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Happy New Year to the entire Membership of Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution First I would like to recognize David Mizell for the enthusiasm and leadership that he demonstrated during the year of his Presidency.

It is an honor to be installed as President of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, an organization that was founded in 1901. At this point Philadelphia Continental Chapter has fifteen former Presidents still living. I would like to recognize your fine group of officers: William H. Baker, Steven P. Kopsick, Larry A. Magdy, John M. Briggs, Michael W. Freeland, Fernando (Fred) Fonseca, Charles Kelsey Brown, Glenn J. Tyson, Mark D. Lanyon, James H. Willis and David M. Mizell (now the aide to the Chapter President). Philadelphia Continental Chapter is the largest chapter in Pennsylvania having approximately 478 members – the exact number seems to be changing almost every day. Ideally, I would like to be able to say that I have met or spoken to or at least had an email exchange with, all the members before my term of office is completed in early November 2021. But my hope is that I can speak with, meet or email with the majority of the membership. I estimate that I have spoken or met, at one time or another, about 80 to 85 of the current members.

I would like to learn more about the questions you may have about the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, the SAR, what ideas you have, what more would you like to learn. Do you have some ideas for speakers at meetings or what types of events and projects might you want to attend and pursue involvement? I plan to start contacting by phone the members I do not recall speaking with in the past. I hope to contact at least five or more members a week - members who may not be “new” to the organization but whom are “new” to me. My phone numbers and email are included at the end of this article. Please feel free to contact me – you don’t need to wait until I call you. Many of you have been members of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter and SAR for some time. I am sure I could learn a lot from you.

The pandemic which is now in its tenth month has reduced greatly the amount of direct contact we are able or allowed to have. Hopefully, as 2021 progresses, we will be able to have some direct contact meetings or “get togethers”. Last October David Mizell coordinated a chapter meeting in Fen-

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imore Woods Park in Radnor Township. I think Fenimore Woods is a relaxing, rustic, ideal spot to meet for a get together. Hopefully the weather and COVID19 conditions will allow us to meet both informally and formally at Fenimore Woods Park or other outdoor sites on various occasions

The Philadelphia Continental Chapter has a very active and committed Color Guard which for many years was under the leadership of the dedicated Philip Anders, and since Phil's death in July 2020, under the enthusiastic leadership of Captain Fred Fonseca. It is hoped the chapter Color Guard before long can resume a large part of its annual activities.

The Chapter Officers hope to host several events this coming year. We are having a guest speaker, Professor Sherri Burr at our "zoom" chapter meeting on Monday January 11 2021. Some traditional events such as Washington's Birthday celebration in center city Philadelphia are still "up in the air" or may need to be modified somewhat. We plan to host the annual Chapter Picnic with the roast pig sometime this coming summer. Traditionally it is held at Fenimore Woods Park in early June.

The Patriot Graves Flag program will continue under the leadership of Joseph Stokes. The William-son College of the Trades annual graduation program, in which the Philadelphia Continental Chapter participates, tentatively will be held in the spring rather than in early February.

I wish you all the best for 2021.

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John Mitchell with some of the other 2021 officers. About 13 members attended the Installation Dinner on November 6

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Steve Kopsick at the Freeland ceremony

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Fred Fonseca, Captain of the Guard



Fred Fonseca, Steve Kopsick, Mark Lanyon, Bill Baker, and Scott Wilson Assembled for Veterans Day



Captain Phil

New Members 4/7/20 to 1/4/21

New Member	Patriot	New Member	Patriot
Michael Addison Carver, Jr.	Richard Payne	McRay Bostick, Jr.	Henry DeBerry
Mark Andrew Burt	John Van Ausdale	Sherwin P. Bostick	Henry DeBerry
Richard Charles Alton, III	Azariah Taylor	Nathan Edward Shields	Robert Shields
Francis Bernardi Alton	Azariah Taylor	Joseph Louis Mintzer	Adam Mintzer
Christopher Hahn Snyder	James Ogle	Joseph Louis Mintzer, Jr	Adam Mintzer
Spencer Charles Snyder	James Ogle	Edward Carl Mintzer II	Adam Mintzer
Roger Edgar Saul	William Coplin	David Joseph Hammer	Henry Hammer
Alexander McKenie Saul	William Coplin	Steven Michael Papi	Francis Farley, Sr.
Christopher Bret Alexander, Sr.	Michael Strasbach	Michael Thomas Taylor	Peter Ginther
Christopher Bret Alexander, Jr.	Michael Strasbach	Joseph Brandon Donatucci	John Cottrell
Francis David Alexander	Michael Strasbach	Joseph Thomas Donatucci	John Cottrell
James Lawrence Walls	George Heisler	Jack T. Swann	Richard Bennett Mitchell
Michael Jared Sechrist	John Missimer	Mattew Thomas Swann	Richard Bennett Mitchell
Robert Lincoln Whetstone	Jacob Whetstone	Timothy Daniel Swann	Richard Bennett Mitchell
Rexford Rand Vernon, Jr.	Daniel Rand	Gerald William Scott	James Dew
James David Vernon	Daniel Rand	Patrick Brady Raymond	Abraham Reedy
Eric Scott Thorpe	Stephen Buck	Michael Dennis White	Isreal White
Vito Anthony Cosmo, Jr.	John Tittermary		
Richard William Davis, IV	Richard Otis	Junior Member	Patriot
Bernard Ralph Hughes	Jonathan Maxson	Colin James Walls	George Heisler
Christopher Michael Werner	John Williamson	Samuel Davidson Berry	Nathaniel Berry
Kurt Christian Werner	John Williamson	Aiden Thomas Shields	Robert Shields
David L. Jinks	Peter Stahl	Edward Carl Mintzer III	Adam Mintzer
Adam Thomas Berry	Nathaniel Berry	Garrett Thomas Mintzer	Adam Mintzer
Lee Charles Russell	John Douglas		

Chapter Flagging Project

Many of you are aware of the Chapter's project of graves registration/flagging. Some 1700 flags are placed in 187 locations, i.e., church yards, public and private cemeteries, etc. As you can imagine, it's a labor-intensive activity.

We are interested in recruiting some additional help/assistance with the administration side of the project, some manpower to place flags in cemeteries in northern Chester County and in Philadelphia County. It would be an interesting experience with access to some interesting locations.

If you would have an interest in helping or need more information, call Joe Stokes at (610) 696-0803 any evening after 7:30 PM.



PCC History 1988-89

The Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers was held at St Davids Inn on Monday November 7th with 84 members and guests present. Dinner was preceded with a reception at 6:30 PM. Following dinner, Secretary Dorwart presented the slate of new officers: President Col Bengt T Hyberg, 1st VP LTC James M Anders, 2nd VP Leon Solis-Cohen, Secretary William G Dorwart, Treasurer Richard R DiStefano. Line officers were installed by State President Marshall E Lignian II and President Hyberg was installed by Past President General Warren G Hayes, Jr. President Hyberg gave a short acceptance speech after which awards were given to several members including Jim Anders, Herb Zearfoss, and Herb Armstrong.

38 members attended the Dec 5th noon luncheon meeting at the Engineers Club, called to order by President Hyberg. A Heroism Medal and Certificate were presented by President Hyberg to John McKelvey, Jr., age 21 who saved the lives of 5 members of a family as their boat overturned while launching it in the Delaware River May 15th. Four members of John's family attended the presentation. Also, of interest, Flag Chair Herb Armstrong and Harold Wood presented the SAR Certificate for Exemplary Patriotism to C Blair Ives, Jr, president of the Ives Company of King of Prussia for the proper and prominent display of the American Flag. The projected budget for 1988-89 is \$6800.

At the noon luncheon meeting January 9th, 1989, at the Engineers Club the guest speaker was United States Assistant Attorney General Richard B Abell, a member of our Chapter. He spoke on the "Handling of criminals in this country". The February 6th luncheon meeting was attended by 26 members and 3 guests. The speaker was Mr. Donald Stokes, a Marine Archeologist, whose subject was "Sunken navy vessels of the Revolutionary period near Bordentown", NJ. The Washington Birthday Celebration was observed on February 18th at the Engineers Club with the usual bus ride to Independence Hall for a wreath setting, then over to the Unknown Rev War soldiers tomb for that wreath setting ceremony. The group returned to the Engineers Club for a social time, then lunch. Warren G Hayes, past President General NSSAR and past President PCC spoke on the lineage of George Washington to the satisfaction of all.

The Annual Church Service will be held at Valley Forge Military Academy Sunday, April 23rd along with the Regimental Review of the Cadet Corps. Luncheon in Eisenhower Hall will follow. The Color Guard is planning to participate this year in the Annual Radnor Memorial Day Parade on 29 May, 1989. The route of March is less than two miles. Captain Armstrong reported that so far the response for volunteers for the march is very poor. We may have to withdraw due to lack of interest, which would adversely affect our status on the Main Line. At the Annual PASSAR meeting in Greensburg, PA Bill Dorwart was named Mr. SAR for year 1989. It is sad to report the passing of Past President of the chapter, Wylie G Borum on May 24th, after a long illness. Allegiance Sunday was celebrated July 2nd at Wayne Presbyterian Church. I now find the Guard performed extremely well at the Radnor Parade and plans are being made to participate in the 1990 event.

The luncheon meeting of Sept 11th was held at the Engineers Club with 37 members present, preceded by the Board of Management meeting. The Stouffer Valley Forge Hotel was the locale of the SAR-DAR Constitution Week Celebration on September 23rd. At the luncheon meeting October 2nd, President Hyberg read the Nominating Committee proposed slate of officers for 1989-90. The Annual Meeting was held November 8th at the Bala Golf Club and was a black-tie affair. The University Glee Club presented 40 minutes of wonderful entertainment. Former President General Warren G Hayes Installed the new officers for 1989-1990. These are LTC James M Anders, President-Leon Solis-Cohen, Jr, 1st VP-LTC Herbert T Armstrong, 2nd VP- William G Dorwart, Sec-Richard R DiStefano. President Anders, following his acceptance speech, presented Past President Hyberg with his ribbon and Past Presidents pin.

Jim Willis, Historian of the Chapter

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the Alloy King of Prussia - a Double Tree by Hilton.
Please plan to attend and support this important event**

**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 – 12:00 AM Ladies Program

Noon – 2:00 PM Luncheon

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Room rates: \$104.00 + 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	
Saturday Lunch selection:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Atlantic Salmon	at \$40.00 each	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Chicken Marsala	at \$40.00 each	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rigatoni Broccolini	at \$40.00 each	
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