



Compatriot News

Philadelphia Continental Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution



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This is my last newsletter article as President and I hope you agree with me that the last two years have been good for the Chapter and the SAR. A few accomplishments include:

Revisions to the By-Laws and Constitution;

A new web page that is not a sub-page of the PASSAR website;

Organized a day's outing for the ladies;

Started the process of getting the Chapter data located on one database where it can be easily updated;

Revised the Guidon book given to new members to better familiarize them with our Chapter's mission and the SAR in general.

As I leave the presidency, I hope left the Chapter better now than it was two years ago. I believe we have a more vibrant organization. Some ideas for the future include:

We honor our patriot ancestors by placing over 1,700, 13-star Betsy Ross-type flags at their grave sites, but have we found all the patriot graves in the area? Are they all registered with the National Society? Are some of the graves on the DAR list missing from our lists and vice versa?

Some of our history buffs could start a club where history knowledge is shared and where formal lectures could be planned. They in turn could give talks to civic groups and in student classrooms. For example, they could make things a little easier on the teachers. As part of our various contests we ask the teachers to educate their students on a part of the Revolution, but we do not give them a lesson plan. Why couldn't this group prepare lesson plans and give short lectures on the founding documents or this year's poster subject and let the teachers put their time to other things?

Our neighborhoods are filled with citizens who go out of their way to make life better for their fellow man, i.e., first responders (Fire, Police, and EMT personnel), volunteers that help our veterans, and those that volunteer at hospitals and nursing homes. We need to develop a plan honor these citizens.

We are at the point in the year where we are asked to pay our dues. The Chapter survives based upon the dues paid by compatriots. This is supplemented by contributions by members and in turn, are augmented by good investments. Those funds are needed to finance what we do to complete the SAR mission.

We have joined the SAR to prove that we had relatives who recognized the need to live in a freer society and that those relatives were willing to contribute to the effort. To many, that is all they wanted out of their membership and I respect that. At the same time, I believe that the SAR is needed to bring history alive, recognize the achievements of others and show respect for the Constitution and the government it fashioned.

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I am asking those who might be considering not maintaining their membership to reconsider that move. Our dues are currently \$78.00, and I would ask that you contribute more even if you round your dues to \$100, that is only \$22.00. Anything will help us to do more.

We, like the Marine Corps, are always looking for a few good men. You can attend our Board of Management meetings to see how we spend your money or, if you find what we do interesting, you could volunteer to help us get some of these activities done.

It's been an honor to be your president for the last two (2) years. I stand ready to assist the Chapter in any way I can.

George Clarke

New Memebers 7/21/18 to 10/18/18	
New Member	Patriot
Timothy Matthew Graham	John Hougendobler
Joshua Paul McNeely	David McNeely
Joseph Jeffrey Odonnell	Peter Coon/Kuhn
Sean Christopher Odonnell	Peter Coon/Kuhn
Joseph Colin Odonnell	Peter Coon/Kuhn
Thomas David Dunkel	Ephraim Whitcomb, Jr.
Mark DeWitt Lanyon	William Chandler
Richard Allen Harman, Jr.	Mathias Harmon
Daniel Charles Preston	Abraham Ramsay
John Francis Rowen, Jr.	Jonhann Christopher Roane
John Francis Rowen, III	Jonhann Christopher Roane
Michael John Rowen	Jonhann Christopher Roane
Anthony Michael Rowen	Jonhann Christopher Roane
Junior Member	Patriot
Andrew James Dunkel	Ephraim Whitcomb, Jr.
Liam Robert Preston	Abraham Ramsay
Jake Hunter Rowen	Jonhann Christopher Roane
Kai Gunner Rowen	Jonhann Christopher Roane
Thomas Joseph Manley	Benjamin Beckwith

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COLOR GUARD CORNER

The 4th quarter of the Guard's lives is much like YOURS –once school begins, so does ours get busy, with Constitution Day. The 49th annual DAR/SAR joint luncheon was successfully held 15 September at a NEW venue, the Radisson Valley Forge Casino Resort, where we had an excellent meal with over 60 combined CAR/DAR/SAR members including 7 Guardsmen in attendance. The next day, we also had 7 men fall out to support the PA DAR at their annual State church service at the Chapel in Valley Forge NHP. Bright and early on Constitution Day itself, 17 September, 5 of us made the annual trip to the National Constitution Center in downtown Philadelphia to raise the colors on the flagpole which was donated to them by the DAR and SAR.

We have a Chapter member who has remained a with US, even though he long ago relocated to Arizona in his professional life – William H. Baran, PhD. Bill has remained very active in the AZ Society, and NSSAR functions as well. NOW, he has made arrangements to recognize the 250th anniversary of the arrival of his Patriot ancestor, Robert Carroll, on the shores of the Delaware River at New Castle, DE. He reached out to his HOME Chapter and sought Color Guard support and on 3 October, 4 of us travelled there and joined with DE State Society President Peter Moller, Dr. Baran, and past National Surgeon General COL John Barlow (Ret) and a gathering of family in a wreath-laying and church ceremony followed by a small luncheon.

On 6 October, several of us, along with Membership Chair Joseph R. Stokes and Registrar John Mitchell, manned an information and “recruitment table” at Cliveden House for the annual reenactment of the Battle of Germantown.

On 13 October, it was back with the DAR, at their invitation, re-enactors and many local dignitaries to support the dedication of a graves plaque at Wentz's UCC Church on Rt 73 in Worcester, PA where we already place 8 flags on Patriots' graves for Memorial Day. The DAR has 32 names on their plaque, so Joe Stokes, as Graves Chair, has now begun some additional research into who were combatants and who maybe not.



Above

William Baran with Color Guard members Phil Anders, Larry Magdy, and Fred Fonseca at the Robert Carroll family ceremony.

Left

Color Guard members Phil Anders, Jim Hall, Jim Sanborn, Carl Fletcher, Larry Magdy, (Fred Fonseca & Dave Mizell not shown) attended the Wentz plaque dedication.

WHAT DOES YOUR CHAPTER DO WITH YOUR SAR DUES?

As it grows closer to time for us to pay our dues many are curious about where the money goes. Many of us travel around the state to attend the state society meeting and some even travel out of state for district and national meetings. I was asked if any of these expenses are reimbursed and the answer to that is no.

The Chapter survives based upon the dues paid by compatriots, as supplemented by contributions of those members. These funds, augmented by good investments, permit us to complete the SAR mission.

Briefly the mission is to:

- Educate people on the American Revolution, and the founding documents including, most importantly, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution;
- Make awards to outstanding, hard-working, diligent people.

To that end we do a lot of activities and many of them are listed below:

1. Youth contests:

- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Poster Contest
- 6th, 7th and 8th grade Brochure Contest
- High School Knight Essay Contest

2. ROTC / JROTC:

- Awards (medals to outstanding student / cadets)
- JROTC Essay Contests

3. Boy Scouts:

- Certificates of achievement to each Eagle Scout (about 500 annually in 2 Scout Councils)
- Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest (application includes listing of their scouting, school, extracurricular activities, a four-generation genealogy chart, and patriotic themed essay).

4. College Scholarships:

- Outstanding history / political science majors are awarded Greenspan Scholarships. This is unique to our Chapter and is done through a donation made by a Compatriot (Russell Greenspan) who established the scholarship. It usually results in 2 scholarships totaling approximately \$3,000 each year.
- ROTC Students at West Chester University are given a scholarship that assists with their expenses. Now that the ROTC program has been re-started at West Chester, some of the students need a little help with the additional expenses of the ROTC program.

5. Honor Patriots:

This is unique to our Chapter. Over 1,700, 13-star Betsy Ross-type flags are placed on the graves of known Patriots. These are financed through a special flag fund.

6. Honor outstanding students and teachers:

Again these awards are unique to our Chapter. Awards are given to students and teachers whose performance was outstanding during the school year. Awards are given to teachers based upon a teacher's peer review, and to the students based on the recommendations of their teachers.

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7. Genealogical Society Events:

Our Genealogist and Chapter members attend ancestry fairs like the Historical Society of PA, and the Bucks County Genealogy Society to help anyone research their lineage and perhaps their ties to the American Revolution.

8. Honor our first responders:

Awards can and have been given to outstanding Fire, Police, and EMT personnel for outstanding performance, including an optional heroism award.

9. The Museum of the American Revolution (M*AR):

The M*AR is in our backyard and it is a tool for all to use. The B.O.M. approved a contribution of \$10,000.00 dollars in 5 payment of \$2,000.00 each to be paid based upon member contributions, no Chapter funds are to be used. We are now in the second year of that pledge.

10. Honor those that display the flag correctly:

Flag certificates are given to companies and individuals who display the flag correctly. This requires that the flag be lighted if displayed at night.

11. Honor outstanding Citizens or Civic Groups:

These awards are given to citizens who go beyond the normal call of duty, particularly in the areas concerning the Constitution and the American Revolution. They include Good Citizenship medals to individuals and Americanism Plaques to organizations.

12. Color Guard:

The Chapter Color Guard makes many appearances including the usual events including Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Flag Day celebrations. They also appear at sporting events, Naturalization Ceremonies and by special request of an organization or convention. The Guard will be at the re-enactment of Washington's army marching into Valley Forge and the march-out. They are instrumental at the Lucia Celebration at Christ Church, Swedesburg, PA, a stop that Washington made on his way into Valley Forge, and the French Alliance Service at Washington's Chapel in Valley Forge.

13. Re-enactment events:

Chapter members attend re-enactments of battles such as Cliveden to learn more about the event and perhaps get others interested in joining the SAR. At some events we give Betsy Ross flags to the youth in attendance. These are serviceable, perhaps reconditioned, flags that had previously flown over Patriot graves.

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Our dues currently are \$84.00 and I would ask that you contribute what you can, even if that is only \$16.00 more to round your dues to \$100.00. Anything will help us to do more.

You can attend one of our monthly meetings to see how we spend your money. The morning meetings (+ / - 2 hours) are followed by lunch and generally include an outside speaker who usually speaks on Revolutionary times or, if you find what we do interesting, you could also volunteer to help us get some of these activities done.

George Clarke, President

**CHAPTER ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
2018 - 2019**

November	9th	PCC Installation of Officers: Overbrook Golf Club	6:00 PM
December	3rd	Board of Management Mtg: Present Budget, Charlotte's Restaurant	10:30 AM
January	7th	Board of Management Mtg: Approval of the Budget, General Warren	11:00 AM
February	16th	Chapter Meeting: G. Washington's Birthday, Speaker, Old City Tavern	12:00 PM
March	6th	Chapter Meeting: Cocktail Buffet, Speaker, Overbrook Golf Club	6:00 PM

New Chapter Web Site: www.pccsar.org
Thanks to Bill Baker

PCC History Review 1981-1982

Jim Willis, Historian of the Chapter

The 80th Annual Installation was held in the Philadelphia Room, Engineers Club on Wednesday, November 11, 1981. Warren G Hayes, Jr., NSSAR Secretary General installed the newly elected officers. Past President Ammon Hollinger presented the gavel and insignia to William G Dorwart, President while Henry B Brown, Jr. presented the Past Presidents badge to Ammon Hollinger.

Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1981, the chapter donated a new American Flag to the Church of St. James The Less located at Hunting Park Avenue and Clearfield Street. State President Samuel D Foster addressed the congregation and made the presentation. Many compatriots and their wives attended the service. The annual audit, year ending October 31, 1981 showed total assets of \$13,232.

It was sadly reported that past president Kenneth G Smith, Sr. died January 24, 1982. He was a long time SAR stalwart who seemed to thrive on responsibility. He was President, Philadelphia Continental Chapter 1958-59, President, PSSAR 1961-62 and President, NSSAR 1966-67. It was Compatriot Smith along with others who engineered the joining of the Continental Chapter and the Philadelphia Chapter in 1958. He was the last president of Continental Chapter and the first of Philadelphia Continental Chapter.

The 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington was held February 20, 1982 at the Engineers Club. As in past years, busses provided transportation from the Engineers Club to Independence Hall and the Tomb of the Revolutionary Unknown in Washington Square and return. Brief services were observed and wreaths set in both locations. Cost including bus service \$12. Dr Anthony Campolo of Eastern College was the guest speaker.

At the regular monthly meeting on Monday April 5th, the speaker was the well known WCAU-TV personality Herb Clark. His topic was "Our Country and Its Misplaced Values. He is a recipient of many awards, among them his coverage of Hurricane Agnes in 1972. The annual Church Service was held Sunday April 18th at Arch Street Presbyterian Church. Reverend Dr. G Hall Todd was in the pulpit. Free parking was available across the street from the church and the luncheon was at the Holiday Inn, Center City. Cost \$9.50. Also the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers of PASAR took place at the George Washington Motor Lodge, Plymouth Meeting, PA. on May 8, 1982. Outgoing State President Samuel D Foster of Philadelphia Continental Chapter fame was honored. Of special interest, in Washington on August 3, 1949, US President Harry S Truman signs Flag Day legislation making every June 14th, Flag Day. On June 13, 1982 a special Flag Day Memorial Service was held at Washington Chapel, Valley Forge. Also of note, this year 1982 is the 300th anniversary of the founding

by William Penn of Pennsylvania.

The 13th Annual DAR/SAR Constitution Week program celebrating the signing of the Constitution was held on September 18, 1982 at the Williamson Dining Room atop the GSB Building in Bala Cynwyd. The speaker was Rev. Dr. Robert L Gordon, Pastor, Wayne Presbyterian Church. Cost \$11.00 with free parking with nearly 300 people in attendance. Several photos exist of the head table with the 13 newly purchased flags.

Each one represents one of the original 13 colonies. The minutes of the June 7th meeting state the \$600 in donations to purchase the flags has been reached. Also, the Annual Meeting of the Chapter was held on Nov. 1, at the Engineers Club when officers for 1982-1983 were elected. Amazingly in October 1982, the formation of a Speakers Bureau was announced by President Dorwart with it's service available to all organizations. All speeches will be patriotic, historical or educational in nature and be non-political with no fee charged.

There is just no end to activities in this chapter under President William Dorwart. Catch this report in the minutes of the November 10th Installation Meeting—The President awarded the Meritorious Service Medal to Compatriot James Anders for doing an outstanding job in chapter activities. In Compatriot Anders absence due to illness, his son Compatriot Philip Anders, who was accepted into the Chapter a few months earlier, accepted the Medal for his father. All of this was before the Installation of incoming President Col Paul L DeHaas by Compatriot Warren Hayes. Presentation of the Charter, Badge of Office and Gavel to the new President was by the Past President William G Dorwart. President Paul DeHaas presented the Past Presidents Medal to Past President William G Dorwart.

ANNUAL INSTALLATION of OFFICERS

Dinner Meeting Friday November 9th, 2018, at 6:00 PM

Overbrook Golf Club

799 Godfrey Road, Villanova, PA

The Annual Installation of Officers Dinner Meeting of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will be held at the Overbrook Golf Club on Friday, November 9th, 2018 at 6:00PM. The installation will occur after dinner is served. Overbrook has proved to be an excellent choice, with fine food, special service and an elegant setting at modest cost. There will be musical entertainment, with a keyboard and **dancing after dinner with a DJ**. Dinner will consist of a choice of beef, fish, or vegetarian, with wine, preceded by a cash bar with served hors d'oeuvres. The total cost is \$80.00 per person and preferred dress is formal - Black Tie - with military and SAR medals. Directions to Overbrook Golf Club as follows; Take exit 13 from the Blue Route (I 476) Villanova - St Davids. Turn right at end of exit ramp for Rt 30 east (Lancaster Ave). Go less than one mile to Rt 320 (Sproul Rd), turn right, At second light, turn right onto Godfrey Rd. Overbrook Golf Club is a short distance down Godfrey Rd, on the left.

6:00 PM - Cash bar and reception

6:45 PM - Welcome

7:00 PM - Dinner and program

Name _____ @ \$80.00 _____

Guest _____ @ \$80.00 _____

Total \$ _____

Beef _____ Fish _____ Vegetable _____

I am unable to attend, but I have included a contribution to the chapter. \$ _____

Please make your check payable to PCCSAR

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