

**Minutes of the Business Meeting  
Atlantic Middle States Conference  
August 9, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM by Gareth Bond, VPG Mid Atlantic States. John Moller, VPG North Atlantic States welcomed those present.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last business meeting on August 11, 2007 without reading. The motion was seconded and approved.

State Presidents' Reports: The State Presidents' Reports were moved to the beginning of the agenda. Written reports were submitted by each state and are attached.

Nominations: John Moller announced the last call for candidates to register for consideration of endorsement. A motion was made to close the registration, seconded and approved.

The following compatriots were appointed as tellers for the endorsement of Treasurer General:

Joe Dooley  
Ray Morgan

Treasurer General:

1. David Sympson was nominated by Larry McKinley of the Virginia Society and seconded by Lanny Patten of the Pennsylvania Society. His resume' is attached.
2. Larry Guzy was nominated by the Georgia Society and seconded. His resume' is attached.
3. Larry Magerkurth was nominated by Robert Bowen of the Virginia Society and seconded by James Garthwaite, Jr. of the Pennsylvania Society. His resume' is attached.
4. Timothy Bennett was nominated by R. Duane Tackitt of the Maryland Society and seconded by Darryl S. Jeffries of the Pennsylvania Society. His resume is attached.

John Moller called for any further nominations from the floor three times and asked for a motion to close the nominations. David Hoover made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded and approved. (Since this procedure was followed for all subsequent nominations, it will be referred to as Note 1.)

The voting for the endorsement of Treasurer General being the only contested office, paper ballots were cast and collected by the tellers for counting.

Secretary General: Charles Bragg was nominated by Lanny Patten of the Pennsylvania Society and seconded by Robert Bowen of the Virginia Society. His resume is attached. See Note 1.

Registrar General: Stephen Leishman was nominated by Davis Wright of the Delaware Society and seconded by Gareth Bond of the DC Society. His resume' is attached. See Note 1.

Historian General: Lindsey Brock was nominated by Joseph Dooley of the Virginia Society and seconded by John Moller of the New Jersey Society. His resume' is attached. See Note 1.

President General: Judge Ed Butler was nominated by Robert Bowen of the Virginia Society and seconded by Paul Hays of the DC Society. Judge Butler is presently the Secretary General. See Note 1.

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Librarian General: Miles Dechant was nominated by Robert Bowen of the Virginia Society and seconded by Joseph Dooley of the Virginia Society. See Note 1.

Surgeon General: Dr. Lee Park Crandell was nominated by R. Duane Tackitt of the Maryland Society and seconded by Ernest Irish of the Maryland Society. Dr. Crandell is a psychiatrist. See Note 1.

Chancellor General: James Say was nominated by Larry McKinley of the Virginia Society and seconded by Joseph Dooley of the Virginia Society. Compatriot Say is the present Chancellor General. See Note 1.

Genealogist General: Joseph Dooley was nominated by John Gebhart of the New Jersey Society and seconded by James Garthwaite, Jr. of the Pennsylvania Society. His resume' is attached. See Note 1.

Chaplain General: No nominations for this office.

SAR Foundation (Voting Member, 2009-2010): The President General, Dave Appleby was nominated by Larry McKinley of the Virginia Society and seconded by Gareth Bond of the DC Society. See Note 1.

The uncontested offices were voted on by acclamation. The tellers reported that David Sympton would receive the endorsement for Treasurer General. The ballots were ordered destroyed by Gareth Bond, VPG.

North Atlantic VPG: John Moller was nominated by Frank McGonigle of the New Jersey Society and seconded by John Gebhart of the New Jersey Society. John Moller was elected by acclamation.

Mid Atlantic VPG: Richard Ashmun was nominated by Lanny Patten of the Pennsylvania Society and seconded by James Garthwaite, Jr. of the Pennsylvania Society. Richard Ashmun was elected by acclamation.

Awards:

Stephen Leishman presented John Gebhart with a certificate as a George Washington Fellow.

Robert Bowen presented Joseph Dooley with the Distinguished Service Medal from the International Society.

Gareth Bond presented John Sinks with a Meritorious Service Oak Leaf Cluster.

119<sup>th</sup> Congress:

Larry Guzy announced that the Congress will be held at the Waverly Hotel in Marietta, GA and the room rate is \$95 per night. Registration material will be available in the first issue of the SAR Magazine in 2009.

George Washington Endowment Fund:

A brief talk was given on the GWEF by James Garthwaite, Jr.

Genealogist Panel:

The panel consisted of Joseph Dooley, Judge Ed Butler, Charles Bragg, and John Sinks. The format was a brief presentation followed by a question and answer period. The following items were mentioned:

1. DNA evidence is considered with regard to weight and credibility.
2. The website "footnote.com" is a good source of information for finding documents which mention an individual.

A motion was made by John Sinks to thank the Hotel for their courtesy and cooperation. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made by John Sinks to thank the New Jersey Society for hosting the conference. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Frank McGonigle, New Jersey Society



## **Report of New Jersey Society**

**Membership:** The New Jersey Society currently has 512 members.

**ROTC/JROTC Program:** Ten of our Chapters participated in awarding 36 Bronze ROTC Medals to JROTC cadets and 6 ROTC medals at universities in the state. This program has been expanding under the direction of our Vice-President, John Gebhart.

**Eagle Scout Program:** The Eagle Scout program is doing very well under Eagle Scout Chairman, Rev. John Case.

**Scholarship Program:** The New Jersey Society awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship for the first time and the Ladies Auxiliary awarded a \$500 Educational Assistance Grant.

**Events:** The color guard of the New Jersey Society participated in the opening event for the celebration of the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Princeton being the Nation's Capital for six months in 1783. Members of the Color Guard were pictured on page 3 of USA Today in the May 28<sup>th</sup> issue. The article follows and we take great pride in this National exposure.

The New Jersey Society will also be participating in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Greenwich Tea Burning Memorial on September 28, 2008.

Respectively Submitted,

Frank McGonigle, President



By Mel Evans, AP

## When Congress met in N.J.

**In Princeton, N.J.:** Members of the colonial color guard from the Sons of the American Revolution, Steve Clark, left, Kenneth Ward and Richard Blundin, help mark the 225th anniversary of Princeton's four-month service as the nation's capital in 1783.

# *Empire State Society. SAR*

*State President's Report*

*2008 Atlantic Middle States Conference*

*The Empire State Society has been aggressively active in recruiting new members for the Sons of the American Revolution Society and we have recently added two new Chapters to our ranks. We are also committed to having our Society Constitution and By-laws not only conform to the National Society standards, but to State and Federal standards for Non-Profit organizations. At present we have a committee working on revising several amendments to bring them up to date.*

*We are currently working on plans for the next Atlantic Middle States Conference which will be hosted by the Empire State Society in 2009 and several sites for this conference have already been suggested to make sure that all who attend will enjoy their stay with us.*

*Several Chapters within the State Society have been working closely with the DAR as well as the CAR using these opportunities to recruit husbands, brothers, sons, grandsons, etc. to help build the membership for the SAR.*

*We have honored and will be honoring many of our membership with awards for their service and dedication to the SAR. One such gentleman was our State Society Newsletter Editor, Henry W. Croteau, Jr., who "retired" after more than a decade in this position. Another is the State Society Registrar, Roy D. Goold, who is completing his 26<sup>th</sup> year in his position.*

*My thanks to all of you who have made and are making this a great Society, and one we can be honored to be a member of.*

*Respectfully & Patriotically,*

*William John Woodworth, President  
Empire State Society, SAR*



## PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#### REPORT FOR AMS MEETING- AUGUST 8-9, 2008- PRINCETON, NJ

At the PASSAR 115th Annual Meeting in Williamsport, PA on May 3, 2008, James L. Garthwaite, Jr from near Williamsport was succeeded as President by Lanny R. Patten from Philadelphia, and in turn next May by A. Duane Miller from Greensburg. VPG Hall Worthington participated in the ceremonies. Four quarterly board meetings are held annually at rotating sites, hosted by different chapters.

PASSAR has about 1700 members in 24 chapters. The President and 3 Vice-presidents serve one year in office while the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Registrar are open ended terms. Effort is made to have each part of the state represented in officer ranks and committees. In the past year, illness for the Secretary and for the Registrar have strained normal operations of the Society, to some extent still ongoing.

PASSAR issues 4 news magazines a year- THE MINUTEMAN- and has done so for many years, plus has an active website. The Society emphasizes NSSAR Youth programs, and it's 5th grader won the Poster Contest in Sacramento making a second winner and a runnerup in the last 4 years. The JROTC nominee was the NSSAR runnerup this year, and the Reading Chapter president won the Thomas Bond Photo Contest, with its \$1000 prize. Five have received the Eagle Scout Volunteer Medal and Award. A Rumbaugh oratory contest has not been successful in the state, though funds are set aside to try.

The Society has a volunteer (and widespread) Color Guard from different chapters, with the Philadelphia Continental Chapter- in uniform- the largest. The Chapter participates in over 50 public patriotic events each year., with a noteworthy recent event being the new citizen ceremonies on July 2 at PA Convention Center for 3000 naturalizations- a huge ceremony.

The Society has pledged \$10,000 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage and paid most of it. Compatriot and Chapter contributions are encouraged. The financial position of the Society is well established, with a state Trustee committee to oversee investment funds. State Constitution and Bylaws are regularly reviewed and kept updated.

The challenge of a large society spread across a big state is daunting, and open communication is a vital requirement. Encouraging and supporting local chapter activities and fellowship is a primary mission in Pennsylvania.



**Report of State Society Activities  
for the 2008 Atlantic Middle States Conference**

**VIRGINIA SOCIETY  
Sons of the American Revolution**

**Virginia Society Executive Officers:**

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Arthur D. Batten, President                 | Jeffrey N. Sweeney, Treasurer       |
| William L. Simpson, Jr., 1st Vice President | Kent Webber, Secretary              |
| Robert L. Bowen, 2nd Vice President         | Walter Jervis Sheffield, Chancellor |
| Mark S. Brennan, Sr., 3rd Vice President    | Joseph W. Dooley, National Trustee  |

Note: Activities, Meetings Attended, Awards Won, etc span the Administration of TWO VASSAR Presidents; primarily Joseph W. Dooley and Arthur D. Batten

**State Society Activities Since the 2007 Atlantic Middle States Conference:**

**I. Members of the VASSAR Executive Committee and/or General Membership Participate in or Represented VASSAR at the Following Historic Commemorations:**

- Presidential Birthdays
  - George Washington Birthday Parade in Alexandria, VA
  - Thomas Jefferson Birthday Commemoration at the Jefferson Memorial in Wash., DC
  - James Monroe Birthday Commemorations, in Colonial Beach, and Richmond, VA
- Guilford Court House, NC
- Tartan Day and Gen Hugh Mercer Commemoration, Fredericksburg, VA
- 17th Annual Battle of Petersburg, VA
- 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Battle of Arkansas Post
- Siege at Martin's Station, Ewing, VA
- Siege of the Block House in Natural Tunnel State Park, Scott County, VA
- National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC
- Siege at Fort Henry, Wheeling, WV
- Constitution Day at James Madison's home in Montpelier, VA
- Battle Days Celebration in Point Pleasant, WV
- Yorktown Day Celebration in Yorktown, VA
- Battle of Greenspring near Yorktown, VA
- Crossing of the Dan in South Boston, VA
- Commemoration of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill in Lincolnton, NC

**II. Members of the Executive Committee Represented VASSAR at the Following Meeting of Other Virginia Lineage Societies:**

- Represented the Virginia Society at the 2007 & 2008 Virginia Society C.A.R. Convention.
- Represented the Virginia Society at the 2007 & 2008 Virginia Society DAR Convention.
- Represented the Virginia Society at the 2008 Annual Business Meeting of the Virginia Society, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.
- Represented the Virginia Society at the 2007 Fall Meeting of the Virginia Branch, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims.

**III. Chartered New Chapters:** Under PP Joseph W. Dooley three new chapters organized:

- Colonel William Grayson      Captain Philip Slaughter      Colonel James Woods, Jr.

**III. Virginia Society Business:**

- Approved a new **Virginia Society Chapter Service Medal**. To be awarded ONLY at the Chapter Level. Medal to be something more than a certificate of appreciation, but not at a level of service that would warrant a Virginia Society medal. The National Society Medal and Awards Committee approved medal.



- Approved a new **Virginia Society Service Medal, The Madison Medal**. Similar to the Virginia Society Chapter Service Medal but awarded at the State Level.
- Hosted the **First Virginia Society's Commonwealth Dinner**, at which the Virginia Society presented SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medals to David N. Mayer, a professor of law at Capital University, and to Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Established the **Virginia Society SAR First Virginia Regiment** as a fund-raising initiative for the three Virginia Society trust funds. As of this writing, over \$12K has been donated.
- Completed a major re-write of the Society's Constitution, By laws, and Operations Handbook.

#### V. Special Events/Activities:

- PP Joseph W Dooley presented a framed set of SAR Jamestown Commemorative Medals to President George W. Bush and former President George H.W. Bush at the White House.
- **The Virginia Society presented a SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal to:**
  - (2007) *William M. Kelso*, Director of Archaeology for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, who discovered the foundation of the original settlement on Jamestown Island.
  - (2007) *Zbigniew Brzezinski*, former National Security Adviser, advisor to presidents of both parties, and college professor of International Studies.
  - (2008) *James C. Rees, IV*, Executive Director of Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, whose campaign for Mount Vernon exhorts Americans to "Discover the Real George Washington", and whose efforts have resulted in establishment of the Mount Vernon's Ford Orientation Center and Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center.
- Hosted the dedication of a Virginia Society SAR monument to the Patriots of Color from Charles City County, VA.
- **President Arthur D. Batten** established the Commonwealth Award to be presented during his tenure to Chapters participating in the Virginia Society SAR First Virginia Regiment, completing a unique, new Chapter project, and recognizing a citizen for exception work in meeting the objectives of the SAR.
- The Society re-energized both its program to encourage members to submit supplemental applications and to identify lines from Patriots not previously listed in either SAR or DAR indexes (our Forgotten Patriots Program)

#### VI. National Society Business:

- Hosted the Annual Commemoration Service at Gen Thomas Nelson's Grave, Yorktown, VA

#### Multiple-members Attended:

- The Atlantic Middle States Conference, Annapolis, MD in August 2007.
- The Trustees Meetings / Leadership Conferences in Spring & Fall of 2007 and Spring of 2008
- The 118<sup>th</sup> NSSAR Congress in Sacramento, Calif.
  - Also at the 118th Congress, a Virginia Society compatriot, **Joseph W. Dooley**, was elected **Genealogist General** of the National Society SAR and **PP Larry McKinley** was selected as a member of the Executive Committee

#### VII. Awards Won by the Virginia Society and Society Members at the 118th NSSAR Congress:

- **Past President General Bruce A. Wilcox:** Gold Good Citizenship Medal, George Washington ring for his outstanding service as President General, the Liberty Medal, and made an Honorary Texan and given the Commission of an Admiral in the Texas Navy.
- **Former First Lady Theresa Wilcox:** Daughters of Liberty Medal
- **Joseph W. Dooley:** National-level Meritorious Service Medal, and Bronze Sam Adams Congress Medal.
- **Bob Bowen:** National-level Meritorious Service Award, Gold Council of State Presidents Medal, and The SAR Magazine award.
- **Bob Dunnells, Bill Nash, John Sinks:** Liberty Medals or oak leaf clusters
- **VASSAR:**
  - The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award (Star in lieu of 7<sup>th</sup> award)
  - C.A.R. Activity Award
  - Officers' Streamer Award



Organized April 20, 1889

# MARYLAND SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## President's Report to the Atlantic Middle States Conference

August 9, 2008

The Maryland Society SAR was founded in 1889. We have 15 chapters across the state almost one for each of the 23 counties and City of Baltimore, and have a current membership of 725. The Society participates in most of the National programs such as the Flag Certificates program and ROTC, Eagle Scout, Essay, Poster, and Oration Contests. We are also strong supporters of DAR and CAR activities in MD and are fortunate to have a very active Color Guard.

### Meetings and Events

Board of Managers Meeting, September 15, 2007  
Semi-Annual Board of Managers Meeting, October 20, 2007  
Board of Managers Meeting, November 17, 2007  
Patriots Ball, December 28, 2007  
Board of Managers Meeting, January 12, 2008  
George Washington Luncheon, February 16m 2008  
Board of Managers Meeting and Annual Meeting, April 19, 2008  
Board of Managers Meeting, June 14, 2008  
118<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, July 5-9, 2009  
State Executive Committee Meeting, July 26, 2008

| 2007 Membership       |            | 2008 Membership To<br>Date |            |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Applications Approved | 46         |                            | 27         |
| Reinstatements        | 31         |                            | 39         |
| Deceased              | 12         |                            | 10         |
| Dropped/Resigned      | 66         |                            | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>670</b> |                            | <b>725</b> |
| Dual Members          | 22         |                            | 22         |
| Junior Members        | 7          |                            | 7          |

### 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

Nine MDSSAR delegates attended Annual Congress in Sacramento. President Tackitt was elected as an Alternate to the NSSAR Nominating Committee by the Council of State Presidents.

The society had entries in the following outreach programs:

The Joseph S Rumbaugh Orations Contest  
The Knight Essay Contest  
The Americanism Poster Contest  
The Eagle Scout Contest  
The Outstanding JROTC Contest



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Gareth Hayes Bond, Vice President General, Middle Atlantic District  
John Moller, Vice President General, North Atlantic District  
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**Compatriots:**

It is a pleasure to begin this report with the news that the District of Columbia Society has had an exceptional year since we met last August in Annapolis. Informative programs, remarkable growth, and new initiatives are making our Society stronger in Washington!

At the same time, I sadly note the passing of four long-time Compatriots.

George Buckley Fillian, 79, a Compatriot since 1961, died August 29, 2007.

Lt. Col. James Marshall Buck, 84, an Emeritus Member who joined the D. C. Society in March 1956, died October 17, 2007.

Sanford Chandler Jameson, 75, who joined in 1961, died December 14, 2007.

Col. John Thornton Collier, 97, a Compatriot since 1974, died April 25, 2008.

Just this January Colonel Collier received from our Board of Management the unprecedented distinction of a gift of Life Membership in the National and D. C. Societies, in appreciation of his long and distinguished service to the Nation.

Despite these deaths and the loss six Compatriots who became "Inactive" at the end of the year, our numbers have continued to grow. So much so that we headlined our last newsletter's article on the subject, "Membership Zooms." From the 255 members I reported last August, by the end of next week our membership should stand at 298. We've had a net increase of 16.9% this year, and almost 28% in the last two.

At our Annual Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet on April 17th, it was my pleasure to present a 50-year pin to a remarkably young 82-year old Compatriot, Ralph Anthony Wells, who joined the D. C. Society April 18, 1958. His was one of 40 awards and



## The Delaware Society Sons of the American Revolution

### **Report of the President, Delaware Society Sons of the American Revolution to the Atlantic Middle States Conference held on August 9, 2008 in Princeton, New Jersey**

During the past year, the Delaware Society's Board of Managers turned its focus inward in an effort to strengthen the society as a whole and provide members with additional program opportunities. The culmination of this effort was the adoption of a new constitution and bylaws for the Delaware Society. Some of the important additions included enhancing corporate governance provisions, creating an Executive Vice President to formalize a succession plan and provide experience to the state president-elect and the creating three non-officer directorships to provide additional insight on the Board.

The Board of Management also examined the current structure of the Delaware Society. Since 1994, the Delaware Society had four chapters. The Sussex County chapter's charter was suspended several years ago because of a lack of participation. Subsequent efforts to restart the chapter were unsuccessful. In January, the Society voted to revoke the chapter's charter and encourage the members, who had been transferred to at-large membership, to join the Kent County chapter. In connection with this, the Kent County chapter's area of operation was officially expanded to include Sussex County. The Board approved these changes in an effort to retain membership by encouraging at-large members to participate in established programs. In addition, the change provides for increased SAR community involvement through school-related and Boy Scout programs, participating that had atrophied since the suspension of the Sussex County chapter. The Board also considered proposals to eliminate other chapters. While the Board decided to continue with three chapters, the proposed consolidation had the surprising effect of increasing member involvement in chapter activities.

While tackling these internal changes, the Delaware Society continued to support the programs of the Sons of the American Revolution:

- In September 2007, members of the Delaware Society participated in Delaware Day services at the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The Delaware Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was also present.
- The Delaware Society held its Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest in February 2008. The Rumbaugh Contest is conducted at the state level in conjunction with The American Legion, Department of Delaware's speech contest. Our 2008 contestant, Maria Elena Smith of Wilmington, Delaware, traveled to Sacramento to compete in the national Rumbaugh Contest.
- In December, the Society celebrated its annual Ratification Day ceremonies with President General Bruce Wilcox and Vice President General M. Hall Worthington. PG Wilcox assisted with the induction of several new members and presented the keynote