



***The Ladies' Auxiliary Times: Ladies Auxiliary Pennsylvania Society
Sons of the American Revolution (LAPASSAR)***
Summer 2022 Newsletter



Becky Hudson Moyer, LAPASSAR President

President's Message July 2022

As I am writing this message to you, I am reflecting back to the Savannah 2022 Congress and thinking ahead to our Pennsylvania Congress in 2024. Savannah's Congress was very well attended, and numbers of participants swelled from the expected 450 to around 640! I can tell you that the guests who came by the sales table are excited about PASSAR hosting the 2024 Congress in Lancaster, PA and looking forward to attending.

Volunteers at the Pennsylvania sales table for Congress 2024 did an awesome job: they brought in \$1,711.00! We did have a couple of expenditures: one for \$18.00 for sales orders' books, and \$10.89 in square fees. We sold out our original order of Pennsylvania Mount Laurel pins, and we have ten advanced orders for the earrings, as well as nine orders for necklace/earring sets. A big thank you to Maribeth, Jan, and Randi for assisting at the table, and to George, Mike and Tom for also assisting.

The PASSAR Ladies Auxiliary sales page on the PASSAR website has a couple of new items, and, in a few weeks, will include challenge coins and lapel pins.

As mentioned at our May LAPASSAR meeting, we will dedicate some future meetings as working sessions, devoted to preparing for Congress. Counting our November meeting, there are only seven meetings left until Congress! Our working meetings will be allotted to making decorations, for example, after WE determine what they will look like, as well as explore the design and contents of compatriots' congress bags, and items we choose that are consistent with our 250th Anniversary theme for the hospitality room. SO, the November meeting will be a working meeting. Please come ready with your good ideas so we can put our heads together to finalize plans. Let's work together to make the hospitality room and our congress a great success! I can tell you that the Georgia Society did not do the decorations until they were at Congress: they stayed up late, and rose early, and were exhausted. But if we do the majority of the decorations ahead (all but adding flowers, etc.), we will be ahead of the game.

Welcome to three new members to LAPASSAR--Carolyn, Randi and Kris! We are so glad you have joined us.

A huge thank you to Ray Brady and his wife Kris Barone for sponsoring the hospitality room! They have made a generous donation to the auxiliary, which will definitely assist us in all things for the hospitality room! We are truly grateful and thankful to you, Ray and Kris!

I hope to see all you ladies in Washington, PA on August 19-20th for our regularly scheduled board of management meeting. Please plan to attend.

Becky

**Highlights from Annual Meeting PASSAR: May 7-9 at Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill,
Pennsylvania**



Swearing in of PASSAR Officers for 2023 by Vice-President for Mid-Atlantic District, Troy Foxwell. Left-right: Third Vice-President, Thomas L. Edwards; Second Vice-President, Kurt Winter, Esq.; First Vice-President, Eric Troutman and President/Treasurer, Michael Siebert. Not pictured: Russell Mills, Secretary. Pictured right of podium: 2022 PASSAR President, Andrew Lick.



Past President, Andrew Lick transfers PASSAR Presidential Ribbon to 2023 President, Michael Siebert as Eric Troutman (left) and Troy Foxwell acknowledge this peaceful transfer of power.



Ladies Auxiliary Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution (LAPASSAR) being sworn in by 2022 Vice-President General for Mid-Atlantic District, Troy Foxwell. From left to right: Patricia McKim, Chaplain; Taryn Kennedy, Pennsylvania Eastern Region Secretary; Maribeth Wilt-Siebert, First Vice-President and Becky Moyer, President. These board members will serve from 2022-2024.



2022 PASSAR President Andrew Lick presents LAPASSAR President Becky Moyer with an award and medal of appreciation in recognition of outstanding personal support provided to PASSAR. Becky has not only served as LAPASSAR President for two two-year terms, but also serves on the 2024 Congress Committee and has been instrumental in organizing the Congress 2024 Merchandise On-Line Store. Kudos to you, Becky! Well deserved!

Ladies Attending the Annual Meeting at Camp Hill, PA



Pictured left to right: Beth Watkins, PSSDAR Regent; Bobbi McMullen-Honorary PSSDAR Regent, Past National Vice-President; Madeline Lick (daughter of Melanie and Andrew Lick, 2022 PASSAR President. Behind Madeline: Maribeth Wilt-Seibert, LAPASSAR First Vice-President; Melanie Lick, 2022 PASSAR First Lady; Irene Walker; Becky Moyer, LAPASSAR President. Next to Becky: Delores (Shorty) Clegg, new member; Taryn Kennedy, Pennsylvania Eastern Region Secretary; Denise Reinhart; Madina Kopsick; Cindy Mills. In front of Cindy: Mary Stillman; Stephanie Troutman, Past LAPASSAR President; JoAnne Mengle, Past Treasurer; Betty Dechant, Past Chaplain; Sue Brown; Pat McKim, Chaplain.



Camp Hill Annual Meeting Wreath Laying at Paxton Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Speaker was Norm Daniels. Laying the wreath is LAPASSAR President, Becky Hudson Moyer.

LAPASSAR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Welcome to our new member Carolyn L. Holt, spouse to James D. Holt of the Continental Congress Chapter of SAR! Carolyn was born, raised and schooled in western Pennsylvania and now lives in a very small village outside of Carlisle, PA called Boiling Springs. She retired from the Department of Revenue, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2013. Carolyn feels very fortunate to be involved with her family and grandchildren while still remaining active in a variety of lineage groups, both at the chapter and state levels. She serves as a Daughter of the American Revolution, Cumberland County Chapter and is also an associate member of the Jane Sheldon Chapter, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Despite traveling to Florida with some regularity, both Jim and Carolyn love Pennsylvania and will always call it home!



Welcome to our newest member Randi Fonseca, VMD.

Randi writes, "I am originally from Philadelphia, Pa. My husband Fred and I moved to West Chester, PA in 1988. We rehabbed a farmhouse built in 1860 and continue to live there today. I was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School and have been practicing small animal medicine and surgery in Chester County since 1989. Fred and I have been married for 39 years and have two sons and one grandson. We are members of the First Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Line and participate in revolutionary war re-enactments together. I also serve as the photographer for my husband's color guard events. We enjoy hiking and camping with our Labrador Retriever "Harley." Looking forward to meeting everyone in the auxiliary."

Kudos to Ray and Kris for Their Generous Spirit

New member, Kris Barone and her husband, Ray Brady are pictured below “train spotting” at the Strasburg RR in Lancaster County. Kris and Ray are happy to report that the train was full of passengers and right on time! The couple maintain a small kitchen garden in their West Chester home and are also avid birdwatchers. Kris is a member of the Chester County Chapter of the DAR, and Ray is a member of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution, Philadelphia Continental Chapter. Together they have volunteered to sponsor the Hospitality Room for the 134th NSSAR CONGRESS in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Thank you, Kris and Ray, for your generous spirit! LAPASSAR is very grateful to you both!



Highlights of 2022 NSSAR Congress (Sunday, July 10-Friday, July 15) Savannah, Georgia

For LAPASSAR members who have not had an opportunity to participate in any of the Sons of the American Revolution Congresses, the week-long schedule is predictable. SAR members and their families generally arrive Friday or Saturday at the congressional site, with Saturday beginning business meetings.

This year, site tours began on Sunday, July 10th. In addition to a trolley tour of Savannah, members could choose to spend a very full day at Fort Morris and historic Midway Church for grave markings. Fort Morris State Historic Site is located in Midway, Georgia. The fort was authorized by the Continental Congress and built of earth and wood, armed with more than twenty-five cannon and garrisoned by about 200 men. The fort's purpose was to protect the seaport town of Sunbury, located on the Medway River, and vital to Savannah's defense because its capture would ensure capture of the city, too. Historically, we know that by 1778, the American Revolution had reached a stalemate, so the British initiated what would be known as their "Southern Strategy." Its goal was to capture Savannah and recruit Loyalists to capture the backcountry of Georgia, advance to South Carolina, then North Carolina, then Virginia, separating these colonies from the Northern ones. Commanding the British forces was Lt Col Mark Prevost who was to rendezvous with Col Lewis Fuser to capture Sunbury. After skirmishes at Bull Town Swamp and Spencer's Hill, Prevost decided to return to St. Augustine, burning the Midway Meeting House and other homes where inhabitants did not pay allegiance to the king. Fuser's 500 men landed and occupied Sunbury without firing a single shot. The fort fell to the British in November 1778, after their capture of Savannah, British forces demanded Fort Morris's surrender: the American reply, famously, was that the British should "Come and take it" [Parts excerpted from *A Landmark of the Revolution* by Dale Cox, Last Updated: May 10, 2013]



SAR Georgia Society Color Guard at Fort Morris



Historic Marker at Fort Morris



Commemorative obelisk at Fort Morris, Midway, Georgia



Confrontation between Patriot Lt. Col John McIntosh and British Col. Lewis Fuser at Fort Morris



Historic Midway Church, Erected 1792, Liberty County, Georgia

Sunday evening, there was a host reception held at the Hyatt Regency. On Monday, July 11h, in addition to a number of working meetings, the 132nd Congress included a memorial service held at St. John's Church followed by the first lady's tea. In the evening, 132nd Congress participants enjoyed a first round of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest speakers. Tuesday, July 12th marked the official opening of the congress, and the Youth Awards luncheon followed, and, in the evening, presentation of Minuteman Awards. A fourth grader from Industry, PA, Julianna Gato, aged ten, represented the General Anthony Wayne Chapter with her poster.

On the morning of Wednesday, July 13, various districts enjoyed fellowship at breakfast and then a full day of meetings. Ladies enjoyed a luncheon at the beautiful Savannah Golf Club. The evening banquet included a presentation from Dr. John Derden. It also marked installation of the national board of the Ladies Auxiliary. Included in that swearing in ceremony was our own Becky Moyer, pictured here taking her oath of office as National Ladies Auxiliary (NLASAR) third vice-president.



**Becky being sworn in as
3rd VP National Ladies
Auxiliary SAR**



Pictured above: PASSAR President (2022-2023), Michael Siebert, Gene Moyer, MD President, 2020-2021; Becky Moyer, LAPASSAR President 2020-2024; and President General, 2022, Davis Wright



Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution state picture. Holding Pennsylvania banner Frank Fonseca (left) and unidentified compatriot (right). Middle row: Kurt Winter, PASSAR, second vice-president, 2023; Andrew Lick, PASSAR President, 2021-2022; George Clarke, 2024 Congress Committee Chair; J. Thomas Showler, Past VP General Mid-Atlantic District, 2014-2015; John Bredenfoerder, Rumbaugh Oration Chair. Front Row: Ernest Sutton, MD, Surgeon General, 2021-2022; Maribeth Wilt-Siebert, LAPASSAR First Vice-President, 2023-2024; Michael Siebert, PASSAR President, 2022-2023; President General Davis Wright, 2021-2022; Randi Fonseca, new member. In front of Randi, Becky Moyer, President LAPASSAR, 2020-2024, NLASAR Third Vice-President, 2022-2024; Gene Moyer, National Trustee and PASSAR/SAR/DAR Liaison; Laura Bredenfoerder.

Winding down its activities, the Thursday, July 14th Congress schedule included a final session of the 132nd Congress and two site tours: one to Parris Island and another to the 8th Air Force Museum, pictured below and on next page.



This tour was fascinating and included personal narratives from the docent whose father was captured by Luftwaffe pilots during WWII. Incredibly, the body of this plane was not heated nor pressurized, so pilots had to wear oxygen masks and winter-weather clothing to avoid frostbite. Visitors also learned that one of the most vulnerable posts was the ball turret gunner's position (below the bottom of the plane) which could be easily destroyed by German aircraft. Even the crouched position of that gunner had to be mightily uncomfortable!

Below at the National Museum: Former President General Tom Lawrence (Texas Society) recognizes a decorated airman of the French Society of the SAR. To his left are Steve Miller, Jim Lindley, and an unidentified compatriot. Steve Miller conducted a ceremony for veterans serving between 1955-1975 and awarded each with a certificate and pin.



Finally, Thursday evening, July 14th at the 132nd Congress SAR's new national President General, C. Bruce Pickett as well as new officers were installed. By his side was his lady Rita who accepted historic plates and a historic painting connected with Savannah, Georgia.

Fundraising for 2024 Congress in Pennsylvania



Left, Jan Showler, *LA Times* editor; center, Mike Seibert, PASSAR President (2022-2023); right, Becky Moyer, LAPASSAR President (2020-2024), at the Pennsylvania sales table: 132nd Congress, Savannah, GA. Thanks to Becky for purchasing this and other pictures for this summer edition of the *LA Times*

Quarterly PASSAR Board of Management Meeting
Friday, August 19-Sturday, August 20, 2022
Ramada Inn located at 1170 West Chestnut Street, Washington, PA 15301
724-225-9750

Ladies Program—Tour of David Bradford House and the Whiskey Rebellion Museum



“Historical house of David Bradford with ties to the Whiskey Rebellion. David Bradford was a successful lawyer, businessman, and Deputy Attorney General of Washington County. Construction of his house on South Main Street began in 1786 and was completed in 1788. His home reflected his high social standing, not only by its size, but also by its fittings. The magnificent mahogany staircase and the interior wood finishes show remarkable craftsmanship. The stone for the exterior was quarried near Washington, while the interior decorations came from the east and had to be transported across the mountains at great expense. It was, and is again today, an 18th Century architectural showpiece. This was all the more striking at the time, because Washington consisted largely of small, rustic, log buildings. During restoration of the house, a tunnel was discovered that appears to have led to what was then a steep ravine nearby. It is thought that this tunnel was constructed to provide a means of escape if this obviously wealthy house came under attack. David Bradford and his family lived in this house from 1788 to 1794. However, his residence was cut short because of his involvement in the Whiskey Rebellion. Local residents and landowners had longstanding grievances, caused in substantial measure by their isolation on the frontier. There were many land title issues, caused by competing title registries in both Virginia and Pennsylvania, and a host of absentee landlords (including George Washington). There were no local federal courts, which necessitated prolonged and burdensome trips to Philadelphia for trials. The area was still in danger of Indian attacks. And to make matters worse, the federal government imposed a high excise tax on whiskey. This tax was particularly onerous because the cost of shipping local grain to the East for sale was very high.

“Local farmers could sell their grain crops for more (and lessen their shipping expenses) by converting their grain into whiskey. So high taxes on this product were seen as a blow directed principally at frontier communities like Washington. When federal tax collectors appeared in the area to collect these taxes, local mobs drove them off and worse (including tar and feathering one poor official). In 1794, President George Washington decided that the new federal government could not tolerate such lawlessness and ordered 13,000 troops to the Washington area. Upon learning that he would be arrested, David Bradford fled south to Spanish West Florida (which is present-day Louisiana). He took up a new life there and, in 1797, completed a home in St. Francisville. His wife, Elizabeth, and children joined him shortly thereafter. Eventually, David Bradford received a pardon for his role in the Whiskey Rebellion. The house had its hard times. It suffered its greatest damage when converted into a furniture and coffin store in the early 1900’s. In 1959, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission assumed control of the house and supervised a complete restoration. The house is again furnished as it would have been at the time it was built. The furnishings also reflect Bradford’s place in society. Landscape work in the rear of the well house led to the discovery of an old well. It was repaired, and a well house characteristic of Bradford’s time was constructed. This fine example of gracious frontier living is complemented by a garden of plants, herbs and flowers, typical of the 18th-century. The Bradford House Museum was originally built without an indoor kitchen, probably to avoid the dangers of fire. All cooking was done in a small log cabin located in the back garden. This precaution now seems wise, because the outdoor kitchen burned down in the late 1790’s. Recently the Bradford House Historical Association has completed a project that has reclaimed that lost piece of Bradford history. The new log kitchen was constructed. The kitchen will be used for open hearth cooking demonstrations and other living history events. Also new to the Bradford House Museum is the ‘The Sign of the Seven Stars’ tavern exhibit. On the 18th Century western frontier, taverns were the social centers. News, gossip and mail all came through taverns. People gathered to socialize and exchange news and ideas on a daily basis. The Whiskey Rebellion is sometimes referred to as an event born out of taverns. People would have learned of the Excise Tax, discussed the tax and planned rebellious activities in taverns. The Sign of the Seven Stars will give people an opportunity to experience the same atmosphere the Western Pennsylvania Farmers would have when organizing the rebellion.”

(Quoted from <https://downtownwashingtonpa.com/businesses/david-bradford-house/>)



Jane Miller, June 3
 Stephanie Troutman, Cynthia Sweeney--June 14
 Carolyn Holt—June 14
 Ann Hess—June 17
 Janice Showler—June 25
 Barbara Keefer—June 29

July

Pat McKim—July 7
 Taryn Kennedy—July 8
 Tiffany Riebel—July 18

August

PASSAR Former First Lady, Melanie Lick—August 4
 Denise Harry, August 5
 Diana Prusia—August 9
 Carol Strasbaugh—August 12
 Rosalind Ashmun—August 17
 Nancy LeFevre—August 19
 Diana Watson—August 25

Did we miss your birthday? Please send month and day to either Taryn or Debra for future inclusion. Thanks very much!

For your convenience, your officers for 2022-2024 are listed here with their contact information. Please don't hesitate to be reach out to your board members with questions, concerns, and ideas.

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N.B. Post of treasurer will be absorbed by Becky and Maribeth until a new treasurer is elected or appointed.

Are you or your husband involved in outreach encouraging participation in the SAR Youth Awards programs? If so, Janice wants to hear from you. Please send information and a picture (if possible) in jpeg form documenting your invitation to young folks in your community. We are encouraging more participation from the Pennsylvania society. Send via e-mail: Janice Showler <upenn92@outlook.com>

