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General Arthur St. Clair Chapter wins PASSAR Keystone Plaque



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The **General Arthur St Clair Chapter** wins the PASSAR Chapter Activities Keystone Plaque for medium-sized chapters.

Left to Right: **Joseph Wingrove** (Secretary), **Thomas Carnahan** (President), **Gary Bell** (2nd VP), and **Ernest Sutton** (Vice President General Mid-Atlantic States)



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



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## President's Remarks



### *Wayne Strasbaugh, President*

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Dear Compatriot,

On the relatively mild, snow-free weekend of January 31-February 1 the PASSAR Board of Management met in Bethlehem with the Valley Forge Chapter as our host. 35 compatriots representing 11 of our 23 active chapters attended. This turnout was the highest of my presidency, and I want to thank the Valley Forge Chapter and everyone who took the time and effort to attend. It was a productive meeting at which we obtained final approval of the design of the state medal to be offered for sale in connection with the Annual Congress of the NSSAR to be held in Philadelphia in 2024. We hope that all PASSAR compatriots will want to own this attractive and historic souvenir. We also agreed to continue the trial production of the *Minuteman* in both paper and electronic versions through the current issue.

One important issue that did not occasion any discussion at the Winter Board meeting (but perhaps should have) was the Society's dues collection procedures. Subsequent to the meeting, State Secretary Mills circulated for discussion a memorandum of the proposed dues process for the coming year. After receiving a number of helpful and constructive comments, it became evident that the dues collection procedures should be considered in depth at a special meeting open to all interested compatriots that would be held prior to the May Annual Meeting. We have scheduled this meeting for Saturday, April 25 from 10 to 3 at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg (adjacent to Stauffers of Kissel Hill off Route 15). No decisions will be taken at this April meeting, but it is hoped that a consensus on procedures will be developed for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

NSSAR President-General Manning and his First Lady will be attending the Annual Meeting and the black tie Awards Banquet that will follow on Saturday, May 2. It is our expectation that the Banquet will feature, as in the past two years, an oration by the winner of this year's Rumbaugh contest. It promises to be a very patriotic and festive event.

Prior to the Banquet, our deceased compatriots will be remembered at the Annual Memorial Service at the historic Paxton Presbyterian Church in Paxtang. In the last issue of the *Minuteman*, we mentioned that the NSSAR has launched a program to commemorate events of resistance to British rule occurring between 1764 and 1783. Our memorial service furnishes a good occasion to remember one of these events – the March of 700 men from Paxton and Derry Townships to Philadelphia in February 1764 to protest their lack of representation in the Provincial Assembly and the failure of the Proprietary government to defend the frontier. We will lay a wreath on the grave of one of the leading supporters of the March – and a subsequent supporter of the Revolution – Rev. John Elder.

Finally, I would encourage all compatriots to continue to consider ways in which they would like to increase their involvement in PASSAR activities at the state and/or chapter level. We are currently seeking a new state chairman for our Veterans Committee, and there are a multitude of other ways in which compatriots can render patriotic service through our Society.

Your Compatriot,

*Wayne R. Strasbaugh*

Wayne R. Strasbaugh  
PASSAR President





## Tiadaghton Elm – Fair Play Men Medal

The Pennsylvania Society, SAR proudly presents a Pennsylvania Society Medal honoring brave patriots known as the Fair Play Men and their fight for freedom declared under an elm tree. These struggling settlers, battling a vast wilderness 200 miles from Philadelphia, were forced to fend off British and Indian attacks. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, unaware of the actions of the Continental Congress, they signed their own Declaration of Independence. Compatriots and historians see this concurrent event as a sign of the hand of God on the Revolution. Many of the Fair Play Men would die fighting to create a new nation.

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Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Don Knaus, President

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 31 Nichols Street

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Total Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Or email: [dmknaus@pdt.net](mailto:dmknaus@pdt.net)

**Note: a SAR Certificate signed by the Pennsylvania SAR President is available for an additional \$5**



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



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**Winter Board of Management Meeting  
1 February 2020  
Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel, Bethlehem  
300 Gateway Drive, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 1807**

The PASSAR Winter Board of Management meeting was hosted by the Valley Forge Chapter and was held at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The quarterly BOM business meeting was held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at the Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM with President Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Esq. in command. There were 34 compatriots present, 21 with voting privileges, and a quorum was declared.

The Board of Management meeting was temporarily suspended for the placing of a black streamer on the PASSAR flag in memory of Former President Charles S. Canning.

President Strasbaugh reopened the meeting and appointed Chancellor William J. McKim, Esq. as Parliamentarian. The members in attendance introduced themselves and provided a summary of their positions at National, PASSAR, and within their chapters. Next, the Fall Board of Management Meeting minutes were presented by Secretary Russell L. Mills, and by motion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Assistant Treasurer's Report**

Assistant Treasurer Gary A. Weiser brought to our attention that seventeen compatriots had paid membership dues twice and the second payment would be applied to 2021. Also, the Treasurer's Report includes the proposed budget for next year and that budget includes one-dollar dues increase to be held in reserve for the 2024 Congress expenses. The proposed 2020 budget was \$5,600 lower than current the year for the projected savings by not mailing the Minuteman, and \$1,400 lower in the costs in collecting dues online and not all by mail. After identification of one omission in the proposed budget for CAR, that left enough time for inclusion before the May budget vote, by motion, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

He also explained that the 2021 dues collection process will be moved forward to the period of September through November 2020. After the 2021 reconciliation of dues payments with National, Treasurer Mengle will open the database.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Mills provided additional clarification on the dues reconciliation process and explained that that process takes 45 to 60 days. That's why the database is locked down so PASSAR can ensure the integrity of the payment data sent to NSSAR. He said that members are tracked on three separate databases: PASSAR with NSSAR; PASSAR members; individual chapter members. When changes to member information are made by

chapters, it becomes imperative to inform Secretary Mills of those changes so all three databases can be reconciled.

The dues process had some difficulties this year. Some members do not have computers; others do so PASSAR plans to have processes available for all members. PASSAR hopes to provide additional information to members subject to change as follows:

- PASSAR plans to place an article in the Spring 2020 Minuteman that explains the dues collection process.
- Beginning with Minuteman (published after the Spring 2020 PASSAR BOM)
  - Article about the dues collection processes and timeline
  - Advertisements in every Minuteman identifying the dues collection dates and cost
- April-May, Chapter deep dive again for address and contact information validation
- Early summer, Chapters begin reminder announcements at each meeting and within chapter communications (Newsletters, etc.)
- August, Post Card mailing to all PASSAR members detailing dues collection (e-mails or letters explanation)
- Mid-September, Chapter Secretaries begin contacting members one to two weeks after mailings to ensure receipt (based on payments recorded in the PASSAR database)
- Early-November, begin the contacting of non-payers (based on payments recorded in the PASSAR database)

A general discussion opened about the dues collection process and ways for improvement including the types of reports available to chapters. Some suggestions follow:

- Chapters can use a dues collection template developed by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter to better explain the dues notice.
- PASSAR demographics reports can be made available to chapters.
- Concerns about the different wants and needs of members, the large non-renewal response and whether the members needs are being met.
- Preparing information pieces about the positive benefits of membership.
- Getting new members immediately involved on committees.

### **President's Address**

President Strasbaugh provided comments on the topics of discussion at the Fall BOM. First, he addressed the email phishing scheme in his name. With PASSAR web site security changes, the summer and fall phishing scheme seems to have gone away. Second, he was pleased with the attendance at the current meeting, almost double the attendance at both the summer and fall BOM meetings. The downside to the higher than expected attendance is a shortage of meeting booklets. He asked Russell Mills to make books available to anyone who needed one.

Third, the 2024 Congress medal will be voted on under old business. The 2024 Congress Medal Committee Chairman George Clarke, Vice President General Ernest Sutton, and Third Vice President Michael Seibert worked diligently and designed a medal that works quite well. The design includes the red keystone of the 28<sup>th</sup> division, which started in colonial times up to the present.

Next, he addressed the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. He stated that these celebrations may be the last and best opportunity to engage the public at large about the history of the revolution because so many people today, just don't know the history and what it means. The events range from 1764 through 1783. The event coming up soon in 2020 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Massacre on March 5, 2020. We are counting on Former President Ray Prusia to develop a list of events as we go along that we should be commemorating.

### **Registrar's Report**

Registrar Eric Troutman reported 91 applications approved: 34 Regular, 5 Junior, 1 Dual, 17 Reinstatements, 3 Transfers In, 1 Reinstatement Transfer, 1 Reinstatement T, 2 Chapter transfers, 3 Transfers Out, and 15 Supplementals. By motion, the applications were unanimously approved.

### **Spring Annual Meeting Announcement**

Second Vice President Andrew Lick personally members to attend the PASSAR May meeting on May 1-2, 2020 sponsored by the Harris Ferry Chapter at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. The Hotel will have a group rate. President Strasbaugh added that the memorial service will be held at the historic Paxtang Presbyterian Church, and PASSAR will lay a wreath at the grave of Reverend John Elder. As part of the 250 Anniversary celebrations, in 1764, 500 or so people marched in protest of the colonial government at that time from the Paxtang church to Germantown where their petition was received by the colonial government representatives. John Elder supported the protest in 1764 and the Revolution ten years later.

### **Other Important Dates and Announcements**

Chancellor William J. McKim, Esq. reported that at the upcoming Spring Annual Meeting, the Reserve Managers will ask the members to vote on moving responsibility for the management of the Permanent Fund to the Reserve Managers.

Activities Committee Chairman Dick McGeary reminded members to submit their chapter scorecards for the Americanism Award and President General's activity streamer as soon as possible, but no later than February 29, 2020, because the report to NSSAR will be filed in early March 2020.

DAR/SAR Liaison Joseph McMullen reminded members that the DAR finder's forms must be in before the cutoff on March 29, 2020.

Eagle Scout Committee Chairman Ernest L Sutton listed the winners of the Eagle Scout scholarship as follows:

- First Place: - Devin P. DePamphilis sponsored by the Harris Ferry Chapter
- Second Place: - Erik Norloff sponsored by the Centre County Chapter
- Third Place: - - Michael A. Licciardello sponsored by the George Washington Chapter

Knight Essay Committee Chairman J. Rennick Steele announced the winners of the Knight Essay Award as follows:

- First Place - Katherine Sabak
- Second Place - Andrew Murray
- Third Place - Rachel Lukacz

The members unanimously approved a Silver Good Citizenship Award for Todd Depastino from the Pittsburgh Chapter for service to veterans in the Pittsburgh area.

Joseph F. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Chairman William H. Baker, Jr.'s informed us that NSSAR has increased its first-place award Oration Award from \$5,000 to \$6,000 for 2020. He also asked for \$2,000 in the proposed 2020 budget this year broken down as follows: \$500 for first place winner travel to Virginia, \$500 for first place cash prize, \$200 for second place cash prize, \$100 for third place cash prize, \$350 for travel to Harrisburg, and \$350 for travel to other locations, depending on participant locations for judging the orations. Chairman Baker also set the following important dates for the Orations:

- March 28, 2020 – Final date of chapter contests.
- April 1, 2020 – Chapter winners given to Chairman Baker
- April 25, 2020 – Pennsylvania contest in Harrisburg
- May 2, 2020 – State winner to present oration to PASSAR annual meeting banquet.
- July 10-16, 2020 – SAR National Congress in Richmond, Virginia.

Finally, President Strasbaugh also presented a Benjamin Franklin Subscriber Certificate to George Hixon, President of the Valley Forge Chapter on behalf of Former President Charles S. Canning.

### Old Business

#### 2024 Congress Medal

President Strasbaugh opened the presentation and explained that the Medal Committee worked on the design of the medal. The Executive Committee reached a consensus on the medal design that included the red keystone of the 28<sup>th</sup> division with a militiaman on the front with the words Continental Congress 1774 on the top and 134 SAR Congress 2024 on the bottom. The back contains the state motto of Virtue Liberty and Independence, and an outline of Pennsylvania with a star for Philadelphia. The Executive Committee approved a two-stripe drape of light blue and light yellow representing the City of Philadelphia's colors. The medal and drape design were unanimously approved by the membership.

#### Distribution of Minuteman

President Strasbaugh opened the discussion summing up the results of the November BOM discussion. There would be a paper copy of the Minuteman and an electronic copy in the Winter followed by only an electronic copy thereafter. Third Vice President Michael Seibert mentioned that there was still some confusion over the electronic distribution of the Minuteman. Two ideas were conveyed at the November meeting. First, an electronic Minuteman would be sent to those members with email, and a hard copy Minuteman would be sent to those members without email. Second, Minuteman would be made available electronically only on the PASSAR website with no mention of an electronic attachment to an email. It was not clear at the end of the November meeting which electronic disbursement method would be implemented.

The first arrangement places the Minuteman directly in the hands of a member, either electronically or in hard copy. An electronic copy can be read or printed at the member's leisure. The dispersion method protects personal information known as PII, such as addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses because it only goes to members who need to know and not to the general public. The second arrangement, placing the Minuteman on the PASSAR public website, opens the Minuteman to all, including the personal information. This method could be dangerous because it exposes members to malicious hackers.

A discussion followed about whether to make a *Member-Only* section on the PASSAR website. As an example, the DAR website has a member portal section. The discussion also touched on a more general concern about all information on the PASSAR public website. Also, mentioned was the idea of not mixing the Minuteman, a member benefit, with the public website. The members passed two motions in response to the discussion. First, to continue sending the Minuteman to those with email and by regular mail to those with no email until further notice, until more study is completed. Second, to form a PASSAR committee for the Newsletter Distribution with three tasks:

1. To identify PII in the current Minuteman and to determine if a lot of information is being exposed to the world;
2. What is the cost savings in emailing the Minuteman versus hard copy mailing;
3. To establish a method for updating email addresses to continue email distribution, and the creation of a *Member-Only* portal if the Minuteman is placed on the PASSAR website.

### New Business

#### Appointment of Newsletter Distribution Committee

President Strasbaugh appointed a committee for the Newsletter Distribution consisting of Compatriots Robert J. Abbott, Robert M. Gosner, Esq. and Michael Seibert.



## Child Protection

A discussion opened on Child Protection. PASSAR does not supervise boy scouts so we do not require our members to go through Child Protection training before presenting eagle scout awards. PASSAR is careful about using pictures of children at CAR activities without permission. President Strasbaugh asked Chancellor William J. McKim, Esq. to gather additional information about this topic.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** First Vice President/Chaplain, David J. Felts gave the Benediction at 11:56 AM, and the meeting was suspended for lunch. The meeting was formally adjourned after lunch at 1:15 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Seibert, Third Vice President

Attest,

James F. Hall, Asst. Secretary



## Harris Ferry Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

Cordially invites Compatriots and Guests to join our  
Chapter, NSSAR President General Jack Manning and  
PASSAR President Wayne Strasbaugh at the  
2020 Annual PASSAR Meeting and Banquet  
May 1 & 2 at the Camp Hill Radisson

1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011  
Phone (717) 763-7117

**Hotel Reservation Deadline** for SAR rate of \$116 + tax is April 7, 2020  
Ask for Group Rate: Sons of the American Revolution

Registration Forms are available upon request or at  
[www.passar.org/Layouts/meetings.htm](http://www.passar.org/Layouts/meetings.htm)

# Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Nominating Committee Report Annual Meeting - May 2, 2020

Chairman Nominating Committee

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At the PASSAR Quarterly Winter Meeting of February 1, 2020, the following Compatriots were appointed by President Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Esq. to be members of the Nominating Committee pursuant to Bylaw 7.02. FP Raynold L. Prusia, Sr., who of the former presidents has assumed that status most recently, is by virtue of Bylaw 7.02 the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Rev. David J. Felts	Western Region
FP Donald E. Mengle	Central Region
Russell L. Mills	Eastern Region
FP Raynold L. Prusia, Sr.	Western Region
FP Eric H. Troutman	Eastern Region
FP William J. McKim, Esq., Chancellor	

The Nominating Committee has prepared as follows a slate of officers as specified in Bylaw 7.02. which states that under Bylaw 5.02-h.1. the slate must be published in the Pennsylvania Minuteman or furnished to each Chapter 20 days before the Annual Meeting.

Office	Nominee	Date of Election
President (Western Region)	Rev. David J. Felts	May 2020
First Vice President (Central Region)	Andrew L. Lick	May 2020
Second Vice President (Eastern Region)	Michael E. Seibert	May 2020
Third Vice President (Eastern Region)	Francis A. O'Donnell, Jr.	May 2020
Secretary	Russell L. Mills	May 2020
Assistant Secretary	James F. Hall	May 2020
Treasurer	FP Donald E. Mengle	May 2020
Assistant Treasurer	Gary A. Wiser	May 2020
Registrar	FP Eric H. Troutman	May 2020
Historian	FP Ernest L. Sutton, M.D.	May 2020
Genealogist	Don N. Drewry	May 2020
Chancellor	William J. McKim, Esq.	May 2020
Chaplain	Rev. David J. Felts	May 2020
Assistant Chaplain (Eastern Region)	Dr. Rev. William R. Hearter, Jr.	May 2020
Assistant Chaplain (Western Region)	Robert K. Grumbling, Jr.	May 2020
National Trustee	Phillip M. Anders	May 2020

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Alt. National Trustee	Andrew L. Lick	May 2020
Reserve Manager (3 - year term expires 2022)	William H. Haynes	May 2019
Reserve Manager (3 - year term expires 2023)	Lanny R. Patten	May 2020
Reserve Manager (3 - year term expires 2021)	William J. McKim, Esq.	May 2018

Delegates to Congress (No. TBD)	TBD	May 2020
Delegates-at-Large (No. TBD)	TBD	May 2020

Office	Nominee	Date of Election
District Deputy #1 (3-year term expires 2022)	Francis A. O'Donnell, Jr.	May 2019
District Deputy #2 (3-year term expires 2022)	Don N. Drewry	May 2019
District Deputy #3 (2-year term expires 2022)	Robert M. Gosner, Jr., Esq.	May 2020
District Deputy #4 (3-year term expires 2021)	Richard L. Wenner	May 2018
District Deputy #5 (1-year of 3 year term expires 2021)	Fred L. Whitenight	May 2020
District Deputy #6 (3-year term expires 2021)	Donald E. Knaus	May 2018
District Deputy #7 (3-year term expires 2021)	Gary A. Wiser	May 2018
District Deputy #8 (3-year term expires 2023)	Francis D. Stillman	May 2020
District Deputy #9 (3-year term expires 2023)	Gary W. Timmons	May 2020
District Deputy #10 (3-year term expires 2023)	FP William J. McKim, Esq.	May 2020
District Deputy #11 (3-year term expires 2023)	William E. Harry	May 2020

### Executive Committee

Executive Committee 7.01 provides that 5 members -

at -large are to be elected for 1 Year terms and in addition to the 5 elected members, the President, the First Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall also serve on the Executive Committee.

### Appointed Members

FP Miles K. Dechant	May 2020
FP William J. McKim, Esq.	May 2020
FP Lanny R. Patten	May 2020
FP Ernest L. Sutton, MD	May 2020
FP Raynold L. Prusia, Sr.	May 2020

Nominations may be made from the floor. Bylaw No. 5, Section 5.02-h.1 Publication, Nominations

Election and Voting.

## Washington Crossing Chapter Honors Carl LaVO

By Bill Hampton

The Washington Crossing Chapter has awarded the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award to longtime Bucks County resident Carl LaVO. This was presented to Mr. LaVO during the chapter's annual Washington Birthday Dinner Celebration on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February at the Yardley Continental Tavern. Mr. LaVO was the evening's guest speaker, entertaining the large crowd with two of his very popular presentations, "George Washington Slept Here" and "Benedict Arnold in Bucks County."

Mr. LaVO received the SAR Outstanding Citizenship award in recognition of his remarkable journalistic achievements that reflect a lifelong desire to bring history to life and truth to light. His award-winning, truth-embracing journalism and photography has graced the pages of many publications, both local and national. In his forty year career at the Bucks County Courier Times newspaper, he has served as reporter, senior political writer, news editor, life-style editor, business editor, managing editor and executive editor. His celebrated writings and presentations on Bucks County history have entertained and enriched multiple generations of county residents. In Mr. LaVO's long association with the United States

Naval Institute, he has helped preserve the lives and sacrifices of the "greatest generation" through his series of compelling true stories of submarine warfare in World War II. He has appeared on the History Channel, the BBC, and Canadian Broadcasting.

Mr. LaVO was presented with a framed certificate, an SAR Outstanding Citizenship lapel pin, and an SAR Challenge Coin. The SAR Washington Crossing Chapter covers all of Bucks County and it was especially meaningful to recognize such a distinguished county resident.

Pictures: Carl with his award (photo credit to Bill Hampton)



## 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.

Name	Chapter	Date of Change
William Robert Nicholson	George Washington	9/20/19
John Westley Whitefield	George Washington	10/4/19
Carl Francis Songer	George Washington	11/15/19
Harold Gray Merryman	George Washington	11/15/19
George Everett Merryman	George Washington	11/15/19
John Colin Schreiber	George Washington	12/3/19
Thomas Devey Gladden	George Washington	12/15/19
Calvin Llyod Huntzinger	Gov. Joseph Hiester	3/8/19
Albert Robert Huntzinger	Gov. Joseph Hiester	3/8/19
George Joseph Sprenkle	Philadelphia Continental	11/20/19
Demas L McVay Jr	Pittsburgh	4/1/19
Robert Burnon Hile	Pittsburgh	10/31/19
Roswell John Ruka	Pittsburgh	12/31/19
Charles Schlesman Canning	Valley Forge	12/8/19

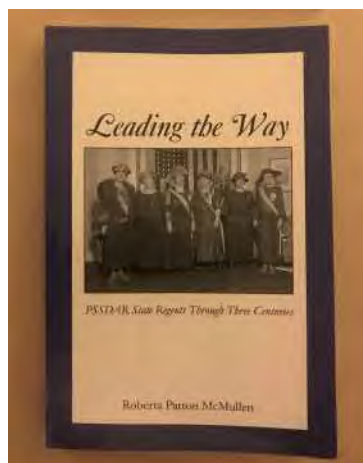
## Continental Congress Chapter Celebrates George Washington's Birthday

Robert M. Gosner, Jr., Esquire, President of the Continental Congress Chapter

On Saturday afternoon, 8 February 2020, the **Continental Congress Chapter** held the George Washington Birthday winter meeting at the Country Club of York. During the opening ceremonies, PASSAR District # 3 Deputy and Chapter President, Bob Gosner, Esq., issued a Proclamation declaring it Wayne

Strasbaugh Appreciations Day. [Photo # 1]. Wayne, the Guest of Honor, and wife, Carol, First Lady were in attendance with nearly 50 SAR, DAR and guests. In addition to many SAR members and dignitaries, there were gathered representatives from 8 local Pennsylvania DAR Chapters, including officers from the Pennsylvania State Society DAR and National Society DAR. The guest speaker was Bobbi McMullen, 42<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania State Regent DAR (2014-2016), and National Society DAR Vice-President General (2016-2019) and author of a number of published books. Bobbi's historical presentation focused on her latest book, *Leading the Way, PSSDAR State Regents Through Three Centuries* (2019),

which features the accomplishments and/or challenges of the Pennsylvania State DAR Regents. [Photo # 2]. In addition to her life's devotion to the DAR mission, Bobbi has been very active with the SAR as a team with her husband Former PASSAR President Joe McMullen. PASSAR District # 3 Deputy and Chapter President, Bob Gosner, Esq., and PASSAR President, Wayne Strasbaugh, Esq., awarded Bobbi McMullen the SAR Martha Washington Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. [Photo # 3].





## Top 3 winners of the PASSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Competitive Contest

Our top candidate will compete at the national level for the \$10,000 Scholarship: **Devin P. DePamphilis**

**First Place:**

Devin P. DePamphilis  
New Birth of Freedom Scout Council  
Sponsor: Harris Ferry Chapter  
Chapter Chair: Forrest C. Myers

**Second Place:**

Erik Norloff  
Juniata Valley Scout Council  
Sponsor: Centre County Chapter  
Chapter Chair: Gary Wiser

**Third Place:**

Michael A. Licciardello  
Laurel Highlands Scout Council  
George Washington Chapter  
Chapter Chair: Ronald E. Miller



### Hand-Made Patriot Quilt Raffle

Created and donated by  
**PASSAR Ladies  
Auxiliary**

**Tickets: \$10.00 Each**

Please contact Cindy Mills at

(717) 357-3493 or  
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Drawing will be conducted at the  
Annual PASSAR Evening Banquet.

May 2, 2020



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chapter	New Member	Ancestor	Sponsor
Christopher Gist	Jeffery Richard Lehman	Alexander Zartman	John M. Cook
Gen. Arthur St. Clair	James Lee Columbus	Richard Williams	Adam M. Puhak
Gen. Arthur St. Clair	Daniel Douglas Foster	Francis McClure	Adam M. Puhak
George Washington	David Clair Carney	Adam Frederick Helmer	Michael D. C. Merryman
Gov. Joseph Hiester	Dennis Lee Baum	Adam Baum	Joseph B. McMullen
Northeast	Jeffrey Shelly Gicking	Adam Wagner	Don N. Drewry
Northeast	Keith James Hicks	William Coolbaugh	Don N. Drewry
Philadelphia Continental	Jan Peter Cummins	Richard Caswell	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Richard Charles Gretzinger	Rudolph Huper	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Thomas James Haas	Alexander McKittrick	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Daniel Robert Hutton	John Michael Esh	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Timothy Roy Ruch	Jacob Peters	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Timothy Ryan Ruch	Jacob Peters	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	John Maharg Stott	John Peter Willard	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Colm Hugh Strain	George Stocker	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Liam Patrick Strain	George Stocker	C. Kelsey Brown
Valley Forge	Paul Frederick Dombrosky	William Johnson	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Cameron James Drewry	Samuel Drewry	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Neal Thomas Drewry	Samuel Drewry	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Matthew Jay Herb, Jr	Samuel Drewry	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Frank James Kozero	George Leibert	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	William Zachary Kozero	George Leibert	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	James William Kresge	Conrad Kresge	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Connor Robert Mentzell	Peter Laubach	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Cullen Geoffrey Andrew Mentzell	Peter Laubach	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Evan Cullen Mentzell	Peter Laubach	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Robert Kline Mentzell	Peter Laubach	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Trevor Robert Kline Mentzell	Peter Laubach	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Charles Edward Sasse	Christian Knipe	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Edward Eric Spinks	Jacob Creveling	Don N. Drewry
Washington Crossing	Jeffrey George Trauger	Christopher Keller	Edward G. Elgart
Washingtonburg	Don Filipe	Carlos de Borbon	Dale J. J. Leppard

*“A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.”*

— **Samuel Adam**



## Annual PASSAR Meeting Friday May 1, 2020 and Saturday May 2, 2020

### Friday, May 1, 2020

3:30 to 6:00 PM                      Registration  
 6:00 to 7:30 PM                      Dinner Buffet in the Veranda Room (Includes Soup, Salad, Entrees & Dessert)

### Saturday, May 2, 2020

6:30 to 9:00 AM                      Breakfast On Your Own (Available at on site Heirlooms Café)  
 8:00 to 9:00 AM                      Registration  
 9:00 to 11:30 AM                      Board of Management Meeting in Governor's Ballroom  
 9:00 to 11:30 AM                      Ladies Program: Compatriot Lawrence Knorr & Co-Authors on "PA Patriots"  
 12:00 to 1:30 PM                      Lunch Buffet (Includes Soup, Salad, Entrees & Dessert)  
 2:30 to 4:00 PM                      Memorial Service & Wreath Laying at Paxton Presbyterian Church  
    3500 Sharon Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111  
 6:00 to 7:00 PM                      Cash Bar & Hors D'oeuvres  
 7:00 to 10:00 PM                      Banquet & Installation of Officers (Black Tie Required/Meal Selection Below)

### Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone: (717) 763-7117

**Hotel Reservation Deadline** for SAR rate of \$116 + Tax is **April 7, 2020**

Ask for Group Rate: Sons of the American Revolution

### Meeting and Activities Registration Form

**Deadline for registration is April 20, 2020**

Registration Fee (Compatriots Only)	_____ x @ \$25.00	\$ _____
Friday Buffet Dinner	_____ x @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Saturday Ladies Program	_____ x @ \$15.00	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon Buffet	_____ x @ \$35.00	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Banquet (Black Tie)	_____ x @ \$60.00	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

#### Saturday Evening Banquet Choice of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Strip Steak      \_\_\_\_\_ Tuscany Chicken      \_\_\_\_\_ Chef's Choice Vegetarian

\*We will accommodate special dietary requirements\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Harris Ferry Chapter SAR**

Mail check and registration form to: **Dennis Bobb, 104 Blue Jay Way, Hummelstown, PA 17036**

Contact Info: Phone 717-648-4752, Email debobb@comcast.net

# 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 PASSAR	<b>\$ 24.00</b>
Transfer from CAR under age 22 = 1 <sup>st</sup> Calendar Year Dues, NSAR	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
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 Application (2 <sup>nd</sup> & additional Applications on the same line)	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
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 Fee	<b>\$ 56.00</b>
	<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>
<b>DUAL MEMBERSHIPS</b>	

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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