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Fellow Compatriots,

As the coronavirus pandemic sweeps into our communities, many adjustments are forced upon us and how we go about our daily lives. Government officials are, daily, reacting to the ever-changing conditions and introducing means to isolate us from one another.

Given the age and underlying health conditions of many of our chapter members, we need to be particularly vigilant in how we react. The Surgeon General of the NSSAR has advised that future meetings be reevaluated as conditions change. It is for that reason that we consider the postponement of our May Board of Management meeting. We will inform you by email as soon as a decision is reached regarding our May meeting.

During this difficult time, I ask that we remember and pray, for all those working in healthcare, public service and necessary retail, to keep those providing essential services safe and strong to face the challenge. To all the compatriots and their families please take steps to protect yourself and know that we are in this together.

We can't control what others say or do. We can only control how we react. Our patriot ancestors faced far worse to establish this great nation. Let's remember the sacrifices they made, and the unity of purpose that they achieved, while we hunker down alone in our homes waiting and praying for this to pass.

Please take the time to reach out to a fellow compatriot; a short phone call can do wonders as we are isolated.

This sequestered time might be a good time to work on a supplemental membership that you've been meaning to submit.

Stay safe, keep calm,

David M. Mizell

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COLOR GUARD CORNER

Last year at this time, I commented that the 1st quarter was quiet –again so THIS year – and that we had just the annual George Washington’s birthday recognition events at Washington Square, Independence Hall and the City Tavern.

In 2019, the CG welcomed Steve Sims, then the Superintendent of Valley Forge National Historical Park, and now we have had to say goodbye to him as he has been transferred to become the Superintendent at Gettysburg National Park. We once again, however, have welcomed another new trooper for his 1st appearance in uniform in mid-winter, Worth D. Holder, Jr. who is a resident of Spring City, PA.

We had another double-digit turnout this year (as you can observe from photos in this edition) with 15 troopers in uniform and under arms.

With all that is going on all around us this year, it is good that the Guard has nothing else on its projected calendar until the 2nd and 3rd of May

Phil Anders CPT of the Guard

New Members 1/3/20 to 4/7/20	
New Member	Patriot
Gregory Thomas Schmidt	Samuel Eldredge
Gordon Johnston Tait	Joshua Mersereau
Brent Scott Lewis	Isaac Lewis
Jeffrey Brian Mann	Johannes Mann
Dean Allen Henry	James Dew
George Stephens Leming	John Fowler
Junior Member	
Grayson William Tait	Joshua Mersereau

The list is smaller than normal. National has been closed for the last 3 or 4 weeks and hasn't been approving any new applications. We have over 20 applications waiting for approval, many of which were expected to have been approved by now.

Calendar Notices

The result of a recent Executive Committee meeting was to have the May BOM as a Zoom meeting for the Board of Managers only at 7PM May 6. Secretary Steve Kopsick will send an announcement, Dave Mizell will send the invites to the Zoom conference.

The Picnic is to be postponed. Possibilities for a future event to take the place of the picnic will be decided upon in the coming months.



On Saturday Feb 22nd, approx. 65 members and guests of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter met at the City Tavern in Philadelphia to Celebrate George Washington's birthday. Prior to the luncheon, the Color Guard marched to the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier at Washington Square, where a brief memorial service was held and a wreath was placed at the tomb. The color guard marched to the front of Independence Hall, where a wreath was placed at the statue of George Washington, and the gathered crowd sang Happy Birthday to George on what would have been his 288th.

A good time of food and fellowship at the City Tavern followed the march and the group heard a brief presentation from Meghan Bowersox from the Museum of the American Revolution. New members were recognized and received rosettes, Richard Gretzinger, Richard Lind, Matthew Gillis Marchand along with current members Thomas Alton and Worth Holder



PCC HISTORY 1987-1988

The Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter was held Nov 2, 1987 at the Engineers Club. It was called to order by President Herb Zearfoss with 40 members present. Lt Col Herb Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Lt Col James Anders was presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. President Zearfoss gave a resume of his year as president and thanked members for their cooperation.

Nominating Chairman Henry Brown read the proposed list of officers for 1987-88 and it was approved by unanimous vote. Line officers were installed by former President General Warren Hayes who then installed President Murrey who then gave his acceptance talk, following receipt of his President's ribbon and Gavel of Authority. Other officers are: Col Bengt Hyberg 1st Vice President--- LtCol James M Anders 2nd Vice President--- William G Dorwart Secretary---Forrest R Schaeffer Treasurer. The chapter budget for 1987-88 is \$6480. It should be noted at this point that Jim Anders is the father of our own Phil Anders. For the first time in modern history, both father and son will have been chapter Presidents.

The annual Washington Birthday Celebration was held on Feb 20, 1988 at the Engineers Club with the traditional bus ride to Independence Hall for the flag raising and over to Washington Square for the wreath laying at The Tomb of the Unknown Rev War Soldier. Color Guard Commander Armstrong announced the newly purchased Revolutionary period flags will be used along with new white slings recently purchased. The uniform of the day is blue blazer and gray slacks along with newly purchased white gloves for all in the march. It seems Commander Herb has slapped this group together rather nicely.

Of high concern during this period of time was the steady decline in membership due to non-payment of dues. In Pennsylvania, we lost an average of 77 members a year since 1980 and 53 members through death. 1st VP Hyberg suggested a meeting in the near future to re-evaluate old applications. At the Feb 1st luncheon meeting President Murrey introduced our speaker Mr Paul Austin who replaced the well known Thatcher Longstreth, hospitalized with a broken knee. It should also be noted that Winchell Smith Carroll became a PCC member January 27, 1988. He and Richard DiStefano received their rosettes at the March 7th luncheon meeting. Congressman Curt Weldon was the speaker. The Treasurers Report of Feb 29, 1988 shows a \$5000 CD, Nov 89 @11.5%. Not bad.

The Annual Church Service was held May 22nd at The Alumni Chapel of St Cornelius the Centurion at Valley Forge Military Academy. As in past years, the Corps of Cadets passed in review following the service. Luncheon was served in Eisenhower Hall preceded by a social hour. District Attorney Ron Castille was the guest speaker at the June 6th luncheon meeting at the Engineers Club. Also, the chapter hosted the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Society at the Valley Forge Hilton hotel on May 6-7. President Bill Dorwart was succeeded by Marshall Lignian II of Monongahela. Allegiance Sunday service was observed Sunday July 3rd at Wayne Presbyterian Church. Of interest, July 31st 1988 was Bill Dorwart's 81st birthday and his wife Maryland's 76th birthday as well as their 55th wedding anniversary.

The Constitution Week Celebration was September 17th at the Adam's Mark Hotel on City Avenue. Cost \$17 per. Then, November 7th the Annual Dinner with installation of officers was held at St Davids Inn on Lancaster Pike. State President Marshall Lignian was the guest speaker. I'm sorry to

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end this on a sad note, but Friday Oct 7, 1988 a tragic car accident took the life of Past PCC President Ammon Hollinger and his wife along with two other family members. He had retired to Lancaster, PA and had become a member of Continental Congress Chapter.

Jim Willis, Historian of the Chapter



Compatriots Larry Magdy, Frank O'Donnell, John Mitchell and Steve Kopsick from the Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution congratulate Outstanding Citizen recipients Joshua Baldinger and Deonta Martin, students in the Junior class at the Williamson College of the Trades. The award is given annually to a junior for demonstrating the qualities of industry, self-discipline, personal integrity, reliability, contributions above the call of duty, having a GPA above 3.25, and having fewer than 28 disciplinary points.

Compatriot Steve Kopsick from the Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was successful in collecting 300 neckties and 56 blazers and presented them to the Williamson College of the Trades during the Founder's Day celebration. Students are required to wear ties and blazers for classroom instruction. Williamson provides a cost free education with an academic, trade, technical, moral, religious education, and living environment that fosters the core values of faith, integrity, diligence, excellence, and service.



The Philadelphia Country Club held its annual meeting, attended by several hundred members, on January 28 and opened the meeting with a flag award and remarks made by Compatriot Lanny Patten on behalf of the SAR. President Ted Barry received the SAR certificate of commendation for the Club's exemplary patriotism and elegant display of the American flag. Philadelphia Country Club, founded in 1890, is one of the nation's oldest such clubs. The flag award was tremendously appreciated and will be prominently displayed at the club.



Spring Grave Flagging Program

The plans are for the flags to be given out in early May. Joe Stokes will contact those who were involved last year to determine their participation and make arrangements. Tentative plans are for the flags to be given out in the Charlotte's Restaurant parking lot on a Monday when the restaurant is closed.

PCC Chapter Presidents

Philadelphia Continental

2019-2020 David M. Mizell
2018-2019 Francis A. O'Donnell
2016-2018 George Clarke
2015-2016 Ellis C L Adams
2013-2015 Phillip M Anders
2012-2013 James F Hall
2011-2012 Gregory J Shively
2010-2011 John W Whiteside, III
2008-2010 James H Willis
2007-2008 James H Sanborn
2006-2007 Lanny R Patten
2005-2006 Richard D Merion
2004-2005 William H Epp
2003-2004 Frederick R Rude
2002-2003 C Charles Smith
2001-2002 Richard G Beach
2000-2001 J Thomas Showler
1999-2000 Michael W Freeland
1998-1999 William J Yearsley
1997-1998 Winchell S Carroll
1996-1997 F Russell Greenspan
1995-1996 James E Musselwhite
1994-1995 Aloysius J Hogan
1993-1994 David Cole
1992-1993 David A Hocken-smith
1991-1992 Herbert T Armstrong
1990-1991 Leon Solis-Cohen, Jr
1989-1990 James M Anders
1988-1989 Bengt T Hyberg
1987-1988 James M Murrey
1986-1987 Herbert K Zearfoss
1985-1986 William Cowper
1984-1985 Louis S Baker
1983-1984 Paul L DeHaas
1982-1983 William G Dorwart
1981-1982 Leigh W Prentice
1980-1981 Ammon L Hollinger
1979-1980 Theodore Clatten-
burg
1978-1979 Henry B Brown, Jr
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1975-1976 Edwin H Gideon
1974-1975 Wylie W G Borum

1973-1974 Ralph O Nesslinger
1972-1973 W Buchanan Gold
1971-1972 James C Bradley
1970-1971 Burdett S Fuller
1969-1970 Warren G Hayes
1968-1969 Alton B Chamberlain
1967-1968 James R Lupfer, Jr
1965-67 Archibald G Wood
1964-1965 Davis B Hopson
1963-1964 Hamilton Cochran
1962-1963 Earl M Richards
1961-1962 C Leslie Hunsberger
1960-1961 Frederick H MacIn-
tire
1960 Charles R Hansell
1959 Kenneth G Smith, Jr

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1957-58 A Liston Townsend
1955-56 Charles R Fish
1952-54 David L German, Jr
1950-51 T Joseph Reilly
1949 William H Heffner, Jr
1947-48 Addison F Bender, Jr
1945-46 Richard P South
1943-44 Eugene C Bonniwell
1942 Tristram C Whitaker
1941 H Palmer Lippincott, Jr
1939-40 Herman W Johnson
1938 Lawrence C Hickman
1937 Samuel O Wynne
1935-36 Lawrence C Hickman
1934 Harold C Whitside
1932-33 Lawrence C Hickman
1931 Warner R Heston
1929-30 Lawrence C Hickman
1928 Hiram L Wynne
1927 Howell H VanBlarcom
1926 Lawrence C Hickman
1925 James K Helms
1924 Warren Matlack
1923 Walter Gabell
1922 Herman W Fernberger
1918-21 Eugene C Bonniwell

1911-1917 Moses Veale
1909-10 Clarence P Wynne
1901-08 Harry Blynn

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1958 Kenneth G Smith, Jr
1957 Stephen W Hartwell
1955-56 Robert L McNeill, Jr
1952-54 D Barlow Burke
1951 Cyrus C Alcorn
1949-50 Walton Brand
1947-48 William J Mathis
1945-46 Ashton L Worrall
1943-44 Myer Solis-Cohen
1942 Walter Gabell, Jr
1940-41 T Carroll Davis
1937-39 Alton C Brand
1936 John P Henrie
1934-35 W Harvey Johnson
1933 Frank H Warner
1930-32 J Alfred Coxe
1928-29 L Napoleon Boston

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