Wow, this year is really flying by. I can’t thank you all enough for all you’ve done to make this year so successful. We are rapidly marching towards the end of my year as president and the start of a new Maryland Society SAR year. After the last Board of Managers meeting at the Maryland Club, I have a renewed sense of action; however, time is running very short. I commit to working very closely with our next incoming President, Jim Engler to assure a smooth transition and to help him hit the ground running. In the meantime there is much to do. We’ve been very busy this year and the next 2 ½ months will be no different. My calendar is filling up very quickly so I am apologizing in advance if I am not able to make every meeting. I will continue to do my best. At this point I’ve been to every chapter except one and for the vast majority of the chapters I’ve been to two or more events. To say I’ve been busy is an understatement but it has been a blast and I appreciate every one of you for your contributions to the SAR.

Aside from attending the NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference, the Maryland DAR Annual Conference and the Maryland CAR Annual Conference, there are numerous other events around the state that I am planning to attend as well. We’re in the midst of some officer changes, some planned some unexpected. Please help me to welcome new Thomas Stone Chapter president, Rich Fleming. Also please join me in wishing past president Tim Dyson the best as he works to overcome some serious medical issues. Welcome to Ansel Shircliffe, the new president of the Little Meadows Chapter, and welcome new John Eager Howard Chapter President Jean Fugett who took over with the start of the new year for that chapter. This was an historic election in the SAR as Jean’s election to Chapter President made for the first time that 3 generations of the same African-American family have been Chapter Presidents in any state in our entire 125 year history! His father Jean Sr. was elected as Chapter President in 2009 and his son J. Russell was elected in 2011. Jean Jr.’s parents Jean Sr. and Carol Fugett attended, along with his children and grandchildren making for four generations of the family attending the event. The Patriots Ball is in the books. Better weather contributed to a large turnout and despite having only one Debutante, a good time was had by all. We made every attempt to keep costs low and while the event netted a loss of just a few hundred dollars it was by all accounts thought to be a huge success. The President General attended as well as representatives from many other lineage societies.

Our next big event is the George Washington Birthday luncheon and plans are progressing rapidly for that event which will be held at the Towson Golf and Country Club on February 21st. Our original planned speaker backed out; however, we found an even better speaker in our incoming 3rd VP Major General James Adkins. This is sure to be an excellent presentation and it will be accompanied by numerous awards being presented as well as good food and fellowship with our friends and guests.

Doug Favorite, MDSSAR President

On Saturday, January 31st, 2015, there was an historic election in the SAR as Jean Fugett was elected to Chapter President. This made for the first time that 3 generations of the same African-American family have been Chapter Presidents in any state in our entire 125 year history! His father Jean Sr. was elected as Chapter President in 2009 and his son J. Russell was elected in 2011. Jean Jr.’s parents Jean Sr. and Carol Fugett attended, along with his children and grandchildren making for four generations of the family attending the event. Past President General Joe Dooley administered the oath of office.
The Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution invites you to our

Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon

PLACE: Towson Golf & Country Club, 12801 Stone Hill Road, Phoenix, MD 21131
DATE/TIME: Saturday, February 21, 2015. Social Time at 11:30 am and Lunch at 12:30 pm
COST: $40.00 with a choice of Roasted Pork Loin or Chicken Piccata with tossed salad, seasonal vegetable, and Red Bliss potatoes. Dessert is sherbet.

SPEAKER: Major General James A. Adkins on the “Maryland 400” at the Battle of Brooklyn.

DIRECTIONS: Take Exit 27B off Baltimore Beltway 695. Stay on Dulaney Valley Road past Loch Raven Reservoir cross Loch Raven Bridge, bear right to Stone Hill Road approximately 1 mile on left. There are two stone pillars at the driveway.

Cash Bar starts at 11:30 am.

Colonial Uniform, Business or Military Attire welcomed.

Medals and Awards will be presented including MD 400 recipients if you have donated at least $100 to the MD 400 Fund. A silent auction will be held at this event. If you have items you wish to donate, please contact Bill Batton at 410-804-4247 or mosswood2004@comcast.net.

RSVP by February 15th to Gary R. Neal and send check to:
MDSSAR Treasurer Gary R. Neal
Post Office Box #1
Cockeysville, MD 21030-0001
Email: grNeal@earthlink.net

☐ I will be attending the GW Luncheon: ________________________________ (name)
☐ I will be bringing ____ guests. Names of guests: ________________________________

Please indicate your preference ☐ Pork Loin or ☐ Chicken Piccata

Check enclosed for $40.00 PER PERSON for a total of $_______ made payable to MDSSAR.
MARYLAND SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Cordially invites you to attend the Annual Meeting at
Baldwin’s Station
7618 Main St
Sykesville, MD 21784
Saturday, 18 April 2015

Baldwin’s Station is housed in the converted Victorian Era railway station in downtown Sykesville. Public parking is available just around the corner. Baldwin’s Station is an award-winning restaurant, including a “Best of Baltimore” winner and the Restaurant Association of Maryland’s 2012 Favorite Restaurant.

Schedule:

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: 8:30 A.M.
Fresh Fruit Platter, with strawberry cream cheese; Jelly and Cheese Danish & Assorted Mini Muffins & Bagels Served with butter and cream cheese & Vanilla Bean Yogurt with granola; Hot tea, coffee, assorted juice.

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING: 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
GUEST PROGRAM between breakfast and lunch. Guests not involved in the business meeting are invited to take a guided tour of historic Sykesville, followed by enough time to explore the town’s quaint shops before lunch.

BUFFET LUNCHEON: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
First Course, Coastal Greens Salad.
Second Course, choice of: Grilled Free Range Chicken Breast served with Garlic mashed potato & Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Topped with Brandy Peppercorn Sauce; OR Pan seared Tilapia served with Seasonal Vegetables & wild rice, Topped with old bay vinaigrette.
Dessert: N.Y. Style Cheesecake Topped with vanilla bean Chantilly cream

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: 12:30 PM -2:00 PM
Orations Contest Presentations, Awards Presentations, Installation of New Officers

Please make checks payable to MDSSAR and send to Treasurer: Gary Neal, P.O. Box 1, Cockeysville, MD 21030-0001.

RSVP: By 4 April 2015
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The Capt. John Smoot Chapter of the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution

Cordially invite you to attend a

Sign Posting of the Samuel Chase Birthplace

After researching the longstanding question of the birthplace of Samuel Chase, Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Supreme Court Justice, our local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be posting a sign marking the property we are convinced is the site of his birth.

Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.
28785 Stone Creek Lane Princess Anne, Maryland 21853 (located off of Reading Ferry Road). Parking available on site.

This event is made possible with support from Thomas Smith and family, the Edward Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History & Culture at Salisbury University, and the Maryland State Society, Sons of the American Revolution

For more information or to RSVP, contact Mark Tyler, Event Coordinator at 443-858-3805 or by email at matyler@hotmail.com
Calendar of Events:

- **February 16**  Opening of the restored Old Senate Chambers, State House, Annapolis. Limited numbers can attend. Contact President Doug Favorite if interested in attending.
- **February 21**  MDSSAR George Washington Luncheon. Towson Country Club, 11:30 AM
- **February 28**  Charles Carroll of Carrollton Chap. Mtng. Bare Bones Restaurant, Ellicott City, Noon
- **February 28**  COL Tench Tilghman Chapter Luncheon. Herron Point of Chestertown, 11 AM
- **February 28**  MD Society Children of the American Revolution State Conference. Double Tree Hotel, Linthicum. Conference starts on Friday 27 February, runs through Sunday, 1 March.
- **March 6-7**  NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY.
- **March 19**  DAR Meeting, Honoring the 4 MDSSAR Minutemen.
- **March 21**  Westminster Chapter Luncheon and Officer Installation. Carroll County Historical Society (formerly Cockeyes Tavern), Westminster.
- **April 4**  Sign Posting of the Samuel Chase Birthplace Event, Princess Anne, Maryland
- **April 12**  Thomas Jefferson Memorial Wreath Laying, Washington, D.C.
- **April 15**  SGT Lawrence Everhart Chapter Meeting/Dinner. Dutch’s Daughter, Frederick, 6 PM
- **April 18**  MDSSAR Annual Meeting. Baldwin’s Station, Sykesville, 8:30 AM BOM Meeting, Luncheon at noon.
- **April 26**  SGT Lawrence Everhart Chapter SAR/Frederick Chapter DAR Joint Patriot Grave Marking. Grave of Patriot George Poe, Israel Creek Cemetery, Walkersville, 3 PM.

Chapter Reports

**Sgt Lawrence Everhart**

Compatriots Charles Lawrence Bishop and Richard Lee Stup, and Braddock Heights resident James Edward Smith were honored with the Liberty Medal, recognizing each for his sponsorship of ten new members in the chapter. The commendation was offered at the SAR Chapter’s Annual Meeting, conducted at Dutch’s Daughter. The Liberty Medal, depicting a bust of the Statue of Liberty struck in bronze and suspended from a gold ribbon, commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.
Gen William Smallwood

The GEN William Smallwood chapter held its most recent meeting at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall in Silver Spring, MD on 4 December 2014. President Saunders presented a SAR Certificate of Distinguished Service to Sugarloaf Monuments (Brenda Roundy accepting) for the company’s role in producing grave markers with the SAR logo for six patriots buried at the Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville. President Saunders also presented SAR Flag Certificates to Juan Luis and Linda Torres of Takoma Park, and Brad and Mindy Tuttle, also of Takoma Park, (not present; Jack Carson accepting). The featured speaker was Mr. Glenn Wallace, registrar for the Monocacy Cemetery (Beallsville, MD), discussing his nine-year effort to document the over 5,000 burials at the Monocacy Cemetery, including family genealogy and photograph, and his work with the chapter to identify patriots buried in the cemetery and arrange for the installation of granite grave markers; following his presentation, Mr. Saunders presented . During the meeting, MDSSAR Secretary Pat Warner inducted five members of the Searles family and Mr. Eugene Stohlman into the chapter.

Col John Eager Howard

The Thomas Johnson Society CAR invited the Col. John Eager Howard Chapter MDSSAR to join them for a wonderful meeting at Ft. McHenry on 9 Nov 2014. Many members of the chapter including new and prospective members came out with their families. President Christopher Cortright brought greetings from the Chapter and gifts were given to the attendees by the War of 1812 Society in the State of Maryland.

John Paul Jones

Thirty-five people attended the annual chapter Christmas party held at the Rising Sun Inn 7 December 2014, including members of the Ann Arundel Chapter DAR, President National USD 1812 Ginger Apyar and family members of the JPJ Chapter members. State President Doug Favorite, Chapter President John Harvey, and Barry McKown, Chapter Secretary at the chapter’s annual Christmas Party. Chapter members took part at the Annapolis National Cemetery on Wreaths Across America Day. Attending were John Harvey JPJ Chapter President, and Anne and Barry McKown. The Chapter donated 5 wreaths. Over 1000 wreaths were placed by hundreds of local participants.

2014 Wreaths Across America
at
Annapolis National Cemetery
John Hanson

On 24 November 2014 the Chapter awarded a Flag Certificate of recognition to Jerry and Sue Paske, who live in the Tantallion Community of Fort Washington. This flag display is quite unique as it is flown from the deck in the rear of the house facing the Potomac River for all to see always waving in the wind. Making the presentation were Douglas Stuart & George Satterthwaite of the John Hanson Chapter.

On 13 December 2014 The John Hanson Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America Program at Cheltenham Cemetery. The SAR color guard was in attendance and taps provided by U.S. Marine bugler Staff Sgt Michael Coleman. A number of groups were involved, placing over 1,000 wreaths on the graves of the veterans interred there. The seven ceremonial wreaths which were placed in front of the chapel honoring the fallen of the seven services--Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and POW/MIA; they will remain there until early February as will all the wreaths on the graves.

Westminster

The Chapter signed a partnership agreement with the Carroll County Public School System on 11 December 2014. The intent is to have a point of contact to distribute more widely in the public schools information about SAR youth programs and contests. An article appeared in the Carroll Country Times regarding the partnership (“Westminster Sons of the American Revolution partners with Carroll County Public Schools”, 22 December 2014).

Thomas Stone

The Thomas Stone Chapter presented a George Washington Portrait to Windy Hill Elementary School, Owings, MD on 19 December 2014. In Charles County the Chapter has only three elementary schools left who have not yet received a portrait. In St. Mary’s County, all the public elementary schools have portraits, and the chapter has also presented now at three private schools. Under the leadership of Compatriot Howard Booth, the chapter continues to move forward on placing the portraits in schools in Calvert County.

Little Meadows

Chapter President Terry Grove welcomed our compatriots, guests and Maryland SAR President Douglas Favorite and Maryland SAR 2nd VP Jim Engler to the chapter’s meeting on 6 December 2014 at the Perkins Restaurant in McHenry, Md. A special table and place setting and moment of silence were observed for our compatriot Jon Paul Daddysman Sr. who passed away this past October. A SAR certificate was also presented to the family by Terry Grove. A certificate of Appreciation Award was presented to Abigail Cutler for her great help during our chapter meetings. Vietnam War Award presented to David Frederick and Paul Parish. A Military Service Award was presented to Carl Moore. A Law Enforcement Award was presented to Barracks Commander Lt. Mark Rodeheaver of the McHenry Barracks for outstanding service. A book on Thomas Jefferson was presented to the Ruth Enlow Library by Terry Grove. Chapter Distinguished Service Award was presented to Kenneth Hardesty. NSSAR Vietnam Certificate of Patriotism was presented to David Frederick Sr., Paul Parish, Mike Crow and Terry R. Grove. Past President Certificate and Pin was presented to Terry R. Grove by the new 2015 Chapter President Ansel Shircliffe. Note: Over the 2014 season numerous grave markings with wreaths presented. A Special Award and Certificate was presented for patriotism to Mary Gallion for protection our American Flag. The 2015 Little Meadows Chapter Officers were also introduced: Ansel G. Shircliffe – President, Terry R. Grove – Vice President, Steve Shockey – Secretary, Paul Shockey – Treasurer, and Mike Crow – Flag Award Chairman.
Committee Reports

American Flag

The following chapters have reported awarding Flag Certificates in 2014:

- Sergeant Lawrence Everhart
- General William Smallwood
- Christian Ardinger
- Colonel Nicholas Ruxton Moore
- John Paul Jones
- Colonel Tench Tilghman
- John Hanson
- Captain John Smoot
- Westminster
- Little Meadows

The reporting period for awarding Flag Certificates is 1 January to 31 December, so a new year in the program has started.

Executive Committee

The Executive committee met and decided to address training issues through a three phased approach. First, survey Chapter Presidents to see what training they feel they need. Second, for the short term plan for regional meetings to address common training concerns. Third, for the long term create small teams that can go to individual chapters to assist with chapter specific needs. This would be done on an on-going basis until all concerns have been overcome.

Americanism

Second VP Jim Engler has sent out a draft score sheet file to all chapters with information gleaned from chapter reports at Board of Managers Meetings and from past submissions to this newsletter and to SAR Magazine. While this might cover a majority of each chapter’s efforts, there are some fine details that need to be completed. Please review and update, and get them back to him by 15 February. These will help in the creation of the State Society’s score sheet, which we intend to submit to the NSSAR Competition for the first time this year.

Americanism Brochure Contest

The Americanism Middle School Brochure Contest is open to students in the 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grades, particularly those who are currently learning about American History in their school curriculum (usually 8th grade in Maryland) - including ecumenical and home school students. The aim of this contest is to stimulate interest in American History in support of the established school curriculum. The contest is also open to Scouts (Boys & Girls) and members of the C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) who are in the same grades but whose school system may not be participating in the contest.

The 2015 Topic for the contest is "The Foundational Documents of the United States" such as the Articles of Confederation, Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Federalist Papers, and Bill of Rights. The brochures must be made from a single 8 ½” x 11” piece of blank printer paper. The paper should be folded according to the instructions provided for the contest. The content of the various panels of the brochure should align with the instructions provided. All artwork on brochures should be hand drawn. Do not paste pictures from magazines, books, or the Internet onto the brochure. Do not use clip art. Tracing is permissible and simple drawings that represent complex concepts are encouraged for those who may doubt their artistic skills. Ideas are the most important element in these brochures and the art is merely a means of conveying those ideas.

It is highly recommended you leverage your partnerships with C.A.R. and DAR, as well as the Boy and Girl Scouts, to promote the program. Chapter winners must be submitted to the MDSSAR Brochure Contest Chairman, Arthur Petruccelli, no later than May 15, 2015. (Call Art at 443-315-3019 for submission logistics.) Detailed rules and examples can be found on the National Society web site at http://www.sar.org/Youth/Brochure-Rules. The winning MDSSAR Brochure contestant will be awarded $100 and the brochure will be submitted to NSSAR by June 1, 2015 for judging at the National Congress. Please do all you can to promote this very worthy program. Thanks.
**Americanism Poster Contest**

The National Americanism Poster Contest is directed at students in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grades, depending on which grade year the American Revolution is taught in their educational system. The topic of the Poster Contest is set by the Americanism Committee at each Spring Trustee’s Meeting for the upcoming fall school year and will be judged at the National Congress each year. One of two themes can be used in the 2014-2015 contest: George Rogers Clark or Lexington and Concord.

Posters will be judged on several criteria: how it conveys the annual theme; originality; evidence of research; artistic merit and creativity. The posters are judged at the chapter, state and National level. This will be the Maryland Societies 8th year participating in the program. The state winners receive $150 for first place, $75 for 2nd and $50 for 3rd. The top National winners will receive a Rosette Ribbon and a monetary award.

**Timeline**
The poster contest has some important timelines that need to be observed. Please make a note of these dates so that your entries can be considered.

- May 1: Posters are due to the local Chapter
- May 15: Chapter Poster submissions are due to the State Chairman
- June 1: State Poster submission is due to the National Chairmen

Any further questions regarding the contest can be directed to the Maryland State Chairman of the Americanism Poster Contest: C. Louis Raborg, Jr., 714 Chestnut Hill Rd., Forest Hill, MD 21050, or contacting via poster@marylandsar.org.

**Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting for a second year running will be held in Carroll County! This time, please come join our Compatriots at Baldwin’s Station in Sykesville, Maryland on 18 April 2015. See the flyer in this newsletter.

**CAR/DAR/SAR Liaison**

The CAR State annual Christmas Party was held on 14 December 2014 to help the kids make Christmas ornaments. The children held a meeting and invited Santa to attend for fun. Even the youngest kids are able to read reports and run for office. Members of our MDSSAR Chapters are invited to enroll the younger members of their family including children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, etc. Also the group has Senior leaders that help out and members of SAR are encouraged to volunteer for those positions.

**Color Guard Commander**

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Any chapter needing support for an event should contact Color Guard Commander Dave Embrey.
Fundraising

Compatriots, We are considering instituting a fundraising goal for this coming year to benefit the MD 400 Fund. Many service organizations do this each year to raise funds to finance any special projects that may arise during the year as well as to augment the financing of their budget for the year. This past year we made major contributions to worthwhile efforts such as the George Washington statue in Hagerstown ($3,500) and the Md. 400 research effort ($10,000). These are the kind of great patriotic projects that we should be supporting. To continue to do so responsibly, we need a concerted fundraising plan in place with an obtainable goal.

Last year we brought in approximately $6,900 in donations to the MD 400 Fund. This was from voluntary donations generously given by you on your dues card in the space provided and from the George Washington Luncheon Silent Auction. This coming year, we would like to place more emphasis on fundraising to add to the corpus of the Fund. To do so, we would like to continue to request donations along with your dues; continue the George Washington Silent Auction; and to consider additional fundraising ideas for the MD 400 Fund. To this end, I request that you put on your thinking caps and determine what you think would be a reasonable goal for this coming year; and to think of additional ways we can use to meet that goal. Please feel free to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas!

Thank you for your service and support!

Bill Batton, 1st V.P., Fundraising Chairman

George Washington Luncheon

The MDSSAR Annual George Washington Luncheon will be held this year at the Towson Golf and Country Club on Saturday, 21 February. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. As usual there will be a silent auction held at this event. Please consider donating an item for our silent auction to benefit the MD 400 Fund. And if you can't give an item to auction, please bring your checkbooks and consider buying something instead. It is this Fund that enables us to sponsor special SAR projects such as monuments, plaques and research projects. Our ancestors did their part. Please step up and contribute to make this auction the best one yet! Thanks for your support!

MD 400 Project

The Vechte-Cortelyou House in Brooklyn is known as the Old Stone House

In 2014, the MD Society voted to donate $10,000 from the MD 400 Fund to further research the almost 1000 soldiers from Maryland that left in August 1776 to NY and became famous by their heroic performance at the Battle of Brooklyn (aka Battle of Long Island) and a smaller group now known as the MD 400 that Washington used as his rear guard to allow the rest of the troops to evacuate the island and saved the day for Washington. A contemporary paper of the time noted that Washington as he watched from the heights across the river “Good God, what brave fellows I will this day lose!”

The Maryland Archives has now begun in earnest to complete this project by hiring at researcher named Sean Baker on Jan. 5th. Sean finished his Masters in history and military history recently, and he'll be the first person with a military history background on the project. He's been learning the job and the sources quickly, and is making excellent progress.

Owen Lourie our Project contact and the MD State Archives Historian reports that as of January there about 100 bios posted online and freely available for review at: https://msamaryland400.wordpress.com/biographies/

There were probably roughly 1,000 Maryland soldiers in New York at the time of the Battle of Brooklyn. We have the names of about 850 of them. The Archives will also continue to search our matching grants to ensure this project is completed. The initial MD Humanities Council grant was declined but they will continue to seek grant funding and are hopeful that Washington College which has sponsored interns for the project in 2013 and 2014 will do so again in 2015. We are also hopeful that the MD DAR will become involved in this great Project.
**Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee reported the following slate at the January Board of Managers Meeting:

- **President** .......................................................... James F. Engler, Sr.
- **1st Vice President** ................................................. William P. Smithson
- **2nd Vice President** .............................................. Donald A. Deering
- **3rd Vice President** ............................................. James A. Adkins
- **Secretary** .............................................................. J. Patrick Warner
- **Assistant Secretary** ............................................. TBD
- **Treasurer** .............................................................. Gary R. Neal
- **Assistant Treasurer** ............................................. TBD
- **Treasurer Emeritus** ............................................. Barrett L. McKown
- **Registrar** ............................................................. Christos Christou, Jr.
- **Assistant Registrar** .............................................. James “Ed” Smith
- **Historian** ............................................................... James M. Perry
- **Organizing Secretary** ........................................... C. Louis Raborg
- **Genealogist** .......................................................... Christopher T. Smithson
- **Genealogist Emeritus** ........................................... Henry C. Peden, Jr.
- **Chancellor** ............................................................ Christopher M. May, Esq.
- **Chaplain** ............................................................... Dr. Sandra Wallis
- **Assistant Chaplain** ............................................... Lester A. Foster, Jr.
- **Chaplain Emeritus** ................................................ Rev. Partee Boliek
- **Surgeon** ................................................................. Lee Crandall Park, M.D.
- **National Trustee** .................................................. Douglas C. Favorite
- **Alternate National Trustee** ................................. Douglas B. Stuart
- **Webmaster** .............................................................. Christopher J. Raborg

**Managers For The Class Of 2015 – 2018**

1. TBD
2. Patrick Barron (SGT Everhart Chapter)
3. Ansel G. Shircliffe (Little Meadows Chapter)
4. Daniel Fisher (John Paul Jones Chapter)
5. John “J.D.” Urbach (COL Nicholas Ruxton Moore Chapter)

Don Deering Is A Member Of The Class Of 2014 – 2017 and is to be replaced by C. Ronald Harbaugh of the SGT Lawrence Everhart Chapter. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting.

**Patriots’ Ball (2014)**

The Patriot’s Ball was held at the White Marsh Hilton Garden In on Saturday 13 December 2014. With some 90 Compatriots and guests in attendance, the Ball included participants from 38 historical and lineage societies including the SAR. President General Lindsey Brock, as well as VPG J. Thomas Showler and the officers of MDSSAR were in attendance and welcomed their guests, including debutante Miss Caitlin Marie Trenkle. Christos Christou has been selected by President-nominee Jim Engler to lead the 2015 Patriots Ball. Please contact him with any suggestions or recommendations you might have.

**Program**

Compatriots, I have been tasked to compile a list of speakers for the chapters or state to use. I need your assistance in identifying possible speakers—ones you have used or heard would be a good start. I will contact the speakers and confirm their details. Please provide me names and contact information; topics would be good if you know them. It you only have a name, don’t worry—I’ll find them. ANY INFORMATION HELPS!

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My goal is to have the list created by the Annual Meeting on April 18, 2015. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Once it’s created we’ll have it hosted on the state website, where it can be accessed and updated over time.

THANK YOU, William Smithson, 3rd VP MDSSAR
ROTC/Outstanding Citizenship Awards

This is the time of year when the 15 chapters either establish or follow up with the Senior Military Instructors on the award SAR offers to the cadets or to the guidance counselors on the Outstanding Citizenship awards for the schools or colleges in their counties which have ROTC units or participate in the Outstanding Citizenship Program. You need to be thinking of the number of awards you expect to present during the award season of May/June so I can be able to provide you with the materials in sufficient time to make the presentations. I have the necessary supplies and await requests from the chapter points of contact for these awards. Also able to answer any questions you might have. Please send to me at gs2nd@aol.com your POCs for these awards so I can work directly with them if it is not the president of the chapter. It has been my custom to get the award supply requirements before the Washington Birthday Luncheon so I can give the requirements out at the luncheon and save on postage.

Secondly you should have received the guidance I received from National on the Enhanced JROTC Essay Contest. This attachment is essentially guidance for the Senior Military Instructor on how to fill out the forms, etc. so you can make copies and give them to the unit. I sent it to all chapter presidents as an attachment which you can print out and give to the Senior Military Instructors to generate interest in writing an essay for this contest--one per chapter- but if you have more schools participate then you select the best one and submit one to me for judging at the state level. DEADLINE to ME is 15 MARCH. That gives me 2 weekends to judge submissions and get to National by April 1. Again any questions please ask. We have consistently had participation at the National level so need to show our flag and continue. State prize is a cash award of $250. Chapter prizes are up to the chapters: usually $50. Sometimes this is a bit of a "sell" assignment to convince the Senior Military Instructors for their students to give this a try. National level award has been increased to I believe $2500. We voted to increase our award from $200 to $250 last year.

George Satterthwaite, Chairman, ROTC/Outstanding Citizenship Committee, MDSSAR

Yearbook Editor

Reminder to all chapters: when you send your annual report to the MDSSAR Secretary, send one to me as well. Please submit your articles and reports to Yearbook Editor Christopher Raborg for the 2014 Yearbook to arrive by May 10th at the latest.

Officer Reports

Secretary

All chapters: please remember to submit your chapter annual reports to the MDSSAR Secretary by 13 April 2015 so that they can be posted in time for the Annual Meeting. This is required by the State Bylaws.

Treasurer

All chapters: please remember to submit your financial reports by March 15, 2015. This is required by the State Bylaws. If there are any questions on format, please see the notice below or contact Gary Neal.

Registrar

The Registrar’s report can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Important Notice From the Treasurer:

At the last Board of Manager’s Meeting it was noted that to be compliant with our By-Laws every Chapter must submit a Chapter Financial Report to the State Treasurer. In addition in order to maintain your 501 (c) 3 status a 990-N IRS Postcard filing must be done. Please email the State Treasurer a copy of your filing acceptance from the IRS. Additionally each chapter needs to send the following financial information as of 12/31/14:

- Checking Account Balance
- Certificate of Deposit Balance and other assets
- From your check register:
  - O All Deposits for 2014
  - O All Checks for 2014

If you have a listing by event for 2014 showing income and expenses that will help me to reconcile your check register. Please contact State Treasurer, Gary Neal if you have any questions.
**Webmaster**

Trying to get ahold of a particular chapter, state officer or committee chair? To help, we’ve established some forwarding addresses you should keep in mind. By sending to these, they will be forwarded to the right addressee, even as those names change. The current ones are:

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Facebook: Public Relations committee chair Jim Engler suggested to me that we create a MDSSAR Facebook page to increase our visibility and public presence on social media. I have set up a page and we will be adding content to it within the following months. If we get a good response from the Facebook page we may consider adding a few more social media accounts in the future. There’s not much on our Facebook page right now, but if you have a Facebook account already, please like and share our page at https://www.facebook.com/marylandsar.

I will be working on the Guest Speaker Database within the coming weeks in conjunction with Bill Smithson, as requested by our membership at the Semi-Annual meeting. I will also be working on an “Honor our Veterans” page as well, describing our Honor Our (First) Veterans promotional program. If anyone has any photos that they would like to see on this page, please send them to me.
The MDSSAR has generously voted to donate $1000 to the National initiative called Preserve the Pensions sponsored by the National Archives in Washington DC. Past President Ivan Dooley Jr. investigated the program with Rebecca Koford a tremendous advocate for this project (and member of the War of 1812 Fundraising Committee and a professional genealogist and lecturer.) and made the recommendation during the January Board meeting and it was unanimously approved. The goal is to digitize the 1812 Pensions which are among the most requested documents at the National Archives that are in danger of preservation because of their fragile nature. Over 7 million pages are planned to be digitized using private funds. For every dollar donated 2 pages will be digitized. Ancestry.com has now provided a dollar for dollar matching grant, so every dollar you contribute will make four more pages accessible and free for everyone.

This initiative is so important to the SAR because it is often the one generation that most people have problems linking to their American Revolutionary ancestor. Now with A-Z to be completed and made free online we can help so many more applicants to MDSSAR.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies has created an organization to recognize those individuals and societies who have given at least $250 to the Preserve the Pensions fund. This new organization, named the Society of Preservation Patriots, is dedicated to raising funds for preserving critical, historic records and genealogical data for future generations. MDSSAR will now be among that list.

Fold3 website has agreed to offer these pensions free indefinitely without a paid subscription.

Go to [http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/](http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/) and begin your search. Surnames A-L have been already been completed and posted. Individuals may also donate directly at their website, [http://www.preservethepensions.org/](http://www.preservethepensions.org/) or by mailing a check to: Preserve the Pensions, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940. Remember right now your donation of $1 will have 4 pages digitized and you will be named as a donor on their website. Take the time to do so now.

### Patriot Biographies Go Competitive!

One of PG Brock’s initiatives this year is to collect as many biographies on patriot ancestors as possible. All Compatriots are urged to consider writing up their ancestors. To give some incentive, streamers will be awarded at the 2015 National Congress to all chapters and state societies that submit biographies in numbers equivalent to 25% of their membership as of 1 January 2015. Send your submission, of not more than 500 words, in a Microsoft Word compatible form to, [patriotbios@sar.org](mailto:patriotbios@sar.org). Please remember to include the following information:

1. Ancestor, with Patriot Ancestor number if known
2. Compatriot's Full Name
3. Compatriot's SAR Number
4. Chapter Name
5. State Society Name

Patriot numbers can be found, if they exist, in the Patriot Index, patriot.sar.org. So check and see if any already exist for your ancestors.
MDSSAR Receives a Large Bequest

A gift of $25,000 from the Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsey has been received recently by the Maryland State Society. Chancellor Chris May first reported word of the bequest to the Board of Managers at the 12 Apr 2014 Annual Meeting in Westminster. As more information was received, the expectation was that we would receive the bequest toward the end of calendar year 2014. The bequest was made in memory of her husband Joseph Ramsey to be used for such purposes as its governing body may determine.

There may be a second distribution after the probate is completed. MDSSAR was included in a residuary clause as a remainder beneficiary along with all the charities on a pro rata basis. If there is no remainder, no further monies will be received by MDSSAR, but if there is money in the rest and residue, the MDSSAR will receive its percentage interest.

Elizabeth (Holliday) Ramsey of Lutherville, MD, formerly of Penn Farm Estates, Duncansville, PA, died Friday, 31 January 2014. She was born 2 November 1917 in Antis Township, Blair County, PA, the daughter of the late Glennavee (Prothero) and Joseph Ramsey Holliday, former Blair County Assemblyman. She married her second cousin, Joseph Ramsey, on 4 October 1980 in Hollidaysburg, PA. Mrs. Ramsey was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Hollidaysburg. She was a member of the Adam Holliday Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Altoona Council Navy League, the Fort Roberdeau Association, the National Maritime Historical Society, the Blair County Historical Society, and a life member of the Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum.

In 1936 she graduated Cum Laude from St. Agnes School, Loudonville, NY and attended Northwestern University, Evanston, IL and the Chicago Mummer’s Theatre. During World War II, she was employed at the Philadelphia Port of Embarkation and then as a statistician at the New York Port of Embarkation, Brooklyn, NY, in the Commanding General’s Top Secret Chart Room. In 1946 she was employed as a Cost Accountant by United States Lines in their NY office, later transferring to the Philadelphia office from which she retired in 1972 and moved to Penn Farm Estates, Duncansville, PA. In 1994 she and her husband moved to the Brightwood Retirement Community in Lutherville, Maryland. She was buried in Presbyterian Cemetery, Hollidaysburg, PA.

Elizabeth Ramsey’s husband Joe Ramsey was a Past President of the Pennsylvania Society SAR. He was born 14 September 1916 in Ashland, OH, the son of Grizelah (Corbin) and James Palmer Ramsey. Raised in Chagrin Falls, OH, he graduated from University School (Shaker Heights, OH) in 1935. At that time he went to sea as an ordinary seaman with Socony Vacuum Oil Co. (Socony-Mobil); he served in World War II. He progressed to Master Mariner in the American Merchant Marine and served as Port Captain, East Coast Filet, 1946-1954. He was a tank expediter in Naples, Italy, 1956-1957, and Marine Superintendent Port Captain, NYC, 1957-1959 and Marine Superintendent in Beaumont, TX, 1960-1964. He served overseas again as Pipeline Superintendent, Mobil Oil in Tripoli, Libya (1964-1966), Mobile Oil Transportation Operations Manager in London, UK (1966-1972). He retired from Mobile in 1973 and joined Conoco as VP and Operating Manager of their foreign flag fleet in London, where he remained until moving in 1982 to Houston, TX as their Marine Advisor. He retired from Conoco in 1983 and moved to Pennsylvania.

He married Patricia S. Bell in 1943. She died in 1979. He and Elizabeth were then married in 1980. He died 11 September 2000 in Lutherville, MD and buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Hollidaysburg, PA.

Besides serving as the PASSAR State President (1992-1993), he was President of the Blair County SAR (1989), past president of the Altoona (PA) Kiwanis Club and the Altoona Navy League, and a member of the Fort Roberdeau Association, Baltimore (MD) Kiwanis, COL Nicholas Ruxton Moore SAR, Altoona Railroader’s Memorial Museum (his
grandfather and namesake, Joseph Ramsey, was a former President of the Wabash R. R. and chief engineer and General Manager of the Bells Gap R.R.), the Blair Co., Historical Society, the Council of Master Mariners and the Service Corps of Retired Executives (S.C.O.R.E).

The Maryland Senate & The Friends of the Maryland State Archives invite you to the Unveiling of George Washington’s Resignation Speech and its new exhibit case on Monday, February 16 at 8:00pm at the Maryland State House.

You are also invited to a Reception in honor of the donors at 6:00pm in the Blount Lounge of the James Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Please RSVP to Mimi Calver at 410-260-6444 or email her at mimi.calver@maryland.gov

Please bring photo ID for entrance to state buildings !!

Important Survey:
Each chapter President will receive this survey via email or through the mail.

It is only one short question long:

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Hank Laughlin died peacefully at age 98 on January 29, 2015, and Page Laughlin, his wife of 73 years, died the next day. They met in Stone harbor, NJ, where Hank was a life guard and while he was a medical student. Page was spending her vacation at her parents’ summer home and was a teenager studying at the Philadelphia College of Art. After graduating from Temple Medical School, Hank became a ship’s doctor aboard the USS Strong in the Pacific Theater during WW II, while Page remained in Oakland, CA, and raised Connie, John and Robert, their first three children. After the war ended, they moved to Montgomery County, MD, where Hank practiced psychiatry and Page took care of their five children, who now included Barbara and Deborah. Hank and Page moved to Frederick County in 1962.

Their lives and accomplishments were extraordinary. Hank was a founding member of several honorary medical organizations, authored four medical textbooks, and is the only physician to be the president of both the Montgomery County and Frederick County Medical Societies. He was an excellent marksman, competing in the Lander, WY, one-shot antelope hunt for more than 20 years. His stamp collection numbered more than 700 volumes. **Hank was president of the Maryland Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution** and was an active member of the Rotary Club of Frederick and the morning Frederick Coffee Club. Page was an avid genealogist and an accomplished seamstress and machine knitter. She was a member of MENSA, the DAR, the Daughters of Founders and Patriots and the Mayflower Society. Unlike Hank, Page loved new technology. Hank and Page shared a strong belief in the value of education and were supporters of Hood College, Mount St. Mary’s University and Frederick Community College, as well as their alma maters.

Hank and Page are survived by five children: Connie Kuhn and husband Cliff of Louisville, John Laughlin and wife Diane of Frederick, Robert Laughlin and wife Abby of Frederick, Barbara Galant and husband Luke of Frederick, and Deborah Moss and husband Lee of Salt Lake City. They were fortunate to have eighteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service celebrating their lives will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that a gift in their name may be made to Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA.

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