

# An American Lunch



## Trecolore Grilled Chicken Sandwich 19

Grilled breast of chicken topped with roasted red pepper, fresh mozzarella and basil aioli on a brioche bun

## Roast Turkey & Brie Sandwich 19

Hand carved roasted turkey breast and creamy French Brie, with cranberry mayo on Artisan bread

## '76 Crab Cake Burger on Brioche 22

Pan seared Maryland crab cake with chipotle remoulade and grilled lemon on a toasted brioche roll

## Tavern Fish and Chips 19

76 House Tavernkeeper beer battered Alaskan Cod, Served with house fries, tartar sauce and malt vinegar

## Chicken Pot Pie 22

Our roasted Amish chicken and garden vegetables within a creamy veloute, served in a tender puff pastry shell

## Shepherd's Pie 19

Cast iron seared ground Angus beef and garden vegetables simmered in a rich Bordelaise, topped with mashed potato

## Honey-Maple Glazed Virginia Ham 18

Hand carved boneless pit ham over mashed sweet potatoes & vegetables

## Traditional American Meatloaf 18

Blended chop meat with caramelized onion and Asiago cheese, over mashed potato with a rich brown gravy

## 76 Classic Tableside Caesar Salad 19/per order

Romaine, classic dressing, garlic crouton, prepared tableside

## Chinois Salad 15

Napa cabbage, romaine, cashews, wontons, ginger-soy dressing

*Salad additions: grilled chicken 7, shrimp 11, salmon 11*

# The '76 House

**America's Oldest Tavern** *established 1686*

The 76 House is America's oldest tavern. Built with the founding of Tappan (**1686**) and expanded in 1755 to accommodate the town's need to provide hospitality to stagecoach travelers, it is here that the Dutch town fathers, a group naturally predisposed to separate themselves from England, gathered to draft and sign **The Resolutions of Orangetown on July 4, 1774**. This document stands as one of America's first declarations of independence and is often given as the reason we celebrate July 4.

It was this fiercely independent spirit which caused the British army not only to take control of New York, but also to expand their presence up the Hudson River Valley.

To thwart this surge the Colonials fortified what is now known as West Point (formally Fort Arnold), which geographically and politically made Tappan the front line of the Revolution. This led every general in the

Continental army and many of our founding fathers to the '76 House: **Hamilton** (who lived upstairs for nearly two years), **Green, Van Buren, Lafayette, Anthony Wayne, Lord Sterling, Gen. Glover, Tallmadge, Knox, Von Steuben and, of course, Washington** (who enjoyed the brew of tavernkeeper Mabie so much he took the recipe back to Mt. Vernon, where he made it himself!) – just to name a few.

In fact it was Washington's presence at the '76 House which caused **Major Andre's** captors to bring the infamous spy and collaborator with **Benedict Arnold** to Tappan for trial and eventual execution. Andre became the first aristocrat hanged by colonists. This landmark event undermined the social structure of the colonies and reshaped our war of independence. It directly precipitated the social revolution of France and defines this idea to this day.

The next time Washington was to visit the '76 it was for a contentious meeting with **Sir Guy Carlton**. After 3 days of negotiation at the Dewindt Home, the commanders adjourned for a meal prepared by Samuel Fraunces at this tavern. When concluded, Carlton handed Washington the plans of the British evacuation and officially **recognized America as an free and independent nation**. Later that day a 17-gun salute off the shore of Tappan-by-the-sea (now Piermont) confirmed **America's independence on the sea**.

## WHAT YOU SEE TODAY



The artifacts adorning the '76 themselves speak volumes of the important history of this nation's birth. In our Tap room, (America's oldest dining room) the upside down picture of Arnold hangs above the fireplace. It is the original watercolor turned upside down by Washington himself when he learned his good friend was a traitor.

The letters between Washington and Andre can be viewed on the wall near our reception podium. The early muskets are all original. Please ask to hold one from our unmounted collection.

The bar rail is the original horse tie, repurposed before even Washington rubbed his elbow on it! Even the word "bar" is said to harken back to the iron bars (removed in the 1970's) which the bartender lowered to close the bar when the drinkers became unruly and exit through a trap door in the floor!

Your experience here is part of the living history which defines who we are. We are grateful to participate in this with you. -RN

**Robb Norden, Tavernkeeper**   **Elisa Fritz, General Manager**

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