2016 are; **American Flag** – Chair, George Benz, Charles Hooper and Clyde Evans; **Eagle Scout** - Chair Bill Walker, Dale Colburn; **Essay Contest** – Chair, James Smith, Carl Denbow; **Oration Contest** – Chair, Alan Goldsberry, Tom Romine, Russell Tippett; and **ROTC Awards** – Chair, Jim Lochary.

Meeting Rewind

November's meeting was held in Athens at the American Red Cross facility with Compatriot Scott Moody and wife Rose catering the meal. A big thanks to the Moody's for making this a great meeting. Compatriot Russ Tippett was the speaker for the evening. Compatriot Tippett gave a very inspiring patriotic address. A special thanks to Russ for his time and effort.

Mark your calendars now to help you remember our next meeting to be held in Chester on Thursday 1/28/2016 wkb