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Patriots of Color

African Americans - free, slave, and ex-slave - fought side by side with white colonists seeking independence from British domination. GEORGE WASHINGTON, as Commander of the Continental Army, forbade the enlistment of Blacks - free, slave, or ex-slave - during the early stages of the war. He later learned that the Royal Governor of Virginia, John Murray, Earl of Dunmore, was enlisting slaves and indentured servants into the British army with the promise of "freedom to all slaves who would join the King's army." Dunmore's tactic of lifting the ban on Blacks enlisting in the British army led George Washington to change his mind, and, therefore, Blacks later joined the CONTINENTAL ARMED FORCES.

For more information on Edward "Ned" Hector and Noah Lewis see:

<http://www.nedhector.com/>

For More Information on Patriots of Color - American Revolution see:

<https://www.fold3.com/page/693-patriots-of-color-revolutionary-war>



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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

Rev. David J. Felts, President

NSSAR Chaplain General



This has been the most unpredictable year to appear in a long while. Several necessary and important meetings and activities have been cancelled, set aside, or conducted virtually. Our May Annual meeting had to be postponed until August. We had plans for a great face to face meeting and Memorial service at Great Glades in Uniontown, Pa but when time grew closer, that, too, had to be changed to a virtual meeting. The good news is that we had a remarkably successful Annual Meeting and Memorial Service using Zoom. We had remarkable attendance via Zoom. **Excellent** is the final word for that project. We have learned a lot about being ready for whatever circumstances were thrown at us. For some, Zoom is very scary and difficult, a technical can of worms. But I want to remind you that God Almighty, the very God who directed General George Washington all his life is still in charge and has a plan. He has given us the wonders of the electronic age and we can use them for His glory and to conduct His business, even in PASSAR.

Gathering for Sunday worship is not the only use God intended for Zoom. God is in charge of giving us Zoom. God's people do many, many other things that are equally important to the running and progress of His kingdom as well as Regular Worship. Zoom is just another particularly important tool for His people to use. God has a plan for us, just as He did when He directed General Washington in his actions, including directing the unbelievable backing from France and Spain. We are part of that plan and He has given us a mission. Our great and wonderful sovereign God still directs things. We still have our part that is just as necessary for us to do today as it was for the Colonists to do in their day. The Revolutionary Colonists gave their life blood to win the Revolution and Freedom for us. We must do everything possible to keep it. That is our mission, and it is well pleasing to God.

It seems that with this nasty unseen virus raising its head from time to time, our world is out of control. Do not underestimate the Sovereign God who has a plan and controls everything to work with his plan. He has brought us to a place where we can meet with new technology even when the CDC and the Government directs us to wear masks and observe social distancing. This new technology offers us the ability to help a couple of hurting chapters, even when we cannot be present face to face. It also offers us the opportunity to show reports and discuss the necessary business when our members are so widely spread out. We must remember that Zoom is a tool to be used for God's kingdom, not to be feared.

We are planning for another good meeting for this next BOM. The recent success of the Pittsburgh meeting has spurred the Philadelphia Continental Congress to do even more planning to present an equally successful BOM in February. Please pay for the continued progress of the Covid-19 Virus Vaccine's development and pray that the next BOM is well planned, organized, meets the business needs, and is successful in carrying out God's business in PASSAR.

Your officers are getting ready to meet virtually with a chapter that needs some guidance and direction for the future. We do not want to see a chapter fold for any reason. We need to consider what assets and abilities the chapter has and how best to use them so they can strengthen the life that is floundering. Our Lord said that no smoldering wick will be put out, and no bent reed will be broken off. Everything, everyone is necessary, useful, and precious to the Lord. We are about His work in PASSAR. So that means that PASSAR is involved in teaching our members how to stretch our mental strength and abilities so that we can be ready for the future. We must learn new ways of doing what is necessary. Please pray for this project and the struggling chapters.

Being ready for the Future means that we are setting up some planning meetings for the immediate future. We need to carefully look at what we need to plan for when in 4 years the 2024 Congress is in Pennsylvania. We also need to look carefully at where we need to be in 5 years, and what we need to look at to position us for 10 years down the road. If we do not do some planning now, we will not be ready for the future. In fact, if we do no serious consideration and panning, we may not have a future. Please keep this project for PASSAR's health and growth in your prayers as well.

The four officers who will eventually serve PASSAR as President will take part in the planning meetings as will revolving segments of the ExCom. We are keeping the face to face meeting (if we can have them) to about 10 persons. Nothing will be off the table, no one will be allowed to monopolize the conversation, everyone will have the opportunity to speak, to think, and to offer input. We need to plan outside the normal boxes that protect our usual comfortable ways of thinking. We just may have to break out of the box of "We have always done it this way." God has brought His people to that position several times in Old Testament history, and throughout the ages. Revolutionary War Chaplains are a particularly good example of this. We will hear from the wisdom that historical perspective offers, AND we will hear from the younger officers who have a different perspective. All together, we want to see the best PASSAR that is possible, with God in charge of everything that goes on. Not a new religion, but that new way of life that forces us to rely on God for everything, every day, in every way. A way of life that preserves and shows the world how Freedom works and how to keep it working.

So, Compatriots, we have our work cut out for us. We have the necessary parts before us. We now have the task of putting them together in the way God wants us to use them. Thank you for joining me in our honorable mission. It will be enhanced by putting God first and following His direction in using the pieces and tools for His Glory. May our great God be pleased to lead in the necessary growth and life with in PASSAR as we build on what has already gone before us.

Blessings.



Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution



Highlights

Fall Board of Management Meeting

7 November 2020

**Pittsburgh Airport Marriott
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania**

The PASSAR Fall Board of Management meeting was hosted by the Pittsburgh Chapter and was held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

The quarterly BOM business meeting was held on Saturday, November 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM with President David J. Felts in command. There were 24 compatriots present, 13 with voting privileges, and a quorum was declared.

President's Address

David J. Felts, PASSAR President and National Chaplain, announced the absence of Secretary Russel L. Mills and appointed PASSAR Second Vice President Michael E. Seibert as Secretary for the meeting. Next, he awarded John Coulter, Pittsburgh Chapter President, with a citation for his efforts in planning and coordinating the meeting. In his brief address, the President brought to our attention that throughout the Covid-19 epidemic, we have been blessed by God, given many chances, and that we have also been given many opportunities to continue the work of the SAR.

Following the address, the members in attendance introduced themselves and provided a brief summary of their positions at National, PASSAR, and within their respective chapters.

Treasurer's Report

President David J. Felts announced the absence of Treasurer Donald E. Mengle and called attention to the Treasurer's Report starting on page 24 of the meeting booklet.

Secretary's Report

President Felts referred to the Secretary's report on page 23 of the meeting booklet. The report stated that there were 1,794 active members as of October 20, 2020. In addition, President Felts requested and received changes and corrections to the Summer 2020 BOM minutes that were then unanimously approved.

Registrar's Report

President Felts announced the absence of Registrar Eric H. Troutman and called attention to the Registrar's Report starting on page 30 of the meeting booklet. The re new members were approved by National: 45 Regular, 8 Junior, 1 Dual, 1 Memorial, 3 Transfers In, 1 Chapter Transfer, 11 Reinstatements, and 15 Supplementals. By motion, the applications were unanimously approved.

Historian's Report

President Felts reported that the reduced schedule of meetings this year did not allow for the recognition of National and PASSAR award to Chapter. Pennsylvania Chapters received 59 National awards, and 20 PASSAR awards. Ernest L. Sutton, Vice President General (VPG) and PASSAR Historian prepared two lists of awards since the last face-to-face meeting. The awards lists are found on page 37, 38, 76 and 77 of the meeting booklet.

VPG Sutton brought to our attention that at the September 2020 National Trustees virtual meeting, a new National organization logo was adopted. The logo has not been copyrighted yet, so he cautioned members to not use the new logo until further notice of copyright.

Finally, VPG Sutton announced that the National Trustees adopted the requirement for all National Officers to complete the Youth Protective Training Program by December 31, 2020.

Old Business

2024 Congress Funding

President David J. Felts summarized the informal discussion held the previous evening during the social hour on the need for funding sources to defer the cost of the Hosting State's Reception at the 2024 National Congress to be held in the Philadelphia region. PASSAR's current funding stream to assess a fee each year as part of PASSAR dues would be insufficient to raise the necessary funding. Projected additional funding needs were as high as \$68,000.

At the previous evening's discussion, Compatriot Emmett Haralson, Jr. made the suggestion to create a pledge campaign for compatriots as well as businesses. Member discussions brought attention to the tax deductibility of the pledges. Members wanted the contributors to be acknowledged at the Congress. A motion was unanimously passed to establish the pledge campaign. Checks are to be written to "PASSAR" and forwarded to Treasurer Don Mengle. So far, six Compatriots have come forward and each pledged \$1,000.

Wreaths Across America

The George Washington Chapter has been very active as part of Wreaths Across America. As explained by Compatriot Gary W. Timmons, the chapter works with the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and expressed a need for 14,000 wreaths just for that cemetery. Wreaths normally cost \$15 but the chapter is running a three for the price of two special. The Chapter's needs and efforts are summarized on page 80 of the meeting booklet.

President David J. Felts also called attention to the Chapter of the North project. As explained by Compatriot William Harry, the northwest PASSAR chapters are working with the DAR chapter in Meadville, Crawford County to place wreaths as part of Wreaths Across America.

New Business

Child Protection

Vice President General Ernest Sutton reported earlier in the Historian's Report that the Trustees of the National Organization adopted the requirement for all National Officers to complete the Youth Protective Training Program by December 31, 2020. After discussion, a motion unanimously passed that all PASSAR Officers also complete the Youth Protective Training Program by December 31, 2020.

PASSAR Geocaching Project

Compatriot William Harry introduced the concept of Geocaching as a potential way to attract new members. He defined geocaching as the use of mobile devices such as smart phones with a geocaching app and a good map to help locate containers (caches) of information. Containers could be placed on patriots and veterans' graves.

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When searchers find the graves, the geocaching app will provide a wealth of information about the patriot. Information about the SAR could also be included in the cache of information. Discussion ensued about this potential project. Compatriot Ron Miller volunteered to further investigate the use of geocaching. Also, the geocaching initiative was placed under the responsibility of the Patriot Records Committee with Compatriot William Harry volunteering to serve as Chairman of the Committee.

Committee Assignments

President Felts made the following PASSAR Committee appointments:

- 2024 Congress Planning Committee – Kurt J. Winter, Francis O'Donnell, Jr., Donald E. Mengle, and William J. McKim, Esq.
- Flag Committee – Kurt J. Winter
- Nominating Committee – Former President Wayne R. Strasbaugh
- PASSAR Oversight Committee – Ronald Miller
- Audit Committee – Open
- Patriot Records Committee – William Harry
- Veterans Committee – Emmett Haralson
- Rumbaugh Oration Committee – William Harry

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Assistant Chaplain - West Robert Grumbling, Jr. gave the Benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Siebert, 2nd Vice President & Acting Secretary

Kenneth Britten (1948-2020)

Kenneth E. Britten, 72, of Houston, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, November 4, 2020, in his home. He was born August 9, 1948, in Beaver Falls, a son of the late Kenneth E. Britten Sr. and Joan Wilson Jerome.

Kenny was an active member of The Church of the Latter-day Saints of Washington, where he served as a family history consultant. He was a lifelong member of the Historical Society and the Museum in Beaver Falls, where he was currently serving as president, the Beaver Falls Lions Club and the Eighty Four Lions Club, where he held many offices, most recently as secretary-treasurer. He had been awarded the highest honors bestowed to a Lions Club member. Kenny was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Beaver Falls and Chartiers-Houston library boards.

Kenny was an avid historian and professional genealogist, serving as president of the South West PA Genealogical Society and teaching genealogical classes at Peters Township Library and for Washington County Literacy Council. He was also the author of three books on the history of Beaver Falls and the surrounding areas.

Ken leaves behind his husband, Barry Wood of Houston; brother Robert Jerome of Van Nays, Calif.; sister Cathy Jerome Skolnik and her husband, Steve; five nieces and their spouses; and his pride and joy, his 16 great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joan Wilson Jerome and his stepfather, Vincent of Beaver Falls; and his father, Kenneth Britten Sr. of Clearfield County.

Friends and family are welcome from 1 to 3 p.m., the time of funeral services, Thursday, November 12, in Salandra Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., Joseph P. Salandra LFD, owner/supervisor, 304 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, 724-745-8120.

To view or extend condolences, visit www.salandrafunerals.com. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state mandated rules, everyone must wear a mask.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the 84 Lions Club, c/o Linda Neill, P.O. Box 236, Eighty Four, PA 15330.



Pittsburgh and General Anthony Wayne Chapter SAR Collaborate with Boys Scouts

By John Carroll, Compatriot/General Anthony Wayne Chapter

The Combined Pittsburgh and General Anthony Wayne Chapter Color Guards in partnership with Boy Scout Troop 400, Mars, PA. conducted a veterans' dedication September 26, 2020 at Cemetery, Township, Run had been in 1812 but marker veterans. To these monument constructed Samuel Everson as his Eagle Scout Project. It required him to research and develop a comprehensive list of 125 veterans interred in the cemetery and subsequently construct a monument displaying their names.



The ceremony opened with a slow drum cadence as the SAR and Scouts paraded to the dedication site. The colors were posted with the SAR musket bearers attending the Scout Color Guard. The blessing was given by the Rev. Stephen Gutridge Glade Run Church. and the keynote speaker was Congressman Mike Kelly, PA 16th Congressional District. Scout Everson gave the dedication speech with the theme "Freedom Is Not Free" which was the inscription he had placed on the display. Mars VFW Post 7505 rendered the rifle salute and the ceremony was concluded with a bagpipe medley. In a separate subsequent ceremony at a troop meeting the chapters awarded 20 members of the troop the SAR "Partnership in Scouting" patch



PASSAR Geocaching Project Looking for Volunteers

A Scavenger List Hunt for American Revolutionary Patriot Gravesites

William E. Harry, Compatriot – ERIE Chapter SAR

At the recent PASSAR BOM Meeting a presentation was made for a PASSAR Geocaching Project that would help find and bring attention to Patriot Ancestors Gravesites. It was well received by the BOM and was placed under the Gravesite Committee. As such, we are looking for chapter members who would be part of this committee. If you are interested in knowing more or have questions, please feel free to contact Bill Harry at (814) 720-7111 or by email at bill.harry51@gmail.com

What is Geocaching?

- Geocaching, in the simplest explanation, is a massive worldwide scavenger hunt where participants or "Cachers" use their mobile device with the geocaching app and the good maps app (nearly all smartphones have Google maps preinstalled) to locate containers of varying size, shape, and color that have been hidden in all types of locations imaginable, throughout the entire world. In our case, it would be to visit cemeteries where American Revolutionary Patriots are buried and have a headstone or marker that identifies their resting place.



Scan Me

Each headstone/marker will have a QRC Code.

- The QRC Code will identify the Patriot, and Information known about them. (Rank, Branch & Biographical Information).

Each Summer will be a new campaign.

- Each person will visit the PASSAR Website's Patriot Gravesite Center and will click on the county that they wish to search for Gravesites of Patriots buried there.
- They will find the gravesite by instructions given on the website.
- Scan the QRC Code and learn about the Patriot.
- Upon the collection of 10 gravesites collected, they will notify the PASSAR Representative and will receive a coin, medallion or Certificate for displaying.
- They will also be given information about joining the SAR.
- As the Program grows each year, new counties and gravesites can be added until all 67 counties have identified patriots buried within the Commonwealth.

Continental Congress' Jack Manning Recognized as SAR George Washington Fellow.

By Robert M. Gosner, Jr., Esquire

In year 2020, Richard (Dick) McGeary of the Continental Congress Chapter was recognized by President General Jack Manning as a George Washington Fellow, for his generous donation to the National SAR George Washington Endowment Fund. Earlier this year in February 2020, Dick was presented the Meritorious Service Medal by Chapter President and District # 3 Deputy, Bob Gosner, Esq., and then PASSAR President, Wayne Strasbaugh, Esq. Dick is a past president of the Continental Congress Chapter, a member of the Chapter Board of Managers, and the PASSAR Chairman of Activities and Awards Reporting. In



addition, Dick has been an active member and has held leadership positions with the Masons, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Good Samaritan, Gettysburg Methodist Church, Four County Historical Societies, and the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable.

Christopher Gist SAR Chapter & General Richard Butler SAR Chapter Celebrate Picnic Together.

By John M. Cook



On 10/20/2020 we had the pleasure of having a picnic with the General Richard Butler chapter of the DAR and the Christopher Gist chapter of the SAR. It was the 1st ever meeting between the 2 organizations. We traded stories, contacts, and a good time was had by all. In fact, their Regent suggested we make this a yearly thing.

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
H. Paul Starr, Jr	Christopher Gist	02/19/2020
Rev. Kenneth E Britten, PhD	George Washington	11/04/2020
Clark Dennis Frederic	Gov. Joseph Hiester	04/10/2020
William A Groff, Jr	Harris Ferry	05/29/2020
Craig Kenneth Willard	Philadelphia Continental	09/16/2019



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



The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution is not only fast approaching; it is already here! While we are five years away from the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, March 6 of this year was the 250th 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 quincentennial 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 250th 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.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Thomas Jefferson

Source: <https://www.azquotes.com/quote/145672?ref=american-revolution>

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
Nov. 07, 2020 @ 12:00 pm	Center County Chapter Meeting	Hoss's Steak & Seafood House/ State College Directions
Nov. 18, 2020 @ 6:30 pm	William MacLay Chapter Meeting	RSVP to Fred Whitenight or call (570) 784-0392
Nov. 21, 2020 @ 12:00 pm	General Arthur St. Clair Chapter Meeting	Election of Officers for 2021
Nov. 21, 2020 @ 12:00 pm	Erie Chapter Meeting	Hoss's Steak & Seafood House/ Erie Directions
Dec. 03, 2020	Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Annual Meeting	Berkshire Country Club/ Reading Directions
Dec. 04, 2020 @ 1:00 pm	NSSAR Virtual Trustee/Leadership Meeting	Virtual: Zoom
Dec. 12, 2020 @ 11:00 pm	Great Glades Chapter Meeting	6022 Glades Pike/ Somerset Directions
Dec. 12, 2020 @ 12:00 pm	Continental Congress Chapter BOM Meeting	County Club of York/ York Direction
Dec. 19, 2020 @ 12:00 pm	General Arthur St. Clair Chapter Meeting	Installation of Officers by State President
Jan. 16, 2020 @ 12:00 pm	General Arthur St. Clair Chapter Meeting	
Jan. 22, 2021 @ 12:00 pm	Deadline: PASSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest	Email or send applications to Eagle Chair for Web Link to Information
Feb. 01, 2021	Deadline: NSSAR Friends of Library	Web Link to Information login: sar.org first
Feb. 01, 2021	Deadline: NSSAR USS Stark Memorial	Web Link to Information login: sar.org first
Feb. 01, 2021	Deadline: NSSAR SAR Magazine Award	Web Link to Information login: sar.org first
Feb. 05, 2021	Deadline: NSSAR American History Teacher Contest	Web Link to Information login: sar.org first
Feb. 06, 2021 @ 12:00 pm	PASSAR Board of Management Meeting	Host: Philadelphia Continental Chapter
Feb. 13, 2021 @ 12:00 pm	Continental Congress Chapter BOM Meeting	County Club of York/ York Direction
Feb. 20, 2020 @ 12:00 pm	General Arthur St. Clair Chapter Meeting	
Feb. 20, 2021 @ 12:00 pm	Center Co. Chapter Washington's Birthday Luncheon	Penn Stater Conference Center/ State College Directions
Feb. 20, 2021 @ 12:00 pm	Erie Chapter Meeting	Hoss's Steak & Seafood House/ Erie Directions
Feb. 21, 2021 @ 12:00 pm	Continental Congress Chapter BOM Meeting	County Club of York/ York Direction
Feb. 28, 2021	Deadline: NSSAR Knight Essay Contest	Email for Information: J. Rennick Steel, Jr.
Mar. 01, 2021	Deadline: PASSAR Middle School Brochure Contest	Email for Information: George Clarke
Mar. 03 - 07, 2021	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Web Link to Information : Louisville, TN
Mar. 20, 2020 @ 12:00 pm	General Arthur St. Clair Chapter Meeting	
Mar. 23, 2021	Deadline: PASSAR Elementary School Poster Contest	Email for Information: George Clarke
Mar. 31, 2021	PASSAR Annual Meetings/Election of Officers	Host: Gen. Anthony Wayne Chapter
Apr. 01, 2021	Deadline: PASSAR J/ROTC & Sea Cadet Program	Information and Application
May 01, 2021	PASSAR Annual Meetings/Election of Officers	Host: Gen. Anthony Wayne Chapter
Jun. 01, 2021	Deadline: NSSAR Elementary School Poster Contest	Information and Application
Jun. 04, 2021	Deadline: NSSAR Middle School Brochure Contest	Information and Application
Jun. 11, 2021 @ 6:00 pm	Center County Chapter – Flag Day Picnic	PA Military Museum/ Boalsburg Directions
Jul. 10 – 15, 2021	NSSAR 131 st . Congress	Link to Information : Renton, WA
Sep. 23 – 25, 2021	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, TN
	Deadline: NSSAR Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest	Information and Application
Feb. 4-5, 2022	PASSAR Winter BOM Meeting	Host: Governor Joseph Hiester SAR Chapter



PASSAR President Attends Erie Chapter Meeting

The great Northwest Pennsylvania had been hit hard by the COVID 19 due to self-isolation and other restrictions placed to State and Local Government. So, September 19, 2020 the Erie Chapter had an open meeting that was held at Hoss's Steak and Seafood House in Erie, PA.

The chapter was pleased to have PASSAR David Felts as our guest.

Pictured from left to right: Erie Chapter President William Aulenbacher, Compatriot Hadley Johns, PASSAR President David Felts and Compatriot William E. Harry, Editor of [The Pennsylvania Minuteman Newsletter](#)

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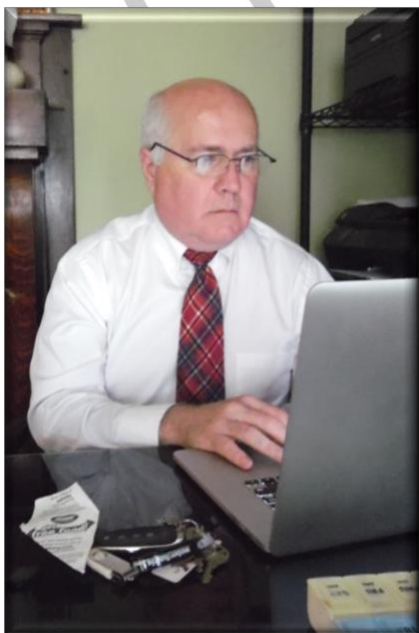
2019 SAR Congress Attendees

Pennsylvania Delegation



Key to Photograph of Pennsylvania Delegation to 2019 Annual Congress

Front Row -Nancy Anders, Janet Sutton, Janice Showler, Becky Moyer, Carol Strasbaugh, Mary-Beth Wilt-Seibert, Mrs. Warren Alter, Mrs. J. Michael Tomme, Ann Patten **Back Row** - Philip Anders, VPG Dr. Ernest Sutton, Tom Showler, Gene Moyer, Wayne R. Strasbaugh, Michael Seibert, PG Warren Alter, FPG J. Michael Tomme, Lanny Patten



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We've Gone Interactive!



As times are changing the Pennsylvania Minuteman has gone electronic which offers additional conveniences such as interactive media. From now on you will find links, documents, or QRC Codes that you can click on and be transported to additional information.

When you find words or pictures with a [blue line](#), move your mouse over it and click on it.

As we progress further into the interactive future, it is hoped that we will be able to offer additional features for your reading and surfing pleasure

William E. Harry, Editor
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Welcome New Members

Chapter	New Member	Ancestor	Sponsor
Christopher Gist	Lawrence Ralph Cleeton	John Hart	John M. Cook
Christopher Gist	David Eugene Rambacher	John Ickes	John M. Cook
Christopher Gist	Aiden Jefferson Risko-Juarez	james Dillard	John M. Cook
Christopher Gist	David Anthony Risko-Juarez	james Dillard	John M. Cook
Conococheague	Chester Fritz King	Richard Cooper	Ned A. Little
Continental Congress	Leonard Taylor	Samuel Weaver	Michael E. Seibert
Frontier Patriots	Todd William Goodman	Nicholas Boor	Larry D. Smith
Gen. Anthony Wayne	Brian Keith Raybuck	James Finney	John G. Inman
Gen. Arthur St. Clair	Dustin James Barnett	Alexander Reed	Adam M. Puhak
Gen. Arthur St. Clair	Alexander Lloyd Thompson	Simon Ruffner, Jr.	John E. Thompson, Sr.
Gen. Arthur St. Clair	John Edward Thompson, Jr	Simon Ruffner, Jr.	John E. Thompson, Sr.
George Washington	Kevin Scott Burne	Joseph Scott	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Paul Vernon Whitefield	Abraham Shoemaker	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	Roy Melvin Whitefield	Abraham Shoemaker	Michael D. C. Merryman
George Washington	William Aaron Whitefield	Abraham Shoemaker	Michael D. C. Merryman
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Harris Ferry	Alexander Guy Leonard	Andrew Berryhill	Robert J. Bakelaar
Northeast	William Simmons Miller	Conrad Kresge	Don N. Drewry
Northeast	Jonathan Thunder Rowe	John Hart	Peter D. Gittinger Jr.
Northeast	Richard Stewart Wren, Jr	Benjamin Vandermark, Sr.	Don N. Drewry
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Philadelphia Continental	Joseph Thomas Donatucci	John Cottrell	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	David Joseph Hammer	Henry Hammer	C. Kelsey Brown
Philadelphia Continental	Edward Carl Mintzer, III	Adam Mintzer	Edward C. Mintzer, Jr.
Philadelphia Continental	Edward Carl Mintzer, IV	Adam Mintzer	Edward C. Mintzer, Jr.
Philadelphia Continental	Garrett James Mintzer	Adam Mintzer	Edward C. Mintzer, Jr.
Philadelphia Continental	Joseph Louis Mintzer	Adam Mintzer	Edward C. Mintzer, Jr.
Philadelphia Continental	Joseph Louis Mintzer, Jr	Adam Mintzer	Edward C. Mintzer, Jr.
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Pittsburgh	Jason Scott Miller	Frederick Miller	William P. Boswell Esq
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Washington Crossing	John Christopher Harrison	George Drum, Sr.	Edward G. Elgart

Continental Congress Holds Annual Picnic

By Bob Gosner

On Sunday, 20 September 2020, the [Continental Congress Chapter](#) held its annual picnic at the Bass Pavilion, William Kain Park on Lake Redman, within York County. The picnic was spearheaded by the team of Joe McMullen, FP PASSAR, and wife, Bobbi McMullen, FVP General NSDAR. The picnic attendees were a diverse group from local DAR and SAR Chapters. The guest of honor was Beth Watkins, State Regent of the [Pennsylvania State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution \(PSSDAR\)](#) for the term 2019 – 2022.

Bob Gosner, Esq., President of the Continental Congress Chapter, and District # 3 Deputy PASSAR, awarded State Regent Beth Watkins the SAR/DAR Martha Washington Medal. Accompanying Bob Gosner with this award presentation was Andrew Lick, First Vice-President of PASSAR, and Mike Seibert, Second Vice-President of PASSAR. [Photo]. One of the initiatives of the Watkins' administration is the restoration of the Robert Morris stain glass window in the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge National Park. After receipt of her award, Beth told those in attendance that she very much supports and encourages the DAR and SAR partnership to fulfill their similar mission.



Further, President and District Deputy, Bob Gosner also awarded Maribeth Wilt-Seibert the SAR/DAR Medal of Appreciation. Maribeth was the former Regent of the Cumberland County Chapter of the DAR, and she is currently the State SAR Liaison for PSSDAR. In addition, Maribeth was recently elected and sworn in as Second Vice-President of the Ladies Auxiliary of PASSAR. Accompanying Bob Gosner with this award presentation was Maribeth's husband, Mike Seibert, Second Vice-President of PASSAR. [Photo]. We wish Maribeth continued success in her new roles with both the State DAR and State SAR.

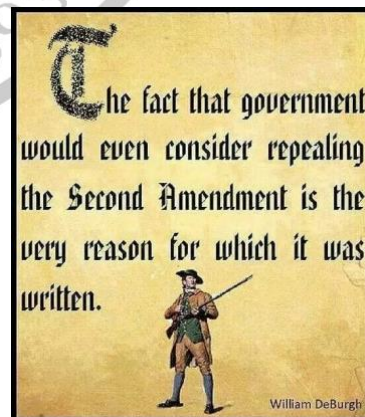
To round out the picnic event, President and District Deputy Bob Gosner issued a Chapter Proclamation to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of Andrew Lick, First Vice-President of PASSAR. In addition, Andrew Lick, a primary member with the Harris Ferry Chapter, became a dual member with the Continental Congress Chapter. [Photo]. We very much look forward to Andrew's return to our Chapter when he becomes State President of PASSAR in year 2021/2022.



"I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in the means. I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it. In my youth I traveled much, and I observed in different countries, that the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves, and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer."

Benjamin Franklin, On the Price of Corn and Management of the Poor.

November 1766



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AMSA Report on Proposed Security Threats and Response

By William L. Schwetke, President of [Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution](#)

In a recent letter written to Atlantic Middle States Association's Vice President General Ernie Sutton, MD, a letter and report was submitted by **William L. Schwetke**, President of Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution with regard to security threats against AMSA, State Societies and Chapters that should be considered to provide guidance and safety of our compatriots when representing the Sons of the American Revolution. Below is the context of the letter as well as a proposed response for AMSA, PASSAR and chapters to develop and present a response to possible threats.

We are told by law enforcement that we face a real threat of confrontation by various groups who oppose celebration of the accomplishments of our founding fathers. The threat ranges from verbal or physical confrontation to physical harm including lethal threats. It is our hope to develop guidelines for our society on how to learn about such threats, take measures to avoid or escape such threats, and how to behave when unable to avoid or escape such threats.

Additionally, we are aware of the possibility of online confrontations that we must be able to work around. Our response to this threat is currently simple but must evolve as the threat advances.

Other threats are to monuments and symbols that we hold dear and have a natural desire to protect. Laws that previously discouraged these threats have, especially in Virginia, been eroded. We must choose our battles wisely and skillfully apply our resources when we have a reasonable chance of success. At our February Annual Meeting the membership voted a dues increase of \$5, all of which goes to a fund to pay for additional legal assistance in fighting these threats in the courts.

What is missing is guidance from NSSAR on these issues. Absent such guidance each society will develop their own guidelines which may have significant differences instead of conforming to national standards. In the interim, I encourage other state societies to share experiences and ideas with each other to better protect that which we hold dear.

Threats:

Personal Threats (all these have been used by recent agitators):

- Verbal abuse
- Pelting with noxious elements
- Obstruction of passage
- Physical assault
- Assault with weapons
 - Pelting with hard objects – bricks, stones, bottles of frozen water
 - Clubs
 - Chemical agents – tear gas, pepper spray, mace
 - Flammables – Molotov cocktails, flame throwers
 - Edged and/or Pointed Weapons
 - Firearms

Threats to monuments

- Legal removal
- Illegal removal
- Vandalism
- Destruction

Disruption of online meetings and ceremonies

Source of threats are often well-organized groups, with good leadership, excellent intelligence, skillful planning, and significant funding.

Response:

Stand up Security Committee

Chaired by retired Marine Colonel, second career in law enforcement, active law officer who is our State Security Officer.

Appoint regional members who are credentialed law enforcement officers

Regional security officers will contact local law enforcement prior to any public event to assess:

- Anticipated threat
- Avoidance measures
- Safe egress
- Shelter
- Assistance available – Law Enforcement, medical, legal
- Communications

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2020 NSSAR Spring & Fall Leadership and Congress

2020 PASSAR Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall BOM

By Dr. Ernie Sutton, MD – PASSAR Historian

NATIONAL LEVEL

President General's Education Outreach Flag Streamer Award:

Gen Anthony Wayne President Ronald B. BRUCE
Gen Arthur St. Clair President Thomas R. CARNAHAN

Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal

(40 hours of volunteer service to the SAR)

Philadelphia-Continental

William H. BAKER, II

Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC)

William L. BARAN

OLC

C. Kelsey BROWN

OLC

Brian S. LADLEY

OLC

George Washington

Michael D.C. MERRYMAN

OLC

Gen Arthur St. Clair

Adam M. PUHAK

Ernest L. SUTTON

Liberty Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC)

(First-Line Signers on 10 SAR Applications)

William P. BOSWELL 1 OLC

Registrar – Pittsburgh

C. Kelsey BROWN 4 OLC

Genealogist – Philadelphia Continental

Don N. DREWRY 3 OLC

Genealogist – Valley Forge

William E. HARRY 1 OLC

President – Erie

Anthony W. KEEFER 1 OLC

Registrar – Gen Arthur St. Clair

Ned A. LITTLE 1 OLC

Compatriot – Philadelphia Continental

Michael D.C. MERRYMAN 2 OLC

Genealogist – George Washington

Raynold L. PRUSIA, Sr. 1 OLC

Registrar - Erie

Eric H. Troutman 1 OLC

Registrar – Pennsylvania Society

SesterCentennial (250th Anniversary) Recognition Award (Gold)

Gary W. TIMMONS – George Washington

Ernest L. SUTTON – Gen Arthur St. Clair

Friends of the Library – Life Member Medal

William R. HEARTER, Jr. – Philadelphia Continental

Ernest L. SUTTON – Gen Arthur St. Clair

Friends of the Library – Chapter/Society Level:

Gen Arthur St. Clair President Thomas R. CARNAHAN

George Washington President Kurt J. WINTER

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Philadelphia Continental	President David M. MIZELL
Valley Forge	President George B. HIXON
Pennsylvania Society	President David J. FELTS

Friends of the Library – Benjamin Franklin Subscriber

Pennsylvania Society - President David J. FELTS
In Memory of FP James GARTHWAITE – Tiadaghton

Partners in Patriotism Certificate:

Erie – President William E. HARRY
Fort Jackson – President Charles R. ROCKWELL
Gen Arthur St. Clair – Thomas R. CARNAHAN
George Washington – President Kurt J. WINTER
Harris Ferry – President Forrest C. MYERS
Philadelphia Continental – President David M. MIZELL
Pennsylvania Society – President David J. FELTS

SAR Education Center & Museum Liberty Tree Donor

George M. CLARKE, Jr. – Philadelphia Continental
Ernest L. SUTTON – Gen Arthur St. Clair

George Washington Fellow – Class of 2019-20

(For support of the SAR endowment fund)
Richard A. McGEARY – Continental Congress

NSSAR General Officer Recognition Certificate

Rev. David J. FELTS – Chaplain General (2019-20)

NSSAR Vice President General Recognition Certificate

Ernest L. SUTTON – VPG Mid Atlantic District (2019-20)

NSSAR Certificates of Appreciation

Rev. David J. FELTS – Chair, Chaplains Committee (2019-20)
J. Thomas SHOWLER – Chair, Human Resources Committee (2019-20)

USS Stark Memorial for Veterans Service Recognition:

Great Glades – President Stewart R. SAYLOR
General Arthur St. Clair – President Thomas R. CARNAHAN

Public Service & Heroism Recognition:

Fire Safety – Philadelphia Continental – President David M. MIZELL
Heroism – Philadelphia Continental – President David M. MIZELL
Life Saving – Continental Congress - President Robert M. GOSNER, Jr.
Philadelphia Congress - President David M. MIZELL

Pennsylvania Society Participation Flag Streamers:

Children American Revolution (C.A.R.) Activity
Pennsylvania Society – Chair, Joseph B. McMULLEN
Americanism / PG Chapter Activities Contest
Great Glades – President Stewart R. SAYLOR
Gen Arthur St. Clair – President Thomas R. CARNAHAN
George Washington – President Kurt J. WINTER
Elementary School History Poster Contest
Gen Anthony Wayne – President Ronald B. BRUCE
Middle School History Brochure Contest
Harris Ferry – President Forrest C. MYERS

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Eagle Scout Contest

Harris Ferry – President Forrest C. MYERS

Enhanced JROTC Contest

Philadelphia Continental – President David M. MIZELL

Essay Contest

Pittsburgh – President Jon P. COULTER

Oration Contest

Gen Arthur St. Clair – President Thomas R. CARNAHAN

PASSAR Level:

Arthur Garfield Trimble Membership Trophy:

(Chapter with the greatest % increase in members the previous year): **Washingtonburg**

Chapter Activities Keystone Plaque Awards:

Small-size (< 50):	Great Glades	President Stewart R. SAYLOR
Medium-size (50-99):	General Arthur St. Clair	President Thomas R. CARNAHAN
Large-size (> 100):	George Washington	President Kurt J. WINTER

Chapter Activities Participation Flag Streamers:

Continental Congress	President Robert M. GOSNER, Jr.
Fort Jackson	President Charles R. ROCKWELL
Philadelphia Continental	President David M. MIZELL

Membership Keystone Plaque Award:

(Compatriot recruiting the most members the previous year)
C. Kelsey BROWN – Genealogist Philadelphia Continental

PASSAR Youth Contest Awards:

Historical Poster Contest (3rd – 5th grade)

Talia MARUCA sponsored by the Gen Anthony Wayne chapter
School: Fairfield Elementary, Midland, PA

Historical Brochure Contest (7th – 9th grade)

Sophia MEGLIO sponsored by the Harris Ferry chapter
School: Home Schooled, Loysville, PA

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest (9th-12th grade)

Hattie Marie LINDEY sponsored by the Gen Arthur St. Clair chapter
SAR Mentor's Certificate - Rachel LINDEY
SAR Sponsorship Certificate - Frazier High School, Perryopolis, PA

Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest

Devin Philip DePAMPHILIS sponsored by the Harris Ferry chapter
SAR/BSA Partnership for Good Citizenship Patch:
Scoutmaster, Troop 77, New Birth of Freedom Scout Council

Enhanced JROTC Cadet Contest

(3rd year [11th grade] in a 4-year program and 2nd year in a 2-year program)
Cadet Col Lorna LOUGHERY sponsored by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter
PASSAR Keystone Sponsorship Plaque for 1 year - North Penn High School

Knight Essay Contest (9th -12th grade)

Katherine SABAK sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter
Sara Ramey PULL, Essay Mentor for 11 years – Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
School: North Allegheny Senior High School, Wexford, PA

2024 PASSAR HOST SOCIETY RECEPTION PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Hello! I am Compatriot Emmett J. Haralson Jr., a Life Member of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution. I've been given a rare honor of working with the PASSAR Board of Management in launching a Pledge Fund which will help us fund the 2024 National Congress Host Reception. Attached is a document explaining the pledge levels at the Corporate, Chapter, and Member categories.

Gentlemen, we need each of you to consider helping us with this project. The Pledge Fund is broken down in four-year increments starting with 2021/2022/2023/2024 calendar years.

Will you help us in getting this Pledge Fund Form to as many members as possible at the Chapter levels? With the current Chapter dues structure, our State Treasurer estimates that we can count on about \$34,000 toward the Host Society Reception. It is now estimated that we need in the range of \$120,000 to fund the costs related to a successful Host Society Reception for 2024 Congress attendees. If we can raise several thousands of dollars through this funding effort, we will not have to consider raising our dues.

This project was launched on November 7th at the Board of Management meeting in Pittsburgh. After announcing the funding suggestion, three members immediately pledge a \$1000.00 each toward the goal. The next morning at the BOM meeting three more members joined the effort.

“Thank You” to those gentlemen who pledged \$1,000 on behalf of the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution:

VPG Ernie Sutton
1st Vice President Andrew Lick
Former State President Tom Showler
State Chancellor William McKim
Compatriot Frank Stillman
Pittsburgh Chapter Life Member Emmett J. Haralson Jr.

Please consider carefully and decide how you can help us achieve this goal. With the four-year commitment and a solid funding base, we will be able to move ahead with planning a Host Reception for the 2024 National Congress that will make Pennsylvania proud to be part of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

We are working on donor recognition possibilities for this funding effort and the tireless support of our Pennsylvania Society members. Please feel free to make any suggestion to our State President, or Board of Management in this matter. With help from our entire Member Base and Chapters I feel confident that we can meet the goal of having a successful 2024 Host Reception that will be enjoyed and remembered by every State and International Society within the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. We look forward to hearing from each and every one of you as a contributor. Please use the enclosed 2024 Host Society Pledge Form with checks made out to PASSAR and mailed to our State Treasurer. These Pledge Forms may also be obtained from your Chapter President.

Respectfully,

Compatriot Emmett J. Haralson Jr.
Rev David J Felts, President
Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution



**Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution
Winter Board of Management Meeting**

February 5&6, 2021

Hosted by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter
the Alloy King of Prussia - a DoubleTree by Hilton
301 West Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Friday, February 5, 2021

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Registration

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Dinner on your own

Saturday, February 6, 2021

8:00AM – 9:00 AM Registration

9:00 AM – 12:00 AM Board of Management Meeting

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Ladies Program

Noon – 2:00 PM Luncheon

The Alloy King of Prussia - a DoubleTree by Hilton

301 West Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Toll Free (800) TRY-VFPA (879-8372) (610) 337-1200 fax (610) 337-1959

Room rates: \$109.00 + tax

When making reservation please mention you are attending the Sons of American Revolution meeting to receive our special rate. Room check in is at 3:00 PM; Checkout is Noon.

Deadline for room reservations is January 15, 2021

Registration (Compatriots Only) (\$25.00)

Ladies Program (\$15.00)

\$ _____
\$ _____
Subtotal \$ _____

Saturday Lunch – (\$40.00)

[] Roasted Atlantic Salmon

[] Grilled Chicken Marsala

[] Rigatoni Broccolini

Additional Information about meals (i.e., Gluten free, vegetarian)

Number of Persons X (\$40.00)

Subtotal \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name _____ Chapter _____ Office _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Guest(s) Name(s) _____

Make checks payable to “Philadelphia Continental SAR”. Mail to William H Baker
929 Burmont Road; Drexel Hill, PA 19026-4012; Mobile Phone (248) 701-5267; email wbaklava@aol.com

PASSAR FEES & DUES

NEW APPLICANT

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

ANNUAL DUES

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

REINSTATEMENT

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

TRANSFER & REINSTATEMENT

\$ 56.00

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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