



# Compatriot News

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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 468 strong and still growing. This is remarkable accomplishment, especially considering the effort that goes into retaining members. We have State winners in Posters and Brochures as well as for the Scouts BSA Eagle Scout contest. Our Eagle Scout winner, Lauren Tyree, placed 6<sup>th</sup> Nationally and is gearing up to win next year. The ROTC program is alive and well with 4 bronze JROTC and 6 Silver ROTC awards presented at 2 high schools, the US Naval Sea Cadet program, and 6 colleges and universities. We have 3 recipients of the "outstanding student of history" award. We supported the flagpole installation at Williamson College of the Trades where Old Glory flies in earnest and supported Fort Mifflin with several fundraisers. Our color guard continues to be the face of the organization and represents us well. Our guidon is revised and in production and we now have a social media account with Facebook where members can keep tabs on what's happening. We place over 1500 flags on Revolutionary War graves for Memorial Day.

Once again, thank you for your trust and support.

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

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## May BOM meeting

We welcomed new members Mark Hoffman, Eric Weir, and Raphel Respoli who received their membership certificates and rosettes and took the oath of membership. We were apprised of losing 3 members since the last meeting: John E. Jones, Richard C. Rushmore, and Charles G. Moore Jr. A moment of silence was observed. Items discussed were the ROTC awards, social media Facebook page, the annual picnic, the Guidon readiness, the 2024 National Congress in Lancaster, committee reports, Awards presented (Keystone Award - 1st Place Large Chapter, Fred Fonseca received Patriot Medal, Kelsey Brown – Most new members award, Carl Fletcher- PASSAR Webmaster, and Williamson Trade School presented Flag Certificate

**New Members who have not received your certificate, please come to a meeting or Chapter activity to receive it**

## Picnic

The annual picnic saw a significant number of attendees. 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 Tyler Murphy and Lauren Tyree, Greenspan awardees Mia Peahota and runner up Cole Welsh and Knight Essay winner Maya Evans. We all had a great time and look forward to doing it again next year!



Chapter Presidents at the picnic

**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 of.

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 is gearing up to report its recommendations to the membership at the September 4<sup>th</sup> BOM meeting. Please plan to be there. 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 consider this request. Please contact Bill Baker if you are willing to help. This is the current regime.

Office	Name	Committee	Committee Chair
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Historian	John F. Mitchell, III – interim	Greenspan	Dean A. Henry
Capt. Of the Guard	Fred Fonseca, III	Knight Essay	Fred Fonseca, III
Sgt. At Arms	Richard W. Lind	Membership	Larry A. Magdy
Aide to the President	William H. Baker	Military Affairs	BG Richard D. Merion
		Newsletter	L. Carl Fletcher
		Nominating	William Baker
		Poster	James M. Leming
		ROTC/JROTC	Stephen VB Cassel
		Student/teacher	Fred Fonseca, III
		Webmaster	William H. Baker

BOM Class 2024	BOM Class 2025	BOM Class 2026***
John F. Mitchell, III	Michael W. Freeland, Esq.	William H. Baker
Fred Fonseca, III	Richard W. Lind	George M. Clarke
Dean Henry	McRay Bostick	John P. Mulcahy
Charles E. Wheeler	Spencer C. Snyder	John W. Whiteside

## 2024 National Congress

The 134th NASSAR Congress took place from July 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> in Lancaster, after meticulous planning, spanning 4 years. The successful execution of the event was attributed to the exceptional coordination of co-chairmen Davis Wright and George Clarke. The committee members and volunteers dedicated an immense amount of personal time to guarantee the seamless implementation of the schedule. In addition to Davis and George, kudos and huzzahs go out to Fred Fonseca, State Society Color Guard Captain, Randi Fonseca, John Whiteside, McRay Bostick (captain of the Day Captains), and Becky Moyer from the Ladies Auxiliary. If you should see these folks, please express your gratitude and acknowledge their excellent work.

Continental Congress President and dual member Ed Kopsick and PCC president, yours truly missed the host reception to support the Eastern Regional CAR annual black-tie meeting to represent PASSAR. A check from PASSAR in the amount of \$250 was presented.

Elections were uncontested except for Treasurer General and Registrar General, so the actual voting was for these two positions. The new executives are as follows: PG Darryl Addington (Tennessee), Secretary General Michael Elston (Virginia), Treasurer General William Greenly (Georgia), Chancellor General Edmon McKinley (Alabama), Genealogist General Gary Green (North Carolina), Registrar General T. Brooks Lyles (Georgia), Historian General Jeffrey Thomas (Virginia), Librarian General Keith Weissinger (Washington), Surgeon General John Turley (West Virginia), and Chaplain General John Vernon Welkner, III (Kansas).

The color guard performed excellently and supported presenting and retiring the colors at the memorial service and bench dedications at York and Washington Chapel in Valley Forge. Escorting the ring for the "ring ceremony" was a great honor for yours truly and Captain Fred Fonseca from the Philadelphia Continental Chapter as well as for Ed Kopsick of the Continental Congress Chapter (and dual member with PCC) and Gene Moyer of the Maryland Society. These 4 individuals were chosen out of all the color guard members in the nation to guard George Washington's ring during the installation of the newly elected PG, Darryl Addington, M.D. (Tennessee SAR). He was only allowed to wear it for a short time when he had to surrender it (to go back into the vault) and received a replica.

During this congress, a significant topic of discussion revolved around the proposal to increase the fees for both initial and supplemental applications by \$50. The decision was so contentious that a formal count had to be conducted. Ultimately, the resolution passed with 128 in favor and 124 against. I voted no. This goes into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Some resolutions involved the executive committee for National and were inconsequential for us.

The PCC was awarded third place for the PG Activities Award and we received a certificate.

### **Officers and Committee Chairmen**

We have a BOM in September and our annual meeting in October. I recommend you start now for the BOM and annual reports to ensure we receive them prior to these meetings so we can distribute them to the membership.

### **Color Guard and Upcoming events**

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, PASSAR meeting, Ligonier, PA

August 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, Atlantic Middle States, Colonial Williamsburg, VA

August 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, Goshenhoppen Folk Festival

September 4<sup>th</sup>, BOM, Charlotte's, 11:00 AM

September 7<sup>th</sup>, Cooches Bridge, Newark, DE

September 8<sup>th</sup>, wreath laying, Brandywine Battlefield

September 14<sup>th</sup>, Constitution week luncheon

September 15<sup>th</sup>, DAR Constitution week at Washington Chapel

September 18<sup>th</sup>, Skippack encampment

## COLOR GUARD CORNER

The PCC color guard began its 2024 high activity season as, usual, with the Masons March on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Masons are always very appreciative that we provide colors and lead the procession of Free Masons from Christ Church to the grave site of Ben Franklin. President Steve Kopsick, SGT Rich Lind, Chaplin Glenn Tyson and I participated.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> one PCC member, Steve Kopsick, participated in presenting the colors at the PASSAR Annual Installation BOM. I participated as PASSAR commander.

The French Alliance Day celebration on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Washington Chapel Valley Forge is always an enjoyable experience and the PCC Color Guard was there to present the Colors and lead the procession to a Wreath Laying, followed by a wine and cheese reception. Participating were myself, SGT Rich Lind, CPL Spencer Snyder, former Pres. Bill Baker, and Chris Snyder

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, I and ladies auxiliary member, Randi Fonseca, dressed in garb and set up a recruitment table at the Pennypacker Mills Rev. War Days event.

Memorial Day is a multi-event day for the guard beginning with the Radnor parade, where I marched, along with SGT Rich Lind, Pres. Steve Kopsick, Mike Carver, and Mark Lanyon. Following the parade we presented the colors for the Wayne memorial service. After a lunch generously provided by the Wayne American Legion Post 668, the guard ended the day by presenting the colors for the Washington Square DAR/ CAR / SAR wreath laying, attended by Rich Lind, Bill Baker, Larry Magdy, Mike Carver, Glenn Tyson and myself.

Malvern holds its Memorial Day parade a week after Radnor and PCC Color Guard members Chris Snyder, Spencer Snyder, Mike Carver and new member Arlo Duff and myself were there. Afterwards we were asked to fire a volley at the Paoli Battlefield Memorial Day ceremony.

Another Color Guard busy day is Flag Day. The day began at the Constitution Center, where I raised the flag to start off the day's events. Immediately after the flag raising, PCC Color Guard members Former Pres. Bill Baker, SGT Rich Lind, Glenn Tyson and I fell in behind the Old Guard and marched to Independence



Masons March



Color Guard at Washington Square



Color Guard at the Radnor parade

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Hall for a celebration of the founding of the U.S. Army. Later that evening Bill and I presented the Colors at the DAR Lansdowne Flag raising.

The final activity of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024 for the Color Guard was The Battle of Monmouth National Color Guard Wreath Laying event on May 15<sup>th</sup>. It was attended by three PCC Color Guard members - Chris Snyder, Spencer Snyder and me. Afterward I participated in the battle reenactment with the 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment, the unit where my ancestor from Lancaster served.

Your Humble and Obedient servant,  
CPT Fred Fonseca

Lauren P. Tyree, Troop 19, Marshallton, Chester County Council, and Tyler Murphy, Troop 117, Plymouth Meeting, Cradle of Liberty Council, were recognized at the June 2024 picnic as the winners of the Chapter's 2023 SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Lauren received a certificate and a SAR Bronze Eagle Scout Medal Oak Leaf Cluster (representing a second award) and Tyler received a certificate and the SAR Bronze Eagle Scout Medal. Each Eagle Scout also received a check for \$200.



Pictured, from left, Tyler Murphy, Lauren Tyree, and Mark Burt, PCCSAR Eagle Scout Committee Chair

<b>New Members 4-11-24 to 7-6-24</b>	
<b>New Member</b>	<b>Patriot</b>
Eric Franz Weir	Peter Saurman
Brian Kent Long	John Barnhart
Peter Edward Bort	James Crocker
Eugene Pendergrass Hough	John Simpson
John Craig Jelliff, Jr.	Ezekial Mulford
Robert Lackland Monser	Joseph Lackland
David Paul Stowell	George Gensemer

## Philadelphia Continental Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

### Glimpses of Past Presidents

Earlier this year, a short article appeared in the January Newsletter about Harry P Glynn, who was the first recognized President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, from 1901 to 1908 when his death occurred. The "merger" of Philadelphia Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Continental Chapter did not occur until many years later. Following Harry Glynn's death in 1908, Mr Clarence Pryor Wynne(1876-1961) became President of the Chapter and remained in that position for just about a year. Mr. Moses Veale became chapter President in 1911, and remained in office about six years, dying in 1917 in his 85<sup>th</sup> year. He was succeeded to the chapter presidency by Eugene C Bonniwell, who served as chapter President from 1918 to 1921.

This brief article will review some aspects of their lives.

CLARENCE PRYOR WYNNE was born in Philadelphia PA October 13, 1876 and died June 30, 1951, following a fall that had occurred on June 21 in the state of Washington. In 1903, Mr. Wynne married Mary Gray John at St James Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. She died in 1905 and Clarence Wynne remarried Elizabeth Warren, who died in 1951, only a very short time after Mr. Wynne had died. Clarence Wynne was in the real estate and insurance business. He later became connected with the Munyon Remedy Company, which was a patent medical firm founded in 1892 in Philadelphia. He rose up to become Vice President of Munyon Remedy Company and was elected President of this company in 1922. Mr. Wynne was a prominent figure in fraternal and civic groups. He later located in Scranton PA and became President of the Scranton Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of several organizations in Philadelphia, including the Philadelphia Consistory (he was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason), a member of Lulu Temple and served as President of the Sons of the American Revolution (the Philadelphia Chapter) during 1909 and 1910. Mr. Wynne also served as an agent for the United States Court in Philadelphia, being an overseer of some bankruptcy and reorganization proceedings.

MOSES VEALE served as President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution from 1911 until his death in 1917. Mr Veale joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 1905, claiming his membership as a descendant of Delany Sharp of New Jersey, when he was past age seventy two. Mr. Veale was born November 9, 1832 in Bridgeton, Cumberland County, New Jersey, the son of Moses Veale, He became an attorney, and in later years, a health officer for the city of Philadelphia. Mr. Veale's obituary notice on July 28 1917, from a Wilkes Barre PA newspaper reads "War veteran dies after a long illness at the age of 85, in Philadelphia July 28, 1917, a Captain in the Civil War, a medal of honor recipient for actions at Wauhatchie, Tennessee, a survivor of the horrors of Libby Prison, and who was wounded five times during the Civil War." Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery-West. He fought in the Battles of Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Antietam, and Cabin Creek. He was married to Emma McDonald (1844-1914).

#### JUDGE EUGENE CLEOPHAS BONNIWELL, SR

Mr. Bonniwell was born September 25, 1872 in Philadelphia PA and died June 3, 1964 in Philadelphia PA. He married Madeleine Helene Cahill who lived from 1875 to 1929. After her death, Judge Bonniwell married Roberta C. Ranck in 1934. He was an attorney who practiced in Philadelphia PA and later became a Municipal Judge, serving forty years in this position. He ran for Governor of Pennsylvania in 1918 and 1926. He was defeated both times, but was the first Roman Catholic to run for Governor.

Mr. Bonniwell served as President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for three years, from 1918 to 1921. He was succeeded to the chapter Presidency by Herman W Fernberger.

John F Mitchell, Past President, Philadelphia Continental Chapter