

The Pennsylvania Minuteman Newsletter

A Publication of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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of the United States of
American and to the Republic
for which it stands, One Nation,
under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

PASSAR Memorial
Chestnut Level
Presbyterian Church



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About the Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the baptist minister Francis Bellamy. It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country.

In its original form it read:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added. At this time it read:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration. Today it reads:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Section 4 of the Flag Code states: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.", should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

The original Bellamy salute, first described in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, who authored the original Pledge, began with a military salute, and after reciting the words "to the flag," the arm was extended toward the flag.

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Photo: Closing Ceremony for the SAR Memorial Service held at **Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church**
A Thank You to Joe & Bobbi McMullen.

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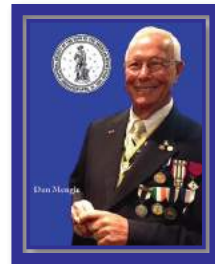
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Presidents' Remarks

By Donald Mengle, PASSAR President
PASSAR Treasurer/Finance Committee



First and foremost, I am honored to be your President of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. As 3rd Vice President through 1st Vice President, the learning curve was a wonderful experience. In past years many Compatriots have moved our Society into the greatness that it now is, and it my pledge to continue that growth.

Growth, by definition, is "Development from a lower or simpler, to a higher or more complex, form." Over the past five years there have been many positive changes in our Society to meet that growth challenge. We have entered the 21st century by computerization of our data, which now is available in minutes, as needed. Computer Power Point allows immediate access to every transaction in our Society's database.

There are many needs that we must address, such as increased member participation, development of our youth programs, increased awareness of our Society, and most of all, belief that we can do this.

Just as in this election year, "Your Vote Counts", your voices should "count" in your Chapter meetings and at the quarterly Board of Management meetings. It is one of my goals to have as many Chapters as possible send representatives to these meetings so you can make your wishes known. Chapters can start by inviting their District Deputy to attend a meeting and discuss ideas and issues. The District Deputy will pass this information along to appropriate officers and committee chairs. We can't advance and reward good ideas if we never hear them!

Also, it is my goal to improve communication. Read The Minuteman when it arrives. Go to the last page and

check out the registration form for the next BOM meeting to see if you can fit it into your schedule. For computer users - go to state (www.passar.org) and national (www.sar.org) web sites and browse through the information available. Find out what is happening in our organization. Plan to attend a Board of Management meeting. BOM is not for officers only, and you don't have to attend Friday evening and/or Saturday lunch if that is inconvenient. Attending only the business meeting Saturday morning is perfectly acceptable. If you don't like to travel alone, bring another chapter member; or better yet - your spouse. There is always a ladies' program during the business meeting and there is much camaraderie and support generated for SAR and CAR.

Lastly, I want to thank Joe and Bobbi McMullen and the Continental Congress Chapter for hosting an outstanding BOM meeting in May. There was good food, good entertainment, good fellowship, and even good weather.

In closing lets us think for a moment about "Americanism". What does Americanism mean to me? A young boy once said to me, "My parents instilled in me, at a very early age, what it means to be an American by setting examples that would become my foundation for life". SAR needs to set examples.

Fraternally,

Donald E. Mengle

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PASSAR President
PASSAR Treasurer
PASSAR Finance Committee

Assistant Chaplain!

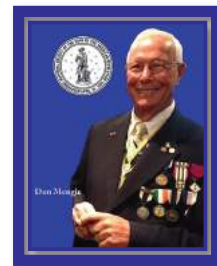
The Pennsylvania Society BOM is looking for an Assistant Chaplain to assist the Chaplain when he is unavailable in the Central and Western Portions of the Commonwealth. Per section 6:13 of the PASSAR By-laws & Constitution, Chaplains shall be an ordained or license minister or a graduate of a theological seminary. He shall open and close meetings of the Society and of the Board with religious services usual and property on such occasions, when so directed by the President or by the Chairman of the meeting. He shall also prepared and participate in other religious services of the Society, such as memorial rites, when requested by the President.





Getting to Know You

By Donald Mengle, PASSAR President
PASSAR Treasurer/Finance Committee



On May 24, 2016 in State College PA a meeting was held of what we have begun to think of as the “core officers” of PASSAR. Officers participating were as follows with those in a new role during this administration indicated with a *. President Don Mengle*, 2nd Vice President Ray Prusia*, 3rd Vice President Clay Dawson*, Secretary Ray Prusia*, Treasurer Don Mengle, Assistant Treasurer Gary Wiser*, Registrar Eric Troutman, Newsletter Editor Bill Harry. Clay Dawson, Bill Harry and Gary Wiser also represented the interests of District Deputies. 1st Vice President Greg Shively* was unable to attend.

The main objective of the meeting was to get to know each other better, as a few hours each quarter during conduct of a Board of Management meeting does not provide such an opportunity. As you can see, there are many officers in new roles, so the second objective was to review the role and responsibilities of each office and how that office interacts with other offices, the PASSAR membership as a whole, and our national organization.

A review of past practices and operations of the Society provided the opportunity to speak openly about the direction of NSSAR and PASSAR more specifically. Some concerns addressed included:

1. System for distribution of new Permanent Membership Cards and continuing distribution to new members. Current members will receive their Permanent Card in Fall 2016 with their 2017 dues notice. New member's cards will be printed and distributed quarterly by the Secretary.
2. Ways in which Chapter participation can be increased at quarterly Board of Management meetings. A concern which has been expressed by chapters to various officers is the cost of attending meetings. The practice of holding meetings on a rotating basis between East, Central and West has been moderately successful in this respect. We encourage chapters hosting BOM meetings to compare costs of venues. Are there other strategies to help with cost control? Concern has also been expressed about the cost of national meeting participation and the discouraging effect it has on attendance, especially for young members raising families. This has been expressed to national planning committees in the past.
3. Recruitment of new members. Bill Harry presented a Marketing and Recruitment Packet he developed. A limited number of packets will be produced and

distributed, on request, as a trial tool. It is extremely important that all membership applications and supplemental applications go to the Society Registrar, Eric Troutman, for review and forwarding to NSSAR.

4. Operation of Board of Management meetings. We will strive to follow the protocol set forth in our PASSAR Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure with guidance from our Parliamentarian. We encourage members to visit the web site www.passar.org to review our Bylaws. Explored possibility of preparing a simple handout on parliamentary procedure for BOM and Chapter use.

5. Role of District Deputies in helping chapters grow and prosper. Suggested that a campaign for new members should be: simple, easy to print and distribute, positive, family oriented (i.e., DAR and CAR), celebratory (more immediate recognition and awards for new members).

6. Role of Chapter officers in dues collection. Designated officer in Chapter (President, Treasurer, or Secretary) should review membership listed on database at beginning of dues collection period and monitor progress of dues payments weekly. District Deputies to visit each chapter to make sure they have access to the database. Any discrepancies should be immediately called to attention of Treasurer, Don Mengle.

7. Filling of officer vacancies. The offices Parliamentarian and Assistant Secretary are currently vacant. We would also like to find an Assistant Chaplain as this person is subject to emergency duties of his profession.

8. Budget development needs to have input from core officers, at minimum. Requests for spending outside approved budget for fiscal year should be presented in writing with time allocation for discussion by Board of Management, referral to Chapters for input, and final approval by BOM or Executive Committee in case of need for prompt action.

Your response with comments and ideas will be welcomed by:

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How Are Motions Presented

Obtaining the floor

1. **Wait until the last speaker has finished. Rise and address the Chairman** by saying, "Mr. Chairman, or Mr. President." Wait until the Chairman recognizes you.
2. **Make Your Motion Speak in a clear and concise manner.** Always state a motion affirmatively. Say, "I move that we ..." rather than, "I move that we do not ...". Avoid personalities and stay on your subject.
3. **Wait for Someone to Second Your Motion** Another member will second your motion or the Chairman will call for a second. If there is no second to your motion it is lost. A second will be recognized upon standing.
4. **The Chairman States Your Motion The Chairman will say,** "it has been moved and seconded that we ..." Thus placing your motion before the membership for consideration and action. The membership then either debates your motion, or may move directly to a vote. Once your motion is presented to the membership by the chairman it becomes "assembly property", and cannot be changed by you without the consent of the members.
5. **Expanding on Your Motion** The time for you to speak in favor of your motion is at this point in time, rather than at the time you present it. The mover is always allowed to speak first. All comments and debate must be directed to the chairman. Keep to the time limit for speaking that has been established. The mover may speak again only after other speakers are finished, unless called upon by the Chairman.
6. **Putting the Question to the Membership** The Chairman asks, "Are you ready to vote on the question?" If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken. On a motion to move the previous question may be adapted.

Voting on a Motion:

1. **The method of vote on any motion depends on the situation and the by-laws of policy of your organization.** There are five methods used to vote by most organizations, they are:
 - a. **By Voice** -- The Chairman asks those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". Any member may move for a exact count.
 - b. **By Roll Call** -- Each member answers "yes" or "no" as his name is called. This method is used when a record of each person's vote is required.
 - c. **By General Consent** -- When a motion is not likely to be opposed, the Chairman says, "if there is no objection ..." The membership shows agreement by their silence, however if one member says, "I object," the item must be put to a vote.
 - d. **By Division** -- This is a slight verification of a voice vote. It does not require a count unless the chairman so desires. Members raise their hands or stand.
 - e. **By Ballot** -- Members write their vote on a slip of paper, this method is used when secrecy is desired.

There are two other motions that are commonly used that relate to voting.

1. **Motion to Table** -- This motion is often used in the attempt to "kill" a motion. The option is always present, however, to "take from the table", for reconsideration by the membership.
2. **Motion to Postpone Indefinitely** -- This is often used as a means of parliamentary strategy and allows opponents of motion to test their strength without an actual vote being taken. Also, debate is once again open on the main motion.

Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at your meetings. But, it will only work if you use it properly. Allow motions that are in order. Have members obtain the floor properly.

- Speak clearly and concisely.
- Obey the rules of debate.
- **Most importantly, BE COURTEOUS.**



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We welcome the following new members and congratulate their sponsors and chapters for increasing their numbers. We look forward to your involvement and wish many fond memories.

Chapter	Patriot Ancestor	Sponsor
Christopher Gist - Butler		
Gerald Henry Wentzel	William Work	Raymond Howard Ford
Steven Paul Wetzel	William Work	Raymond Howard Ford
Erie - Erie		
Andrew James Tanner	Thomas Tanner, Jr.	Scott Frank Tanner
Fort Halifax - Halifax		
James Leroy Stutzman	Christian Stutzman	Mark Gerald Balliet, USN
Joel Fred Stutzman	Christian Stutzman	Mark Gerald Balliet, USN
Frontier Patriots - Altoona		
Tobin Wade Civils Sr.	James Parson, Sr.	Larry Dennis Smith
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David Mark Snyder	Andres Devinney	Larry Dennis Smith
General Anthony Wayne - Beaver Falls		
John Joseph Montague	Henry Jolly	Ralph Edward Bischak
General Arthur St. Clair - Greensburg		
James Edward Blair	Mathias King	Andrew Wayne Keefer
George Washington - Washington		
Charles David Curry	Benjamin Lincoln	Gary W. Timmons
Governor Joseph Hiester - Reading		
Blair Alexander Aynardi	Philip DeTurk	Eric Henry Troutman
William Joseph Faust	Paul Barlet	Eric Henry Troutman
Edgar George Embitch Morgan	Sebastian Morian/Morgan	Eric Henry Troutman
William Ross Snook	James Cooper	Eric Henry Troutman
Harris Ferry - Harrisburg		
Gary Lee Coburn	Thomas Warren	Dennis Eugene Bobb, Sr.
Michael Lewis Donmoyer	Nicolas Bittinger	Dennis Eugene Bobb, Sr.
Lewis Charles Shaw, Jr.	John Gearhart	Dennis Eugene Bobb, Sr.
Lewis Charles Shaw, III	John Gearhart	Dennis Eugene Bobb, Sr.
Nathan Chase Shaw	John Gearhart	Dennis Eugene Bobb, Sr.
Northeast - Scranton - Wilkes Barre		
Ronald Ralph Faraday	Jeremiah Blanchard	Don Neal Drewry
Philadelphia Continental - Philadelphia Area		
Michael T. Beachem, IV	Noah Applegate	Ned Allen Little
Aidan Smith Harold	John Van Ausdal	Mark Edward Burt, Phd.
Evan Jackson Harold	John Van Ausdal	Mark Edward Burt, Phd.
Colin William Giovanoni	Elias Holden	Charles Kelsey Brown
James Michael Giovanoni	Elias Holden	Charles Kelsey Brown
Ryan James Giovanoni	Elias Holden	Charles Kelsey Brown
Richard Harris Jadick	John Alderfer	Charles Kelsey Brown
Fredrick Richard Miller, Jr.	Thomas Atkinson	Charles Kelsey Brown
Timothy Wayne Mizell	Hardy Richardson	David Michael Mizell
William Allen Mizell	Hardy Richardson	David Michael Mizell
Andrew Denby Morse	Amos Morse	Ned Allen Little
Jonah John Mulcahy	Zachariah Rice	John Patrick Mulcahy
Stephen Jeffery Pogue	William Thomas	Charles Kelsey Brown
Marshall Scott Prince	James Wynn	Charles Kelsey Brown
Robert Collier Weirman	John Alderfer	Charles Kelsey Brown
Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh - Allegheny County		
Christopher Jeffery William Hartmann	David Phillips	Eric Henry Troutman
Jeffery Danial Hartmann	David Phillips	Eric Henry Troutman
Arthur Albert Maxwell, II	Henry Sanders	William Paret Boswemm
Frank Charteris Tanner	Thomas Tanner, Sr.	Scott Frank Tanner
Somerset - Cambria - Somerset		
Robert Harry Christner	Hans John Christner	Jay Lewis Christner
Valley Forge - Allentown - Bethlehem - Easton		
George Irvin Snyder, II	Jacob Snyder	Don Neal Drewry
Robert Allen Yeager	Johan Christian Mensch	Don Neal Drewry
Washington Crossing - Washington Crossing		
James Samuel Colburn Shindell	Johann Peter Schindel	Joseph Barry McMullin
Richard Herbert Shnidell	Johann Peter Schindel	Joseph Barry McMullin

Welcome New Compatriots



French Alliance Service

Washington Memorial Chapel

Valley Forge, PA on May 1, 2016

By Jim Hall, Philadelphia Continental Chapter

Dignitaries from the Pennsylvania SAR and DAR held a service honoring *the French Alliance* on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 1400 hours. The service was conducted by the Reverend Roy Almquist and was attended by Pierre Lefebvre, Honorary President Union des Français de l'Etranger; Michael Scullin, Honorary Consul of France in Philadelphia; Michael Quinn, Chairman of the American Revolutionary Museum; William Troppman, Valley Forge National Historic Park; Friends of Valley Forge Park; Colonial Dames; and the Pennsylvania Huguenot Society. The Color and Honor Guards were supplied by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter under the direction of Captain James Willis and First Troop, Philadelphia Cavalry.



laying followed by

refreshments at the Bishop White Library. The bust of *comte de Rochambeau*, sculpted by Monsieur Lefebvre, was



formally given to the Museum of the American Revolution by the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution under the direction of Joseph Berry McMullen.

The Pennsylvania Society members attending were President Joseph McMullen, vice president Donald E Mengle, former presidents Sutton and Troutman. Also attending were David Mizel, Frank O'Donnell, Ed Buchanan, Jim Willis, Herb

Armstrong, Jim Hall, Phil Anders from the Philadelphia Continental chapter.



Flowers in the Forest

The Flowers in the Forest was a song that was rumored to have it birth before early 1500's but caught it's immortality of ancient meaning from the loss of Scottish Men during the Floo'er o' the Forest during the rain of English King James IV in 1513. We honor these men, these compatriots and chapters for their losses and offer our deepest condolences.

Full Name	Chapter	Birth Date	Death Date
Derr Alvin Carpenter	WA	1/18/31	12/13/15
Lance L. Barclay	ER	9/30/38	2/27/16
Wayne Patrick Faust	JH	8/11/59	2/10/16
William Muhlenberg Wagner, Jr.	JH	8/27/49	3/1/16
David Gordon Wood	FJ	8/12/51	2/15/16

Arthur G. Trimble Membership Award

Trophy to be Presented

Col. Ernest L. Sutton, MD
Historian and Past President / Trustee
Pennsylvania Society SAR

Recently re-bronzed and standing 3 ½ feet tall the Pennsylvania Society Arthur G. Trimble Membership Award Trophy is dazzling in the sun light. During the last 66 years, it has been presented at our annual meeting to the chapter with the largest percentage gain in new members for the previous year. First presented at our annual meeting in 1950 to the Continental Congress Chapter, it will now be transferred to the Erie Chapter for its care for one year. Although the Trophy is well-known to the compatriots of the winning chapter, it periodically is a good idea to reflect on the traditions of our society and why they developed. The Arthur G. Trimble Membership Award Trophy is one of those traditions. Preceding World War II the Pennsylvania Society fell both in membership and chapters from 29 to 21 at the time of our re-chartering May 20, 1940. Following the war it was clear that to spread the patriotic goals of our society across the state our membership and chapters needed to grow. This was the time that Arthur Garfield Trimble (1875 to 1958) became Registrar for the Pittsburgh Chapter before becoming its President for 1953 and 1954, then continuing as Registrar. Later he became the national SAR Registrar General in 1956 and 1957. Facing the membership challenge one of the programs he inaugurated as personal gifts to the society the Arthur G. Trimble Membership Awards program in 1950. For an individual with the highest new members for the year, a specially designed medal was awarded. For the chapter, a Trophy was presented that rotated from chapter to chapter at the annual meeting. As Registrar General, the Arthur

Trimble 1776 Trophy was developed for a state society. This Trophy, however, is kept at the SAR national office and museum and not rotated between societies. Today the individual medal is replaced with an engraved plaque rotated from year to year.

When speaking at our 1956 Annual Meeting as Registrar General along with his colleague Executive Secretary Harold L. Putnam, he was pleased that our society grew to 28 chapters which later increased to 31 chapters by 1994, and the membership to a high of 2086. He was especially proud of the Pittsburgh Chapter's 8th grade community outreach Good Citizenship Medal program that expanded in 1923 from 9 students to 50 by 1955. Each student is accompanied by his teacher and four SAR "body guards". The minutes do not define the role of our "body guards". Could it be to monitor the exuberance of our young students? With successful membership expansion, a new challenge was addressed by the Executive Secretary: "Chapters cannot live on new members alone, there must be stimulating chapter activity, or the new members become past members. The programs should be unselfish, civic and year-round."

Arthur G. Trimble was an innovative Registrar at the chapter, state and national levels, and is remembered through our tradition of recognizing those most responsible for our membership expansion. This also services to remind us, however, that the challenges of not only expanding membership, but developing our membership to spread the goals of our patriotic society are just as important today as in the time of Arthur G. Trimble.



Calendar of Events

The following are events and activities of the SAR, PASSAR and Chapters that may be of interest to you. This will be updated for each new Newsletter. If you have an event related to the Sons of the American Revolution, the Pennsylvania Society or Chapter Events, please forward them to the Editor/Publisher of The Pennsylvania Sons of the American Revolution Newsletter.

Date	Time	Event Information
July 8-13		NATIONAL: 126th National Congress Convention in Boston, MA. For Information: http://congress.sar.org
July 9		Somerset Chapter: DAR & Picnic, hosted by the Great Crossing Chapter DAR to be held at the home of Past Regent Shirley Hager.
July 10	6:00 PM	Somerset: Allegiance Sunday Service at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Pine Hill, Brothers Valley Township, Somerset, Co. PA
July 15	6:00 PM	Somerset: Somerset Parade float. Parade starts at 7:00 PM. Horse drawn wagon float will end at the Somerfest site at Laurel Arts compound
July 16	12:00 PM	Erie Chapter July Meeting at 12:00 PM @ Days Inn, Meadville, PA
August 5-6		PASSAR: PASSAR Summer Board of Management Meeting, Marriot Airport, Pittsburgh, PA
August 12-13		REGIONAL: 2016 Atlantic Middle States Conference in Albany, NY. For Information: http://ams.dessar.org
August 13		Somerset: Recruiting tent and accouterments display during Antiques on the Streets of Somerset at Bill & Nancy Lehman's home at 147 East Union Street, Somerset, PA
August 19	5:30 PM	Somerset Chapter Meeting: Followed by a catered picnic at the historic Mount Union Church. Please make reservations with Everett Sechler by August 12, (\$12.00)
September 23	6:00 PM	Somerset Chapter: Constitution Day Banquet at the Somerset County Club. Speaker to be announced. Hosted by the Forbes Road Chapter of the DAR. Details will follow:
November 4-5		PASSAR PASSAR BOM Winter Meeting, Host: Frontier Patriots Chapter. PLACE: TBA
Nov 11-12		FRONTIER: Frontier Patriots Chapter sponsoring the fall Pennsylvania Society SAR meeting
February 3-4, 2017		PASSAR: PASSAR BOM Spring Meeting, TO BE ANNOUNCED
May 12-13, 2017		PASSAR: PASSAR BOM Annual Meeting, Wyndham Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA



“To All Who Revere the Flag and Its History” The SAR Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award

Col. Ernest L. Sutton, MD (US Army Ret.)

Historian and Past President

Pennsylvania Society SAR

To All Who Revere the Flag and Its History: with these words SAR Minuteman (Class of 1952) Rear Admiral William Rea Furlong dedicated his seminal work on the history of our American Flag. In honor of his memory as a national authority on our Flag, the SAR created the SAR Flag Certificate program and the Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Flag Streamer Award in 1987. The Furlong Award is awarded to those state societies where the majority of their chapters present a SAR Flag Certificate to recognize those in their communities who proudly display our Flag.

After 25 years the Pennsylvania SAR achieved for the first time the 2013-14 Furlong Award. It was attached to our State Society Flag after the 124th Annual Congress in Greenville SC.

This was accomplished due to the hard work of our chapter presidents. Our state society is poised to add a silver star to our Furlong Flag Streamer for 2014-15 at the 125th Annual Congress.

Admiral Furlong, known as Rea during his youth to distinguish himself from his father William Allen Furlong, grew up in the Monongahela River Valley of southwestern PA. Throughout his career he considered Roscoe, PA, his home of record. His maternal patriot ancestor Captain George Grant is the brother of President Ulysses S. Grant's grandfather. He served as a Captain, PA Militia in the Revolutionary War (P-169078) and is buried in the Horseshoe Baptist Cemetery, Washington County, PA. His paternal grandfather was a ship

operator whose tow boat fleet pushed coal barges from Pittsburgh to New Orleans, and his father was a steamboat captain. Rea grew up with a family heritage directed toward the sea and military service.

After graduating from The US Naval Academy in 1905, he later received his Master's degree from Columbia University. He served with our fleet as a gunnery officer in the Mexican War of 1914 that captured and occupied Veracruz. During WWI he served with the British Grand Fleet on their battleship *Ramillies* in the North Sea also as a gunnery officer, then with the British Admiralty in London as an intelligence officer on German submarine warfare. Before the final peace agreement, he was sent to Berlin to inspect the German process of ordnance manufacturing.



After WWI he was assigned to the Navy Department where his Annapolis classmate Byron McCandless, research assistant Lula M. Stephens and he, became an authoritative team concerning all manners relating to our Flag. Together they answered hundreds of specific flag questions. This association would last throughout their entire careers. He formulated the joint War and Navy Department Flag Code circular, which later was approved as first uniform Flag code on June 14, 1923 at a national flag conference sponsored by the DAR. This became public law nearly twenty years later on June 22, 1942. Furlong and Stephens also prepared the Navy Exhibit at the Sesqui-Centennial of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia in 1926.

His naval sea tours took Furlong to ports of call in China, Japan, the Philippines and South America. His assignments included executive officer of our largest battleship, the USS *West Virginia*, captain of the USS *Neches* and USS *Marblehead*, then commander of a division of destroyers. Following this he served as Head of the Policy and Liaison Section, Office of Pacific Island Governments. After his promotion to rear admiral in 1937, he was appointed by President Roosevelt as Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department. At the opening of WWII, he was Commander of the Pacific Minecraft Battle Force, and survived the torpedoing of his flagship USS *Oglala* during the attack on Pearl Harbor. His greatest contribution during WWII proved to be as Commandant of the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard managing the salvage of our sunken ships, repairing others and sending them to war. At his retirement in 1946, he received the Legion of Merit with Silver Star.

Following his retirement he was involved in revising our Flag Code with respect to the United Nations Flag. He received the Freedom Foundation Award in 1950. At President Eisenhower request he designed the 49-star arrangement for our Flag after Alaska joined the Union in 1959.

His discontent with many flag books at the time led him to propose to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution a definitive book on the history of our Flag. He wanted to avoid confusing fact with legend. The Ford Foundation funded the proposal. In 1962 the

former classmates, Furlong and McCandless, and their former research assistant Lula Stephens, started the project with the goal of correcting many widely held misconceptions about the Flag. Long before this Stephens did extensive flag research at the DAR Library, Society of the Cincinnati, and Library of Congress.

Although Commodore McCandless died in 1967, Furlong continued work on the manuscript. A widower for 15 years, he married Lula Stephens in 1969. In the fall of 1973 a manuscript of 1000 pages

with authenticated footnotes,

photographs and drawings was presented to the Smithsonian Institution.

He died during our Bicentennial year on June 2, 1976, at the age of 95 years, and is interred at Arlington National Cemetery. It was, however, only through Lula's persistence that the manuscript was published as a 260 page book with funding from the



Naval Academy Alumni Association. *So Proudly We Hail: The History of the United States Flag* was published by Smithsonian Press in 1981. Lula died in 1986 and is buried alongside Admiral Furlong.

As our Pennsylvania SAR Chapters prepare for Flag Day on Sunday, June 14, 2015, with presentations of SAR Flag Certificates, keep in mind Admiral Furlong's favorite quotation from Oliver Wendell Holmes 1862 poem *Voyage of the Good Ship Union*:
"One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One Nation evermore!"

PASSAR Annual Memorial Service

Chestnut Level Presbyterian & The Cemetery

It is a somber moment yet a celebration of the lives of our patriots and compatriots who have gone before us. This year's memorial was celebrated at the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church in Quarryville, Pennsylvania. A beautiful edifice standing since colonial times to offer prayer, instruction and contemplation and also the home of many patriots from the American Revolutionary War. Certainly one of the loveliest and finest old cemeteries in Lancaster County is the one at the foot of the hill south of our church. One of the concrete posts supporting the iron-gate dates its founding in 1725. It contains ancient stones with legible inscriptions, especially those of slate.

In the summer of 1926, two men from the Lancaster Historical Society visited the cemetery and found it in a "deplorable, pathetic, state--an almost impenetrable mass of weeds and briars and obviously neglected."

It was reported that the cemetery was a haven for hunters who shot rabbits within the walls, which accounted for the sad and unsightly condition of many tombstones. Grave markers were also broken and scattered over the ground.



the stones removed and the ground plowed. The ground remained like this for a while, was then cultivated, leveling all humps and uneven places and grass seed finally sown.

In Memory Of		
REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS OF		
CHESTNUT LEVEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Reverend James Latta, DD	†	Reverend Sampson Smith
Archibald Ankrim	James Barnes	James Bigham
John Boyd	James Buchanan	Andrew Caldwell
John Caldwell	Oliver Caldwell	James Calhoun
William Calhoun	Patrick Campbell	Thomas Clark
Thomas Culley	James Gamble	Jacob Gryder
Moses Irwin	Robert King	Hugh Long
James Long	John Long	Robert Long
John McElroy	William McIntire	James McPherson
William McPherson	Samuel Martin	James Morrison
Samuel Morrison	Thomas Neel	James Pegan
Hugh Penny	George Reed	John Reed
Thomas Robinson	William Steele, Sr.	William Steele
John Wilson		
Placed by		
Pennsylvania State Society Daughters of the American Revolution		
Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution		
2016		

Thanks to the wisdom of some church members, about the year 1931, a committee was appointed to employ a surveyor and follow up with improvements to this yard. He had

About 1933, the stones were replaced--but not as meticulously as they should have been. Concrete foundations were poured for the stones to be placed on, but in so doing there are traces where the liquid cement splashed on the stones. Instead of removing this at once, it hardened leaving inscriptions almost impossible to read.

These same men who were here in 1926, returned to visit the cemetery and were forced to use hammer and chisel to remove the defacement in order to record inscriptions.

In 1935, these men visited the cemetery several times and completed their recording of all inscriptions found in that old cemetery. They counted 287 stones. Of these, 98 were slate and 172 were marble and sandstone.

Seventeen of the sandstone was the large, flat kind and they claimed there were more slate markers in this cemetery than in any they had ever visited. The slate inscriptions were cut centuries ago, but they claimed they were nearly as legible as they must have been the day they were cut. However, the sandstone did not withstand the elements as did the slate and they were nearly impossible to decipher.

Truly, this graveyard, as these men have said, in its present condition is one of the most attractive in Lancaster County and furnishes a fine example for other churches to follow in caring for the graves of their dead.

(Source: Excerpts from <http://chestnutlevel.org/history>)



AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY QUOTABLE QUOTES.

"Our unalterable resolution would be to be free. They have attempted to subdue us by force, but God be praised! in vain. Their arts may be more dangerous than their arms. Let us then renounce all treaty with them upon any score but that of total separation, and under God trust our cause to our swords."

Samuel Adams letter to James Warren
Date: April 16, 1776

S. A. R. Visits Fort Frederick

The Sons of the American Revolution recently took a bus trip to the Colonial Market Fair at historic Fort Frederick State Park in Big Pool, Maryland. The trip to the fort and colonial market was a great opportunity for the members and guests to increase their knowledge of the French and Indian War and the fort's role during that time period and during the Revolutionary War. The Fair had hundreds of campers, all in 18th century attire and there were over 140 suttlers (vendors) selling their 18th century wares.

Fort Frederick was constructed in 1756-1757 by the colony of Maryland. It was constructed of stone and was primarily as a place of refuge for area settlers. During 1757 and 1758 there were raids by the Indians in the region surrounding Fort Frederick. Many of the settlers had fled to the east. The fort was garrisoned by the 60th Regiment of Foot and by local militia units. Ranging parties were sent out to help deter and prevent the raids. The fort also served its purpose during Pontiac's Rebellion in 1763.

During the Revolutionary War the fort was used as a prisoner of war camp. Approximately 1000 British and Germans were imprisoned there. Many had been captured after the battles of Saratoga in 1777 and Yorktown in 1781.

The fort was abandoned until the American Civil War in April 1861. It was then garrisoned by the 1st Maryland infantry as protection for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad which ran parallel to the canal. By the end of 1862 the fort's military usefulness had ended. It fell into disrepair and in 1922 it became Maryland's first State Park.

The Colonial Market had it all. Demonstrators and entertainers were located throughout the grounds. An

auction of colonial wares was conducted in the afternoon. Whether you wanted a tin lantern, a muzzle loader, wooden buckets, colonial clothing, cooking utensils or even an authentic wig, all could be had at the market. The attendees spent over three hours at the site.

The bus then took the members north to the Conococheague Institute near Mercersburg, PA. The

Institute is an interpretive area representative of the western settlements of Franklin County, Pennsylvania during the mid to late 18th century. The group listened to a lecture on the "Black Boys", who were led by James Smith. They were so called the Black Boys because they blackened their faces to avoid identification while they engaged in their activities.

In March of 1765, they stopped a pack train and burned illegal goods, including rum and gunpowder that was destined to the Native Americans on the frontier. The British authorities supported the illegal trading. This is what led to the Black



Boys Rebellion.

The rebels laid siege to Fort Loudon and captured enough British soldiers that they were able to exchange them 2 for 1 for settlers that had been imprisoned, rightly or wrongly, for raids on traders wagon and pack trains. The Black Boys forced the British Regulars (42nd Highland Regiment) to abandon the fort in November 1765.

In 1769, Smith and his Black Boys surprised the garrison at Fort Bedford. They had wanted to free some prisoners being held there. It was the first fort taken by Colonials from the British army. He is considered, by many, to be the first American Rebel.

Attached is a photo of one of the many characters to be found at the Market Fair; the local magistrate paid everyone a visit at the Market Fair.

Submitted by the Somerset - Cambria Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

Guide to Lafayette's 1824-25 Grand Tour Lafayette Mural Rediscovered in Southwestern Pennsylvania

COL Ernest Sutton, MD

Historian & Past President Pennsylvania Society SAR

During General Lafayette's return visit to America, his journey took him over our first National Road (US Route 40) connecting by 1818 Wheeling, WV on the Ohio River with Cumberland MD on the Pontiac River. Instead of continuing up river directly to Pittsburgh, Lafayette debarked at Wheeling for a 90 mile side trip through Washington PA to visit his old friend Albert Gallatin near Uniontown PA.

With only a population of only 1700, nearly 15,000 people lined the streets of Washington, PA on May 25, 1825, to greet Lafayette when he stopped overnight at the Globe Hotel. His arrival is captured in one of an eight mural series commemorating our National Road. These murals were created by local artist Malcolm Parcell in 1938 for the Pioneer Grill in the historic 1922 George Washington Hotel.

After 1947 the National Road Murals were covered over and forgotten in

time until 5 years ago. During renovation of the George Washington Hotel, the Lafayette Mural was rediscovered in its Pioneer Grill.

Continuing on the National Road from Gallatin at Friendship Hill home overlooking the Monongahela River near Uniontown in

Fayette County. The county was named in his honor in 1783. Gallatin was an ardent abolitionist and our minister to France from 1816 to 1823. With Lafayette's help he tried to improve our government's relations with France during the Bourbon Restoration but with scant success. In Washington DC the Lafayette statue (1890) in Lafayette Park at the White House is less than 100 yards from the Gallatin statue (1927) at the US Treasury Department.



The Pioneer Grill can be reserved for special occasions but otherwise is open to the public for viewing.



Secretary and Mrs. Gallatin greet Lafayette at Friendship Hill May 27, 1825.

Washington, PA, Lafayette visited Albert



Lafayette arrives in Washington PA on May



The **George Washington Hotel** is located at 60 S Main Street, Washington PA. Nearby is the **Bradford House** at 175 S Main Street which was home of David Bradford, a leader in the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794. If one is traveling there on the **National Road Heritage Corridor**, its highlights can be found on nationalroadpa.org. **Friendship Hill National Historic Site** (nps.org) dating from 1789 is located in Point Marion PA. Nearby is Farmington which is the site of the **Fort Necessity**

Continuing from Brownsville by barge on the Monongahela River, he stopped at the Brashear House at 521 Market St (Old US Route 40) and 6th Ave. to speak to the local residents. Lafayette then disembarked near Pittsburgh to visit Braddock's Battlefield of 1755. The **Braddock Battlefield History Center** (BraddocksBattlefield.com) is located at 609 Sixth, North Braddock PA. From there he went by coach to a grand reception at the **US Allegheny Arsenal** in Pittsburgh located at 40th and Arsenal Park. The Arsenal built in 1814 replaced **Fort Lafayette** used from 1792 to 1813 (Historical Marker only). It's possible he visited the remaining

National Battlefield (nps.org) of 1754 where George Washington's Virginia Militia was defeated by a French and Indian force from Fort Duquesne (Point Park Pittsburgh). The **Masontown Post Office** is at 10 E. Church St. At the Fayette County seat is the **Uniontown Courthouse** at 61 South Main Street. Its 8' 2" painted poplar wood **Lafayette Statue** with top hat by local artist David Blythe stood atop the courthouse spire since 1847 till moved inside.

Lafayette Statue in Uniontown Courthouse (1847)

1764 **Fort Pitt Block House** at Point Park adjacent to the **Fort Pitt Heinz History Museum** at Point Park.



Brashear Tavern, 512 Market St (Old US Route 40), Brownsville PA



Brashear Traven 521 Market St (Old Route 40) in Brownsville PA



Pittsburgh Historic Marker for Fort Lafayette



PASSAR Swears in New Officers

Awards and Recognitions to Compatriots, PASSAR Youth Contest Winners



By William E. Harry, Editor/Publisher
The Pennsylvania Minuteman Newsletter

The events at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, Pennsylvania were a perfect backdrop to the wonder festivities that took place on Saturday, May 7, 2016. There were many who were recognized for their contributions, some recognized for recruiting and signing their first compatriot application, others for their contributions while others were there to support the PASSAR Youth Contest Recipients or Scholarship winners.



JROTC Cadet Jordan Mushalko

recognition to Joseph & Bobbi McMullen, outgoing PASSAR President and DAR Regent, who made this year memorable and produced a keepsake Book of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, built in 1765 and Brass Marker Plate of Several Patriots of the American Revolution. The effort and work for Bobbi to invest in the project is priceless to our efforts to keep our history alive. We also were blessed with a second visit from the Sons of the American Revolution President General Mr. Thomas E. Lawrence (TX). Mr. Lawrence has

We thank the Continental Chapter for their hard work in providing a stellar Annual Board of Management Meeting. Special



Knight Essay Recipient, Eric Miller

been a member a member of the Sons of the American Revolution since 1996. He was elected President General of the National Society, Sons of The American Revolution, in July 2015 to serve a one-year term.

The Newly Elected Officers are as follows: PASSAR President/Treasurer Donald Mengle; Greg Shively, 1st Vice President; 2nd Vice President/Secretary Ray Prusia, Sr.; 3rd Vice President Clayton Dawson.



Thomas E. Lawrence

Recognized award winners were JROTC 1st Place Recipient to Army JROTC Cadet Jordan Mushalko: Knight Essay 1st place: Eric Miller from Washington Crossing Chapter, Philadelphia, Eagle Scout Award, (Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, Brendon Salyards, Pittsburgh Chapter, Eric Goodman and Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Matthew S.R. Waldschmidt).

We congratulate all the newly elected officers and youth who made this event enjoyable. We also thank the Continental Chapter for a their excellent Annual Board of Management Meeting.



SAR Atlantic Middle States Conference - August 2016

*Ernest Sutton
Past President / Trustee
Pennsylvania SAR*



Compatriots,

Registration is now open for the 2016 Atlantic Middle States Association's Annual Conference. For those who are not familiar, the AMS Annual Conference is a joint meeting between the state societies in the North Atlantic District (Empire State and New Jersey) and the Mid-Atlantic District (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia). The 2016 Conference will be held from August 12-14, 2016 at the Albany Radisson Hotel in Albany, NY. Conference activities also include a tour of Saratoga National Historical Park and an evening Presentation on Benedict Arnold.

Conference information, important deadlines, and registration forms are available on the AMS website: <http://ams.dessar.org> (please note there is no "www" in the address).

Your fellow Compatriots of the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Districts hope you can join us! Davis Wright AMS Webmaster SAR Officer is an email list used for announcements or notifications of an official nature. It is not to be used for advertisements, discussions of a political nature or topics not related to the SAR and its mission.



Frontier Patriots Recognized

*By Ernest Sutton
Flag & Eagle Scout Chair; Historian; Past President/Trustee
Pennsylvania SAR*

Congratulations on your newspaper coverage of the Frontier Patriots receiving recognition in **The Society of 1776** that supports the SAR Museum of the American Revolution and its educational programs.

The Frontier Patriots Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution received a National SAR 1776 Campaign Society Flag Streamer in recognition of a donation to the SAR Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, KY.

The Foundation Patriots Chapter encompasses Blair, Bedford, and Clearfield and Huntingdon counties. Shown are (from left): Bob Williams, Frontier Patriots Vice president; John Faulds, treasurer; Joe McMullen, State S.A.R. president; Dave Hammaker, Frontier Patriots President; Melvin McDowell, secretary/chancellor/Chaplain and Larry Smith, Historian/Registrar/Genealogist. (Source: *Altoona Mirror* March 23, 2016 D Section)



Local SAR Chapter wins State Award Cambria County Recognized



By William Lehman, 2nd Vice President/Registrar

Somerset - Cambria Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has won the 2015 Most Active Mid size Chapter Award of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This is the second consecutive year for the local chapter. The award is based on the chapters activities throughout the past year. Recruitment of new members, members submitting supplemental applications, submission of Patriot biographies, Revolutionary Era grave markings, appearing in print media, support of the Daughters and Children of the American Revolution, Youth programs, public service programs, Compatriot grave markings, attendance at State, District or National meetings, and civic awards such as Good Citizenship awards to local school students and Eagle Scout programs. The award was presented to William L. Lehman, Somerset Cambria Chapter Registrar and 2nd Vice President at the Annual Board of Management meeting held in Lancaster, Pa at the Eden Resort on May 7.



Shown in the photo are State President Joseph B. McMullen, William Lehman Somerset Cambria Chapter, Ernest L. Sutton Past President, Historian and District 8 Deputy.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a historical, educational, and patriotic neage society that seeks to maintain and extend:

- The institutions of American freedom
- An appreciation for true patriotism
- A respect for our national symbols
- The value of American citizenship
- the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American

people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions. If you are interested in joining the group, please checkout our website - sccsar.org

Fort Jackson Chapter Flag Day observance held on the steps of the Greene County Court House.





President General

Shares Progress of SAR

President General Thomas E. Lawrence



I wanted to bring you up to date on what happened at the Spring Leadership meeting. In addition to my report some of the committee chairmen have attached a summary of their committee's activities.

SOCIAL;

On Thursday night about 140 of us went on a dinner cruise on the Ohio River. There was a nice bar, pretty scenery and the food was good. Richard Brockway led us in a river themed sing along and all of the passengers had a great time. It was a casual evening away from the hotel and gave us a good start to the weekend.

On Friday night we had our Night in the Caribbean. The attire was island dress with Caribbean shirts and dresses for the ladies. I did not see a single tie the entire night. There was a pina colada bar set up in addition to the regular bar. The tables were decorated with pink flamingos and we had a wonderful steel drum band from the University of Louisville. Before the dinner I saw something I never thought I would see at an SAR dinner and that was members and their wives doing a conga line through the tables dancing to the steel drum band. Our speaker was Professor Andrew O'Shaughnessy from the University of Virginia who spoke on the American Revolution in the Caribbean. I think everyone had a good time and we had fun and learned something about the importance of the Caribbean in winning our independence.

Saturday night was not our normal dinner. Although we did wear formal attire there was no formal head table on risers at the front of the room. Instead we had a platform set up for a band. In lieu of a speaker I decided we should have a good band and on the advice of Debbie Smalley, we booked the "Monarchs" from Louisville and they were excellent. They played mostly 60's and 70's music with one to two from the 50's and from the first song our members and their wives were up and dancing.

First Lady Mickey Jo and I received a number of comments both at the meeting, and later by phone and e-mail, about how much fun they had at this Leadership meeting.

BUSINESS;

THURSDAY

We did conduct some business in addition to having fun. Both the EXCOM and the Foundation Board met on Thursday. Some committees wanted to meet on Thursday because they could take more time and relieve the committee crunch on Friday. We began the Trustee meeting on Thursday at 3:00 PM because we had so much business to discuss. Some of the business we completed was to hear the officer reports, former PG reports and some committee reports. One important matter was to select the

host state for the 2020 Congress and the Trustees chose Virginia. Virginian is currently trying to decide what city will be the host but I am sure it will be a great Congress with so much to see and do in Virginia. There was one item of business we took up but after much discussion was unresolved. The SAR received a bequest of \$100,000 and it was initially thought it was to go to the Eagle Scout fund and so the money was deposited in that fund. Later a codicil to the will was discovered which revealed that the money was actually intended for the SAR to be used as it saw fit. Of course a decision such as how to distribute a non-specific bequest must be made by the Trustees. There were several ideas and some motions made but all of the motions were postponed to the next Trustee meeting, which will be on Sunday morning at congress. There was also a motion to ask the PG to appoint a committee to look at this issue and make a recommendation. That motion passed and I subsequently appointed a three-man committee who will submit a report with their recommendations. We adjourned at 5:00 PM to get ready for the dinner cruise.

FRIDAY

As usual Friday was taken up with committee meetings, which began as early as 7:00 AM and generally went to 4:00 PM.

SATURDAY

We began with the SAR 1000 Breakfast at 7:00 AM then some went into the EXCOM meeting at 8:30 AM. The Trustee meeting started at 9:30 AM. The first order of business was to hear a report from IT chairman Bill Marrs and our contractor, Blackstone, on how our IT upgrades were progressing. Their goal is to finish all the member application section, the events section, which includes Congress registration, the merchandise section and the new website. After those four sections are completed they will begin on the donor module followed by the genealogical research and database module. There was some thought about integrating Sharefile into our website so all members could utilize it but it appears there will be some challenges with that so we will have to wait and look at that later. The total cost for IT upgrades in 2016 is about \$175,000. So far the Trustees have funded only \$105,000 of that leaving us with enough money to finish the donor project but not enough to complete the database project we all want. When the King's College contract was signed private donations of \$33,400 were received to offset the yearly cost of \$38,600 leaving a balance of \$5,200, which will be split, between the SAR Foundation and the SAR operating fund. Since we set aside a operating budget contingency of \$38,600 to cover King's College this will mean we can remove all but \$2,600 from the contingency freeing up \$36,000 to spend on other

needs. I intend to propose to the Trustees at Congress that we spend that \$36,000 on IT upgrades. We are still \$34,000 short if we want to begin the database project, so unless we can find another \$34,000 we may have to wait until 2017 to begin that project, which I don't think anyone wants to do.

Director of Education Colleen Wilson also gave us an update on our Outreach Education site telling us about all of the tools we currently have available for our chapters to show the schools. Director of Operations Mike Scroggins told us about a proposal with Family Search to digitize our member application and supporting documentation records for free. They would then have the use of copies of those records as a part of our agreement. Discussions are ongoing and I hope we will have a proposal to present at congress. Congress Planning Chairman Paul Callanan then provided us with an update on the Boston congress.

Then we got down to the main business of the meeting, which was to decide if the SAR was going to approve the Solid Light project and go forward and build the museum. We heard reports from Bill Stone (AL) Project Manager, John Murphy from Solid Light, David Boring (DC) chairman of the Finance Committee, David Billings (AL) Chairman of the Long Range Planning and Investment Committees, Randy Ellis (TX) Chairman of the Budget Committee and finally from Sam Powell (NC) President of the SAR Foundation. After all of the reports were given we recessed and had an open discussion with questions and answers. After everyone had an opportunity to speak we broke for lunch. After lunch we went back into session and the floor was open for motions. The first motion was to approve the Solid Light plan and it was passed by a majority vote. The second motion was to build the museum for a total cost not to exceed \$10 million dollars. After discussion the motion passed.

Two other items came up for discussion. One was a motion to pay down \$500,000 toward our debt at 5th3rd Bank. A motion was made to pay \$250,000 out of the operating reserve and \$250,000 out of the available funds in the SAR Foundation. The motion passed. I would add a comment to this that the Trustees previously passed a motion that the operating reserve be allowed to rise to a level equal to six months, which we have been working toward with our budgets. This action in paying

\$250,000 out of the operating reserve would seem inconsistent with the previous actions of the Trustees so this issue may need clarification in the future. As a practical matter this payment toward our debt will significantly decrease our operating reserve, which is our emergency fund.

The other matter was a motion from the SAR Implementation Committee chaired by PG Nathan White. The motion was to adopt spending priorities for money allocated by the Trustees. The priorities are as follows; 1) pay off the debt at 5th3rd Bank, 2) implementation of the branding program, 3) implementation of the digitization project, 4) Build out the second floor of the HQ building, and 5) build out the first floor education center/museum. The motion was clarified to be that it was aspirational and does not impose specific funding restraints. The motion passed.

Although there were many other items presented these were the most important. The minutes will be available on Sharefile later for anyone wanting more information. We adjourned at 4:00 PM, which meant that the Trustees spent 7 1/2 hours conducting business for the SAR, which is a big increase over how long we normally spend on our business.

I want to thank all of the members for their courteous demeanor and professional attitude during this meeting. I would also like to single out Chairman Charley Brown and the Museum Board for their hard work on reviewing the Solid Light plan. Also deserving of praise is Dick Marsh Chairman of the Risk Management committee for their efforts in reviewing and making recommendations on our insurance policy. Assisting him were members Price Legg (AL), George Thurmond (GA), and Steve Perkins (MA).

Attached are some other committee reports. Please look over these reports as much of our important business is conducted in committee meetings.

Respectfully,

Tom Lawrence

Tom Lawrence (TX)
President General

2016 National Memorial Day Parade: PASSAR Links Up with SAR France

Ernest L. Sutton

Historian & Past President Pennsylvania Society SAR

It was a hot sultry day with humidity at 80% when PASSAR and SAR France compatriots linked up in Washington DC to walk in the largest Memorial Day Parade in the United States. It is sponsored by the American Veterans' Center, Arlington VA. Joining the SAR unit of about 50 compatriots, the unit composed two sections: the Color Guards and the Blue Blazer/Khaki corps. This was followed by Secretary General Michael Tome, Sr. in his



(Photo: Left to Right: Tanguy Debienassis (SAR France), Thomas Edwards (Pittsburgh), Ernest Sutton (Gen Arthur St Clair) and Carmille de Labriffe (SAR France))

convertible wagon with the camp followers and water. We waved continuously along the two mile Constitution Avenue route to visitors numbering nearly 300,000. Fortunately the SAR was near the head of the 3-hour parade, and could then watch the parade at the end under the cool refreshing water mist provided by the fire department. Each participant received the SAR VASSAR National Memorial Day Medal.





Empire State Society, SAR to Host Atlantic Middle States Conference

August 12-14, 2016



On August 12-14 2016 The Empire State Society of the SAR, Albany New York will be host to the Middle States SAR Annual Conference. The Atlantic Middle States Association of the Sons of the American Revolution is composed of seven state societies in two districts. The Mid-Atlantic District is comprised of the Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and District of Columbia Societies.

The North Atlantic District is comprised of the Empire State (New York) and New Jersey Societies. The operations of the AMSA are overseen jointly by the Vice Presidents General for the Mid-Atlantic District and the North Atlantic District. The Mid-Atlantic District annually elects a Vice President General, while the North Atlantic District elects a Vice President General for a two-year term.

Special event has been planned for compatriots and their guests to tour the Saratoga Battlefield – The Turning Point of the American Revolution”.

The Revolutionary War is enshrined in American memory as the beginning of a new nation born in freedom. In this memory the conflict was quick and easy, the adversaries are little more than cartoon-like tin soldiers whose brightly colored uniforms make them ideal targets for straight-shooting American frontiersmen. In actuality, the very year of Independence was a time of many military disasters for the fledgling republic; the first year of its existence was almost its last. New York was the stage for much of the drama that unfolded.

During the summer of 1776, a powerful army under British General Sir William Howe invaded the New York City area. His professional troops defeated and outmaneuvered General George Washington's less trained forces. An ill advised American invasion of Canada had come to an appalling end, its



once confident regiments reduced to a barely disciplined mob beset by smallpox and pursuing British troops through the Lake Champlain Valley.

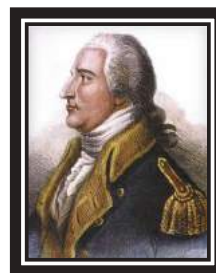
The American victory at Saratoga was a major turning point in the war for Independence, heartening the supporters of independence and convincing France to enter in the war as an ally of the fledgling United States. It would be French military assistance that would keep the rebel cause from collapse and tip the balance at Yorktown, Virginia in 1781 – winning America its ultimate victory as a free and independent nation. The war also would reach to nearly every quarter of the globe as Spain and the Netherlands would become involved. But more importantly ideals of the rebel Americans would be exported as well, inspiring people throughout the world with the hope of liberties and freedom.

Banquet Topic: Title: “Arnold on Arnold, May 18, 1775: Benedict Arnold Saves America’s

This presentation highlights one of the most overlooked actions of the American Revolutionary War. We'll explore the events leading up to the day Colonel Benedict Arnold takes matters into his own hands and secures Northern New York's frontier from British encroachment. Arnold's early actions on Lake Champlain gave our new nation

time. Time to come together as a people, time to form political institutions, time to organize an army and Registration deadline is Friday July 22, 2016.

Source: <http://battle1777.saratoga.org>



About Our Hosts:

Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

On April 10th, 1889 a call was issued inviting delegates from every existing society from all states and territories to meet at Fraunce's Tavern in New York to organize a National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Shortly after, February 11th, 1890, the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was organized.



Over a hundred and twenty years since its founding, the Empire State Society now has nineteen active chapters in four regions of the state. Come join and be a part of history!

For more information on this conference and registration, please see the reverse side of this page or visit the esssar.org website by scanning the QRC code above



**THE MID-ATLANTIC STATES ASSOCIATION
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
2016 Atlantic Middle State Conference**

August 12-13, 2016

(Hosted by the Empire State Society, SAR)

Registration

Albany Radisson
205 Wolf Rd.
Albany NY 12205
800-230-4134

We have negotiated a special rate of \$120.00 per night, plus applicable taxes (please mention "Sons of the American Revolution"). Room reservations must be made directly with the Albany Radisson prior to Friday, July 22, 2016 at 3 pm to receive the discount rate. Flying in? Closest airport is Albany International (ALB) and hotel shuttle service is available.

Name: _____
Street: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Chapter: _____
Guest Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
State Society: _____
SAR Office _____
Number Total: _____

Conference Package

Registration (All SAR members must register):	# _____	@ \$20 each.	Total _____
Friday Night Buffet Dinner:	# _____	@ \$65.00 each.	Total _____
Friday Night Ladies Program (No Charge)	# _____	@	_____
Saturday Lunch/Tour:	# _____	@ \$50.00 each	Total _____
# _____ Turkey	# _____ Roast Beef	# _____ Black Forest Ham	

Note: Tour is limited to the first 55 responses

Saturday Banquet Meal:

NY Strip Steak	# _____	@ \$85.00 each.	Total _____
Salmon	# _____	@ \$75.00 each.	Total _____

Total Amount Remitted: _____

Kindly Mail the registration form & payment made payable to "ESSSAR"

No later than July 22, 2016 to"

**Empire State Society, SAR
C/o Timothy Middlebrook
57 Boulevard Knolls
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

For questions, please contact:

Duane Booth, Society President booths42@fairpoint.net or 518-733-0830

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Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution Summer Board of Management Meeting August 5 & 6, 2016

Hosted by the Pittsburgh Chapter
Pittsburgh Airport Marriott

Friday, August 5, 2016

3:00 - 5:00 PM

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

Registration - Lobby

Reception with Cash Bar

Dinner

Saturday, August 6, 2016

8:00 — 9:00 AM

9:00 — 11:30 AM

9:30 — 11:00 AM

Registration - Lobby

Board of Management Meeting. (Pastries, coffee & tea will be available)

Ladies Program - Dru Simeone, Pittsburgh Chapter DAR Regent, will present a talk entitled "Pioneers of Pittsburgh Preservation." (Pastries, coffee & tea will be available)

Noon

Luncheon – Jennifer Ford, Ph.D., Executive Director, Fort Bedford Museum will talk on "George Washington and Bedford: Past, Present & Future"

Make room reservations directly with the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, 777 Aten Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108-7749, 412-788-8800 or 800-228-9290, www.pittsburghairportmarriott.com. Mention **Pittsburgh Chapter SAR** to receive special rate of \$109.00/day, plus tax. Room reservations must be made on or before Monday, July 18, 2016. The hotel will guarantee rate and availability only until that date.

The Summer PASSAR Board of Management Meeting is scheduled for August 5 & 6, 2016. The deadline to register for the meeting is Monday, July 18, 2016.

Registration (Compatriots only) \$15.00

\$ _____

Ladies Program \$15.00

\$ _____

Friday evening dinner preceded by reception & cash bar, \$44.00 per person.

☐ Chicken Marsala. Sautéed Breast of Chicken with Marsala Wine Sauce & Mushrooms. Tomato Florentine Soup. Boursin Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans with Baby Carrots. Dessert-Key Lime Pie. Coffee & Tea.

☐ Pan Seared Salmon with Honey Glaze. Tomato Florentine Soup. Boursin Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans with Baby Carrots. Dessert-Key Lime Pie. Coffee & Tea.

☐ Vegetarian – Chef's choice.

No. of Persons ____ x \$44.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch - \$34.00 per person.

☐ Roast Pork Loin with Apple Pear Demi Glace. Mixed Green Salad with Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette. Roasted Red Skin Potatoes and Roasted Vegetables (Yellow Squash, Zucchini, Red Onion & Red Pepper. Dessert-NY Style Cheesecake with Chocolate Drizzle. Coffee & Tea.

☐ Chicken Toscana. Pan Sautéed Chicken Breast with Lemon, White Wine, Fontina Cheese, Topped with Spinach & Diced Tomatoes. Roasted Red Skin Potatoes and Roasted Vegetables (Yellow Squash, Zucchini, Red Onion & Red Pepper. Mixed Green Salad with Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette. Dessert. NY Style Cheesecake with Chocolate Drizzle. Coffee & Tea.

☐ Vegetarian – Chef's choice

No. of Persons ____ x \$34.00 = \$ _____

Please advise of any dietary restriction when registering.

Name _____ Chapter _____ Office _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Guest(s), Name(s) _____

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PASSAR FEES & DUES

NEW APPLICANT

National Society	\$ 80.00
First calendar years' dues,	
NSSAR	35.00
Pennsylvania Society	25.00
+First calendar years' dues,	
PASSAR	24.00
Transfer from CAR under	
age 22 = First Calendar	
Years Dues, NSSAR	35.00
First Calendar Years Dues,	
PASSAR.	24.00

ANNUAL DUES

National Society	35.00
Junior Member	5.00
Pennsylvania Society	24.00*
Chapter fees vary Family	
Application (2nd + additional	
applications on the same	
line) National Society	35.00
+First calendar Years dues,	
NSSAR.	35.00
Pennsylvania Society	12.50
+First calendar years' dues,	
PASSAR	24.00

REINSTATEMENT

Current years dues (\$54.00) +10.00

TRANSFER AND REINSTATEMENT

Current years dues (\$54.00) + chapter dues + \$10.00 for copy of application

SUPPLEMENTAL

National Society	60.00
Pennsylvania Society	10.00

DUEL MEMBERSHIPS

PA. Society dues (\$24.00) + \$10.00 for application.

Note: Chapter fees must be added to all above categories.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Life Memberships are available for the National, State & Chapter levels. The exact cost is based on your age. Contact your chapter Secretary/Treasurer for costs and Information.

Eric H. Troutman, Registrar

*. A \$3 assessment was added from 2015 - 2021 to offset the cost of hosting a Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

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