



Ladies Auxiliary for the **Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025

Ladies Auxiliary of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution (LAPASSAR) supports the mission of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (see link below for more information). The ladies actively participate in SAR activities, attend board of management and leadership meetings, as well as an annual National Congress held in various host states in the United States, and internationally (France). LAPASSAR members are both descendants as well as friends of early American war veterans. For more information about joining, please e-mail Maribeth Wilt-Seibert at mwtseibert@aol.com. Also see the auxiliary drop box at [PASSAR Ladies Auxiliary](#).



President's Message -

Maribeth shares with us, “I joined LAPASSAR in 2018 and became a member of the Board in May 2020. I have enjoyed and continue to enjoy my experiences in LAPASSAR. Being with the National Ladies Auxiliary SAR at the National Congress in Lancaster PA was a delightful and rewarding experience.”

Dear LAPASSAR members, thank you so much to all of you who attended the February 1, 2025, Winter Board of Management Meeting in Camp Hill Pennsylvania. We had a wonderful time hearing about and creating our own Fraktur. For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you! Please consider attending the Spring Board of Management Meeting on May 3, 2025. Note: The Meeting Notice at the end of the newsletter, indicates that a fee of \$25.00 is required to attend the LAPASSAR portion of the Membership Meeting. This \$25.00 should be regarded as a donation. LAPASSAR Meetings are open to anyone who wants to support PASSAR. No fee is required.

Wishing you all the best and looking forward to a lovely Spring and Happy Easter!

Very Sincerely Yours,

Maribeth Wilt-Seibert, President LAPASSAR



LOOKING BACK: LAPASSAR Program included a business meeting, and speaker at 9:15 AM on the morning of February 1, 2025, during the Board of Management Meeting



**Pennsylvania Society
Sons of the American Revolution**



**Spring Board of Management Meeting
Friday, January 31, 2025 and Saturday, February 1, 2025**

Friday, January 31, 2025

3:30 to 6:00 PM

Registration Outside the Governor’s Ballroom B

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Friday Evening Social in the Hospitality Suite Room

Saturday, February 1, 2025

6:30 to 9:00 AM

Breakfast on Your Own

8:00 to 9:00 AM

Registration Outside the Governor’s Ballroom B

9:00 to 11:30 AM

Board of Management Meeting in the Governor’s Ballroom B

12:00 to 2:00 PM

Lunch Buffet in the Governor’s Ballroom B

3:00 to 4:30 PM

Presentation: Forbes Road and the Coulon de Villiers Family
In the Governor’s Ballroom B

Many thanks to the gentlemen for preparing the podium and the American and PA flags.

SATURDAY LAPASSAR PROGRAM:

TABLE OUTSIDE GOVERNOR B BALLROOM

REGISTRATION 0800-0900

GOVERNOR A BALLROOM

OPENING CEREMONY 0915-0930

PRESENTATION ON FRAKTUR 0930-1015

BUSINESS MEETING 1015-1100 WITH REFRESHMENTS

GOVERNOR B BALLROOM

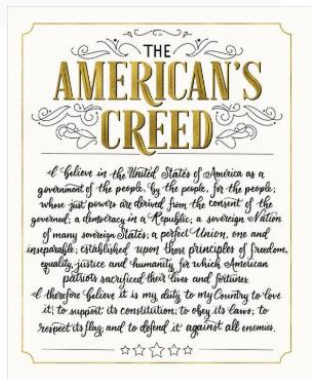
LUNCH 1230-1330

PRESENTATION ON FORBES ROAD F&I WAR 1330-1430

PRESENTATION ON COULON DE VILLIERS FAMILY F&I WAR 1430-1530

LAPASSAR Minutes from February 1, 2025

At 9a.m. President Maribeth Wilt-Seibert called the LAPASSAR meeting to order. Invocation was given by Pat McKim, Pledge of Allegiance was led by Aleta Keck, American’s Creed was led by Bobbi McMullin, and the Pledge to LAPASSAR was led by Pat McKim.



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SAR member Raymond Mowery IV introduced our guest speaker, Denise Ordway, a volunteer at the (CI) Conococheague Institute. Denise spoke about Fraktur folk art created by German or Pennsylvania Dutch style of the local settlers. This Fraktur art documented the settlers' births, baptism, and marriages. Denise led our group in a class on watercolor painting. Denise explained the mission and feature of CI. Free programs are given every Saturday. CI has 30 acres that include picnic areas, a playground, trails, and a stream.

Also at the meeting, Stephanie Troutman suggested we purchase a gift to recognize the outgoing first lady. The gift will be presented at the May meeting. Motion was seconded by Pat McKim, and we will proceed with the gift.

A discussion as to gift ideas pursued with the possibility of a flower arrangement or engraved vase, similar to the one presented to Becky, or an engraved metal item from Wendell August Forge in Grove City, PA. Aleta Keck asked if we had available funds and was assured that we do have them. A vote was taken and passed, to purchase a gift for \$100 or less.

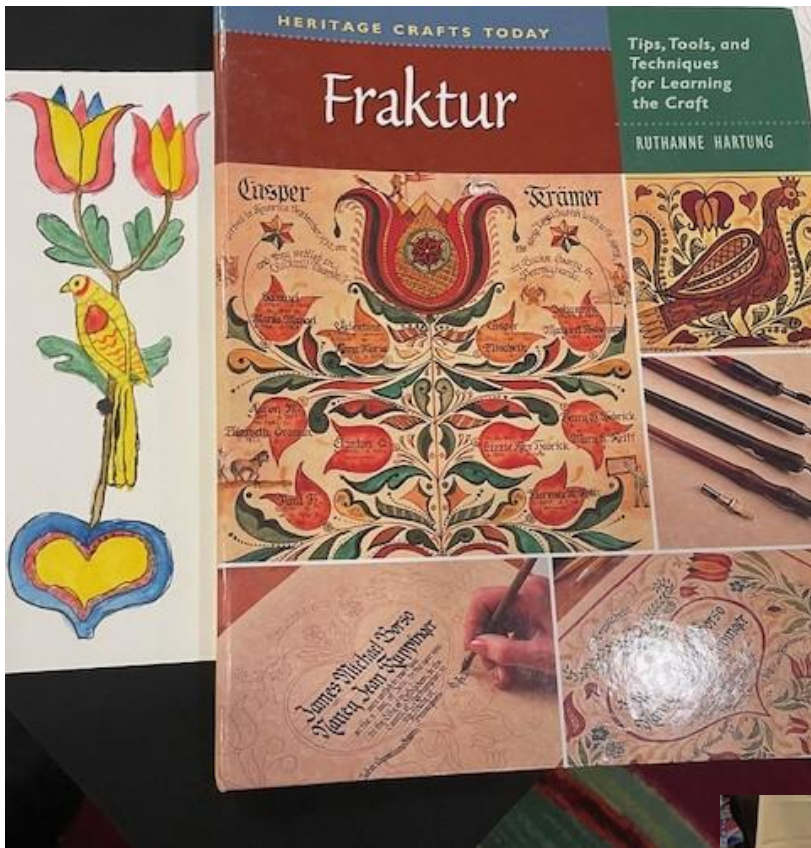
Continuing with the meeting, Aleta Keck reported that we still have pins, earrings, and bracelets to sell. Stephanie Troutman suggested a contest, and Aleta Keck suggested giving new members a set of the jewelry. Any proceeds from a contest or sales would be total profit for the chapter.

Group pictures followed the meeting, and at 11:02a.m. recessional was said by all members present. Closing prayer by chaplain Pat McKim.

Member present were:

Maribeth Wilt-Seibert Aleta Keck Melina Kopsick Bobbi McMullin
Denise Reinhart Pat McKim Stephanie Troutman Cindy Mills







Congress

CONGRESS ANNOUNCEMENT!

July 12-18, 2025 135th Sons of the American Revolution Congress Mohegan Sun Resort Uncasville, CT

info: <https://www.sar.org/congress/135-annual-congress-uncasville-connecticut>

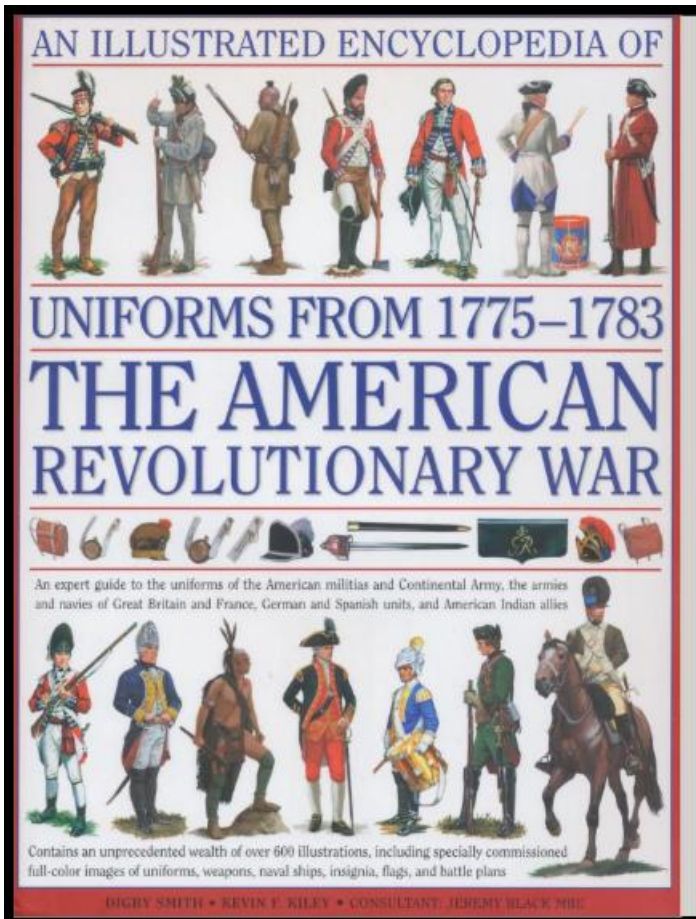
More details to follow.

Denise Reinhart brings up the centerpieces for Congress- We will discuss the exact amount of each centerpiece that we have when we go to the May meeting. She estimates we need enough for 40 tables for our August event for the two nights.

Maybe we might decide to double up centerpieces for our tables that we need in August for Middle States. That's just a thought to get rid of them if nobody wants to buy them. There will probably be a total of at least 75 to sell though. And tealights!



History of the Revolutionary War uniforms



At archive.org with the Library of Congress, you can find this book about the uniforms of the American Revolution. It is free to read.

An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Uniforms From 1775– 1783 (The American Revolutionary War)

[An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Uniforms From 1775–1783 \(The American Revolutionary War\) : Umair Mirza : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](https://archive.org/details/an-illustrated-encyclopedia-of-uniforms-from-1775-1783-the-american-revolutionary-war-umair-mirza/page/n0/m0)



Reminder to all lifetime members. Please update your contact information with the LAPASSAR for 2025. Thank you in advance to those who have already responded.

*****If any member wishes to highlight themselves, spouses, or veteran ancestors in the newsletter, please feel free to send in your information.*****

Introducing Randi and Fred Fonseca



Randi and Fred humbly share their family history here with our friends.

Randi, “My father’s family arrived from Europe and Russia in the early 1900’s. The lived in the Pale of Jewish Settlement. My great grandfather served in the Russian Army and immigrated to the United States at the age of 40 in 1913, leaving behind his wife and 5 children. He settled in Philadelphia and worked as a carpenter. Eight years later he had earned enough money to bring his wife and 5 children to the United States. He had two more children born in Philadelphia. His grandson, my father, proudly served in Korea.

My mother’s family also arrived from the Pale of Jewish Settlement. My great grandparents had 6 sons and sent their two oldest sons to the United States once they turned 21 to avoid service in the Russian Army where antisemitism and brutality was rampant. My grandfather arrived in 1909 joining his older brother who settled in Indiana. Just as Russia was entering World War I and pogroms were rampant, their parents and 4 brothers arrived at Ellis Island, aboard the Lusitania in 1914, one of her last voyages before being sunk by a German submarine. My grandfather proudly served in World War I and his sons served in World War II and Korea.”

Fred Fonseca,

1) Color guard commander for Philadelphia continental chapter;

2) PA state color guard commander

Fred’s Green Regimental uniform purchased from a Revolutionary War reenactor who is a tailor. He has another regimental which he purchased at the gunmakers fair in Kempton PA. Randi’s dress was also preowned. (Above photo taken at the Lancaster Congress last July.)

Fred shares, “My patriot ancestors were all Philadelphia County associators or militia except for Peter Federolf from Hereford Twp. Berks County who paid the supply tax. He was the easiest to prove with the help of a third cousin in the Towamencin DAR in Montgomery County who had done most of the proving I needed.

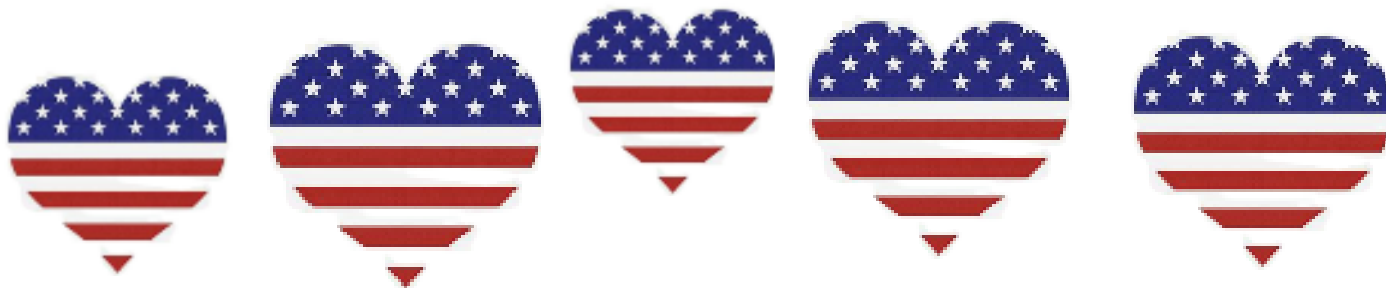
Peter Federolf was born in Wachbach in today’s central Germany. He came on the Thistle of Glasgow in 1730 with wife Anna Maria Rothermel and her family. Anna’s father died on the voyage. Peter obtained a patent for 400 acres in Hereford Twp. Philadelphia County which is now in Berks County. Their children were baptized in the Lutheran church.

I am descended from Peter and Anna’s second son Peter Jr. who died leaving minor children at the age of 38 without a will. It is interesting to see the preprinted form of Letters of Administration for his wife Susanna in June of 1777 with the word “province” crossed out and replaced with “county”. Susanna died later that year. Peter’s brother Phillip was in the 8 th Battalion Berks County Militia and died 1778. I have not found any information on what caused their young deaths or if it had any connection to the revolution.

Peter Jr and Susanna's seven orphaned children aged two to fifteen were raised by Peter's parents on the homestead. When his son Adam achieved adulthood, he bought land, farmed, and raised a family in Columbia County. Two of Adams' sons, Gideon and Daniel, relocated together to Montgomery County and they are the progenitors of the Philly area Fetterrolfs. Daniel married Rebecca Groff the daughter and granddaughter of Upper Salford Montgomery co. militia members. In 2022 I was proud to be Phila. Continental Chapter SAR color guard commander at the dedication by the DAR of a plaque bearing their names as militia members and congregants of Old Goschenhoppen Church.

Daniel and Rebecca Fetterrolf's son Daniel Jr married Anna Rebecca Cassel whose great great grandfather Hupert was excommunicate by the Mennonite Church for joining the militia. Their daughter Ella was my mom's grandmother. Ella Fetterrolf married Darius Kline whose great grandfather, Jacob Kline, was at the Battle of Germantown in the Bucks County militia."

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BIRTHDAYS

From our last newsletter and until the next, we wish most happy birthdays to all celebrating at this time. Happy Birthday, ladies!





**Pennsylvania Society
Sons of the American Revolution
132nd Annual Meeting, and
Spring Board of Management Meeting
Friday, May 2, 2025 and Saturday, May 3, 2025**



Friday, May 2, 2025
3:00 to 6:00 PM
7:00 to 9:00 PM

Registration - Junior Ballroom
Friday Evening Social - Junior Ballroom

Saturday, May 3, 2025
6:30 to 9:00 AM
8:00 to 9:00 AM

Breakfast on Your Own
Registration - Fireside Room

9:00 to 11:30 AM
9:00 to 11:30 AM
12:00 to 2:00 PM
3:00 to 4:30 PM
6:00 to 7:00 PM
7:00 to 10:00 PM

Board of Management Meeting - Fireside Room
Ladies Program - Jefferson Room
Lunch on Your Own
Memorial Service: Chartiers Hill Presbyterian Church
Social Time with Cash Bar - Junior Ballroom
Banquet Dinner and Installation of Officers (*Black Tie or Rev War Outfit Required*)

Double Tree by Hilton Washington/Meadow Lands Casino Area
340 Racetrack Road, Washington, PA 15301
Phone: (724) 222-6200

Hotel Reservation Deadline for SAR rate of \$119 + Tax is **April 2, 2025**
Ask for the Group Rate by using code: **SAR** when calling the hotel

**Meeting and Activities Registration Form
Deadline for Registration is April 14, 2025**

Registration Fee (Compatriots Only)	_____ x @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Friday Evening Social	_____ x @ \$20.00	\$ _____
Zoom Meeting	_____ x @ \$40.00	\$ _____
Saturday Ladies Program	_____ x @ \$25.00	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Banquet (Black Tie)	_____ x @ \$55.00	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet Choice of:

_____ Miso Glazed Salmon _____ New York Strip Steak

Name: _____ Chapter: _____
Address: _____
Office: _____ Guest(s): _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: George Washington Chapter - SAR
Mail check and registration form to: Robert W. Zelch, P. O. Box 96, Venetia, PA 15367
Contact: Robert Zelch Phone: (724)-469-0380 Email: backyard84@hotmail.com

For your convenience, your officers for 2025-2026 are listed here with their contact information. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with questions, concerns, and ideas.

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(Due to unforeseen spam messages, please be aware that we may have to remove email addresses going forward)

Please note that SAR and LAPASSAR holds four board of management meetings annually in February, May (annual meeting and elections), August and November. These meetings are scheduled the first Saturday of those months.



Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution website, available at <http://passar.org>/Sons of the American Revolution have been inspiring American Patriotism since 1889.