



# Compatriot News

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Sons of the American Revolution



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I truly hope everyone had a great holiday and that you have a fun, prosperous and healthy new year.

A friend once told me that when you do something once it is full of surprises, but if you get to do it twice it gets easier and you'll have more fun the second time because you can make it better. Well I have started my second year as president and I hope this is true.

Efforts to save portions of both the Princeton and Brandywine Battlefields seem to be paying off. The Board of Supervisors UNANIMOUSLY DENIED Toll Brother's application for Conditional Use of that portion of the property. The matter with the Princeton Battlefield may still need a little final push. If you need more information or want to help their website is <https://www.theprincetonbattlefieldsociety.org/home.html>.

I often get questioned on the uniforms worn by the Chapter's Color Guard. For the most part these are patterned after the uniform worn by the Commander in Chief's Lifeguard, a unit formed in 1776 when Washington was overseeing the siege of Boston. He directed his commanders to select four men from each regiment who would form his personal guard. An illustration of the flag of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard is shown below.



*Illustration of the banner of the Commander-in-Chief's Guard. Image from Benson J. Lossing, The Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution, Vol. 2. (New York: Harper, 1852), 120.*

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As you know, most of the Patriots that joined the Continental Army came directly from their homes with the clothes they had on their backs and the muskets they owned.

On page 7 of McGuire, Thomas J. (2000), *Battle of Paoli*, Mechanicsburg, PA: STACKPOLE BOOKS, he writes about the departure of Washington's Army from Philadelphia: "Early on Sunday morning, August 24, 1777, coats of many colors reflected in the windows of Chestnut Street as leather-helmeted dragoons led Washington's army through Philadelphia. Green sprigs in the hats of the troops passing the State House not only lent an air of festivity to the march, but also provided an element of uniformity. It was just about the only uniformity present. Some of the dragoons in the column wore red coats with blue facings; others were clad in white jackets with sky blue lapels; others had on uniforms of brown faced with green. Many of the horsemen wore linen hunting shirts and a mixed bag of clothing and accoutrements ranging from 'like new' to 'sorely distressed.'"

My research in this area is not complete, but my theory is that when Washington's Lifeguard took up residence in Valley Forge their clothing was far from uniform and it took well into the Revolution to get them uniforms similar to those worn by the Chapter Color Guard.

Please join the Color Guard as we celebrate Washington's Birthday on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at City Tavern. You do not have to be a member of the Color Guard to join us on this march to Washington's Square and Independence Hall, but all are invited. We will step-off around 10:30AM and return to the City Tavern for a luncheon of Turkey Pot Pie. If it is too cold you can stay at City Tavern. As always, this promises to be a fun event. A sign-up sheet can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

### **PCCSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest Winners**

Winners of the 2017 PCCSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest are Gerardo "Nico" Palumbo, Troop 551, King of Prussia (Cradle of Liberty Council) and Kolbe Bien, Troop 222, West Chester (Chester County Council). Their applications have been sent to the PASSAR Eagle Scout Chairman for judging at the State level. The State winner's application will be sent to NSSAR for judging at the National level. Our chapter winners will be presented with the SAR Eagle Scout medal and a cash award at the June picnic.

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George Clarke presented a Flag Certificate to Susan O'Donnell of Wilmington Trust's Villanova Office on Thursday, 12/7/2017. The Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only.



Compatriot Captain James Sanborn (USN, Ret.), a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, presented the wreath in honor of our Merchant Marine veterans during the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on December 16, 2017. An estimated 10,000 people attended the ceremony overflowing the capacity of the PA Veterans Memorial. After the ceremony, nearly 30,000 wreaths were placed on veterans graves as tokens of appreciation and honor for their service and sacrifice.

**PHILADELPHIA CONTINENTAL CHAPTER  
COMBINED ACTIVITY SCHEDULE—2018  
COLOR GUARD and CHAPTER**

February	8th	Williamson College of the Trades Annual Program	6:00 PM
	17th	George Washington Birthday Celebration, City Tavern	
		Color Guard march-off to Washington Square	11:00 AM
		Color Guard to Independence Hall	11:15 AM
		Color Guard returns to City Tavern	11:45 AM
March	5th	Board of Management & Chapter Meeting, Charlotte's	10:30 AM
April	15th	Newsletter deadline, Carl Fletcher, Editor	
	21st	Ladies Day Program, location TBD	
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mason's march to Franklin's grave, lunch, City Tavern	10:00 AM
May	4/5th	PASSAR Annual Meeting, King of Prussia, PA	various
	6th	French Alliance Day, Washington Chapel, Valley Forge	1:00 PM
	7th	Board of Management & Chapter Meeting, TBD	10:00AM
	23rd	National Garden Clubs, Loews Hotel, Phila, PA	9:00 AM
	28th	Radnor Memorial Day Parade	9:00 AM
	28th	Radnor Twp Veteran's Memorial Program, Wayne, PA	11:00AM
	28th	DAR—SAR Wreath setting, Washington Square	3:30 PM

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Special Ladies Day Program on April 21, 2018,  
11AM to 2PM

**New Members 10/8/17 to 1/15/18**

<b>New Member</b>				<b>Patriot</b>	
Dennis	Warren	Bostick	Henry DeBerry		
Charles	William	Bullard	Isaac Bullard		
William	Keffer	Christopher	William Porter		
James	Marlin	Oswald	Burr Harrison		
Jesse	Paul	Steward	Robert Morris		
Eugene	Melvin	Huffman	Peter Woolam		
Timothy	James	McIntire	David Shepard		
Peter	Alan	Presby	John Wright		

## PCC History Review 1978-1979

At the Annual Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1978 Harry Woolever, Jr turned the gavel over to the newly elected president Henry B Brown, Jr. Secretary C Leslie Hunsberger declined reelection due to reasons of health. Compatriot Hunsberger was a stalwart of the chapter serving as secretary for many years after his 1962 presidency. Paul K Brown, brother of president Henry B Brown, Jr, accepted the post of secretary. A check of \$250 was given to Compatriot Hunsberger "as a token of our appreciation for his long, faithful and valuable services." President General Calvin E Chunn did the induction of the new officers.

Of much surprise to me was a letter in the chapter documents from Harry Woolever, Jr to President Brown citing "Reasons for disenchantment." It lists an array of items that are offensive to him. In particular, is the \$3094 deficit in the state society budget and how that could be allowed to happen. Perhaps the fact that they pay some of their officers and members to keep its books and records has something to do with it. And finally the last sentence: "I have become so thoroughly disenchanted that further service to the society is unthinkable. Best wishes." His disenchantment was short as he shows up a bit later.

The Treasurer's Report of 1/31/1979 shows a balance in hand of \$ 2728.73. The Washington Birthday Celebration was again this year at the Engineer's Club with busses provided to haul folks to Independence Hall for the wreath setting service and return. There was a small Color Guard of hearty souls with flags at the Washington Statue. 84 attendees at the luncheon. The Church Service in 1979 was in the Arch Street Presbyterian Church on April 20<sup>th</sup> with Rev Todd, D.D., Litt.D. and chaplain of the chapter. His sermon was "Preserve the Ancient Landmarks" The annual picnic was again held at Hibernia Park near Coatesville on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Constitution Day luncheon was on 9/22/1979 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Under the command of Paul K Brown, the Color Guard led a procession of those seated at the head table. Cost \$9.00. Attendance 216 with 207 payees. The guest speaker was Judge Wilson King Barnes, Past President General of SAR. At the Executive Meeting of November 5, 1979, one of the items discussed was the possibility of transferring the custody and responsibility of Washington Square Park to National Park Service.

In a previous History Review I discussed the purchase and sale of the 16<sup>th</sup> St property in Washington. After which the property on Massachusetts Ave was purchased as the National Headquarters. Subsequently, it was learned a fine marble property near downtown Louisville, KY had come on the market at a most attractive price. After 19 years at the Massachusetts Ave property, repairs and maintenance were required. The decision was made to sell and move National Headquarters to Louisville. There was a period of time between the sale of the Washington property and the move to Louisville when the National Headquarters was temporarily located in Arlington, VA.

Jim Willis, Historian of the Chapter

### 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.

# Washington's Birthday Celebration

February 17, 2018



This year as in previous years, a contingent of hearty souls will be led by our Color Guard and bagpiper Bill Watson from City Tavern (at 11:00 AM sharp) to the Washington Square Eternal Flame. This is the location of the Revolutionary War Unknown Soldier Tomb. During a brief ceremony, a wreath will be set in place at the tomb. The party will then march off to the Plaza in front of Independence Hall for a second wreath placed at General Washington's statue. Due to security those not directly involved in the ceremony will watch from the north side of Chestnut Street. Following this ceremony everyone will return to the City Tavern for a reception upstairs in the Long Room.

This is a cash bar followed by luncheon at 12:45PM; this affords ample time for a libation and renewing old friendships. The entree selection is Colonial Turkey Pot Pie preceded by a Tavern Country Salad and for dessert, Fresh Fruit Cobbler. Cost of the luncheon is still only \$50.00.

Remember the Color Guard likes your support, but they do not want you to freeze to death. You have two choices: arrive by 11:00, and join us on our short march or, arrive a noon and wend your way to the top floor to attend the luncheon.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 2/10/2018**

## George Washington's Birthday Luncheon Reservation

Saturday, February 17, 2018

	Pot Pie	Vegetarian
Name _____	_____	_____
Guest _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total @ \$50.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Send check payable to PCCSAR

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**George Washington’s Birthday Luncheon**

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**City Tavern**

