

Pennsylvania 1812

April 2013



Our Annual Meeting

There was a good sized crowd out on March 9, as we held our annual meeting. We returned to the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, on a beautiful sunny day.

The Rev. Gregory F. Dimick (Pictured, right,) got the meeting started with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Society is moving forward on a variety of fronts. There will be more activities this year and Newsletters to tell you more about our plans.

Our prospect pool is up. We took in five new members in the last year, while only losing two. We have hosted more events and 2013 should be another busy year.(See P4 for the list, so far.) We are hearing from more of you, and a greater number are coming out to participate. Please mark your calendars and hold the summer dates.

You will note a few changes to the Board on the list



at right. As some cycle off, we think we have a strong group of members interested in our proposed program, and we hope you will come meet them and other members at this year's events.

After the annual meeting we enjoyed a traditional Philadelphia lunch of soup, oysters and chicken salad, and an apple tart, sitting at tables which offered a nice view of the Delaware River.



Above right, three of our new board members at the annual meeting are: John Kay Clement, Jonathan M. Jacobs and Thomas Ashton Blair. Right, Martin Peicker gives the Registrar's report.

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President's Message

At our Annual Meeting at the Corinthian Yacht Club, March 9th the first Bylaws revision in 35 years was presented by Chairman Tom Kellogg and Jefferson Moak, with subsequent ratification. Further modification will be considered in the next 12 months.



In the meantime, work to having a current Web Site for the State Society is progressing.

We were happy to admit two more new members at the Annual Meeting. We continue to seek more members at this propitious time of the Bicentennial of the 1812 War.

Ms Rebecca Koford's talk on the digitization of the long neglected 1812 Pension Records was concise and particularly informative. Members are encouraged to support this project financially.

I'm glad to announce that Dr. Steven Mark has volunteered to lead the Color Guard. Members are encouraged to contact him to serve on the Guard.

Valley Forge Church Service 2013



We gathered on a sunny Sunday, April 7, for our annual church service and lunch at Valley Forge Military Academy, in Wayne, PA. Chapel speaker (at left), MG Robert F. Dees brought an interesting message for students and adults alike, around the topic of "Resilience."

The theory is that your years of training have value at unforeseen times, and it is exposure to that training and experience which prepares you for future success.

After the service, it was a short walk down the path to the cadet parade, (below) where the cadets formed up then passed in review with full flags flying, before the guests.



Lunch in Eisenhower Hall followed. The food was especially good, and many slipped back for seconds, after all were served. Several cadets

Dr. Samuel B. Hoff was commended for his 5 years of dedicated work and leadership as Vice President General for Military Awards and Pennsylvania 1812 Society Awards Chair. In addition, we sadly accepted the resignation from the Board of Russell Kennedy after many years of devoted service, which were highlighted by his placement of a plaque on the porch of the Lamb Tavern in Springfield, Delaware County. This spot was a rendezvous for many of the militia who were prepared to defend Pennsylvania in September, 1814. We were very happy to add several new active members to fill our Board.

Finally, I commend your attention to an 1812 Bicentennial military re-enactment at Fort Mifflin on the Delaware River, Saturday, June 8th. A reception and box lunch will immediately precede a tour which should be quite exciting both for children and the rest of us. This shouldn't be missed!

Further plans for members and their families and prospective members will follow.



Bob Marvin and Peter Hill presented this year's ROTC award which was won by Cadet Anthony Albanese. First Captain Mark Pretz accepted the award on behalf of Albanese, who was off campus on reserve training.

and Chaplain, Capt Hale joined us. Getting to chat with them to find out what is behind the uniform just adds to the variety this day provides.

The day ended with an added bonus — a tour of the School's Museum. Cadet Sandor Farkas led us around.



Preserve the Pensions of the War of 1812

[Editor's Note: Our Annual Meeting speaker, Rebecca Korfond, presented this project. We are providing it to our full membership hoping others will choose to donate to help this effort.]

The War of 1812, often called the "Second Revolution," was a pivotal moment in our Nation's history. Individual states struggled to become one nation after a long-fought Revolution, and the "American Experiment" was still at a precarious stage. Without the strength and courage of those patriots who fought in the War of 1812, our American Revolution might have ended up as just a footnote to British history and conquest. Instead, these men — farmers, merchants, seamen, fathers, sons — became soldiers to fight for what they and their fathers had believed in: their American home.

Now, two hundred years later, we celebrate their success and honor their memories. We have at this time a unique opportunity. As their records become more and more fragile, we are placed at a time with technology that can preserve and showcase what the patriots of 1812 sacrificed for. We are here to Preserve the Pensions.

180,000 pension records are at the National Archives from the War of 1812. Over 3,000 requests come for these pensions each year. As one of our members reminds us, the Revolutionary War records were placed on microfilm decades ago, but for the most part the 1812 collection hasn't moved beyond the original form, until now.

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), Ancestry.com, and fold3 are pleased to partner together in this monumental effort to digitize and index these pensions to be made available online for free to genealogists and historians across the country.

This monumental effort plans to digitize 7.2 million records just for the War of 1812. It will cost approximately \$3.7 million dollars.

Each pension page costs \$0.45 to digitize. Each dollar of contribution digitizes two pages. Every little bit helps.

The time is now: For a limited time, Ancestry.com has agreed to match every dollar! Each dollar you contribute now digitizes twice the records. Each donation is tax deductible. Contribute today or visit

www.preservethepensions.org

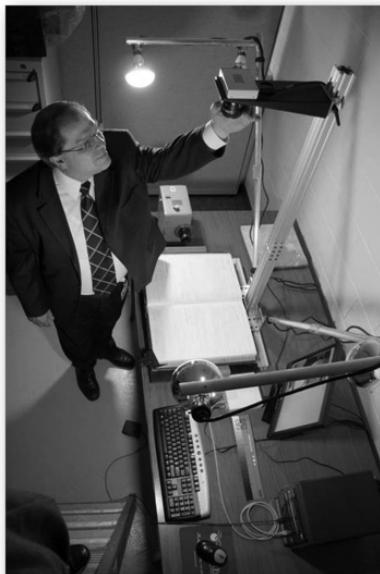


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"We should look for opportunities to promote the educational value of having information-rich historical documents available to everyone, everywhere, at no cost.

To view FREE images already online, go to: <http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions>

Not only do the digitized War of 1812 pension

documents help genealogists, historians, and academics, now every classroom teacher in America that has an Internet connection at school (as so many do) can use these documents in teaching about the War and in demonstrating the use of primary source documents in historical research."

Curt Witcher,
The files often contain such family history gems as:

Veteran's name and age

Residence

Widow's name and maiden

name

Service history and dates

Military rank and organization

If Bounty Land were granted and information on those warrants

Marriage information

Death dates for soldiers and widows

Senior Manager of Special Collections, Allen County Public Library.

Volunteers have carefully flattened and conserved the valuable documents. Arrangements are being made for more cameras and digital equipment. People have willingly sacrificed their time; now we need money to help catalog and digitize these records in archivally-safe and sustainable ways.

Through the Preserve the Pensions Project, record images are posted online for free as they become available, not held until the end of the project. Visit:

<http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>

Please visit this website to add your donation to support this great project.

www.preservethepensions.org



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War of 1812



Important Events In The War - 200 years ago 1813

DATE OCCURRENCE

March - Captain David Porter of the Essex sails into the Pacific via Cape Horn to prey upon British whaling ships
Mar 27 - Oliver Hazard Perry arrives at Presque Isle, Pa, to construct fleet on Lake Erie
March to December British naval forces raid in the Chesapeake Bay area
Mar 30 - British blockade extended from Long Island to the Mississippi
Apr 15 - Americans occupy West Florida
Apr 15 - Wilkinson occupies Mobile
Apr 27 - Americans capture York (Toronto)
Siege of Fort Meigs begins on May 1 and ends on May 5
May 3 - British burn Havre de Grace, MD
May 26 - British blockade more middle and southern states
May 27 - Americans capture Fort George
May 27 - British abandon Fort Erie
May 29 - British forces repulsed at Sackett's Harbor
Jun 1 - HMS Shannon captures USS Chesapeake
Jun 6 - Americans defeated at Stoney Creek
Jun 13 - British vessels repulsed at Burlington, Vermont
Jun 19 - Commodore Barclay's squadron appears off of Cleveland, Ohio
Jun 20 - USS Constellation attempts capture of blockading

vessels off Hampton, Virginia
Jun 22 - Battle of Norfolk
Jun 24 - Battle of Beaver Dams
Jun 25 - British attack on Hampton, Virginia
July 3 - Capture of U.S. sloops Growler and Eagle near Ile aux Noix
July 5 - Raid on Fort Schlosser
July 8 - Final siege of Fort Madison begins. Fort defeated sometime in September.
July 8 - Action at Butler's Farm
July 26 - General Henry Procter quits the siege of Fort Meigs.
July 27 - Battle of Burnt Corn
July 31 - Raid on Plattsburg
July 31 - Second occupation of York
Aug 1 - Major Croghan successfully defends Fort Stephenson against British attack
Aug 2 - Brit General Henry Proctor's assault fails at Fort Stephenson
Aug 4 - Admiral Perry gets his fleet over the bar at Presque Isle and into Lake Erie
Aug 7 - U.S. schooners Hamilton and Scourge founder on Lake Ontario
Aug 12 - Capture of USS Argus
Aug 30 - Fort Mims massacre
Sept 10 - Battle of Lake Erie
Sept 26 - General William Henry Harrison lands in Canada, Detroit liberated



Bicentennial War of 1812 Reenactment at Fort Mifflin

Saturday, June 8th is the day Fort Mifflin will remember the war with an

event. PA plans to appear and provide a box lunch to members as the Fort's events unfold before us. Plan to be with us for this interesting afternoon.

Our reception is from 11:30 am to 12 at the Hospital Building near the entrance to the Fort, adjacent to the parking area. A box lunch will be served at noon. A private tour is at 1:15. There will be children's activities and musket drills. An invitation will follow.



Mark your calendar

Tuesday, June 11 - Board Meeting

Saturday, June 8 - Tour/Lunch at Fort Mifflin 11:30
Sunday, July 21 - Annual BBQ 6pm

August 23-25 - General Society's Bicentennial Event & Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN

Tuesday, September 10 - Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 3 - Board Meeting

Saturday, March 8, 2014 - Annual Meeting

A Philly 1812 Plaque Found from Ray Longacre

Erected 1946 by Stephen Decatur Chapter — U.S. Daughters of 1812.



Location. 40° 2.633' N, 75° 10.873' W. The marker is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is on Germantown Avenue, on the right when traveling north, at the entrance to the Germantown Upper Burying Ground.

TEXT: In memory of soldiers of the War of 1812 who lie in upper Germantown Burying Ground Philadelphia

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