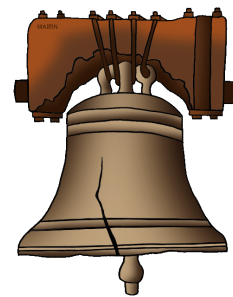




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Philadelphia Continental Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution

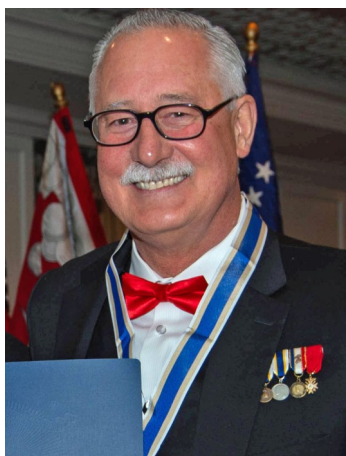


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Compatriots,



Our organization is committed to making a positive impact in the community through various initiatives and charitable activities. These efforts not only demonstrate our dedication to giving back, but also provide a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction. By participating in these initiatives, we not only support important causes, but also contribute to creating a better community for all. I strongly encourage all members to get involved, as it is an excellent way to experience the gratification that comes from making a difference in the lives of others.

On behalf of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, I would like to extend my most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all our members for their unwavering support. Your dedication and commitment to our organization are truly invaluable, and I am confident that without your assistance, we would not be able to fulfill our mission with the same level of success. Your contributions have been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals, and I am grateful for your efforts. Thank you for being part of this esteemed organization.

There is great satisfaction with our accomplishments this year. We have maintained our membership, and we are member strong and still growing. This is remarkable accomplishment, especially considering the effort that goes into retaining members. We have two National winners in Posters and Brochures and the Scouts BSA Eagle Scout contest. Our Eagle Scout winner, Lauren Tyree, placed 1st Nationally and received her ten-thousand-dollar scholarship at the National Convention in Connecticut. She was also the recipient of the Pennsylvania Society Silver Good Citizenship award. The ROTC program is alive and well with 4 bronze JROTC and 2 Silver ROTC awards presented at 3 high schools, the US Naval Sea Cadet program, and 2 colleges and universities. We have 4 recipients of the "outstanding student of history" award. Our color guard continues to be the face of the organization and represents us well. We place over 1500 flags on Revolutionary War

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graves for Memorial Day.

Book sharing

For the past few meetings, we discussed book sharing. Many of our compatriots are very well read with respect to our patriotic history. Once the books are read, they are rarely re-read. So . . . If you have read a book that is collecting dust on your bookshelf, and it is okay for someone else to read it, bring it (them) to a meeting and share. I have several books out and hope those who have them, read them and are ready to pass it along. I encourage all compatriots to book share.

May BOM meeting

John Mitchell was the recipient of the SAR Distinguished Service Medal at the May PASSAR BOM. We need additional compatriots to support both the ROTC programs and the Posters and Brochures program. Kudos to those chairmen who have kept these programs not only afloat, but expanded. It is vital to our mission to keep the public interested in and keep our history alive and it is accomplished through these programs. The expansion has caused a shortfall for the posters and brochures committee, which requested and received additional funding to support the program. It is also vital to keep our Americanism chairman John Whiteside up to speed on our activities to catalog our activities. Gene Hough also does this through his preservation work at St. Paul's Church, St. Davids Church, and the Anthony Wayne monument.

Picnic

The annual picnic saw a significant number of attendees. This was a new venue in East Goshen which had plenty of parking and real bathrooms. Thank you. Nearly all the food was consumed, which is awesome. Kudos to Patrick Magdy, our grill master for cooking up a storm. Congratulations to our Eagle Scout awardees Vivian Lehman and Lauren Tyree, Greenspan winner Cole Welsh, runner up last year. We all had a great time and look forward to doing it again next year!

Social Media. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554410101780>

Members can find updates on meetings, workshops, and conferences that the Philadelphia Continental Chapter will be participating in. This Facebook page serves as a hub for all our members to stay connected and informed. Not only will you find event details, but we also post important updates and announcements from the organization. This includes initiatives, upcoming events, past events, and any other information that members need to be aware.

We encourage all members to visit and follow the Facebook page of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter. It's a great way to stay connected, network with other members, and stay up to date with all the happenings within our organization.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee, chaired by Past President Bill Baker has reported its recommendations to

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the membership at the September 3rd BOM meeting. To continue to be a successful and viable organization, we depend on our members to be involved and support our mission. You can do this by being a member of the executive committee, being the chair of a committee, or being a member of a committee. I strongly encourage all members to consider these positions as you will not only promote our mission to the public, but you will also find personal satisfaction in a job well done. BOM members are especially urged to consider this request. Please contact Bill Baker if you are willing to help. This is the current regime.

2025 National Congress-Connecticut

Several members attended the congress in Connecticut.

Color Guard and Upcoming events

October 7th, Election of officers, Glenhardie CC, 5:30 PM

October 11th, America 250 Navy/Marines and Grave marking John Barry (Navy) and Samuel Nichols (Marines)

October 12th, Battle of Pennypacker Mills and Germantown wreath laying

October 12th, America 250 Navy/Marines Paoli and Germantown bus tour

October 13th, America 250 Navy/Marines Philadelphia parade with float

October 18th, Massey House

October 26th, Battle of Red Bank (Fort Mercer)

Once again, thank you for your trust and support.

Steve Kopsick. President, Philadelphia Continental Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution

Color Guard Corner 2nd quarter 2025

We began our spring season of color guard activity on April 7th with presentation of colors by Rich Lind, Steve Kopsick, Larry Magdy and Fred Fonseca for the annual meeting of Pennsylvania Garden Association held at the Alloy. On April 26th the PCC Color Guard led the procession of Masons from Christ Church to Ben Franklin's grave where the annual honors ceremony was held for one of the most famous Masons. Participating in presenting the colors were Fred Fonseca, Rich Lind, Glenn Tyson, Arlo Duff and Mark Thomas

May activities usually begin on the 4th, with the French Alliance Day activities at Washington Chapel. We made a good show of it this year, with seven guardsmen participating in presenting the colors. Fred Fonseca, Rich Lind, Chris Snyder, Spencer Snyder, manned a PCC information table during the Rev War Weekend at Pennypacker Mills on Saturday May 14th. On the 15th Fred Fonseca, William Hutt and Glen Tyson did the same.

On May 25th we supported the DAR grave marking ceremony for signer John Morton at the Old Swedes Cemetery in Chester. Fred Fonseca, Rich Lind, Steve Kopsick and Larry Magdy presented the colors. The following Day Ed Kopsick, President of the Continental Congress Chapter, joined Fred Fonseca, Rich Lind and Steve Kopsick in the Radnor Memorial Day Parade and Wayne memorial ceremony.

On June 1st, Fred Fonseca and Rich Lind carried the PCC banner in Malvern's Memorial Day Parade. On the 3rd the PCC color guard consisting of Fred Fonseca, Rich Lind, Spencer Snyder and Chris Snyder participated with colors in Liberty Tree Plantings at Paoli Battlefield and Brandywine Battlefield Park.

On Flag Day we had our usual two events: first at the Betsy Ross House where Fred Fonseca, Arlo Duff and



Glenn, Fred, and William at Rev War weekend in Pennypacker Mills



Fred, Shane, Spencer, and Chris at the Monmouth National Color Guard event

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William Hutt presented colors and later at the Lansdowne Veterans Memorial where colors were presented by Fred Fonseca, Larry Magdy and Bill Baker, in support of the Lansdowne DAR. The Monmouth National Color Guard event was held on June 28th, with Fred Fonseca, Spencer Snyder, Chris Snyder and Shane Moyer representing Pennsylvania.

Persistence Pays Off

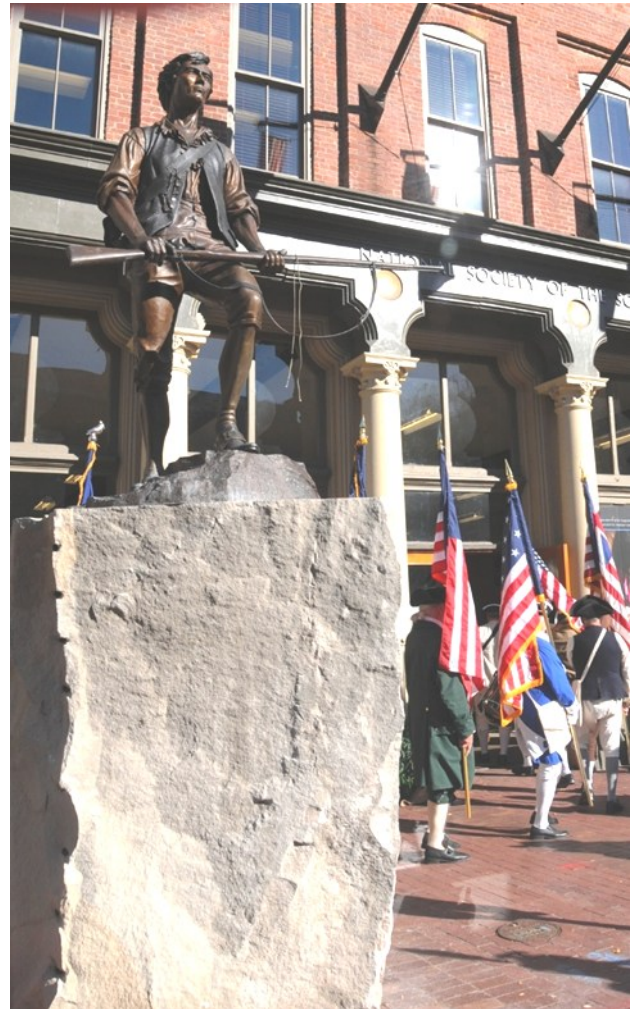
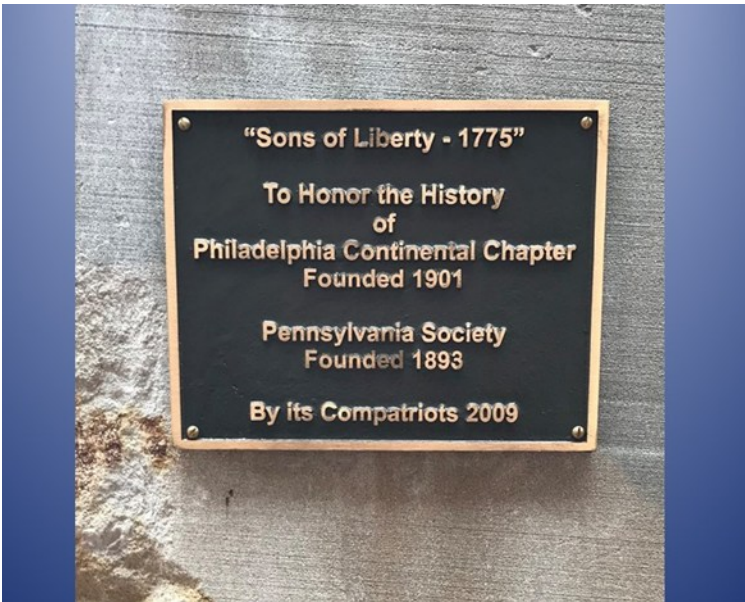
Congratulations to Lauren Tyree, Troop 19, Marshallton, upon winning the National Society Sons of the American Revolution's (SAR) Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. As the National winner of the 2024 SAR Eagle Scout Contest, Lauren will receive the top prize of \$10,000 and she will be recognized in person at the SAR's 2025 National Congress in July in Uncasville, CT. Lauren's journey to the top prize in the SAR Eagle Scout Contest took three years and, in her case, persistence did indeed pay off. The SAR Eagle Scout Contest begins at the local chapter level. Lauren first entered the Philadelphia Continental Chapter's contest in 2022. Her application placed first among the entries from Chester County Council



and went on to place first at the State level and ninth at the National level. Not to be discouraged, Lauren entered the SAR Eagle Scout Contest again in 2023. Eagle Scouts are eligible to enter the contest each year up to the year they turn 19. Lauren was able to add more accomplishments to her application and again she placed first among Chester County Council applications, first in the State, and this time, she placed sixth at the National level. Since Lauren was still eligible to participate, she entered the 2024 contest. Again, she was able to add even more accomplishments to her application and she went on to place first at the Chapter level, first at the State level and, finally she placed first among the entries from all other states at the National level.

In addition to receiving the National prize of \$10,000, Lauren has collected cash prizes at the local Chapter and State levels, a bronze SAR Eagle Scout medal and oak leaf clusters, a State Eagle Scout Trophy, a State Silver SAR Eagle Scout medal, local Chapter participation patches, National finalist patches, and several SAR certificates.

In 2009, the Philadelphia Continental Chapter had a group of chapter compatriots match a \$25,000 donation by Robert McNeil, Jr. Arizona sculptor & compatriot, James Muir, was commissioned to create the "Sons of Liberty-1775". The 800-pound, 8-foot high bronze statue of the Minuteman holding a musket rests upon 19,000 pounds of quarried Kentucky limestone, material specifically requested by the artist James Muir, and is located in front of our SAR headquarters at 809 West Main Street in Louisville. Kentucky



New Members 7/1/19 to 10/3/19	
New Member	Patriot
Michael John Rados	Conrad Lutz
John Carter Thompson	John Thompson
Richard Robert Lind	Solomon Wetherell
Cody Robert Lind	Solomon Wetherell
Joseph Rosati	Joseph Moore
Richard Kenneth Lescavage	Henry H. Schenck
Richard Karl Girkin	James Hadsell
John Alfred Simonds	James Graham
Geoffrey Kenneth Armstrong	Levi Lowery
James Morris Leming	John Fowler
Wayne Allen Worthington	Obidiah Melott
Junior Member	
Pierce Redmund Ryan	Henry H. Schenck
Nicholas Alexander Armstrong	Levi Lowery
Christopher Ryan Armstrong	Levi Lowery

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.

None of the original soldier huts remain. The huts that you see in the park today are reproductions based on the model that General Washington wanted the soldiers to follow. Despite a lack of tools and the relative haste in which they were built, most served as decent shelters for the troops.

