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The Pittsburgh-based Veteran's Breakfast Club (VBC) holds breakfasts and other events where vets can interact with each other and share their experiences. They also have the opportunity to record their stories, which then become available on the VBC website and YouTube. This oral history describes America's armed conflicts over the past 80 years, told in the words of those who lived them. Todd DePastino, PhD, is the founder and Executive Director of this worthy organization. After successfully petitioning PASSAR, the Pittsburgh Chapter was authorized to award him the state's Silver Good Citizenship Medal. On 22 Feb, Dr. DePastino was the featured speaker at the Chapter's Washington's Birthday Meeting. After the presentation, Chapter Registrar and VBC Board Member Col William P. Boswell, USAF (retd.), presented Todd with his framed certificate and medal.

Another DePastino project was "Voices of Vietnam" the oral history portion of a major exhibit at Pittsburgh's Heinz History Center. One of the participants was Chapter First Vice President Joe Corrigan. Recently inducted into the Vietnam War Veterans Corps, he received his certificate at the same meeting.

Submitted by Pittsburgh Chapter PASSAR President Jon Coulter

All photos by Maryann Coulter



New Phone Number?

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

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President's Remarks

Rev. David J. Felts, President

NSSAR Chaplain General



Hello, Compatriots.

This past Spring has caused a few strange and different problems for all of us, PASSAR notwithstanding. Because of it, President Strasbaugh and the ExCom had to cancel the Annual Meeting in May with election of new officers, the Memorial Service, and the Installation Banquet. Now we are playing catch-up. Having checked all the By-laws and the Constitution, Chancellor William McKim has found that we may hold our Annual Meeting with election of new officers at our Summer Meeting in Uniontown, PA hosted by Great Glades Chapter. Arrangements have finally been concluded.

This PASSAR weekend will begin Friday, July 31 with a 3 PM Wreath-Laying at Lincoln Cemetery honoring three Revolutionary War heroes that are buried there. We hope to have some descendants of those Heroes, the PASSAR Color Guard, along with the Former President General and Mrs Jack Manning attending this great honor.

Friday evening, we will hold a business-casual Buffett dinner with Youth Awards taking the spotlight and we will include some other presentations as we are able. Dinner begins at 6 PM.

After breakfast on your own, Saturday Morning will begin with the Men of PASSAR and the Women of LAPASSAR holding simultaneous meetings at 9 AM sharp. Then as quickly as possible, we will get to a luncheon that will be the backdrop for FPG Manning to install the Newly elected PASSAR Officers. With little set-up disturbance, we will proceed directly to a brief Memorial Service to honor the Compatriots from Pennsylvania who have recently gone on to their heavenly reward. We hope to conclude shortly after 2:30 Saturday afternoon so that you can get on your way.

I look forward to meeting you at this historic event, seeing that we have never done this before. Oh, let me introduce myself; my name is Rev David J Felts, Chaplain of PASSAR for the past 4 years. I have come from the General Anthony Wayne Chapter of SAR in Beaver Falls, Pa. I have served as Chaplain of the Chapter since 2016. Last year, I was elected as Chaplain General of NSSAR and Chairman of the Chaplains Committee. I originally joined NSSAR in 1986.

I come from a long line of Warriors. Some have served with military weapons, some with ploughshares, some with tools of industry, and others with a pen, words, truth, and the Bible. I believe that the Lord God has prepared me and called me to this position to serve the Sons of the American Revolution in my chapter, in the National Society, and in this State Society in this position.

My Patriot fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain against the Cherokee and then with Gen Francis (The Swamp Fox) Marion later against the British. If you know anything about The Swamp Fox, his fighting methods were very unconventional for his time. He was not ruthless in his battles, but he was very clever and creative. I will seek to bring my Patriot honor and to bring honor and glory to our great God who has called me to this place. He has called all of us to be in this Society so that together we may serve Him in the Cause and Mission of Celebrating, Preserving, Teaching, and Promoting our History and the resulting Freedom that was won for us. I will use whatever creative and clever techniques I have been given within the framework of following our leader's direction and commands, as well as those of the By-laws and Constitution. I will encourage each of you to do the same as we work together to serve PASSAR and our Great and Sovereign Almighty God. Without Him, there would be no peace or Freedom.

Blessings to you all. Dave Rev David J Felts President, PASSAR

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2020 SAR Congress, Richmond notes

Rev David J Felts
President, PASSAR

Everyone wants to know has a decision been made about congress this year in Richmond, VA? Here is the latest information. Pass it on as you need.

F Y I. This is only INFORMATION. No final decision has been made. Many options have been considered by the ExCom. Here is where they are now. A Final decision is expected by May 29.

From the Meeting Minutes :

"Congress Planning Update:

*Paul Callanan gave an update on plans for the Richmond Congress.

-Richmond Mayor Stoney requested, and Virginia Governor Ralph Northam granted, a delay in proceeding to Phase One of reopening for the City of Richmond.

With this delay, the **earliest Richmond will enter Phase I is midnight on May 28.**

-Discussion this week with the Marriott hotel as to whether they can support us.

-Executive Committee will make a decision by May 29.

-PG Manning stated that **Richmond is still the focus** and that **registration will open on May 29.**

-Congress related questions from the Zoom attendees:

-VPG Rocky Mtn Stephen Miller (AZ) asked if we should **start making reservations?**

-Callanan suggested that you should check about the cancelation policy before booking.

-VPG Miller also asked about travel from the airport to the hotel, would the taxis be clean and safe to use.

-Paul noted that is a risk that needs to be addressed before Richmond can be fully opened.

-Trustee Don Burdick (GA) wanted to know if the state presidents had been asked to survey their membership to see if we have enough attendees to have congress.

-PG Manning said he has asked at the last meeting on May 2 and reminded everyone again that

-Trustee William Battles (MA) asked if we do have a fall back plan if we move Congress?

*Paul Callanan reviewed our **three options that are still being discussed by the ExCom** and said we should be down one option by end of next week.

*Options: 1 = No congress.

*2 = Zoom congress to do only required business using app called Election Runner for any voting.

*3 = Option would include a minimal physical Congress using HQ in Louisville, and live streaming everyone else that wishes to attend.

-Trustee John Berg (OR) asked if a physical Congress in Richmond and had only 75% participation, what would be the financial impact on the SAR.

-PG Jack Manning stated that was what the **ExCom is working on to try to prevent.**

-Trustee Gary Pettett (ID) stated that at the last meeting, they were given some numbers on cost to the SAR if we cancel and what were they.

*Paul Callanan said that the Marriott hotel is just over 324,000 and the Hilton hotel would be about 6,000. **Right now, we do not feel that the hotels can support the congress.**

-Trustee Keith Weissinger (WA) asked if ExCom is considering a hybrid option where those that want to travel can attend and those that do not wish to travel can attend in an electronic format.

*Paul Callanan said that all options are still on the table, and that ExCom will decide.

- PG Warren Alter (AZ) reminded the Trustees that the ExCom is meeting weekly and will have a plan put forth by the May 29 and that we are really trying to find the best solution.

. Trustee Robert Moore (HI) asked what the drop-dead date for not having Congress.

*Paul Callanan spoke about the meeting with Marriott hotel and based on the conversation, **June 3 is the date for the decision with the hotel.** This based on the Phases 1 and 2 not being fully implemented by June 3.

-Trustee James Morock (LA) asked that with all the fears of a resurgence that we consider a Zoom Congress.

-CG Peter Davenport (VA) stated just a couple of points.

*The Richmond Mayor asked for an extension of Phase 1; this was granted.

*The limitation on gatherings in Phase I is 10; Phase 2 is 50 for any gathering.

*In Richmond, the number of cases has been going up.

*Trustee Toby Chamberlain (IL) stated that it normally sends three [Trustees], but this year after checking only one would be willing the attend.



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 4th, 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.

This medal may be purchased and worn by any active men of the SAR, not limited to members of PASSAR or to descendants of the Fair Play Men who signed their Declaration under the Tiadaghton Elm. Medal sets of Large and mini medals enclosed in official SAR medal cases will be struck. The medals are offered at \$40.00 per set (postage included).

PASSAR Tiadaghton Elm – Fair Play Men Medal Order Form

Name _____ Please make check or money order payable to:

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Phone: () _____ Don Knaus, President

Email Address: _____ 31 Nichols Street

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

Order Form



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Large Medal

Miniature Medal

This medal has been approved by the NSSAR 's Medals & Awards Committee
and the Executive Committee

JROTC Winner Announced

By Raynold Prusia, FP, JROTC Chairman

The PASSAR JROTC Cadet Enhanced Essay Contest for 2020 – Had only one Chapter that submitted a qualified JROTC Cadet Essay and therefore, only one winner for the Pennsylvania SAR Statewide JROTC Essay contest was chosen.

The First Place Winner is Air Force Cadet Colonel Lorna Loughery, and she will be invited to attend the 31 July 2020, BOM Annual Buffet Dinner to receive her \$500 Check, and SAR JROTC Medal and SAR Certificate from PASSAR. Also, her name and year 2020, engraved on brass nameplate, is to be added to the PASSAR JROTC Plaque that is to

be held for one year by the High School.

Cadet Loughery is from the North Penn High School, 1340 Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, PA 19446. The Philadelphia Continental is the sponsoring Chapter and her AFJROTC Unit PA-20062 and Senior Military Instructor, is Major Jean-Andrea Parmiter, and High School Principal is Pete Nicholson.

This is the second year in a row that the North Penn H.S. has produced a SAR JROTC Cadet Essay Contest winner for the Pennsylvania SAR. JROTC Outstanding Cadet Loughery's Essay Package will be mailed to the NSSAR for entry in the National SAR Competition Contest.

Welcome New Members

Chapter	New Member	Ancestor	Sponsor
Christopher Gist	Steve Adrian Bacheler	Paul Hammond	John M. Cook
Continental Congress	David Austin Butler, Sr	Thomas Butler	Michael E. Seibert
Gen. Anthony Wayne	Thomas Leon Dowlin	Joseph Gwynne Sr.	Donald R. Inman
Gen. Arthur St. Clair	Randall Scott Musick	Edward Halferty	Adam M. Puhak
Gen. Arthur St. Clair	Lance Walter Westerlund	George Robinett	Adam M. Puhak
George Washington	Robert Wayne Zelch	Timothy Collins	Michael D. C. Merryman
Gov. Joseph Hiester	Stephen James Bleiler	Jacob Heffner	Eric H. Troutman
Gov. Joseph Hiester	James Richard Hodge	Roger Clement	Eric H. Troutman
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	Dean Allen Henry	James Dew	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	George Stephens Leming	John Fowler	James M. Ieming
Philadelphia Continental	Brent Scott Lewis	Isaac Lewis	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Jeffrey Brian Mann	Johannes Mann	John P. Mann
Philadelphia Continental	Gregory Thomas Schmidt	Samuel Eldredge	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Gordon Johnston Tait Jr.	Joshua Mersereau, Sr.	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Grayson William Tait	Joshua Mersereau, Sr.	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Colin James Walls	George Jacob Heisler	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	James Lawrence Walls, Jr	George Jacob Heisler	C. Kelsey Brown
Pittsburgh	Blair Richard Bogdan	Hugh Martin	William P. Boswell Esq
Pittsburgh	Jeffrey Allen Sink	Henry Overholtzer	William P. Boswell Esq

Flowers in the Forest

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

Name	Chapter	Date of Change
David Philip Morton	Gen. Anthony Wayne	04/05/2020
Joseph M Kurtz, II	Gen. Arthur St. Clair	02/24/2020
Kenneth Eugene Gorton	George Washington	03/20/2020
Thomas Allen Whitefield, Sr.	George Washington	04/02/2020
Eugene Gass Painter	George Washington	05/11/2020
Kenneth William Roberts	Gov. Joseph Hiester	01/24/2020
Thomas William Famiglietti	Gov. Joseph Hiester	03/29/2020
Dr. John William Reinhart	Gov. Joseph Hiester	04/02/2020
Frederick Remsen Rude	Philadelphia Continental	04/23/2020

A TRIBUTE TO REV. JOHN ELDER

THE FOLLOWING IS THE SPEECH THAT PASSAR PRESIDENT **WAYNE R. STRASBAUGH** PLANNED TO DELIVER AT A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POSTPONED ANNUALMEMORIAL SERVICE THAT WAS TO BE HELD AT THE PAXTANG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. We are gathered today to honor the "Fighting Parson" John Elder, the most famous minister of the Historic Paxtang Presbyterian Church. John Elder was a man of his time --a time when scalps weretaken and sold, children were kidnapped, and Native Americans and Pennsylvania colonists were brutally and indiscriminately slaughtered. It was a time that called for extreme measures, when some men performed acts of heroism while others performed acts of unspeakable cruelty. John Elder, himself a hero, undoubtedly knew both kinds of men.

As the French and Indian War raged, John Elder raised and personally commanded a regiment to defend the threatened Lancaster County settlements of Paxton and Derry Townships - the heart of present-day Dauphin County. Today, we honor Pastor Elder not only for organizing these measures of community self-defense but also for his role in organizing resistance to the continuation of British rule in Pennsylvania.

Neither the defeat of the French nor the victory over their Indian allies at the Battle of Bushy Runbrought peace to the Pennsylvania frontier in 1763. As the Indian attacks continued, the settlers of Lancaster County were angered by the seeming indifference of the Quaker-dominated proprietarygovernment in Philadelphia and its unwillingness to provide for their defense. Although the Pennsylvania Charter of 1701 had provided Pennsylvania

with a measure of representative government, Philadelphia and its adjoining counties elected an overwhelming majority of the representatives to the colonial assembly. The voices of the frontier were unrepresented and unheard.

In February 1764, approximately 700 men (the so-called "Paxton Boys") marched from Lancaster County to Philadelphia to present their grievances to the proprietary government. Many of the marchers were from John Elder's congregation, and Pastor Elder himself was reputedly the author of one of the leading pamphlets endorsing their efforts. These words from that pamphlet prophesy the Revolution was to come a dozen years later:

Whoever will pretend to govern a People without regarding them, will soon repent it. -- Such Feats of Errantry may do perhaps in Asia:- But in Countries where the People are free, it is Madness to rule them against their Wills.- They will know that Government is appointed for their Sakes, and will be saucy enough to expert some Regards and some Good from their own Delegates.- Those Nations Who are governed in Spite of themselves, and in a Manner that bids Defiance to their Opinions, their Interests and their Understandings,- are either SLAVES, or will soon cease to be SUBJECTS.

John Elder, we honor you today for your belief and expression of patriotic sentiments that Foreshadowed our future struggle for independence. To paraphrase the great poet Robert Frost,"our land -- the United States --was yours before you were the land's."

Focus During My Presidency

By Rev. David J. Felts, PASSAR President

Gentlemen, as I take office it has been impressed on me the need to set out a clear focus of what you can expect during my Presidency. I have been very active in PASSAR and have noticed that several things need our constant attention. Therefore, I will focus on the following areas.

- 1 – The most important focus over all will be **Communication**. We need to keep everyone “in the loop”.
- 2 – We need to continually address **Officer Development** as we bring everyone along.
- 3 – We will encourage the use of the important programs of the SAR.
 - a) – **Patriotism**
 - b) - **Youth participation and awards**
 - c) - **Flag Committee**
 - d) – **the SAR Research Library and Museum in Louisville, Ky**
- 4 – **Participation with organizations**

As we focus on these, I firmly believe that we will set a firm foundation so that we may grow as “A SAR Gentleman” and grow the SAR in numbers. Muskets and swords were not the only fighting tools of the Revolutionary War. God has charged us with a great and honorable task of preserving, promoting, teaching, and honoring “Freedom” in this great land and in all the world. Let us be about our Father’s business.

To borrow a phrase from our brothers in arms,

“Semper Fi!”

Annual Meeting Student Historic Oration

“Agent 355 - Washington’s Spy Heroine”

By FP Ernest Sutton, State Historian

Lt to Rt: VPG Ernest Sutton, Rachel Lindey (Mentor), FP Gregory Shively, Hattie Lindey (Oration Winner)

Under the Leadership of William H. Baker, II, Chair, Historic Oration Committee, this year’s winner of the state level Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest is Hattie Marie Lindey. She will present her inspiring oration Friday evening, July 31st during the PASSAR Annual Awards Banquet at Uniontown, PA, sponsored by the Great Glades Chapter: “Agent 355 - Washington’s Spy Heroine. She will compete at the national level contest during the 2020 SAR Richmond Congress in July.



Hattie is a graduating senior from Frazier High School, Perryopolis, PA where her mother is also a teacher and her oration mentor. Some of her student activities include mock trial, student government, relay for life, and Future Business Leaders of America. She will be attending the University of Pittsburgh this coming fall where she will be pursuing an undergraduate major in political science then attend law school.

The annual oration winner to represent PASSAR at Congress is decided by the oration committee before or at our Annual Meeting. Chapter contest winners are also listed under category 6 in the annual Americanism /

PG Chapter Activities Reporting Score Sheet ending Dec 31st.

Fife & Drum Corps Plays at Annual Meeting

By Ernest Sutton, State Historian

Lead by Professor George R. Willis, Professor of Percussion Music, PASSAR will be hosting the Mountaineer Fife & Drum to play before our annual Awards Banquet on Friday, July 31st at 5 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn, Uniontown. Founded August 2014 at West Virginia University, the Fife and Drum ensemble is a unique group that specializes in both traditional fife and drum music as well as folk songs from the Appalachian region. Hear them play before the meeting:

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WVU Mountaineer Fife & Drum Corps

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ts6q7buCdSU> >

The Fife & Drum is well known in southwestern Pennsylvania from their performances at the annual Whiskey Rebellion Festival and at the Friendship Hill National Historic Site, NPS, Festifall along with our southwestern SAR chapters.

President General Public Service & Heroism Initiative Local Chapter & PASSAR Lead the Way

By FP Ernest Sutton, State Historian

Under the leadership of Emmett Harelson, former Chair, Public Service and Heroism Committee, PASSAR and the Gen. Arthur St. Clair were recognized as 1 of 12 among 54 societies and 1 of 9 among 540 chapters at the 130th Congress at Costa Mesa, CA by the President General for their Public Service Medal program. As part of the PG Initiative, both received a cash incentive prize and flag streamer. To qualify all 5 Public Service Commendation Medals (Fire Safety, Law Enforcement, EMS, Lifesaving and Heroism) were presented during the PG's term of office. The General Arthur St. Clair Chapter also won the First Place at the state-level Americanism / PG Chapter Activities Award for a fifth straight year in a row for medium-sized chapters.

The annual reporting deadline for Public Service Medals is June 1st. Awardees are recognized at Congress in a special SAR Booklet distributed during the Awards Luncheon. Awardees are also listed under category 7 in the annual Americanism / PG Chapter Activities Reporting Score Sheet completed by Dec 31st.



Lt. to Rt: Thomas Carnahan, Gen Arthur St. Clair President & Ernest Sutton, VPG Mid-Atlantic States

'Rev Jacob Duche' Prayer 09071774'

By Rev. David J. Felts, NSSAR Chaplain General

Attached is a prayer that I will use at the installation of the PASSAR Officers at the August Annual Meeting [entitled 'Opening Prayer Continental Congress' above] planned for Great Glades in Uniontown, July 31-August 1, 2020. [The full text of Duche's prayer is entitled 'Rev Jacob Duche' Prayer 09071774' above]

It is taken from the very first prayer that was offered at the opening of the Continental Congress, September 7, 1774. Rev Jacob Duche' was rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

As many Anglican Priests had done at that time, Duche' crossed out the name of King George III from the Book of Common prayer. Some covered up the name of King Goerge III with a strip of paper and written in a reference to struggling Colonies. At the opening of the Continental Congress Duche' read the whole of Psalm 38, then he gave an extemporaneous prayer. I have used certain portions appropriate to the occasion from his very moving prayer. If you have seen one of the several paintings that have been shown of Duche' at the lectern, you will see several Delegates in serious prayer; some bowed with hands clenched, some kneeling at their chair, others at their table, some hands raised to heaven in a pleading posture.

These men knew who was in charge of the universe. There was no question in their mind about that. Their style of worship differed in that some were High Church Anglican and stood very still, some were Anabaptists (Baptist today), some

Congregational, others were Presbyterian. However, they all agreed on the point that God alone was the Sovereign ruler and Creator of the universe and that He alone was the fount of Wisdom and salvation. These men came from a background that governed who, what, why, when, and how they worshipped according to the King's decree.

Now they were in this country, openly rebelling against the King because they could own land and provide for their families. That was coupled with their very strong belief that the Bible alone guided them in their understanding of the worship of God. This allowed them to very be serious about their deeply held beliefs and the practice of approaching God to ask for what they needed every day. They had no hesitation about starting with prayer. Their only question would have been about worship style. It was John Adams who said that He was no bigot, and he could listen to the prayers of any man who was devout and loved this country. And so after reading Psalm 38 in its entirety, Rev Jacob Duche' began with a very moving extemporaneous prayer.

From the extemporaneous prayer of the Rev Jacob Duche', First Chaplain of the Continental Congress Delivered at the Opening Session Sept 7, 1774

"O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who does from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and does reign with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; Look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor....

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. ...that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and [the] vigor of their minds; shower down on them and those they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen."

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Nominating Committee Report
Annual Meeting - Aug. 1, 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.

Note: The Aug 2020 Date of Election set forth below represents a change from May 2020. The May 2020 Annual Meeting was cancelled and rescheduled to Aug 2020 due to the Corona Virus pandemic. This date change reduces the affected terms of office by 3 months. The terms of office will end at the next Annual Meeting in May 2021 or the expiration year provided.

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

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Assistant Chaplain (Eastern Region)	Dr. Rev. William R. Hearter, Jr.	Aug 2020
Assistant Chaplain (Western Region)	Robert K. Grumbling, Jr.	Aug 2020
National Trustee	FP J. Thomas Showler	Sworn at Congress
Alt. National Trustee	Andrew L. Lick	Sworn at Congress
Reserve Manager (3 - year term expires 2022)	William H. Haynes	May 2019
Reserve Manager (3 - year term expires 2023)	Lanny R. Patten	Aug 2020
Reserve Manager (3 - year term expires 2021)	William J. McKim, Esq.	May 2018

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

Executive Committee

Executive Committee 7.01 provides that 5 members -

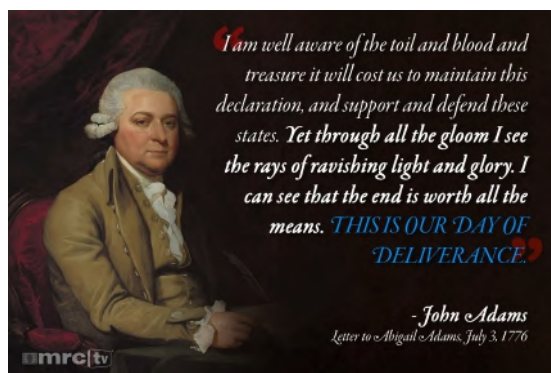
at -large are to be elected for 1 Year terms and in addition to the 5 elected members, the President, the First Vice President, the Secretary and the

Treasurer shall also serve on the Executive Committee.

Elected Members Date of Election

FP Eric H. Troutman	Aug 2020
FP William J. McKim, Esq.	Aug 2020
FP Lanny R. Patten	Aug 2020
FP Ernest L. Sutton, MD	Aug 2020
FP Raynold L. Prusia, Sr.	Aug 2020

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



Source: <https://www.mrc.tv/blog/check-out-these-10-epic-quotes-our-founding-fathers>



PASSAR Annual Meeting Sponsored by Great Glades Chapter

Friday July 31, 2020 and Saturday August 1, 2020

Friday, July 31, 2020

3:00 PM Wreath Laying at Lincoln Cemetery at Bethelboro with SAR descendants:
--President "Honest Abe" Lincoln & Charles Curry

4:00-6:00 PM Registration

5:00-6:00 PM Fifes and Drums at Inn Lounge opens 5:00 PM

6:00 PM Banquet with Former President General Manning **Business Casual**
-- Student Historical Oration: "Agent 355" Washington's Spy Heroine
-- Awards & Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, August 1, 2020

6:30 to 9:00 AM Breakfast on Your Own (Hot Breakfast for Hotel Guests included)

8:00 to 9:00 AM Registration

9:00 to 12:00 Noon BOM and Annual Meeting with Election of Officers
Come FULLY CHARGED: Meeting Booklet will only be Online

9:00 to 11:30 AM Ladies Program: Searight's Tollhouse: Life on our First National Road

12:00 to 1:30 PM Luncheon. **Business Casual**
-- PG Installation of PASSAR & Ladies Auxiliary Officers
-- 1774 Continental Congress Prayer for Officers

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM Memorial Service at Inn Foundering Father Rev. Witherspoon

Hilton Garden Inn

555 Synergy Drive, Uniontown, PA 15401; Phone: 724-434-7200

Hotel Reservation Deadline for SAR rate of \$105 + Tax is **June 30, 2020**

When booking mention **SARQM** for Group Rate Code

Meeting and Activities Registration Form
Deadline for registration is July 20, 2020

Registration Fee (Compatriots Only) _____ x @ \$25.00 \$ _____

Will Attend Wreath-Laying # _____

Friday Banquet (**Business Casual**) _____ x @ \$48.00 \$ _____

No. Choices: Charbroiled Filet _____ Chicken Piccata _____ Vegetarian Lasagna _____

Saturday Ladies Program _____ x @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon (**Business Casual**) _____ x @ \$29.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Friday Evening Banquet – Please note if special dietary request needed.

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Office: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Guest(s): _____

Make checks payable to: **Great Glades Chapter SAR**

Mail check and registration form to: **Everett Sechler, 7758 Kingwood Road, Confluence, PA 15424**

Contact Info: Phone 814-395-3200, Email: <evsechler@yahoo.com>

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GPS Address for Wreath-Laying at Lincoln Cemetery:

**1080 Eberly Way
Lemont Furnace PA 15631**

Use lower south parking lot at Advanced Acoustic Concepts
Cemetery is on SE side of building across an uneven grassy lawn
Time to Hilton Garden Inn: 6.7 mi (10 min)

Patriots Father & Son Mordecai and Benjamin Lincoln

SAR Descendants

Charles D. Curry (George Washington Chapter) Uniontown

President "Honest Abe" Lincoln aka Ralph Lincoln (Great Glades Chapter) Berlin

Historic Guest:

Founding Father Rev. John Witherspoon aka Rev. David Felts (Gen. Anthony Wayne Chapter)

"A Republic must either preserve its Virtue or lose its Liberty"

Nearby Historic Attractions:

Fort Necessity National Battlefield, NPS,
Farmington PA

< <https://www.nps.gov/fone/index.htm> >

Friendship Hill National Historic Site, NPS
Port Marion PA

< <https://www.nps.gov/frhi/index.htm> >

Frank Lloyd Wright Fallingwater
Advance Reservation Needed
Acme PA

< <https://fallingwater.org/visit/tours/> >

Frank Lloyd Wright Kentuck Knob
Advance Reservation Needed
Chalk Hill PA

< <https://kentuckknob.com/> >

National Road: Searight's Tollhouse & Museum
7328 National Pike, Uniontown PA 15401
Phone: 724-439-4422
This is 3.4 mi (6 min) from Hilton Garden Inn

PASSAR FEES & DUES

NEW APPLICANT

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

ANNUAL DUES

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

REINSTATEMENT

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

TRANSFER & REINSTATEMENT	\$ 56.00
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SUPPLEMENTAL

National Society	\$ 60.00
Pennsylvania Society	\$10.00

DUAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

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