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Anthony Wayne Medal to be Displayed At Mount Vernon

Recently, the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution received a request from the Society of the Cincinnati to participate in an exhibition entitled *Washington and His Generals*. The exhibition, co-sponsored by the Society of the Cincinnati and the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (owners and operators of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens) will be held at the F. M. Kirby Foundation Gallery in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center on the grounds of Mount Vernon from February 21, 2009 until January 10, 2010.

The P.S.S.R. will display its Anthony Wayne Congressional Gold Medal (shown below), normally held at the Philadelphia Mint. The Congressional Gold Medal for General Wayne was approved by the Continental Congress on 26 July 1779 commemorating his victory at Stony Point, New York. In addition, more than 120 paintings, manu-

scripts, personal artifacts and insignia associated with the major generals and brigadier generals who served under Washington will be on display, according to a Mount Vernon Ladies' Association press release.

On display at the exhibit will be the Society of the Cincinnati Diamond Eagle, an unexpected gift to Washington from the French Navy, worn by Washington and every subsequent President General of the Society. Over the last century, the spectacular Society of the Cincinnati Diamond Eagle has rarely been publicly

displayed; the last time being at the Smithsonian and in the case usually holding the Hope Diamond. Medals from other officers of Washington's, including those of General Von Steuben and General Knox, will also be on display. This appears to be the first time artifacts worn by all three of these generals will be displayed together.

The grandeur of the Cincinnati Diamond Eagle overwhelmed an earlier version, the Washington-Lafayette Eagle (also known as Washington's Special Eagle), commissioned by Washington as a



Washington's Birthday

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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BALL
is scheduled for the evening of February 21,
2009 at the Union League of Philadelphia.
Cocktails will be served at six-thirty and the Color
Guard plans to march just prior to dinner
at seven-thirty.

The year 2009 will mark the 277th birthday of our
first President. Invitations have already been
mailed. We encourage you to send in your
response card immediately. You may also
call the P.S.S.R. office at 215-545-
1888 to reserve.



*The Cincinnati
Diamond Eagle*

ing Washington's death, it was presented by Washington's step-granddaughter to the Marquis de Lafayette during his triumphal return to the United States in 1824. In December 2007, the Washington-Lafayette Eagle was purchased at auction for over five million dollars by a representative of La Fondation de Chambrun, located at Château La Grange, the former home of the Marquis de Lafayette. Plans are underway to include

badge of office for himself as President General of the Society of the Cincinnati and designed by Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant. Ironically, the Washington-Lafayette Eagle was probably never worn by Washington himself. Follow-

the Washington-Lafayette Eagle in the exhibit.

The forthcoming *Washington and His Generals* promises to be an exciting and worthwhile exhibition. The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution is proud to be a part of this historic event.

P.S.S.R. members and friends are encouraged to monitor the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association website, www.mountvernon.org, for more information.

—James B. Burke



The Washington-Lafayette Eagle

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Annual Church Service

On Sunday, May 3, 2009, members and guests of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution will gather for the Annual Service of Worship at the Alumni Memorial Chapel of St. Cornelius the Centurion, located on the campus of Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

The service will commemorate the encampment of the Continental Army at Valley Forge in 1777-78 and the memory of those members of the Society who died during the preceding year. The service call to worship will be led by the Reverend G. Clayton Ames III. Following the service, we will gather at St. Davids Golf Club for a sit-down dinner. Please mark your calendars.

—W. Murray Gordon, Event Chairman

From the Color Guard

The Color Guard has provided Fraunces Tavern Museum with funding for the restoration of *Washington and Members of Congress Leaving Christ Church* (after a memorial service for those lost in the victory at Yorktown, 1781), one of their collection of 45 paintings by John Ward Dunsmore. This restoration should be complete in time for the opening of the new Dunsmore Gallery at the museum. To date, five restorations have been underwritten by the Color Guard, the others being *Captured Flags from Yorktown*, *Lafayette and Washington at Valley Forge*, *Valley Forge - Lafayette at Washington's Headquarters* and *Washington Sees the Bloody Footprints* (pictured).

—Dr. W. Steven Mark, Captain



ANNUAL MEETING

The 121st Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at the Union League. The meeting for members only will begin at 5:00 p.m. and feature the traditional Color Guard presentation of colors, a business meeting and election of officers. It is followed by a social hour and a buffet dinner. New members will be recognized. Please circle the date and plan to attend.

—Lanny R. Patten, Secretary

PSSR Younger Members

(age 18- 40)

Washingtons Birthday Ball
February 21, 2008
Half off the regular
Subscription price
for anyone aged 40 and
under

Put your tables together now
Don't miss the chance for a
great night out.

--Harvard C. Wood IV,
Committee Chairman





Pictured above and to the left are: 1. Kathryn Coriell and Win Carroll. 2. Color Guard Eagles, Ben Wolf, Eric Guenther and Jonathan FitzGerald under the command of Captain W. Steven Mark. 3. Jean and Rich Walkup. 4. Tony Morris and Debbie Wolf. 5. Mona and Andy Salisbury. 6. Carol and Ted Neilson. 7. Lewis Graham.



New Member Reception

Immediately following the September meeting of the P.S.S.R. Board of Managers, the Membership Committee and the Color Guard hosted the annual New Member Reception. The staff of the Union League of Philadelphia served cocktails with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres to 70 new and prospective members and their guests. Proposers were also in attendance to introduce their candidates.

President Fenstermacher and Captain Mark circulated in the Library Lounge to meet and greet each new member personally. They encouraged all to take an active role in the Pennsylvania Society and to meet many more of our congenial members by attending our fine events.

The Membership Committee would like to

suggest an easy New Year's resolution: Propose at least one family member or friend to P.S.S.R. during the upcoming year. The Committee and office staff have been working hard to streamline proposal process. The proposal and application forms and procedures are available on the P.S.S.R. website, www.amrev.org. As an alternative, you may contact the P.S.S.R. office at 215-545-1888. The staff will walk you through the proposal and application procedures and will follow up until your candidate is elected.

It is our hope that these efforts will lead to our requiring a much larger room for the reception next year.

—Andrew R. Sullivan,
Committee co-Chairman



Musket Ball 2008

To celebrate the Allies' victories at Saratoga and Yorktown, the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution returned to the Merion Cricket Club on October 18th to hold its annual Musket Ball. Upon arrival, members of the Society and guests enjoyed cocktails and jovial conversation. Prior to dinner, the P.S.S.R. Color Guard Eagles led by Captain W. Steven Mark presented the colors and toasts were offered by the P.S.S.R. vice presidents.

This year's menu selection included a hearty cream of mushroom soup and Caesar Salad followed by filet mignon coupled with Crab Imperial. Strawberries sabayon with double chocolate finger cakes and after dinner cordials completed the sumptuous meal. Dancing to the entertaining and lively Scott Romig Band rounded out the memorable evening. The Committee wishes to thank the Color Guard for its generous support.

Following the phenomenal success of this year's Musket Ball, the Merion Cricket Club has been selected for the 2009 event as well. Saturday, October 24th, 2009 has been reserved. Please make note of the date so you do not miss another fantastic evening

—Ben R. Wolf, Committee co-Chairman



NEW CITIZENS CEREMONY

On December 11, 2008, the New Citizens Committee of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution participated in a naturalization ceremony for 106 new citizens from 38

countries at the Federal Courthouse at Sixth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. This

event was the latest in a tradition of the Society dating from 1957. The ceremony was presided over by the Honorable Stewart Dalzell, Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the citizenship oath was administered by the Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell, Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Judge Rendell arranged for the ceremony to be videotaped to serve as part of a statewide educational program to increase awareness of the duties and role of citizenship. The edited tapes will be made available to local school districts and other educational organizations as part of this program.

Representing the Society at the ceremony were co-Chairmen Ben Leavenworth and

John Blickensderfer, Fred Peltier, and William Carr, and Society secretary, Barbara Dickenson. Following the presentation of certificates of citizenship by Judge Rendell, they handed the participants gift packages containing a copy of the Constitution, a small American flag, a flag lapel pin, and a ballpoint pen.

A. Michael Pratt, Jr., Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association addressed the new citizens and congratulated them on their decision to become citizens. The response to the Court on behalf of the new citizens was delivered by Emily Fang Zhao formerly of the People's Republic of China. Ms. Zhao stated she had originally immigrated to the United States in pursuit of higher education. During the course of her studies, she met her husband, and they decided to make their future home in this country, which offers such abundant opportunity to all.

Following the ceremony the Society sponsored a reception for the new citizens that included traditional American banjo music, cake, and iced tea.

—John Blickensderfer, Committee co-Chairman

Lancaster Chapter Celebrates Fall Events

Members of the Lancaster County Chapter had a busy fall, with two events in six weeks. The Chapter celebrated Capital Day on September 27th, commemorating the 231st anniversary of the day that Lancaster served as the Capital of our country. The Chapter also met on November 10th for its fall meeting

The Lancaster Chapter began its commemoration of Capital Day in 1952 and has marked the day ever since. This year, thirty Chapter members and guests met at the historic Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Lancaster, for a public program on *Architecture in Downtown Lancaster, 1777*. The program speaker was Mr. Thomas A. Lainhoff, architectural historian, preservation consultant, and restoration contractor. Mr. Lainhoff spent eighteen years with the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission and then was Director of Gunston Hall Plantation, the home of George Mason, for eleven years.

Mr. Lainhoff identified and discussed the buildings and houses that existed in downtown Lancaster on September 27, 1777, with special emphasis on those that are still standing today. He illustrated his talk with slide photographs. Among the many buildings he discussed were:

The original courthouse. The Continental Congress met in this Georgian style building. This building was destroyed by fire in 1795.



Trinity Lutheran Church (pictured left). Georgian style, its interior could hold twelve average-sized houses of the period! The parsonage of this church was built in 1748.

The Demuth tobacco store, built in 1771 (pictured above right). Although built by Germans, its architecture is English, reflecting both the acculturation of the Germans and a desire to make the building at-

tractive to English customers.

The Jasper Yeates house on S. Queen St., one of only nineteen three-story buildings in downtown Lancaster.

The building at N. Duke and E. Walnut was a military stable. The barracks across the street housed prisoners of war.

Mr. Lainhoff noted that at the end of the 18th century three out of four families in Lancaster lived in one-story houses with an average footprint of only 600 square feet. A typical Germanic house was laid

out in a four-room plan with a central chimney. These houses were always of log or stone construction. Brick buildings were always in an English style. Mr. Lainhoff identified eighteen surviving houses that are recognized as existing in 1777.

The group then proceeded to the Hamilton Club for lunch. After lunch, Chapter member and noted historian John W. W. Loose spoke briefly about Lancaster at the time of Capital Day. Mr. Loose debunked the popularly-held belief that the Congress continued on to York because they wanted to put the Susquehanna River between them and the British. He noted that the town was very crowded with the Pennsylvania legislature, relocated from Philadelphia, and two regiments of troops from Virginia, in addition to the general populace. Because accommodations were almost non-existent in Lancaster, the twenty-eight members of the Congress decided to continue on to York.



Six weeks later, twenty-two Chapter members and guests met at the Stauffer Mansion for the regular fall meeting. The program speaker, Rev. David Biser, discussed the relationship between church and state during the American Revolution. At the beginning of the Revolution, chaplains were connected to the state militias. In April 1775, George Washington established a chaplaincy in the Continental army, ordering that a chaplain be assigned to every battalion. Presbyterians and Congregationalists were the largest denominations in the chaplaincy. Also represented were Anglicans, Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, and one Roman Catholic, from Maryland.

Some of these chaplains had also received medical training and served as battalion medical officers. Because they could write, the chaplains often served as the diarist or writer for their commanding officers. Chaplains usually served for eight or nine months and then returned home.

Revolutionary-era pastors were expected to preach against the British Crown and most spoke out against British oppression. Those who could not, such as Rev. Thomas Barton of Lancaster's St. James church, were expected to close their churches.

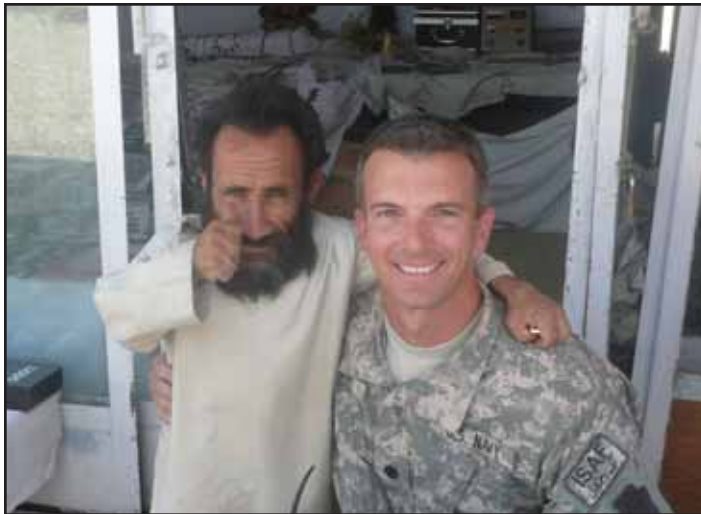
After Rev. Biser's discussion, he exhibited items of clothing, furnishings, and weaponry that a Revolutionary-era chaplain would have had in his possession. After a question and answer period, the attendees enjoyed light refreshments.

—Peter L. H. Byrne, Secretary, Lancaster County Chapter

IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pa ID</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Elected</u>
Milton Betelle	3556	12-28-1919	11-17-2008	10-4-1934
Joseph Charles Byrne	5911	5-19-1928	12-25-2008	3-13-1997
Bertram L. Davidson, Jr.	4277	10-10-1918	12-17-2008	10-11-1956
Robert Clute Fernley	3725	12-21-1922	5-8-2008	12-12-1967
John Mortimer Hunt, Jr.	5788	2-21-1943	10-8-2008	2-20-1992
Louis Clayton Jarrett, Jr.	4015	12-4-1929	3-28-2004	6-14-1945
Stuart Henri Yost	5662	10-3-1929	10-4-2008	3-12-1984

Members in the Military



Commander Jason B. Burke, USN and a friend near his base in Afganistan.

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Calendar of Events 2009

February 21 George Washington's Birthday Ball
The Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Monthly Events

2nd Thursday of Each Month

April 16 Annual Meeting
The Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Board of Managers Meeting
The Union League of Philadelphia

May 3 Annual Church Service
Chapel of St. Cornelius the Centurion
Valley Forge Military Academy
Wayne, Pennsylvania

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