

Philadelphia Continental Chapter SAR
Guidon

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Greetings Compatriots and Friends,

I am happy to welcome you to the Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This Guidon was developed to provide information to new members. The current concept is that it will be available online, at PCCSAR.org as well as sending a hard copy to each new member.

Our Chapter represents the four counties of Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery and Chester. We have a variety of events during the year including monthly meetings, color guard events and the annual picnic in June. We hope you will join us and become an active member of our Chapter. We have a number of activities which hopefully will fit into your interests.

Like the Chapter website, this Guidon is only of value if it is used and kept up to date. As you use it, I ask that you communicate your assessment to myself and/or the other officers, good as well as not-so-good, meaning an opportunity to improve.

Once again, I welcome you to the Philadelphia Continental Chapter and look forward to getting to meet you at one of our activities.

Fraternally,

Steve Kopsick
President
Philadelphia Continental Chapter
Pennsylvania Society
Sons of the American Revolution

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Introduction to the *Guidon*

This *Guidon* provides a handy reference to encourage participation in Chapter activities through a comprehensive collection of information about the Chapter and what it does. It also provides contact information on fellow members. As a new member you are encouraged to keep informed of Chapter activities by reading the quarterly Chapter *Compatriot News*, by referring to the Chapter website, www.pccsar.org, the State society's *Minuteman* magazine, as well as the National SAR quarterly magazine. They are all good tools to stay abreast of activity at all three levels. Please note that all members can participate in Chapter programs. This includes members living at a distance and those difficulties attending monthly meetings. The Chapter publishes a calendar which is updated periodically. The calendar includes all activities of the Chapter and those of its Color Guard. Members are urged to attend as many of the functions as possible.

The current calendar can be found in the section entitled *Chapter Events Calendar*, and as you can see there are many events that are held on evenings, on weekends, or on holidays. They range from the relaxed and fun picnic in June to the elegant black-tie installation banquet in November to the celebration of George Washington 's Birthday in February, just to name a few. In the following sections you will find a list and brief description of Chapter activities and awards committees. The programs are varied, but all serve the three core objectives of the SAR: Historical, Educational, Patriotic. They include Boy Scouts Awards, ROTC and JROTC awards, Student Contests, the SAR Knight Essay Contest, Patriotic Grave flags, markings and registration.

The Chapter has a Color Guard, always looking for a for a few (more) good men. See the *Color Guard* section in this *Guidon*.

For those living out-of-state (and there are many), please keep the Chapter posted on your patriotic activities. To its members the Philadelphia Continental Chapter is much more than a membership in a Hereditary Organization. It is a living, breathing, dedicated band of Sons of the American Revolution. Please review this *Guidon* to see where you can best put your talents to work.

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Who We Are

The Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution began as the Philadelphia Chapter on March 29, 1901. In December 1927, Chapter members from Germantown, Philadelphia established a separate "Continental" Chapter. Then in 1958, the two chapters merged. Philadelphia Continental Chapter is the largest chapter in the state, and one of the five largest chapters in the National Society. In its 120-year history, the Chapter's Compatriots have engaged in a wide range of patriotic, educational, and historical activities.

In 1922, its Board of Management commended the Philadelphia mayor for vetoing a City Council bill which would have allowed for the temporary removal of the Liberty Bell to other sections of the country.

In 1976, it hosted the National Society's Annual Congress for the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration.

The Chapter has donated funds to organizations which support and celebrate the American Revolution, including:

- Major commitment to the new Museum of the American Revolution in downtown Philadelphia,
- Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund toward the purchase of the 45-acre battlefield site in Malvern, Pennsylvania
- Washington Square restoration
- Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in Pennsylvania (W3R-PA)
- Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge National Park restoration
- Chapter Compatriots place individual Betsy Ross 13-star flags on close to 1500 Revolutionary graves annually.

Our Color Guard, dressed in Continental Army uniforms, is often seen at ceremonies around the area.

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The Chapter presents awards to deserving Eagle Scouts and to R.O.T.C. cadets in nearby high schools and universities, and participates in parades and ceremonies.

The Chapter provides scholarships to area college students attending area schools and studying U.S. history, government, or specified related fields.

For the year 2021, dues for the Chapter are \$25.00. This, combined with the \$25.00 dues of the State Society and the \$35.00 of the National Society, brings total SAR annual dues to \$85.00. Life memberships are available.

Chapter headquarters, like the State Society's, move with its Secretary's residence.

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WHAT WE WEAR

The Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (“Chapter”) does not have an overall dress policy. However, there are customary practices for dress at various Chapter functions. Below are some guidelines that may be helpful to Chapter members in dressing appropriately for attendance at Chapter functions.

Meetings of the Board of Management and of the Members

It is customary at meetings of the Board of Management and meetings of the Chapter that attendees usually wear a jacket and tie. If a tie is worn, it is normally a Sons of the American Revolution (“SAR”) tie, which ties can be purchased at the NSSAR online store:

<https://store.sar.org/storefront.aspx>

It is also customary for the member to wear the SAR rosette in the lapel of his jacket (but not on an overcoat). Each member of the Chapter is presented with an SAR rosette at the first meeting he attends, and additional rosettes also may be purchased at the NSSAR online store.



At Chapter business meetings, it is not customary to wear orders and decorations. An exception is that Presidents and Past Presidents of the Chapter wear their member badge on a neck ribbon, which ribbon also contains stars showing the number of the President’s supplemental Patriot. Also, while it is not customary at our Chapter, if a member so desires, full size SAR medals are permitted to be worn on the left chest. The order of precedence for wearing full size SAR medals can be found at:

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<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/NSSAR-Handbook-Volume-IV-10-Dec-2022.pdf>

Formal Occasions

When the Chapter sponsors formal occasions (e.g., the annual Installation of Officers banquet) the invitation will specify “***Black Tie, Orders and Decorations***.” Presidents and Past Presidents of the Chapter wear their member badge on a neck ribbon, and all attendees wear miniature medals on the left breast of their tuxedo jacket. This may include miniature medals for military service, and membership medals and decorations awarded by other patriotic and lineage societies to which the member belongs. The order of precedence for wearing miniature medals can be found at:

<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/NSSAR-Handbook-Volume-IV-10-Dec-2022.pdf>

Informal Casual Occasions

When the Chapter sponsors informal occasions (e.g., the Annual Picnic), informal casual wear is appropriate, but e.g.: no sleeveless tee shirts, no flip-flops, and no backwards baseball caps.

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History of the National Society SAR

Effective: August 1, 2021

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Formation of the National Society SAR

In 1876 there were many celebrations to commemorate the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. As part of this patriotic fervor, individuals formed several organizations of Revolutionary War descendants whose purpose was to honor those men and women who gave their “lives, fortunes, and sacred honor” to securing independence from Great Britain. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is an outgrowth of these Revolutionary War inspired lineage organizations.

Society of the Cincinnati

To understand much of the formation of later societies of Revolutionary War descendants, one must acknowledge the formation and membership requirements of the Society of the Cincinnati. The Society of the Cincinnati, formed in 1783, was open to (1) an officer of the Continental Army or Navy who (a) served to the end of the war as an officer with a Line (not Militia or State) regiment, (b) resigned with honor after a minimum of three years’ service, or (c) was rendered supernumerary or was honorably discharged after three years of service; or (2) an officer who served with the French forces under Rochambeau or DeGrasse. The Cincinnati provided for hereditary membership following the line of the eldest male in each generation, using the rule of primogeniture, for descendants of these Original Members.

In 1854, the Cincinnati expanded its membership to include those descendants of officers who could have, but did not, become Original Members. Hereditary membership for this class also follows the line of the eldest male in each generation, using the rule of primogeniture.

If a direct male descendant is lacking, a collateral male descendant may be eligible for membership, if properly qualified and approved by the Cincinnati. Only one male descendant may represent an eligible officer at any time.

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The Sons of Revolutionary Sires

Instituted October 22, 1875, the Sons of Revolutionary Sires appears to be the first organization that actively encouraged membership by descendants of all Revolutionary War patriots. For years following the American Revolution, surviving veterans would participate in Independence Day parades; by 1876, none of these veterans remained. James P. Dameron, of San Francisco, conceived the idea of a group of Revolutionary patriot descendants participating in the Centennial Fourth of July celebrations in honor of these departed veterans. On June 29, 1876, the Alta California published the following notice:

1776

1876

ATTENTION! DESCENDANTS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOTS.

Headquarters Centennial Committee
212 Kearney Street
San Francisco, June 28, 1876

You are hereby requested to meet at the Headquarters of the Grand Marshal, No. 212 Kearney street, at 8 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, June 29, for the purpose of making arrangements to participate in the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Nation's Independence.

CHAS. L. WIGGIN,
Chief of Staff to the Grand Marshall.

As requested in the notice, about twenty-five descendants of Revolutionary War patriots met on the evening of June 29, 1876 for the purpose of organizing themselves to participate in the Centennial Fourth of July celebrations. The assembled group resolved to call themselves the Sons of Revolutionary Sires ("SRS") for participation in the celebration and elected General Adolphus M. Winn – the first Mayor of San Francisco in 1849 and 1850 – as chairman.

On July 1, 1876, the SRS met at the Palace Hotel to accept an official invitation to march in the Fourth of July parade. After accepting an additional thirty-one members, the SRS adjourned until July 4, 1876. At 9:30 in the morning on the Fourth of July, the members of the SRS – now totaling about eighty – gathered at the Palace Hotel to participate in the parade. Following the parade, the SRS returned to the Palace Hotel

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where Mr. Dameron delivered an address and congratulated the assembly on the success of their effort to commemorate their ancestors' deeds. It was at this meeting that the assembled members unanimously resolved to officially organize the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. The SRS met on July 9, 1876 to elect officers (including electing General Winn as the first SRS president) and again on August 2, 1876 to approve a constitution, bylaws and articles of incorporation.

Following its formation, the SRS endeavored to publicize its formation and establish other branches throughout the United States with the cooperation of other Revolutionary War descendants. Although generally unsuccessful in establishing societies outside California, the SRS provided copies of their formation documents and annual bulletins to several prominent individuals, including Major Asa Bird Gardiner of the New York Society of the Cincinnati. Instead of forming a SRS society in New York, Major Gardiner opted to assist in the organization of the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

Shortly after the organization of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the SRS began reorganizing itself in strict conformance with the new SAR Constitution and Bylaws. On March 22, 1890, the SRS officially renamed itself the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution

The formation of the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution stems from the membership criteria of the Society of the Cincinnati. On June 16, 1873, Horatio Gates Stevens, Vice President of the New York Society of the Cincinnati, died. His eldest son, John Rhineland Stevens was admitted into the New York society in his father's place. The next year John Austin Stevens, half cousin of John Rhineland Stevens, petitioned the society for membership, proposing that the Cincinnati accept junior lines and multiple descendants per officer. The New York Society of the Cincinnati rejected the proposal.

In December 1875, John Austin Stevens informally organized the Sons of the Revolution in New York City and held a meeting on January 15, 1876 at the New York Historical Society for the purpose of organizing descendants "of officers or soldiers of the Revolutionary Army" to participate in the Philadelphia Centennial Independence ceremonies. The group saw little growth until 1883, when Major Gardner assisted with the formation of the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution. On December 4, 1883, the New York Society held a dinner in the "Long Room" of Fraunces Tavern

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commemorating George Washington's farewell dinner to his officers, which was held in the same room of Fraunces Tavern in 1783. The New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution met on April 19, 1884 to adopt a constitution and bylaws. The society incorporated in New York on May 3, 1884.

The April 19, 1884 constitution contained two provisions that would later result in the formation of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The first was a provision that seven individuals living outside the state of New York could petition the New York Society to create an "auxiliary branch" of the society in their respective state. The second provision at issue deemed those individuals who had an office in New York to be residents of New York for membership purposes. A third provision of the Society's constitution, adopted on April 11, 1889, required an "auxiliary branch" to be bound by the provisions of the New York Society's April 11, 1889 constitution, "without power to alter or amend the same."

By April 2, 1889, there were societies of the "Sons of the Revolution" in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut and Vermont. Only the Pennsylvania Society, which was formed in March 1888, was officially recognized by the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Both the New Jersey and Connecticut societies' charters had been rejected.

The Society of the Sons of the Revolution of New Jersey

Several members of the New York Society of Sons of the Revolution resided in New Jersey. In February 1889, some of these individuals called upon all New Jersey-resident members of the New York Society to meet on March 7, 1889 in Newark, NJ for the purpose of organizing a New Jersey branch of the New York Society. Josiah C. Pumpelly, Alexander Wilder and William O. McDowell attended the March 7, 1889 meeting and organized the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the Revolution, including adopting a constitution and electing certain officers (although they postponed the election of a President). The members also adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, There are now organized Societies of the Sons of the Revolution in the States of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; and

Whereas, It is desirable, in view of the approaching one-hundredth anniversary of the Inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States, that there shall be sister societies organized in every State and Territory in the Union, particularly

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in the thirteen original States, that their members may participate in this Centennial Celebration;

Resolved, that the President of this Society, when elected, and the two Delegates to the National Society are hereby appointed a Committee to invite the appointment of a like Committee from the New York and Pennsylvania Societies, to co-operate with them and to meet with the descendants of Revolutionary ancestors in the different States and Territories, and assist in organizing Societies whose membership shall be composed exclusively of descendants of Revolutionary Statesmen, Soldiers and Sailors.

Immediately following the meeting, five more individuals joined the New Jersey Society. On March 8, 1889, having satisfied the New York Society's requirement of seven individuals residing outside of New York, J.C. Pumpelly, Secretary of the New Jersey Society, forwarded a notice of formation to the New York Society, request for issuance of a charter and copies of the above resolution. On March 21, 1889, the members elected General William Scudder Stryker, Adjutant-General of the State of New Jersey, President of the New Jersey Society.

The New York Society declined the New Jersey Society's application, asserting that the application did not conform to the requirements of the New York Society's constitution. The primary objections from the New York Society were that not all of the New Jersey members were members of the New York Society and the New York Society and the Pennsylvania Society were sufficiently close to New Jersey such that the formation of a separate New Jersey Society was not necessary.

The New Jersey Society did not agree with the action of the New York Society, but continued to reach out to the New York Society and offered to reorganize the New Jersey Society in such a way as to be satisfactory to the New York Society. The New Jersey Society also requested that the New York Society, as the first society of the Sons of the Revolution, call a convention of other state societies for the purpose of forming a national society of co-equal state societies of the Sons of the Revolution. On April 16, 1889, the New York Society again rejected the New Jersey Society's request for a charter and declined to organize a national society.

At a meeting on April 20, 1889, the New Jersey Society changed its name to ally itself with the Sons of Revolutionary Sires because the New York Society objected to the use of "Sons of the Revolution" by the "unauthorized" New Jersey Society. The members of the New Jersey Society reiterated their resolve to form an independent national society and crafted a statement to be sent to other state societies of the Sons of the Revolution regarding their grievances with the New York Society.

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Because of the New York Society's reluctance, the New Jersey Society spearheaded the formation of a national society and issued the following "Call for a Convention to Organize a National Society of the Sons of the Revolution" on April 10, 1889:

The special committee of the "SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION of New Jersey," to whom was referred the duty of inviting the organizing of a co-equal sister Society in every State and Territory in the Union and in France, each Society electing delegates to organize a National Society, made up of the president, one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for each one hundred or fraction of one hundred, exceeding fifty, members; every Society to be entitled to at least three representatives, hereby calls a meeting of such delegates to the National Society, elected or to be elected, to take place at 9 A. M., April 30, 1889, the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States, in Fraunces's Tavern, New York, corner of Pearl and Broad streets, in the room where General Washington made his farewell address to the officers of the Revolutionary Army (which has kindly been placed at our disposal by the proprietor for that purpose). It is hoped that every Society will be fully represented.

WM. O. MCDOWELL, Chairman.
WM. S. STRYKER,
W. C. PUMPELLY,

Special Committee.

The Special Committee sent the above notice to each of the thirteen state societies in existence by April 30, 1889, including California, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Maryland, Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, and New Hampshire. In addition, the Special Committee forwarded the following message to the Governors of those states who did not have a society of the Sons of the Revolution.

National Organization of the "Sons of the Revolution,"
No. 20 Spruce Street, Newark, N. J., April 19th, 1889.

In the organizing of the National Society of the Sons of the Revolution, April 30th, 1889, the Centennial day of our government, it is, in the opinion of this committee, very desirable that every State and Territory in the Union, and the French Society, shall be represented at the meeting called for 9 o'clock a. m., that day, at Fraunces's Tavern, on the corner of Pearl and Broad Streets, N. Y., in the room where General Washington

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made his farewell address to the officers of the Revolutionary Army; and, in view of the fact that the time is too short in which to complete the organizing of a Society of "Sons of the Revolution" in every State and Territory in time, so that they can elect delegates to this meeting, it has been decided by this committee, to request the Governor of every State and Territory in which a Society of the " Sons of the Revolution " shall not have been organized on the date of the receipt of this, to appoint three delegates, descendants of a Revolutionary ancestry, by either the male or female line, to represent those in their State entitled to membership at the organization of the National Society, and after the adjournment to take charge of organizing their State Societies. It has been further decided to invite the Centennial President, Governor of every State and Territory, and President of each of the great American Colleges, in so far as they are eligible to membership, to participate in this meeting, as special delegates. Governors will please telegraph the names and addresses of the gentlemen they appoint as soon as possible to our Chairman. If they cannot name residents of their State that can arrive in time, if they will telegraph authorizing this committee to appoint representatives for them, we will select descendants of distinguished Revolutionary Soldiers and Statesmen to represent them. The meeting after organizing will adjourn until after May 1st to complete its work. Successful Societies have already been formed, or are forming, in the States of California, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, South Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Maryland, Missouri and New Hampshire.

WM. O. MCDOWELL, Chairman.

WM. S. STRYKER,

J. C. PUMPELLY.

Special Committee of the Sons of the Revolution of New Jersey, appointed for this purpose. In response to these messages, every existing society of the Sons of the Revolution, except the New York Society, sent delegates to the April 30, 1889 meeting at Fraunces Tavern. In addition, the following states also sent delegates to Fraunces Tavern: Indiana, Delaware, West Virginia, Arkansas, Alabama and Illinois.

Formation of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

At the call of the New Jersey Society for a national convention, the assembled delegates met at 9:00 a.m. on April 30, 1889 in the "Long Room" of Fraunces Tavern. The date marked the centennial of George Washington's inauguration as the first President of the United States.

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After calling the meeting to order, William O. McDowell was nominated to chair the meeting and the assembled delegates resolved to organize a national society of the Sons of the Revolution. Based on comments received from a Pennsylvania Society delegate, Mr. McDowell recommended that the convention organize a national society on a temporary basis and then adjourn to a more convenient date. The Pennsylvania Society delegation advocated this course of action as well as the wholesale adoption of the New York Society's Constitution, which would have required the assembled state societies to become "auxiliary branches" of the New York Society. During the ensuing debate, the delegates from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maryland and South Carolina opposed any delay stating that: delegates had come to New York to form a national organization; that attending an adjourned meeting would be inconvenient for many of the current delegates; and that adoption of the New York Society constitution was unacceptable.

The delegates appointed a Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and a Committee on Nomination of Permanent Officers and then adjourned until the following day.

On May 1, 1889, the delegates assembled at 9:30 a.m. at the Produce Exchange. The proposed Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society were read, section by section, and unanimously adopted by the delegates. The delegates also elected officers and instructed the officers to incorporate the national society in Connecticut.

The delegates also debated as to the appropriate name for the National Society. The New Jersey Society and the California Society of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires advocated for the adoption of a National Society of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. The assembled delegates instead chose "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." While "Sons of the Revolution" would have been the most obvious choice (given its use by all of the assembled state societies with the exception of California), the New York Society had demonstrated its reluctance to allow the New Jersey Society to use the name. Further, the delegates felt that adopting a completely different name would be burdensome to the majority of organized state societies and would operate as a barrier to an ultimate unification with the New York Society. Despite these concerns, the delegates believed that the difference between the New York Society and the new national society needed to be formally indicated. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was born.

Important Milestones in the History of the SAR

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The first social meeting of the SAR was held at Delmonico's Restaurant in New York City on March 1, 1890, with 110 compatriots present from throughout the United States. The first SAR National Congress was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 30, 1890. A refined Constitution and other major issues were decided. Membership required lineal descent from a Revolutionary Patriot. At the end of the first year, the membership of the SAR was 2,500 in 28 Societies. The first membership certificate, National Number 1 was assigned to William Osborne McDowell of the New Jersey Society. Annual dues were set at 25 cents.

In 1893, the Elizabethtown Chapter, the first chapter in the Sons of the American Revolution, was formed by the New Jersey Society.

During the term of President General Edward S. Barrett of the Massachusetts, the French Society was formed in September 1897. In 1918 it became the custom, inaugurated by the French Society, of flying the American flag continuously over the grave of the Marquis de Lafayette in the Picpus Cemetery in Paris. During World War II, German forces respected the tradition and the American flag flew over Lafayette's grave every day. In May 1945 the French Society was reorganized and every year since has participated in a ceremony at the grave of Lafayette.

An early SAR resolution resulted in the United States Congress passing a law directing the War Department to collect and properly store Revolutionary War Records.

The Massachusetts Society initiated a program to suitably mark the graves of Patriots. In 1894, a marker was placed on the grave of Marquis General de Lafayette in Paris, France, and in 1896, a marker was also placed on Benjamin Franklin's grave in Philadelphia. The decade of 1900 to 1910 was a period when the SAR erected hundreds of tablets and monuments to commemorate the deeds and memories of Revolutionary War events and patriots. Many of these memorials were imposing tributes. Today, SAR members seek out Patriot graves to place the SAR marker. Other chapters and societies conduct wreath-laying ceremonies at Patriot graves.

In 1926, during the 37th SAR Annual Congress, an action was initiated to secure a national Headquarters in the nation's capital. Fifty-three years later our National Headquarters was moved to 1000 South Fourth Street, in Louisville, Kentucky. At the Trustees/Leadership meeting in the spring of 2008, the SAR voted to purchase a building in the museum district of Louisville to be the new headquarters and SAR Education Center and Museum.

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Harold Putnam and Harold Marshall wrote the SAR Pledge that is said at the beginning of each meeting. It was first adopted by the California Society in 1939 and later adopted by the Trustees of the National Society at Washington, DC, in 1954.

Source: *Official Handbook, Volume VII, Summary History of the SAR*. Available at www.sar.org. Accessed online on 14 December, 2022.

History – Pennsylvania Society

The Pennsylvania Society - SAR was organized in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 23, 1893, with 25 charter members, all from the District of Columbia Society - since the National headquarters was then located in Washington, D.C. Colonel William A. Herron was the first president, serving until 1900. Nowadays, presidents serve only one year.

By 1902, membership had grown to 378 - and by 2020 has reached more than 1500. The Pennsylvania Society, like the other State Societies across the nation, is authorized to issue chapter charters within the state. In Pennsylvania, there are now 23 local chapters, plus an "at large" chapter.

The Society holds quarterly meetings - hosted around the state in turn by the local chapters - at which Pennsylvania members and their guests foregather, dine and get acquainted, and the Compatriots conduct business of state-wide concern. Medals and awards are presented to members and other Americans for patriotic activities and civic services, and donations made to worthy historical and genealogical projects, associated with the colonial and Revolutionary period. A quarterly magazine, *The Minuteman*, containing reports and articles, is also published. The State Society headquarters is moveable, the mailing address being wherever the State Secretary happens to reside.

Source: webpage of the Pennsylvania Society SAR, www.passar.org. Data collected on 3/21/2023.

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History – Philadelphia Continental Chapter

The History and Purposes of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter SAR, as compiled by Past Presidents Armstrong and Cole

Philadelphia Continental Chapter is the largest chapter in the state, and one of the five largest chapters in the National Society. In its 117-year history, the Chapter's Compatriots have engaged in a wide range of patriotic, educational, and historical activities. The Philadelphia Continental Chapter - SAR was approved March 29, 1901, receiving its charter June 4 in that year from the Pennsylvania Society - Sons of the American Revolution. That was about eight years after the State Society itself was organized in Pittsburgh in November 1893. It was 12 years after our national society was established at Fraunce's Tavern in New York City - where General George Washington bid farewell to officers of the Continental Army in 1783. Our Chapter is Pennsylvania's oldest in continuous activity, the previous two having closed down for some time before their later reactivation.

Philadelphia Continental Chapter members have served the four-county area of Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties now over 100 years. In that time, our Chapter has spawned two smaller SAR chapters. Members from Germantown, Philadelphia, formed the separate Continental Chapter in December 1927, but 30 years later, in 1958, the two chapters were reunited - assuming our present name. In November 2001, a second spin-off - inspired by our Chapter's Past-President Russ Greenspan - was the Washington Crossing Chapter, of Bucks County. It received its new charter at our Annual Installation Dinner in Philadelphia from then States Society President Arnold Emerson, of Hollidaysburg.

Both our Chapter's membership and its activities have grown rapidly over the years, with its Compatriots - as SAR members are called - engaging in a wide range of patriotic, historical, and educational activities promoted by the Society. The Chapter regularly wins the State annual Activities Award and has won the National Society

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award also in past years. Our quarterly newsletter has won awards twice. One of the largest SAR chapters in the country, we have over 400 members.

Many of our Chapter's members have held high offices at both the State and National levels. Prominent among them was Warren G. Hayes, Jr., Chapter President in 1970, State President in 1976-7, and National Society President-General in 1983-4. Past President Rev. David A. Hockensmith served as National Chaplain General in 2005. Long-time Chapter Secretary, William G. Dorwart, our President in 1982, became State President in 1989-90. Our 1996 President, James E. Musslewhite, was State President in 1998-9, and then served as PASSAR Treasurer. J. Thomas Showler, another past Chapter President, served as State Society President from May 2002 to 2003. Many other Chapter compatriots have served as State officers and committee chairmen, and the trend continues today. [Additional Presidents of the Pennsylvania Society supplied by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter in more recent years include Lanny Patten in 2008, J. Thomas Showler again in 2010, Gregory Shively in 2017 and Wayne Strasbaugh in 2019.]

In 1922, our Chapter's Board of Management commended Philadelphia's mayor for vetoing a City Council bill that would have allowed the temporary removal of the Liberty Bell to other sections of the country. In 1925, the Chapter voted to oppose renaming Valley Forge a "Cantonment." In September 1931, Chapter President Lawrence Hickman served as chairman of the reception committee for greeting the USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") when it visited Philadelphia for 13 days. In 1932, we formed our first Color Guard - dressed in Continental Army uniforms - and it helped us celebrate in 1935 Ben Franklin's Birthday on January 17th. In 1937, one of our members, Atwater Kent, provided funds for the much-needed restoration of the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia. In 1976, we hosted the National Society's Annual Congress that celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. In 1996, our Color Guard changed its uniform to resemble that of Washington's Life Guard - complete with scarlet vests, white cross-belts for the

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musketees, and distinctive white-on black rosettes on the tri-corn hats. Color Guardsmen sport red bow ties with their formal wear when attending our chapter officers' Installation Dinners.

In 1976, it hosted the National Society's Annual Congress for the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration.

Chapter Color Guard

The Chapter's Color Guard personifies promoting patriotism, and the accomplishments of the American Revolutionary War soldier, all to the end of keeping alive the flame of the deeds of our patriot ancestors. It does this by:

- Participating in community and veteran's parades ,
- Presenting colors at SAR and DAR functions,
- Special salutes to Revolutionary War fallen, including those memorialized at Philadelphia's Washington Square Tomb of the Unknown,
- Leading the "March In" and "March Out" commemorating General Washington and his army's entry into Valley Forge, as well as their departure,
- Presenting colors at the mass swearing in of new U.S. citizens in Philadelphia,
- Occasionally providing an honor guard for Revolutionary War soldiers' grave dedications,
- And many other ways

The Color Guard has participated in approximately 35 events annually. Like the Chapter, its Color Guard has a very long history. The Color Guard members wear the uniform of the "Commander-in-Chief's Guard", or as it was traditionally called, "Washington's Life Guard" (1). The coat is blue with buff facing, breeches are buff, and the waistcoat is scarlet. They carry the special unit's standard, on which is emblazoned its motto: "Conquer or Die". At Valley Forge, the "Guard" assisted General von Steuben

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in drilling the encamped farmer-soldiers into a battle-ready force... a battle-ready force that pushed the British off the field at Monmouth, New Jersey shortly after leaving Valley Forge.

The new citizen mass swearing in ceremonies by the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services takes part in restoration and rendering honors at Revolutionary War grave sites and at the Tomb

of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier in Washington Square. The color guard wears the uniform of the "Commander-in-Chiefs Guard", or Washington's Life Guard, as it was commonly known. The uniform is a blue frock coat with buff facings, and britches, white stockings, and a distinctive scarlet waistcoat, all topped with a black tri-corn hat. It is widely rumored that the color guard has the most fun of any facet of the Chapter activity, and new members are always welcomed.

Color Guard events calendar

2022-23

--- UPCOMING EVENTS ---

June

- 4th Malvern Memorial Day Parade 1:30 PM
- meet at Malvern Fire House, 424 East King Street
- 11th Chapter Picnic, Fenimore Woods, Wayne - SUNDAY 11:30 AM
- 14th Stars and Stripes Festival, Betsy Ross House 9:00 AM
- 14th Stars and Stripes Festival, Constitution Center 10:00 AM
- 14th Stars and Stripes Festival, Independence Hall 11:00 AM
- 14th DAR Flag Day Service, Lansdowne 7:00 PM
- 17th Monmouth Wreath Laying 10:00 AM
- 19th March Out, Valley Forge National Historical Park TBD

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- 1st Let Freedom Ring, Betsy Ross House 10:00 AM
- 2nd Shinnick Patriot Grave Marking - Old Zion Churchyard 1:30 PM
- 4th East Vincent Township Program, Route 23 9:00 AM
- 11th Register of Wills Meeting at the Center City Marriott 9:00 AM
- 11th Children's Naturalization at Betsy Ross House 10:00 AM
- 15th Newsletter deadline

August

- 11th & 12th Goshenhoppen Folk Festival Aug 11: 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Henry Antes House, Upper Frederick Twp. Aug 12: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

September

- 2nd Cooch's Bridge Newark, Delaware 10:00 AM
- 11th Battle of Brandywine Wreath Laying 11:00 AM
- 16th 51st Annual SAR-DAR Constitution Day Luncheon- Alloy (was Double Tree by Hilton)
 - King of Prussia Call Time is 10:00 AM
- 17th PSSDAR Constitution Week Prayer Service,
- Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, PA 1:00 PM
- Chapel is on Rte 23 adjacent to VFNHP (Call Time is 12:00 PM)
- 17th Paoli Heritage Day - Membership Recruitment Table 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- 20th Paoli Massacre Wreath Laying DIRECTIONS 7:00 PM

October

- 1st Battle of Germantown
- 15th 1696 Massey House Harvest Day Festival 10:30 AM Ceremony
- 23rd Battle of Red Bank * Red Bank NJ 12:30 PM

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- National CG Event

- - - COMPLETED EVENTS - - -

November

- 4th PCC Installation of Officers
- 11th Veterans' Day Flag-raising Downingtown-Thorndale C of C 11:00 AM
- 11th Constitution Center Flag Raising 11:00 AM
- 12th Skippack Creek Chapter DAR dedicating marker 10:00 AM
 - Old Goshenhoppen Church

December

- 11th Wreath Laying at Trenton Battle Monument, Trenton * 10:00 AM
- 11th Reenactment at Washington's Crossing, PA 12:30 PM
- 11th Wreath Laying at Washington's Crossing, PA * 3:30 PM
- 13th Lucia Celebration, Christ Church, Swedesburg, PA 6:15 PM
- 17th Wreaths Across America [1], Phila.Nat'l Cemetery, Phila, PA * 12:00 NOON
- 17th Wreaths Across America [2], Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery, West Chester * 2:00 PM
- 18th Wreaths Across America [3], Boehm's Church, Blue Bell * 11:00 AM
- 21st Opening Villanova University Basketball Games: Women 11:30 AM
 - Men 6:30 PM
- 31st Opening Villanova University Basketball Game: Men 2:00 PM
- National CG Events

January

- 8th Wreath Laying at Princeton Battlefield * 11:30 AM
- 8th Opening Villanova University Basketball Games: Women 2:00 PM
- 8th Wreath Laying at Battle of Assunpink Creek * 2:30 PM

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- National CG Events

February

- 4th PASSAR Quarterly Meeting, Alloy Hotel, King of Prussia
- 12th Probation and Parole Assoc. Conference in Phila. 3:00 PM
- 18th George Washington Birthday Celebration,
- Color Guard march-off to Washington Square 11:00 AM
- Color Guard to Independence Hall 11:30 AM

Officer Roles and Responsibilities

The roles of the officers are provided below, except for additional powers as shall be delegated to them by the Board of Management. Officers' roles and responsibilities are provided in Chapter By-Laws.

President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and the Board of Management, and have a casting vote. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding Officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and of the regulations and rules of the Society. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and delegates to the State Meetings and National Congress. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. The President shall make a report to the Annual Meeting.

Vice Presidents

Serves on the Executive Committee and on the Board of Management.

First Vice president also serves as the Chairman of the Finance Committee;

Serves as President in absence of President

The Vice Presidents shall perform such duties as usually appertain to their offices, and shall promote the interests and activities of the Society and the Chapter. They shall encourage the enrollment of new members. Over the years, the First and Second Vice

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Presidents have been directed to take special interest in committees so as to promote their knowledge and development while holding the VP positions, as follows:

First Vice President	Second Vice President
Finance Committee	Washington's Birthday Celebration
Flag Certificates	Public Relations
Programs	Webmaster – Database
DAR / CAR Liaison	Newsletter
Veteran's and Military Affairs	Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee
Graves Registration & Flagging	Knight's Essay Committee
Membership	ROTC / JROTC Awards Committee
Color Guard	Williamson College of the Trades Award
Americanism Committee	External Awards

Secretary

Serves on the Board of Management and the Executive Committee

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Chapter and such other matters as may be directed by the Board of Management. He shall:

- maintain current version of the By-Laws, records, and minutes of the Chapter.
- together with the presiding Officer shall certify all acts of the Chapter.
- keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Chapter.
- give notice to the several Officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties.
- notify all members of their election.
- and under the direction of the President or Vice President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Chapter and attend the same.
- provide a copy of the minutes of the Board of Management to each of its members.

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Treasurer

Serves on the Board of Management, the Executive Committee, and the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Chapter. The funds shall be drawn by the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Chapter. He shall

- keep a true account of his receipts and payments and at each Annual Meeting render the same to the Chapter in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- collect and keep the funds and securities of the Chapter. The funds of the Chapter shall be deposited in a bank or savings association, or a trust company, provided any such institution is insured by the Federal Government or its Agencies, or in bonds, bills and obligations of the Federal Government or its agencies which are guaranteed by the Federal Government, or in securities of publicly traded entities listed on a national exchange, having a the name of or to the credit of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. The funds shall be drawn by the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Chapter.
- make such other reports as may be required by the Board of Management.
- provide assistance to the committee or Regular Member appointed by the President to audit his accounts each year, generally within 2 months of year-end.

Chancellor

Serves on the Board Management and the Executive Committee.

The Chancellor shall be an attorney-at-law and it shall be his duty to give opinions on all legal matters affecting the Chapter when such questions are referred to him by the proper Officers or by the Board. It shall be his responsibility to advise Officers and committee chairmen as to conformity of proposed actions with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chapter, the State Society and the National Society.

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Registrar

Serves on the Board of Management.

The Registrar is the officer responsible for maintaining the roster of Chapter members, and he shall:

- communicate with current SAR members interested in transferring to or from the Philadelphia Continental Chapter or becoming a dual member.
- produce an annual report for the Annual Meeting showing the PCC membership numbers with comparisons to the prior year end.
- receive payments from new members (through the Genealogist) and deposit checks payable to Chapter in the Chapter checking account. Checks payable to PASSAR that are received on new, junior, and supplemental applications are forwarded with the applications to the PASSAR Registrar who forwards them to National Headquarters.
- maintain awareness of deaths of PCC Compatriots and communicate notice of the deaths to PCC membership and to PASSAR.
- facilitate reinstatements for Compatriots who become late in making their dues payments and wish to bring their SAR membership up-to-date, even in cases where several years may have passed since the individual was dropped from active membership.

Genealogist

Serves on the Board of Management

The Genealogist is the Chapter officer responsible for processing applications and shall:

- communicate with prospective members.
- maintain an “inventory” of (1) new contacts interested in joining, (2) new applications received and sent to PASSAR, and (3) applications approved by National Headquarters.

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- assist in completing applications including:
 - verifying genealogical information from submitted applications along with supporting documentation.
 - assist in finding missing connections in sources acceptable to SAR Staff Genealogist.
- stay in touch with applicants, find out what kind of help they need.
- encourage new members to join a meeting or event after they have been approved.
- provide a list of new members for the quarterly PCC newsletter.
- provide recently approved new members to Chapter officers and Membership Committee with contact information.
- forward completed application, admission fees, and dues to Chapter Registrar for approval and forwarding to PASSAR Registrar.
- working with applicants, PASSAR Registrar and the Staff Genealogist at National Headquarters resolve any issues with applications pending further clarification.

Color Guard Captain

Serves on the Board of Management

The Color Guard Captain shall direct the activities of the Chapter's Color Guard. He will be in charge of the storage, maintenance, and use of the Chapter's flags and related equipment as required by the proper Officers or by the Board. The Color Guard captain is the point of contact for all organizations who request services of the Color Guard.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Serves on the Board of Management

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall act as an assistant to the Color Guard Captain

Chaplain

Serves on the Board of Management

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The Chaplain shall open and close meetings of the Chapter and of the Board with religious services usual and proper on such occasions, when so directed by the President, or by the Chairman of the meeting.

Historian

Serves on the Board of Management

The Historian shall keep the records of the historical and commemorative meetings of the Chapter. He shall

- Maintain an historical file (i.e., scrap book) of events in which the Chapter participates throughout the year
- The Historian has traditionally prepared a history of a prior year in our quarterly Chapter newsletter.

Aide to the President

The President-elect is authorized to appoint a member to serve as his Aide during his term as President who shall, by reason of such appointment, take the oath as an Officer. Recent practice is that the immediate Past President serves in this role.

Board of Management

The Board of Management (BOM) is the entity which controls and manages the Philadelphia Continental Chapter SAR (PCCSAR).

- The BOM is made up of 12 Board members plus 12 officers of the Chapter.
- Each year a “class” of four (4) Board members is elected by the membership for a term of three (3) years. For example, the Class of 2025 were elected at the Annual Meeting in October 2022 and will serve a three-year term from November 2022 through November 2025.
- The twelve (12) officers are elected for one-year terms and include a President, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a

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Chaplain, an Historian, a Chancellor, a Genealogist, a Color Guard Captain, and a Sergeant-at-Arms.

- As a practical matter, some PCC officers have also been elected to one of the three active BOM classes; thus, there are less than 24 total members of the BOM (in 2023 there are 19).
- The BOM must approve changes to the By-Laws.
- Seven (7) members of the BOM must be present at a meeting to be able to transact business.
- BOM members must attend half of the BOM meetings in order to continue on the Board. This requirement allows absences not to count if they are excused, and may not apply to officers who are Board members by virtue of holding their office.
- The BOM controls whether an officer may hold two offices at the same time. This would occur when the Chairman of the Nominating Committee presents his report to the BOM in September of each year.
- Between BOM meetings, the Executive Committee acts for the Board.
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COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

INTRODUCTION

There are currently 22 committees recognized in the Philadelphia Continental Chapter. Generally, they are made up of nine (9) Permanent Committees which are laid out in ARTICLE XIV of the By-Laws plus thirteen (13) Special Committees which have been established by the President and or Board over the years. Two special committees, America 250 and SAR 2024 Congress Planning, have been added to provide for special circumstances over the next several years.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1	Americanism	Permanent
2	Auditing	Permanent
3	Awards	Permanent

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4	Finance	Permanent
5	Flag Certificate	Permanent
6	Graves	Permanent
7	Membership	Permanent
8	Newsletter	Permanent
9	Nominating	Permanent

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1	America 250	Special
2	Brochure	Special
3	BSA Eagle Scout	Special
4	CAR/DAR	Special
5	Chapter Activities	Special
6	Greenspan	Special
7	Knight Essay	Special
8	Military Affairs	Special
9	Poster Contest	Special
10	ROTC/JROTC	Special
11	SAR 2024 Congress Planning	Special
12	Student/Teacher	Special
13	Webmaster	Special

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

Its duties are to engage in such activities as will aid, maintain, and extend the institutions of American Freedom (See Handbook of National Society). This Committee shall also promote and furnish patriotic instruction as directed by the Board, giving special attention to the development of good citizenship and a proper knowledge of the American Constitution and the institution of American Freedoms.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Its duties are to audit the books and records of the Treasurer. It shall make a report to the President within sixty (60) days after the end of the fiscal year.

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AWARDS COMMITTEE

This Committee is responsible for the administration of many of the various awards programs established by the Chapter. It shall also review and recommend to the Board and the President the establishment of additional award programs and the granting of awards to individuals. In 2022, we decided that the Awards Committee should be chaired by the Second Vice President. Examples of some of the more important awards that the Chapter presents include Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, Heroism, etc. A full description of all of the awards can be found in the Recognition Awards section of this Guidon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

This Committee consists of the 1st Vice President, who serves as Chairman, and two other members, with the Treasurer and the President serving as *ex-officio* members. Its duties are to prepare an Annual Budget, estimate expenditures and income, and recommend such fiscal actions as they consider to be in the best interest of the Chapter, including investments of all funds.

FLAG RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

It is the duty of this Committee to see that the Flag of the United States, the symbol of our Nation's Sovereignty, is treated with honor and respect (within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) and that the laws which forbid its desecration are obeyed. It also administers awards to individuals and businesses for the proper display of the Flag.

GRAVES COMMITTEE

The Graves Committee (designated in the By-Laws as the "Memorials and Revolutionary War Graves Committee") conducts research regarding the landmarks, graves, and scenes of the Revolutionary War and marks them with appropriate markers and memorials. In that part of Pennsylvania allotted to this Chapter, Betsy Ross Flags are placed on the graves of Revolutionary soldiers on or around Memorial Day of each year.

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Several years ago, the chapter launched a project to identify all the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers and other supporters who rendered public or civil service to the cause in our chapter area. In addition to recording the graves and noting their locations, the project entailed capturing a considerable amount of data. In addition, the Chapter around each Memorial Day marks graves of Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots by placing a 13-star "Betsy-Ross" flag at each grave site. The chapter marks over 1700 graves with flags in over 160 graveyards from Philadelphia to Oxford to Sellersville. The search effort continues unabated. This is an activity that needs wide member support. The organization of the effort has been steadily developed and improved to facilitate the task of finding and marking burial sites easier. The program information is shared with local historical societies and veterans' groups.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Its duties are to solicit and encourage suitable candidates for membership in the Society. In addition, the Membership Committee is responsible to make contact with new members, provide them with a printed copy of the Guidon, and periodically as appropriate, organize meetings of new members to encourage their participation in the activities of the Chapter. Additionally, the Committee will provide oversight for the development of a Chapter-specific brochure to be used as a recruiting tool for new members. Brochure would be similar in content to NSSAR brochure.

The chairman of the Membership Committee leads this effort with help, guidance and input from the officers including the Genealogist, Registrar, Secretary, and the Chapter Webmaster. Membership is the lifeblood of any organization, and there is a continual effort underway to recruit new members. As members age, many can no longer actively participate. Based on lifestyle and age differences among members, the leadership of the Chapter has focused on a multi-faceted approach of recruiting, retention, and reinstatement. Perhaps one of the most effective tools is a widely diverse program agenda for the Chapter. The Chapter has many activities on weekends, holidays, as

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well as its scheduled monthly membership and Board meetings. All new members are encouraged to attend a meeting as soon as they gain membership in the SAR. At their first meeting the new member attends, the Chapter President recognizes and welcomes the new member, and presents him with his SAR Rosette.

NEWSLETTER (PUBLICITY) COMMITTEE

This Committee is responsible for the preparation, editing, mailing and internet publication of the Newsletter. The Committee shall arrange newspaper and other publicity for all Chapter activities and shall furnish current items of interest to the Pennsylvania Society Minuteman and to the National SAR Magazine.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee consists of five members to be appointed by the President each year, of which number at least two (2) shall be Past Presidents of the Chapter and the remainder shall be selected from the Board. The Committee member most recently assuming the status of Past President shall serve as Chairman. The Committee nominates a Voting Member for each of the following offices: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, Chaplain, Historian, Chancellor, Color Guard Captain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and four (4) members of a new class of the Board of Management.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE

The America 250 Committee members work to promote the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and the establishment of the United States. This committee publicizes the anniversary using media, education, and government contacts.

BROCHURE COMMITTEE

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Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

The Chapter Brochure Committee is responsible for administering participation in the National Contest by students in the Delaware Valley. The National Contest theme must be chosen from among the six (6) Foundational Documents of the United States as the theme for the brochure:

- Articles of Confederation
- Declaration of Independence
- U.S. Constitution
- Bill of Rights
- Federalist Papers
- Articles of Association of 1774

EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE

Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest

The Chapter Committee administers and encourages participation in the National Eagle Scout Contest by Scouts in the Delaware Valley. Extensive details concerning participation in the Contest are available on the Chapter website.

CAR/DAR COMMITTEE

Many of the events of the DAR, SAR, or the CAR are jointly supported, and sometimes shared. The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) is an organization of persons through 21 years of age who are lineal descendants of a patriot of the American Revolution. The C.A.R. is an independent organization which looks to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and General Society of the Sons of the Revolution (SR) for its leadership and financial support. For instance, at the annual officer installation banquets, the CAR has sometimes provided patriotic skits as part of the program. The Constitution Week Luncheon is alternately organized by the DAR and the SAR. To coordinate these joint efforts, and other, the Chapter assigns a DAR/CAR coordinator who maintains liaison with leaders of those organizations.

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

This Committee is responsible for setting up outside activities. For example, in 2018-19 a meeting was arranged at Chanticleer to view the gardens a couple of years in a row, setting up transportation and a nice luncheon for the ladies. More recently the Chapter Color Guard has held training events at Fort Mifflin, which seems to be a candidate location for a much larger event. It is conceivable that a commemorative event could become an annual event for a number of years if it is well attended and fills an unmet need.

GREENSPAN COMMITTEE

F. Russell & Ruth Greenspan Scholarship

The F. Russell and Ruth Greenspan Trust was established by a Past President of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (PCCSAR) and his wife. They wished to endow competitive scholarships for College or University students who will enter the fall term of the academic year in which they expect to receive a baccalaureate degree. These are mostly Juniors entering their Senior year in a traditional 4-year program. However, non-traditional students such as those in 5-year degree programs, co-op students, early finishers, etc. are also eligible. Applicants will be judged on the extent to which they advance the three SAR principles of being patriotic, historical, and educational as embodied by our ancestors who fought in or supported the American Revolution. Generally, eligible students will be majoring or minoring in a study of American Government; American History; Political Science; Law and Jurisprudence; Preservation of Archives, Documents, Historic Buildings, Monuments or Places; or a similarly focused multi-disciplinary program. An interest in the Revolutionary War era is a bonus.

To avoid a taxable event for the scholarship recipient, the scholarship of \$2,000 will be paid directly to the sponsoring College or University, to be applied to the recipient's tuition for his or her Senior year.

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To be eligible, Applicants must be nominated by a Faculty Sponsor who is knowledgeable about the applicant's character and academic performance at the College or University they attend. The Application Form ([click here](#)) contains the following components:

Applications will be judged by a panel of PCCSAR members in a "blind review" process. Applications will be assigned a code, which will be recorded on all pages of the application before distribution for review. The Identifying Information page will then be removed from the rest of the application. Only the Greenspan Scholarship Committee Chairman will have access to the Identifying Information, and he will not be one of the reviewers. All applications will be judged without regard to the applicant's race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, political preference, or military status. Applications will be judged solely by the extent to which they meet the following selection criteria:

- Demonstrated academic ability;
- Accomplishments on and off campus that advance the three SAR principles of being patriotic, historical and educational;
- Good citizenship; and
- Depth of interest in American Government, American History, Political Science, Law and Jurisprudence, Preservation of Archives, Documents, Historic Buildings, Monuments or Places, or a similarly focused multi-disciplinary program.

KNIGHT ESSAY COMMITTEE

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest is open to all US Citizen and Legal Resident students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private high schools in that same grade range. To participate, students must submit an original 800- to 1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the

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American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each student's essay will be judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

The contest is conducted in three phases: the local chapter, state-level society, and national phases. The contest must be entered through an SAR chapter near the student's residence. In some cases, the contest may be entered at the state level (if the local society does not have chapters or the chapters are not participating) and a contact-at-large should be used to find out more contest details. The list of contest contacts listed below can provide you with assistance in entering the Knight Essay Contest. Only one entry per student is permitted per contest year. A complete set of rules, along with the application for both the applicant and the sponsoring SAR members, can be found at the PCCSAR website at <https://www.pccsar.org/knight-essay-contest>.

MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Service to veterans and to armed service members is a key objective of the SAR. The Committee is responsible for coordinating the Chapter's efforts in this area. This includes such things as helping run bingo games at VA hospitals, securing color guard participation in Veterans Day parades and memorial events. The Chapter provides books to VA hospital libraries and donates to the USO activities in the Delaware Valley.

POSTER CONTEST COMMITTEE

The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest is open to 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade students in public or parochial schools, or home schooled. The theme of the contest is "Revolutionary War Events" or "Revolutionary War Person or Persons." Students with an enthusiasm for art, a love of American history, and a passion for creative expression may submit their posters to our Chapter for entry into the competition. The Contest begins at the Chapter level, and winners at that level will be entered into the State-level

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contest and possibly national level in June at the annual SAR Congress. A complete set of rules can be found at the chapter website: www.pccsar.org.

ROTC / JROTC COMMITTEE

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “citizen-soldier,” exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented to cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit who has full latitude in making the selection.

For ROTC or JROTC units with fewer than five hundred cadets or midshipmen, one ROTC or JROTC Recognition medal will be awarded each year. For larger units, one medal may be presented for every five hundred students enrolled in the unit. In cases where a school has more than one ROTC or JROTC unit, each unit is counted separately. The Silver ROTC Medal is presented only to students in a college or university ROTC unit and no recipient may receive it more than once.

SAR 2024 CONGRESS PLANNING COMMITTEE

PASSAR, the State Society, is sponsoring the 2024 National Congress and is responsible for registration and credentials for the Congress. The Chapter Congress Planning Committee recruits Compatriots to participate in the State planning process and coordinates communications regarding the Congress within the Chapter, and then participate in recruiting Compatriots to assist in the State registration and credentials processes.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF HISTORY COMMITTEE

These awards are given each spring to outstanding high school students of U.S. history in the Chapter-wide area. These awards were inaugurated by the Philadelphia

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Continental Chapter and subsequently, other Chapters have adopted the program. As many as 70 high schools are solicited for candidates. Student winners receive the Chapter's own Leadership Medallion. Participating High Schools are responsible for selecting their current student who best meets the criteria supplied by PCC. The Committee Chairman typically presents the award at the School's Awards Ceremony.

AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER AWARD

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all American history teachers, whose approved curriculum teaches students about the American Revolution era from 1750 to 1800, to apply for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. The award is open to all teachers at the elementary, middle school or high school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institution. While the preliminary rounds of the award program begin at the local chapter level, teachers may eventually advance to the state and national levels.

The American History Teacher Award recognizes educators who distinguish themselves in teaching the history of the American Revolution. Candidates must complete an application and submit a written essay of not less than 1000 words discussing the importance of teaching the American Revolution era. The essay may also describe any extraordinary teaching techniques or innovative projects utilized by the teacher to teach the American Revolution. The contest is aimed at identifying a teacher who is still actively teaching, has taught for at least three years, and who is in the early or middle stages of his or her career, therefore having at least 15 years of productive classroom teaching remaining.

The program will feature a contest at each of the three educational levels so there will be a winner for the elementary, middle school and high school levels. Each Chapter may submit a contestant to the state from each school level and the state may hold a contest and select a winner from each school level to submit for the national awards. The national winner from each school level will receive potential benefits worth up to

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\$5,000.00 per winner for continuing education in their area of choice. The Application and Instructions are available at <https://www.sar.org/dr-tom-betty-lawrence-american-history-teacher-award/>.

WEBMASTER COMMITTEE

The Chapter has a Webmaster who works diligently to continually update and upgrade the Chapter website. The Chapter websites are sources of current and historical information. The Chapter website is a good place to find out what is going on and check the Chapter calendars for upcoming Chapter and Color Guard activities. The Webmaster depends on the other Committee Chairs and Officers of the Chapter to keep the website relevant and useful to the memberships and larger community.

Recognition awards

The SAR has a plethora of awards that are available for presentation to community leaders or organizations. The complete list, including all the awards mentioned in this guide are fully described on the National SAR website <https://www.sar.org/>. The Chapter Awards Committee members consider and recommend awards to external organizations and individuals. The Chairman of the Awards Committee is the Chapter Second Vice President.

Law Enforcement:

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding work in Law Enforcement units in the area.

Fire Safety:

Like the Law Enforcement awards, the Chapter recognizes Fire Safety excellence in the many firefighting units in the area.

Flag Display: Note: there is a committee chair to lead this effort.

The Chapter recognizes individuals, companies, and government agencies that properly display the national ensign with the SAR Flag Display Certificate.

DAR/CAR: Note: there is a committee chair to lead this effort.

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Frequently, members of the DAR or CAR provide outstanding service and support to the Chapter's efforts and programs. The Chapter uses these awards to recognize such support.

Americanism

This committee helps to identify people and organizations in the Chapter area that have made contributions to the promotion of patriotism. Among the communities, the committee assists in the awards to school US history students and teachers. They support and promote the patriotism poster contest, and urge recognition of individuals, communities and organizations that properly display the ensign, make a mark in Law Enforcement, Fire prevention, or any other special activity that somehow promotes patriotism in the area.

American History Award:

The Chapter Student/Teacher Committee exists for the purpose of promoting excellence in the teaching of American History of the Revolutionary War period and promoting good citizenship and patriotism in Delaware Valley area schools. The Committee seeks out and recognizes teachers and students in elementary or secondary education, from any public or private (including parochial) school, who have demonstrated excellence in the area of American History of the Revolutionary War period.

Internal Awards

These are service awards made to members for SAR service. These are made on Chapter, state, and national levels. The Chapter leadership determines who may be entitled for an award. Members' military war service is recognized with the SAR War Service Medal. There is a plethora of awards for SAR service, and include grades of Good Citizenship Awards, Meritorious Service, Patriot Award, Liberty Medal, to name but a few. All are described in detail in the National SAR Handbook that is available online.

DAR/CAR Liaison

Many of the events of the DAR, SAR, or the CAR are jointly supported, and sometimes shared. For instance, at the annual officer installation banquets, the CAR often provides

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patriotic skits as part of the program. The Constitution Week Luncheon is alternately organized by the DAR and the SAR. To coordinate these joint efforts, the Chapter assigns a DAR/CAR coordinator who maintains liaison with leaders of those organizations.

Veterans & Military Service Affairs

Service to veterans and to armed service members is a key objective of the SAR. A Chapter member has the accountability to coordinate the Chapter's efforts in this area. This includes such things as helping run bingo games at VA hospitals, securing color guard participation in Veteran's Day parades and memorial events. The Chapter provides books to VA hospital libraries and donates to the USO activities in the Delaware Valley.

Appendix A

OFFICERS

President	Steven P. Kopsick
First Vice President	Larry A. Magdy
Second Vice President	Stephen VanBiel Cassel
Secretary	Francis A. O'Donnell, Jr.
Treasurer	John Mulcahy
Assistant Treasurer	William H. Baker
Genealogist	C. Kelsey Brown
Registrar	John Francis Mitchell, III
Chaplain	Glenn Tyson
Chancellor	Michael W. Freeland, Esq.
Historian	Glenn Tyson
Captain of the Guard	Fred Fonseca
Sergeant at Arms	Rich Lind
Aide to the President	William H. Baker

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Americanism	John W. Whiteside
Auditing	Michael W. Freeland, Esq.
Awards	Larry A. Magdy
Brochure	James M. Leming
BSA Eagle Scout	Mark E. Burt
CAR/DAR	Michael J. Rados
Chapter Activities/Programs	Francis A. O'Donnell, Jr.
Finance (1 st VP)	Larry A. Magdy
Flag Certificate	Steven P. Kopsick
Graves	Joseph Stokes
	John F. Mitchell
Greenspan	Dean A. Henry
Knight Essay	Fred Fonseca, III
Membership	Larry A. Magdy
Military Affairs	BG Richard D. Merion
Newsletter	L. Carl Fletcher
Nominating	William H. Baker
Poster	James M. Leming
ROTC/JROTC	Stephen VB Cassel
Student/teacher	Fred Fonseca, III
Webmaster	William H. Baker

APPENDIX B
CHAPTER EVENTS CALENDAR
2022-2023

MONTH AND DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	COMMENTS
NOVEMBER (2022)				
4 th , Friday COMPLETED	Installation of Officers Chapter Meeting	Overbrook Golf Club	5.30 Cocktails 6.15 Dinner	Black Tie \$80.00/person
DECEMBER (2022)				
15 TH , Thursday COMPLETED	Chapter Meeting	Charlotte's Newtown Square	5.30 Meeting 6.15 Dinner	
JANUARY (2023)				
11 th , Wednesday	BOM Meeting	Charlotte's Newtown	11.00	

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COMPLETED		Square		
FEBRUARY				
18 th , Saturday COMPLETED	Chapter Meeting and Wreath Laying	Washington Square, PA	11.00 Wreath and Remarks	
		Independence Hall Museum	11.30 Wreath at Independence Hall	
		Museum American Revolution	11.50 Picture at Museum American Revolution	
		PJ Clarke's at the Curtis	12.15 Lunch	\$60.00/person in advance 101 st Celebration Guests Welcome
MARCH				
8 th , Wednesday COMPLETED	BOM Meeting	Charlotte's Newtown Square	11.00	Budget Presentation
APRIL				
5 th , Wednesday COMPLETED	Chapter Meeting	Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum Essington, PA	11.30 – Meet at Lehman's Restaurant 12.45 – Drive to Simeone Auto Museum	\$36.00 lunch/Museum \$26.00 Lunch only
MAY				
3 rd , Wednesday Completed	BOM Meeting	Charlotte's Newtown Square	5.30	Chairman and Officer reports
JUNE				
11 th , Sunday	Annual Picnic	Fenimore woods park, Radnor Twp.	11.30 – 4.00	
JULY				
No meetings	NA	NA	NA	NA
AUGUST				
No Meetings	NA	NA	NA	NA

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SEPTEMBER				
6 th , Wednesday	BOM/Chapter Mtg.	Charlotte's Restaurant, Newtown Square	11.00	
16 th Saturday	Joint DAR/SAR	Alloy Hotel, King of Prussia	11.30	Constitution Week Luncheon
17 th Sunday	PSSDAR Prayer Service	Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, PA	1.00	On Route 23 adjacent to VFNHP
OCTOBER				
3 rd , Tuesday	Annual Meeting BOM and Chapter Election of Officers	Glenhardie CC, Wayne PA	5.30 cocktails 5.45 Meeting 6.45 Dinner	\$55 per person

APPENDIX C

COLOR GUARD CALENDAR

2022-2023

March

- 25th Flag Retirement Practice Run - 507 Polo Run, West Chester 10:00 AM

April

- 1st Newsletter deadline Carl Fletcher, editor
- 7th BOM Meeting on Zoom 7:00 PM
- 22nd Chapter Meeting on Zoom 7:00 PM
- 22nd Fort Mifflin Musket Maintenance and Drill
- 27-30th Fort Frederick Market Days
- 29th Mason's March to Franklin's Grave - Christ Church, Phila. 9:30 AM

May

- 5th & 6th PASSAR Annual Meeting - Gettysburg
- 7th French Alliance Day, Washington Memorial Chapel (adjacent to Valley Forge NHP) 2:00 PM

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- 19th Burial for Ronald Lawrence 1940-2022, PCC Compatriot 1:00 PM
- Washington Crossing National Cemetery (see Obituaries webpage)
- Please arrive by 12:30 PM
- 20th Interment of Compatriot Elliot Jones, former Florida SAR 10:00 AM
 - Westminster Cemetery, Belmont Ave, Bala Cynwyd
- 20th Westtown/Taylor Militia Monument Dedication 10:00 AM
- PGPS Open Space, 1147 S. Concord Road, West Chester
- 20th & 21st Patriots Along the Perkiomen (SAR an exhibitor) ...Sat 10 AM - 5 PM
- Pennypacker Mills, 5 Haldeman Rd, Schwencksville, PA ...Sun 10AM - 4 PM
- 21st Hanna Archer Till (1721-1826), DAR EVENT 2:00 PM
- at Eden Cemetery in Collingdale
- 29th Radnor Memorial Day Parade 9:45 AM
- 29th Wayne Veteran's Memorial Program, Wayne, PA
- 29th DAR—SAR Wreath setting, Washington Square 4:00 PM

APPENDIX D

SAR PLEDGE AND RECESSIONAL

PLEDGE TO THE SAR

We, the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

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Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

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(As amended and restated by the Board of Management on June 21, 2018,
and adopted by the members of the Chapter on October 2, 2018)

ARTICLE I. Name and Location

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Section 2

The activities of the Chapter shall take place in the Pennsylvania counties of Philadelphia, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware and the offices of the Chapter shall be at a location designated from time to time by the Chapter.

ARTICLE II. Government and Objectives

Section 1

The Constitution of the Chapter, and the objectives, purposes and government of the Chapter, are hereby declared to be patriotic, historical, and education, and shall conform to and be governed by the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Section 2

The objectives of this organization are declared to be:

- a. To perpetuate the memory of men and women who, by their service and sacrifices during The War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people, and the rights and freedoms defined in the Constitution of the United States of America;
- b. To inspire, unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those men and women;
- c. To inspire the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
- d. To encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
- e. To acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of that war, aswell as documents, relics and landmarks;
- f. To mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials;
- g. To celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionaryperiod.
- h. To foster true American patriotism;
- i. To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to support the programs and undertakings of the National Society.

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- j. To carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America and the injunctions of George Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III. Eligibility for Membership

Section 1

Any man shall be eligible for membership in the Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or more, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militia-man or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain; provided, however, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

Section 2 - Application for Membership

- a. The application for membership shall set forth the name, occupation and residence of the applicant, his line of descent, and the name, residence and services of the ancestor or ancestors in the Revolution from whom he claims eligibility. It shall be executed in duplicate upon the form prescribed by the National Society and shall bear the oath or affirmation of the applicant that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. A third (Chapter) copy, if desired, may be a photocopy. Every application shall be endorsed by at least two members of this Society and be approved by the State Board of Management before the applicant shall be elected to membership.
- b. The application for membership may be made either to the State Board of Management or be made direct to this Chapter.

Section 3

Election to membership and approval of transfer to membership of any class shall be by approval of the State Society.

Section 4 - Membership Categories

The membership (as defined in the State By-Laws Sec. 1.05) shall be classified as follows: (1) a Regular Member, (2) a Regular Life member, (3) a Dual Member, (4) a Junior Member, and (5) a Memorial Member.

- a. A Regular Member shall be a Chapter member (of the age of 18 years or older) who pays the subscribed dues and assessments as required by the By-Laws. A Dual Member is one who is a regular Member of another chapter and who pays only chapter dues to the Philadelphia Continental Chapter. A Regular Member, a Regular

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Life Member or a Dual Member (collectively hereinafter "Voting Member") shall have the right to vote at any Chapter membership meeting. A Junior Member shall have no voting rights.

- b. Any member in good standing who shall make a single payment in accordance with the PASSAR fee schedule then in effect shall become a Regular Life Member and shall thereafter be exempt from further payment of all regular annual dues. Upon receipt of Life Membership fees by the Chapter, the Chapter shall retain thirty percent (30%) of the amount and immediately forward the remainder to the Treasurer of the State Society with the proper report.
- c. Dual Members shall have all of the rights and privileges of Regular Members.
- d. A Memorial Member is a deceased male of the same family and within not more than two generations from a current member, the deceased male having had a membership number assigned by the Registrar General of the National Society and for whom the requirements of the Society's By-Laws and Constitution have been met. From and after the completion of the naming of an individual to memorial membership, such individual shall be treated on the Chapter's records as a deceased member of the Chapter.
- e. The official designation of a member shall be Compatriot.

ARTICLE IV. Elections

Section 1

At the Annual Meeting of the members of this Chapter, there shall be elected by majority vote of the Voting Members present, the Officers of this Chapter and four persons to a new class of the Board of Management, one or more of whom shall be a Past President, each of whom shall be a Voting Member of the Chapter. All selections shall be by acclamation or by ballot of the members present in person. The Officers of this Chapter and the members elected to the Board of Management in accordance with the preceding sentence shall comprise the membership of the Board of Management.

Section 2

The four persons elected to the Board of Management will be elected for three years. There must be a lapse of at least one year before a Board member having served a three year term is eligible for nomination to be re-elected.

Section 3

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to report to the members present at the September Board of Management Meeting nominations for Officers and members of the Board of Management for the ensuing year; but nominations may always be made by any member of the Chapter from the floor at any Annual Meeting with the consent of the nominee.

Section 4

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Not less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall prepare and provide a "Notice of Annual Meeting" setting forth the place, date, and time thereof together with the "Report of the Nominating Committee."

ARTICLE V. Officers and Board of Management

Section 1

The Officers of this Chapter shall be a President, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Chaplain, an Historian, a Chancellor, a Genealogist, a Color Guard Captain, and a Sergeant-at-Arms, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office for one year and until their successors have been duly elected and installed. The President shall not be eligible to hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 2

Two separate offices may be combined and held by the same person with the approval of the Board of Management.

Section 3

The President-elect is authorized to appoint a member to serve as his Aide during his term as President who shall, by reason of such appointment, take the oath as an Officer.

Section 4

When any Officer or member of the Board of Management shall be absent without excuse from half the Board of Management meetings, within a period of one year, such member shall be deemed to have resigned and such office shall be declared vacant by the Board of Management.

ARTICLE VI. Powers and Duties of the Board of Management

Section 1

The Board of Management (sometimes hereinafter called the "Board") shall have full direction, management and control of the property and affairs of the Chapter and be responsible for the promotion of its objectives. It shall possess and exercise whatever power and authority may be required, including the power to adopt By-Laws for the Chapter, not inconsistent with this Constitution and to alter and amend them.

Section 2

The Board shall hold regular meetings at such place and hour as it may determine. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or shall be called by the Secretary upon the written request of seven members of the Board. The President shall

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be the Chairman of the Board and the Secretary the Secretary thereof. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3

The President, the 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chancellor and the immediate Past President of the Chapter shall constitute the Executive Committee, which, in the interim between meetings of the Board, shall attend to all current business of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII. Suspending and Expelling Members

A compatriot must avoid doing anything which will reflect adversely on the repute of the Chapter or the Society. Any Officer or member may file charges against any other Officer or member. Such charges shall be made in writing to the Chapter Secretary or President. All data pertaining to such charges shall be sent to the accused party and to the President of the State Society upon the recommendation of the Chapter's Executive Committee. Determination of disciplinary action shall be the responsibility of the State Board of Management. Pending determination of such action by the State Board of Management, the President of the Chapter may, with the concurrence of the Chapter's Executive Committee, suspend the accused member from participation in Chapter activities

ARTICLE VIII. Annual and Other Meetings

Section 1

The Annual Meeting for the nomination and election of Officers and the transaction of general business shall be held in October of each year, at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Management. Each year, in addition to the Annual Meeting, there shall be not less than three additional meetings of the Chapter, one of which shall be held in November for the purpose of the installation of Officers. Those persons duly elected as Officers or as members of the Board of Management shall be installed at the November meeting of the Chapter, and their terms of office shall commence on such installation. Meetings of the Chapter in addition to the October and November meetings shall be held as determined by the Board of Management.

Section 2

The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws.

Section 3

Special Meetings of the members may be called at any time by the President and shall be called by him when directed by the Board of Management, or upon the written request of fifteen members. Ten (10) days prior notice of the time and place of any such meetings and of the business to be transacted shall be provided to all members. No business not set forth in the notice shall be transacted at any Special Meeting.

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Section 4

The right to vote in any meeting shall be limited to the Voting Members in good standing (as defined in Article III, Section 4(a) above) in attendance in person, by telephone or by other means of electronic conferencing. [Note: Highlighted text added October 11, 2020]

Section 5

Fifteen Voting Members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Chapter.

Section 6

Meetings of the Board of Management shall take place in January and in September of each year, and on a regular basis at such other times during the year as shall be determined by the President or by the Board of Management.

Section 7

Meetings and proceedings not otherwise provided for in this Constitution and in the By-Laws shall be conducted and governed in accordance with the provisions of "Robert's Rules of Order."

Section 8

Whenever notice is required to be provided to a Compatriot in this Constitution or in the By-Laws, the Secretary shall provide such notice in the following manner:

- a. Written notice deposited in the United States mail seven days prior to the date by which such notice is required to be given;
- b. Hand delivery of written notice on or before the date by which such notice is required to be given;
- c. Facsimile transmission of written notice on or before the date by which such notice is required to be given for those members for whom the Secretary reasonably believes that he has a valid facsimile number; or
- d. E-mail transmission of written notice on or before the date by which such notice is required to be given for those members for whom the Secretary reasonably believes that he has a valid e-mail address;
- e. Provided, however, that written notice shall be delivered by mail to any member who notifies the Secretary of such member's preference for delivery by mail.

ARTICLE IX. Initiation Fees and Dues

The initiation fee and annual dues shall be as determined by the Board of Management.

ARTICLE X. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall end on October 31 of each year.

ARTICLE XI. Amendments

Section 1

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This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the members of the Chapter by the following procedures:

- a. Notice of proposed changes to the Constitution shall be provided to members of the Board of Management at least ten (10) days prior to the Board of Management meeting at which such changes will be considered.
- b. Approval by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Management present and voting at the meeting.
- c. Notice of proposed changes as approved by the Board of Management shall be provided to all members of the Chapter at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the members at which such changes will be considered.
- d. Approval by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Chapter present and voting at the meeting.

Section 2

Minor changes in this Constitution may be made from time to time by the Board of Management to conform with changes or requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE XII. Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by present or future law, an Officer, member of the Board of Management, committee chairman, or member shall not be personally liable for any action taken nor for the failure to take any action. The Board of Management shall have the authority to protect and indemnify all such persons and to purchase insurance for such purposes, if it deems either or both such actions necessary.

ARTICLE XIII. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Chapter or the forfeiture of the Chapter's charter, all of the documents, books, moneys and other property belonging to and in the possession of the Chapter shall be delivered over to the Board of Management of the State Society to be taken and held until them Chapter shall have been reinstated; provided, however, that if the Chapter has not been reinstated within a period of two years, all such property shall become the property of the State Society, and such disposition made of it as the Board of Management of the State Society shall decide.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. Powers and Duties of Officers

Section 1

The duties of the Officers shall be such as usually appertain to their offices, and they shall have such other powers as shall be delegated to them by the Board.

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Section 2

The President and Treasurer, respectively, shall make a report to the Annual Meeting, and at such other times as may be required by the Board.

ARTICLE II. The President

The President, or in his absence a Vice President, or in his absence, a Chairman pro tempore, shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and the Board and have a casting vote. He shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding Officer, and shall enforce a strict observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and of the regulations and rules of the Society. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and delegates to the State Meetings and National Congress. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE III. The Vice Presidents

The Vice Presidents shall perform such duties as usually appertain to their offices, and shall promote the interests and activities of the Society and the Chapter. They shall encourage the enrollment of new members.

ARTICLE IV. The Secretary

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Chapter and such other matters as may be directed by the Board. He shall have charge of the By-Laws and records of the Chapter, and together with the presiding Officer, shall certify all acts of the Chapter. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Chapter, and shall give notice to the several Officers of all votes, orders, resolves and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their respective duties. He shall notify all members of their election, and shall, under the direction of the President or Vice President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Chapter and attend the same. He shall send a copy of the minutes of the Board to each of its members.

ARTICLE V. The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Chapter. The funds of the Chapter shall be deposited in a bank or savings association, or a trust company, provided any such institution is insured by the Federal Government or its Agencies, or in bonds, bills and obligations of the Federal Government or its agencies which are guaranteed by the Federal Government, or in securities of publicly traded entities listed on a national exchange, having a net worth of not less than \$10 million, upon prior approval of the Board, and shall be placed in the name of or to the credit of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. The funds shall be drawn by the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Chapter. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments and at each Annual Meeting render the same to the Chapter. He shall also make such other reports as may be required by the Board.

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A committee or a Regular Member shall be appointed by the President to audit his accounts.

ARTICLE VI. The Registrar

The Registrar shall keep a roll of the members, and in his hands shall be lodged all the proofs of membership, qualifications, and all the historical and genealogical papers, manuscript or other, of which the Chapter may become possessed, and under the direction of the Board, shall keep copies of such similar documents as the owners thereof may not be willing to leave permanently in the keeping of the Chapter. He shall verify all statements of the Revolutionary services of ancestors that may be made in the application for membership, and make report to the Board.

ARTICLE VII. The Chaplain

The Chaplain shall open and close meetings of the Chapter and of the Board with religious services usual and proper on such occasions, when so directed by the President, or by the Chairman of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. The Historian

The Historian shall keep the records of the historical and commemorative meetings of the Chapter, and shall supervise the preparation and printing of all its historical publications, other than those of membership rolls. He shall report at each Annual Meeting a list of the members who may have died during the year, and shall include such biographical memoirs as may be of service to the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX. The Chancellor

The Chancellor shall be an attorney-at-law and it shall be his duty to give opinions on all legal matters affecting the Chapter when such questions are referred to him by the proper Officers or by the Board. It shall be his responsibility to advise Officers and committee chairmen as to conformity of proposed actions with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chapter, the State Society and the National Society.

ARTICLE X. The Genealogist

The Genealogist shall examine and report to the Board within thirty (30) days upon all appeals from the decision or want of action of the Registrar which shall be submitted to him for that purpose, shall assist the Registrar and the Board or any member who may appeal to him for assistance in the preparation of application papers for membership in the Chapter. He shall perform such other duties as may appertain to his office, as directed by the Board. With the approval of the Board, the Genealogist shall be permitted to make a charge to prospective members for services rendered.

ARTICLE XI. The Color Guard Captain

The Color Guard Captain shall direct the activities of the Chapter's Color Guard and be in charge of the storage, maintenance, and use of the Chapter's flags and related equipment as required by the proper Officers or by the Board.

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ARTICLE XII. The Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall act as an assistant to the Color Guard Captain.

ARTICLE XIII. Board of Management

Section 1

The Board of Management shall be composed as provided in ARTICLES IV and V of the Constitution.

Section 2

The order of business at the meeting of the Board shall be as follows:

1. Call to order by the President or Chairman.
2. Invocation by the Chaplain or a member of the Chapter.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Welcome of new members
5. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
6. Reports of Officers.
7. Committee reports.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Adjournment.

ARTICLE XIV. Permanent Committees - Their Powers and Duties

Section 1 – AMERICANISM

Its duties are to engage in such activities as will aid, maintain, and extend the institutions of American Freedom. (See Handbook of National Society.) This Committee shall also promote and furnish patriotic instruction as directed by the Board, giving special attention to the development of good citizenship and a proper knowledge of the American Constitution and the institution of American Freedoms.

Section 2 – FLAG RECOGNITION

It is the duty of this Committee to see that the Flag of the United States, the symbol of our Nation's Sovereignty, is treated with honor and respect (within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) and that the laws which forbid its desecration are obeyed.

Section 3 - AWARDS

This Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the various awards programs established by the Chapter. It shall also review and recommend to the Board and the President the establishment of additional award programs and the granting of awards to individuals.

Section 4 – MEMBERSHIP

Its duties are to solicit and encourage suitable candidates for membership in the Society and to file their applications for membership.

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Section 5 - MEMORIALS AND REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES

This Committee shall make research regarding the landmarks, graves, and scenes of the Revolutionary War, and shall mark them with appropriate markers and memorials. In that part of Pennsylvania allotted to this Chapter, both Betsy Ross Flags and Chapter sleeves shall be placed on the graves of Revolutionary soldiers on or before Memorial Day of each year.

Section 6 – FINANCE

This Committee shall consist of the 1st Vice President, who will serve as Chairman, and two other members, with the Treasurer and the President serving as ex-officio members. Its duties are to prepare an Annual Budget, estimate expenditures and income, and recommend such fiscal actions as they consider to be in the best interest of the Chapter, including investments of all funds.

Section 7 – AUDITING

Its duties are to audit the books and records of the Treasurer. It shall make a report to the President within sixty (60) days after the end of the fiscal year.

Section 8 – PUBLICITY

This Committee shall be responsible for the preparation, editing, mailing and internet publication of the Newsletter. The Committee shall arrange for newspaper and other publicity for all Chapter activities, and shall furnish current items of interest to the Pennsylvania Society Minuteman and to the National SAR Magazine.

Section 9 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members to be appointed by the President each year, of which number at least two (2) shall be Past Presidents of the Chapter and the remainder shall be selected from the Board. The committee member most recently assuming the status of Past President shall serve as Chairman. They shall nominate a Voting Member for each of the following offices: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, Chaplain, Historian, Chancellor, Color Guard Captain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and four (4) members of a new class of the Board of Management.

Section 10 - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

It shall be the duty of the President to appoint Special Committees whenever the need arises to handle the various activities and social functions of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XV. Admission Fees and Dues

Section 1

The annual dues and admission fees of members shall be determined by the Board, but shall not be less than the minimum amount fixed by the Constitution and By-Laws of

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both the National and State Societies. From the admission fees and annual dues, remittances in the required amounts shall be made to the State Society, and the Chapter respectively.

Section 2

In the case of new members where their applications are approved by the National Society on or after September 1st of any year, the annual dues accompanying such application shall be applied to the dues of such member for the following year.

Section 3

An additional charge for each supplemental application may be designated by the Board, but shall not be less than the amount fixed by the Constitution and By-Laws of both the National and State Societies. These fees shall be paid to the Chapter Treasurer.

Section 4

- a. An applicant between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five years, who is a relative (son, grandson, brother, nephew or grand-nephew) of a member of this Society or a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, or the Children of the American Revolution, whose relative at the time of his application, or at the time of his relative's decease, was in good standing in the respective Society may, if elected to membership, be admitted without payment of the regular admission fee, but shall pay only a nominal fee set by the National and State Societies to defray costs of registering, certification, etc. No annual Chapter dues shall be assessed until the following calendar year.
- b. A member of the Children of the American Revolution in good standing who applies for membership in this Society not later than one year after his twenty-first birthday, may present a Certificate of Good Standing to the Registrar General in lieu of the regular admission fee, but shall pay a nominal fee set by the National and State Societies to defray costs of registering, certification, etc. No annual Chapter dues shall be assessed until the following calendar year.
- c. A member of the Children of the American Revolution in good standing, age one to under age eighteen, who applies for Junior membership in this Society may present a Certificate of Good Standing to the Registrar General in lieu of the regular admission fee, but shall pay a nominal fee set by the National and State Societies to defray costs of registering, certification, etc. No National dues shall be assessed until the following calendar year.

Section 5

A member whose dues for the subsequent year are unpaid as of December 31 in any year shall be dropped from the rolls of membership.

Section 6

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Any former member of this Chapter may be re-instated and placed in good standing by payment of the Current Year's dues plus any relevant fees.

Section 7

Upon the transfer to membership from State-at-Large to Chapter, or from Chapter to State-at-Large, or from one Chapter to another Chapter, the dues for the year in which the transfer is made shall belong to the demitting organization and must be paid before such transfer will be approved by the State Board of Management.

ARTICLE XVI. Order of Business at the Annual Meeting

The order of business at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be as follows:

- a. Call to order by the President or Chairman.
- b. Invocation by the Chaplain or a member of the Chapter.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- d. National Anthem.
- e. Approval of minutes.
- f. Address of President.
- g. Reports of Officers.
- h. Reports of Standing Committees.
- i. Reports of Special Committees.
- j. Unfinished business.
- k. Election of Officers and Members of the Board.
- l. New business.
- m. Appointment of Chairmen of Committees.
- n. Adjournment.

ARTICLE XVII. Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Board of Management by the following procedures:

1. Notice of proposed changes to the By-Laws shall be provided to members of the Board of Management at least ten (10) days prior to the Board meeting at which such changes will be considered.
2. Approval by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Management present and voting at the meeting.

Finance Committee

Policies and Procedures

- Adopted by the PCCSAR Finance Committee August 10, 2019
- Adopted by the PCCSAR Executive Committee August 13, 2019
- Adopted by the PCCSAR Board of Management September 10, 2019

1. Introduction

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1.1. Purposes. These Policies and Procedures of the Finance Committee are intended to serve the following purposes:

1.1.1. Establish the scope of responsibility and authority of the Finance Committee

1.1.2. Set forth the Investment Policy of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter (the "Chapter")

1.1.3. Provide for procedures that the Finance Committee will follow in discharging its responsibilities

1.2. Excerpts from Governing Documents

Constitution, Art. IV, Section 1

* * * * The Officers of this Chapter and the [12] members elected to the Board of Management in accordance with the preceding sentence shall comprise the membership of the Board of Management (sometimes hereinafter called the "Board").

Constitution, Art. VI, Section 3

The President, the 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Chancellor and the immediate Past President of the Chapter shall constitute the Executive Committee, which, in the interim between meetings of the Board, shall attend to all current business of the Chapter.

By-Laws, Art. V

The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Chapter. The funds of the Chapter shall be deposited in a bank or savings association, or a trust company, provided any such institution is insured by the Federal Government or its Agencies, or in bonds, bills and obligations of the Federal Government or its agencies which are guaranteed by the Federal Government, or in securities of publicly traded entities listed on a national exchange, having a net worth of not less than \$10 million, upon prior approval of the Board, and shall be placed in the name of or to the credit of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. The funds shall be drawn by the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Chapter. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments and at each Annual Meeting render the same to the Chapter. He shall also make such other reports as may be required by the Board. A committee or a Regular Member shall be appointed by the President to audit his accounts.

By-Laws, Art. XIV, Section 6

The [Finance] Committee shall consist of the 1st Vice President, who will serve as Chairman, and two other members, with the Treasurer and the President serving as ex-officio members. Its duties are to prepare an Annual Budget, estimate expenditures and income, and recommend such fiscal actions as they consider to be in the best interest of the Chapter, including investments of all funds.

2. Policies of the Finance Committee

2.1. Responsibilities and Authority of Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall have the following responsibilities and authority:

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- 2.1.1. Develop and maintain the Investment Policy of the Chapter, subject to approval by the Board
- 2.1.2. Provide guidance to the Treasurer regarding specific investment of Chapter funds
- 2.1.3. Provide periodic reports to the Board
- 2.1.4. Maintain appropriate records of the activities of the Finance Committee

2.2. Investment Policies.

The Chapter has two invested funds. Descriptions of each invested fund, and the Investment Policy for each fund, are as follows:

- 2.2.1. Greenspan Fund - Endowment fund established by gifts from Russell Greenspan, a former President of the Chapter, in the total amount of \$35,000, the terms of which are set out in a letter from the grantor dated December 14, 1994. Income from the Greenspan Fund may be applied annually to fund (in whole or in part) the Chapter's Greenspan Scholarship Program for college students. The Greenspan Fund is to be invested in a balanced index fund, currently Vanguard Balanced Index Fund Admiral Shares (VBIAX), and is expected to produce estimated annual income of approximately \$2,000.
- 2.2.2. Patriots' Reserve Fund – Segregated fund, set aside as a contingency reserve to underwrite budget shortfalls, emergencies and other unanticipated expenditures. The Patriots' Reserve Fund is to be invested in a broad stock market index fund, currently Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund Admiral Shares (VTSAX), and is expected to produce estimated annual income of approximately \$8,000.

2.3. Conflicts of Interest

It is the policy of the Finance Committee to ensure that vendors providing financial services to the Chapter shall have no material conflicts of interest with the Chapter or with any member of the Chapter. The Finance Committee shall take appropriate measures to ensure that relationships with vendors are monitored for potential conflicts of interest. No member of the Finance Committee shall receive any compensation for providing goods or services to the Chapter, provided, however, that members may be reimbursed for appropriate expenses incurred on behalf of the Chapter as approved by the Committee.

2.4. Reports

At each meeting of the Board and the Executive Committee, a Finance Committee Report shall be delivered by the Chairmen or his delegate. The Finance Committee Report shall summarize briefly the activities of the Finance Committee since the last Report. If any material changes have been made to the Investment Policies, the Report shall indicate the changes, and the approval of the Executive Committee and the Board shall be sought for such changes.