



# Compatriot News

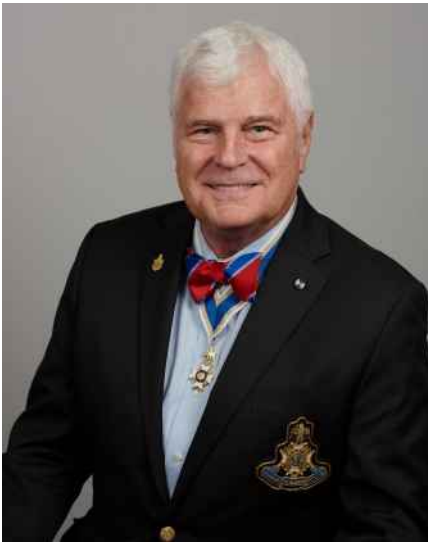
## Philadelphia Continental Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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Frank O'Donnell

It's hard to believe my term has come to an end. This has been a very fast 12 months. I've had a wonderful time being the President of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter. The learning curve was steep with many exciting challenges; too many to list. I thank you for this extraordinary opportunity.

As we enter the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, I'd like to state that all the responsibilities of the Chapter are up dated. We have revised our by-laws and constitution; communications now include a new website, Constant Contact and the ability to communicate through Zoom; our finances have been refreshed to meet the current market needs; and, the Chapter has witnessed a notable increase in member participation which should increase with our new mentoring program.

Future challenges will include the planning of the 2024 Congress that has been awarded to Pennsylvania. This is an exciting time to be a member of PASSAR. Please look forward to information about the Congress as it is developed.

I can't conclude this article without expressing a deep concern. We live in interesting times. Instant communications has led to many factions of our society to be experts in political science. We are fortunate to be a Patriotic Society not a nationalistic or militaristic one. I leave with a quote from George Orwell's "Notes on Nationalism". "...While nationalism can unite people it must be noted that it unites people against other people..."

I wish President Dave Mizell and his Executive Officers and Committee Chairs the best of success. I inherited a very well run Chapter and hope that I passed it on in the same condition.

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## COLOR GUARD CORNER



Wreath-laying ceremony at Washington's Crossing State Park

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the Guard's calendar this year was unlike any other in its history, as the month of August, previously VACANT, saw eight actions this year. We began by supporting the PA State Society (PASSAR) in conjunction with their Quarterly meeting in Bucks County at a wreath-laying ceremony at Washington's Crossing State Park followed by a Memorial tribute to Past State President Joseph M. Shaffer the next morning.

On Saturday evening, 3 August, we presented the colors for the closing banquet of the 73<sup>rd</sup> annual Reunion of the US Army's 83<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division which marched thru France and Germany in the closing days of WWII. There were 7 members of "the Greatest Generation" in attendance and we got great press coverage.

Next up were SGT Fred Fonseca, Bruce Hustis, and Steve Sims out at the Goschenhoppen Folk

Festival, five of us favoring the Daughters of the British Empire as Queen Elizabeth II's Chaplain presented the sermon at an Evensong service in Chestnut Hill, and four CG troops who made it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual King's Highway Day in the Frankford section of Philadelphia at the site of the oldest continuously-used road bridge in America (and Generals Washington & Rochambeau's army used it on their way from Newport, RI to Yorktown, VA at the end of the Revolutionary War).

On Sunday, 18 August, President Frank O'Donnell and several Past Presidents sponsored a Color Guard picnic at the home of CPT Anders in West Chester. There were 14 Guardsmen and 6 of their ladies in attendance AND we were able to welcome NEW Member Dennis Bostick into his uniform on that day as well. Although a bit warm, all seemed to enjoy themselves being together OUT of uniform for a change.

We finished the August actions at a grave re-dedication ceremony for John Pierre Burr, son of Aaron Burr, VP to Thomas Jefferson from 1801-05, in Eden Cemetery, Collingdale, PA. Again, there was some good press coverage on this event

September means Constitution Day and we hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> annual DAR/SAR joint luncheon, again at the Hilton DoubleTree in King of Prussia, on 14 September, where we had an excellent meal with over 80 combined CAR/

### **Constitution Day**

**Front** Glen Tyson, Jim Sanborn, Larry Magdy

**Rear** George Clarke, Dave Mizell, John Gibson, Mark Lanyon, Phil Anders



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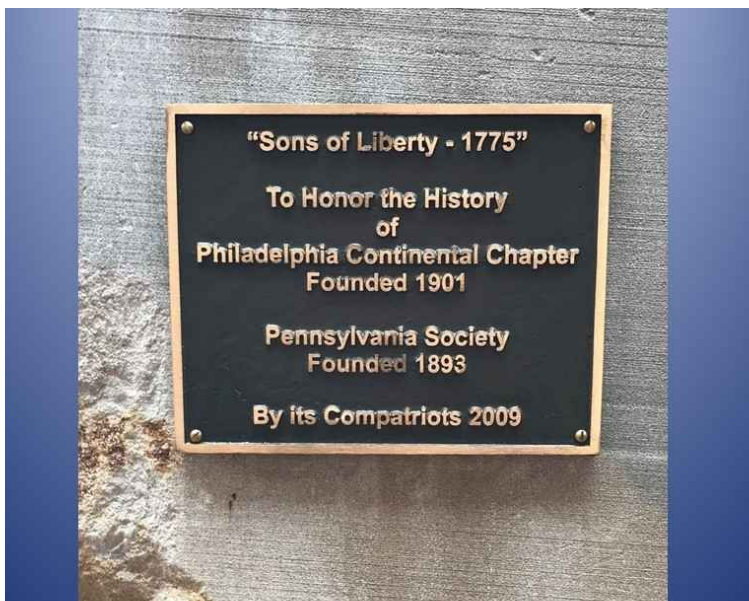
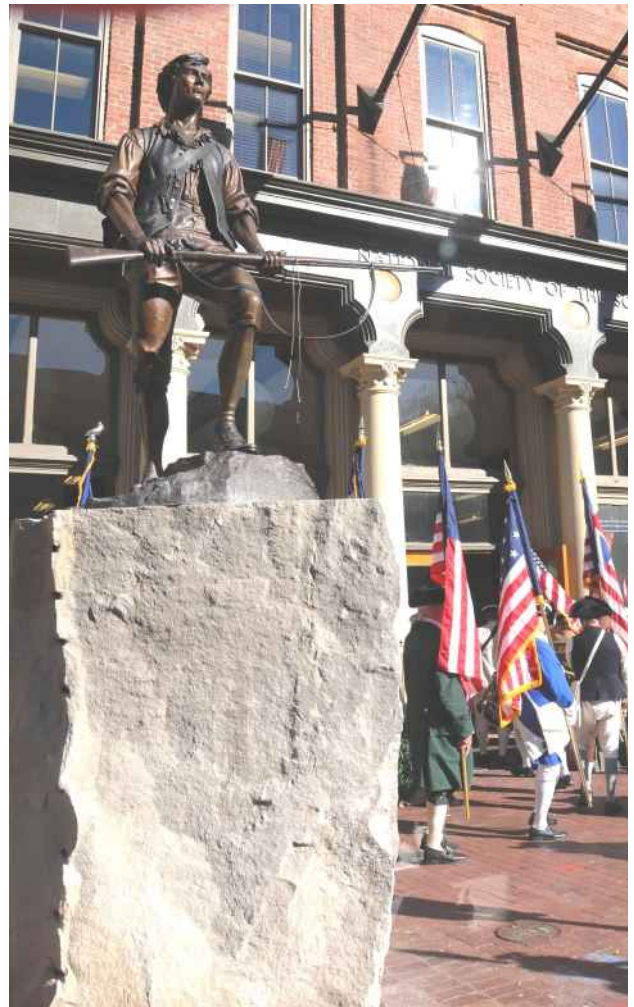
DAR/SAR members including 13 Guardsmen in attendance in various capacities. President O'Donnell manned the dais and Compatriot Bruce Hustis was the speaker, giving a most informative talk on the events leading up to the creation of the Declaration of Independence. The next day, we also had 7 men fall 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, 6 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.

On 21 September, SGT Fred Fonseca, Dennis Bostick, Steve Kopsick, and Frank O'Donnell, along with Membership Chair Joseph R. Stokes and new Compatriot Michael Rados, manned an information and overall SAR "recruitment table" at the Paoli Battlefield for their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Heritage Day.  
CPT Phil Anders



Bruce Hustis talks about the creation of the Declaration of Independence

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



## Public Service and Heroism Awards

An SAR Heroism Commendation and Medal recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger - i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians.

In June, 2018 William Bostic and his son Joshua Bostic were driving in Upper Merion Township, when they witnessed a car hit a guardrail and go into a body of water. Bill and his son stopped, jumped into the water and swam to the car. At the same time, Kemp Littlepage, who had stopped, was also swimming to the car, which had started to sink. Mr. Littlepage was able to free the unconscious driver from the seatbelt but the door was jammed. While the car was sinking, the Bostics were able to get the passenger door open and while Josh held the door, Bill Bostic and Kemp Littlepage were able to get the driver out of the car and safely to shore where the paramedics had arrived. The driver, who had a seizure, was saved. PCC awarded William Bostic and Kemp Littlepage the SAR Heroism Award and Joshua Bostic received the SAR Life Saving Award.

John Mitchell , Frank O'Donnell, and Steve Kopsick presented the SAR Life Saving Award to Joshua Bostic

Frank O'Donnell (left) and John Mitchell (right) presented the SAR Heroism Award to Kemp Littlepage (with his wife).



William Bostic receives the Heroism Award from Steve Kopsick, Frank O'Donnell and John Mitchell



Philadelphia Continental Chapter Compatriots Dr. David M. Humphrey and Lanny R. Patten and their spouses dedicated a major stain glass window restoration at Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge at services on September 15. Chapter Color Guard took part. The window honors both DAR and SAR



David Humphrey and Lanny Patten with Chapter Color Guard



The 12 pane window restored →

<b>New Members 7/1/19 to 10/3/19</b>	
<b>New Member</b>	<b>Patriot</b>
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
<b>Junior Member</b>	
Pierce Redmund Ryan	Henry H. Schenck
Nicholas Alexander Armstrong	Levi Lowery
Christopher Ryan Armstrong	Levi Lowery

## PCC HISTORY 1985-1986

At the Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Noon, November 4, 1985 at the Engineers' Club, President General Warren G Hayes (1983-84) installed President Elect Col William H Cowper as President and presented him with the Gavel of Authority. After a short acceptance speech, President Cowper awarded Past President Louis S Baker a Meritorious Service Medal. Also installed was Honorable Herbert K Zearfoss, First Vice President, Rev James M Murrey, Second Vice President and William G Dorwart, Secretary. The new budget for 1985-86 is \$6400. Interestingly, the chapter has a \$5000 CD @ 11.50%. Amazing.

The death of Compatriot Vice Admiral Ephraim McLean, Jr, USN Retired was reported at the regular meeting December 2, 1985 at age 82. Admiral McLean saw extensive combat action in the Pacific during WWII. His career began at the Naval Academy in 1920 and retiring in 1959 after three years as Commandant Fourth Naval District, Philadelphia. He was awarded the Navy Cross (highest in US Navy) Remember the Bi-Centennial Host Fund---January 1986 balance--\$2430.

On February 22, 1986, the true Washington's birthday, the chapter held its annual George Washington Celebration and luncheon at the Engineers' Club. The entourage was hauled by busses to Independence Hall. After opening remarks by Vice President Zearfoss, the colors were presented, a flag raising ceremony was performed and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A memorial wreath was placed at the Washington Statue by President General Warren G Hates and State President Earl W Traster. Rev Fleck offered the Commemorative prayer. A similar ceremony was held at the Unknown Soldiers Tomb in Washington Square after which the party was hauled back to the Engineers' Club for libation. The luncheon was opened with the presenting of the colors, the Guard being led by Col John F Mencer, Captain. Cost, \$17 per including bus service with 78 attendees, which was disappointing .

Nearly one hundred members and guests of PCC attended its annual Church Service Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> at Valley Forge Military Academy in conjunction with the regular Cadet services. Following the service all moved to the parade ground to witness a full parade and review of the corps. SAR members and guests were then escorted to Eisenhower Hall for libation and luncheon. Allegiance Sunday was celebrated July 6<sup>th</sup> at Wayne Presbyterian Church with Rev Robert L Gordon officiating. In August 1986 the Bi-Centennial Host Fund had reached \$3280 with 118 members or 27% participation. The Constitution Week Celebration was held at Williamson Restaurant in Horsham on September 20, 1986. The guest speaker was Benjamin Franklin portrayed by Carl W Gatter. Cost, \$13 per with 183 attendees. The Newsletter Editor, Past President Harry Woolever has moved to Arizona and has resigned. Harold L Wood is the new Editor.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Engineers' Club with 41 members present. President Cowper gave a short resume of his term in office. President General (1983-84) Warren G Hayes installed President Elect Herbert K Zearfoss. Past President Cowper presented President Zearfoss with the President's Ribbon and the Gavel of Authority after which President Zearfoss gave a short acceptance speech. With no other business he then adjourned the meeting.

Jim Willis—Historian of the Chapter

**PHILADELPHIA CONTINENTAL CHAPTER  
COMBINED ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

October	26th	Squad Training-WCU ROTC, 202 Carter Dr, West Chester	8:30 AM
November	8th	Veterans' Week Parade, Coatesville VA Medical Center	9:30 AM
	8th	PCC Installation of Officers, Overbrook Golf Club	6:00 PM
	9th	Veterans' Day Flag-raising Downtown-Thorndale C of C	11:00 AM
December	3rd	Board of Management & Chapter Meeting, Charlotte's Restaurant	10:30 AM
	13th	Lucia Celebration, Christ Church, Swedesburg, PA	7:00 PM
TBD	14th	Wreaths Across America, Phila Nat'l Cemetery, Phila, PA	9:30 AM
TBD	19th	March In, Valley Forge National Historical Park	5:30 PM

***ANNUAL INSTALLATION of OFFICERS***

***Dinner Meeting Friday, November 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM***

***Overbrook Golf Club***

***799 Godfrey Road, Villanova, PA***

The Annual Installation Dinner of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, will be held at the Overbrook Golf Club on Friday, November 8, 2019 at 6:00PM. The installation will occur after dinner is served. Overbrook has proved to be an excellent venue, with fine food, excellent service and an elegant setting . The Dinner will consist of a choice of fillet, salmon, or vegetarian lasagna preceded by a cash bar and butlered hors d'oeuvres. The total cost is \$78.00 per person and preferred dress is - Black Tie or Highland Dress with 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 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$78.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$78.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fillet \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_

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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