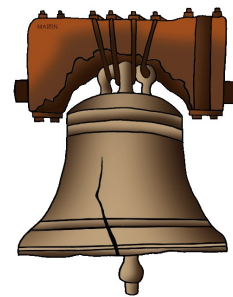




# Compatriot News

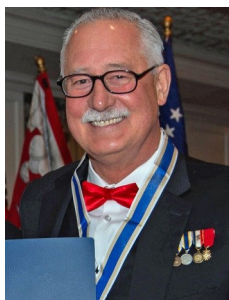
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## President's Report



Since our September BOM meeting we have accomplished much.

- We nominated, elected, and installed our slate of officers.
- We recognized members who were the keystone for our national congress in Lancaster.
- We supported activities including Cooches Bridge, Brandywine remembrance, Constitution Weekend, Paoli Battlefield, Germantown Wreath Laying, Paoli Battlefield wreath laying and heritage day, the Skippack encampment, Germantown wreath laying, Massey House, Battle of Red Bank, Veterans Appreciation at the Merion Cricket Club, Paoli Heritage Days membership table, Constitution center flag raising (veterans day), a memorial service for John Briggs, Washington's Crossing, St. Lucia at Christ Old Swedes Church, wreaths across America, Boehm's church, John Briggs memorial at Washington Chapel, battle of Trenton, Assunpink Creek wreath laying, Princeton Battlefield, and a plaque dedication sponsored by the DAR for Lt. John Jenkins at the Lansdale Historical Society. We organized and implemented an America 250 event for the First Continental Congress.
- We had an emergent BOM in December to amend the by-laws to allow investments in mutual funds.
- We instituted a fundraiser for Students Engaged in Relief Volunteering (SERV), Lauren Tyree's charity and presented a check for \$1900 to support their mission in the Dominican Republic this January.
- We had a vigorous campaign for dues collection to retain our membership.
- One of our new members, Bill Hutt, volunteered to co-chair our Posters and Brochures committee. Additional volunteers for other committees are welcome!

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## Upcoming events

- We have secured a reservation for our annual picnic scheduled for June 8. They demolished the pavilion roof for replacement, and it will not be ready by this date. We have scoped out other areas in the Radnor Township recreational arena. I do have two 10' x 20' tents we can use if we decide to stay with Fenimore Woods. I don't think this will accommodate the nearly 100 celebrants we had last year though.
- PASSAR BOM is February 1, at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill. This is sponsored by the Washingtonburg Chapter.
- We have our permit from the National Park Service for our Washington's Birthday celebration on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am in contact with Glory Beer Bar and Kitchen for a reservation.
- Our Yearsley award winner at Williamson College of the Trades is Anthony Colangelo. We will present his award on Founder's Day, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Kopsick, President

## Color Guard Corner

Fred Fonseca, Color Guard Captain

I am pleased to announce that we finally received our new reenactor grade regimentals. The order was for six but somehow only five were delivered, but they fit well and the color guard looks awesome in their CIC life guard blue faced buff regimentals.

The final quarter of 2024 started off quick for the PCC color guard and didn't let up until the end of the year with a total of 12 events.

On Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> me, Bill Baker, Glenn Tyson, Guy Lisowski and Arlo Duff participated in the PCC Battle of Germantown Wreath Laying at Upper Burial Ground, the resting place of 58 patriots of the battle.

A National SAR Color Guard event was held in Phila. on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Continental Congress. Morning events were held at the Harrison House, and Laurel Hill Cemetery in memory of Continental Congress secretary Charles Thomson and in the afternoon at Carpenters Hall. PCC color guard participants were me, SGT Rich Lind, Glenn Tyson, Mark Thomas and Gene Hough.

Presenting the colors at the historic Massey House in Springfield is one of PCC's long time events. On Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Rich Lind provided drum beat for me, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Larry Magdy, Guy Lisowski and Mark Thomas as we presented the colors and raised the American flag to open the event.



Color Guard at the Massey House



Joseph Heister's chapter guardsman Calvin Huntzinger and I represented PASSAR as NJSSAR hosted the Battle of Red Bank National Color Guard Wreath Laying on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Veterans Appreciation night at the Merion Cricket Club on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> was awesome as usual. I led PCC color guardsmen Navy veteran Pres. Steve Kopsick and Marine Veteran Guy Lisowski in presenting the colors. We were treated to a fine meal and drink.

On Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> the color guard set up an SAR information table at the Paoli Battlefield Heritage Days event. Guardsmen manning the table included me, CPL Spencer Snyder, and Chris Snyder.

On Veterans Day we were once again invited, as we have for many years, to the flag raising at the Constitution Center. Continental Congress Chapter Pres. Ed Kopsick, PCC Pres. Steve Kopsick and I presented the Colors for the event.

The PCC Color Guard presented colors at the memorial for our former treasurer John Briggs on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Myself, Chaplin Glenn Tyson, Pres. Steve Kopsick, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Larry Magdy, SGT Rich Lind, former PCC Presidents Dave Mizel and Bill Baker, participated.

On Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> the annual National Color Guard Wreath Laying was held at Washington Crossing. It coincided with the "first or practice Crossing the Delaware reenactment." As PASSAR Color Guard Commander, I led Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware guardsmen in presenting colors during the event. The PCC was represented by SGT Rich Lind, who provided drum beat to keep us in step, CPL Spencer Snyder, and Chris Snyder. PSSAR was also represented by Pres. Kurt Winter and PCC former Pres. and current PASSAR District One Deputy John Mitchel. Eugene Hough, Mike Carver and I along with Calvin Huntzinger from the Heister Chapter and Continental Congress Chapter Pres. Ed Kopsick also participated in the crossing reenactment.

Dec 13th, St. Lucia Day, at Old Swedes Church in Bridgeport, proves to be a PCC Color Guard favorite second only to Washington's Birthday. Church members are really appreciative of our participation and invite us for vittles and socializing after the service. With the help of Noah Lewis, PCC guardsmen CPL Spencer Snyder and Chris Snyder made sure the pews were free of Tories and the church safe for his excellency Pres. Kopsick to enter with his Life Guard CPT Fred Fonseca, SGT Rich Lind, Larry Magdy, and Guy Lisowski.



Color Guard at Washington Crossing National Color Guard event



Color Guard at the Bridgeport St. Lucia event



The Color Guard had two Wreaths Across America events this year. On Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> we were at Paoli Battlefield and the following day at Boehm's Church. This year I decided not to go to the Philadelphia National Cemetery where we have participated in opening ceremonies for many years and instead participate in Paoli Battlefield's Wreaths Across America program. I did this for several reasons. First of all, there are no Revolutionary War veterans buried at PNC. Paoli Battlefield's program not only honors the patriots buried there but also all American Armed Forces. Secondly, the previous two times we went to PNC's Wreath Across America, they already had very smart looking JROTC color guard. Thirdly, Paoli is less travel for many of our color guard members and parking is easier. Participating at Paoli were me, SGT Rich Lind, CPL Spencer Snyder, Michael Carver, and Chris Snyder. At Boehm's Church, i, SGT Rich Lind and Bill Baker presented colors.

The Christmas Day Washington's Crossing reenactment boasted three PASSAR members crossing in boats. Gene Hough, Heister Chapter's Calvin Huntzinger and I tried to make ourselves as light as possible as the river bottom appeared close enough to reach out and grab a handful of river stone. It was sketchy but the professionalism of Col. Glover's Marbleheaders got the army across once again.

The Trenton and Assunpink National Color Guard Wreath Laying events, hosted by the NJSSAR, were held Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. CPL Spencer Snyder and Chris Snyder participated, representing Pennsylvania.

I wish to express my gratitude to the color guard members for their efforts in covering every single event we were invited to plus assisting with PCC membership recruitment tables. The Phila. Continental Chapter is fortunate to have such a great group of men to be the public face of the Philadelphia SAR, and it is a pleasure and honor to lead them.

Fred Fonseca  
PCC Color Guard Commander



Color Guard at the Paoli Battlefield



Rich Lind, Bill Baker and Fred Fonseca at Boehm's Church for Wreaths Across America

<b>New Members 10/6/24 to 1/20/25</b>	
<b>New Member</b>	<b>Patriot</b>
Shane George Moyer	Christopher Myers
George Samuel Moyer	Christopher Myers
Clayton Hubert Thomas, III	Abraham A. Schermerhorn
James Bryan Hudson	Thomas Cowing
Shawn Royal Black	Stephen Potts
Trevor Cordell Lee	Andrew Swallow
William Louis Hutt, Jr.	Samuel Brusster
Andrew William Hutt	Samuel Brusster
Michael Lawrence Naumann	William McCain
Matthew Anthony Fowler	Reuben Kemp
Richard Terence Hisey	Abraham Blauvelt
<b>Junior Member</b>	<b>Patriot</b>
Carter Clayton Thomas	Abraham A. Schermerhorn
Ryer Robert Thomas	Abraham A. Schermerhorn
Copeland Thomas Lee	Andrew Swallow

## 2024 Philadelphia Continental Chapter SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest

The Chapter's 2024 SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest ended December 31. There were a total of 11 applications: 5 from the Cradle of Liberty Council; and 6 from the Chester County Council. The Chapter's winner from the Cradle of Liberty Council is Vivian Lehman, Troop 2019, chartered to Wallingford Presbyterian Church. The Chester County Council winner is Lauren Tyree, Troop 19 and 18, chartered to GLDN Inc. The two winning applications have been forwarded to the PASSAR Eagle Scout Committee for review at the state level.

The two winners and their families will be invited to the June picnic where they will be presented with the Bronze SAR Eagle Scout Medal and a \$200 award.

Committee members who reviewed the 2024 applications: Steve Kopsick, Steve Ware, Mark Burt

# PCC HISTORY

## Philadelphia Continental Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

### Celebrating Constitution Week in 1928

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The Philadelphia Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was started in 1901 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with Harry Blynn as its first President. About 1928 the Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was started with Dr. Leonard Napoleon Boston as its first President. About the year 1958 the two chapters merged and became known (to this day) as the Philadelphia Continental Chapter. Kenneth G Smith Jr. was the first President of the two combined chapters.

On page 452 of The Minuteman publication of the SAR is found this entry for the Pennsylvania Society, Continental Chapter (a new chapter), and for the Philadelphia Chapter (established in 1901). Dr. Leonard Napoleon Boston was President of the Continental Chapter and Hiram Litzenberg Wynne was President of the Philadelphia Chapter. These entries discuss the respective chapters' activities for the then recent commemoration of the 141<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution.

"Pennsylvania Society, CONTINENTAL CHAPTER, Philadelphia. On Monday September 17, 1928, a luncheon was held at the Bellevue Stratford(Hotel) by the Continental Chapter in commemoration of the 141<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. While the (Continental) Chapter is very young, having a membership of twenty-six. Nevertheless, the attendance was very gratifying. Mr. H Gerald Venneman, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, acted as toastmaster.

Dr. L. Napoleon Boston, President of the chapter, greeted the members and their guests in a very appropriate address, after which Mr. Walter Gabell (special representative of President Walker, of the State Society, and also a member of the Board of Governors of the Continental Chapter) presented the President, Dr. Boston, with a beautiful gavel made from part of a tree that at one time stood under Washington's estate at Mount Vernon. Pearce M. Gabell, Registrar, and Jacob Coxe, Secretary, also extended greetings.

The principal feature was the address by Charles Denby, Jr. Esquire, on the Constitution and its several amendments. Mr. Denby is Assistant United States Attorney, a nephew of the former Secretary of the Navy, and is also a grandson of our former Ambassador to China. Mr. Denby's knowledge of our Constitution proved to be broad and extensive, and it was a privilege to be able to hear him. The meeting was felt to be of greatest stimulus to all present."

Pennsylvania Society PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER made its contribution to observance of Constitution Day by sponsoring various exercises at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Tuesday, September 18. Hiram L. Wynne, President of the Chapter, presided and introduced Mayor H. A. Mackey who addressed the audience on the "Constitution and the State House" and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin G. Broome, whose topic was "Constitution and the Schools". Music was furnished by the Philadelphia Police Band and the invocation was offered by Dr Louis C. Washburn, rector of Old Christ Church. Wreaths were placed on the statue of Washington, the Liberty Bell, and the Constitution Chamber, and the program was given additional interest by the participation of public-school pupils and Boy Scouts.

Here is some information on the two Chapter Presidents mentioned above.

In 1928 and 1929 Dr. Leonard Napoleon Boston served as President of the newly started Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Dr Boston was born March 18 1871 in Hill, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and died of erysipelas on July 4 1931. Dr Boston wrote several medical books

He authored a textbook on Clinical Diagnoses and Laboratory Methods with James Meschter Anders.

Dr. Boston compiled a statistical analysis of the hospital records for 156 cases of delirium tremens (Mania a Potu) treated at the Philadelphia Hospital (Blockley) Almshouse between January 1, 1904 and March 1, 1907. His article on this topic appeared in the medical journal The Lancet on January 4 1908, page eighteen.

During the year of 1928, Hiram Litzenberg Wynne served as President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Hiram Wynne was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 26, 1860 and died in the Roxborough section of Philadelphia on July 31, 1935, aged 74 years, eight months and five days. He was employed as the Assistant Traffic Manager for United Gas Company. He was married to Mary Wynne. Hiram L Wynne was a direct descendant of Dr. Thomas Wynne who served as medical advisor to William Penn and his family. Thomas Wynne (1627-1692) accompanied William Penn to the Pennsylvania colony on the ship Welcome in 1682.

John F Mitchell  
Historian & Past President Philadelphia Continental Chapter  
PASSAR District One Deputy

## 103rd Washington's Birthday Celebration



Saturday, February 22, 2025

Chapter Meeting and Wreath Laying

Color Guard march-off to Washington Square  
Color Guard to Independence Hall  
Museum of the American Revolution (front)  
Lunch at Glory Beer Bar & Kitchen  
126 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

11:00 AM  
11:30 AM  
11:50 AM  
12:00 Noon

Menu: TBD  
Guests Welcome

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