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Our award season has come and gone and what a phenomenal success it was. I could single out each Compatriot involved with a slew of glittering generalities in compliments or just say Thanks! I think the strongest compliments are those given with the least words. Thank You All!

Our picnic, too, was a great success; over 80 folks attended. We had representatives from the CAR, DAR, and Scouts. Here again I offer a general Thank You to all who made it happen. A companion article in this Newsletter written by Compatriot Mitchell will cover the Awards and Picnic in greater detail.

It is a great privilege to travel from high school to high school in the Delaware Valley bestowing PCCSAR Achievement Awards to children for jobs well done. The satisfaction and feeling of accomplishment in seeing the faces of these kids is forever enduring. Another enduring face is the portrait of William Penn that hangs in each of these schools. As I looked upon a portrait one morning prior to the beginning of the ceremony, I asked myself: Would there have been a Declaration of Independence without Philadelphia and why Philadelphia as the meeting place?

Colonial Philadelphia was the seat of enlightenment, tolerance, education and culture within the 13 colonies. William Penn and the Society of Friends created this Divine Experiment. Here there was diversity in religious beliefs; acceptance of all settlers; and, freedom of mind. No other colony possessed this dynamic. It's almost an oxymoron to think that the birth of the Revolutionary War was conceived in a city built upon pacifism.

As we begin to celebrate the 243rd announcement of the Declaration of Independence, let's look back at our ancestor's deeds, remembering what they built for today and plan to keep remembering and building on their ideals for tomorrow. Let's continue to show the students of the Delaware Valley that they share an uniqueness in the development of our country.

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Philadelphia Continental Chapter Bestows over 30 Awards

During the past spring Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution bestowed over thirty awards to citizens of the community, police officers, a county District Attorney, Eagle Scouts, a music teacher, high school and college students, ROTC and JROTC student members, among others.

This past spring the Philadelphia Continental Chapter actively participated in the National Society of The Sons of the American Revolution Public Service and Heroism Awards program. As part of this participation PCC distributed awards to nine individuals. This was the highest number presented by any PASSAR chapter. Awards consisted of a certificate and medal for each individual.

Three law enforcement commendation awards were given to members of the East Vincent Township (PA) Police Department. --- Chief Matthew Williams, Sgt Joseph Gammon, Officer Douglas Ahles, and three life-saving commendation awards were given to members of the Bridgeport PA Police Department – Officers John Pizza and Shannon Sell, and Sgt Paul McLaughlin. A law enforcement commendation award was granted to Thomas P. Hogan, District Attorney of Chester County PA, a Heroism commendation award was bestowed on Charles Benjamin Runyan, a Drexel University music teacher, and an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) commendation award was presented to Jay Zimmerman.

Thomas P. Hogan, Esq., receives his Commendation from Frank O'Donnell, John Mitchell, and Richard Merion

Police Chief Williams receives his Commendation from Frank O'Donnell

Jay Zimmerman, with Amanda Zimmerman, receives his EMS medal and certificate from Frank O'Donnell and John Mitchell at the Spring House Tavern

The chapter presented a Bronze Good Citizenship medal and certificate to Thomas H. Darlington. Mr. Darlington, a retired banker, was recommended for an award by PCC member Brig. General Richard Merion. General Merion also recommended Thomas P. Hogan. Compatriot Jeffrey Smith recommended Jay Zimmerman for an EMS award. The other award recipients were determined by exploration of articles found in local newspapers and other social media.

Presentations of the above awards occurred in a township building, at a borough council meeting, at a senior center, at a historic tavern, and in one instance at Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia. Coordination of these awards was done by John F Mitchell, Second Vice President of PCC.

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PCC Color Guard members distributed SAR medallions, lapel pins and Outstanding Citizenship certificates to four high school seniors: Liam Berson from Conestoga, Saira Salyani from Great Valley, Samuel Leone Bilotta from Pottstown and Kendra Tse from Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. This awards program is coordinated by PCC compatriot Richard Miller.

Eagle Scout awards were earned by Jacob Leon and Conner Cutolo. Both gentlemen received a $100 check. Jacob Leon also received the PASSAR trophy. Both recipients attended the recent PCC picnic with their families. PCC compatriot Mark Burt coordinates the chapter's Eagle Scouts award program.

The chapter's Greenspan Scholarship program had two scholarship award recipients this past spring, Hayley Glah of Neumann University received a $1500 scholarship and Karly Ann Matthews of Temple University received a $1000 scholarship. Hayley Glah attended the recent PCC picnic with her family. The Greenspan Scholarship program is actively coordinated by compatriots Carter Broach and Charles Williams.

Edward Rohr was the PCC Knight Essay contest winner. He received a medallion, a certificate and check for $100. PCC compatriot Fred Fonsica coordinates the chapter Knight Essay Contest.

VFMA cadet Jocob Kegg receiving his Silver Medal and certificate from John Gibson

The PCC JROTC and ROTC awards program is coordinated by compatriot John A. Gibson. This year the winning essay at the state level was written by Byron Rimmer, a student at North Penn High School in Lansdale PA. Bryan Rimmer received an Outstanding Citizenship medal and certificate

In the ROTC/JROTC program this past year, Bronze medals with certificates were awarded to high school students: Bryan Rimmer (North Penn High School), William Stevenson (Coatesville) Timothy Preuh (Sun Valley), Tyler Petofsky (Phoenixville), Luis Bosque (Frankford High School). Seven more Bronze medals and certificates were given by MSG Melvin Foster to students from the following high schools: South Philadelphia, Overbrook, Martin Luther King, Edison, Norristown, Roxborough, and Philadelphia Military Academy. Six Silver medals and certificates were awarded to the following college cadets: Justin Smith (Villanova), Mark Mumford (Widener), Olivia Davit (Temple), Srosh Matti (Drexel), Beau Staso (Saint Joseph's University), Jacob Kegg (Valley Forge Military Academy.

Several members of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter shared in doing the above presentations. Presenters were Frank O'Donnell, David Mizell, James Hall, Larry Magdy, Steve Kopsick, Carter Broach, John Gibson, William Baker, and John Mitchell.

Parading and Saluting the Flag

When carried in a procession, the flag should be to the right of the marchers. When other flags are carried, the flag of the United States may be centered in front of the others or carried to their right. When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should face the flag and salute.

The Salute

To salute, all persons come to attention. Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute. Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over the heart and men with head cover should remove it and hold it to left shoulder, hand over the heart. Un-uniformed service-members, military retirees, and veterans may render a hand salute

COLOR GUARD CORNER

The 3rd calendar quarter of the year for your Color Guard began on April 20 with an appearance for the Villanova University men's lacrosse team versus St. John's University, followed by the PSSDAR Service for Veterans' luncheon in King of Prussia and then the annual Mason's March to Ben Franklin's grave on April 27. A total of 5 various events filled several of our days in the month of May – the Wayne Memorial Day Parade had 16 people in uniform, a new record, and 2 chariots as well. The Color Guard was led by CAR members Andrew and Ryan Brizick, grandsons of Phil Anders, and followed by George Washington (aka Bruce Hustis) and Frank O'Donnell in the convertibles..

Memorial Day in Wayne

Color Guard at the National Constitution Center on Flag Day

Then the pace picked up even a bit more, with 7 actions during our high season in June (5 of them were within a 24-hour period at the Constitution Center, Independence Hall, Betsy Ross House, Boro Greene in Lansdowne, and Valley Forge National Historical Park). Through June 30 in the CALENDAR year, we have totaled 18 events on 13 separate days and had 155 man-participants. This fiscal quarter will end with the 4th of July Revolutionary War cemetery ceremony out in East Vincent Twp, Chester County, followed by the children's naturalization ceremony at the Betsy Ross Flag House.

This is the Public Relations arm of your Chapter, and we hold many conversations about the SAR and its' Mission. MANY citizens capture our images for their OWN photo memories as well.

Phil Anders CPT of the Guard

The Radnor Memorial Day parade ends at the Wayne War Memorial, where an annual ceremony is held. Some of the Color Guard marchers posed with Compatriot Col. Herb Armstrong at the podium.

On Memorial Day in the afternoon, some of the Color Guard participated in the DAR ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier in Washington Square, Philadelphia.

On the Sunday following Memorial Day, the Color Guard marched in the 151st Malvern Memorial Parade, which ends at Memorial Park. The parade is recognized as the oldest Memorial Commemoration in America

Participants in the Radnor Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Bruce Edmunds

Carl Fletcher

Greg Shively

Jim Sanborn

Steve Sims

Dave Mizell

Bruce Hustis

Steve Kopsick

Fred Fonseca

Herb Armstrong

Frank O'Donnell

Larry Magdy

Andrew & Ryan Brizick

Mark Lanyon

Phil Anders

Jim Hall (Photographer}

George Clarke

Philadelphia Continental Chapter Picnic

June 8, 2019

Fenimore Woods Park, Wayne, PA

The Philadelphia Continental prides itself each year with a gathering of SAR, DAR and CAR members and guests. This year's event was held on Saturday, rather than the usual Sunday, but everyone greeted the pig and ate it all! Chapter president, Frank O'Donnell welcomed all of our members and guests. Recognitions were made for the Knight Essay winner, Ms. Hayley Glah, and outstanding Boy Scout awards. New Members were given membership pins and a good time was had by all.

Eagle Scout Winners Jacob Leon (l) and Conner Cutolo(r) receive awards from Chairman Steve Kopsick

Carter Broach presents Haley Glah with the Greenspan Scholarship award

Ellis Adams, George Clarke, and Joe Stokes

Steve Kopsick, Dave Mizell, Jim Willis, and Frank O'Donnell

New Members

Good food was had by all

New Members 4/4/19 to 7/1/19				
New Member	**Patriot**		**New Member**	**Patriot**
Daniel Haffner Boylan	Newman Scarlett		Roger Allen Marinchak	Albright Hickman
Cavan Lawrence Boyland	Newman Scarlett		Lawrence Webster Shinnick, III	Johann Michael Shinnick
Peter Davidson Howell	Joseph Foster, Jr.			
Bruce Lee Booth	Joshua Booth		**Junior**	
George MacArthur Baxter	Henry Parker			
Drew Francis Pearsall	Gilbert Drew		William Neidich Moran	Samuel Elliot
Shawn David Sullivan	Aaron Felt		Charles Thomas Klinefelter	Klinefelter
Jeffrey David Coulter	Henry Lingo		Declan Joseph Sullivan	Aaron Felt
Philip Agnew Hemmingway, III	Abraham Michael			

PHILADELPHIA CONTINENTAL CHAPTER

COMBINED ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Aug	2nd	PASSAR wreath-laying, Washington Xg State Park, Bucks Cty, PA	4:00 PM
	3rd	83rd INF DIV Reunion banquet, Crowne Plaza, K of P, PA	7:00 PM
	11th	Dghtrs British Empire, Queen's Chaplain, Phila Cricket Club, Phila	5:00 PM
	17th	King's Highway Day, Fkford Ave & Solly St, Phila, PA	1:00 PM
	18th	Color Guard picnic, 1305 Robynwood LN, West Chester	1 - 4 PM
Sept	10th	BOM Meeting: Slate of Officers; Luncheon, Charlotte's	10:30 AM
	14th	50th SAR-DAR Constitution Day Lunch- DoubleTree Hilton, KofP, PA	11:30 AM
	15th	PSSDAR State Church Service, Valley Forge Chapel, PA	11:45 AM
	17th	Constitution Day Flag Raising, Nat'l Constitution Ctr	8:30 AM
	21st	Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day - 7th Annual	TBD
Oct	5th	Germantown Battle Day	10:30 AM
	8th	Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Dinner, Glenhardie Country Club	5:30 PM

PCC HISTORY 1984-1985

The Annual Meeting was held at the Engineers Club November 5th, 1984 with 31 members present. Nominating Chairman Henry Brown read the slate of officers noting that Col William Cowper had been chosen as First Vice President due to the resignation from office of Richard W Seltzer. President General Warren G Hayes was the installing officer. The nominees were Louis S Baker, President; William H Cowper, First Vice President and Honorable Herbert K Zearfuss, Second Vice President. Ironically, Herb Zearfuss' wife Thelma passed away Saturday, Oct 27 at their home in St Davids. She was a well-known lawyer and teacher.

The budget for year 1984-85 is listed at $6000. The death of Brig Gen Wylie G Borum on Dec 27, 1984 was announced at the regular January 7th meeting. He was a Past President of Philadelphia Continental Chapter and a highly respected man. Also, the death of Past President Col Paul K Brown was reported February 10, 1985. Col Brown and his brother Henry B Brown are legends in the history of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, both being Past Presidents and very active in chapter matters.

The Washington's Birthday Celebration was held at The Engineers' Club February 23, 1985.At 11 AM sharp the group was bussed to Independence Hall for a wreath setting ceremony and brief remarks by President Baker then bussed to Washington Square for a similar ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Rev War. The cost of the luncheon and bussing was $15which produced a loss of only $103 for the event. The Annual Church Service was held April 21at Old First Reformed Church, 4th and Race St, Philadelphia with Chaplain Rev James Murray leading the prayer service. Our chapter flags decorated the chancel area. Also,

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the 92nd Annual Banquet of the Pennsylvania Society was held at the Hilton Hotel in Allentown, May 3 & 4, 1985.Earl W Traster became the new President. The Chapter Newsletter of June 1985 states "We are honored to have the National Congress in Philadelphia for the year 1987". This is the year of the200th anniversary of the founding of our country. A Bi-Centennial Host Fund was established to help offset the expense of the affair. By September 1985 the fund had grown to $1195. The fall season opened with the regular meeting on September 9th at the Engineers' Club. Col Herbert Tibbits Armstrong was presented his rosette attending his first meeting.

The Constitution Week Celebration is planned for Saturday, September 21 at Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill at $13 per. David A Kimball, Historian, Independence National Historical Park is the speaker. At the regular meeting October 7th , Nominating Committee Chair Henry Brown read the proposed list of candidates for office, 1985-86. At the Annual Meeting November 4, 1985President General Warren G Hayes installed President Elect Col William H Cowper.

Jim Willis-Historian of the Chapter

CONSTITUTION WEEK CELEBRATION

Hosted jointly by the Southeast District Pennsylvania State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution And Philadelphia Continental Chapter
Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution

Cordially invite you and your guests to the 50th Annual Luncheon celebrating the Signing of the Constitution of the United States of America

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Time: 11:30 AM Social Hour (cash bar) 12:00 PM Plated Luncheon

Place: Hilton Double Tree Hotel, 301 W DeKalb Pike Rt 202), King of Prussia, PA

Cost: $43 per person, payable to SAR-DAR Constitution Week Committee

Program: Bruce Hustis – "Fron the Declaration to the Constitution"

Menu

Yankee Pot Roast with Root Vegetables & gravy, starch & vegetable of the day
Or
Grilled Chicken Breast filled with artichoke, tomato & brioche stuffing, starch & vegetable

Gluten-free or vegetarian option can be prepared

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Address_____

Telephone # _____ Yankee Pot Roast_____

Number attending_____@ $43 each or

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