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Women and the American Revolution, 1750–1783

Though women in the English colonies were legally barred from nearly all forms of public and political life, they found numerous ways to engage in the political discourse that heated up in the years before the American Revolution.

Whether it was by producing homemade goods to avoid paying import taxes, writing scathing political satire, or publicly declaring a boycott of British goods, women were more than capable of bringing their considerable social and economic influence to bear in support of the Patriot cause. Their efforts were not always welcome, but they were effective.

The outbreak of the war in 1775 at the Battles of Lexington and Concord cleaved a fissure right through the heart of colonial society. Thousands of women suddenly found themselves living in a war zone, endured years of hardship, and many lost everything as the American and British Armies battled across the continent. Some women rose to the position of head of the household when their husbands departed for the war, while others became camp followers of the Continental Army and actively contributed to the success of the American enterprise. Loyalist women exploited their reputations as the “weaker sex” to run successful spy operations in New York, while in Philadelphia, Peggy Shippen Arnold covered her husband Benedict’s plotting with mundane shopping tasks. Without the efforts of women on both sides of the revolutionary divide, the war would have progressed very differently.

Source: <https://wams.nyhistory.org/settler-colonialism-and-revolution/the-american-revolution/>



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your Chapter President
and Secretary so we
can stay in touch!!*

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President's Remarks

Andrew Lick, President



Dear Compatriots,

In September, I travelled to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the National Society Fall Leadership Meeting. Each year, these meetings take place at the historic Brown Hotel that was built in the 1920's. This grand hotel is a walk backwards through time that features an ornate lobby bar, Kentucky Derby memorabilia and a famous dish known as the "The Hot Brown". While there, I visited the SAR Headquarters and their impressive Genealogical Research Library. On these same grounds, the SAR Education Center and Museum is planned for construction by 2026, in time to celebrate the 250th anniversary of American Independence. That week, I attended informative meetings and met committed Compatriots from across the nation. President General Davis Lee Wright outlined his vision for the America 250 program that will commemorate key events of The Revolutionary War. This program serves the dual purpose of both educating the public about American history as well as promoting the mission of the SAR. I am proud to say that our Pennsylvania Society will be participating in a major America 250 event on December 26th as we commemorate Washington's crossing of the Delaware River at Washington Crossing Historic Park. This is one of several wreath-laying ceremonies in cooperation with our compatriots of the New Jersey Society that will commemorate the "Ten Crucial Days" of America's Fight for Independence.

The first week of November, we had a well-attended Fall Board of Management meeting in Lancaster hosted by the Continental Congress Chapter. We were pleased to have CAR State President Gabriella Aragon address our group on the status of her state project. We also honored Senior State President Brandie Klee and former State President Aiden Klee for their service. Compatriot George Clarke announced the formation of a new Education Committee that will focus on youth education programs. As Chairman of the 2024 Congress Committee, he also confirmed that the hotel selection committee chose the Lancaster Marriot as our venue for Congress. Plans are already underway for multiple historic tours, including a full day in the Philadelphia area so that attendees from around the country can enjoy the many points of interest that our state has to offer.

Over the last few months, I have had the pleasure of attending chapter meetings of the William Maclay, Conococheague, Washington Crossing, Harris Ferry and Valley Forge Chapters. In the weeks ahead, I will be joining the Frontier Patriots, Pittsburgh and General Arthur St. Clair Chapters for their Annual Meetings in December. I appreciate the hospitality and support that you have shown throughout my travels. All of our members are encouraged to attend, either in-person or through Zoom, our upcoming Winter Board of Management Meeting on February 5th hosted by The Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter in Morgantown, Berks County. National Society President General Davis Lee Wright will be joining us for the weekend festivities. I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

In Patriotic Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Lick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andrew L. Lick
President, PASSAR



Fall Quarterly Meeting Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution



November 6, 2021

Wyndham Resort & Convention Center, Lancaster, PA

The quarterly Board of Management (BOM) meeting was held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Wyndham Resort & Convention Center, Lancaster, Pa. It was hosted by the Continental Congress Chapter; President Andrew Lick in command. There were 27 compatriots present and 3 participated by zoom, all with voting privileges, a quorum was declared.

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Andrew Lick. The colors were presented by the General Arthur St. Clair Chapter Color Guard commanded by Duane V. Myers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2nd VP Kurt Winter, followed by the singing of the National Anthem led by FP and VPG J. Thomas Showler. Robert K. Grumbling, Jr. gave the Invocation. The Pledge to the SAR was led by 1st VP Michael Siebert.

There were 31 compatriots in attendance (28 in-person and 3 Zoom).

Roll Call

Officers of the Society:

President, Andrew L. Lick

Second VP, FP Eric H. Troutman

Third VP, Kurt J. Winter, Esq.

First VP, Michael E. Siebert

Treasurer, Donald E Mengle

Secretary, Russell L. Mills

District Deputies:

#2 Don N. Drewry

#4 Forrest C. Myers

#9 Ronald Miller

#11 FP and VPG J. Thomas Showler

#8 Francis Stillman

#10 William J. McKim, Esq.

Former Society Presidents:

J. Thomas Showler – 2002 & 2010

William J. McKim, Esq. – 2012

Ernest L. Sutton, MD – 2013

Joseph B. McMullen – 2015

Raynold L. Prusia, Sr. – 2018

Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Esq. - 2019

Eric H. Troutman – 2014

Donald E. Mengle – 2016

Chapters

- **Benjamin Franklin** – FP Raynold L. Prusia, Sr. (dual),
- **Centre County** – FP Donald E. Mengle
- **Continental Congress** –FP Joseph B. McMullen, Michael Seibert, Russell Mills, Joseph Coleman, Thomas Gibson, Edward Lefevre, Richard McGreary,



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- **Erie** – FP and VPG J. Thomas Showler
- **Gen. Anthony Wayne** – Ronald B. Bruce
- **Gov. Joseph Hiester** – FP Eric H. Troutman, Peter Reinhart
- **George Washington** – Kurt J. Winter, Esq., Ronald E. Miller, Robert K. Grumbling, Jr.
- **Gen. Arthur St Clair** – FP and VPG Col Ernest Sutton, MD.
- **Harris Ferry** – Andrew Lick, Forrest C. Myers
- **Philadelphia Continental** – FP Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Esq., George M. Clarke, Jr., John Francis Mitchell, III., William Baker, Fred Fonseca
- **Northeast** – Eugene R. Moyer, Maryland Society President (dual)
- **Great Glades** – Robert K. Wrigley
- **Pittsburgh** – FP William J. McKim, Esq.
- **Valley Forge** – Don Drewry, William Haynes
- **Washingtonburg** – Alexander Rushton

CHAPTERS WITH NO REPRESENTATION

Fort Halifax	Conococheague
Tiadaghton	Gov. James Potter
Washington Crossing	William Maclay
Frontier Patriots	Christopher Gist
Fort Jackson	

Welcome and Thanks to the Host Chapter: President Lick welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members of the Continental Congress Chapter for hosting. President Lick presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Continental Congress Chapter.

Minutes of the Summer BOM: Minutes were accepted and a motion was made by Don Drewry, (2nd by William Haynes) for approval – Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: FP Don E. Mingle submitted a report (pages 22 – 27). He is pleased with dues payments coming in. 52% paid to date.

President's Remarks: President Lick has been busy attending society events across the state. Michael E. Siebert, Ernest L. Sutton and President Lick attended the Atlantic Middle States Conference. PASSAR received the Thomas Bond Memorial Award for membership retention as well as the National Trimble Award.

President Lick attended Louisville Fall Leadership. Focus of the National Society is America 250 program. PASSAR has some America 250 activities scheduled.

Officers & Committee Reports

Note: Officers Reports are presented in the BOM booklet, however, those officers who have additional comments are shown below. (NTA = nothing to add).

President's Report: (page 17) NTA

1st Vice President's Report: (page 18) NTA

2nd Vice President's Report: (page 19) NTA

3rd Vice President's Report: (page 20) NTA

Secretary's Report : (page 21) NTA We have 7 – 8 new members and sadly, 2 members have passed.

Registrar's Report: FP Eric Troutman submitted the registrar's report (see page 28-32) Application fees were increased at the recent National Congress. Membership applications slowing down. He reminded chapters that when there is a membership transfer from another state, a record copy must be received as well as the fee. A motion was made by FP J. Thomas Showler, (2nd by George Clarke, Jr.) for approval – Unanimous.



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Chapter Historian: (page 33) FP Dr. Ernest Sutton reported that donations we made to the CAR Cannonball Club enabled the purchase of a powder horn to be presented to Fort Ligonier in November.

Genealogist: (page 34) NTA

Chancellor: (page 35) NTA

Chaplain: (page 36-39) Chaplain Grumbling participated at NSSAR Leadership Conf. and was inspired by the program.

Alternate Trustee: Michael Siebert served as PASSAR Trustee at NSSAR Leadership Conf. A report has been submitted for the BOM Meeting, which lists the 8 motions the Trustees voted on.

Reserve Manager's Report: (page 40-43) NTA

District Deputy Reports: #1 (pages 45-46) Washington Crossing Chapter met with them at picnic, #2 (page 47), #3 (no report), #4 (page 48-49) alive and well, #5 (page 50), #6 (page 51-52), #7 (page 53), #8 (page 54), #9 (page 55), #10 (page 56-57) Event sponsored by Christopher Gist Chapter dedicated a Revolutionary War bronze marker at the Butler County Courthouse Square. SAR DAR CAR all participated. #11 (page 58)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAR/SAR Liaison: (page 73) NTA

Chapter Activities : (page 60) Participating Chapters shall turn in contest spread sheets no later than Feb 15, 2022.

Color Guard : (page 61) NTA

DAR/SAR Liaison: (page 59, 62 - 63) NTA

Eagle Scout: (page 64) A picture of the Partnership in Good Citizenship Patch is included. The patch had been out of stock. Patches are now available and can be ordered directly by Compatriots.

Executive Report: (page 65) NTA

Finance Report: (page 66) NTA

Flag Report: (page 67) George Washington Chapter presented three flag certificates to date. Harris Ferry Chapter reported that they did one presentation (page 48). Valley Forge reported they did two presentations. Please notify the Flag Chairman, Kurt Winter, when your chapter presents a flag certificate or retirement.

Friends of the Library: (page 68-69) NTA

George Washington Endowment : (page 70) NTA

JROTC/ROTC : (page 72) NTA

Legislation and Resolutions : (page 73) NTA

Medals & Awards: (page 74) NTA

Membership: (page 75) NTA

Officer Development: (page 76) NTA

Patriot Records: (page 77-78) William Baker reported that 7218 patriots have been linked to records. The goal is 100%. Need people to work on line to update records. A goal for 2024 National Congress is to find 2 to 4 patriots to recognize that are buried in the Lancaster area.

PASSAR America 250th : (page 97 - 98) All Chapters should have an America 250 contact for FP Raynold L. Prusia, Sr. to keep track of projects. Contact FP Dr. Ernest Sutton or FP Raynold L. Prusia, Sr. for more information.



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Public Service and Heroism Awards: (page 80-81) John F. Mitchell is the new chairman. PASSAR presented 34 awards last year in 4 of the 5 categories (no awards presented for heroism). He will appreciate your input for nominations in all 5 categories this coming year.

Americanism/Education Committee: George Clarke, Jr. presented a power point presentation (copies of slides are attached as an addendum to the minutes) to promote a new method to introduce the subject of the American Revolution and the way of life of the Revolutionary Period to children in the classroom. This method is promoted by the national society and other state societies, including Georgia and includes utilizing a period chest with historical items used as a show and tell. The cost of the chest and supplies would be reimbursed to PASSAR up to \$500.00. The source of this funding is from a family donation for classroom history. This chest would be used in classrooms across the state. If the program is successful, an additional chest could be purchased.

During the discussion of this proposed program a number of motions were made and withdrawn in order to clarify the subject for a vote. After some additional clarification of the bylaws by Chancellor William McKim, a final motion was made by Robert Grumbling, (2nd by FP J. Thomas Showler) for approval to recommend the appointment of an ad hoc education committee by President Lick and \$500 from the PASSAR Treasurer to be spent for the supplies. A call on the question was made and the motion was approved by a majority of ayes.

President Lick established a new ad hoc education committee for his term of office and appointed George Clarke, Jr. as chairman. Forrest C. Myers volunteered to serve on the committee.

The Americanism Committee will remain as a standing committee.

2024 Congress Planning Committee: George Clarke, Jr. presented a power point presentation (copies of slides are attached as an addendum to the minutes) to inform the attendees of the progress of the 2024 Congress. The Lancaster Marriott Hotel was chosen as the site of the Congress. The Congress will start on Thursday with long tours and host reception. Friday would be the day for the memorial service, Rumbaugh Oration and the Ladies Tea. Saturday will be Session 1 of the Congress as well as other meetings/events. Sunday will be Session 2 and elections. Monday would be the third session with the short tours and, later that evening, a black-tie banquet. Tuesday will offer a day trip to Philadelphia, possibly by train.

It is estimated that attendance will be 400 to 450, with an average age of 65 to 80 years old. With that in mind, FP Joseph B. McMullen and the Continental Congress Chapter will coordinate tours and the host reception. The nightly room charge will be \$149 plus tax.

The goal is to recognize 2 to 4 Revolutionary Patriot Graves at the Congress.

More information will be provided in the Minuteman.

National Congress Awards: (List on page 83) President Lick presented the remaining awards from the National Congress in July.

Unfinished Business:

President Lick reminded the attendees of the unrestricted gift of \$44,500.00 from the Ramsey Estate. At the Summer BOM, he had proposed that \$40,000.00 be used for the 2024 National Congress and that \$2,500.00 be donated to the fund for a new flagpole at the Washington Crossing Historical Park that is supported by Chapter President Bill Hampton and Washington Crossing Chapter. The total cost of the project is \$16,000 and qualifies as an America 250 Event.

Since the last BOM, President Lick has had discussions with George Clarke concerning the budget for the 2024 National Congress. They recommend that we table the appropriation of the \$40,000.00 for now as budgetary determinations are still in process.

President Lick continues to recommend the approval of \$2,500.00 to be donated to the fund for a new flagpole at the Washington Crossing Historical Park



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A motion was made by FP 2nd VP Eric Troutman, (2nd by 1st VP Michael Seibert) for approval – Unanimous.

New Business:

President Lick reported on our participation in the America 250 PA partnership of non-profit organizations working together for this important event (pages 90-91). Philadelphia Continental Chapter participated in a color guard event with the Masonic Organization. Fred Fonseca reported on the Philadelphia Continental Chapter's participation with the Masonic Organization in a tree planting dedication program. One tree will be planted and dedicated in each county of Pennsylvania. These joint activities are good for increasing awareness of PASSAR.

President Lick on the America 250 event to commemorate “the Ten Crucial Days” at Washington Crossing Historic Park on December 26, 2021 at 11:00 am (page 92). He invites all color guard members to the Wreath laying ceremony and luncheon.

President Lick will be emailing information regarding a Wreath laying ceremony in New Jersey on January 2nd 2022.

Treasurer Don Mengle reported on our third entry to secure a sales tax exemption. It is a process that will take some additional time.

Forrest C. Myers inquired about life time membership fee requirements. It appears that PASSAR has a chart for calculating the fee. Don Mengle will look into this issue. Generally, individual chapters determine their fees for lifetime membership.

Endorsement of NSSAR Contested Elections. Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, Chaplain:

President Lick previously emailed the contested election categories as well as the candidate's biographies. This material is available on a table in the conference to review.

A motion was made by FP Ernest Sutton, (2nd by William Haynes) for PASSAR to endorse the uncontested national candidates – Unanimous.

Time was given for individual endorsements of the candidates in the contested elections.

The results of the election for the contested offices: Treasurer General, Darryl S. Addington; Genealogist General, Robert B. Fish, Jr.; Historian General, C. Louis Raborg, Jr.; Chaplain General, Kenneth D. Roberts.

President Lick thanked the Continental Congress Chapter for their support for the meeting. He closed the meeting and led the Recessional. The colors were retired and Robert Grumbling, Jr. gave the Benediction.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt J. Winter, Esq., 3rd Vice President

Attest,

Russell L. Mills, Secretary

Welcome New Members

Chapter	New Member	Ancestor	Sponsor
Benjamin Franklin	Rex Klingensmith	David Klingensmith	Raynold L. Prusia, Sr.
Centre County	Calvin Eugene Mays	Benjamin Mays	Donald E. Mengle
Conococheague	Gerald Allen Wright	Henry Penney	Ned A. Little
Continental Congress	Richard David Randall	Captain James Eldredge	Michael E. Seibert
Gen Arthur St Clair	Edward Jay Clark	Noah Clark	Adam M. Puhak
Gen. Anthony Wayne	David Charles Smith	William Davis	John G. Smith
Gen. Anthony Wayne	Jesse Zachariah Smith	William Davis	John G. Smith
Gen. Arthur St. Clair	Hugh Clair Fawcett	Daniel Leasure	Harry R. Leasure
Gen. Arthur St. Clair	Michael McKay Williamson	Alexander McAllister	Adam M. Puhak
George Washington	Christopher Alan Coates	James Brady	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Gary Alan Coates	James Brady	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Johnathan Alan Coates	James Brady	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Bryan Christopher Cuning	Archibald Prater	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Fisher Moore Haight	Frederick Snyder	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Hunter Gage Haight	Frederick Snyder	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Alexander Boyd Keys	Silas Crane	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Arthur Boyd Keys	Silas Crane	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Brandon Michael Kuhlman	Stephen Brown	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Michael Anthony Kuhlman	Stephen Brown	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	John Kennedy Mathues	James Marshall	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Mark Steven Pearson	Andrew Devore	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Joel Lawrence Zupancic	Dewalt Mechlin	Michael D. C. Merryman
Gov Joseph Hiester	James Edward Teague	Tilman Walton	Eric H. Troutman
Gov. Joseph Hiester	Kevin Scott Kistler	Philip Kistler	Eric H. Troutman
Gov. Joseph Hiester	David Alan Madary	Caspar Madary	Eric H. Troutman
Harris Ferry	David McKenzie Moffett	William Moffett	Robert J. Bakelaar
Philadelphia Continental	William Frederick Forbes	David Forbes	Francis A. O'Donnell Jr
Philadelphia Continental	Collin King Freeland	William Niles	Michael W. Freeland, Esq
Philadelphia Continental	Grey Rand Nelson Freeland	William Niles	Michael W. Freeland, Esq
Philadelphia Continental	Reid McAllister Freeland	William Niles	Michael W. Freeland, Esq
Philadelphia Continental	Walter Webster Harris	Henry Johann Heinrich Seidel	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Jeffrey Alan Hunsberger	Daniel Yost	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	John Barry Kelly	Rom Corson	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Paul Vincent LePore, Jr	Thomas Cheney	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Nico Paul LePore-Griffith	Thomas Cheney	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	James Mitchell	Henry Lake	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Jeffrey Scott Mitchell	Henry Lake	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Kevin Joseph Mitchell	Henry Lake	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Thomas Allan Neilson	Peter Bosworth	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Allen Peter Seltzer	Michael Seltzer	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Elliot Earl Skilton	Adam Alexander	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Joseph Secrest Skilton	Adam Alexander	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Richard Brevard Skilton	Adam Alexander	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Michael Paul VanBuren	Heman Rowlee	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Matthew James Wiedmayer	Wilhelm Johnson	C. Kelsey Brown
Pittsburgh	David Gary Good	Lorentz Goode	William P. Boswell, Esq.
Pittsburgh	Matthew Steven Roberts	Silas Crayne	William P. Boswell, Esq.
Tiadaghton	Brian Ronald Barto	Samuel Barr	Donald E. Knaus, MSC
Tiadaghton	Jeffrey Donald Barto	Samuel Barr	Donald E. Knaus, MSC
Tiadaghton	Steven David Cantolina	Nicholas Schmehl	William A. Whitcomb
Tiadaghton	Mark Arthur Urner	John Michael Egolf	Donald E. Knaus, MSC
Tiadaghton	Mark Robert Urner	John Michael Egolf	Donald E. Knaus, MSC
Tiadaghton	Paul David Urner	John Michael Egolf	Donald E. Knaus, MSC
Valley Forge	Dennis Oliver Gehris	George Schaffer	Don N. Drewry, MSC
Washington Crossing	John Joseph Burke	David Tefft	Edward G. Elgart
William Maclay	William Douglas Powers	Amos Byrd	Eric H. Troutman

The Pennsylvania Minuteman Newsletter
Arthur St. Clair Chapter Honors Inaugural Class of Female Eagles

By Ernest L. Sutton, Eagle Scout Chair, PASSAR



Lt to Rt: VPG Ernest Sutton, Elizabeth and Hannah Yothers, and District Deputy Frank Stillman.

According to the Scouting **“Be the Change”** event, nearly 1,000 young women are part of the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts during Scout Week 2021. In total, more than 140,000 young women have joined the Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA programs since they began allowing female scouts in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Even more young women have joined Explorer Scouting since 1974. Only 6% of those joining Scouting today become Eagles. Becoming an Eagle requires demonstrated leadership ability, developing, and leading a service project and subject expertise in 21 merit badges.

In the inaugural class, 3 of the female Eagles are from the Pennsylvania. Lead by President Thomas Carnahan, the Gen Arthur St. Clair Chapter supports the Westmoreland Fayette County Scout Council. Two of these three Eagles are from Troop 1274 in Ligonier, PA. (The 1 indicates it's the female troop of 274). Compatriot Francis D. Stillman approved and mentored these sisters through their service project and served on their Eagle Board of Review. Representing the St. Clair Chapter, both VPG Ernest Sutton and District Deputy Francis Stillman were honored to speak at the Eagle Count of Honor of these dynamic sister Eagles: Elizabeth and Hannah Yothers. Both start college in Pennsylvania this fall.

PASSAR Compatriot Elected SAR Surgeon General



131st Congress Renton, Washington: PG Davis Lee Wright and Surgeon General Ernest L. Sutton, MD

At the 131st SAR Congress in Renton Washington, compatriot Ernest L. Sutton, MD was elected SAR Surgeon General for 2021-23. Ernie and his grandmother reached their genealogy together while in he was High School at the Newberry Library in Chicago. During this time, as a scout he became an Eagle and as an Air Explorer Scout he received his Silver Award (Formerly called the Ace Award).

During college at The Citadel, Charleston, SC, he joined the SAR. Throughout his subsequent career in the US Army, Dept of Veterans Affairs and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, he has been with many different chapters and state societies before retiring in Export, PA and joining the General Arthur St. Clair Chapter, Pennsylvania Society.

After college, he was commissioned in the US Army and attended the University of Illinois Medical College where he received his MD and MS in Pharmacology. He initially served with the 1st Ranger- Airborne Battalion at nearby Savannah GA . Afterward he was a flight surgeon, before completing his residencies in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. During his military services, he had six overseas tours and earned his Masters of Public Health degree in Bethesda, MD. After he attended the US Army War College, Carlisle, PA, he served as a Hospital Commander and Command Surgeon of Southern Command during the drug wars. After retiring he served as a hospital chief of staff at a Veterans Affairs Medical Center and as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

After joined PASSAR he served as State President from 2013-14 and is the current state Historian and Eagle Scout Chair. During his time as Flag chairman, PASSAR qualified for the prestigious Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Flag Streamer Award for 5 straight years. During the last 6 years in the Mid-Atlantic States District, he served as their secretary and then Vice President General from 2019-2021. With the national society, he currently serves on the Medical Advisory, Flag and Strategic Planning Committees, and is a member of the Museum Board.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (Bethlehem, PA)



Nov 13th memorial service at Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier in Bethlehem, PA. The service is conducted by The Valley Forge Chapter, in conjunction with the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sixth Pennsylvania Revolutionary War re-enactors.

Trimble Trophy to Christopher Gist Chapter SAR



If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice, or representation.
~ Abigail Adams

Flowers in the Forest

The Floo'ers o' the Forest (are a' wede away) is an old Scottish song that was brought about when the Scots lost their battle of Flodden (1513). It is a story of a young lass who lost someone she loved so dear. We, as brethren, take this time to remember those who have gone before us with our hopes and wishes that they, like their patriot ancestor, will not be forgotten.

Full Name	Chapter	Date of Change
Richard Ward Van Horn	Centre County	10/28/2021
Cameron Conrad Ray Bailey	Continental Congress	02/26/2021
Charles Culp Masser	Gov. Joseph Hiester	05/19/2021
George Thomas Wilcox	Gov. Joseph Hiester	06/06/2021
Edward Hibbs Buchanan, Jr	Philadelphia Continental	11/21/2021
John Allen Mehrling	Philadelphia Continental	02/05/2021
Charles Stanley Weaver	Tiadaghton	09/12/2021
Charles David Peters MD	Valley Forge	08/17/2021
J. Glen Werst	Valley Forge	03/22/2021
Theron Walter Conrad	William Maclay	11/13/2021

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DAR member recognized by the
Washington Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution



The Washington Crossing Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) recognized Karyn Norton at the chapter's October 12th dinner meeting for her outstanding service to the SAR. Karyn is a member of the Margaret Gayle Thornton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), serving as that chapter's National Defense Committee Co-chair. Karyn was awarded the Lydia Darragh Medal by SAR Chapter President William Hampton for working behind the scenes to support SAR programs. This Medal is named after Lydia Darragh (1729-1789), who crossed British lines in December 1777 during the British occupation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to deliver information to George Washington that saved Washington's army from a surprise attack.

Karyn maintains the Washington Crossing Chapter's Facebook page. She has maintained the page since its inception posting stories on a regular basis. She keeps the page active and relevant. She has also planned and coordinated the annual DAR/SAR Flag Day picnic on the grounds of the Moland House for many years.

The SAR October dinner meeting was held at the Continental Tavern in Yardley, PA. The guest speaker was local historian and author William L. (Larry) Kidder. Mr. Kidder gave a presentation about life for civilians living in Princeton New Jersey during the Revolution, 1774-1783. His

newest book is titled "Revolutionary Princeton 1774-1783: The Biography of an American Town in the Heart of a Civil War."

Officers Recognized by the Washington Crossing Chapter
of the Sons of the American Revolution

The Washington Crossing Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) recognized two of its officers with the Roger Sherman award. Second Vice President Gordon Todderud was presented the Roger Sherman medal and certificate for serving as the Chapter's Second Vice President for the last 3 years and the Eagle Scout chairman for 4 years. Gordon is the representative with the Bucks County Boy Scout Council. He has worked with local Eagle scouts to enter the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. Gordon has also served the Chapter by securing reservations with local businesses for the chapter's 2 annual dinner meetings. Secretary Timothy Ghebles was also presented the Roger Sherman medal and certificate for serving as the chapter's secretary for the last 3 years. He has maintained communication with members, prospective members, and friends of the Chapter. Compatriot Ghebles designed a program template that he has used for the Chapter's dinner meeting programs. He also worked with the Chapter President to make announcements about chapter activities to the State and National SAR and to local media.



The photo was taken before the Emanuel Leutze painting of *Washington Crossing the Delaware* at the Washington Crossing Historic Park in Washington Crossing, PA.

Where/when is the event happening?

Pennsylvania is **THE** birthplace of democracy and almost 250 years ago, thirteen colonies joined together, here, to sign the Declaration of Independence. A document that conveys the ideas of equality, liberty, and government. These ideals help us identify the cornerstone of our rights and responsibilities as Americans and Pennsylvanians. There will be events, programs, and initiatives across Pennsylvania leading up to the big celebration in 2026.

Pat Burns, Chair
Cassandra Coleman,
Executive Director

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What is America250PA?

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (**America250PA**) Act of 2018 established the Commission to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future.

Can local organizations be part of America250PA?

Yes! **America250PA** invites every county to join us in the planning of the 250th commemoration. Reach out to us to find out how!

What is America250PA's mission?

The Commission has identified 14 areas of importance to the Commonwealth and **America250PA** hopes to build them into the following ten platforms to showcase our Pennsylvania Pride.

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Experience250PA
Forum250PA
Showcase250PA
Impact250PA
Expression250PA
Destination250PA
Innovate250PA

Who is part of America250PA?

America250PA is made up of current and past leaders of Pennsylvania, private citizens, and industry leaders, celebrating the rich history and diversity of the state. The Commission was officially sworn in on September 17th, 2019, and consists of Senate Democratic and Republican Appointees, House Democratic and Republican Appointees, Governor Appointees, and Ex-Officio members.

What is National America250?

The geographical scope of America250 encompasses the entire United States, its territories, the Native American nations within its borders, and nations around the globe. National America250 works directly with each official state partner.

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2026?

America 250 Event

To Commemorate “The Ten Crucial Days”

Washington Crossing Historic Park

December 26, 2021 @ 11:00 AM



Calling All PASSAR Color Guardsmen!

Please join President General Davis Wright and our Mid Atlantic Compatriots for a Wreath Laying Ceremony at 11:00 am on December 26, 2021. Those interested can also caravan with the group to lunch and an additional Wreath Laying at the Trenton Battle Monument in Trenton, New Jersey at 2:30pm

Washington Crossing Historic Park

1112 River Rd.

Washington Crossing, PA 18977

Bond Award Returns Home **by Ernest Sutton, PASSAR Historian**



Lt to Rt: Past VPG Ernest L. Sutton and President Andrew L. Lick receiving the Bond Membership Award. Atlantic Middle States Association Conference, Annapolis, August 14, 2021

The prestigious VPG Thomas J. Bond, Jr, Memorial Membership Award of the Mid-Atlantic District (MAD) returns back to the Pennsylvania Society. When the award was initially presented 18 years ago in 1994, the Pennsylvania Society was the first recipient in MAD to have the highest percent increase in membership at the beginning of the new year as determined by the national registrar. MAD includes Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. During 2020, the Pennsylvania Society had a 5.4% increase in membership. Overall, the membership in MAD increased by 2.74% or 133 compatriots. The total increase in the 7 societies of the Atlantic Middle States Association (AMSA) which additionally includes the Empire State and New Jersey increased 3.33% or 223 compatriots.

During the Conference Past VPG Ernest Sutton received the District Meritorious Service Medal and the Gold AMSA Service Medal for his 6 years of leadership as VPG and secretary. His wife Janet received the Lydia Darragh Award for her continued long support of MAD.

The 2022 AMSA Conference will be hosted by the New Jersey Society at Princeton, NJ on August 5-6, 2022 which is the first weekend. This is a change from the usual second weekend.

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Calendar of Events & Meetings

Dec. 26, 2021 @ 11:00AM	Washington Crossing SAR	Wreath Laying, <u>Washington Crossing Historic Park</u> , 1221 River Street Washington Crossing, PA 18977
Dec. 26, 2021 @ 12:30 PM	Washington Crossing SAR	Lunch, <u>Leonardo's II</u> Brunswick Pike, Lawrence, NJ 08648 ("Dutch Lunch", \$\$ TBD)
Dec. 26, 2021 @ 2:30 PM	Washington Crossing SAR	Wreath Laying <u>Trenton Battle Monument</u> 350 N. Warren St, Trenton, NJ 08618 – Trenton Downtown Association's "Patriot Week"
Jan. 02, 2022 @ 8:30 AM	Washington Crossing SAR	Lecture and re-enactment, <u>Princeton Battlefield Society's</u> "Experience the Battle of Princeton", 500 Mercer St, Princeton, JN 08540
Jan. 02, 2022 @ 11:00 AM	Washington Crossing SAR	Wreath Laying, <u>Princeton Battlefield Colonnade and Memorial Grove</u>
Jan. 02, 2022 @ 1:00 PM	Washington Crossing SAR	Lunch, <u>Leonardo's II</u> Brunswick Pike, Lawrence, NJ 08648 ("Dutch Lunch", \$\$ TBD)
Jan. 02, 2022 @ 3:00 PM	Washington Crossing SAR	Wreath Laying <u>Battle of Assunpink Creek</u> , Mill Hill Park, East Front Street, S. Broad St, Trenton, NJ 08608
Jan. 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM	Phila. Continental SAR	Presentation of Budget ZOOM – Electronic Meeting
Jan 15, 2022 @ 12:00 PM	Erie Chapter SAR	Chapter Meeting – Annual Meeting/Election of Officers Hoss's Steak & Seafood, West 26 th St., Erie, PA
Jan 22, 2022 @ 12:00 PM	Benjamin Franklin SAR	Chapter Meeting – Annual Meeting/Election of Officers Venue: TBD , Franklin, PA
Feb. 4-5, 2022	PASSAR Winter BOM Meeting	Host: Governor Joseph Hiester SAR Chapter, Morgantown, PA Holiday Inn Morgantown-Reading REGISTRATION
Feb. 19, 2022 @ 11:00 AM	Phila. Continental SAR	Color Guard Event (all compatriots) Note: <i>City Tavern closed for 2-3 years and is not available – Alternate location FOR LUNCHEON under study.</i>
Mar. 03, 2022	NSSAR	Spring Leadership Meeting, Nashville, TN
Mar. 08, 2022 @ 7:00 PM	Phila. Continental SAR	Chapter Meeting (ZOOM Meeting) TOPIC: TBD PCC Committees
Apr. 06, 2022 @ 10:30 AM	Phila. Continental SAR	Board Of Management Charlotte's Restaurant, Newtown Square
Apr. 25, 2022 @ 7:00 PM	Phila. Continental SAR	Chapter Meeting, (Zoom Meeting – Invitation sent by email. PATRIOT GRAVES AND FLAGGING (extra meeting) Speakers: Joe Stokes & John F. Mitchell
May 04, 2022 @ 5:30 PM	Phila. Continental SAR	Chapter Meeting, Charlotte's Restaurant, Newtown Square, TOPIC: TBD
Jul. 09, 2022	NSSAR	132 nd NSSAR National Congress, Savannah, GA
Jun. 12, 2022 @ 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Phila. Continental SAR	Annual Picnic - Fenimore Woods, Radnor Twp.
Sep. 06, 2022 @ 10:45 AM & Luncheon at NOON	Phila. Continental SAR	BOM & Chapter Meeting, Slate of Officers, Charlotte's Restaurant, Newtown Square
Sep. 29, 2022	NSSAR	2022 NSSAR Fall Leadership, Nashville, TN
Oct. 01, 2022 @ 11:30 AM	Joint DAR/SAR Event	Constitution Week Luncheon, Alloy Hotel, King of Prussia, PA
Oct. 02, 2022 @ 11:30 AM	PSSDAR	PSSDAR Constitution Week Prayer Service, Memorial Chapel, VFNHP, Valley Forge PA (Chapel is on Rte 23 in VFNHP)
Oct. 04, 2022 @ 5:30 PM Cocktails	Phila. Continental SAR	Annual Meeting BOM & Chapter Election of Officers and dinner, Glendardie Country Club. 6:00 PM Dinner - Meeting to follow
Nov. 04, 2022 @ 5:30 PM Cocktails	Phila. Continental SAR	Installation of Officers – Overbrook Golf Club 6:15 PM Dinner (BLACK TIE EVENT)

Pittsburgh Chapter Welcomes New Members and Gold Good Citizenship Award Winner

By Andrew Lick, PASSAR President



(Members of the Brady Family at Pittsburgh Chapter Annual Meeting)



(L to R: Ernie Sutton, Andrew Lick, Todd DePastino and Jon Coulter)

On December 12, 2021 the Pittsburgh Chapter of the PA Society hosted their Annual Meeting at the South Hills Country Club. Attendees enjoyed a presentation on “The Whisky Rebellion” by PSSDAR Honorary State Regent Deborah Davis. NSSAR Surgeon General and Past PASSAR President Ernest Sutton installed Chapter President Jon P. Coulter and other elected officers of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Compatriot William Boswell sponsored five new members into the chapter. They are the sons of Compatriot Scott Brady, who range in age from nine to seventeen years old. PASSAR President Andrew Lick proudly installed Aidan, Colin, Liam, Andrew and Ryan Brady into the Pittsburgh Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

Later in the program, the Pittsburgh Chapter awarded Todd A. DePastino with the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. Dr. DePastino holds a PhD and a Master of Philosophy from Yale, and a BA summa cum laude from Boston College. He is the author of eight books, including “Commissioned in Battle: A Combat Infantryman in the Pacific War”, “Bill Mauldin: A Life Upfront”; and “Willie & Joe: The World War II Years”. He has been an adjunct professor of History at Penn State University and Waynesburg College. He was a National Endowment for Humanities Fellow and a Rockefeller Fellow. He received the Sperber Prize for Biography

from Fordham University, and the VADM George C. Dyer Writing Excellence Award from the Military Officers of World Wars.

Todd is a nationally recognized World War II historian and the Executive Director of the Veterans Breakfast Club, a Pittsburgh based organization that for the past 13 years has collected, live recorded, and shared stories of veterans, both combat and otherwise, from World War II to the post-911 conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Originally serving audiences with face-to-face meetings in southwest, Pennsylvania, the Veterans Breakfast Club has transformed itself over the last several years into a nationally focused organization that broadcasts its programs and interviews throughout the United States, Canada and other parts of the world. This oral history project uses modern technology, linking military and civilian communities. It has created a forum where veterans, from across many generations, can share their stories with the rest of the world. This helps our veterans to heal from the wounds of war and preserves their experiences for posterity. The Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution, salutes Dr. Todd DePastino for his outstanding commitment to the history of our nation and to the welfare of our brave soldiers who have fought for our founding principles.



Dear Compatriots,

Congratulations to Continental Congress Chapter for hosting a successful and enjoyable Fall Board of Management Meeting at the Wyndham Resort and Convention Center in Lancaster. Same to our Ladies Auxiliary who celebrated five years of loyal service.

Numerous awards from NSSAR were distributed to our PASSAR Compatriots...a full list of which can be seen on Page 83 of the Meeting Booklet that is now posted to the members section of the PASSAR website. The Fall Edition of the PA Minuteman has also been posted to the website.

We were happy to host the current CAR State President Gabriella Aragon who spoke about her CAR project. Former CAR State President Aiden Klee was awarded the Silver Medal of Appreciation and CAR Senior State President Brandie Klee was honored with the Martha Washington Medal.

Special thanks to our Zoom Operators Ron Miller and Tom Gibson for livestreaming our meeting!

Feel free to forward this on to your other chapter members.

Your Compatriot,

Andrew

Andrew Lick
President, PASSAR



Pennsylvania
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Founded in 1918

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Huguenot ancestor.



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Frontier Patriots member, **John Faulds** received the SAR “War Service Medal” at a recent meeting for his military service during Work War Two. Pictured: **Pennsylvania SAR President, Andrew Lick, John Faulds, Frontier Patriots Chapter President, Larry Smith.**

2024 NSSAR Update for 135th Annual Congress – Philadelphia PA

The following is for your information and records:

- The hotel will be the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square; 25 South Queen St., Lancaster, PA 17603.
- The dates have been shifted from the usual schedule to accommodate the needs of the hotel.
- The executive committee will be meeting the day before and the day after the schedule shown below:
 - Thursday July 11, 2024, Long Tours / Host Reception
 - Friday July 12, 2024, Memorial Service, Rumbaugh Finals, First Lady's Tea
 - Saturday July 13, 2024, Opening Session, Youth Luncheon, Minuteman/Awards
 - Sunday July 14, 2024, 2nd session, GWEF Luncheon, Ladies Luncheon, PG Banquet, Balloting
 - Monday July 15, 2024, 3rd session, Short Tours, Installation Banquet
- A special one-day trip to Philadelphia will follow the usual Congress and that will occur on Tuesday July 16, 2024.



**PASSAR Winter BOM Meeting
Host Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter
February 4 & 5, 2022
Morgantown, PA**



Friday, February 4, 2022

3:00-6:00 PM Registration
Dinner on your own Hotel: Gasoline Alley Grille opens 5:00 PM/Area; Restaurant List Available
7:00 PM Social Hour- Cash Bar
7:30 PM Entertainment: **Broken Spokes**

Saturday, February 5, 2022

6:30 to 9:00 AM Breakfast: On-Your-Own (Available at the Holiday Inn for hotel guests)
8:00 to 9:00 AM Registration
9:00 to 12:00 Noon Board of Management Meeting - Pastries with coffee & tea will be available

9:30 to 11:00 AM Ladies Program:
Speaker: Patrick Donmoyer - "Barn Stars: Myth and Meaning in PA Dutch Barn Stars"

12:00 to 1:30 PM Lunch Buffet in the Members Meeting Room
Knight Essay Contest 2nd Place Winner at the National Level: Edison Tang
Speaker: Bruce Mowday – "Lafayette at Brandywine: The Making of an American Hero"

Holiday Inn Morgantown – Reading Area

6170 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, Pennsylvania 19543

Phone: 855-516-1090 for reservations

Hotel Reservation Deadline for SAR rate of \$99 + Tax is January 22, 2022

When booking mention SAR for Group Rate Code – Checkout is 11:00am (Check w/ Front Desk for late checkout)

Meeting and Activities Registration Form

Deadline for registration is January 22, 2022

Registration Fee (Compatriots Only) # _____ x \$25.00 \$ _____
Zoom Registration Fee (**Online Only**) # _____ x \$15.00 \$ _____
Saturday Ladies Program # _____ x \$15.00 \$ _____

Saturday Lunch: Country Picnic Buffet # _____ x \$30.00 \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Office: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Guest(s): _____

Make checks payable to: **Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter SAR**

Mail check and registration form to: **David Loose, 37 Sagebrook Drive, Reading, PA 19606, 610-750-2433**

Meeting contact: Phone 610-247-5256 Peter Reinhart, Email: preinhart@fast.net

PASSAR FEES & DUES

NEW APPLICANT

National Society	\$100.00
1 st Calendar Years Dues NSAR	\$ 35.00
Pennsylvania SAR	\$ 25.00
+ First Calendar Years' Dues PASSAR	\$ 21.00
Transfer from CAR under age 22 = 1 st Calendar Year Dues, NSAR Calendar 1 st Year Dues PASSAR	\$ 35.00
	\$25.00

ANNUAL DUES

National Society Dues	\$ 35.00
Junior Member	\$ 5.00
Pennsylvania Society	\$ 25.00
Chapter Fees vary Family Application (2 nd & additional Applications on the same line) National Society	\$ 40.00
+ First calendar year dues, NSSAR	\$ 35.00
Pennsylvania Society	\$ 12.00
+ First calendar year dues, PASSAR	\$25.00

REINSTATEMENT

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

TRANSFER & REINSTATEMENT	\$ 56.00
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SUPPLEMENTAL

National Society	\$100.00
Pennsylvania Society	\$10.00

DUAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

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 Remember to notify your Chapter President
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