



Compatriot News

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Sons of the American Revolution



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I have three important items to cover in this edition of the newsletter: the revisions to the Chapter's By-Laws and Constitution; initiating a lecture bureau; and the commissioning of one of our Compatriots.

THE BY-LAWS and CONSTITUTION: In the Fall Newsletter of 2017, I explained how we could change the meeting schedule of the Chapter to permit us to be more inclusive to our newer members and permit our working members to be more involved in the Chapter. We have made those changes to the By-Laws and Constitution and they have been approved by the Board of Management (BOM), including: (1) eliminated special dues treatment for members over the age of 65; clarified the treatment of members of the Children of the American Revolution ("CAR") who are also junior members of the Chapter or who transfer in to the Chapter from the CAR; (3) eliminated the position of Surgeon, (4) clarified the procedures for amending the By-Laws; and (5) made some stylistic and grammatical changes.

The revisions made to the By-Laws were approved by the BOM and do not need to be approved by the General membership. The revisions made to the Constitution must be approved by a majority of the General membership attending a Chapter meeting. We will include that vote on the agenda of the Annual meeting on Tuesday October 2, 2018.

The changes made to the Constitution are:

Art. III, Sec. 4. Updated provisions regarding types of membership to conform to the By-laws of the National Society and the Pennsylvania Society.

Art. VIII, Sec. 1. Reduces to four (4) the mandated number of meetings each year of the members of the Chapter.

Art. VIII, Sec. 6. Reduces to two (2) the mandated number of meetings each year of the Board of Management.

Art. VIII, Sec. 8. Clarifies the methods by which notices may be provided, specifically to include notices sent by e-mail to those members reasonably believed to have e-mail addresses.

The revised documents can be found on our website at the following web location, but anyone desiring a hard copy please contact me or our Secretary Jim Hall and we will mail a copy to you.
<http://passar.org/PCC/pccBy-Laws.htm>

LECTURE BUREAU: One of the problems with having Posture subjects that change each year is selecting a subject in which a teacher will become interested enough to research, write a lesson plan, and then motivate their students on the topic. This year the subject for the posters is either Ben Franklin or the Continental Soldier (Minuteman). To make the research and lesson plan phase of the process easier it would be helpful if we could offer knowledgeable compatriots who could visit the classroom and do the instructing for the teacher. The students would be in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grades. If you are interested in researching these subjects or any other subject associated with the revolution, we could use you. Ideally, we should have a roster of speakers prepared to lecture on a myriad of subjects associated with the revolution. This would also make the SAR and what we do more visible to the public.

A BRAND-NEW SECOND LIEUTENANT: You may have seen this story in the New York Times or on CBS's Saturday Morning Show. As there is so much said and written of this subject I am concerned that almost anything I write could be considered copied from others. For that reason, I will tell the story my way.

Back during WW II, the Army found one of their Corporals of African American decent was qualified to go through Officers Candidate School (OCS) and they sent him off to school. By all accounts he was doing very well, but on the night before graduation the Army took him aside and told him that he would not be getting his commission. In the segregated Army of WW II, it was probably hard to find him a position in an African American unit. Now he comes from a family of Patriots, as one of his relatives was involved in the Revolution and wintered over with Washington at Valley Forge. In any case this Corporal took it in stride, there was a War on, and he completed the war with his unit working from North Africa to Italy.

Based upon some prodding by his daughter, Marion Lane (DAR), the Army recognized the error in its ways and **John Edward James, Jr.** was commissioned a Second Lieutenant at 87 and 2 weeks of age at the Museum of the American Revolution on June 29, 2018. Congratulations are in order to our fellow Compatriot James!





On Monday September 10th, the Towamencin Society of the Children of the American Revolution will be visiting the Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the SAR to present our National and State Projects and to tell you about how the C.A.R. trains good citizens, develops leaders and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people. We will explain how these young men will join the SAR already knowing how to be great leaders. In the words of Harriett Mulford Lothrop, founder of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, "Good citizens cannot be made suddenly. They must grow..." We encourage you to let your children and grandchildren grow in our garden.

New Memebers 4/30/18 to 7/21/18		
New Member		Patriot
Anthony	Heisler	Frederick Fischer
Eric Thomas	Heisler	Frederick Fischer
Anthony Frederick	Heisler	Frederick Fischer
Kevin Matthew	Harkin	John Feaster
Peter William	Harkin	John Feaster
Kenneth Russell	Burkitt	Johann Georg Gresh
Patrick Michael	Jones	Adam Upperman
Edward Martin	Short	William Tomson
Michael Lawrence	Price	John George Houtz
Wayne Charles, Jr	Edmiston	John Barkelow
Jack Gerant	Edmiston	John Barkelow
Joseph Aloyius	McNally	Isaac Sabin
Brian Richard	Dakin	Joshua Dakin
Thomas Joseph	Manley	Benjamin Beckwith
George Anker	Roskam	Isaac DaCosta
Frederick Clemens	Pratt	Gideon Pratt
Gilbert Edward	Pratt	Gideon Pratt
Junior Members		
Anthony Frederick	Heisler, Jr.	Frederick Fischer
Mathew Hunter	Dakin	Joshua Dakin

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COLOR GUARD CORNER

The 3rd calendar quarter of the year for your Color Guard began with the annual Mason's March to Ben Franklin's grave in late April and ended with the 4th of July children's naturalization ceremony at the Betsy Ross Flag House. We totaled 19 events on 13 separate days and had 124 man-participants. This is the Public Relations arm of your Chapter and we hold many conversations about the SAR and its' Mission.

Phil Anders SGT of the Guard



The Chapter participated in the Radnor Memorial Day parade that is held on Lancaster Avenue in Wayne. The Color Guard and others were led by Phil Anders' grandsons carrying the banner.

Memorial Day



Some of the Color Guard, with Noah Lewis, went to Washington Square in Philadelphia for the afternoon DAR memorial program.



PCC member Bob Hoyt marching in the Memorial Day parade in Wayne, Pa., as he has done for many years. The ranks of the veterans has been depleted. There was one other guy, four years younger than him, who was an Air Force pilot. Giving Bob support is his son, Christian, on his bike riding alongside of him. It was a cool day so he was comfortable with his flak jacket. All dress, including boots, was authentic vintage 1950 issue.



Left & Below

The Color Guard participated in the Stripes and Stars Festival, which commemorates the U.S. Army's 243rd anniversary and the American flag's 241st birthday. The festival took place on June 14 at locations throughout Independence National Historical Park and Historic Philadelphia, including Independence Hall, Betsy Ross House, Christ Church Burial Ground, and the National Constitution Center. Events included flag raising ceremonies, a patriotic parade, a swearing-in of army recruits, a dramatic skydiving performance, displays and demonstrations of U.S. Army equipment, giant flag folding activities, and a moving naturalization ceremony.



The single most important diplomatic success of the colonists during the American War for Independence was the critical link they forged with France. Representatives of the French and American governments signed the Treaty of Alliance and a Treaty of Amity and Commerce in Paris on February 6, 1778. Word of the Alliance and its ratification by the Continental Congress reached Valley Forge in early May 1778. This alliance was a major factor leading to the ultimate victory of the American colonies in the American Revolution. Every year, on the first weekend in May, Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, in accordance with Washington's instructions, commemorates the Treaty of Alliance with France, and the Color Guard and other PCC members attend.

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.

July 4th

Left and Below

The Color Guard joined The Flaghouse Chapter NSDAR's Children's Naturalization Ceremony at the Betsy Ross House as thirteen newly naturalized American children took the Oath of Allegiance in this traditional patriotic event on our great nation's birthday.



The Color Guard participated in the East Vincent annual July 4th service at the Revolutionary Soldiers Cemetery early in the morning.



COMBINED ACTIVITY SCHEDULE—2018

COLOR GUARD and CHAPTER

September	10th	Board of Management & Chapter Meeting, Charlotte's Restaurant	10:00 AM
	15th	SAR-DAR Constitution Day Luncheon—VF Casino, K of P	11:00 AM
	15th	PSSDAR-CAR Debutante Ball—VF Casino, K of P	6:00 PM
	16th	PSSDAR State Church Service, - Memorial Chapel VFNHP	1:00 PM
	17th	Constitution Day Flag Raising—Nat'l Constitution Ctr, Phila.	8:30 AM
October	2nd	Chapter Annual Meeting - Election of officers—Glenhardie CC	5:30 PM
	6th	Germantown Battle Day	10:00 AM
	13th	Grave Dedication (DAR), Wentz United Church, Skippack, PA	9:00 AM
	14th	Newsletter deadline, Carl Fletcher, Editor	
November	2nd	Veteran's Week Parade, Coatesville VA Medical Center	9:00 AM
	9th	PCC Installation of Officers, Overbrook Golf Club	6:00 PM
December	3rd	Board of Management & Chapter Meeting, Charlotte's Restaurant	10:30AM
	16th	Lucia Celebration, Christ Church, Swedesburg, PA	6:00 PM
	19th	March In, Valley Forge NHP	5:30 PM



On May 10 at our Philadelphia Continental Chapter BOM meeting, Jim Willis received the Patriot Medal from PASSAR President Greg Shively. The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or the chapter level.

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 49th Annual Luncheon celebrating the
Signing of the Constitution of the United States of America

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018

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

Place: Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Street, King of Prussia, PA

Cost: \$40 per person, payable to PCCSAR

Program: Author Gene Pisasale as Alexander Hamilton

Mail to: Phil Anders, 1305 Robynwood Lane, West Chester, PA 19380-5748 by September 9, 2018

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