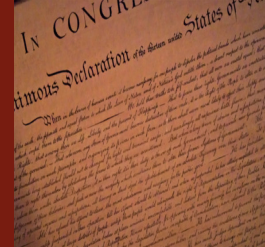




# JERSEY PATRIOT



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### New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution

October 28 2017

#### Compatriots

In April I was elected to the state presidency. One of the first things I wanted to accomplish was reaching out to members who had not been to meetings and in some cases not even contacted by the NJSSAR. The next step was trying to get the Princeton-Cranberry Chapter up and running again. Princeton-Cranbury had its first meeting in May, had another meeting in June, followed by a meeting in September and October and also their first event; Washington's Crossing. The Chapter is doing very well and under the fine leadership of Ira Jersey. I attended the National Congress in July. I then attended the Mid-Atlantic State Conference in Gettysburg. From Congress to Mid-Atlantic we had persuaded the other states to try to save Princeton Battlefield. At Mid-Atlantic all states came together to support this project.

At fall leadership the SAR asked all 50 states and all of the membership to try to donate to Princeton Battlefield. We have done a very good job with Princeton Battlefield. My future projects are to try to get Raritan Valley Chapter up and running again. I would also like to visit all the Chapters in 2018, so if Chapter Presidents can send me a schedule of their 2018 meetings I would very much like to attend. The New Jersey Society will participate in some new things, such as the flag presentation program and an enhanced Junior ROTC program. In our Patriots cause I remain.

**Robert Meyer**

**NJSSAR State President of New Jersey.**

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Annual Conference in Knoxville, TN July 7 - 13, 2017



New Jersey and Delaware Societies enjoy their traditional dinner during the Annual Congress in Knoxville TN. July 2013



President Robert Meyer and Vice President General Warren Fristensky

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New Jersey had 5 Compatriots attend the Annual Congress in 2017, with 4 participating in the National Color Guard.



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**The National Color Guard assembles to proceed to the memorial service**



**Georgia Society Major General Don Burdick and NJ President Robert Meyer**

## **Upcoming Days on Which to Display the American Flag**

**February 12th - Lincoln's Birthday**

**February 19th - Washington's Birthday**

**April 1st - Easter Sunday**

**April 6th - Army Day**

**May 13th - Mother's Day**

**May 20th - Armed Forces Day**

**May 28th - Memorial Day**

**(half staff until noon)**

During the Trustees Session of the National Conference, a motion to support the Princeton Battlefield Project was approved. All State Societies agreed to inform their members about the project and provide them with information on how to donate.

The National Society held its Annual Congress in Knoxville, TN this year July 7-13. All Compatriots are invited to attend and learn about events and activities of the SAR in every state. The spring leadership meeting will be held March 1-3, 2018.



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## Atlantic Middle States Association Annual Meeting Gettysburg, PA

August 11-12

Each year the AMS, which consists of seven member states (DE, DC, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA), convenes its annual meeting to elect officers and provide a Candidates Forum for those seeking National Office. It is the first such meeting of the year for the candidates and almost all National Officers and Candidates attend. NJ was represented by President Robert Meyer, Registrar Bruce Ryno and Ruth Ryno, Trustee David Christoffersen and Warren and Julie Fristensky.

### Eagle Scout Essay Scholarship Contest

Eagle Scout Douglas Keating, Jr. was our Chapter Eagle Scout Scholarship Essay winner this year, and was awarded a certificate and medal in addition to the scholarship. Douglas described his Eagle Project, the subject of which was the Battle of the Short Hills, which took place on June 26th, 1777.

As Eagle Scout Keating explained, a different outcome to this battle would have certainly turned the tide of the war all together. For those who are aware of this battle, many have confused it for taking place in the town of Short Hills, NJ. However, the short hills actually refer to the hills the patriots retreated across in Plainfield, Edison, and Scotch Plains, NJ. These hills can still be seen today, across the Plainfield Country Club, the Hillside Cemetery, and the Ash Brook Golf Course. The battle basically took place right in his own backyard!

A most interesting detail of this battle is how little notice it receives, given the impact of what occurred. Learning of a battle close to his home inspired Eagle Scout Keating to research and create his Eagle Project around it. His project entailed creating a trail map of the Ash Brook Reservation, an historic message detailing the battle, and constructing a footbridge over a stream bed so that visitors could safely enjoy the trail. The kiosk, map, and message are now one of the places to visit in the County's "Four Centuries in a Weekend" event. The map and trailhead can be found adjacent to the Union County Police Academy in Scotch Plains.



**This year the AMS Color Guard recruited a CAR member to join them.**



**Eagle Scout Douglas Keating, Jr is presented his award by President Fristensky.**



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**West Fields Chapter** Founded 1921 - covering Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties

**Chapter President's Report February 2018 - Warren C. Fristensky, President**

Dear West Fields Chapter Compatriots,

Since my last report in October, we have had a number of very successful chapter events, and planned a full calendar of events for the Spring and Fall. Please be sure to look at the events calendar at the end of the report and plan on attending as many events as you can. Of particular note is the upcoming State meeting on February 24th in Princeton. This year we are honored to host the National Society President General, Larry Guzy, who travels the country during his presidential year, to share news about SAR projects and events. Please make every effort to attend! While I am the Chapter President, I also serve as the State Treasurer and I am the National Vice-President General of the North Atlantic District (2016-2018). As such I attend the National Congress, Fall and Spring Leadership meetings and preside over the Atlantic Middle States Annual Conference. I have therefore provided information about all of these events in this report.

Due to these activities (and a new grand-daughter born in February) the normal West Fields calendar of events has suffered a bit and for this I apologize and hope to remedy in the near term. Despite this, we will have an exciting and full calendar of events for the remainder of the year. We are hoping to get better attendance at events by trying some new things such as a Chapter dinner meeting at a local restaurant, and engaging with the CAR for an event, perhaps at the Abraham Clark house in Roselle, which we support. We will of course continue to have our January meeting with the DAR and our Annual dinner in March.

I also would like to welcome our new members who have joined this year. I look forward to presenting your membership certificates at one of our upcoming meetings. Please welcome our new members: Richard Bernhardt Ahle, David Christopher Brighthouse, Christopher Joseph Gati, Edward Sharshon Heath, Alexander Karl Heath Hearsh, Jose Manuel Martinex, Richard Evans Sharp.

**Respectfully submitted, Warren C. Fristensky, President, West Fields Chapter NJSSAR**



**ESS-SAR President Jim Eagen with Past President Peter Goebel**



**Fall Meeting Mosaico Restaurant**



**Atlantic Middle States Assoc. President Larry Guzy- c, VPG Fristensky - L, VPG Raborg -r**

### Westfieds Chapter Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 24 February 2018 – State Meeting in Princeton – Color Guard
- 1-4 March 2018 Spring Leadership Louisville KY
- 21 March 2018 – Annual Dinner at Echo Lake Country Club
- 12 April 2018 – Spring Assembly with Westfield Historical Societies
- 14 April 2018 - NJ State Society Annual Luncheon Princeton – Color Guard

- 28 May 2018 - Memorial Day Parade – Westfield with Color Guard
- 28 June 2018 - 4th of July Concert at Mindowaskin Park – Color Guard
- 12-19 July 2018 – National Congress Houston TX
- 10-12 Aug. 2018 – Atlantic Middle States Conf.– Newport News VA Color Guard



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**Princeton-Cranbury Chapter** Founded 1963 covering Mercer County

**President's Report December 2017 - Ira Jersey, President**

The Princeton/Cranbury Chapter has been reformed and is beginning a regular meeting schedule where compatriots enjoy brief discussions on topics concerning the War for Independence and other topics useful to members. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm, normally at the Rocky Hill Library, 64 Washington Street, Rocky Hill, NJ 08553. We are working with local officials to replace the SAR medallion at the Richard Stockton grave in Princeton. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The Richard Stockton Medallion is located at Princeton Quaker Meeting, adjacent to the Princeton Battlefield. For additional information please reach out to **President Ira Jersey** ([ijersey@comcast.net](mailto:ijersey@comcast.net)) or **Communications Director Greg Rogers** ([gnrogers@aol.com](mailto:gnrogers@aol.com)).



**Richard Stockton Medallion**

## Upcoming Princeton / Cranbury Meetings

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** - 7:30pm Mary Jacobs Library, 64 Washington St., Rocky Hill, NJ 08553

**First Mountain Chapter** Founded 1928 covering Essex, Bergen and Hudson Counties

**Chapter President's Report December 2017 - Phillip Berg, President**

**First Mountain Chapter  
Upcoming events**

**March 10, 2018**  
Chapter Trip to Morristown area

**April 8, 2018**  
Chapter Meeting at Jersey City Beer Garden

**May 6, 2018**  
Chapter Trip to Washington's Crossing Princeton Area

**April 8, 2018**

**Zeppelin Hall Biergarten**  
88 Liberty View Drive  
Jersey City, New Jersey  
201 - 721-8888

[www.facebook.com/zeppelinhall](http://www.facebook.com/zeppelinhall)



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**Jockey Hollow Chapter** Founded 1914 covering Morris, Hunterton and Somerset Counties

**President's Report January 2018 - Roger B. Loomis, President**

I am pleased to submit a brief summary of the past year's activity for our Chapter as well as congratulate the State organization on the debut of the NJSSAR Newsletter.

2017 was a good year for the Jockey Hollow Chapter on several levels. We are especially pleased that attendance and participation at our quarterly meetings has increased noticeably. Attendance at our 2017 meetings is averaging a little over thirty members and guests now. Especially gratifying is the general willingness to pitch in and help with the business of the Chapter. At our last meeting I made a call for nominations and volunteers to fill open and expiring officer positions and, instead of crickets chirping, we filled all required positions and then some, in about ten minutes. Great group!

I am also happy to note that more than a dozen new members were inducted into the Chapter in 2017 as

well as a few who chose to have their member credentials forwarded directly. All are most welcome. Also, we have had a series of excellent presentations by our guest speakers for several years now.

Lastly, with the tireless help of JHC's Compatriot Treasurer Patrick Reilly, we presented nearly two dozen Certificates of Recognition to local Eagle Scouts, most personally at their Courts of Honor. A real honor for us to be able to participate in their ceremony. I look forward to sharing Jockey Hollow Chapter's activities in future NJSSAR Newsletters and would like to extend an open invitation to NJSSAR Members and their guest to Jockey Hollow Chapter's future gatherings. Our next luncheon is March 3, 2017 in Rockaway, NJ at the Exchange Restaurant 11:30am. Hope to see you there.

**Roger B. Loomis, President Jockey Hollow Chapter,**  
NJSSAR [rbloomis1@aol.com](mailto:rbloomis1@aol.com)

## Discover History Center Opens at Morristown National Historic Park

Morristown National Historical Park and the Washington Association of New Jersey are pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the Discover History Center and the completion of the Military Gallery at Washington's Headquarters Museum on Presidents Day weekend, February 17-19, 2018. The result of nearly a decade of work, the new Discover History Center (DHC) is a \$2.2 million dollar project for the 21st -century. The Washington Association and its fundraising efforts included gifts from members, friends, and corporations, contributing \$1.8 million dollars to the project, enabling its completion.

Visitors can step into the footsteps of a Continental soldier for inspection, lift a musket to feel its weight, and walk past snow drifts and into a re-created log hut. On the museum's main level, the military gallery now features an interactive timeline of the Revolutionary Era. A redesigned mini-theater provides space for the park's introductory film, uniform signage, and audio-description and listening devices ensure accessibility for all visitors to the museum.

The new exhibit is open during regular park hours, Wednesday-Sunday, 9:30 am- 5 pm. Admission is free. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/morr](http://www.nps.gov/morr) or call 973-539-2016 X210.





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## South Jersey Chapter

Founded 1922 covering Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties

Chapter President's Report December 2017 - Richard Serfass, President

### Eagle Scouts / Scholarship

Eagle Scouts/Scholarship: The Chapter's winner of the Eagle Scout Scholarship was Philip Harmon. Philip, accompanied by his mother, was presented the medal at the SJCSAR June meeting by Chapter Secretary Larry Nelson (L), the Eagle Scout Committee Chair and President Rich Serfass (R). Five additional Eagle Scouts received congratulatory letters and certificates of recognition. The Chapter approved the purchase and presentation of Eagle Scout patches to each scout participant.



### Membership

New Members: 7 new members were received into the South Jersey Chapter this year. Compatriot Dennis O'Hare(C) was inducted into the Chapter by President Rich Serfass and Past President Rich Burr (L) at the September 2017 meeting.



### ROTC/Junior ROTC

ROTC/Junior ROTC - 16 High Schools of the 21 in the South Jersey Chapter area submitted a Cadet for the Bronze Award (up from 15 in 2016). 14 of the schools had Awards ceremonies. SJCSAR members attended 11 of the awards ceremonies (Serfass-5, Nelson-2, Locke-2, Yerkes-1, Thomas-1, up from 6 in 2016).

A committee was formed to review the JROTC Bronze Award Enhanced Program credentials (R. Serfass, L. Nelson). The winner was Cadet Alexa Ingram from Riverside High School in Riverside. Her name was submitted to the New Jersey Society SAR to compete for the State Silver JROTC Award. This was the sixth straight year that the chapter has submitted a candidate for the State Award. The Chapter also approved a \$100 Scholarship to the winner of the Enhanced program starting in 2018.



### Upcoming South Jersey Meetings and Activities

- 24, March-SJCSAR Meeting, West Deptford Library - Pre-Meeting 9:30 am, regular meeting 10 am
- 19, May - South Jersey History Fair - Gabreil Davies Tavern House, Glendora NJ, Exhibits and Displays
- 2, June - Moorestown Festival - Moorsetown Day, Annual Main Street Celebration - Partner Booth with DAR
- 23, June SJCSAR Meeting, West Deptford Library - Pre-Meeting 9:30 am, regular meeting 10 am
- 4, July - Moorestown Parade
- December - Wreaths Across America - Beverly National Military Cemetery, Beverley, NJ

Richard W. Serfass, President & JROTC Awards Chair, South Jersey Chapter SAR, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret)





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## SAR/DAR Partnership

SAR/DAR Partnerships: The South Jersey Chapter has begun partnerships with the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters in it's area.

South Jersey Chapter members gave presentations at two DAR Chapter meetings (Redbank and Moorestown).

The Moorestown Chapter DAR participated with the South Jersey Chapter SAR in the Annual Wreaths Across America Program at the Beverly National Cemetery on December 16, 2017.



**New Jersey State Society NJDAR was organized on April 29, 1891. There are 46 Chapters located throughout the State. For more information visit [www.njdar.org](http://www.njdar.org)**

*"He only, deserves to be remembered by posterity who treasures up and preserves the history of his ancestors".*

*Edmund Burke*

*Irish Author, Orator and Member of British Parliament, 1730-1797*



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## October 2017 Board of Managers Meeting and Annual Luncheon

Marriot Princeton Hotel and Conference Center October 28, 2017

The New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution met on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Marriot Princeton Hotel and Conference Center. The Board of Managers met at 10:00 A.M. A Reception was held at 12:00 P.M. and a meeting/luncheon began at 12:15 P.M. The featured speaker was Compatriot Paul Chase, VASSAR, the Author of a newly released book about the American Revolution titled : The American Revolution: A Compendium of Terms and Topics. Paul Chase autographed books after the luncheon/presentation was over.

### Board Of Managers Meeting - October 28, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

A Board of Managers meeting was held on October 28, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at the Marriot Princeton Hotel and Conference Center. Reports were given by the Managers in attendance including the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Registrar and Secretary.

**President Robert Meyer** called for the State SAR to document activities better which will improve National recognition. He mentioned the work the NJSSAR has done with Veterans service recognition efforts and the Color Guard as examples. The President mentioned that a \$5000 donation has been made to the preservation of Princeton Battlefield in John Moller' name and has called on other State SAR members to assist during the National Conference. The NJSSAR has also purchased 100 copies of Paul Chase's (VASSAR) new book "The American Revolution". Paul will be present at our luncheon later and will sign books for those who purchase them. The price of the book is \$20.00.

**Vice President Charles Morgan** reported that a Pay Pal account may be set up for the payment of

dues and other NJSSAR related finances. **Treasurer Warren Fristensky** presented the 2017 - 2018 Budget to Actual Treasurer's report dated October 28, 2017. Treasurer Fristensky also reported that Director's and

Officer's Insurance was renewed in October. Dues notices were generated and mailed to 698 Compatriots in mid-September. As a reminder if you have not yet paid your dues please do so. Both the

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer backed up all data files to ensure against lost data.

**Registrar Bruce Ryno** reported there are currently 8 applications at National waiting for approval and about 80 with the Registrar waiting to be completed and sent to National. A total of 123 new applicants have filed for membership since April. Applications are up substantially. **Secretary Edward Glidden** reported on the use of telephone conferencing and e-mail for any special Board of Managers meetings dealing with emergency issues as a means of ensuring we attend to urgent matters as they arise if necessary.

"Applications are up substantially"  
**Bruce Ryno, registrar**

### TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD

Strayed or STOLEN, near English-Town, the evening of the battle, a brown mare, about 14 hands and an half, no natural marks, branded on the near shoulder and thigh with a D and an s in the middle of it; she is something in years. Whoever secures said mare, so that the owner may get her again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, if brought home, paid by me JAMES STOUT, in Hopewell, Hunterdon county.

July 6, 1778 New Jersey Gazette



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**The following entry is the first record, in the first minute book, of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution of New Jersey. This entry records the date the NJSSAR was established.**

**About March 1<sup>st</sup> 1889 the following notice appeared in the Newark Daily Papers,**

In view of the approaching Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States and the part that New Jersey will be called upon to take, the undersigned members of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, resident in New Jersey, hereby invite our fellow members to meet with us at the rooms of the Board of Trade, Newark, N.J. at four oclock P.M. Thursday, March 7th 1889, for the purpose of discussing the question of organizing a New Jersey Branch of the Society and deciding what part, if any, we shall take as a society in that part of the celebration that takes place in New Jersey

- William O. McDowell
- J. C. Pumpelly
- H.W. Howell
- Francis B. Howell
- H.W. Howell Jr.,
- Geo. S. Wylie,
- Charles Boman Martisi,
- C.E. McDowell,

Pursuant to the above call a meeting was held at the Board of Trade Rooms, Newark, N.J. four oclock, P.M. March 7th 1889. Present W. O. McDowell, J.C. Pumpelly, Alexander Wilder. On motion Alexander Wilder was elected Chairman and J.C. Pumpelly Secy.,

of the meeting. The call of the meeting and various letters recieved, were then read by Mr. McDowell. On motion it was then ordered that ***we do now organize ourselves under the title of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution of New Jersey.***



**General Wm. S. Stryker, First President (top), J.C. Pumpelly who was present at the organization meeting is to right**



Organized  
March 7, 1889

**Upcoming Meetings of the New Jersey Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Princeton Marriot - Hotel and Conference Center  
100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540**

**February 24, 2018**

Board of Managers Meeting	10:00 AM
NJ Society Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	10:00 AM
Luncheon Speaker Patricia Sanftner	
State Historian	12:00 noon
"Period Clothing of the 18th Century"	

**April 14, 2018**

Board of Managers Meeting	10:00 AM
NJ Society Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	10:00 AM
Luncheon Speaker Stu Richel	12:00 noon
" Vietnam Through My Eyes"	

**October 20, 2018**

Board of Managers Meeting	10:00 AM
NJ Society Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	10:00 AM
Luncheon Speaker TBD	12:00 noon

**THE JERSEY PATRIOT**

A Newsletter published by the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution (NJSSAR). The newsletter is published in January, March and September in coordination with the NJSSAR meeting schedule.

Articles for inclusion should be submitted to Secretary A. Edward Glidden at [eglidden@yahoo.com](mailto:eglidden@yahoo.com) and Newsletter Editor Robert Fischer at [bfisch59@optonline.net](mailto:bfisch59@optonline.net). Deadlines for articles are December 15th, February 15th and August 15th.

**Not sure where the meeting is ?**



**Directions to the Meeting**

**From the North** take GSP south to exit 130 to Rt 1 South for 21 miles. Merge onto College Road East for Forrestal Center, **Or** take NJTP south to Exit 9 for Rt 18N for 1.5 miles to Rt 1. Take Rt 1 south for 13.7 mi. Merge onto College Rd. East for Forrestal Center.

**From the South:** take 295 North to exit 67A towards New Brunswick. Merge onto Rt 1 N for 7 miles. Take College road east towards Forrestal Center, 609-452-7800.