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Cover Story By Emmett Haralson

Caiden Haralson, He was the youngest youth SAR member. Also, he was the Honorary 3rd Vice President. While with the Benjamin Franklin Chapter he marched in the Franklin Fourth of July Parade carrying the SAR Flag, learned how to present, post and retire the flag, earned the CAR medal of Appreciation & Flag Certificate. Maybe with some training and educating him on our SAR he'll become tomorrows leader within PASSAR and NSSAR:-)



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



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President's Remarks



Wayne Strasbaugh, President

On the beautiful fall weekend of November 1-2, the PASSAR Board of Management met in the Altoona area with the Frontier Patriots Chapter as our host. In spite of the good weather and the geographically central meeting location, only 20 compatriots representing 11 of our 23 active chapters attended. This low turnout was particularly disappointing in view of importance of the matters that were discussed. Although it may be difficult for many compatriots to attend the Winter BOM in Bethlehem in February, I urge that chapters make every effort to send representatives in order to have input in the growing number of decisions that our state society will be required to make at that meeting.

At the NSSAR Fall Leadership in Louisville on September 20-21, PASSAR achieved two major successes. First, the NSSAR Medals and Awards Committee approved our state medal celebrating the declaration of independence under the Tiadaghton Elm by the Fair Play Men on July 4, 1776. The medal is now available for purchase from our Tiadaghton Chapter. Second, the NSSAR Board of Trustees accepted PASSAR's offer to host the 2024 NSSAR Congress in the Philadelphia area. I wish to acknowledge publically the work of Former Raynold Prusia in proposing the state medal and of Compatriot George Clarke in making our presentation to host the 2024 Congress and to thank them for their endeavors on behalf of our Society.

Planning for the 2024 Congress and for the 250th Anniversary of American Independence will be keeping us busy for the next several years. The NSSAR has authorized the issuance of bronze, silver and gold medals to compatriots for planning, executing or attending events held between 2014 and 2033 commemorating historical events involving resistance to British rule in North America (that is, events that occurred between 1764 and 1783). Medals will be awarded under a point system that will count commemorative events that (as of the date of this writing) have already occurred as well as future events. Chapters will have the primary responsibility for tallying up the commemorative activities of their members, but we are searching for a state chairman to coordinate these efforts.

As I mentioned in my opening paragraph, many important decisions are made at our quarterly BOMS as your leadership endeavors to fulfill the fiduciary duties it owes to our compatriots with the ample (but NOT limitless) financial resources at PASSAR's disposal. At the Fall BOM we focused on the operational economies (\$8,000 per year) that could be realized by publishing the *Minuteman* only in electronic form. The BOM decided to mail one more paper issue of the *Minuteman* and then switch to an electronic format beginning with the spring issue. We know that this transition may be painful for some compatriots. We encourage chapters to identify members for whom this change will be a genuine hardship so that some other accommodation may be made for them. Other articles in this issue describe additional fixed costs of operation that your leadership is endeavoring to contain while remaining true to its basic mission as a patriotic society.

Your Compatriot,

Wayne R. Strasbaugh

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PASSAR President



Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes



Summer Board of Management Meeting 1 & 2 November 2019 Comfort Inn, Duncansville/Altoona 130 Patchway Road, Duncansville, Pennsylvania 16635

PASSAR 2019 Fall Board of Management Meeting Highlights

The PASSAR 2019 Fall Board of Management Meeting was hosted by the Frontier Patriots Chapter and was held at the Comfort Inn in Duncansville, Pennsylvania. The Compatriots that arrived and registered on Friday, November 1, 2019 were able to enjoy a relaxing meal together at various local restaurants followed by an evening social with opportunity to ask PASSAR officers questions about upcoming events.

The quarterly Board of Management (BOM) business meeting was held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Comfort Inn in Duncansville. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

With President Wayne Strasbaugh in command. There were 21 compatriots present, 17 with voting privileges, and a quorum was declared.

William J. McKim, Esq. was appointed by President Strasbaugh as Parliamentarian. Host chapter President, Larry Smith, thanked the Compatriots for coming, and provided a quick introduction to his historic presentation to be presented during the luncheon. President Strasbaugh then presented President Smith with a certificate of appreciation. Compatriots were then provided with an opportunity to introduce themselves and share a little information about their chapter and past and present positions held.

Compatriots Gary W. Timmons, Ronald E. Miller and Assistant Chaplain Robert Grumbling, Jr. presented ribbons to President Strasbaugh for Color Guard duty at the 250th parade in Wheeling, West Virginia and at Point Pleasant Battle Days, a National Event. The ribbons would be placed on the PASSAR Flag.

President's Address

President Strasbaugh presented the minutes as part of his remarks. He asked for comments on the minutes on page 11-18 of the meeting book. After minor correction, the minutes were unanimously approved.

President Strasbaugh attended the NSSAR National Meeting in Louisville, KY in September 2019 and brought to our attention PASSAR success at the meeting;

- Approval of the Tiadaghten Elm Medal for the Fair Play Men. Both President Strasbaugh and former President Raynold Prusia spoke in favor of the medal and were successful in obtaining its approval.
- Approval of a bid for PASSAR hosting the 2024 SAR Congress thanks to efforts of Compatriot George M. Clarke, who led the committee.

He also pointed out that we were recognized in three more ways at the National Meeting:

- In recognition for the Ben Franklin Subscriber Friends of the Library for our gift of recognition for former President Shaffer and former President Canning.
- The Philadelphia Continental Chapter received a Gold Quill award for contributions to the 1776 Campaign.
- Former President Raynold Prusia received a Silver Certificate of Appreciation for his work with the Council of State Presidents.

The challenges still facing PASSAR include internet scams asking for money on behalf of President Strasbaugh and delays in approving certificates for the DAR Finders recognition program. PASSAR is making progress in both areas with more internet security protection and streamlined application review and approval processes.

President Strasbaugh also referenced the Secretary's Report on page 23 of the meeting book and noted that membership is up to 1782 members; an increase of over 10 percent this year. In addition, he referenced the Registrar's Report on page 29-36 of the meeting book. The new members on pages 34-36 were unanimously approved by the Board of Management.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Donald E. Mingle addressed the members about his report on page 24 of the meeting book. The General Operating Account has a balance of \$13,105.79 at the end of the second quarter. The only significant expenditure was the liability insurance at \$3,762. Chubb is PASSAR's current insurance carrier. PASSAR has a \$2 million general liability insurance policy. There is a new clause that provides insurance for any compatriots driving to an SAR event. Also, all PASSAR property on the inventory report is covered. Finally, the three PASSAR databases are covered and they are secure. PASSAR is also working to protect access to the President's personal information. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

District Deputies

District Deputy Don Knaus reported that Region #6 SAR representatives met with the DAR chapter representatives in the District 6 region in an attempt to do some joint activities.

District Deputy William J. McKim, Esq. for Region #10 called attention to the excellent presentation by Jon P. Coulter, MA &AMI on world history in the context of art. Compatriots should take advantage of his programs if given the opportunity.

Committees

Chairman Dick McGeary of Chapter Activities informed us that since the Americanism Award and the President General's Activity Streamer results must be submitted by March 2020, he urged chapters to get their activity scoresheet to him as early as possible before that date. The meeting book includes a deadline of February 1, 2020.

Chairman George M. Clarke for the Color Guard informed us that in 2024, there will be a memorial service as part of the 2024 National Congress. At that service, 100 to 150 Color Guard will be present with flags from around the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Chairman Clarke volunteered to assist chapters in obtaining flags. Prices are in the \$200 range for a flag printed on both sides. He also said he could help chapters obtain in mourning black ribbons.

Chairman James F. Hall of the Medals and Awards Committee addressed the meeting on the Silver Good Citizenship Award, and encouraged chapters to present this award. He also announced that the committee had reviewed the credentials for James H. Frey and the medal was unanimously approved by the Board of Management.

President Strasbaugh addressed Patriot Awards and focused attention on Compatriot Brian S. Ladley from the Philadelphia Continental Chapter who is a national leader in inputting patriot records. President Strasbaugh recognized his special skill as an example of the many talents shared by our compatriots. He asked members present from the Philadelphia Continental Chapter to gather more information so PASSAR could further acknowledge Mr. Ladley. President Strasbaugh also called attention to Patriot Records Chairman Lawrence Knorr and his new book entitled, "Pennsylvania Patriots: Their Lives, Contributions, and Burial Sites."

Chairman Don Knaus of State Medals provided information about the new Tiadaghten Medal available for purchase. He passed out applications. He explained that the approval process lasted four years, and was finally approved at the September NSSAR National meeting.

Compatriot Knaus explained the history of the Tiadaghten Creek established by the Treaty of Fort Stanwix with the Iroquois as the western boundary for settlement. That creek is now known as the Lycoming Creek. The Fair Play men established a panel of three judges to settle land disputes. The Fair Play met under the Tiadaghten Tree 200 miles from Philadelphia and signed their own declaration of independence on July 4, 1776. The blue and the gold ribbon is close to the colors of the National Guard and Reserve of Pennsylvania Commendation Medal.

Old Business

Committee Chairman George M. Clarke, Jr. has agreed to stay on as the Chairman of the 2024 Congress Planning Committee. He addressed the meeting on the preliminary 2024 Congress planning issues and covered four topics. First, our preference is to select a hotel near Carpenter's Hall, the meeting place of the First Continental Congress in 1774. The Marriott and Loews are ideal choices.

The second topic is the need to address transportation and parking. Our goal is to make both as cheap as possible to make Philadelphia hotels work for all. That includes what buses, taxies, and trains are available, handicap accessible transportation, and vehicles available for short trips to such places as pharmacies. We will need to coordinate with Philadelphia Continental Chapter members who know the area and the available services. We will need pick up capability at airports to bring attendees to the hotels. One idea already proposed is to park in long term airport parking and use shuttle busses to the hotel.

The third topic is whether to have a medal and/or a challenge coin. President Strasbaugh opened the discussion and asked about meeting dates since the dates would impact the timelines for the committee work. We learned that it will probably be before or after the fourth of July 2024. Discussion continued on the medal with compatriots pointing out that Virginia has been at all NSSAR and Regional Conferences selling its medals, challenge coins, and pins.

The discussion then turned to the nature and design of a medal, including the types of wording, dates, NSSAR references to the Congress, colors, and design. Examples from other states were passed around for attendees' inspection. The concept of a medal was unanimously approved, and a small committee was formed to work on the design, and a motion giving President Strasbaugh final say on the design, was also

unanimously approved. Finally, the majority of BOM representatives also favored the creation of a pin and a challenge coin.

250th Celebration

Chaplain and First Vice President David Felts addressed the importance of the Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. He emphasized that we all need to speak the language of the people and get out our message that we have freedom. We will lose the young and the country if we do not get that message out. There are a lot of things we can do to carry that message. Any celebrations focusing on events that occurred between 1760 and 1783 can be used to carry our message.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Ernest Sutton provided additional information on the 250th Anniversary Recognition Award that is very involved. The events after the conclusion of the French and Indian War through the Treaty of Paris in 1783, where anyone opposed the British, can be commemorated between the years 2014 to 2033. Attendance and participation in these events, earns points. For example, a person who attends one event can get the bronze challenge coin. A bronze medal is earned with 25 points; the gold medal requires 150 points. A score sheet for events and attendance has been created for chapters. Chapters can also get flag streamer awards.

PASSAR has four members who serve on the National 250th Anniversary Committee: National Trustee and Former President Raynold Prusia, Compatriot Phillip Anders, National Chaplain and First Vice President David Felts and Registrar Eric Troutman. They are our sources for further information.

Finally, President Strasbaugh is looking for someone to fill the State Coordinator position. He hopes to have the position filled by the PASSAR Winter BOM meeting.

Economies in PASSAR Operations

President Strasbaugh opened a discussion on improving and streamlining the process for distributing the Minuteman magazine by pdf document instead of hard copy. Treasurer Mengle explained that the Minuteman would be made into a pdf document and placed on PASSAR's website. Currently, it costs between \$1,800-\$2,000 per issue to mail the hard copy Minuteman. Eliminating the four Minuteman mailings each year would produce cost savings of \$7,200-\$8,000 each year.

After much discussion, motions were presented and amended resulting in the following plans. An announcement will appear in the next Minuteman magazine (Winter 2020) about a trial program to offer the Spring and Summer 2020 Minuteman in pdf format. A postcard will also be sent out before commencement of the trial offering to all the PASSAR members. The trial offering will commence with the Spring 2020 Minuteman and be repeated for the Summer 2020 Minuteman.

Following the last motion, the quarterly BOM meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Seibert, Third Vice President

Attest,

Russell L. Mills, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chapter	New Member	Ancestor	Sponsor
Benjamin Franklin	James Wayne Harvey	Ezra Doolittle	William E. Harry
Benjamin Franklin	Michael Lee Yoder	Ludwig Wissinger	Raynold L. Prusia, Sr.
Centre County	Jeffrey Lynn Barger	Christopher Truby	Gary A. Wiser
Centre County	Timothy Robert Barger	Christopher Truby	Donald E. Mengle
Centre County	Donald Murray Chapman III	Jedediah Bugbee	Donald E. Mengle
Conococheague	Thomas Leroy Chiarizia	James Outlaw	Ned A. Little
Conococheague	Chad Edward Collins	Collin McKenney	Ned A. Little
Conococheague	Danny Clayborn Collins	Collin McKenney	Ned A. Little
Conococheague	Sheldon Warren Mellott	Obediah Mellott, Sr.	Ned A. Little
Continental Congress	Stephen Michael Kohler	Andrew Kohler	Michael E. Seibert
Frontier Patriots	Daniel Glenn Walter, Jr	John Hannum	Eric H. Troutman
Gen Arthur St Clair	Harry Ralph Leasure	Daniel Leasure	Adam M. Puhak
Gen Arthur St Clair	Raymond Eugene Zimmerman	Daniel Fahnestock	Anthony W. Keefer
George Washington	Ralph William Busha	Frederick Snyder	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Charles Edward Fluharty	John McConnell	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	David Frederick Fordyce	Samuel Fordyce	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Scott William Horne	Christopher Horn	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	William Robert Nicholson	William Wightman	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Andrew Jacob Plavetzky	Philip Gongaware	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Anthony David Plavetzky	Philip Gongaware	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	John Westley Whitefield	Abraham Shoemaker	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Thomas Allen Whitefield, Jr	Abraham Shoemaker	Michael D. C. Merryman
Gov. Joseph Hiester	Lucas Andreas Kline Heck	Philip Kline	Robert M. Kline
Gov. Joseph Hiester	Stefan Christian Kline Heck	Philip Kline	Robert M. Kline
Gov. Joseph Hiester	John Seifert Hibschan	Heinrich Hibschan	Miles K. Dechant
Great Glades	James Leslie Petres	Adam Cramer	Thomas A. Fountain
Northeast	Travis Austin Andes	James Roquemore	Don N. Drewry
Northeast	Christopher Morgan Davis	Nicholas Edwards Jr.	Don N. Drewry
Philadelphia Continental	Christopher Ryan Armstrong	Levi Lowery	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Geoffrey Kenneth Armstrong	Levi Lowery	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Nicholas Alexander Armstrong	Levi Lowery	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Richard Karl Girkin	James Hadsall	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	James Morris Leming	John Fowler	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Richard Kenneth Lescavage	Henry H. Schenck	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Cody Robert Lind	Solomon Witherell	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Richard William Lind	Solomon Witherell	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Joseph Rosati	Joseph Moore	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Pierce Redmund Ryan	Henry H. Schenck	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	John Alfred Simonds	James Graham	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Wayne Allen Worthington	Obediah Melott	C. Kelsey Brown
Pittsburgh	Kenneth James Barrett	Peter Heilman	William P. Boswell, Esq.
Pittsburgh	Edward Thomas Damer	James Critchlow	William P. Boswell, Esq.
Pittsburgh	Lee Armstrong Foster	Hugh Foster	William P. Boswell, Esq.
Tiadaghton	Chris Albert Hausammann	Griffith Johns	Paul C. Metzger
Tiadaghton	Kurt Hausammann, Jr	Griffith Johns	Paul C. Metzger

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George Washington Chapter Activities

By Gary Timmons



Members of the George Washington Chapter attended the Battle Days weekend and Memorial Service placing wreaths for PASSAR and the Chapter at the tomb where the remains of those that were killed in the Battle of Point Pleasant. Posing at the monument at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park are (L-R) Ralph Busha, A. J. Swerbensky, Robert Grumbling, Ron Miller and Gary Timmons



The combined SAR Color Guard from several states participated in the Wheeling 250 anniversary parade. The featured band was the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. Pictured members of the George Washington Chapter Color Guard are (L-R) **Rick Greathouse, Gary Timmons, Sergeant First Class Chrystal Lee (of the Old Guard), Robert Grumbling and A. J. Swerbensky.**



On November 11, 2019, we held our Annual Gravesite Ceremony at Charles Evans Cemetery for Governor Joseph Hiester. Presenting the Colors and wreath were Color Guardmen: **left to right, Captain Charles H. Seibert, David G. Loose Jr., Willard N. Brensinger Jr, Peter Reinhart, Secretary David T. Schultz & Robert M. Hillegas**



This photo was taken at Veterans Grove, Reading's City Park during Veterans Day Ceremony. From left to right are; **David G. Loose Jr., Willard N. Brensinger Jr, Peter Reinhart, Robert M. Hillegas, Captain Charles H. Seibert & Secretary David T. Schultz.**

J. Rennick “Ren” Steele, Jr.
Arthur St. Clair Historic Preservation Award
Westmoreland Historical Society
By Ernest Sutton, PASSAR Historian

With compatriots of the Gen. Arthur St. Clair Chapter and Westmore County Commissioners in attendance Compatriot J. Rennick “Ren” Steele, Jr., of Westmoreland County received the Arthur St. Clair Historic Preservation Award from the Westmoreland Historical Society on October 23, 2019, at the Rizzo Malabar Inn. He received this prestigious award for writing and producing historical plays about Western Pennsylvania. While raising sheep on his family farm near the Allegheny River, Westmoreland county, writing and directing plays, he is currently a youth award Chairman, Knight Essay committee, for the Pennsylvania Society SAR.



In 1970 Ren received his degree in English while attending Ohio State University. Afterward he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the ADA Nike Hercules missiles. After returning home, he attended the Denver University drama program. After one year he moved New York City where he acted in several Off-Broadway plays in New York City. While in the “Big Apple” during one of these plays, Ren met his beloved wife, Marushka Dembecki. Not content to just act, he wrote his first play “Noche”. After receiving good reviews, he was invited to go to Los Angeles. While there he became a teacher and received a M.Ed. from UCLA. Later he returned home to his family farm and founded the Freeport Theatre Festival. Since then he has written 14 historical dramas, mostly set in Western Pennsylvania. Some of these include “Massey Harbison”, “Washington in the Ohio County”, “Braddock”, “Battle of Bushy Run”, and “Cauldron of Steele”. Ren taught school for 29 years for the Armstrong and Freeport school districts. He is a frequent guest speaker, including at the Gen. Arthur St. Clair chapter. One can follow Ren’s current activities on < FreeportTheatreFestival.org >.

Left to Right: **VPG Ernest Sutton and Compatriot J. Rennick “Ren” Steele, Jr.** at the Westmoreland Historical Society Dinner honoring Ren with the Arthur St. Clair Preservation

But what do we mean by the American Revolution? Do we mean the American war? The Revolution was effected before the war commenced. The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people; a change in their religious sentiments, of their duties and obligations ... This radical change in the principles, opinions, sentiments, and affections of the people was the real American Revolution.

John Adams

Source: <https://www.azquotes.com/quotes/topics/american-revolution.html>

Keeping PASSAR Operating Expenses Low

By Don Mengle, PASSAR FP, Treasurer, Finance Committee, NSSAR Medical Committee, Trustee - 2016

During the current fiscal year, the following actions have been taken to reduce annual expenses in the areas of (1) liability insurance, (2) dues collection and (3) The Minuteman (quarterly newsletter).

1. Liability Insurance: Carrier - Chubb Insurance Company

Current Annual Cost \$3,939, Effective November 1, 2019

Policy Number D94428026

Coverage - 1 million dollars, 2 million dollars aggregate

additional - \$10,000 PASSAR owned computers/software

additional - \$10,000 PASSAR owned property

To secure an SAR meeting place, with or without meals, most establishments require proof of LIABILITY INSURANCE documented by, in this case, our carrier Chubb Insurance Company. These forms are available from PASSAR Treasurer and Chubb Insurance Company.

Chubb was selected in November 2018 through competitive bidding of three major companies providing this class of insurance in Pennsylvania. This process was duplicated in November 2019 for 2019-2020 coverage and yielded an average competitive bid of \$4,160. As noted above, the 2019-2020 premium charged by Chubb is \$3,939 - a savings of \$221 over the average bid we received.

Subject to policy limitations, the Chubb policy provides secondary liability coverage for compatriots traveling by auto to PASSAR meetings. In the event a compatriot is subject to a potential liability claim, please contact Chubb Insurance for further information as to scope of coverage.

2. E-mail Dues Collection

Effective this fall for 2020 PASSAR dues, dues collection will be done by E-mail billing with hard copy (paper invoices) provided for those Compatriots without E-mail access. The State Secretary and State Treasurer requested that all chapters secure e-mail addresses for 85% of their membership by October 1, 2019.

Excellent membership response has been achieved with over 700 Compatriots paying their dues in the first 15 days of the dues collection period. Reminder e-mail dues notices will be sent to Chapter Secretaries, Treasurers, and Presidents, on November 15, and December 15, 2019. Both State Secretary, and State Treasurer, stand ready to answer all concerns.

The use of e-mail billing resulted in savings of approximately \$2,250 on printing and postage.

3. The Minuteman (quarterly newsletter)

In 2018-19 printing of The Minuteman averaged \$1,200 per issue. Adding the mailing cost of \$750 for each issue brings the total to \$1,950 per issue. E-mail delivery of The Minuteman, along with posting on the PASSAR.org web site, will create a \$7,800 savings for the year. E-mail production also enables unlimited copy and color photos.

These three above measures will create an estimated savings of \$10,271 for the current fiscal year or a \$6.40 yearly state-dues-paying savings per member.

Gen Arthur St. Clair Chapter Activities
Friendship Hill National Historic Site NPS
Festifall September 28-29, 2019
By Ernest Sutton, MD



Gen Arthur St. Clair Chapter compatriots in period-dress take us back in time to the days of Albert Gallatin at his Friendship Hill Home, New Geneva, PA, at the opening of the National Road and Gen Lafayette's Grand Tour visit in 1825 as the "Nation's Guest" at the Friendship Hill Festifall from September 28-29, 2019: **Left to Right is Anthony W. Keefer, Duane V. Myers and Joseph V. Wingrove, Jr.,** at their chapter's booth.

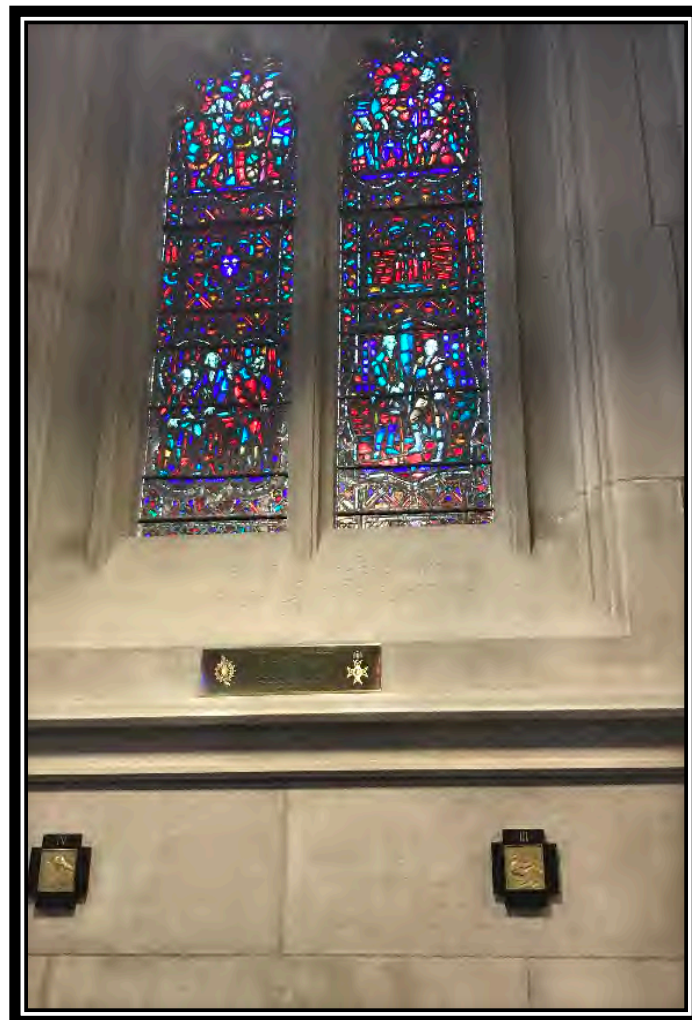
Flowers in the Forest

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

Name	Chapter	Date of Change
Dr. Francis Elwood Barrett	Frontier Patriots	11/21/18
Robert Louis Withrow	George Washington	9/12/19
Robert Stevens Fuller	Harris Ferry	10/18/17
Dr. William H Selden, Jr	Harris Ferry	7/7/19
Edwin J Stroman, Jr	Harris Ferry	6/30/16
Ellwood F Jones	Philadelphia Continental	10/16/19
Elwood H McVicker	Pittsburgh	8/12/19
John E Cresmer	Valley Forge	3/5/19

General Anthony Wayne Window Restoration

The attached pictures were taken by Ann Patton. They are of the General Anthony Wayne Window at Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. The first photo is before the dedication service with the window work underway.



Letter from PASSAR President

PASSAR Seeking 250th Anniversary Committee Chairman

Compatriots:

As announced at the Fall Board of Management meeting and at several Chapter meetings since then, we are seeking a compatriot to serve as the initial chair of our PASSAR (state) 250th Anniversary Committee. The focus of the position will be to coordinate and collect the reports of Chapters concerning their participation in 250th Anniversary events. As explained in detail in the attachment from the SAR Handbook, bronze, silver and gold medals will be awarded to compatriots and non-compatriots depending on their level of participation in 250th anniversary events.

As further noted in the attachment, the medals are awarded in connection with the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress. This will cover any public celebrations from 2014 to 2033. Chapters should therefore record retroactively the participation of their compatriots in celebrations of events of resistance that have occurred since 2013. One of the tasks of the chairman will be to develop a timeline of the resistance events that occurred in Pennsylvania during the years in question (1764 through 1783). The time to begin this process is NOW, and we are seeking a chairman who can this project underway – recognizing that other compatriots will eventually have to shepherd this project through to 2033.



If you are interested in this position, please let me know with a brief explanation of why you would like to undertake this important assignment. Also, if I have left someone off this distribution list who might be interested, please forward this e-mail. I am hoping to select a candidate for this position by the end of the year.

Wayne R. Strasbaugh

President- Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution (PASSAR)

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Tiadaghton	Eric Charles Stahley	Joseph Beebe	Gerald L. Miller
Tiadaghton	Jacob Stuart Stahley	Joseph Beebe	Gerald L. Miller
Valley Forge	John Lee Allem	Abraham Benner	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Aaron William Anderson	George Anderson	Don N. Drewry
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Valley Forge	Wayne William Schaeffer	George LaFevre	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	Zachary Allan Schroeck	Willliam Shreve	Don N. Drewry
Valley Forge	William Benjamin Williams	Dietrick Struble	Don N. Drewry
Washington Crossing	David Wayne Buck	Nicholas Buck	Edward G. Elgart
Washington Crossing	Thomas Kennelly Wright	Jonathan Stevens	Edward G. Elgart
William Maclay	Jerrold Scot Boundy	Thomas Cordrey	Eric H. Troutman

PASSAR Board Of Management Meeting 31 January 2020 and 1 February 2020

Friday 31 January 2020

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner on your own
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Social / Hospitality (Cedar Crest Room)

Saturday 1 February 2020

8:00AM – 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM – 12:00 AM	Board of Management Meeting (Lehigh Ballroom)
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Ladies Program (Muhlenberg Room) Speaker: Mr. Jeff Finnegan
Noon – 2:00 PM	Luncheon & Presentation: Speaker: Mr. Jeff Finnegan

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Room rates: \$79.00 + tax Includes a *complimentary breakfast* 6:30 AM – 9:00 AM
When making reservation please mention you are attending the Sons of American Revolution meeting to receive our special rate. Room check in is at 4:00 PM; Checkout is Noon.

Deadline for room reservations is January 16, 2020

Meeting and Activities Registration Form

Registration Fee (compatriots only): _____ @ \$25.00 _____
Saturday Ladies Program: _____ @ \$15.00 _____
Saturday Luncheon: _____ @ \$37.50 _____

Luncheon buffet:

Grilled Salmon with artichoke, tomato, garlic & fresh lemon Italian and Sliced top round of beef with roasted shallot pan gravy; Fresh mixed greens with garden vegetables, House made pasta salad with fresh vegetables, Dessert- Chef's selection; Coffee, Herbal tea, Ice tea, and Water

The deadline for registration for BoM meeting is 16 January 2020

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

Make check payable to Valley Forge Chapter, SAR

Mail checks and registrations to:

Robert Abbott, 2515 Halleck Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052 (610) 433-747

Email: R_Rabbott@msn.com

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