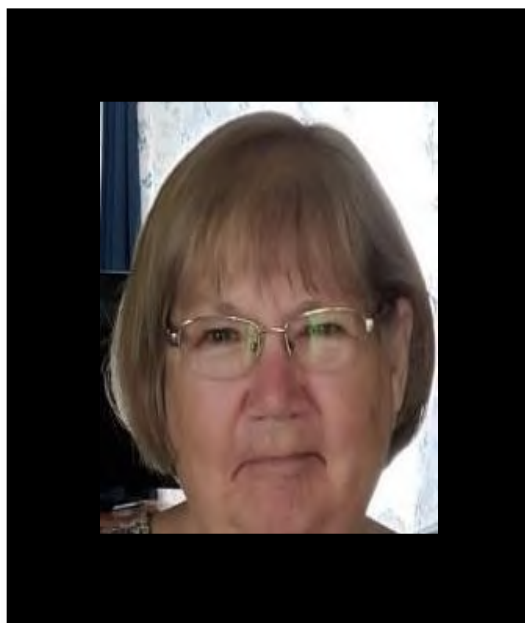




***The Ladies' Auxiliary Times: Ladies Auxiliary Pennsylvania Society*
Sons of the American Revolution (LAPASSAR)**

Spring 2021 Newsletter



Becky Hudson Moyer, President LAPASSAR, 2020-2022

President's Message

As I sit here writing this message, and enjoying the sun streaming in my window, I think, "Welcome Spring, Welcome!" Today it is a balmy 70 degrees outside, and tomorrow promises to be 75 degrees. My daffodils have been up a little over a week, and that is always a welcoming and comforting sign that winter is just about over.

I am excited to say that we had our first All Members Virtual Meeting on February 25th. It was so nice to see everyone who attended. A couple of the items covered in the meeting included the tee and polo shirt fund raiser for the 2024 Congress as well as designs for our LAPASSAR pin. Specifically, we discussed what variety of mountain laurel we wanted to represent Pennsylvania and whether to choose a single flower or a bunch, and what color. The mountain laurel variety we chose is the “kaleidoscope.” I would like to thank Roz Ashmun for checking to see if the mountain laurel has ever been done as a broach/necklace by any of DAR in Pennsylvania. to ensure that we did not duplicate one that has already been done. At this moment, the picture and description of what we envision for the broach/necklace are both with Pamela Wright, a graphic designer. When she sends the mock-ups, I will make sure you all see them and have opportunities to voice your opinions. Thank you to Bobbi and Joe McMullin for their donation of an official commemorative painting honoring the Centennial of Valley Forge Historical Park 1893-1993, by Richard Bollinger. The plan going forward would be to frame it and raffle or sell it.

The next two All Members Virtual Meetings are scheduled for **May 6th and June 24th, 2021**, so mark your calendars. I look forward to hosting those meetings and look forward to seeing you.

A big thank you, also to Jan Showler, our secretary and newsletter editor. She works tirelessly for the auxiliary, and her work is greatly appreciated.

I hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting in Beaver Falls May 1st and May 2nd.

Becky

Spotlight on Members: Meet Jean Conroy



Jean was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago, IL. Educated as a nurse in urgent care and clinical practice at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, OH and Yale School of Nursing, she skillfully combined a rich professional life with her marriage to Ed Conroy. The Conroys have four

children. “We are both interested and proud of our country’s history,” Jean writes. “Ed has been a member of Philadelphia Continental Chapter of SAR for 43 years. Jean [has been] a member of DAR for 59 years in six chapters as we moved around the country. Two granddaughters served as PA State President of CAR. We thank Becky and Janice for their dedication and leadership. This year, I will be ninety years young 🍌” Jean and Ed presently live in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.



Happy Birthdays to Our Members

Past LAPASSAR President, Stephanie Troutman (May 14); State Regent DAR, Cindy Sweeney (June 14); Founding President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Janice Showler (June 25); Chaplain, Patricia McKim (July 7); Past Secretary, DAR Regent Colonial Crawford Chapter, Denise Harry (August 5); and Former Pennsylvania Society SAR First Lady, Carol Strasbaugh (August 12).

Please send your birthday and your anniversary dates to First Vice-President, Cindy Mills (dalmootion@yahoo.com). We want to include birthday and anniversary greetings for you in this newsletter. Thanks very much!

Speaking of birthdays Does your husband have a birthday, or do you have an upcoming anniversary that you want to mark in an incredibly special way? Please consider purchasing for him the 2024 PASSAR medal set commemorating the 134th Congress of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution hosted by our Pennsylvania Society. Order form is available at our PASSAR website (www.passar.org).

The 2024 PASSAR Medal



**Commemorating the 134th Congress
of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Hosted by the Pennsylvania Society**



**Becky Moyer selling the commemorative 134th
Congress Medal at the Board of Management Meeting
in Philadelphia, February 5, 6. Order forms are
available at www.passar.org**

Highlights from Board of Management Meeting Hosted by Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Alloy (Doubletree by Hilton 301)
King of Prussia
February 5-6**



**President Becky Moyer, First Vice-President Cindy Mills, Second Vice-President Maribeth Wilt-Seibert
Attending the Winter Board of Management Meeting**



**Noah Lewis portrays Edward Ned Hector, Patriot of Color serving
in the American Revolution.**

“In 1775 about 20% of the American colonial population was black, yet only about 5% of the Continental Army were African-Americans. Most of these black soldiers came from the Northern states where there were more Freedmen and where blacks were given their freedom for enlisting. Certain regiments, such as one from Rhode Island, were made up entirely of black men, although the officers were white. Many of these soldiers fought with valor and conviction. One of the lesser-known heroes of the Battle of Brandywine was a black soldier from Pennsylvania named Edward Hector.

“Hector was a waggoneer in Captain Courtney's Company of Colonel Proctor's 3rd Pennsylvania Artillery Regiment.

“This unit was positioned near Chad’s Ford, probably on the ridge behind the John Chads House. Late in the afternoon of September 11th, the British and Hessians began to overrun the American positions on the East side of the Brandywine and the order was given to abandon the guns, wagons, and horses and "save yourself". Edward Hector is reported to have said, "The enemy shall not have my team; I shall save my horses and myself." He then grabbed up a stack of abandoned arms (he probably was unarmed), threw them in his wagon, fended off his pursuers and escaped with his wagon--the only salvage from his company. Obviously, these items were most needed by the Army in the ensuing days.

“We know little of Hector's later activities in the war or subsequently. However, we do know he was never granted a pension as were many Continental soldiers. Finally, years later, a ‘grateful’ Pennsylvania Legislature granted him a donation of \$40 for his heroics! Edward Hector lived in the Norristown area where he died in 1834 at the age of 90. He was truly an unsung and unrewarded hero of the Battle of Brandywine” (Bob Goddu, www.ushistory.org).



First Vice-President Cindy Mills (left) and Maribeth Wilt-Seibert (right with back to camera) portray members of the cannon team



Maribeth Wilt-Seibert portrays Deborah Sampson (1760-1827)

“Deborah Sampson became a hero of the American Revolution when she disguised herself as a man and joined the Patriot forces. She was the only woman to earn a full military pension for participation in the Revolutionary army.

“In 1782, as the Revolutionary War raged on, the patriotic Sampson disguised herself as a man named Robert Shurtleff and joined the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment

“For over two years, Sampson’s true sex had escaped detection despite close calls. When she received a gash in her forehead from a sword and was shot in her left thigh, she extracted the pistol ball herself. She was ultimately discovered—a year and a half into her service—in Philadelphia, when she became ill during an epidemic, was taken to a hospital, and lost consciousness” (Debra Michaels, Ph.D., 2015). More information available at <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/deborah-sampson>

Emmett J. Haralson: A Winner with a Winning Spirit



Meet Emmet Haralson, former President of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution (SAR). A newly formed chapter in District One of the SAR comprising Mercer, Venango, Crawford, and Crawford Counties, the Ben Franklin chapter was formed in February of 2018.

Haralson traces his Revolutionary War ancestor to Paul Herman Haralson, who fought in the French and Indian Wars. Paul Herman was born in 1722 in Hanover, Virginia and died in 1805. Haralson follows that military tradition by being one of 62 members of his family who have served in the

United States military. Aably serving in the Air Force from 1977-1988, Haralson has undergone over thirty surgeries from his service and was recognized for it from the Pennsylvania Senate on February 2, 2017. Haralson has earned a master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Troy University (Haralson, Emmet. Interview by Marsha Fleeger, *Argus News*, 25 March 2018, mfleeger@recordargusnews.com).

Haralson embraces the SAR mission of promoting patriotism and preserving American history through teaching future generations. He sees today’s youth as the future of America. Generous as he is courageous, he has donated forty hunting knives to the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution (PASSAR) for auction to support the 2024 Congress. Challenging each SAR member to donate \$250.00/year for four years, Haralson pledged to do the same. These funds will be applied to the 2024 Congress Host Reception Pledge Fund. He even donated his share of the LAPASSAR 50/50 raffle back to the auxiliary for the 2024 Congress. Thank you for your service, Emmet, and for your generous, winning spirit!

Pledge forms available at <https://www.pccsar.org/2024-sar-congress>



Featured Chapter Meeting: Philadelphia Continental Chapter



Featured Speaker: Lanny Patten

At their chapter meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd, the Philadelphia Continental Chapter hosted Compatriot Lanny Patten who presented an interesting presentation of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) in an effort to elicit participation from members who may want to participate in this effort.

Lanny began his presentation with a brief history to demonstrate the French participation in supporting the colonists in the American Revolution. In 1780, the King of France sent three ships, soldiers, and silver to the destitute colonists. That same year, in Rhode Island, Rochambeau met with Washington with plans to retake New York City. Rochambeau was not in favor of this move since the colonists were outnumbered. De Gras sent 28,000 warships from the Bahamas, and in 1781, he give news to Washington to cross the Hudson River and march single file through Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Baltimore to Yorktown. In Philadelphia, there were three camps: one at Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia (campus of Holy Family University), another on the banks of the Schuylkill River at 30th Street, and another in Chester at Marcus Hook. The armies made a 700-mile march from June-September 1781. In 2005, citizens joined forces to preserve the historic route, and in 2009, the route was approved as a trail. See route in map below.

Lanny described various celebrations to mark W3R-US route including French Alliance Sunday (first Sunday in March), a march from Chestnut Street (Philadelphia) to Chester, PA, a replay of historic events at Valley Forge. In addition, the *Hermione* docked for four days at the Seaport Museum in Philadelphia. The culminating celebratory event of W3R is Yorktown Day, the day of the British surrender, celebrated every October 19th. Every military unit of the United States is represented as is the Drum and Bugle Corps. The annual meeting of W3R always takes place there on that date.



Map shows the route from Concord, MA to Yorktown, Virginia

At present, the goal of W3R-US is to work on three signs at four sites at a cost of \$3,000.00 each. Thanks to Philadelphia Continental Chapter members Frank Fonseca and Michael Freeland for volunteering to help with this project.

For further reading, consider exploring *March to Victory*, Robert Selig; *Killing England: The Brutal Struggle for American Independence*, Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard; and *My Campaign in America* (journal), Count William de Deux-Points (1780-81). More information also available at <https://www.nps.gov/waro/index.htm>, <https://w3r-us.org/historic-sites/french-army-campsite-28-north-at-the-red-lion-inn/> and www.nps.gov

Mark Your Calendars: LAPASSAR Virtual Zoom Meetings



Please plan on attending general membership meeting via Zoom on May 6th and June 24th 2021. More information with link will be forthcoming

Editor's Note: I would like to feature chapter meetings from around Pennsylvania to highlight activity in various chapters. Please send pictures and a brief summary to Janice Showler upenn92@verizon.net Please make sure pictures are in jpeg format. I will also be featuring one LAPASSAR member in each newsletter as well. .

**Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution
The Ramada, Beaver Falls, Pa.
Annual Meeting, Schedule of Events
April 30, May 1, 2021**



Friday, April 30, 2021F

3:00- 6:00 PM Registration---Lobby

Dinner on your own

7:00- 9:00 PM Social Time---Pool Side. (meat, cheese plate) cash bar

Saturday, May 1, 2021

8:00- 9:00 AM Registration--- Lobby

9:00— 11:30 Board of Management Meeting (10:00-Pastries with coffee, tea, etc. will be served)

9:30—11:30 Ladies program—Speaker from Old Economy Village

12:00-- 2:00 Luncheon on your own

2:00 – 3:00 Memorial Service

6:00 – 7:00 Social Hour

7:00 - ? Banquet and Awards program (Black Tie)

**Make room reservations directly with the Ramada, 7195 Eastwood Road
Beaver Falls, Pa. 15010, (724) 846-3700 by April 16, 2021**

Mention SAR to receive the special rate of \$94.00/day, plus tax

Registration Form

PASSAR Summer Board of Management Meeting

April 30, May1, 2021

Registration @ \$25.00 (Compatriots only) _____	@ \$25.00	\$ _____
Friday evening Reception @ \$15.00 _____	@ \$ 15.00	\$ _____
Ladies Program @ \$20.00 _____	@ \$20.00	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet Prime Rib @ \$50.00 _____	@ \$50.00	\$ _____
Amish Chicken @ \$35.00 _____	@ \$35.00	\$ _____
Tuscan Penne @ \$35.00 _____	@ \$35.00	\$ _____
	Total \$	_____

Name _____ Chapter _____ Office _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Guest(s), Name(s) _____

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

Ladies Program



Harmonist History

Old Economy Village, a National Historic Landmark, tells the story of the Harmony Society, one of the oldest and most successful religious communal groups of the nineteenth century. The Society sought to create a utopia inhabited by German Lutheran separatists who subscribed to the mystical religious teachings of their leader George Rapp (1757-1847). In Economy, they waited for the second coming of the Messiah. .Much more information available at <http://oldeconomyvillage.org/learn/history/>

Thanks to President Becky Moyer for this Feature: Lest We Forget March 29th-National Vietnam Veterans Day

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration honors all veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location. During those twenty years, the following information paints a powerful image of the high cost of peace:

- 9 million Americans served
- 2.7 million U.S. military members served in Vietnam
- 6.4 million of those service members are still living
- 58,000 names are memorialized on the black granite wall in D.C.
- 304,000 were wounded (Emmet Haralson among them)
- 1,253 are missing in action and have not yet returned to American soil
- 2,500 were POWS

March 29th was chosen as the date to observe in perpetuity because on that day, the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. In addition, on and around that day, Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war. The National Vietnam War Veterans War Recognition Act of 2017 was signed into law by former President Trump.

There will be virtual events and activities for the fourth celebration of National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Citizens are asked to fly the U.S. flag in honor of those who served in the Vietnam War, as a way to thank the veterans and all of those who made sacrifices during one of the longest wars in U.S. history.

Please remember to fly the American flag on March 29th .

Other days to raise the flag are listed here:

St. Patrick's Day: **March 17** National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day: **April 9**
 Easter Sunday: **April 4** Loyalty Day: **May 1** International Firefighters Day: **May 4**
 VE Day: **May 8** (76th Anniversary in 2021)



Speaking of exemplary service, please join other LAPASSAR members as well as the LAPASSAR Board in wishing Jo Anne Mengle, LAPASSAR treasurer from May 2019 through May 2021, a well-deserved retirement. We extend our best wishes to Jo Anne for her dedication and exemplary service to LAPASSAR! Congratulations, Jo Anne!

Have an idea about anything you would like to see highlighted in future newsletters? Please send feature articles with photos (jpeg) to Janice Showler upenn92@verizon.net

For your convenience, your officers for 2020-2022 are listed here with their contact information. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with questions, concerns, and ideas.

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Jo Anne Mengle, Treasurer, jzm5psu@gmail.com or 814-237-9826 (Retiring May)

Diana Watson, Interim Treasurer, rwat@windstream.net or 814-587-6334(H); 814-587-6334 (C)

Pat McKim, Chaplain, pmmckim@consolidated.net or 412-736-2673

*Ladies Auxiliary of the
Pennsylvania Society
Sons of the American Revolution*

Application for Membership for Ladies Committed to the SAR Mission

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Birthday _____

Your \$10.00 dues payment qualifies you as a member of LAPASSAR as well as the National
Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution (NLASAR)

Life Membership \$50.00 Amount paid _____

Date _____

Please make check payable to the **Ladies Auxiliary PASSAR**
Send to the LAPASSAR Treasurer

Jo Anne Mengle
135 W Blade Drive
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865-9500 (Until May)

Diana Watson
303 South St
Conneautville, PA 16406 (After May)

*Ladies Auxiliary of the
Pennsylvania Society
Sons of the American Revolution*

Application for Membership: SAR Relative

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Birthday _____

SAR Member's Name _____

NSSAR Member # _____

SAR Chapter _____

Relationship to SAR Member _____

Annual dues of \$10.00-qualifies you as member of both LAPASSAR and the National Ladies Auxiliary (NLASAR)

Life Membership \$50.00 Amount paid _____

Date _____

Please make check payable to the **Ladies Auxiliary PASSAR**

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