The '76 Brunch

The Muffin Basket Assorted house baked muffins, Berry Butter	10
Onion Soup Lafayette served en crock ,au gratin	10
The American Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries	21
<b>Traitorous Eggs Benedict Arnold</b> Buttery Croissant, Canadian Bacon, Poached Eggs, Sauce Hollandaise	25
<b>Crab Benedict</b> Buttery Croissant, Maryland Crab Cake, spinach, Poached Eggs, Sauce Hollandaise	30
<b>Shrimp &amp; Cheesy Grits</b> Florida Gulf shrimp. White polenta (Grits), fontina cheese, lobster reduction	25
Nutella Stuffed French Toast Cornflake-crusted Brioche, Maple Syrup, Berries, Chantilly Cream	24
<b>'Chimichurri' Steak and Eggs</b> Grilled & Sliced Marinated Sirloin, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Chimichurri Sauce	29
<b>Belgian Waffles with Flemish Flare</b> Fresh Berries, Whipped Cream, Strawberry Butter, Vermont Maple Syrup	21
Soul Food Chicken and Waffles Battered Boneless Thigh, Waffle, Sausages	24
<b>THE 76 BURGER</b> Our Proprietary Blend: Angus Sirloin & Short Rib, Caramelized Onion, Gruyere, Bordelaise, Brioche Bun, American Fries	25
<b>Caesar Salad with Cocktail Gulf Shrimp</b> Jumbo Shrimp. Garlic-Rosemary Crouton, Romaine, Classic Homemade Dressing	23
Pan-Roasted Wild Faroe Island Salmon Filet Forbidden Rice, Vin Blanc Sauce	30
A Maryland Crab Cake over the '76 Chinoise salad, side of our tartare sauce	26
<b>Famous Yankee Pot Roast '76</b> Popover, sweet yet sour red cabbage, mashed potato, American gravy	29
<b>Quiche Lorraine</b> Classic Virginia Ham, Bacon, spinach, shallots, gruyere Quiche, served with a house s	22 alad
The Champagne Bar: Carafes of Orange and Cranberry juices,25A Dram of Peach Schnapps, a Bottle of Chilled Champagne	

Unlimited Mimosa - The Brunch Favorite 15 Famous Bloodys: Mary (vodka), Maria (tequila) or Red Snapper (gin)

'76 American Mule small batch rye, maple syrup, ginger, fresh lime 12

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## 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.  $\mbox{-}_{RN}$ 

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