

# The Pennsylvania Minuteman Newsletter

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



The Third Annual Constitution  
Day Ball & Presentation of  
Debutantes 2017





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## Cover Story

In September of 1787, the Founding Fathers signed the most influential document in American history: the United States Constitution. Every year, the Sons, Daughters and Children of the American Revolution commemorate that historic day by hosting the Constitution Day *Debutante Ball* on September 17 at the King of Prussia Doubtree. This year, as in previous years, the Pennsylvania Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a formal celebration that included “The Presentation of Debutantes” where Children of the American Revolution participate as either debutantes or escorts. A variety of social media explains that a debutante ball is an event where a young woman, or in some cultures, a young man, is formally introduced into society. In many societies, such a ball is associated with wealthy and socially-influential families. The United States, England, Ireland, and Australia all have variations on this event.

In Colonial America, the history of the debutante ball centered around ceremonies that involved the debutante wearing certain clothing, such as a white ball gown. Traditionally, debutantes were introduced by former debutantes, often their mothers if they had had a coming out, or else a mother-in-law introducing her son's new wife.

In the United States, a debutante ball is also sometimes called a cotillion. American balls may be quite elite and formal, with a receiving line of young women all in white gowns who are introduced, in turn, on stage by their fathers. The debutante also often has a date at the ball, and sometimes more than one male date. The young men may also be dressed all in white or in a military uniform. This year's event ended with a dance where young and old alike enjoyed the festivities.



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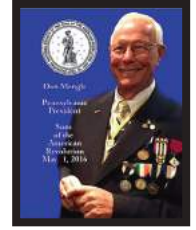
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## Comments from the President

Donald E. Mengle  
Pennsylvania SAR President/Treasurer



Compatriots,

My congratulations to the Frontier Patriots Chapter which hosted our Fall Board of Management meeting on November 11-12, 2016. President, Dave Hammaker, and his Compatriots produced a wonderful meeting and we all thank you.

Thanks to Compatriots Lanny Patten, Miles Dechant, William McKim and Ernie Sutton for leading the discussion on PASSAR potentially hosting a national Congress.

Jo Anne and I have crisscrossed our great state several times since May 2016, visiting chapters, installing officers, participating in special activities and events. What a wonderful experience it has been — meeting Compatriots, being made aware of their concerns and achievements, and creating ways to improve our Society.

I congratulate our chapters for their great newsletters, many of which have been spectacular. Chapter newsletters are a great way to inform others of your ideas and successes. Following examples and sharing ideas creates motivation and moves PASSAR forward for national recognition.

As I write this, December 7, “A Day in Infamy,” approaches. Year-round let us all honor those who pay the supreme price in defense of our great country and let us also take pride in the fact that we are the descendants of heroes of the American Revolution.

On October 21 PASSAR received an additional \$100,000 bequest from the estate of Elizabeth Holliday Ramsey, wife of deceased Compatriot Captain James Ramsey, PASSAR Past President. We are very grateful for the bequests from the Ramseys. Our Reserve Finance Committee, chaired by Thomas Edwards, is distributing the funds as directed by the will.

At the November Board of Management (BOM) meeting the Ladies Auxiliary to PASSAR (LAPASSAR) was officially instituted and officers installed. This is a first for Pennsylvania and follows several other states in formalizing the support (both financial and service) provided to SAR by spouses, widows, sisters, daughters and friends. President, Jan Showler, and her committee worked long and hard to research other state organizations and develop bylaws. At the same time, we want to make it clear that all ladies are welcome and we encourage you to attend the BOM meetings where the host chapter arranges for interesting and informative programs for the ladies. Membership in LAPASSAR is optional and the business meetings will be brief, usually at 9 a.m. with the arranged program taking place at 9:30 a.m.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all Compatriots who give their time and expertise to further the programs of our Society and hope that many more will step forward to work at the chapter and state level for even greater success.

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all.



Fraternally,

*Donald E. Mengle*

Donald E. Mengle  
PASSAR President

## VALLEY FORGE SAR CELEBRATES INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & NEW MEMBER

Don Mengle attended the Valley Forge annual meeting Veterans Day luncheon at Prime Steak House in Bethlehem, PA for the installation of new officers. William Haynes will serve as Chapter President for 2017 – 2018. While at the meeting, Don met one of the chapter's newest members, George Snyder. George, Don and their wives all graduated from Altoona High school about the same time. George graduated a year after Don. Picture at the right shows Don pinning the SAR Rosette on George lapel.

*Photo Courtesy by Don Drewry*



*Photo Courtesy: Thomas Carnahan*

### General Arthur St Clair Awards SAR Fire Commendation Medal

Gen Arthur St Clair President Thomas Carnahan (above right) presented William Rudolph the SAR Fire Commendation Medal. Mr. Rudolph is the Director of the Greensburg Fire Museum which hosts a number of fire prevention programs annually, while preserving over 200 years of firefighting memorabilia.



*Photo Courtesy:*

*Thomas Carnahan*

*[I]t is a common observation here that our cause is the cause of all mankind, and that we are fighting for their liberty in defending our own.*

Benjamin Franklin (letter to Samuel Cooper)  
May 1, 1777

On August 20th, the members of the Gen Arthur St Clair Chapter of the SAR gathered in Historic Hannastown for their annual picnic. There were 45 members and guests in attendance. The catered luncheon and hospitality was enjoyed by all.



# Bedford County in the American Revolutionary War Exhibit

By Larry D. Smith, Frontier Patriots

The exhibit, *Bedford County in the American Revolutionary War*, is currently being shown at the Bedford County Historical Society's gallery at 6441 Lincoln Highway, Bedford, PA 15522. The exhibit will continue through this year and possibly into the spring of 2017. The exhibit may be visited during the BCHS's regular hours of Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. The exhibit

independence). Each panel also includes images of artifacts related to the American Revolutionary



Photo of Larry D. Smith/Photo Courtesy: Larry D. Smith

is also open to viewing by groups at other times upon request.

As the title suggests, *Bedford County in the American Revolutionary War* presents information on the role that Bedford County, which was then part of the Pennsylvania frontier, played in the conflict. A series of thirteen informational panels were created. Each panel provides information on a different aspect of the War and includes, where possible, evidence of Bedford County's participation. An example is a panel titled "Independence Declared" which includes a transcript of the "Bedford Resolves" which the residents adopted on 09 May 1775 which, incidentally, was eleven days prior to the Mecklenburg Declaration, which is so often touted as being the (first set of resolves) supporting

**The artifacts on exhibit (with the exception of a few items) come from the personal collection of Larry D. Smith.**



War. The artifacts illustrated in the panels are also on exhibit.

## PASSAR Welcomes Its Ladies Auxiliary

PASSAR is pleased to present to the Society members of the Ladies Auxiliary Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution (LAPASSAR) at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Management Meeting (BOM) at the Calvin House in Duncansville, Pennsylvania. Pictured below are Stephanie Troutman (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) Ann Patten, Becky Moyer [pictured to the right] (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Nancy Anders, Denise L. Harry (Secretary), Sue Morgan (Treasurer), Carol Strasbaugh, Julie McGeary, Nancy Barlow, and Betty Bruce (First Lady of Anthony Wayne Chapter). Not shown in the picture are Janice Showler [inset] (President) and Jo Ann Mengle (First Lady of Pennsylvania Society), Dee Dee Prusia (First Lady of the Erie Chapter), Mary Ann Coulter, Barbara Dawson, Betty Dechant, Helen Gallagher, Patty Kennedy, Patricia McKim, Susan O'Donnell, and Betsy Wiser.



*Photo courtesy: William McKim, Esq.*

LAPASSAR assists the Pennsylvania Society in its mission through patriotism, historical education, and fund raising. Membership in the Auxiliary is open to the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other female relatives of Sons of the American Revolution members. The auxiliary meets quarterly, during PASSAR BOM Meetings. For additional information, contact Auxiliary President, Janice Showler at [upenn92@verizon.net](mailto:upenn92@verizon.net) or at 215-632-4229.

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## Erie Chapter Recognizes Students During Henry T. Fowler Book Award

On December 6, 2017 at Erie Maennachor Club during its Annual Henry T. Fowler Book Award Program, the Erie Chapter SAR awarded some of its brightest and community and school-minded with the Bronze Medals for Good Citizenship. This year's recipients are: William Lewis of Cathedral Prep High School, Nico Lombardo (not pictured) of The Collegiate Academy, Shannon Hulings of Fairview High School, Portia Nowosielski of Harbor Creek High School, Zachery Johnson of Northwestern High School, Matthew Baldwin of Mercyhurst Preparatory School, Rachel Sallach of Seneca High School and Molly Whaley of Villa Maria Academy. In addition to the Bronze Good Citizenship Award and certificate, each student was given a copy of an excerpt from the book A History of the American Revolution by John R. Alden



*Photo Courtesy: William Harry*



## Harris Ferry Chapter Celebrates Constitution Day With Pinning 3 Generations

By Clay Dawson

On September 18, 2016, at the Constitution Day luncheon, Harris Ferry Chapter, President Dennis Bobb inducted three members of the Shaw family. Shown are President Bobb, Lewis

Shaw III, Nathan Shaw, and Lewis Shaw Jr.



Photo Courtesy by Clay Dawson

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## Erie Chapter Receives Charter During Rededication

By William E. Harry

During their chapter meeting, the SAR Erie chapter members were represented with a charter to replace one that long since had disappeared. State officials attended the meeting to celebrate this re-dedication of the chapter's charter. Attending the re-dedication ceremony from left to right include the following state officials and Erie members: Chapter Secretary, David Karrfalt; PASSAR President, Don Mengle; Book Night Chairman and former US senator, William F. Sesler, Esq.; Ernest Sutton, M.D., PASSAR Historian; Ray Prusia, Erie Chapter President; Compatriots David Howell and Herbert Armes; and Eric Troutman, PASSAR Registrar.



*"The foundation of our Empire was not laid in the gloomy age of Ignorance and Superstition, but at an Epoch when the rights of mankind were better understood and more clearly defined, than at any former period, the researches of the human mind, after social happiness, have been carried to a great extent, the Treasures of knowledge, acquired by the labours of Philosophers, Sages and Legislatures, through a long succession of years, are laid open for our use, and their collected wisdom may be happily applied in the Establishment of our forms of Government; the free cultivation of Letters, the unbounded extension of Commerce, the progressive refinement of Manners, the growing liberality of sentiment, and above all, the pure and benign light of Revelation, have had a meliorating influence on mankind and increased the blessings of Society. At this auspicious period, the United States came into existence as a Nation, and if their Citizens should not be completely free and happy, the fault will be entirely their own."*

George Washington: Circular to the States – June 8, 1783

## Would You Sign the Constitution?

*By Compatriot Monty R. Murty, General Arthur St. Clair Chapter PASSAR.*

"When was the last time you successfully changed anyone's mind about anything? Or even got a small group of people to agree on something? Now, try to imagine fifty-five men getting together in Philadelphia in 1787, trying to agree on a better way to unify the states into a nation" (National Constitution Center, p.9) something that had proven impossible under the Articles of Confederation. These are some provocative questions posed by the National Constitution Center in its lesson plan for educators entitled, "To Sign or Not to Sign." Some favored a strong central government, Federalists; and some favored strong states' rights, Anti-federalists. Somehow, after months of quarreling and compromise, those

men managed to hammer out the enduring framework for America's Constitution. Every year on Constitution Day, we celebrate those men and the Constitution they wrote.

September 17, 1787 was the final day of the Constitutional Convention, when 39 of the men still present in Philadelphia chose to sign the document. In 1917, the Sons of the American Revolution formed a committee to promote Constitution Day. It took some time. First, there was Citizenship Day, then Constitution Week. Constitution Day was established as a civil holiday by Act of Congress in 2004. It mandates that all schools receiving federal funds, and all federal agencies, provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution each September 17th, or when it falls on a weekend, on the nearest weekday.

Constitution Day 2016 fell on a Saturday, so the Fort Ligonier Chapter of the DAR and the General Arthur St. Clair Chapter of the SAR took advantage of the opportunity to present a citizenship education program "Would You Sign the Constitution?" provided by the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA to more than 1,000 visitors to the Ligonier Country Market held in Westmoreland County PA.

This DAR/SAR program was developed using the lesson plan "To Sign, or Not to Sign" from the Constitution Day Kit of the National Constitution Center. The kit is available for \$35 on-line (<http://constitutioncenter.org/>). In addition to the lesson plan, it includes a life-size parchment reproduction of the original US Constitution. US Representative Tim Murphy and PA Representative Mike Reese donated pocket-size copies of the US Constitution for distribution. Following the program, the educational materials were delivered to teachers and students in the local school district.

Chapters' volunteers, dressed in Colonial costumes, helped visitors understand the issues and the people who shaped the United States Constitution. They displayed the "original Constitution" along with quill pens, inkwells and a scroll to

record the signatures of modern day supporters of that document.

After viewing the display and learning some of the political opinions of Convention delegates who signed or refused to sign the Constitution in 1787, visitors were invited to respond to the now more provocative statement, "Would You Sign the

Constitution?" They were presented the opportunity to sign the Constitution now in 2016, if they chose, or to discuss what it meant not to sign. Either way, they were in good company as the exhibits showed, for example:

John Jay, a citizen of New York and a Federalist signed saying, "This plan is the result of accommodation. The men who formed this plan are Americans, who had long deserved and enjoyed our confidence, and who are as much interested in having a good government as any of us are or can be. They do not hold it up as the best of all possible ones, but only as the best which they could unite in and agree to. If such men,

appointed and meeting under such auspicious

circumstances, and so sincerely disposed to conciliation, could go no farther in their endeavors to please every state and everybody, what reason have we, at present, to expect any system that would give more general satisfaction? No one man or thing under the sun ever yet pleased everybody" (National Constitution Center, p.9).

Elbridge Gerry, a delegate from Massachusetts and an Anti-Federalist did not sign and said, "As the Convention was called for 'the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation, and reporting to Congress, and the several legislatures, such alterations and provisions as shall render that document adequate to the exigencies of government and the preservation of the Union,' I did not conceive that these powers extend to the formation of the plan proposed" (Library of Congress).

From the beginning, there were questions about the very things Americans had fought for in the Revolution. Wouldn't a stronger central government mean weaker states' rights? Compromises, like slavery, would take years, even bloodshed, to resolve. Fundamental rights of individual citizens were overlooked. That required 10 amendments, called the Bill of Rights. Sovereignty of Federal law over state law, the power to tax, make foreign treaties and declare war almost squelched the deal. Ultimately, the delegates agreed to a brilliant compromise. A balance between federal power and states' rights. And the rest, as they say, is history that we celebrate each Constitution Day.

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*Photo Courtesy: Monty R. Murty*



## Calendar of Events

If your chapter has an event, please notify the Editor of those upcoming activities for which the Chapter and/or its members are participating.

Send events with the Event Title, Date, Time and place to bill.harry51@gmail.com

Date	Event	Time	Host	Place
01/21/2017	Erie Chapter Meeting	12:00 PM	Erie Chapter	Erie Maennechor Club, 1067 State Street, Erie, PA
02/3-4/2017	PASSAR BOM Winter Meeting		PASSAR	See page 15 for Registration
02/04/2017	LAPASSAR Meeting	9:00-9:30 AM	Ladies Auxiliary	Holiday Inn, Allentown Lehigh Valley, Breinigsville, PA
02/04/2017	Ladies Program	9:30 AM	PASSAR	Holiday Inn, Allentown Lehigh Valley, Breinigsville, PA
03/04/2017	FP Chapter Meeting	12:00 PM	Frontier Patriots	Kings Restaurant. 6th Ave Altoona PA
03/18/2017	Erie Chapter Meeting	12:00 PM	Erie Chapter	Erie Maennechor Club, 1067 State Street, Erie, PA
03/24/2017	PA CAR Meeting	TBA	Erie CAR	To be Determined
05/12-13/2017	PASSAR BOM Spring/Annual Meeting		PASSAR	Ramada Inn, State College, PA
05/13/2017	LAPASSAR Meeting	9:00-9:30 AM	Ladies Auxiliary	Ramada Inn, State College, PA
02/04/2017	Ladies Program	9:30 AM	PASSAR	Ramada Inn, State College, PA
05/20/2017	Erie Chapter Meeting	12:00 PM	Erie Chapter	Erie Maennechor Club, 1067 State Street, Erie, PA
05/24/2017	Erie SAR/DAR Spring Dinner	6:00 PM	Erie Chapter	Riverside Inn, Cambridge Springs, PA
06/03/2017	FP Chapter Meeting	12:00 PM	Frontier Patriots	Kings Restaurant. 6th Ave Altoona PA
07/07-12/2017	<b>127th SAR Congress Knoxville, TN</b>		<b>Tennessee SAR</b>	<b>For more information see: <a href="https://sar.org/annual-sar-congress">https://sar.org/annual-sar-congress</a></b>
07/15/2017	SAR Chapter Meeting	12:00 PM	Erie Chapter	Erie Maennechor Club, 1067 State Street, Erie, PA
08/04/05/2017	PASSAR BOM Summer Meeting		Erie Chapter	TBA
08/05/2017	LAPASSAR Meeting	9:00-9:30 AM	Ladies Auxiliary	TBA
02/04/2017	Ladies Program	9:30 AM	PASSAR	TBA
08/11-13/2017	<b>Atlantic Middle States Assoc. of SAR Meeting</b>		<b>PASSAR</b>	<b>See Page 14 for Registration Gettysburg, PA</b>
09/09/2017	FP Chapter Meeting	12:00 PM	Frontier Patriots	Kings Restaurant. 6th Ave Altoona PA
12/02/2017	FP Chapter Meeting	12:00 PM	Frontier Patriots	Kings Restaurant. 6th Ave Altoona PA

*“Now is the seedtime of continental union, faith and honor. The least fracture now, will be like a name engraved with the point of a pin on the tender rind of a young oak; the wound would enlarge with the tree, and posterity read in it full grown characters.”*

*Thomas Paine: Common Sense – January 10, 1776*

## Frontier Patriots Make Donation

By David G. Hammaker, President, Frontier Patriots SAR



Pictured from left to right John D Faulds, Treasurer and David G Hammaker, President of the Frontier Patriots Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution presenting a donation of \$1,000.00 to Julie Houston, Board Member of the Clearfield County Historical Society. The donation will support and preservation of historical information related to the Revolutionary War. The donation is made in honor of the bequest of Elizabeth Holliday Ramsey to the Frontier Patriots Chapter in memory of Joseph R Holliday and Joseph Ramsey.

*Photo Courtesy by David G. Hammaker*

## Flowers of the Forrest

**T**he Floo'ers o' the Forest (are a' wede away) is an old Scottish song conceived as a response to the Scots losing their battle of Flodden in September 1519. It is a story of a young lass who lost someone she loved so dear. We, as brethern, take this time to remember those who have gone before us with our hopes and prayers that they, like their patriot ancestor will not be forgotten. PASSAR Death Report: September 11, 2016 to December 10, 2016.

Name	Chapter	Birth Date	Death Date
Harry Edward Killen, III	George Washington	28 September 1934	1 October 2016
James Franklin Hawkins	Fort Jackson	4 April 1920	16 September 2016
Mark Christopher Vernon	Fort Jackson	28 September 1973	23 October 2016
George Richard Knorr	Gov, Joseph Hiester	20 October 1933	21 October 2016
Victor Howard Fiscus	Pittsburgh	11 October 1929	8 February 2016
Thomas Roland Jordon, Jr.	Philadelphia Continental	8 April 1925	24 January 2016
George Colvin Deffenbaugh	Tiadaghton	7 February 1924	2 November 2016
Fredrick L. Beaver	Valley Forge	10 February 1938	29 October 2016
Glenn Luther Haring	Valley Forge	13 September 1922	10 November 2016



This past September 20, 2016 Lanny and Ann Patten (pictured to left) and PASSAR President Don and Jo Ann Mengle (pictured to right) were invited guests to the first event at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, PA



to honor longtime benefactor and board chairman H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest with author David McCullough as speaker. The museum is scheduled for an April 19, 2017 public opening.



## Harris-Ferry Chapter celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Harris Ferry Chapter, PASSAR held its 76th Annual Meeting and Luncheon yesterday at West Shore Country Club, Camp Hill, PA. President Mengle installed the officers for 2017.



Photo courtesy: Don Mengle

## George Washington Chapter Participates In Naturalization Ceremony

By Gary Timmons, George Washington SAR Chapter

Gary Timmons was one of three speakers at the Naturalization Ceremonies held in Federal Court in Wheeling WV representing the SAR. U.S. Federal District Judge Frederick Stamp, a representative from Homeland Security, DAR representative Debi Smith, Bethany College President Dr. Tamara Rodenberg and Gary Timmons representing the SAR.



Photo to the left is New United States Citizen Miriam Roth Douglas and her Daughter with Gary Timmons following Naturalization Ceremonies in Wheeling WV.

*"We fight not to enslave, but to set a country free,  
and to make room upon the earth for honest men to  
live in."*

Thomas Paine  
The Crisis, No. 4  
September 12, 1777

## Welcome New Members

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

Last	First	Middle	Chapter	Ancestor	Sponsor
Belair	Nikolai	Cristoff	JH	Joseph Holmes	Eric Henry Troutman
Bowlby	Ronald	Robert	PC	Thomas Bowlsby	C. Kelsey Brown
Burt	Iyalo	Tzigan	PC	John Van Ausdal	Mark Edward Burt
Burt	Tzadhi I Michael	Umasway Masji	PC	John Van Ausdal	Mark Edward Burt
Cooper	Glenn	Mason	PC	John (Kessler) Casler	Charles Kelsey Brown
Edwards	William	Hastings	PC	John Mead	Joseph Robert Stokes, Jr.
Edwards	Christopher	Hamilton	PC	John Mead	Joseph Robert Stokes, Jr.
Grimes	Jeffry	Narem	FJ	George Graham	Halfred Terry Grimes
Haralson	Caiden	James	PB	Paul H. Haralson	Eric Henry Troutman
Hibbard	Richard	Emmette	CG	Josiah Hibbard	Raymond H. Ford
Kern	Bernard	Ray	JH	Conrad Hertz	Eric Henry Troutman
Nelsen	John	Alvin	PC	Darby Murphy	C. Kelsey Brown
Nelsen	John	Lee	PC	Darby Murphy	C. Kelsey Brown
Nelsen	Christopher	Lawrence	PC	Darby Murphy	C. Kelsey Brown
Ninemire	Benjamin	Joseph	PC	Abraham Danner	C. Kelsey Brown
Place	Christopher	Michael	PC	Darby Murphy	C. Kelsey Brown
Schaadt	Jason	James	VF	Johannes C. (Schadt) Schad	Don N. Drewry
Schaadt, Jr.	James	Lester	VF	Johannes C. (Schadt) Schad	Don N. Drewry
Schrum	Daniel	Phillip	PB	Peter Shrum	William P. Boswell
Snyder	Larry	Roger	PB	Valentine Schaffer	William P. Boswell
Snyder	Ryan	Lee	PB	Valentine Schaffer	William P. Boswell
Staples	David	George	AS	Joseph (Phippin) Phippen	Anthony W. Keefer
Turner	Guyon	Byoir Wolf	PC	Abraham Danner	C. Kelsey Brown

## SAR Youth Protection Training

Ernest Sutton, PASSAR Executive Board

As part of SAR President General Michael Tomme's educational outreach initiative, the SAR adapted the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) **Youth Protection** training program for all compatriots working with youth to complete.

This includes the CAR and educational programs presented in schools or outdoor fairs. The program can be completed online in 30 minutes and is renewed every 2 years:

[www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx)



## General Arthur St. Clair Chapter participates in Naturalization Ceremony

*By Anthony Keefer, Registrar, General Arthur St. Clair Chapter, SAR*

Two members of the General Arthur St. Clair Chapter (Fayette, Indiana, and Westmoreland Counties) participated in the Naturalization Ceremony at Fort Necessity National Battlefield, Farmington, PA on July 1, 2016. Chapter chaplain, Ralph Shupp and chapter registrar, Anthony Keefer led the Pledge of Allegiance during the ceremony. Twenty new citizens were welcomed. Countries represented included among others, Canada, Mexico, Zambia, Togo, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Bhutan, Cameroon, Australia, Brazil, and Kenya. Welcoming remarks were delivered by Michael Horvath, Field Office Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Keynote speaker was Fort Necessity Chief Ranger, Norman Nelson.

Following the ceremony, a light luncheon was held for the new citizens and their families. The luncheon was planned and served by members of the Somerset-Cambria Sons of the American Revolution, represented by chapter president, Clark Brocht and Robert Wrigley; the Chief Tanacharison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists, represented by Chapter Regent, Barbara Keefer; and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Tent 56, represented by Senior First Vice President, Joyce Wrigley and Secretary, Connie Nicholson.

The Naturalization Ceremony was one of 100 such ceremonies held in 100 different national parks as part of the park service's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Gary Timmons presents the Pennsylvania Society wreath during the National SAR memorial service and wreath laying held at Battle Days in Point Pleasant, WV.

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**THE ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**2017 Atlantic Middle States Conference**

August 11 – 13, 2017

(hosted by the Pennsylvania Society SAR)

**Registration**

Wyndham Gettysburg (Gateway Gettysburg Campus)

95 Presidential Circle (off of Route 30 near Route 15)

Gettysburg, PA 17325

717-339-0020

We have negotiated a special rate of \$119.00 per night, plus applicable taxes. Room Reservations must be made directly with the Wyndham Gettysburg, prior to 5 p.m., Wednesday July 12, 2017, to receive the discount rate (mention "SAR Atlantic Middle States Conference). Flying in? Closest airport is Harrisburg, PA (MDT)

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Society: \_\_\_\_\_  
SAR Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Number: \_\_\_\_\_

	Conference Package			
Registration (All SAR members must register)	=	@ \$20 each	Total	_____
Friday Night Buffet Dinner (salmon/roast beef)	=	@ \$49 each	Total	_____
Saturday Ladies Program	=	@ \$15 each	Total	_____
Saturday Lunch on your own				_____
Saturday Battlefield Bus Tour <i>limited to first 40</i>	=	@ \$20 each	Total	_____
<i>Tips for driver and guide not included</i>				_____
Saturday Banquet (Airline breast of chicken)	=	@ \$47 each	Total	_____
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**Kindly mail the registration form & check made payable to "PASSAR"**

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**Winter Board of Management Meeting  
February 3 & 4, 2017  
Hosted by Valley Forge Chapter  
Holiday Inn Allentown Lehigh Valley**

**Friday, February 3**

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Registration

5:00 PM to

Social (Room 201) – Snacks Tray, Cheese Plate, Coffee and Soda

Dinner on your own

**Saturday, February 4**

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Registration

9:00 AM to 9:30 AM

LAPASSAR Meeting (Room 217)

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

BOM (Washington Room) – Continental Breakfast

Juices, Fruit, Breakfast Breads & muffins, Coffee & Tea

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Ladies Program (Rm. – 217) – Continental Breakfast – Washington Room

Noon to 2:00 PM

Luncheon and Program – Lunch Buffet, Salad, Beef Tips, Chicken Parmesan, Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Coffee, and Tea

Speaker: *Jeffrey E. Finegan*, author of a series of books that explores the life and legacy of George Washington.

Accommodations:

Holiday Inn Allentown Lehigh Valley, Route 100 & 178

7736 Adrienne Dr., Breuningsville, PA 18031, 610-391-1000

Room Rate: \$119.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy. Guests are encouraged to make their reservations directly with the Holiday Inn at 610-391-1000. Reservations may also be made via the online booking. Please be sure to mention you are with the Sons of the American Revolution when making reservations. Reservations need to be made by *January 6, 2017*.

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**The Board of Management Meeting Registration Form.  
The Deadline for BOM Registration is January 20, 2017**

Registration Fee (Compatriots Only)	_____	@ \$20.00	=	\$ _____
Friday Evening Social	_____	@ \$12.00	=	\$ _____
Saturday Ladies Program	_____	@ \$16.00	=	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon	_____	@ \$29.00	=	\$ _____
Total Enclosed				\$ _____

Compatriot Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to Valley Forge Chapter, SAR, Mail check and Registration form to Mr. Robert Abbott, 2515 Halleck Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052**

# PASSAR FEES & DUES

## NEW APPLICANT

National Society	\$ 80.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Calendar Years Dues NSAR	\$ 35.00
Pennsylvania SAR	\$ 21.00
+ First Calendar Years' Dues	
PASSAR	\$ 21.00
Transfer from CAR under age 22	
= 1 <sup>st</sup> Calendar Year Dues, NSAR	
Calendar 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Dues	\$ 35.00
PASSAR	\$21.00

## ANNUAL DUES

National Society Dues	\$ 35.00
Junior Member	\$ 5.00
Pennsylvania Society	\$ 21.00
Chapter Fees vary Family	
Application (2 <sup>nd</sup> & additional	
Applications on the same line)	
National Society	

	\$ 35.00
+ First calendar year dues, NSSAR	\$ 35.00
Pennsylvania Society	\$ 12.00
+ First calendar year dues,	
PASSAR	\$21.00

## REINSTATEMENT

Current Year Dues + Late Fee	\$ 56.00
	\$ 10.00

## TRANSFER & REINSTATEMENT

+ Chapter dues + \$10.00 for	
Record Copy (if member doesn't	
already have one)	\$ 56.00

## SUPPLEMENTAL

National Society	\$ 60.00
Pennsylvania Society	\$10.00

## DUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania Society Dues + Application	
Fee+10.00 for Record Copy (if member	
doesn't already have one)	\$21.00
	\$ 10.00

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

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Memberships are available for the National, State & Chapter levels. The exact cost is based upon the member's age. Please contact your Chapter Secretary/Treasurer for costs and information

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