

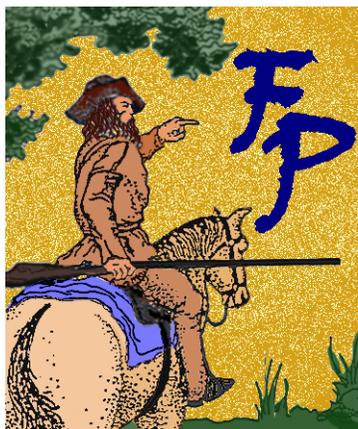


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## Frontier Patriots Chapter Logo

During the last Quarterly Meeting, held on 13 June at the Freedom Township Fire Hall, a motion was made to: *“adopt an image of a Ranger on the Frontier, created by Larry D. Smith, to be used as the Frontier Patriots Chapter logo.”*

Recently, Compatriot William Roy Mock asked the question if the Frontier Patriots Chapter had a cloth (embroidered) patch that could be sewn or ironed onto a shirt, coat or hat. The



answer to his question was ‘no’ but I (Larry D. Smith) did not let it end with that answer. I saw Bill’s question as a motivation to check into the possibility of creating a Chapter logo for use as a patch, or anything else in which a logo can be used (such as this newsletter’s letterhead).

I checked first with the President, Secretary and Chancellor of the Pennsylvania Society. Their mutual answer was that they had never actually thought about it, but saw no reason

not to have such a thing. I then contacted the Chancellor General of the National Society, SAR. Compatriot Peter M. Davenport responded by noting that nothing in the Constitution and By-Laws of the SAR prevent the creation of a Chapter logo. In fact, the George Mason Chapter of the Virginia Society, of which Chancellor Davenport is a Compatriot member, has its own unique logo. Various other chapters already have their own logos. Examples include the Gold Country Chapter, California Society and the Lakeland Chapter, Florida Society.

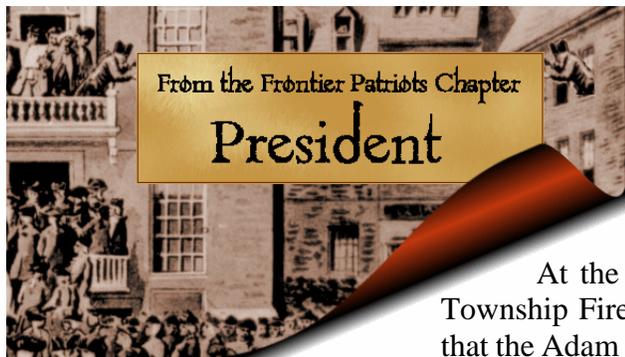
I was told that an amendment to the Chapter By-Laws was not required for Chapter approval. A simple motion is all that would be required. The image shown to the left was thereby accepted by unanimous vote during the meeting of 13 June 2020.

The design of the ranger on horseback, created by yours truly, Larry D. Smith, was drawn in the spring of 1990 to illustrate the program for the grave dedication of Jacob Schmitt. Now, after three decades, the design has been gifted to the Frontier Patriots Chapter for use as its logo. The logo itself consists of the figure on horseback with the initial letters ‘F’ and ‘P’. The logo was then expanded to provide a new letterhead for this newsletter. I hope you all enjoy it. And I hope that

the creation of our chapter logo motivates other chapters within the Pennsylvania Society to create and use their own unique logos.

I want to give a thank you to Bill Mock for asking the question which resulted in the logo's creation. And to all Compatriot members of the

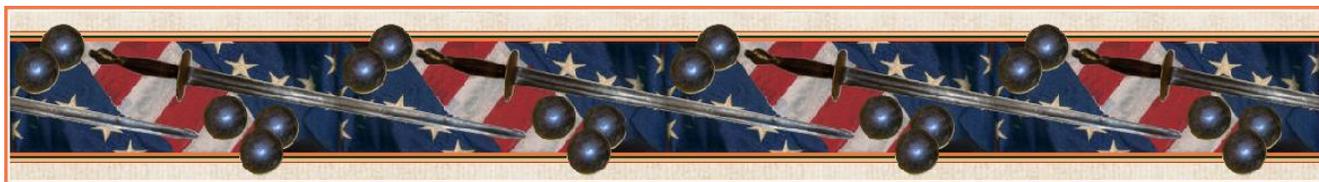
Frontier Patriots Chapter: Please feel welcome to ask any questions about any aspect of the Chapter or the SAR or to offer any suggestions. Your question or suggestion just might benefit the Chapter or Society.



The next meeting of the Frontier Patriots Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held at the Hoss's Restaurant at 4308 Business 220, Bedford on Saturday, 8 August 2020 starting at 12 Noon.

At the most recent Quarterly Meeting, held at the Freedom Township Fire Hall in East Freedom on 13 June, it was announced that the Adam Holliday Chapter, DAR has invited the members of the

Frontier Patriots Chapter to attend a dinner with them on Saturday 12 September 2020. To celebrate Constitution Day, the lunch will be held at the Park Hills Country Club, starting at 11:30am. Meals will be ordered from the menu. John Clay, former newscaster at WTAJ-TV, and current Volunteer Coordinator at the James E. VanZandt VA Medical Center, will be the featured speaker. Please plan to attend if you are able.



## Monument Project Survey

Last summer I came up with an idea for a project to erect a stone monument bearing a bronze plaque to honor the men who were killed, wounded or captured during the Engagement of Frankstown. The monument would be designed to duplicate (in both shape and size) the obelisk-shaped monument erected in 1926 to honor the men under the command of Captain William Phillips who were massacred by Seneca warriors in the Woodcock Valley. Both incidents, Phillips Rangers' Massacre and Engagement of Frankstown, were the same: British officers led a platoon of British soldiers and Seneca Amerindians south from Fort Niagara into the Pennsylvania frontier to goad the Bedford County Militia into the field where they were

ambushed. In the case of the Phillips Rangers, the Captain (William Phillips) and his son were taken into captivity and the rest of the company were killed. In the case of the Engagement of Frankstown, the Captain (John Boyd) and some others were taken captive and a number of the Militia were killed.

The duplication of the stone obelisk-shaped monument is essential to the project in order to emphasize the similarity of the incidents.

The site of the Engagement of Frankstown is not accessible, so placement of a stone monument there would not be a possibility. Near the site (but still quite a distance away) stands the only monument to the incident. A bronze plaque is

attached to a stone fragment which stands along the busy 6th Avenue road between Duncansville and the Eldorado section of Altoona. The plaque is nearly at ground level and cannot be viewed by the traffic; to park and stand along the road to read the marker is dangerous. Erection of another monument at the site was not readily agreed to by the landowner. Even if it would be approved, the erection of a monument at the same location would result in as dangerous a situation as the existing marker. The second most logical site for a monument was the site of Fort Fetter, from which the Rangers under Captain John Boyd left on their fateful trek on the 3rd of June 1781. A Comfort Inn, owned by Mr. Dane Sager, currently occupies the site of the fortified barn of Michael Fetter. When Mr. Sager was asked if a monument could be erected on his property, he readily agreed.

The cost of the monument would consist of the construction of the stone obelisk, casting of a bronze informational plaque to be attached to the stone monument and the permits required (since the monument would be classified as a 'sign'). The total cost of all would be approximately \$8,500. We have more than that amount in our bank assets and would have no difficulty paying for it.

The erection of a monument duplicating the stone obelisk-shaped monument that honors the Phillips Rangers' Massacre has been discussed at numerous quarterly meetings. The project has its supporters and also those who oppose it. A suggestion labeled as a 'compromise' was to substitute a free-standing bronze plaque for the stone-obelisk-shaped monument. A compromise would perhaps be a change in the size and scope of the project in order to save a little money. But the substitution of a free-standing bronze plaque would not be a 'compromise' since the project is intended to duplicate the monument erected in 1926 for the

Phillips Rangers' Massacre. Duplication implies creating an exact copy. To substitute a free-standing bronze plaque would not be duplicating the Phillips monument; it would be a wholly different project.

Although we have more than the required cost of the monument in our treasury, the cost is high at \$8,500, so the entire membership of the Frontier Patriots Chapter is being asked, at this time, to respond by either supporting or opposing the project. This is not a formal motion; it is simply a survey of your opinion. In the event that the majority are in agreement, a formal motion will be made at the August Quarterly Meeting, and a vote will be taken by the Compatriot members present. If, on the other hand, the majority are in opposition, the project will be dropped and no motion will be made.

Please send your opinion to our Chapter Secretary, Melvin McDowell. If you can send it by email, please make sure to type "Vote on project" in the 'subject' line and then in the text type either 'yes to the project' or 'no to the project'. If you do not have email, please mail your response to the Secretary.

Please respond by July 24.

By email, send to: [melvin.mcdowell@gmail.com](mailto:melvin.mcdowell@gmail.com)

By USPS, send to: Melvin McDowell, P.O. Box 93, Everett, PA 15537

Your response will not be publicized, it will simply be used to determine if the project should proceed to the motion stage. If you wish to actually vote on the project, you will need to attend the Quarterly Meeting scheduled for 8 August.



## Veterans Take Notice

In 1992 the National Society suggested that each of the Chapters survey their Compatriot

members to find out who had served in any branch of the armed forces during any time of conflict.

Every member who responded was given a War Service Medal, compliments of the Chapter. At that time we received a good response of fifteen individuals. Not only did they receive the War Service Medal, a brief sketch of their service was included in a newsletter. None of those Compatriot

members of the Chapter are still living, so it is nice that they were so honored while they were alive.

None of the members currently living have been honored in the same way, so the Frontier Patriots Chapter wishes to do so now. Please respond to the following survey questions.

If you are a veteran of any of the wars this nation has participated in, please submit the following information to the Secretary of the Chapter by email to: [melvin.mcdowell@gmail.com](mailto:melvin.mcdowell@gmail.com) or by USPS to: Melvin McDowell, P.O. Box 93, Everett, PA 15537. You might wish to photocopy this back page and mail it, or simply note your information on an email message. If you send it by email, please note: "SAR Veterans Survey" in the 'subject' line.

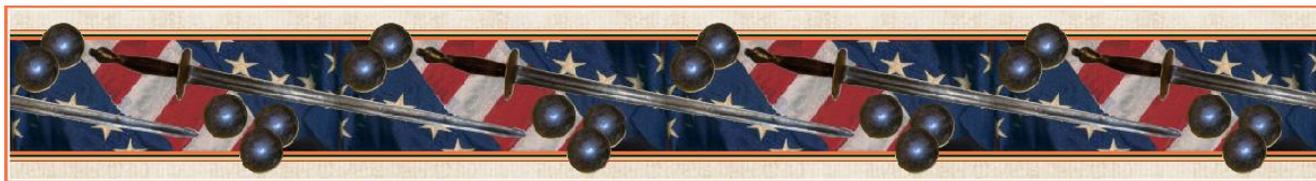
Please do not be modest in your sharing of the information. We are proud of you and want to have this information on file.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ War Served In: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Rank Attained: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Served / Active Duty: \_\_\_\_\_

Action(s) Participated In:



Frontier Patriots Chapter website: <http://www.motherbedford.com/FrontierPatriots.htm>

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