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## Clergy and the American Revolutionary War



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## (Cover story)

Who were the thinkers behind the American Revolution which would give birth to the greatest Republic the world had ever seen? Actually, men like Washington, Jefferson, or even Samuel Adams, were not the “root” thinkers of that Revolution. You may be surprised, but the truth is: It was the Pastors who inspired the thinking that brought about the American Revolution. They taught it in the churches! The Provincial Congress of Massachusetts stated in 1774:

*“...we cannot but acknowledge the goodness of Heaven in constantly supplying us with preachers of the Gospel whose concern has been the temporal and spiritual happiness of this people...and do therefore recommend...that they assist us in avoiding that dreadful slavery with which we are now threatened...”*

(*Christian History of the American Revolution*, V. Hall (F.A.C.E. pub.), p.402)

The inspiration for the Battle of Lexington and Concord, which began the Revolutionary War, was none other than Jonas Clark, Pastor of the Church in Lexington for twenty years before the Revolution. It was he who authored almost every state paper written to record the town’s position on liberty. Without him, there may have been no “*shot heard round the world!*”

America’s founders were taught the Biblical principles of resistance to dictatorial government by their Pastors. You hear these principles echoing all through our Founders’ writings. They wrote much in their journals and documents just so following generations could know the foundational ideas on which they birthed and built this nation into the greatest in world history. They didn’t claim that they came up with these ideas. They constantly acknowledged the Bible to be the source of this wisdom.

For more information:

<https://heritageministriesky.com/2019/01/17/pastors-inspired-the-american-revolution-3/>

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## President's Remarks

*Rev. David J. Felts, President  
NSSAR Chaplain General*



Compatriots. This has been a very trying year since the onslaught of the Coronavirus. We have had to do so many things in ways that we did not expect. It is slowly getting to be somewhat less difficult to deal with the effects of the Covid-19 these days, but it is still hard. We have had to develop new ways of thinking, new ways of thinking outside the box, and new ways to do old things that we used to count on for so long. Nevertheless, your PASSAR Leadership has pressed on trying to peer thru the fog of the virus to see just where we need to go and what we need to do while we seek guidance and help from our great GOD on high.

From National, the news is that most General Officers desire to have an in-person Congress in Renton Washington, even if there is only a 25% occupancy imposed. As a Society, we need to meet face-to-face to accomplish business. Somethings we just need that face-to-face presentation for communication and understanding. We have used Zoom for nearly all the necessary pre-congress planning we can. Now we are left with that strong desire that if we can pull it off, we will do it. We will do our best to follow GOD's leading and carry out our mission with a face-to-face Congress.

The State leadership is getting hotter and hotter with strategic planning, both long- and short- range planning sessions. We have met twice to start to map out attainable goals for the next several years. It is no easy task, and your State leaders are "grabbing the bull by the Horns" to get this handled. No idea is off the table as far as the beginning of planning goes. Then we begin to refine from there, but we want to be ready to learn and grow for the future 10 years out and onward.

We are also getting ready for the 2024 congress. George Clarke is the Chair of the Congress Planning Committee for Pennsylvania. He has a lot of exceptionally good ideas and he is looking for many hands to help him get all the necessary work done. That means that each of you can have a part in the National Congress in 2024 from buying a 2024 Pa Congress Medal to participating on a planning committee.

Because of its historical interest and all the historically important places being in the eastern part of the state, the National Congress Planning Committee will probably settle on a venue in the Eastern part of Pa. They are looking for a place large enough to hold upwards of 1,000 people for the Congress. They will be looking for an area with great interest for historical tours to celebrate the 250 anniversary of the First Continental Congress and the like. They will also look for an area that is easy to get around AND is economical for the Congress attendees.

This is a National event, not a Pennsylvania party. A National Congress committee will tell us what they need to hold an event here and what they are looking for to enhance their Congress. They are asking us to help as much as we can. We want to make Pennsylvania look good with many of our State Compatriots helping as they are able. Each of you can help with committee work and planning now, maybe giving \$1, 2, 3, 5 dollars a month or so to the Congress planning fund. Then as we move on, we need more ideas and helping hands to carry out other parts of the planning process.

When we get to 2023, we can start to gather volunteers to help with designing and setting up displays, instruction and direction signs, even manning the Congress "Hospitality Room" for attendees to visit for a breather, coffee, rolls, nuts, candy, etc. during the congress.

So, it has been a remarkably interesting, busy, and "thinking out of the box" kind of year. But it has been an exceptionally good year. God has been more than gracious to us all and we need to keep our eyes on His grace and leading us every day in spite of the Covid-19 and whether we can get our shot on time or not.

God Bless you all.

*Rev David J Felts*





PASSAR Winter BOM Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, February 6, 2021  
Alloy Hotel King of Prussia PA.

The Winter BOM Meeting via Zoom and in- person was held at the Alloy Hotel, King of Prussia, Pa on February 6, 2021

(Please note that the original Minutes were taken on a computer whose hard drive burned. These Minutes are based on the taped recording).

President Felts opened meeting at 9:00 AM  
Invocation by Rev. William Hearter Jr.  
Short Devotion by Rev. Hearter  
Presentation of Colors by Color Guard with attachment of Black Streamer  
National Anthem by Steven and Edward Kopsick  
Pledge of Allegiance by Michael Seibert  
SAR Pledge by Andrew Lick  
Greetings from Host Chapter – John F. Mitchell III President PCCSAR  
Confirmation of Quorum by Francis O'Donnell  
Introduction of Attendees

- 23 in person
- 32 Zoom
- A list of attendees is attached as Attachment A.

Presentation and Approval of Fall BOM Meeting Minutes

Donald Mengle presented Treasurers Report (. Paid off pledge to Museum of American Revolution.

Don Mengle discussed 2020 – 2021 Budget. Budget stands as presented with exception of Liability Insurance increase. Discussion followed.

Motion to increase State Dues was presented by Don Mengle. Following a lengthy discussion, agreement was reached to have Executive Committee review and make recommendations at Annual Meeting in May. Motion was withdrawn.

Break

Invite sent to Zoom Attendees for Lunch Time program.

President Felts Remarks:

- First PASSAR Zoom Meeting in August 2020 had 79 Attendees
- Thanks to PCC for putting together first Live and Zoom Meeting
- Last year has been a challenge. Can compare to 1918 Spanish Flu, Stock Market Crash of 1929, struggles of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.
- Need to put things in perspective
- We are SAR Gentlemen and God has blessed us
- We are free.
- Need to put God back in charge of our lives and everything we do.

Officers Report:

Registrar Report: Eric Troutman

- Applications Received – 68
- Approved by National – 43



Attendees voted to accept all approved applications

Historian Report: Ernest L. Sutton

- Dedication of Gen. Rochambeau Statue in Yorktown delayed because of Covid – 19.
- Dedication of Princeton Battlefield Monument delayed because of Covid – 19.

Genealogist Report:

- No new information

Chancellor Report: William J. McKim (Page 42)

- Solicitation of Pledges for 2024 Congress
- Brass plaque honoring Gen. Butler to be placed in Butler by Christopher Gist Chapter

Chaplain Report West: Rev. Robert K. Grumbling

- No New information

Chaplain Report East: Rev. William Hearter

- No New Information

District Directors – All

- No New Information to Report

Francis Stillman reported dedication of Lafayette Plaque at Friendship Hill (Fort Necessity) postponed because of Covid 19. Also stated dedication of Lincoln Grave possibly rescheduled for August 2021.

Americanism: George Clark

- Nothing to Add

Audit: PASSAR currently looking for Auditor

CAR/SAR Liaison: Joseph McMullen

- Nothing to Add

Color Guard: George Clark

- Black Flag Steamer available to Chapters upon request.

DAR/SAR Liaison: Joseph McMullen

- Nothing to Add

Eagle Scout: Ernest L. Sutton

Top Winners 2020

- Mason Haghey – Five Rivers Council
- Clark Piatt III – Cradle of Liberty Council
- Joshua Thomas Tuite – Hawk Mountain Council

11 Chapter participated in 2020 Eagle Scout Program

EXCOM: Rev. David J. Felts

- Discussion on where we need to be for 2024 Congress

Finance: David Mengle

- Annual dues sent to NASSAR
- Nothing new to report

Flag: Kurt Winter

- PASSAR can still receive Furlong Streamer if majority of Chapters submit one Flag Certificate.

Friends of Library: William McKim

- Encourages everyone to become a “Friend of Library”.

George Washington Endowment Fund.

- Nothing to Add

JROTC/ROTC: Raymond Prussia

- Nothing to Add

Knights Essay: J. Rennick Steele Jr.

- Nothing to Add

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Legislation and Resolutions: William McKim

- Nothing to Add

Medals and Awards: James Hall

- Attendees voted and approved awarding Noah Lewis the Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate

Membership: Andrew Lick

- No report

Nominating Committee: Wayne Strasbaugh

- Continuing to Deliberate

Patriot Records:

- No report

PA Minuteman Newsletter: William Harry

- Need pictures and articles for next issue by Feb. 20, 2021
- Newsletter sent electronically to those having email address
- Newsletter sent by US Mail to approximately 500 members who do not have email address.
- Newsletter can also be found on PASSAR website
- Dues notices are also mailed to those not having email address

Veterans Report: Emmett Haralson Jr.

- Two changes to US and Stark Memorial Program
- Clarification of terms for Veterans
- Veteran recognition was gone from 31 to 136 under Emmett Haralson's Leadership. 77 Combat Awards and 59 Military Service Awards.

Host Chapter Fund Raising: Emmett Haralson Jr.

- Need to raise approximately \$120,000.00 for 2024 Congress
- Urging all members to donation what they can
- Some members have already made donations
- Donation Form found on Page 93 of Winter BOM Report
- PA Society Continental 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade Marines Donation
- Symbol at top of Page 92 and 93 need to be replaced

New Legislation for US Treasury to issue coins featuring Women in History

Draft Resolution for the Creation of the Kansa Commission for the United States Semi quincennial. (America 250).

Ray Prusia head of Committee of Correspondence

Registration Form for PASSAR Annual Meeting (Apr.30 & May1, 2021) in Beaver Falls PA.

- Banquet menu to include Prime Rib
- **Black Tie** for Banquet and Awards Program

Remove "Draft" from 2<sup>nd</sup> VP report on Page 29.

Good of the Order:

- Ray Prusia (Head of Committee of Correspondence) Needs 2 Volunteers for State Correspondence Secretary for America 250.

Executive Planning Committee:

- Request for Volunteer's for Editorial Board to help Bill Henry with PA Minuteman
- Russell Mills and Ray Prusia volunteered.

Unfinished Business:

- Nothing to Add

New Business:

- Michael Seibert led discussion on Personal Information

Frank Meyers brought up Visitation Committee visit to Washingtonburg Chapter. Possible open house in March Ernest Sutton stated Washingtonburg Chapter received Trumbull trophy for most new members. May need to revisit requirements. Chapter has gone from 16 to 5 members. General Potter Chapter has gone from 5 to 2 members.



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Frank Meyers requested to be invited to Membership Task Force Meetings

Electronic Copy of Meeting Report will be sent to all Zoom Attendees

Invitation to Luncheon Program will be sent to all Zoom Attendees by Dave Mizell

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to John Mitchell, President of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, in recognition of Chapter for hosting Winter BOM Meeting.

Call for further business:

- Lunch presentation will be recorded

Benediction by Rev. William Hearter

Retirement of the Colors

SAR Recessional by Russell Mills

President Felts adjourned meet at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Francis A. O'Donnell, Jr.*

Third Vice President

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### Patriot Founder of Connellsville Honored by Eagle Scout and General Arthur St. Clair Chapter

Ernest L. Sutton, State Historian

Grave Dedication Lt to Rt: Zackary Coughenour, Drummer, Anthony Keefer, Adam Puhak, Duane Myers, Drummer James Palmer, Ernest Sutton, Gary Bell, Watson Lupher, Bugler Ray Zimmerman, Frank Stillman

On a hill overlooking Connellsville and the Youghiogheny River where General Braddock's Army crossed in 1755 is the family cemetery of Patriot Zachariah Connell the founder of the Borough of Connellsville. The cemetery was in disrepair and difficult to climb up to its hilltop location. That's until Scout Zachary Coughenour of Troop 101 as his Eagle Scout project for the community decided to restore the cemetery, construct a stairway, erect a flagpole and using the remnants of Connell's 1906 centennial headstone create a new one. Spearheading the General Arthur St. Clair support of the project was Anthony Keefer. At the dedication on 12 Sep 2020, the chapter provided its full color guard, guest speaker Ernest Sutton and chapter president Thomas Carnahan presentation of SAR/BSA Partnership in Good Citizenship to Zack and his scoutmaster.



Patriot Connell was one of the earliest settlers in the area known as the District of West Augusta in 1770. He served as a justice of the peace till the revolution when commissioned as a captain with the Rangers of the Frontier from 1778-1783. Afterward he secured a charter on 21 March 1793 for land that he surveyed known as "Mud Island", a jumping off point for travelers to build rafts to go down the river. Later it became the Borough of Connellsville in 1806.

## Harris Ferry SAR Chapter Awards Bronze Good Citizenship

By Andrew Lick, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, PASSAR



On January 30<sup>th</sup>, [Harris Ferry Chapter President Forrest Myers](#) officiated the 2021 Bronze Good Citizenship Awards at the Captain Leon Lock Hampden Township Veterans Park. VFW Commander Jeffrey Puckett and Hampden Township Commissioner Nathan Silcox were honored for their ongoing support of veterans and their families.

(Attached picture from left to right, VFW Commander Jeffrey Puckett, Harris Ferry Chapter President Forrest Myers, Hampden Township Commissioner Nathan Silcox)

## Continental Congress Annual Meeting

By Bob Gosner, Esq., President of the Continental Congress Chapter, and District # 3 Deputy PASSAR

At the Annual Meeting of the Continental Congress Chapter, Chapter President and District # 3 Deputy Bob Gosner, Esq., awarded Mike Seibert the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal. Mike is a Past President of the Continental Congress Chapter, (serving a two year term 2017-2019), and is currently the Second Vice-President for the Pennsylvania Society SAR. In addition, Mike has served meritoriously as the Chapter Genealogist and Registrar. During his tenure as Chapter Genealogist, he has been successful in obtaining SAR membership for new members. Through the years, Mike has provided

mentorship to Chapter members. Further, Mike was instrumental in inspiring SAR and DAR members to participate in the Memorial Day March and Wreath Laying Ceremony at Gettysburg National Cemetery. Mike is currently active with Chapter, State Society and National Society meetings and activities. In addition, he is active in attending many DAR events with wife, Maribeth Seibert, the current state SAR/DAR liaison for the Pennsylvania



State Society DAR (PSSDAR). We wish Mike the very best in his next anticipated role as First Vice-President of PASSAR.

**Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us.**

**William O. Douglas**



## Flowers in the Forest

The Floo'ers o' the Forest (are a' weede 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 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| James Dillard Hammond       | Centre County            | 11/20/2020     |
| Karl E. Katz                | Continental Congress     | 12/21/20       |
| William Dorsey Lemley       | Fort Jackson             | 04/15/2020     |
| James Patrick Sullivan West | Gen. Arthur St. Clair    | 5/31/20        |
| Vaughn Byron Curry          | George Washington        | 12/23/20       |
| Dean Jeffrey Stellwagon     | Gov. Joseph Hiester      | 9/1/20         |
| Carl Eugene Barefoot        | Great Glades             | 10/27/20       |
| Jeffrey Elwood Hobson       | Great Glades             | 12/22/19       |
| George Albert Burns         | Philadelphia Continental | 10/8/19        |
| George Clayton Fieseher     | Philadelphia Continental | 3/28/20        |
| Edwin Leslie Price          | Philadelphia Continental | 12/30/20       |
| Eugene Harry Fedder         | Tiadaghton               | 12/23/20       |
| Frank William Loeffler      | Valley Forge             | 3/23/20        |



## America 250 SAR Committees of Correspondence

*Each State Society needs a Committee of Correspondence (CoC) Secretary*

In the tradition of Samuel Adams and Joseph Warren, we are calling on each State Society to form a state America 250 SAR Planning Committee to plan and organize State Society activities. So we can help each other be informed, each State Society will have a CoC Secretary as the point of contact to the National Society America 250 SAR Committee. Shortly, we will be launching an online area to report progress and develop interactive tools to help each other. For now, I ask that you have your State Society's Committee of correspondence Secretary send an email to the America 250 SAR Committee at [America250SAR@sar.org](mailto:America250SAR@sar.org)



The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution is not only fast approaching; it is already here! While we are five years away from the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, March 6 of this year was the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Massacre. Leading up to July 4, 2026 we will have many unique opportunities promote patriotism, our objectives of education, and the honor our ancestors. No doubt you will agree, our nation needs to focus on our founding principles of liberty and freedom. America 250 SAR is the anniversary coordinating committee of the National Society. Our charge is to work with the U.S. Semi quincennial Commission, the America 250 staff of the American Battlefield Trust, America 250 DAR, CAR, and other heritage partners to plan the national celebrations throughout the country. State Societies and Chapters will be awarded streamers for activity related to the 250<sup>th</sup> and medals can be earned based on activities. America 250 SAR flags will soon be available through merchandising in the Flags section in the "Members Only" section of the SAR Store.

## Anybody Here Seen My Old Friend John?

*The Tale of a Grave Lost and Found, a New Friend Found and Lost, and My Journey to the SAR*

By Brian Atwood, Valley Forge SAR

What began as an overcast, dreary day had matured into a gorgeous summer afternoon. More than 100 spectators, from State Representatives to distant “cousins,” had joined the local Boston media to witness a rare event – the re-dedication of a Revolutionary War *soldier’s* “lost” grave site. Not since the 1930s had anyone *truly* known who was buried in the brownstone in-ground crypt marked by a broken horizontal slab, sadly worn away by two centuries of unforgiving New England weather. Now, with a new granite headstone in place and a healthy crowd of his own descendants present, Private Jonathan Waitt (1763-1821) would once again be recognized for his service to the fledgling nation he once helped to defend and create.

I stood there proudly – albeit, with great humility – among the dignitaries and reenactors as my dear friend Libby Potter welcomed the crowd to our little gathering. Libby was an active member of the local DAR chapter in Danvers, and it was because of our mutual love of history that this “simple ceremony” had become the full-blown “event” we saw unfolding before us. It seemed to us as though our motto – “the worst they can say is ‘no’” – had resulted in a community-wide celebration of family, friendship, and love of country.

Libby and I had “met” only a few months earlier, over an endless thread of emails and long weekly phone calls. They centered around my desire to re-dedicate the grave site of Jonathan Waitt, who served from Massachusetts in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War – and who also was one of my fifth great grandfathers. I had spent much of the previous three years meticulously researching Jonathan’s life and his Revolutionary War service, so this event would not only be the crowning achievement of those efforts and a beautiful way to honor Jonathan’s service, but also an opportunity to encourage others to do the same. In recent years, Libby herself had tried, in vain, to draw public attention to the many neglected colonial-era cemeteries in Danvers. The town had even voted down funds to restore similar burial grounds, choosing the needs of the living over those of the long dead. It quickly became evident to us that this event needed to be *extra* special.

Although I’ve lived in Pennsylvania since 1979, I was born and reared in Massachusetts. So, one holiday weekend, I found myself in Danvers conducting a fruitless search for Jonathan’s headstone, a photo of which I had planned to add to my ever-growing

collection of ancestor grave sites. This disappointment led me to later contact the Danvers Town Archives, headed up by noted historian Richard Trask, who left no stone unturned and (to his credit) answered all of my questions regarding Jonathan’s final resting place. Ultimately, three years’ worth of searching paid off, in the form of a simple cemetery map made by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), the ambitious employment and infrastructure program created by President Roosevelt in 1935, during the bleakest years of the Great Depression. The map turned out to be our “smoking gun,” clearly listing Jonathan’s grave site

as a rectangle-within-a-rectangle – a slightly raised crypt with a flat stone on top. The only one like it in the cemetery was in the exact same spot on the map. There, a broken horizontal slab lay behind an equally broken and tattered SAR medallion. Long forgotten and ignored, Jonathan’s grave site was right under our nose the whole time. Not only had we positively identified it for the first time in almost a century, but I suddenly found myself with another incredible opportunity: I could apply for a brand new, government-issued granite headstone to permanently mark his grave and service to his country.

On the surface, the application for the headstone seemed easy enough. The Veterans’ Administration required a name, birthplace and date, death place and date, etc., along with official documentation to back it all up. While that may be easy for a more *recent* veteran’s grave, I spent months researching the simplest of these facts for Jonathan. For instance, the only suggestion of his birth date comes from an incredibly brief and cryptic newspaper obituary. It simply states that he was 57 years old when he died on January 12, 1821. So, despite an exhaustive search for proper documentation, I ultimately determined that unless he was born in the first 12 days of 1764 – which is entirely possible – I felt confident betting the odds on the previous 353 days in 1763. Don’t even get me *started* on the 400 different ways to spell the name “Waitt”...

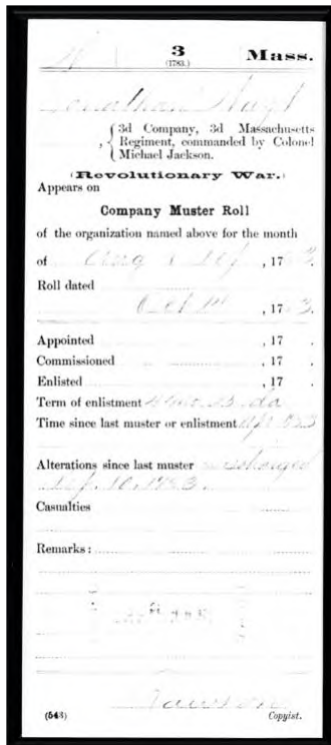
Many months later, the headstone arrived in Danvers in the midst of a bitterly cold January nor’easter. After waiting for the spring thaw (this was in *Massachusetts*, after all), I made arrangements, with the help of Peter Mirandi, Danvers’ Director of Veterans Affairs, for the headstone to be picked up and installed by Jeff Moore of Kimball Memorials, who was willing to donate his services to honor this Revolutionary War Patriot.





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This is where Libby entered the picture. Although neither of us had organized anything quite like this before, Libby, being a DAR member, had easy access to its grave-dedication ceremony's outline. Although I made efforts to locate and contact an active local SAR chapter, I received no response to my queries. So, I



found the documentation I needed online, along with videos I found on YouTube of other similar SAR ceremonies. From these, I created a "hybrid" ceremony, combining them into a unique event that was both educational and engaging for the attendees.

Through our combined efforts, Libby and I were able to enlist the help of not just her own DAR chapter, but those of a Danvers-based reenactment group, a veteran's color guard, a Marine Corps league attachment, a historical interpreter, a local funeral home, a photographer, a florist, a member of "Bugles Across America" and many others, all of them donating their services. We even read a statement from the current pastor of the very

church where Jonathan and his wife were married in 1781. Libby and I made all of these arrangements over the phone and through emails, in between our growing talks about history, our families, our lives, joys, and disappointments, as well as all manner of other discussions, both silly and serious. Although we hadn't yet met in person, we both considered each other to be dear friends, well before the Big Day on July 29, 2017.

In the days leading up to the ceremony, I was able to put some of my own professional skills to use. As a "recovering" public relations practitioner (because one never *really* leaves it behind) and small business owner, I was able to write and distribute a press release among the Boston media. I encouraged them to cover the re-dedication of this Revolutionary War soldier's "lost" grave, complete with lots of camera-friendly "visuals" like period costumes, colorful flags, 21-gun salutes, a bugler playing "Taps," young children (my own) unveiling a new headstone, wreaths, music, speeches, and more. I promised them interviews with me, Libby, Richard, and any number of the many Waitt descendants who traveled from five states to participate in the proceedings. Virtually all of the invited media showed up, and the coverage we received was worth its weight in gold – a lead story done live by one station and a quality feature story reserved for the evening news anchor by another. Our event was covered not only by the Boston TV and radio stations, but also by newspapers, magazines, web sites, and social media platforms. After 100 years of being ignored and neglected, Jonathan deserved all of the attention he

got. Plus, it all served as a wonderful segue to a larger discussion about the importance of early American graveyard preservation, which Richard made it a point to address during the ceremony itself. Overall, the event was well received, and I finally got to meet Libby in person.

With the re-dedication ceremony behind us, Libby and I continued our weekly correspondence. We spent many additional hours on the phone discussing not just the impact and effects of our event on the community, but on ourselves as well. We had both gained an increased appreciation for our veterans, our nation's history, and each other. I'll always remember when Libby said to me that she'd "found a friend for life" in me. The feeling was indeed mutual.

After a year or so, our calls naturally became less frequent – perhaps monthly rather than weekly – but we still spoke on the phone often. She hadn't been feeling well just before an unusually long stretch between our chats; so much so, that I contacted Richard to find out if he'd heard from her. He hadn't, but he knew she'd been in the hospital recently. It wasn't until I spoke with one of her DAR colleagues that I was told the sad news that she was in the final stages of terminal cancer. Through her DAR friend, Libby and I were able to exchange one last correspondence of deep respect and friendship toward each other. Then, she was gone, and my heart was broken, as were those of many who'd



known her far longer than I. I still think about her every day. Perhaps, through my fifth great grandfather, Jonathan Waitt, we were destined to share an amazing, one-of-a-kind experience and a true friendship – both of which I'll always remember and cherish.

Having found Jonathan and lost Libby, I wanted to honor them both by finally joining the Sons of the American Revolution, something I'd toyed with for a number of years. Naturally, I chose Jonathan as my application ancestor, although I had other, easier options available to me. I now proudly wear my rosette and look forward to many years of service to the SAR. In doing so, I wish to "promote patriotism, preserve American history and teach American history to future generations," as suggested by our SAR motto. Besides, there are most certainly other "lost" soldiers out there just waiting to be found and recognized for their service to this great nation of ours.

## Welcome New Members

| Chapter               | New Member                                | Ancestor               | Sponsor                    |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Centre County         | Robert Vance Dunbar                       | Seth Snow, Jr.         | Donald E. Mengle           |
| Centre County         | Lynn Alan Harding                         | Clement Engle          | Gary A. Wiser              |
| Centre County         | Paul Daniel Larson                        | Auris Remsen           | Donald E. Mengle           |
| Christopher Gist      | Steve Adrian Bacheler                     | Paul Hammond           | John M. Cook               |
| Christopher Gist      | Gerald Blaine Frye                        | John Fry               | John M. Cook               |
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| Continental Congress  | Bruce Leon Carr                           | Moses Hall             | Michael E. Seibert         |
| Continental Congress  | Dennis Hugh Roberts                       | John Bowser            | Michael E. Seibert         |
| Continental Congress  | Matthew Karl Seibert                      | Christian Seybert      | Michael E. Seibert         |
| Continental Congress  | William Ralph Smith                       | Daniel Rockwell        | Michael E. Seibert         |
| Continental Congress  | Lenny Allen White                         | Andrew Unangst         | Michael E. Seibert         |
| Gen Arthur St Clair   | Kenneth Keith Gowton                      | Peter Geary            | Rev. Joseph V. Wingrove Jr |
| Gen Arthur St Clair   | Matthew Richard Senkow                    | Philip Gangwer         | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Anthony Wayne    | Thomas Leon Dowlin                        | Joseph Gwynne Sr.      | Donald R. Inman            |
| Gen. Anthony Wayne    | David M Lubonovich                        | Philip Ridgeway        | Donald R. Inman            |
| Gen. Anthony Wayne    | John George Smith                         | William Davis          | John G. Inman              |
| Gen. Arthur St Clair  | Mark Allen Cowell                         | John McCausland        | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | James Lee Columbus                        | Richard Williams       | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Joseph Albert Dearden                     | Conrad Medsker         | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Joseph Edward Durika                      | George Keltz           | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Nathan Allen Durika                       | George Keltz           | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Denton Weber Hough                        | Andrew Lynn, Jr.       | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Gary Wilson Manges                        | John Jacob Menges      | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Nathan Allen Manges                       | John Jacob Menges      | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Steven Allen Manges                       | John Jacob Menges      | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Randall Scott Musick                      | Edward Halferty        | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Keith Charles Taylor                      | Christopher King       | Richard D. King            |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | John Edward Thompson, Sr                  | Simon Ruffner, Jr.     | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | George Thomas Walborn                     | Martinius Walborn, Sr. | Adam M. Puhak              |
| Gen. Arthur St. Clair | Lance Walter Westerlund                   | George Robinett        | Adam M. Puhak              |
| George Washington     | Byron Lee Evans                           | Christopher Ziegler    | Michael D. C. Merryman     |
| George Washington     | Bejamin Austin Huminsky                   | William Moreland       | Michael D. C. Merryman     |
| George Washington     | Jack Lucci Klug                           | John Power             | Michael D. C. Merryman     |
| George Washington     | Dylan Albert O'Neill                      | Jacob Showalter        | Michael D. C. Merryman     |
| George Washington     | Kevin Matthew O'Neill                     | Jacob Showalter        | Michael D. C. Merryman     |
| George Washington     | Lee Eric Potter                           | John Potter            | Michael D. C. Merryman     |
| George Washington     | CAPT Louis Edward Thomassy, Jr. USN (Ret) | John Bebout, Jr.       | Michael D. C. Merryman     |
| George Washington     | Robert Wayne Zelch                        | Timothy Collins        | Michael D. C. Merryman     |



# The Pennsylvania Minuteman Newsletter

## Welcome New Members

|                          |                                |                   |                        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Gov Joseph Hiester       | Lukas Gibson Foehl             | Henry Hulse       | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Gov Joseph Hiester       | Keith William Kimmel           | Adam Kimmel       | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Gov. Joseph Hiester      | Stephen James Bleiler          | Jacob Heffner     | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Gov. Joseph Hiester      | Christian David Gallon         | William Bell      | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Gov. Joseph Hiester      | James Richard Hodge            | Rger Clement      | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Gov. Joseph Hiester      | Paul Robert Kohler             | John Mitchell     | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Gov. Joseph Hiester      | Eric Todd Slaymaker            | Daniel Slaymaker  | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Gov. Joseph Hiester      | Roy Laverne Slaymaker          | Daniel Slaymaker  | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Gov. Joseph Hiester      | Ryan Eric Slaymaker            | Daniel Slaymaker  | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Great Glades             | Kenneth Gene Neimiller         | Dewalt Snyder     | Clark R. Brocht        |
| Harris Ferry             | John Robert Boyarski           | Henry Aughe       | Eric H. Troutman       |
| Harris Ferry             | Matthew Vaughan Kerns          | Gideon Hotchkiss  | Robert J. Bakelaar     |
| Harris Ferry             | Paul Oliver Swartz             | Benjamin Musser   | Robert J. Bakelaar     |
| Northeast                | Peter D Gittinger              | John Hart         | Don N. Drewry          |
| Northeast                | David Allen Hines              | Mark Jordan       | Don N. Drewry          |
| Northeast                | Patrick Gerard Kruger          | Ebenezer Peck     | Don N. Drewry          |
| Northeast                | Ralph Ronald Very              | Consider Wood     | Don N. Drewry          |
| Philadelphia Continental | Christopher Bret Alexander, Jr | Michael Strasbach | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Christopher Bret Alexander, Sr | Michael Strasbach | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | David Francis Alexander        | Michael Strasbach | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Francis Bernardi Alton         | Azariah Taylor    | Thomas H. Alton        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Richard Charles Alton, III     | Azariah Taylor    | Thomas H. Alton        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Adam Thomas Berry              | Nathaniel Berry   | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Samuel Davidson Berry          | Nathaniel Berry   | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | McRay Bostick, Jr              | Henry De Berry    | Dennis W. Bostick      |
| Philadelphia Continental | Sherwin Philip Bostick         | Henry De Berry    | Dennis W. Bostick      |
| Philadelphia Continental | Mark Andrew Burt               | John Van Ausdal   | Mark Edward Burt Ph.D. |
| Philadelphia Continental | Michael Addison Carver, Jr     | Richard Payne     | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Stephen VanBiel Cassel         | Silas Wilson      | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Richard William Davis, IV      | Richard Otis      | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | John Howard Frantz             | Nicholas Franz    | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Dean Allen Henry               | James Dew         | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Bernard Ralph Hughes           | Jonathan Maxson   | Lanny R. Patten        |
| Philadelphia Continental | David Leslie Jinks             | Peter Stahl       | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | George Stephens Leming         | John Fowler       | James M. leming        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Brent Scott Lewis              | Isaac Lewis       | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Jeffrey Brian Mann             | Johannes Mann     | John P. Mann           |
| Philadelphia Continental | Lee Charles Russell            | John Douglas      | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Adam Bradley Sage              | James Sage        | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | James Henry Sage               | James Sage        | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Alexander Mackenzie Saul       | William Coplin    | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Roger Edgar Saul               | William Coplin    | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Gregory Thomas Schmidt         | Samuel Eldredge   | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Michael Jared Sechrist         | John Missimer     | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Aiden Thomas Shields           | Robert Shields    | C. Kelsey Brown        |
| Philadelphia Continental | Nathan Edward Shields          | Robert Shields    | C. Kelsey Brown        |

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## Welcome New Member

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Christopher Hahn Snyder    | James Ogle            | C. Kelsey Brown            | Christopher Hahn Snyder    |
| Spencer Charles Snyder     | James Ogle            | C. Kelsey Brown            | Spencer Charles Snyder     |
| Gordon Johnston Tait Jr.   | Joshua Mersereau, Sr. | C. Kelsey Brown            | Gordon Johnston Tait Jr.   |
| Grayson William Tait       | Joshua Mersereau, Sr. | C. Kelsey Brown            | Grayson William Tait       |
| Eric Scott Thorpe          | Stephen Buck          | C. Kelsey Brown            | Eric Scott Thorpe          |
| James David Vernon         | Daniel Rand           | C. Kelsey Brown            | James David Vernon         |
| Rexford Rand Vernon, Jr    | Daniel Rand           | C. Kelsey Brown            | Rexford Rand Vernon, Jr    |
| Colin James Walls          | George Jacob Heisler  | C. Kelsey Brown            | Colin James Walls          |
| James Lawrence Walls, Jr   | George Jacob Heisler  | C. Kelsey Brown            | James Lawrence Walls, Jr   |
| Christopher Michael Werner | John Williamson       | C. Kelsey Brown            | Christopher Michael Werner |
| Kurt Christian Werner      | John Williamson       | C. Kelsey Brown            | Kurt Christian Werner      |
| Robert Lincoln Whetstone   | Jacob Whetstone       | C. Kelsey Brown            | Robert Lincoln Whetstone   |
| Blair Richard Bogdan       | Hugh Martin           | William P. Boswell Esq     | Blair Richard Bogdan       |
| John Franklin Freund III   | Ludwig Barry          | William P. Boswell Esq     | John Franklin Freund III   |
| Brian Scott Linville       | Peter Linville        | William P. Boswell Esq     | Brian Scott Linville       |
| Scott Lang Linville        | Peter Linville        | William P. Boswell Esq     | Scott Lang Linville        |
| Jeffrey Allen Sink         | Henry Overholtzer     | William P. Boswell Esq     | Jeffrey Allen Sink         |
| Brian Macquin Bailey       | Charles Gatliff       | William P. Boswell, Esq.   | Brian Macquin Bailey       |
| Andrew Scott Allem         | Jacob Allem           | Don N. Drewry              | Andrew Scott Allem         |
| Michael John Bemelmans     | Phillips Rowe         | Don N. Drewry              | Michael John Bemelmans     |
| Michael Jackson Cox        | Michael Jackson       | Don N. Drewry, MSC         | Michael Jackson Cox        |
| Paul Frederick Dombrosky   | William Johnson       | Don N. Drewry              | Paul Frederick Dombrosky   |
| Connor Mykel Grove         | Joseph Camburn        | Don N. Drewry              | Connor Mykel Grove         |
| Mike Keith Grove           | Joseph Camburn        | Don N. Drewry              | Mike Keith Grove           |
| George Clinton Gardner, IV | Thomas Gardner        | Edward G. Elgart           | George Clinton Gardner, IV |
| Jeffrey George Trauger     | Christopher Keller    | Edward G. Elgart           | Jeffrey George Trauger     |
| Daniel Silverius Fox       | Peter Dubois          | Edward G. Elgart           | Daniel Silverius Fox       |
| Robert Owen Booth          | William Maclay        | Eric H. Troutman           | Robert Owen Booth          |
| Robert Own Booth, Jr       | William Maclay        | Leshane Stefan H. Troutman | Robert Own Booth, Jr       |
| Christopher Hahn Snyder    | James Ogle            | C. Kelsey Brown            | Christopher Hahn Snyder    |
| Spencer Charles Snyder     | James Ogle            | C. Kelsey Brown            | Spencer Charles Snyder     |
| Gordon Johnston Tait Jr.   | Joshua Mersereau, Sr. | C. Kelsey Brown            | Gordon Johnston Tait Jr.   |
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| Eric Scott Thorpe          | Stephen Buck          | C. Kelsey Brown            | Eric Scott Thorpe          |
| James David Vernon         | Daniel Rand           | C. Kelsey Brown            | James David Vernon         |
| Rexford Rand Vernon, Jr    | Daniel Rand           | C. Kelsey Brown            | Rexford Rand Vernon, Jr    |
| Colin James Walls          | George Jacob Heisler  | C. Kelsey Brown            | Colin James Walls          |
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| Robert Lincoln Whetstone   | Jacob Whetstone       | C. Kelsey Brown            | Robert Lincoln Whetstone   |
| Blair Richard Bogdan       | Hugh Martin           | William P. Boswell Esq     | Blair Richard Bogdan       |



## Upcoming Meetings and Events

Please note that you'll have to log in to the [SAR Website](#) before you can access to contest and NSSAR links

| Date/Time                | Event  | Comments   |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Feb. 01, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> NSSAR Friends of Library                  | <a href="#">Web Link to Information</a> login: <a href="#">sar.org</a> first |
| Feb. 01, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> NSSAR USS Stark Memorial                  | <a href="#">Web Link to Information</a> login: <a href="#">sar.org</a> first |
| Feb. 01, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> NSSAR SAR Magazine Award                  | <a href="#">Web Link to Information</a> login: <a href="#">sar.org</a> first |
| Feb. 05, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> NSSAR American History Teacher Contest    | <a href="#">Web Link to Information</a> login: <a href="#">sar.org</a> first |
| Feb. 06, 2021 @ 12:00 pm | PASSAR Board of Management Meeting                         | <b>Host:</b> Philadelphia Continental Chapter                                |
| Feb. 13, 2021 @ 12:00 pm | <a href="#">Continental Congress Chapter</a> BOM Meeting   | County Club of York/ <a href="#">York</a> Direction                          |
| Feb. 20, 2020 @ 12:00 pm | <a href="#">General Arthur St. Clair Chapter</a> Meeting   |  |
| Feb. 20, 2021 @ 12:00 pm | Center Co. Chapter Washington's Birthday Luncheon          | Penn Stater Conference Center/ <a href="#">State College</a> Directions      |
| Feb. 20, 2021 @ 12:00 pm | <a href="#">Erie Chapter</a> Meeting                       | Hoss's Steak & Seafood House/ <a href="#">Erie</a> Directions                |
| Feb. 21, 2021 @ 7:30 pm  | <a href="#">Continental Congress Chapter</a> BOM Meeting   | County Club of York/ <a href="#">York</a> Direction                          |
| Feb. 28, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> NSSAR Knight Essay Contest                | Email for Information: <a href="#">J. Rennick Steel, Jr.</a>                 |
| Mar. 01, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> PASSAR Middle School Brochure Contest     | Email for Information: <a href="#">George Clarke</a>                         |
| Mar. 03 - 07, 2021       | NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting                            | <a href="#">Web Link to Information</a> : Louisville, TN                     |
| Mar. 20, 2020 @ 12:00 pm | <a href="#">General Arthur St. Clair Chapter</a> Meeting   |  |
| Mar. 23, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> PASSAR Elementary School Poster Contest   | Email for Information: <a href="#">George Clarke</a>                         |
| Mar. 31, 2021            | PASSAR Annual Meetings/Election of Officers                | <b>Host:</b> Gen. Anthony Wayne Chapter                                      |
| Apr. 01, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> PASSAR J/ROTC & Sea Cadet Program         | <a href="#">Information and Application</a>                                  |
| May 01, 2021             | PASSAR Annual Meetings/Election of Officers                | <b>Host:</b> Gen. Anthony Wayne Chapter                                      |
| Jun. 01, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> NSSAR Elementary School Poster Contest    | <a href="#">Information and Application</a>                                  |
| Jun. 04, 2021            | <b>Deadline:</b> NSSAR Middle School Brochure Contest      | <a href="#">Information and Application</a>                                  |
| Jun. 10 - 15, 2021       | <a href="#">Continental Congress Chapter</a> BOM Meeting   | County Club of York/ <a href="#">York</a> Direction                          |
| Jun. 11, 2021 @ 6:00 pm  | Center County Chapter – Flag Day Picnic                    | PA Military Museum/ <a href="#">Boalsburg</a> Directions                     |
| Jul. 12, 2021 @ 12:00 pm | NSSAR 131 <sup>st</sup> . Congress                         | <a href="#">Link to Information</a> : Renton, WA                             |
| Sep. 19, 2021            | NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting                              | <a href="#">Louisville, TN</a>   |
| Sep. 23 - 25, 2021       | NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting                              | <a href="#">Louisville, TN</a>   |
|                          | <b>Deadline:</b> NSSAR Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest | <a href="#">Information and Application</a>                                  |
| Nov. 05-06, 2021         | PASSAR BOM Meeting (Continental Congress)                  | Details to be announced  |
| Dec. 11, 2021 @ 12:00 pm | <a href="#">Continental Congress Chapter</a> BOM Meeting   | County Club of York/ <a href="#">York</a> Direction                          |
| Feb. 4-5, 2022           | PASSAR Winter BOM Meeting                                  | <b>Host:</b> Governor Joseph Hiester SAR Chapter                             |

### Butler PA Sar/Dar 2020 Picnic at Summit Twp. Sportsman's Club





## Board of Management Meeting Goes Hybrid Zoom!

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

As the COVID 19 Virus has affected how we have had to change our life activities. So, it is with how we have learned to conduct business for The Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution's Board of Management Meeting.

On February 6, 2021, there were approximately 25 people in attendance at the BOM which was hosted by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter at Valley Forge's Double Tree Hotel. It was the conception of their committee to offer a hybrid meeting utilizing zoom.us, an American communications technology company headquartered in San Jose, California.

It provides videotelephony and online chat services through a cloud-based peer-to-peer software platform and is used

for teleconferencing, telecommuting, distance education, and social relations (wikipedia.com).

As **David Mizzell**, zoom host, wrote, "This was a technological challenge to say the least and the first hybrid meeting for PASSAR."

The meeting was in a large open ballroom with high ceilings and the in-person attendees were to be widely spaced out.(socially distanced)

[we] had to use wireless microphones to amplify the sound in the room of whomever was speaking. The zoom attendees need to be projected on a screen for the in person people to see and their sound amplified through the PA system.

On the Zoom side the attendees needed to hear(separate microphone) and see(webcam).

At the beginning of the meeting [we] had one person in the meeting turn their computer on and their microphone caused a feedback loop(the ringing you heard in the first few minutes).

You can see this person in one photo, logged into zoom and in the meeting.

We are sure the experience can be improved in many ways with better equipment, we did the best we could.

The Hybrid meeting is the way to go with at least 17 chapters represented and 10 chapter presidents



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## General Arthur St. Clair Chapter Receives PG Educational Outreach Recognition

By Ernest Sutton, MD, State Historian

December 19, 2020 was a busy day for State President David Felts at the General Arthur St. Clair Chapter. Following the installation of officers, he presented two national flag streamers to the chapter: The President General Education Outreach Award and the Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest for sponsoring High School Senior Hattie Marie Lindey at Congress. Afterward Felts presented the Lafayette Medal for 40 hours of SAR service to Adam Puhak and Ernest Sutton, and an Oak Leaf Cluster to Anthony Keefer. David Staples also received the Distinguished Service Medal from the chapter president Thomas Carnahan.



The requirement to receive the **President General's Education Outreach Streamer** is for compatriots of a chapter to do a certain number of new Historical Presentations or to present an existing presentation to a new audience. Examples of Historical Presentations would be speaking on a Revolutionary War Campaign, period flags; period music, etc. Started in 2019 the objective of the PG's Program is to recognize those chapters who are taking education outreach to the American people and raising the profile of the SAR in their communities.

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## Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Nominating Committee Report  
2021 Annual Meeting  
Chairman Nominating Committee

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The following compatriots were appointed  
by President Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Esq. to be members of the  
Nominating Committee pursuant to  
Bylaw 7.02. FP Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Esq., 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 to be members of the Nominating  
Committee pursuant to

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Rev. Robert K. Grumbling    | Western Region |
| FP Donald E. Mengle         | Central Region |
| Michael E. Seibert          | Eastern Region |
| FP Wayne R Strasbaugh, Esq. | Eastern Region |
| Andrew L. Lick              | Central Region |
|                             |                |

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

Positions in **bold type** are to be elected at Annual Meeting

Occupants of positions in regular type continue in office

| Office  | Nominee                      | Date of Election |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>President (Central Region)</b>             | Andrew L. Lick               | May 2021         |
| <b>First Vice President (Eastern Region)</b>  | Michael E. Seibert           | May 2021         |
| <b>Second Vice President (Eastern Region)</b> | Francis A. O'Donnell, Jr.    | May 2021         |
| <b>Third Vice President (Western Region)</b>  | Kurt J. Winter, Esq.         | May 2021         |
| <b>Secretary</b>                              | Russell L. Mills             | May 2021         |
| <b>Assistant Secretary</b>                    | James F. Hall                | May 2021         |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                              | FP Donald E. Mengle          | May 2021         |
| <b>Assistant Treasurer</b>                    | [To Be Nominated from Floor] | May 2021         |
| <b>Registrar</b>                              | FP Eric H. Troutman          | May 2021         |
| <b>Historian</b>                              | FP Ernest L. Sutton, M.D.    | May 2021         |
| Office  | Nominee                      | Date of Election |

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| <b>Genealogist</b>   | <b>Don N. Drewry</b>                    | <b>May 2021</b> |
| <b>Chancellor</b>  | <b>FP William J. McKim, Esq.</b>        | <b>May 2021</b> |
| <b>Chaplain</b>  | <b>Rev. David J. Felts</b>              | <b>May 2021</b> |
| <b>Assistant Chaplain (Eastern Region)</b>                 | <b>Dr. Rev. William R. Hearter, Jr.</b> | <b>May 2021</b> |
| <b>Assistant Chaplain (Western Region)</b>                 | <b>Robert K. Grumbling, Jr.</b>         | <b>May 2021</b> |
| <b>PASSAR Nominee for NSSAR National Trustee</b>           | <b>FP Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Esq.</b>     | <b>May 2021</b> |
| <b>PASSAR Nominee for NSSAR Alternate National Trustee</b> | <b>Michael E. Seibert</b>               | <b>May 2021</b> |
| <b>Reserve Manager (3 - year term expires 2022)</b>        | <b>William H. Haynes</b>                | <b>May 2019</b> |
| <b>Reserve Manager (3 - year term expires 2023)</b>        | <b>FP Lanny R. Patten</b>               | <b>Aug 2020</b> |
| <b>Reserve Manager (3 - year term expires 2024)</b>        | <b>FP William J. McKim, Esq.</b>        | <b>May 2021</b> |

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|--|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Delegates to 2021 National Congress (Maximum of 32)</b> | <b>TBD at Annual Meeting</b> | <b>May 2021</b> |
| <b>Delegate-at-Large (one, if necessary)</b>               | <b>TBD at Annual Meeting</b> | <b>May 2021</b> |

| <b>Office</b>  | <b>Nominee</b>              | <b>Date of Election</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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. | Aug 2020                |
| <b>District Deputy #4 (3-year term expires 2024)</b> | <b>Forrest C. Myers</b>     | <b>May 2021</b>         |
| <b>District Deputy #5 (3-year term expires 2024)</b> | <b>Fred L. Whitenight</b>   | <b>May 2021</b>         |
| <b>District Deputy #6 (3-year term expires 2024)</b> | <b>Donald E. Knaus</b>      | <b>May 2021</b>         |
| <b>District Deputy #7 (3-year term expires 2024)</b> | <b>Gary A. Wiser</b>        | <b>May 2021</b>         |
| District Deputy #8 (3-year term expires 2023)        | Francis D. Stillman         | Aug 2020                |
| District Deputy #9 (3-year term expires 2023)        | Gary W. Timmons             | Aug 2020                |
| District Deputy #10 (3-year term expires 2023)       | FP William J. McKim, Esq.   | Aug 2020                |
| District Deputy #11 (3-year term expires 2023)       | William E. Harry            | Aug 2020                |

| <b>Executive Committee</b>   | <b>Elected Members</b>              | <b>Date of Election</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Executive Committee 7.01 provides that 5 members -</b><br><br><b>at -large are to be elected for 1 Year terms and in</b><br><br><b>addition to the 5 elected members, the President,</b><br><br><b>the First Vice President, the Secretary and the</b><br><br><b>Treasurer shall also serve on the Executive Committee.</b> | <b>FP William J. Mckim, Esq.</b>    | <b>May 2021</b>         |
|  | <b>FP Raynold L. Prusia, Sr.</b>    | <b>May 2021</b>         |
|  | <b>FP Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Esq.</b> | <b>May 2021</b>         |
|  | <b>FP Ernest L. Sutton, M.D.</b>    | <b>May 2021</b>         |
|  | <b>FP Eric H. Troutman</b>          | <b>May 2021</b>         |

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





**Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution**  
**The Ramada, Beaver Falls, Pa.**  
**Annual Meeting, Schedule of Events**

**Friday, April 30, 2021**

3:00- 6:00 PM

Registration---Lobby

Dinner on your own

7:00- 9:00 PM

Social Time---Pool Side. (meat, cheese plate ) cash bar

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

8:00- 9:00 AM

Registration--- Lobby

9:00— 11:30

Board of Management Meeting (10:00-Pastries with  
coffee, tea, etc. will be served)

9:30—11:30

Ladies program—Speaker from Old Economy Village

12:00-- 2:00

Luncheon on your own

2:00 – 3:00

Memorial Service

6:00 – 7:00

Social Hour

7:00 - ?

Banquet and Awards program (Black Tie)

**Make room reservations directly with the Ramada, 7195 Eastwood Road  
Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010, (724) 846-3700 by April 16, 2021**  
Mention SAR to receive the special rate of \$94.00/day, plus tax

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**Registration Form**

**PASSAR Summer Board of Management Meeting**

**April 30, May1, 2021**

**The deadline to register for the Annual BOM Meeting is April 16, 2021**

Registration @ \$25.00 (Compatriots only) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday evening Reception @ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$ 15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Program @ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet Prime Rib @ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amish Chicken @ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tuscan Penne @ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s), Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to General Anthony Wayne Chapter SAR**  
**Mail to. Dr. John Inman, 11 Hunt Dr. Grove City, Pa. 16127-6389**

## PASSAR FEES & DUES

### NEW APPLICANT

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

### ANNUAL DUES

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

### REINSTATEMENT

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

### TRANSFER & REINSTATEMENT

**\$ 56.00**

### 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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