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The Frontier Patriots Chapter


Pennsylvania Society
Sons of the American Revolution





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We acknowledge the service of the American Revolution only, by their faithful establishment the United States of America, together with their aid to the preservation of Liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

The Frontier Patriots Chapter Website


Newer members may not be aware of it, but the Frontier Patriots Chapter has a website. In 2018, the Frontier Patriots Chapter website will be nineteen years old. In fact, our website was one of the first three chapter websites developed in the PASSAR. (The other two were the Harris Ferry Chapter and the Somerset-Cambria Chapter.) Our website was initially uploaded between 19 March and 24 April 1999.






The webpage, as it was first uploaded, is reproduced below, courtesy of the Wayback Machine Internet Archive. This image was captured by the Internet Archive in April 2000. Reflecting the name of the Chapter at that time, the Blair County Chapter, SAR webpages were updated in 2004 and then again updated in 2007 to change the name of the Chapter to Frontier Patriots.




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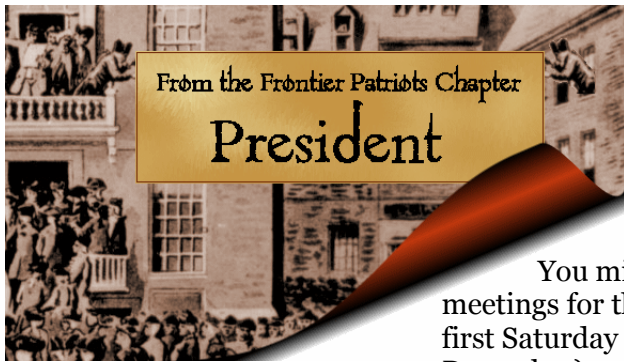


I have tried to keep the pages updated, although there have been periods in the past when I didn't achieve that goal. I've recently gone through the pages and corrected, added and updated them as necessary. I have also scanned and uploaded all of the newsletters I produced since 1991. A good portion of the content of the

newsletters was converted into web pages, so you might find repetition.

If you have anything that you think might be of interest to your Compatriot members, please feel welcome to send them to my attention and I'll see if I can use it in a newsletter or on the website.





The next meeting of the
Frontier Patriots Chapter
of the Sons of the American Revolution
will be held at Perkin's Restaurant
3300 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona, PA
on Saturday, 10 March 2018
starting at 12 Noon.

You might have noticed, if you've already glanced at the list of meetings for this year, that they were all changed from falling on the first Saturday of the quarterly month (March, June, September and December) to the second Saturday of those months.

I hope to be able to plan a joint dinner with the DAR during this year. We also hope to present a plaque containing the names of Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Huntingdon County to the Huntingdon County court house. ~ Larry



2018 Meeting Dates

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| First Quarterly Meeting | March 10 |
| Second Quarterly Meeting | June 9 |
| Third Quarterly Meeting | September 8 |
| Fourth Quarterly Meeting | December 8 |

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Proposals for supplies to President Joseph Reed, 12 September, 1781

We propose to furnish the Militia and Ranging company's for Bedford and Westmoreland County's with provisions on the following terms, each Ration to be compos'd of the following articles, one pound of Bread, made of good flour, one pound of Beef, or three quarters of pork, one Gill of Whiskey, three pounds of Candles, eight pounds of Soap, for every Seven hundred Rations, two quarts of Vinegar and one quart of Salt for every hundred Rations at eleven pence half penny for each Ration, if the Contractors should not be able to procure the small articles, by furnishing an equivalent in Bread and Meal, agreed to by such persons as shall be authoriz'd by his Excellency the President & Supreme Executive Council to be sufficient, the Person so authoriz'd his orders & Receipts to be sufficient Vouchers for the Contractors. for settlement, that the Lieuts. of each County be authoriz'd to furnish necessary Escorts in time of danger, that the Contractors shall not be obliged to issue provisions at any other posts than Bedford and Hannas Town, that any provisions by lying in store longer than six Months be damag'd to be at the loss of the State and paid for as Rations issued and in case of Capture by the Enemy of any provision from an Escort or where Magazines shall be directed to be deposited to be at the loss of the state and paid for as Rations issued by having proper certificates from such person as shall be authorized by Council, that it shall be in the power of such person so authoriz'd together with the Contractors to alter the Ration as to the species and description of the Meat, so often as shall be deemed convenient by both parties, that the Contractors be furnished by Council in advance with three hundred pounds specie to be deducted out of the first settlement, that his Excellency the President & Supreme Executive Council settle with the said Contractors every three Months and pay such sums as may be due to them, that the said Contract shall continue for one year from the first day of October next.

Letter from Michael Huffnagle to President Joseph Reed, 15 September, 1781

I will engage to supply the Militia of Bedford and Westmoreland & the two Rangin Companys upon the same terms the Continental Troops are supply'd for, which is as low as can be expected. considering the price of Salt & carriages. Mr. Morris has furnish'd me with some supply's, which will enable me, by getting 100 pounds in advance, to supply such Militia as may be Ordered into service for three months without further supply. I expect to leave Town to Morrow Evening, should your Excellency have any Commands to the Westward, I shall think myself happy to be the Bearer. I have the Honor to be your Excellency's most Obt Hble. Servt, Michael Huffnagle.

For those of you that receive this newsletter by US mail, if you have an email address, we would appreciate you sending it to us to use for future newsletters. Printing and mailing these newsletters is very expensive. Please send to our Secretary Melvin McDowell at melvin.mcdowell@gmail.com