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Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier Wreath Laying



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(Cover Story)  
By Gary Timmons

A large group of Compatriots joined with newly elected National Society President General John Manning at the annual wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier located at Fort Laurens near Bolivar, Ohio. **Pennsylvania was well represented by several Compatriots from the George Washington and Gen. Anthony Wayne Chapters.** National Chaplain General David Felts placed the PASSAR wreath during the ceremony. Standing by one of the monuments (L-R) are **Gary Timmons, Michael Merryman, A. J. Swerbensky, Ron Miller, Robert Grumbling, Kurt Winter and PG Manning.** Also present but not in the photo **Ron Bruce and Rev. Felts.**



## New Phone Number?

*Please remember to tell  
your Chapter President  
and Secretary so we  
can stay in touch!!*

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## President's Remarks



### *Wayne Strausbaugh, President*

The Pennsylvania Society was well represented at the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress in Costa Mesa. FP Tom Showler received one of the coveted Minuteman Awards, and FP Ernest Sutton, M.D. received a gold Roger Sherman medal for his service on the Medical Committee. Dr. Sutton was elected Vice-President General for the Middle Atlantic District, First Vice President/Chaplain David Felts was elected National Chaplain, and Former President Ray Prusia was elected our Society's National Trustee. As a group, we distinguished ourselves by finishing 12<sup>th</sup> among the 54 state societies in the President General's Public Service and Heroism Award Initiative.

At the President General's banquet, we heard Captain J. Charles Plumb, USNR(Ret.) give a stirring account of his experience as a prisoner of war for nearly six years in Hanoi. At the end of his address, Captain Plumb stated that the SAR was in his view the organization that was doing the most today to keep alive the patriotic ideals that have inspired our forefathers and that sustained him during the ordeal of his captivity. As members of PASSAR, each of us can be proud of the esteem in which this contemporary American hero holds our Society. We must continue to strive to make the SAR more widely known, as we work to live up to its stellar reputation.

The Ten Crucial Days of the American Revolution loomed large over the Summer BOM meeting in Bensalem. On Friday, we remembered the crossing of the Continental Army on that fateful Christmas night of 1776 – a crossing that led to the rout of the Hessians encamped in Trenton and to two more victories over the army of the hapless Charles Cornwallis in the succeeding days. The luncheon Saturday featured a talk by Frank Lyons on the role that the boatmen of Marblehead played in effecting the reputedly impossible crossing of the icy Delaware. These days indeed were the "times that tried men's souls"! Thirty-two (32) compatriots representing 14 of our 23 active chapters attended the Summer BOM. Those who were unable to be with us were sorely missed and should make every effort to attend the Fall BOM in Duncansville for which the Frontier Patriots Chapter will be the host.

Unfortunately, this letter must end on a sad note, as I must report the passing of FP Joseph McKenna Shafer on May 23 and FP Charles Schlesman Canning on August 12. FP Shafer was our president during 1997, and FP Canning during 2011. Both of these gentlemen served PASSAR in numerous other ways for many years and will be greatly missed. A Black Mourning Streamer ceremony was held in memory of FP Shafer at the Summer BOM and a Black Mourning Streamer ceremony will be held in memory of FP Canning at the Winter 2020 BOM to be hosted by the Valley Forge Chapter to which he belonged. Gifts to the SAR Friends of the Library have been made to honor both gentlemen as Benjamin Franklin Subscribers.

Your Compatriot,

*Wayne R. Strasbaugh*

Wayne R. Strasbaugh  
PASSAR President



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

### **Highlights**



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### **Summer Board of Management Meeting 2 & 3 August 2019 Holiday Inn, Bensalem/Philadelphia 3327 Street Road, Bensalem, Pennsylvania 19020**

#### **PASSAR 2019 Summer Board of Management Meeting Highlights**

The PASSAR 2019 Summer Board of Management Meeting was hosted by the Washington Crossing Chapter and held at the Holiday Inn in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. The Compatriots that arrived and registered on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> were able to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the statue of General George Washington, followed by a short guided tour of Washington's Crossing Park. That evening, members gathered at various restaurants for dinner and social time together.

The quarterly Board of Management (BOM) business meeting was held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Bensalem, Pennsylvania with President Wayne Strasbaugh in command. There were 32 compatriots present.

President Strasbaugh announced that Former President Joseph McKenna Shaffer, President of PASSAR in 1997 has passed away. The rules were temporarily suspended allowing placement of a black ribbon on the PASSAR flag by the attending Former Presidents in honor of Former President Shaffer.

Upon resumption of the meeting, William J. McKim, Esq. was appointed by President Strasbaugh as Parliamentarian. Host chapter President Bill Hampton brought greetings to the PASSAR attendees followed by brief remarks from each member attendee about their Chapter and position.

Secretary Russell L. Mills presented the Spring minutes and made reference to the combined Spring special meeting minutes, BOM minutes and Annual meeting minutes in the meeting booklet.

Treasurer Donald E. Mengle presented the Treasurer's Report in which he highlighted the General Operating Account 3027, the remnant from the first Ramsey bequest, that has been reduced to \$3,311.00. It was used to fund the General Operating Fund to pay for items such as \$50 for PASSAR Annual Meeting, \$500 for the Oration Contest \$180 for DAR Awards and Medals and \$50 for the SAR Flag Project.

Treasurer Mengle raised the issue that the state's 30 members at-large pay yearly dues that do not cover the liability insurance costs. Treasurer Mengle made the motion to raise the at-large dues to from \$2 to \$10. After much discussion and debate amongst the attendees, the motion was approved with only four no votes. Further, Treasurer Mengle reported that several PASSAR chapters still do not charge dues sufficient to cover liability insurance costs. Treasurer Mengle proposed to send a letter that encouraged these chapters to raise their dues to cover the insurance expense. Discussion followed and Former President Eric Troutman motioned that we ask the remaining PASSAR chapters with dues below \$10 to consider raising their dues. The motion was approved.

## President's Address

President Strasbaugh addressed the meeting. He shared how impressed he was with the stature of some of our past presidents and pondered the challenge to live up to their past achievements. He also called attention to the NSSAR 129th Congress and to the significant achievements of five Pennsylvania Compatriots at that Congress:

- Former President J. Thomas Showler received the Minuteman Award.
- Former President Ernest L. Sutton, MD was elected to Vice President General of the Middle Atlantic Region.
- First Vice President/Chaplain, David J. Felts was elected to Chaplain General.
- Former President Raynold L. Prusia, Sr. was elected to National Trustee.
- Former President Lanny Patten was elected to National Trustee of the French Society.

## Officer's Reports

Registrar Eric Troutman addressed the meeting and highlighted the accomplishment that 78 applications were approved by National SAR. Upon motioning for acceptance, the applications were unanimously approved. Discussion on the new application format followed and President Strasbaugh asked Registrar Troutman to express our concerns and our hopes to the National Genealogy Committee to develop a new user-friendly application that actually functions.

Secretary Russell Mills addressed the meeting and highlighted that PASSAR had gained 123 new members since January 1, 2019, with three of those new members joining since the publication of the report in the booklet. PASSAR now has 1,731 members as of July 31, 2019.

Secretary Mills also explained that PASSAR plans to send dues out by email this Fall. Currently, about 65 percent of members have emails. PASSAR hopes to get emails for 80 percent of the membership. Treasurer Mengle explained that PASSAR could greatly reduce postage costs by using email for dues notices.

## Fundraising Presentations

Former President Lanny Patten provided information on the facility campaign in Louisville, Kentucky. One program, the Tile campaign for \$100 each, was closing on August 15, 2019. The Second program to promote monthly contributions to the Education Center and Museum was underway. Former President Patten also called attention to a banner for sale at \$200 for chapters that is being offered through the Education Department and not on the national merchandise site. Please See Colleen Wilson for the order form on the Education site. Finally, President Strasbaugh acknowledged the generous banner gift by Former President Patten.

In other fund-raising matters, Parliamentarian William McKim, Esq. asked members to contribute with a \$25 check made payable to Friends of the Library. He also asked members to contribute to the George Washington Endowment for a \$1,000. Former President Ernest Sutton remarked that he attended a special meeting at the 129th Congress on the Library. Friends of the Library national recognition needs a total of 16 members to contribute to the Friends of the Library. PASSAR is very close to achieving the goal.

## Committee Reports

Compatriot James F. Hall explained that if you divide the state into four quadrants, he needs assistance in two regions: the north and south. Former President Raynold Prusia, Sr. explained that he was still working on getting the Tiadaghton medal presented and approved through the National Medals and Awards Committee.

Compatriot William Baker presented a verbal report at the meeting. He reported that Pennsylvania had a Rumbaugh Oration contestant at the 129th Congress this year. There were 19 states that entered the contest. Fourteen states' oration contest winners presented at the Congress including our representative, Hattie Marie Lindey. The competition was extraordinary; and although she did not place in the top three, she made us proud. Former President J. Thomas Showler reported that he has been a judge at the national contest for many years. Although he had to recuse himself while a Pennsylvania participant presented, he was very pleased that Pennsylvania finally had a candidate. President Strasbaugh concluded the remarks by stating that he concurred with Compatriot Baker that our candidate did a very good job.

### **Old Business**

Former President Raynold Prusia presented a beam from Commodore Perry's flagship Niagara. The beam was owned by J. Reed Torrance and presented by Charles E. Torrance to NSSAR. The beam originally came with a cigar box and note. Those items were lost by NSSAR and the wood beam was given to PASSAR. After discussion, Former President Prusia offered to present it to the Fort Niagara Museum as a long-term donation.

PASSAR Bid for 2024 National Congress – Compatriot George M. Clarke, Jr. presented a slide show about the PASSAR proposal to sponsor the National Congress. The year 2024 is the 250th anniversary of the first Continental Congress held in Philadelphia. Points of interest in the Philadelphia area include: Carpenter's Hall, Independence Hall, the Constitution Center, Museum of the American Revolution, National Historic Park Valley Forge, the Betsy Ross House, City Tavern, and Brandywine, Germantown and Paoli Battlefields. Acknowledging that parking is more expensive with respect to hotels within the city of Philadelphia, they would offer better access to mass transportation and are closer to the historic sites than outlying hotels.

Former President J. Thomas Showler motioned to bid for the 2024 National Congress. After additional discussion on hotels and the PASSAR funds already accumulated for our sponsorship of the Congress, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

Compatriot Gary Timmons asked about the contents and the need for an inventory at the PASSAR storage locker in Reading. Discussion continued about the whereabouts of the Large Chapter Activities missing plaque. Treasurer Mengle announced that PASSAR will do a complete inventory of the Reading locker on August 22, 2019. No compatriot present was able to shed any light on the actual whereabouts of the Large Chapter Activities missing plaque.

First Vice President/Chaplain, David J. Felts presented a streamer for the PASSAR flag awarded for participating in a Memorial Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Patriot at Fort Laurens in Bolivar, Ohio.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made by Former President Miles Dechant, seconded by Treasurer Don Mengle, and the quarterly BOM meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Seibert, 3rd Vice President

Attest,

Russell L. Mills, Secretary

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## Welcome New Members

Chapter	New Member	Ancestor	Sponsor
<b>Benjamin Franklin</b>	Matthew Robert Collers	Timothy Rowley	Raynold L. Prusia, Sr.
<b>Benjamin Franklin</b>	Michael Preston Collers	Timothy Rowley	Raynold L. Prusia, Sr.
<b>Centre County</b>	George Allen Weigand	John Jacob Kehl	Eric H. Troutman
<b>Christopher Gist</b>	Robert Binnie Taylor, III	Elias Taylor	John M. Cook
<b>Conococheague</b>	James Franklin Folk	Isaac Workman	Ned A. Little
<b>Continental Congress</b>	Thomas Boisseau Kellam	John Edwards	Richard A. McGeary
<b>Erie</b>	Mateo John Altadonna	William Wilkerson	William E. Harry
<b>Erie</b>	John Joseph Szympruch, Jr	William Wilkerson	William E. Harry
<b>Fort Jackson</b>	Gerald Alan Cunningham	James Robinson	Jerry D.Clark
<b>Fort Jackson</b>	Jackson Roger Grimes	George Graham	Halfred T. Grimes
<b>Fort Jackson</b>	Joel Andrew Grimes	George Graham	Halfred T. Grimes
<b>Fort Jackson</b>	Austin Craig Headlee	Ephriam Headlee	Shirle J. Vernon
<b>Fort Jackson</b>	Craig Edward Headlee	Ephriam Headlee	Shirle J. Vernon
<b>Fort Jackson</b>	Mark Edward Headlee	Ephriam Headlee	Shirle J. Vernon
<b>Fort Jackson</b>	Scott Gregory Headlee	Ephriam Headlee	Shirle J. Vernon
<b>Fort Jackson</b>	William Dorsey Lemley	George Lemley	Donald N. King
<b>Gen. Arthur St. Clair</b>	William Joseph Hare, Sr.	Jacob Houtz	Adam M. Puhak
<b>Gen. Arthur St. Clair</b>	Pete Louis Peretti, Jr.	John N. Moore	Adam M. Puhak
<b>Gen. Arthur St. Clair</b>	Ronald Charles Thomas	Alexander Thomas	Anthony W. Keefer
<b>George Washington</b>	Daniel Preston Gamel	Josiah Frost	Michael D. C. Merryman
<b>George Washington</b>	Mitchell Raymond Gamel	Josiah Frost	Michael D. C. Merryman
<b>George Washington</b>	Walter Raymond Gossett, Jr	Josiah Frost	Michael D. C. Merryman
<b>George Washington</b>	Walter Raymond Gossett, III	Josiah Frost	Michael D. C. Merryman
<b>George Washington</b>	Nathanael John Kegel	David Durrell	Michael D. C. Merryman
<b>George Washington</b>	Michale Anthony Licciardello	Michael Yohe	Michael D. C. Merryman
<b>George Washington</b>	Thomas John Whittle	Richard Riley	Edward G. Elgart
<b>Gov. Joseph Hiester</b>	Daniel Paul Adam	George Kosser	Leon E. Adam
<b>Gov. Joseph Hiester</b>	Leon Elwid Adam, Jr	George Kosser	Leon E. Adam
<b>Gov. Joseph Hiester</b>	Warren Russell Adam	George Kosser	Leon E. Adam
<b>Gov. Joseph Hiester</b>	George Thomas Ferguson V	David Dudley, II	Eric H. Troutman
<b>Gov. Joseph Hiester</b>	Carl Stephen Uehlinger	William DeWees	Eric H. Troutman
<b>Gov. Joseph Hiester</b>	Scott Clifton Uehlinger	Frederick Bicking	Eric H. Troutman
<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	Jeffrey David Coulter	Henry Lingo	Jon P. Coulter
<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	Phillip Agnew Hemingway III	Abraham Mitchell	C. Kelsey Brown
<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	Charles Thomas Klinefelter	John Klinefelter	Evan G. Klinefelter
<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	Roger Alan Marinchak, MD	Albright Hickman	David M. Humphrey, MD
<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	Drew Francis Pearsall	Gilbert Drew	C. Kelsey Brown
<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	Michael John Rados	Conrad Lutz	C. Kelsey Brown
<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	Lawrence Webster Shinnick, III	Johann Michael Shinnick	C. Kelsey Brown
<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	Declan Joseph Sullivan	Aaron Felt	C. Kelsey Brown

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<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	Shawn David Sullivan	Aaron Felt	C. Kelsey Brown
<b>Philadelphia Continental</b>	John Carter Thompson, III	John Thompson	C. Kelsey Brown
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	Bruce Edward Dakan, Sr.	John Frederick Seybert	William P. Boswell, Esq.
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	Nelson Lewis Person	Arthur Campbell	William P. Boswell, Esq.
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	Adam Richard Wynn	Michael App	William P. Boswell, Esq.
<b>Pittsburgh</b>	Richard Charles Wynn	Michael App	William P. Boswell, Esq.
<b>Valley Forge</b>	Edward Niles Oesterle	David Niles	Don N. Drewry
<b>Washingtonburg</b>	Henrik Veenema Samuelsen	Jean Etienne de Chezaulx	Eric H. Troutman
<b>Washingtonburg</b>	Mark Roukema Samuelsen	Jean Etienne de Chezaulx	Eric H. Troutman
<b>Washingtonburg</b>	Peter Erling Samuelsen	Jean Etienne de Chezaulx	Eric H. Troutman
<b>Washingtonburg</b>	Kevin Allen Wagner	Adam Waggoner	Eric H. Troutman

*Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins, State Regent PSSDAR*  
*Mr. Wayne Strasbaugh, State President PASSAR*  
*Mr. Emerson Sites-Byers, State President PAC.A.R.*  
*Mrs. Brandie Klee, Senior State President PAC.A.R.*

*request the pleasure of your company at the*

### **2019 Pennsylvania Debutante Ball**

*honoring the future of our societies and presenting debutantes of*  
*The Children of the American Revolution and*  
*The Daughters of the American Revolution*

*Saturday, the fourteenth of September two thousand nineteen DoubleTree Hilton Philadelphia-*  
*Valley Forge 301 West Dekalb Pike*  
*King of Prussia, Pennsylvania*

*Receiving line at half past six o'clock in the evening Presentation of debutantes at seven*  
*o'clock, followed by dinner and dancing until eleven o'clock*

*RSVP*  
*Black Tie Required*





## Flowers in the Forest

The Floo'ers o' the Forest (are a' we'de 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.

Name	Chapter	Date of Change
Russell Ransom Watson	Erie	8/3/19
Joseph McKenna Shaffer, Sr	George Washington	5/23/19
Ronald Alva Brown	Philadelphia Continental	1/25/18
Cecil Arlo Blocker, Jr	Valley Forge	6/23/19
Charles Schlesman Canning	Valley Forge	12/8/19
Harrison Neal McCann	Washingtonburg	3/2/19

### Erie SAR DAR Celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Parade



**129<sup>th</sup> Annual SAR Congress at Costa Mesa  
Pennsylvania Society Awards & Recognitions**

**Individuals**

**Minuteman Award** – Highest national award for service

- J. Thomas Showler – Philadelphia Continental/Erie

**Gold Roger Sherman Medal** – National Society Medical Committee work

- Ernest L. Sutton – Gen Arthur St. Clair

**Florence Kendall Award** – Top 3 who recruited the largest number of new members

- C. Kelsey Brown – Philadelphia-Continental

**Liberty Medal Award** – First-line sponsor of 10 new members

- Edward G. Elgart – Total 10 (Washington Crossing)
- William E. Harry – Total 18 (Erie)
- John G. Inman – Total 10 (Gen Antony Wayne)

**Liberty Medal Award (New Oak Leaf Clusters)** – Each new cluster is 10 additional new members

- C. Kelsey Brown (6) – Total 163 (Philadelphia-Continental)
- Don N. Drewry (1) – Total 61 (Valley Forge)
- Franklin R. Grove, Jr. (1) – Total 52 (Continental Congress)
- Michael D.C. Merryman (3) – Total 44 (George Washington)
- Paul C. Metzger (1) – Total 141 (Tiadaghton)
- Erie H. Troutman (3) – Total 200 (Gov. Joseph Hiester)

**National Certificate of Recognition Rumbaugh Oration Contest**

- Hattie Marie Lindey – Gen Arthur St Clair

**Chapters**

**President General Initiative for Public Service & Heroism** Flag Streamer & Cash Award

- General Arthur St. Clair (9 of 580 chapters)

**President General Chapter Activities Award** (200 plus members)

- Philadelphia-Continental

**Friend of the SAR Library**

- Gen Arthur St Clair -- In Memory of William L. Dolan

**Pennsylvania Society**

**National Participation Flag Streamers**

- Children of the American Revolution Activity Award
- American Poster Contest – Gen Anthony Wayne
- Middle School Brochure Contest --- Philadelphia Continental
- Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest – Gen Arthur St. Clair
- Enhanced JROTC Contest – Philadelphia Continental
- Knight Essay Contest – Washington Crossing
- Eagle Scout Contest – Philadelphia Continental

**President General Initiative of Public Service & Heroism** Flag Streamer & Cash Award

- Pennsylvania Society (12 of 56 Societies)

**Benjamin Franklin Subscriber Friend of the Library**

- In Honor of Miles K. Dechant – Gov. Joseph Hiester
- In Memorial of Joseph M. Schaffer, Sr. – Frontier Patriots



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION LOGO CONTEST

by Greg Greenawalt (Continental Congress SAR)

I am pleased to announce the Sons of the American Revolution National Logo contest. The SAR is looking for a graphic designer or artist to help us design a logo that represents our values, purpose and mission. The logo will be used globally to represent what the Sons of the American Revolution stand for on merchandise .letter head, banners, flags, promotional pieces and our website. The winning logo will be selected by the SAR Executive committee and the winner will receive a \$5000 honorarium. There will be two \$1000 prizes for the 2nd and 3rd runners up. Logos must be submitted by midnight December 31, 2019. Please visit our contest web site for more details on how to submit your designs. Good Luck!

For More information go to:

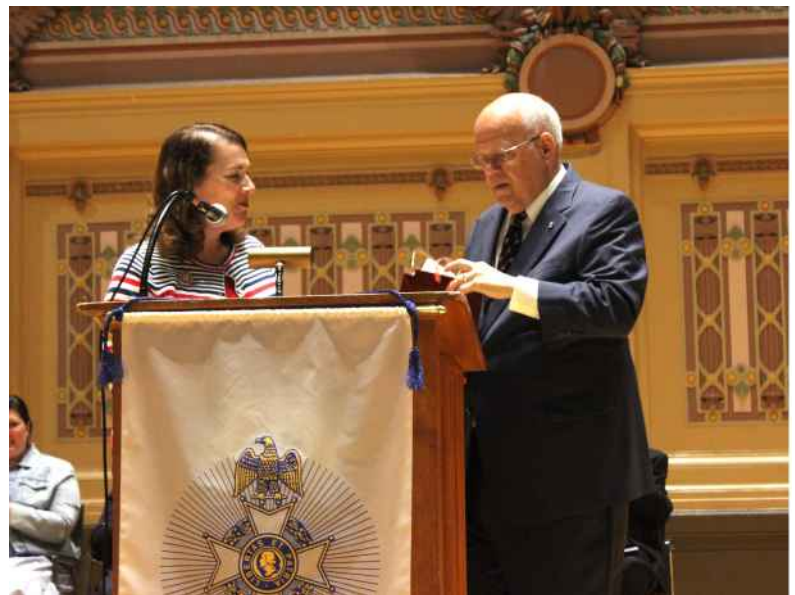
<https://www.sar.org/national-society-sons-of-the-american-revolution-logo-contest>

## Pittsburgh Chapter Flag Day Ceremony

by Jon Coulter

Due to scheduling requirements, the Pittsburgh Chapter held its 90<sup>th</sup> Flag Day ceremony on 1 June at historic Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in the city's Oakland district. As is our custom, this was a joint celebration with the Pittsburgh DAR. During the event, we honored area eighth graders who have been selected by their faculty and administrators. The DAR awarded certificates and medals to students with a demonstrated aptitude for historical studies. The SAR awarded Good Citizenship certificates, medals, and pins to students based on the criteria of dependability, cooperation, leadership, and patriotism. Awardees included students enrolled in public, private, and parochial schools.

### FLAG DAY, JUNE, 2019



"Have you something to do to-morrow; do it to-day." - **Poor Richard's Almanack, 1742**

Source: <https://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com/ben-franklin-quotes-2.html>

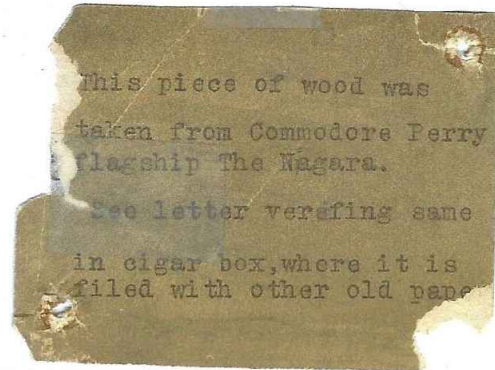
## Commodore Perry Flag Ship "Niagra" Beam Inscription Revealed

Commodore Perry - Flag Ship Niagara – Original Piece of wooden beam donated to the Pennsylvania SAR (PASSAR)

Transcription that was written on a piece of paper that was attached with two tacks to the mid-section of this wooden relic, from the War of 1812, Battle of Lake Erie, which is described as follows:

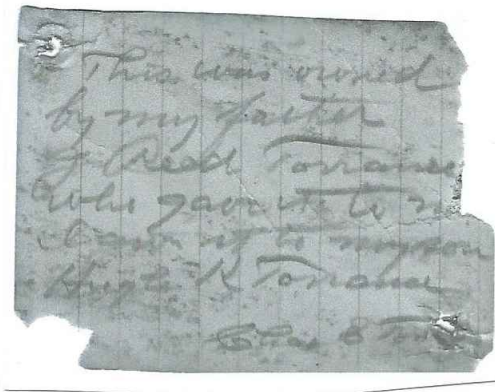
Front side of paper label – type written:

"This piece of wood was  
Taken from Commodore Perry  
Flagship The Nagara  
See letter verifying same  
in a cigar box, where it is  
filed with other old papers."



Back side of paper label – written in pencil:

"This was owned  
by my father  
J. Reed Torrance  
Who gave it to me.  
I gave it to my son  
Hugh K. Torrance  
(Signed by) Chas E. Torrance"



Note: H. Kirk Torrance (Hugh Kirk Torrance) was a member of the Pennsylvania SAR, National # 64173, PA State #3777. He was born 29 Sep 1916 and passed in 25 April 1998.

This information provided by Raynold L. Prusia, Sr. Pennsylvania SAR Former President 2018-2019 on 31 July 2019.

"They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power."

— Patrick Henry

Source: Goodreads.com



## For Halifax Chapter Presents Flag Certificate

*By Russell Wagner*

Fort Halifax Chapter presentation made to Millersburg Borough in recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America. The presentation of a framed certificate was made during Memorial Day activities in Millersburg, PA. A second presentation was also made to Upper Paxton Township for their exemplary display of the flag at their township building.



Presentation of certificate: left to right- compatriots **Dale Wolfe** (in French and Indian attire), **Dr. David Russell**, **Chris McGann**, Borough Manager, and Compatriot **Russell Wagner**. Compatriot **Lloyd Lehman** was also in attendance.



## Fort Halifax Memorial Day Parade

*By Russell Wagner*

Parade: Compatriot **Dr. David Russell** driving his car with members of his family with him followed by Compatriots **Dale Wolfe** and **Russell Wagner**.





## Council Rock North Sophomore Wins Knight Essay Contest

PASSAR is pleased to announce Allison C. Zhu as the state level winner in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. Zhu is an honors student sophomore at Council Rock High School North. Zhu's winning entry was sponsored by the Washington Crossing Chapter. Members of the Washington Crossing Chapter were honored to present Zhu with her award during the recent Flag Day celebration at the historic Moland House in Hartsville. Chapter President Bill Hampton is shown presenting the award to Allison and her mother Hong Zhu, standing in front of the Moland House.

Zhu's essay is entitled "The Men Who Won the American Revolution." This moving composition focuses on the men who fought the war – the common soldiers – who overcame many hardships through personal loyalty, bravery, and perseverance. Throughout her essay, Zhu carefully weaves the real-life experiences of young private Joseph Plumb Martin. Martin enlisted at age 15 and fought in many of the major battles of the Revolution, from the opening battles in and around New York to the key battle at Yorktown. Martin was there at Valley Forge and was one of the last defenders to make it out of Ft. Mifflin alive.



## Washington Crossing Chapter Announces

### Cadet Shayna Sit as JROTC Bronze Medal Winner



Washington Crossing Chapter announces that this year's SAR JROTC Bronze Medal awardee at Bensalem High School's MCJROTC unit is Cadet Shayna Sit. Cadet Sit is a junior at Bensalem High School. The award was presented to her during the annual Bensalem HS MCJROTC Award Dinner held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Chapter Past President Joseph Celano made the presentation. Celano, a retired US Navy Master Chief Petty Officer, has represented the chapter at this event for several years. Congratulations to Cadet Shayna Sit for a Job Well Done!

MCJROTC Cadet Shayna Sit is pictured with Past President Joseph Celano.



Moving?  
Already Moved?

Remember to notify your Chapter President and Secretary about your new address. We want to make sure you get your PA Minuteman right to your door!

## **PASSAR Board of Management Meeting ~ 1-2 November 2019**

### **Friday 1 November 2019**

3:00 ~ 6:00                      Registration  
5:00 ~ 7:00                      Dinner on your own  
7:00 ~ 9:00                      Social (Allegheny Room) PASSAR OFFICERS AVAILABLE FOR INFORMAL Q&A

### **Saturday 2 November 2019**

6:30 ~ 10:30am                  Complimentary full hot breakfast for motel guests  
8:00 ~ 9:00                      Registration  
9:00 ~ 12:00                      Board of Management Meeting (Allegheny Room)  
10:00 ~ 11:00                      Ladies Program (Blair Room)  
12:00 ~ 2:00                      Luncheon / Presentation: *The British Attempt to Disrupt the Pennsylvania Frontier*

### **Comfort Inn ~ Duncansville-Altoona**

130 Patchway Road, Duncansville, PA 16635 [Phone: (814) 693-1800 / (814) 693-0126]

**All Room Rates** (whether single or double): **\$99 + tax**

**Rooms available: 1 King size bed; 2 Queen size beds. All rooms are non-smoking.**  
Guest are to make their reservations directly with the Comfort Inn ~ Duncansville-Altoona.

**Deadline for room reservations is 14 October 2019**

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## **Meeting and Activities Registration Form**

Registration Fee (Compatriots only)                      \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Ladies Program                                      \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Luncheon    \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for registration for the BoM meeting is 18 October 2019**

_____	_____	_____
Name	Chapter	Office
_____		
_____	_____	
Address	Phone	
_____		
_____	_____	
Email	Guest(s)	

Make checks payable to **Frontier Patriots Chapter, SAR** and mail along with registration form to:  
David G. Hammaker Treasurer Frontier Patriots PO Box 313, East Freedom, PA 16637  
Email ~ [davehammaker@gmail.com](mailto:davehammaker@gmail.com)

# PASSAR FEES & DUES

## NEW APPLICANT

National Society	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Calendar Years Dues NSAR	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
Pennsylvania SAR	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
+ First Calendar Years' Dues	<b>\$ 24.00</b>
PASSAR	
Transfer from CAR under age 22	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
= 1 <sup>st</sup> Calendar Year Dues, NSAR	
Calendar 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Dues	
PASSAR	<b>\$24.00</b>

## ANNUAL DUES

National Society Dues	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
Junior Member	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
Pennsylvania Society	<b>\$ 24.00</b>
Chapter Fees vary Family	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
Application (2 <sup>nd</sup> & additional	
Applications on the same line)	
National Society	
+ First calendar year dues, NSSAR	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
Pennsylvania Society	<b>\$ 12.00</b>
+ First calendar year dues, PASSAR	<b>\$24.00</b>

## REINSTATEMENT

Current Year Dues + Late	<b>\$ 56.00</b>
Fee	<b>\$10.00</b>

TRANSFER & REINSTATEMENT	<b>\$ 56.00</b>
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## SUPPLEMENTAL

National Society	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
Pennsylvania Society	<b>\$10.00</b>

## 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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