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Greetings Everyone

My term as President of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter is coming to a close. It has been a pleasure serving as the Philadelphia Continental Chapter President for the past year. I have had excellent officers and committee chairmen to work with which has made the job tasks an overall pleasure. I have enjoyed meeting and talking with so many of the members. On the evening of October 5 election was held and we elected new officers for the coming year. They will be installed on Friday evening November 5 2021 Immediately following this article is a listing of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter Officers, elected for the 2021/2022 year. Also included in this listing are the new members of the Board of Management (BOM) Class of 2024 and the chairmen of the various Philadelphia

Continental Chapter Committees If a committee chairman slot is open and you have an interest or would like more information about the committee, please contact one of the officers for more information.

At the chapter Annual Meeting on October 5 seventeen various medals and certificates were presented to several of our chapter members. During the past year, thirty medals, certificates, and awards have been given by or through the chapter to thirty individuals. This includes chapter members and individuals in the community.

I thank all of the chapter members who have made ongoing important contributions this past year. Our chapter Color Guard, captained by Fred Fonseca, has participated in several events. Many Color Guard events could not be held in 2020 due to pandemic restrictions, but Fred and the Color Guard worked hard this past year to resume and to increase their participation in many patriotic events.

This past year the use of zoom meetings for business meetings and speakers enabled us to have members from across the country attend and participate. Twenty seven of the fifty states in the United States are represented in our chapter membership. Membership is above 470 persons. One of the highlights of the past year was the annual chapter picnic on Sunday June 12 at Fenimore

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Woods Park in Radnor Township. Close to, if not, 100 persons attended the picnic. At the picnic, Military War Services medals and certificates for Vietnam service were presented to PCC members McRay Bostic, Jr and Sherwin P Bostic. Dennis Bostic was recognized for receiving the Marshall E Lignian Certificate. Mark Burt presented a Boy Scout award and check to chapter member Matthew Dankin. Steven Kopsick received a certificate of appreciation from the California Society Sacramento Chapter for work he did in sending photos of Valley Forge to the Sacramento Chapter.

Some of the other highlights of the past year included: Sheri Burr, a direct descendant of Aaron Burr, spoke at a chapter meeting via zoom on January 11, 2021. On March 2, a zoom chapter meeting was held with Lanny Patten of our chapter speaking on the W3R (Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route) project of which Lanny is an officer. A training session via zoom was held in April with Bill Baker, Ned Little, and Kelsey Brown coordinating a presentation on developing supplemental applications. In July, a Nominating Committee was appointed with former Chapter President David Mizell as chairman. The written report of the chapter Nominating Committee was presented at the September 8, 2021 Board of Management meeting.

The chapter, in conjunction with DAR representative Rebecca Price Janney, coordinated the September 11, 2021 Constitution Day luncheon at the Alloy Hotel in King of Prussia, PA with guest speaker Chef Walter Staib. Over ninety persons attended the luncheon, including NSSAR President General Davis Lee Wright and PASSAR President Andrew L Lick, his wife Melanie and daughter Madeleine. PASSAR Historian Ernest Sutton also was in attendance. The luncheon program went very nicely.

Several chapter members including some new members participated with much enthusiasm in the flagging of about 1500 graves of Revolutionary War veterans, buried in Montgomery, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia Counties. The flagging primarily took place in May, prior to Memorial Day. Color Guard Captain Fred Fonseca spent several days traveling with Joseph Stokes to learn the whereabouts of many graves, particularly in Philadelphia and parts of Chester County. Some zoom meetings were held regarding Patriot Graves research. These meetings were coordinated by First VP William H Baker.

Since the last newsletter edition, compatriot Steven P Kopsick bestowed a Law Enforcement Medal and certificate to Delaware County Judge Christopher R Mattox on September 24 2021, at the District Court Office in Lansdowne, Delaware County PA. On September 10, 2021, Steve Kopsick made a presentation via zoom in the yard of his home in Wallingford, to educate chapter members on the proper disposal and burning of old flags that are no longer usable.

The chapter officers decided to revive the GUIDON (a guide for new S.A.R. compatriots) and distribute it electronically to new members and to members who have not received it. The restart of the GUIDON distribution to membership is being coordinated by William H Baker II.

The chapter donated \$2500 in July to the Friends of Washington Crossing Park, toward the replacement of the Washington Crossing Flagpole, beneath which many unknown Revolutionary War veterans are interred. The chapter is also making a donation to Christ Church (Old Swedes), located near Bridgeport, PA. The donation is specifically to help with costs incurred with damages to the church's archives room.

My best to all of you. It has been a pleasure to serve you, John F Mitchell

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Awards presented at the Annual Election of Officers Dinner



Steve Kopsick received the Meritorious Service Medal from John Mitchell



Glenn Tyson received the Roger Sherman Medal from John Mitchell



Bill Baker received the Distinguished Service Medal from John Mitchell



Larry Magdy received the Roger Sherman Medal from John Mitchell

Color Guard Corner

After a break in August, the Color Guard got busy in September with the PASSAR/PSSDAR Constitution Week celebration. The activities began on September 11th with presentation of the Colors at the 51st annual luncheon held in King of Prussia at the Alloy Hotel. The following day the Guard presented Colors at the DAR Annual Prayer Service in the Washington Chapel at Valley Forge.

On September 25th and 26th, the Guard set up a table at the Skippack Historical Society's "Washington's Army Encampment". The crowd was small but several people stopped at the PCC table and were given info on the SAR. The re-scheduled Malvern Memorial Day Parade was a second activity on the 26th. We split our forces and manned both events with Sgt Larry commanding a detachment of four guards and me two.

In November we have several Veterans Day events on schedule, and to round out the year we have Wreaths across America events and the Valley Forge March In. The December 13th St Lucia event we have participated in for a number of years is up in the air, due to damage sustained by Old Swedes Church during hurricane Ida. Please consider a donation to help them restore their facilities.

We are still in the grips of the covid pandemic and SAR Color Guard event cancellations continue to occur as a result of government restrictions on citizen activity. Concerning the PCC Color Guard, the Constitution Day flag raising at the Constitution Center was cancelled as was the Coatesville Veteran Appreciation Day Parade. The National Park Service cancelled the 240th anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown Parade and Public Commemorative Ceremony, which was a National SAR Color Guard event. A Combined Activity Schedule in the newsletter would be out of date in a short time.

Please refer to pccsar.org where an up-to-date Combined Activity Schedule can be found.

A debt of gratitude is due to Guardsmen Steve, Chris, Spencer, Larry, Scott, Mike, Rich, Bill and Ty for their dedication to the PCC color guard this September.

Fred Fonseca,
PCC Color Guard Commander



Color Guard at the Washington Memorial Chapel for the PSSDAR Constitution Week Prayer Service



The Color Guard was ready for the Malvern Memorial Day parade

PCC History 1991-92

The Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers for 1991-1992 was held at the Bala Golf Club November 6th 1991. Secretary Dorwart read the slate of proposed officers for the coming year—President LTC Herbert T Armstrong—1st VP Rev David Hockensmith—2nd VP David Cole—Secretary William Dorwart—Treasurer James Musslewhite. Past President General Warren G Hayes, Jr installed Colonel Armstrong as President and bestowed on him the ribbon of office and gavel of authority. The first regular monthly meeting chaired by President Armstrong was at the Mile Post Inn in Stratford, December 2nd 1991.

Washington Square was the scene of the signing of the Memorial of Understanding between the United States Department of the Interior and the City of Philadelphia on November 25th, 1991. The document stated the operation of Washington Square was now with the National Park Service and ownership remained with the City of Philadelphia. This arrangement allowed Washington Square to be included in Independence National Historical Park. Several members of the SAR were in attendance. The chapter's budget for 91-92 is \$25622. We have come a long way since a few years back when budgets were a few thousand dollars.

The annual George Washington Celebration was on February 22nd starting with the traditional wreath setting at the Washington Statue in front of Independence Hall. The group then removed to Washington Square Park for another wreath setting ceremony. With this in hand the group reassembled at La Buca Ristorante at 7th and Locust St for libation and luncheon. The speaker was Mr. Donald Marshall telling of the history of Washington Square. It is quite amazing. The regular chapter meeting scheduled for April 6th will instead be on April 5th to coincide with the Annual Church Service at the Chapel of St Cornelius the Centurion at Valley Forge Military Academy. After the service and review of; the cadets the SAR group removed to the Mile Post Inn for their meeting and luncheon with libation. In May 1992, Police Commissioner of Philadelphia Willie L Williams was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal for his distinguished service. Also, President Armstrong presented the Law Enforcement Medal to Mr. Robert Erling, Sheriff of Chester County.

The Memorial Day Parade held on Monday May 25th was an outstanding success. The Color Guard under Captain Alex Atkinson marched at its best with flags flying. In addition many members marched hauling flags. Rick DiStefano drove his convertible coupe for those needing a lift. A family style picnic was held after the parade at Fenimore Woods Park. In addition, PCC defended its status as the most active chapter in the State Society by winning the award again. Allegiance Sunday was July 5th with many churches participating in this event. After the summer vacation period, the regular chapter meeting was at the Mile Post Inn on Monday September 14, 1992. The 23rd Annual Constitution Week Celebration was the next Saturday, September 19th at the Stouffer Valley Forge Hotel King of Prussia and the speaker was Honorable Alma Jacobs, Regional Director,

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. To accommodate those who cannot attend regular monthly meetings on a Monday due to employment requirements, the regular October meeting was Saturday the 3rd of October. This was held at Williamson's Restaurant, top of GSB Building on City Line Ave with all invited. A great luncheon and interesting program followed a reception period.

The Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers was again at the Bala Golf Club, Thursday, November 5, 1992 with reception, dinner and presentation of awards. The newly elected officers were President- Rev David A Hockensmith-1st Vice President-David Cole-2nd Vice President-Aloysius Hogan-Secretary- George F Mohr-Treasurer-James Musslewhite.

Jim Willis, Historian the Chapter

New Members 8/4/21 to 10/22/21			
New Member		Patriot	
William Frederick Forbes	David Forbes	John Barry Kelly	Rem Corson
James Mitchell	Henry Lake	Michael Paul Van Buren	Heman Rowlee
Jeffrey Scott Mitchell	Henry Lake		
Kevin Joseph Mitchell	Henry Lake		
Walter Webster Harris	Henry Seidel	Junior Member	
Paul Vincent Lepore, Jr,	Thomas Cheney	Colin King Freeland	William Niles
Thomas Allan Neilson	Peter Bosworth	Grey Rand Nelson Freeland	William Niles
Jeffrey Allan Hunsberger	Daniel Yost	Reid McAllister Freeland	William Niles
		Nico Paul Lepore-Griffen	Thomas Cheney

ANNUAL INSTALLATION of OFFICERS

Dinner Meeting Friday, November 5, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Overbrook Golf Club

799 Godfrey Road, Villanova, PA

The Installation of Officers Dinner Meeting of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will be held at the Overbrook Golf Club on Friday, November 5th, 2021, at 5:30PM. The installation will occur after dinner is served. Overbrook has proved to be an excellent choice, with fine food, special service, and an elegant setting at modest cost. Dinner will consist of a gourmet filet mignon, salmon or vegetarian meal preceded by a cash bar with served hors d'oeuvres. The total cost is \$80.00 per person and preferred dress is formal - Black Tie - with military and SAR medals.

5:30 PM - Cash bar and reception

6:15 PM - Welcome

6:30 PM - Dinner and program

Name _____

Guest _____

Guest _____

Dinner will be served with salad and vegetable.

Filet mignon _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian _____

Number of meals selected _____ for a total of: _____

Please make your check payable to PCCSAR and mail by October 22nd to:
Compatriot Bill Baker. 929 Burmont Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026-4012
If responding after October 22, call Bill Baker at 248-701-5267.

Directions to Overbrook Golf Club as follows; Take exit 13 from the Blue Route (I 476) Villanova- St Davids. Turn right at end of exit ramp for Rt 30 east (Lancaster Ave). Go less than one mile to Rt 320 (Sproul Rd), turn right, At second light, turn right onto Godfrey Rd. Overbrook Golf Club is a short distance down Godfrey Rd, on the left.

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