



# PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION

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## "Langston Gets His Wish"



## "Langston Begins Career As Model"



*"Three Generations of Sholls"  
Langston with Dad John and Grandfather Jack (kneeling)*

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## SONS, SONS, & MORE SONS



*"Three Generations of Wards"*

*Andrew Morton Ward with Grandfather Bill (seated) and Dad Mark*



*"Renato Thomas Di Stefano, III" and Dad Richard R P Di Stefano, Admissions Committee Chair,*



*"Reeve Biddle Fenstermacher"  
Reeve may not be a Son, but she is ready for Dad Ron to take her to the annual 2001 Musket Ball*

## 2001 "A Good Year"

Membership Recruitment On The Rise

Events Video

Ambassador Keyes, LFR Speaker

Male Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence Apply for Membership in the Sons

Golden Hill Nursing Home Visit

Olympic Torch Run & Let Freedom Ring

Visit to Pittsburgh

Lancaster Chapter Membership Climbs

Sons of the Sons' Join Society

Anthony Wayne Statue Refurbished

Quarterly Newsletter A Hit

New Office Equipment

New Office Staff

Notary Public Services to Members

Valley Forge Park Gets New Projector

Continued Support for Fort Mifflin

Lancaster Gets a Flagpole

## MORE TO COME IN 2002!

**VALLEY FORGE PARK**

In December a major residential housing developer bought 80 acres of privately owned land within Valley Forge National Historical Park and announced its intention to build 62 houses. A nationwide hue and cry has started. In January it was announced that the developer and the National Park Service are in negotiations for NPS to buy the property. On January 13th, a rally of all interested parties was organized by the Sierra Club and the National Parks Conservation Association and held at the Freedom Foundation. Over 300 people attended including several members of the Society. It was pointed out that even if negotiations are successful Congress would have to appropriate the money. For more information look at the Philadelphia Inquirer from December 13th to January 14th at your reference library or on the web at www.philly.com.

If you are interested in expressing your opinion you might consider writing to your Congressman and Senator. The members of the two key subcommittees could also be contacted. One is the subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands of the Committee on Resources and the other is the subcommittee on Interior of the Appropriations Committee.

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**MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

**The Editor and Newsletter Committee would like to thank all the contributors who have submitted articles and pictures this past year to assist the committee in accomplishing a great publishing year of the quarterly newsletter.**

**Thank You To All!**

**Washington Square Update**

At a meeting held in late October, the Fairmount Park Commission and the National Park Service reached an agreement on the landscaping plan for Washington Square. Breaking a deadlock that had lasted nearly two years, they now expect the final phase of the restoration to be completed in 2002. On December 6th, the Commission confirmed the following schedule at a meeting in Councilman DiCicco's office: January - advertise for bids, March - award bids and begin construction with completion prior to Veterans Day 2002. The Delta Group turned over bid specs and construction documents to the FPC on December 27th.

Major items in the final phase include the landscaping, repair and restoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the installation of the new Eternal Flame. Construction is not anticipated to impact the Let Freedom Ring ceremony scheduled for July 4th, 2002.

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**YOUNGER MEMBERS  
Christmas Party**

On Sunday, December 16, 2001, the Younger Members Committee joined the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter II, in hosting a Candlelight Christmas Party at the historic Lemon Hill Mansion in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. A large contingent of Younger Members and their families enjoyed cocktails and a buffet supper while the Union League Glee Club entertained with Christmas carols. This event has become a delightful part of the Younger Members' Christmas season.

Lemon Hill, which is situated on a hill overlooking Boathouse Row and the Schuylkill River, is owned by the City of Philadelphia and maintained by the Colonial Dames. The Philadelphia Museum of Art maintains rooms on the second floor containing period furnishings. The house was built in 1800 by Matthew Pratt on land formerly

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**WHO'S NEW AT THE  
SOCIETY OFFICE**



*Welcome Barbara!*

Meet Barbara Witlin, the Society's new secretary working with Shirley in the Society office. Barbara comes to us with many years of secretarial background.

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**YOUNGER MEMBERS (cont'd)**

owned by Robert Morris, Signer of the Declaration of Independence. The identity of the architect is unknown, but Lemon Hill is one of the few federal houses constructed with oval rooms (of which it has three placed atop each other) and is similar to buildings designed by Charles Bulfinch in Boston. Lemon Hill is open for tours.

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## George Washington's Vision of Our Future Recorded at the Library of Congress

The words of George Washington (The Father of America)

*"This afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a sight raising of her eyes."*

*"By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me, I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become useless, as though it had become paralyzed."*

*"A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitor. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as if it had become filled with sensations and luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarify, the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move; all were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion."*

*"Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn,' while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world; Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific."*

*"Son of the Republic" said the same mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.' At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an angel, standing, or rather floating in mid-air, between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left hand he cast some on Europe. Immediately a cloud raised from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary, and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people."*

*"A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean, and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn,' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them."*

*Again, I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.' At this the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word 'Union,' bearing the American flag which he placed between the divided nation, and said, 'Remember ye are brethren.' Instantly, the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons became friends once more, and united around the National Standard.*

*"And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: from each of these countries arose thick, black clouds that were soon joined into one. Throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America. Our country was enveloped in this volume of cloud, and I saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I beheld springing up. As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I heard again the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth, and blew a long and fearful blast."*

*"Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word Union, and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle."*

# Membership

## 2001 Recruitment

Name	Town	State	Ancestor	Proposer	Seconder
Andrew James Arnold	Lancaster	PA	Phillip Klugh	Charles E Arnold	John H Moore
Charles E Arnold	Lancaster	PA	Phillip Klugh	Charles E Arnold	John H Moore
Craig Elliott Arnold	Lancaster	PA	Phillip Klugh	Charles E Arnold	John H Moore
Douglas Ryan Arnold	Lancaster	PA	Phillip Klugh	Charles E Arnold	John H Moore
Gregory Sanders Arnold	Sewickley	PA	Phillip Klugh	Charles E Arnold	John H Moore
John Haser Arnold	Sewickley	PA	Phillip Klugh	Charles E Arnold	John H Moore
John Sanders Arnold	Sewickley	PA	Phillip Klugh	Charles E Arnold	John H Moore
Thomas Elliott Arnold	Lancaster	PA	Phillip Klugh	Charles E Arnold	John H Moore
Williard Max Arnold	Ocean Ridge	FL	Phillip Klugh	Charles E Arnold	John H Moore
James William Beall	Wilmington	DE	Col Samuel Beall, Jr	William B Neal	Howard F Horne
John McLean Blickensderfer	Philadelphia	PA	John Womble	Richard R P DiStefano	William L Truscot
Andrew Etter Brown	Narberth	PA	Abraham Etter	Jeffrey T Brown	Thomas C Etter
Jeffrey William Brown	Narberth	PA	Abraham Etter	Jeffrey T Brown	Thomas C Etter
Peter Lawrence Byrne	Lancaster	PA	Christopher Reinhold	Andrew R Sullivan	John R Timmons
John Lincoln Chapin, III	Wynnewood	PA	Stephen Chapin	Michael W Freeland	Harvard C Wood, III
Renato Thomas DiStefano, III	Wynnewood	PA	Andrew Geyer	Richard R P DiStefano	Montgomery Harris, III
Albert Scott Feather	Ft Washington	PA	Isaac Feather, Sr	Curtis P Cheyney, III	Leroy M Lewis, III
Albert E Feather, Jr	Ft Washington	PA	Isaac Feather, Sr	Curtis P Cheyney, III	Leroy M Lewis, III
Kevin Marley Feather	Ft Washington	PA	Isaac Feather, Sr	Curtis P Cheyney, III	Leroy M Lewis, III
Lawrence J Field	Flourtown	PA	Jessie Owen	Andrew R Sullivan	Dean R Thompson
John Reynolds Fullerton	Palmyra	PA	Hugh Caldwell, Jr	John W W Loose	John S Shirk
Timothy E Games	Wayne	PA	Samuel Waples	Milton Betelle	Richard D Smith, Sr
Franklin Ross Grove, III	Red Lion	PA	Andrew Gohn (Koon)	Franklin R Grove, Jr	Arthur Old
Budd Jaye Hallberg	Gettysburg	PA	Jacob Van Deventer	Richard D Smith, Sr	Lewis L Neilson, Jr
David M Humphrey	Radnor	PA	John McClure	Herbert Zearfoss	Winchell S Carroll
Zachary Coles Keller	Upper Back Eddy	PA	Samuel Kistler	David H Keller, Jr	Gurney P Sloan, Jr
David Hersh Keller, III	Upper Black Eddy	PA	Samuel Kistler	Dzvid H Keller, Jr	Gurney P Sloan, Jr
Peter J Moak	Philadelphia	PA	Christopher Gallington	Jefferson M Moak, II	Curtis P Cheyney, III
Will M Moore, Jr	APO, US Navy	FL	Geroge Need (Neat)	John H Moore	John H Bowman
Philip Schuyler Pyne	Greenville	NC	Philip Schuyler	Curtis P Cheyney, III	Winchell S Carroll
Edward Reynolds, Jr	Lancaster	PA	Israel Hayter	John H Bowman	John S Shirk
John Osborne Shirk	Lititz	PA	Robert Young	John S Shirk	George D May
Langston B Sholl	Piedmont	CA	George Sholl	John E Sholl	John H Moore
Edwin P Short	Lancaster	PA	Joseph Hawkins	Jeffrey Banta	John H Bowman
Morris C Swope	New York City	NY	John J Swope	Morris C Swope, Jr	David Swope, II
Andrew Morton Ward	Devon	PA	John Morton	Mark C Ward	William Ward, IV
Eric Gearhart Werner	Philadelphia	PA	Jacob Gearhart	Peter F Cooke, Jr	Richard L Walkup, Jr
Jeffrey James Wood	East Norriton	PA	Alexander Kelly	Andrew R Sullivan	John R Timmons
Guy C Woodruff	Bryn Mawr	PA	Theunis Day	Montgomery Harris, III	Richard S Sperry

**"2002 RECRUITMENT STARTS OFF STRONG"**

**EVENTS & HAPPENINGS**



**Dedication of Betsy Ross Painting At State Museum**  
 Win Carroll (PSSR & SAR), Lee Stevens (Curator), Charles Weisgerber (Donator), Mark Lloyd (PSSR), and Tom Showler (PSSR & SAR) attend dedication ceremony in Harrisburg.



**President Cheyney's Trip to Pittsburgh**  
 Some SAR Members Before Meeting



**President Sandy Stromberg (DSDI) hands President Cheyney his proposal papers for PSSR membership at October meeting in Norwich, CT**

President Cheyney recently presented a membership proposal to the male members of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence at their annual meeting in Norwich, CT. The Society has for many years been working in partnership with DSDI in the Let Freedom Ring ceremony every July 4th. The mutual friendship and respect between both organizations and dedication to Let Freedom Ring suggested to President Cheyney that an improved and enhanced mission could be accomplished. Male members of the DSDI have submitted applications for membership to the PSSR

**George's Vision (cont'd)**

*"Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving their inhabitants of the land victorious!"*

*"Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice, 'While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'UNION,' he placed it upon the Standard while people, kneeling down, said, Amen."*

*"The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted: three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the third, but in this greatest conflict the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and his Union. With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had see a vision wherein had been shown to me the birth, progress and destiny of the United States."*

**What do you think???**

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**LET US KNOW!!!**

**Do you think the newsletter should have a different name?**

**Send us your opinion/s and suggestion/s.**

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**BOOK PROMOTION**  
*Standards and Colors*  
*of the American Revolution*

Watch for the Society's upcoming promotional brochure of Edward Richardson's book, Standards and Colors of the American Revolution, soon to be sent to all Society members. Take advantage of this exciting future offer to arrive along with the notice for the Society's Annual Meeting.

## George Washington's Birthday Party February 16th, 2002

Society members should mark the evening of Saturday, February 16th, 2001 on their social calendar and prepare for a music-filled evening at the Union League in celebration of George Washington's birthday. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the McMichael Room to the right of Sully's equestrian portrait of our first Commander-in-Chief at the head of the League's main staircase.

The members of the Washington's Birthday Party Committee have been working hard to change both the look and the sound of the event. Members and their guests will dance to the elegant and smooth sound of the Rich Posmontier Ensemble. The Lincoln Ballroom will sport a new look; and with the Ball's proximity to Valentine's Day, the theme of the evening will be love!

So please be sure to invite your inamorata and other like-minded companions to join us for this patriotic and romantic occasion. The Society is also interested in having members of other hereditary and patriotic organizations join our celebration. If you would like an invitation sent to a member of such an organization, please notify the PSSR office at 215-545-1888.

### PSSR Gravemarkers

The new supply of bronze PSSR grave markers with flag holders is now available for purchase from the PSSR office. They measure six inches in diameter with a twenty four inch stake for ground installation.

President Cheyney and the Younger Members' Committee have offered to place these markers for all society members' ancestors in churchyards and cemeteries within a twenty mile radius of the city in time for Memorial Day 2002. The cost of a grave marker is \$77.00.

When ordering, please include the ancestor/s name, cemetery name and address, cemetery phone number, section, lot number, and any other information which may be helpful for location. If cemetery placement is not desired, the marker will be mailed to your address.

### 2002 ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars now for the Society's 114th Annual Meeting, which will take place on April 11, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. at the Union League, Philadelphia. Come to enjoy time to chat with a member of the Rorer family, whose generosity has made possible much of the Society's ongoing goals. A reception and dinner will follow the meeting at the Union League.

## Bake a "Washington Cake" (for George's Birthday)

Here's a recipe for a cake that's named after our First President, because it was "a favorite at the table of General Washington," according to an 1843 newspaper story.

We are giving you the modern method, but if you want your cake to taste like the old 1830s version, use some whole-wheat flour and rye flour - and even some cornmeal. If you want it to taste lighter - more like a modern cake, use more unbleached white flour and less of the other kinds.

#### Ingredients:

- 3 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup apple juice
- 2 1/2 to 3 cups flour, measured after sifting
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 pint heavy cream or sour milk



#### Directions:

1. Cream the butter and sugar (mix by stirring) until light.
2. Beat eggs, add apple juice. Combine with butter and sugar mixture.
3. Sift together flour, baking soda, and spices.
4. Add 1/3 of the flour mixture and half of the cream; then add another 1/3 of the flour mixture and the remaining cream; finally, add the remaining flour mixture, blending well after each addition.
5. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease two 8 inch (or 9 inch) round cake pans, pour in the batter, and bake for 45 minutes.

## "Things To Do"

### Remember to.....

**Mail your RSVP to George Washington's Birthday Party, mail reservation into Society Office.**

**Notify the Office of any address changes.**

**Submit 2001 dues payment to Society Office if yet unpaid for reinstatement.**

**Make note of the *new* PSSR email address.  
pssr@amrev.org**

**Check the 2002 Calendar of Events on page 12.**

### "Son Called To Active Duty"



**Ensign Curtis P. Cheyney, IV**

Curtis, a Life Younger Member (1995) and graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY, with a degree in Marine Engineering, is currently serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy on active duty aboard the USS Cardinal, a minesweeper located in the Persian Gulf near Bahrain. Before his next assignment, Curtis

successfully completed training in Navy Surface Warfare and Mine Warfare in Newport, RI and Corpus Christi, TX, respectively. While at King's Point, he served the Academy with distinction and received varsity letters in football and wrestling; he received two gold stars for academic achievement and was twice appointed a regimental officer.

Curtis is the son of the Pennsylvania Society's current President, Curtis P. Cheyney, III, and wife Barbara.

The Society extends to Curtis their best wishes for a peaceful tour of duty and a safe return home to his family and friends.

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**Olympic Torch Run & Let Freedom Ring**



**Navy Vice Admiral Tim Keating and wife Wandalee at replica Liberty Bell along with Crusaders for Christ Choir preparing for Olympic Torch Run Program on Philadelphia Art Museum steps.**



**Robert Barnes, Verifying Genealogist, spends day at the office reviewing applications**



**Admissions Committee Hard At Work In 2001  
Ron Carpenter, Jefferson Moak, Howard Morgan, Rick DiStefano, Herb Zearfoss, Harvard Wood, IV, and Win Carroll  
Thanks for a great year!**

Let Freedom Ring (T) and the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution welcomed the citizens of Philadelphia and visitors as they greeted the Olympic Torch Runner at the Philadelphia Art Museum on December 22nd. President Cheyney, joined by Vice President Lewis, addressed opening remarks to a crowd of more than 5000 spectators awaiting the Olympic Torch on a cold evening.

"A commonality is shared in that the revolutionary spirit and the Olympic Games have in common and as their very essence, the uncommon feature of courage, individual courage." Joining President Cheyney was Dr. Peter Lillback, founder and president of Proclamation Foundation and sponsor of the replica Liberty Bell, in addition to Vice Admiral Tim Keating. At the conclusion of remarks, President Cheyney along with Vice Admiral Keating rang the replica Liberty Bell four times to honor and commemorate the courageous men, women and children, the innocent of America, all the passengers, the staff and pilots aboard those four ill-fated planes of 9/11 and for the lives lost at the Pentagon where Vice Admiral Keating serves.

## More Events & Happenings



*Trip to Golden Hill Nursing Home*

Cynthia Junkin and Golden Hill residents perform a mini Let Freedom Ring Ceremony for President Cheyney while local SAR members welcome him to the area



*Anthony Wayne Statue Refurbished  
Philadelphia Art Museum*



**New Citizens sworn in at Philadelphia Ceremonial Courtroom**



**Jefferson Moak, General Registrar, talks to potential new members at luncheon sponsored by President**

## President Cheyney Delivers Roll of Honor Certificates to Let Freedom Ring Tappers at Golden Hill

President Cheyney and the Let Freedom Ring Committee recently learned how special the ceremony is to some of our participants, especially the residents at Golden Hill Nursing Home in New Castle, PA. Since a trip was planned to visit Pittsburgh SAR members, President Cheyney decided to visit the facility along with Shirley Sadak, Executive Secretary, and personally thank this special group for their continued participation each year and deliver their certificates personally. What he didn't expect though in carrying out the Society's tradition of the ceremony was to be made to feel so special by the Golden Hill residents. What was anticipated as a stop to say hello and thank you turned into a planned mini Let Freedom Ring ceremony for him, followed by a reception, and a message to our Society just how revered the Let Freedom Ring ceremony is to its participants.

Upon arrival, Cynthia Junkin (therapist), Golden Hill staff, family members, area Press, and local SAR members were there to greet President Cheyney. Following the mini ceremony, he presented them with Liberty Bell pins, their Roll of Honor certificates, and a mini engraved Liberty Bell for their continued participation as the Society's special thank you to them.

Some of the residents, veterans and retired military personnel, have been participating for many years in this ceremony, displaying their Roll of Honor certificates proudly on the walls in their rooms for all to see and looking forward to doing it again next year. Golden Hill Nursing Home makes this a special event for its residents each year in planning the ceremony and inviting the participation of its residents, families, and visitors.

It was a long trip of driving that day, but Shirley reports that when she asked President Cheyney his thoughts of the day, he realized the Society is accomplishing more than they think with this ceremony and a deeper sense of accomplishment was felt when it came to the ceremony. The sincerity and tears observed by both of them on the residents' faces touched their minds and hearts concerning the different meanings to its participants. The trip was meant to make Golden Hill feel special and they managed to reverse this feeling and make the Society and the LFR committee feel special.

Yes, Let Freedom Ring is a huge amount of work to prepare for each year, but the 2002 ceremony and everything involved to achieve it now doesn't feel so hard to accomplish.

**We thank you Golden Hill for making our patriotic endeavors feel more special to us!**

## New Color Guard Captain Announced



**Richard Dana Smith**  
Captain of The Color Guard

Richard, a member of the Society since 1977, was recently named Captain of The Color Guard at the Color Guard Annual Meeting held at the Barge Club in January.

President of Richard D. Smith, Inc. of Chadds Ford, PA, a custom retail packaging specialist, he has been a sales and manufacturing executive specialist for the past thirty years. Entering the U.S. Army in 1961, he served over two years as an enlisted man in the 101st Airborne Division and later received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Artillery upon graduating from Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma at the age of twenty. Upon completion of his military commitment, he entered college and graduated from Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan with a degree in business administration.

Captain Smith brings with him lots of experience as a long time member of the Society and also having been elected to the Color Guard in 1992. He served on the Board for four years and has served as chairman of the Membership Committee and the Valley Forge Commemoration Committee. He still serves on four committees - Let Freedom Ring, Special Projects, Membership, and Admissions. He was elected Second Lieutenant of the Color Gaurd in 1994 and First Lieutenant in 1998 before being elected as Captain this past January.

In addition to his involvement with the Sons, Richard has held and holds leadership positions in several other societies in PA including the Netherlands Society, the Huguenot Society, the Founders & Patriots, War of 1812, and Historian of the Mayflower Society of PA. He has also been active in community and civic affairs in Chester County, Pa. He serves as the Birmingham Township Republican Committeeman and lives adjacent to the site of the Battle of Brandywine with his wife Marsha and their son Dana.

We look forward to Captain Smith leading the Color Guard at Washington's Birthday Party at the Union League on February 16th, 2002.

## The "Oneidas" and the Birth of the American Nation Musket Ball Guests of Honor

Fighting for the cause of American liberty and independence, the Oneida Nation sent its warriors to battlegrounds ranging from Valley Forge, PA to the Canadian border of New York during the Revolutoin. The alliance forged with the nascent United States was of the Oneidas' choosing. It was one they honored throughout the war and they honor it still. The price paid by the Oneida Nation for this stand is almost beyond comprehension. They lost their homes and property, they endured starvation, disease, and the sometimes violent bigotry of their allies; and they lost the lives of at least a third of their people. At the most crucial moment of conflict, in the decisive year of war, the Oneidas stood forth and played a strategically significant role in the American Revolution. For generations Oneidas, in their ancestral country of present-day New York, have kept alive the tradition of the timely help they offered to the United States and the terrible suffering they endured in the American cause. William Rockwell, an Oneida leader early in this century, recorded a remark made by an elderly Oneida in 1909; "If all the skulls of the Oneida Indians killed by British forces in fighting to help the colonials get their freedom were piled together, the pile would be larger than the capital building in Albany." Unfortunately, Oneida contributions to the outcome of that struggle remain virtually unknown today.

### 2001 Musket Ball



**Brian Patterson, Executive Liaison for the Oneida Nation, and wife Melissa join President Cheyney and wife Barbara as the honored guests of the 2001 Musket Ball**



**Members enjoy fun evening at 2001 Musket Ball**

# LANCASTER COUNTY CHAPTER

## CAPITOL DAY



**"A Fitting Finale To A Fitting Dedication"**

**Acting Mayor Charlie Smithgall fires cannon at end of dedication of flagpole purchased by PSSR for City of Lancaster**



**Members and guests enjoying the luncheon following the flagpole dedication in Lancaster**



**John Bowman, Lancaster Chapter Regent, and Chapter Member Doug Gibson greet New Citizens after Oath in Lancaster, PA**

## Lancaster Chapter Fall Meeting At Stauffer Mansion

On November 13th, members and guests of the Lancaster County Chapter were treated to an vivid account of the life and trials of a Conestoga Wagon driver, the details of the construction of his wagon, and the training of his horses. Following the meeting, which was held at Stauffer Mansion on the Lititz Pike, light refreshments were served.

Educator, historian, and re-enactor, Mr. Cary Shaner of Berks County portrayed "Schoener, the Wagoneer." Schoener (who was rumored to have "resorted to deceit and gile and as such is wanted by the countie Sherrif for deliverance to the Lancaster Gaol"), described the training, control, and type of horses used in his six horse hitch. He explained that three different breeds are used in groups of two to optimize the power and manageability of the team. Schoener detailed the design features and construction materials of his Conestoga Wagon, and gave a perspicuous description of the lifestyle of a Conestoga wagon driver who routinely traversed the roads between Lancaster and Philadelphia in the 1800's. He also explained how he engaged in commerce on Market Street in Philadelphia, a typical destination for a Conestoga Wagon teamster such as Jacob Schoener.

It was a very enjoyable and informative evening. As we frequently discover through such programs, the simple life was a bit more complex than first imagined.



**Cary Shaner of Berks County portraying "Schoener, the Wagoneer"**

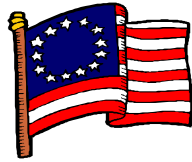


## Lancaster Chapter Membership On the Rise "103 and Climbing"

# THE COLOR GUARD

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

### "Captain Salisbury's Final Message As Captain"



As you may know by now, after much deliberation, I accepted a promotion to a position with my current employer, which required me to relocate to Wisconsin in 2001. I will relinquish the role of Captain in January 2002 at the Color Guard annual meeting. Even living in Wisconsin, I look forward to continued participation in the Pennsylvania Society and The Color Guard.

As my fourth and last year as Captain comes to a close, permit me some reflections. Our artifacts, flags, and membership information are all up on the Society's website, and they look great! Guardsmen remember the Sunday we assembled the flags at the Union League prior to a Washington Birthday Party Drill in order that Coleman Sellers could take pictures of them as he hung over the balcony railing. He then had the pictures digitized for our website. Descriptions and photographs have also been taken of our collection of artifacts and are all on the website too, [www.amrem.org](http://www.amrem.org).

Most important, I believe we have accomplished our core mission over the past four years. We have been engaged with the Society to actively further our mission of keeping before the public mind the sacrifices of our forefathers. We have paraded the flags at Cliveden, in Lancaster, New Orleans, and Princeton, as well as our regular Philadelphia events. Remember the appreciation of the crowd in Jackson Square outside the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. Keep in mind the hush of the spectators at Cliveden as we marched in, and each unit of reenactors dropped their colors in turn to salute Old Glory as we passed by. Think of the flag pole we funded in the City of Lancaster. The Color Guard was there in Lancaster for the dedication of the flag pole sixteen days after the terrorist jetliner attacks. Who knew how meaningful that would be when we were discussing its funding a year earlier? Each mem-

ber of The Color Guard has made a difference in furthering the goals of our Society.

The next time you see someone who serves in The Color Guard, thank him for his dedication.

I have great affection for The Color Guard and the Pennsylvania Society.

I remain, your obedient servant,

*Andrew Jackson Salisbury, II*  
Captain  
The Color Guard  
Pennsylvania Society  
of Sons of the Revolution



*Capt. Andrew Jackson Salisbury, II*

**Thank you  
for your dedication  
to the  
Pennsylvania Society  
of  
Sons of the Revolution  
and  
The Color Guard  
and always being that  
obedient servant!**

**Board of Managers  
The Color Guard  
Chairmen  
Committee Members  
Members of the Society**

## MEMORIES FOR OUR PAST CAPTAIN



**New Orleans Triennial**



**2001 Annual Church Service**



**Andrew with wife Mona & daughter Grace  
2001 Independence Day Luncheon**



**Getting ready to dedicate a flagpole!**

**- IN MEMORIAM -**

2002



**Recently Reported Past Deaths**

- Harold Riley Colvin, Jr
- Morris Sharp Hanson
- Caleb Wright Horner
- Perot Nevin
- Howard Campbell Price, Jr
- Joseph Paul Scheetz
- Charles Suplee Strickler

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Members are invited to submit articles for inclusion in the Membership Milestones column to the Society office. Photographs cannot be returned.

**2002 Calendar of Events**

- 16 February George Washington's Birthday Party  
Union League of Philadelphia
- 11 April PSSR Annual Meeting & Dinner  
Union League of Philadelphia
- 28 April Annual Church Service  
Christ Church  
Second & Market Streets  
Philadelphia, PA  
Reception - TBA
- 4 July Independence Day Luncheon  
Sheraton Society Hill  
Philadelphia, PA  
  
Let Freedom Ring Ceremony  
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- 2nd Thursday Each Month  
Board of Managers Meeting  
The Union League of Philadelphia
- 3rd Monday Each Month  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Acorn Club of Philadelphia
- 4th Wednesday Each Month  
Project Committee Meeting  
Location - TBA

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