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Summer



Greetings, Compatriots!

As we look forward to Philadelphia Continental Chapter activities following the long, hot summer, I would like to draw your attention to the upcoming meetings and what you can expect. Below is the calendar extract from the PCC website with some added commentary:

Wednesday September 7, 2022 BOM & Chapter Meeting
Charlotte's, Newtown Square 11:00 AM; Luncheon at NOON

- Slate of Officers
- Program: *Abolition & the Underground Railroad in Chester County, PA* by Mark Lanyon

This is the meeting where the Nominating Committee under the leadership of Past President John F. Mitchell will make their report of recommended officers for the next program year which begins immediately following the November 4 Installation of Officers. If you wish to propose a Compatriot, including yourself, for an office or committee chairman's role, you may do so at one of the upcoming meetings. I also suggest you might want to contact John Mitchell with this information soon.

Our program for September will be given by Compatriot Mark Lanyon. Yes, we have an author in our midst - we are pleased to have Mark joining us to discuss his recently published book in-person!

Saturday, October 1, 2022 Joint DAR/SAR Event
Constitution Week Luncheon 11:30 AM
Alloy Hotel, King of Prussia, PA

This annual event is co-led by the DAR and SAR. The program for this year's luncheon is Kyle Jenks, a professional interpreter of James Madison; Kyle will offer a very interesting view of events

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which took place from the Articles of Confederation to the ratification of the Constitution by New Hampshire including the indecisive future without Virginia's and New York's ratification. Two related events sponsored by the DAR this weekend include a debutante ball on the evening of October 1, as well as PSSDAR Constitution Week Prayer Service at the GW Memorial Chapel adjacent to the Valley Forge National Historic Park.

Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Annual Meeting
Election of Officers and Dinner	BOM and Chapter
Glenhardie Country Club	
5:30 Cocktails / 6:00 Dinner / Meeting to follow	

This is when the annual election of officers occurs. The Glenhardie Country Club is a perfect venue for our chapter, and we will again have the restaurant to ourselves. The President and Treasurer will offer their 2022 reports along with other officers and committee chairs. Wives and guests are welcome.

Friday, November 4, 2022	Chapter Meeting
Installation of Officers	Overbrook Golf Club
5:30 Cocktails, 6:15 Dinner.	Black Tie. \$80 per person

This is our nicest event of the year.

In closing, I would like to remark that this year's Picnic on June 12 was outstanding, especially considering the rainstorms in the area right up to starting time. Thanks are due to the many Compatriots who participated in the planning, preparation and clean-up for the event. In particular, thanks go to John F. Mitchell, Steve Kopsick and Larry Magdy for taking the lead on making arrangements for this successful event.

Color Guard Corner

The Color Guard summer season, lived up to its reputation as the busiest time on our calendar with major events in each month.

On April 30, the Mason's March to Franklin's Grave resumed after a two-year hiatus. A PCC Color Guard contingent of seven guardsmen led a procession of Masons from Christ Church. The Masons graciously invited us to join them at their luncheon afterwards.



Color Guard at the Masons' March with "Ben Franklin" and the Masons



Color Guard at the Valley Forge Chapel for French Alliance Day

The very next day, seven guardsmen were in Valley Forge at the Washington Chapel for French Alliance Day. This is a rather complicated event but our color guard performed well and the wine and cheese afterward is always enjoyable. PASSAR Pres. Andrew Lick was in attendance.

At the PASSAR Annual Meeting in Camp Hill on May 7, Pres. Bill Baker, First VP Steve Kopsick and

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myself along with other PASSAR color guard members presented and retired the colors. PG Davis Wright was in attendance.

On May 29 second VP Larry Magdy, Chaplin Glenn Tyson and I answered a request by chancellor Michael Freeland to bring the colors to Woodlands for his family activity of decorating graves. What a great way to introduce children to their patriot ancestors!

Memorial Day, contained a full day of activities. Beginning at 10:00 AM the PCC Color Guard marched down Lancaster Ave. in the Radnor parade. At noon we presented the colors at the Wayne Veterans Memorial ceremony honoring those from Radnor Twp. who made the ultimate sacrifice in America's Wars and conflicts. After lunch provided by the Wayne American Legion three guards were off to Washington Square for the DAR Memorial Day Wreath Laying.

This year the Malvern Memorial Day Parade resumed its normal occurrence on the week after Radnor's parade and the PCC Color Guard was there marching with three guardsmen.

The following weekend, June 12 was the PCC picnic. Color Guard members posted the colors to begin the day's activities and retired the colors at the close.

Flag Day 2022 was planned as a major Old City activity reminiscent of pre pandemic times with the Third Infantry Regiment (the Old Guard) performing and an Army Sky Diver. But it was not to be. Due to a threat of severe weather the naturalization ceremony was held inside the National Constitution Center where three of us presented the colors. Later that day Sgt Larry and I participated in the annual Lansdowne DAR flag raising.

After a two-week respite, activities ramped up on July 1st with the always delightful annual Children's Naturalization Celebration at the Betsy Ross House. Four guardsmen attended.

On Independence Day we were in Chester County at the Unknown Soldiers Burial Ground in East Vincent Twp. Six guards performed our annual duty of presenting the colors and decorating the yard with 13 star flags. The Chester County Daily Local reported on the event and guardsmen Rich Lind's photograph appeared in the paper.

The final activity of the second quarter was on July 5. At the request of the National Park Service four guardsmen participated in a naturalization ceremony at the Gen. Washington HQ building in Valley Forge.

Please log on to PCCSAR.org for upcoming Color Guard activities.

Fred Fonseca Commander



At the June picnic, 1st VP Steve Kopsick presented an Eagle Award check to Ryan Christman, winner from Chester County Council, Troop 220, Exton.



At the June picnic, 1st VP Steve Kopsick presented an Eagle Award check to Stefan Rogowski, winner from the Cradle of Liberty Council, Troop 201, Jenkintown.



At the June picnic, Kevin Flynn of Holy Family University, accepted the Greenspan Award from Co-Chairs Charley Wheeler and Dean Henry

New Members 4/8/22 to 8/6/22	
Member	Patriot
John Jeffrey Brazil	Simeon Avery
Stephen Christioher Sibel	Auke Wikoff
John Francis Wiedmayer, III	Wilhelm Johnson
Patrick Adam Araya	Enoch Strout
Scott Miller Verrei	George Weisel, Sr.
John Thomas Cox	John Brigham, Sr.
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Daniel Matteo Reiser	John Kimball, Sr.
Lowell Thomas McKinney	Abner Lester
Wyatt Earl O'Brien Bixby	AndrewYeager
Anthony Thomas McDonald, Jr.	Jonathan Bonsall
John Haynes	Daniel Easley
Bruce Allen Dougherty	Isaac Milligan
Zachary Jordan Jones	Christian Zorn
Kyle Patrick Murphy	Ludwig Huyet
Christian Robert Reed	Peter Brown
Junior Member	
Junior Member	
Christian James Sibel	Auke Wikoff
Brennan Wesley Sibel	Auke Wikoff
Daniel Thomas Cox	John Brigham, Sr.
Luke Django DiBonaventura	Weyrich Seltzer
Jason Philip Ruane	Robert Colborn

Did You Know?

Valley Forge was Pennsylvania's first state park, established in 1893. In 1976, the bicentennial year of the Declaration of Independence, the park was transferred to the National Park System as Valley Forge National Historical Park.

Valley Forge has 1.3 million visitors a year who enjoy the beauty, history, and trails and recreational resources of the Park. One third are regional repeat users.

You can jump on your bike at the Art Museum in center-city Philadelphia and ride the Schuylkill River Trail 20 miles to Valley Forge, and beyond. The Schuylkill River Trail and numerous connecting trails are constantly expanding, making it easy to walk or bike to the park.

PCC History 1993-94

The Annual Meeting was held at the Bala Golf Club, Wednesday November 17, 1993. The newly installed officers are David Cole, President-Aloysius Hogan, 1st Vice President-

James Musslewhite, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer, George Mohr, Secretary. Several officers and PCC members attended the Pennsylvania Society's 100th Anniversary

Centennial in Pittsburgh on November 5th and 6th, 1993. On November 8th, a ceremony to rededicate the eternal flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution was held in Washington Square. Captain J R Hutchison of the USS Kennedy conducted the flag raising ceremony. A National Society Color Guard Trophy was established starting with activity in calendar year 1993.

The first Board of Management Meeting of 1994 was held at the Mile Post Inn, Straffordon January 3rd. Jim Bradley spoke on the 1777 White Marsh Encampment of Washington's Army. Treasurer Jim Musslewhite reported that 1994 dues are coming in well. The \$44.00 fee Includes National, State and Chapter memberships. Also, the February Meeting of the Chapter was held on the 3rd with President David Cole presiding.

This year's Washington's Birthday Celebration was held February 19th at La Buca Ristorante, 711 Locust St., Philadelphia. The ceremony began with the flag raising at Independence Hall. President David Cole conducted the wreath setting ceremony. The second wreath setting was at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution at Washington Square conducted by Chaplain James Murrey. We all know of the terrible winter Washington and his troops suffered at Valley Forge in 1778. Of much Interest is the arrival of Martha Washington at Valley Forge in February 1778 to celebrate the General's 46th birthday. She paid an army band 15 shillings to supply music for the occasion.

The Ladies Night Dinner was held Thursday evening March 10th, 1994 at the Bala Golf Club, with President David Cole as speaker, Dress informal, cost \$25. The chapter's Annual Church Service was Sunday, April 10th at the Chapel of Saint Cornelius the Centurion at Valley Forge Military Academy. The chapter budget for 1993- 94 was \$24,710.

The Mile Post Inn, our headquarters, closed down in July 1994. The Wild Onion Restaurant In Rosemont was selected as our new meeting place.

The PASSAR Annual Board Meeting was held May 14th at the Inn at Reading. It was heavily attended by PCC compatriots. The Radnor Township Memorial Day Parade of Monday, May 30th went off smoothly and effectively thanks to Color Guard Captain, Alex Atkinson. The 2nd Annual Patriots Picnic Sunday, June 5th, ably directed by Chairman Herb Armstrong was well attended by members and guests. Sunday, July 3rd, Allegiance Sunday was celebrated in various churches, notably at Rev Hockensmith's St. Marks Church in Franford. Our Chaplain, Rev Murrey, gave a fine sermon.

The first Board Meeting and luncheon at the Wild Onion took place Monday, September 12th. The DAR-SAR Constitution Week Luncheon was held at the General Washington Golf Club in Audubon, Pa on September 17th. More than 130 persons attended.

Jim Willis, Historian of the Chapter

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