

Americanism Annual Report, Activities 01

April 2020 to 30 March 2021

During the reporting year just ended, Americanism consisted of three themes: (1) results of the 2019 submissions; (2) the completion and submission of 2020 Americanism score sheets; (3) preparation for the 2021 reporting period.

Results of 2019 Score Sheets

Maryland participated in the 2019 Americanism Score Sheet Contests, which were submitted in March 2020. The final results were published in August after the cancellation of the 2020 National Congress. Chapter submissions are grouped in classes based on size. All 15 of Maryland's chapters had submissions for the year. In a first for all the years I've been involved in SAR, we had two chapters in the class of 100-199 Members (SGT Lawrence Everhart), which had 31 entries this year (slightly up from 30). This year we only had three chapters (in 2018 we had five) in the 50 to 99 class, which stayed even with the previous year at 58 entries nationally. A majority of our chapters have under 49 members, and the contest saw 92 entries (up from 80). Three chapters qualified for the PG Cup this year (down by one; all others listed as did not qualify, DNQ): SGT Lawrence Everhart, John Paul Jones, and Westminster. Also worth noting is that there were a record number of chapters nationwide participating in the contest for 2019: 189 of 598 (nearly 32% of all chapters).

Class	ContestantName	Americanism		PG Steamer		PG Cup	
		Rank	Num Entrants	Rank	Num Entrants	Rank	Num Entrants
C100-199	Sgt Lawrence Everhart	17	31	21	31	10	20
	John Paul Jones	23		15		14	
C050-099	Gen William Smallwood	51	58	34	58	DNQ	32
	Col John Eager Howard	52		42		DNQ	
	Col Aquila Hall	45		17		DNQ	
C001-049	Christian Ardinger	72	92	71	92	DNQ	17
	Col Nicholas R Moore	48		36		DNQ	
	Col Henry Hollingsworth	79		79		DNQ	
	Col Tench Tilghman	83		29		DNQ	
	Charles Carroll of Carrollton	30		32		DNQ	
	John Hanson	34		53		DNQ	
	Capt John Smoot	42		47		DNQ	
	Westminster	8		13		12	
	Thomas Stone	47		12		DNQ	
	Little Meadows	60		67		DNQ	

The Present General's Cup requires a minimum of 75% of tabs to be scored for consideration of a chapter. We had four chapters that were shy by just one (GEN William

Smallwood, COL Nicholas Ruxton Moore, COL Aquila Hall, CAPT John Smoot), with another two completing 10 tabs (John Hanson, Thomas Stone). While the overall scores give an indication of *level* of activity (i.e., participation), the number of tabs gives a rough idea of the *scope* of that activity (i.e., program coverage). I urge all chapters to plan now to try to expand the scope of their activities in 2021, especially these that were so close to the 75% level of programs.

The Score Sheet for the Maryland Society was also submitted. Maryland was one of four states in the 500 to 999 member state category (up from three the previous year). Maryland came in second by points in both categories. In the President General's Streamer category (service to the SAR), we were been awarded first place as the previous year's winner (Arizona) could not win twice in a row. Less than 2,000 points separated us from first this year in Americanism, and in the PG Streamer Arizona had a bumper year (over 50,000 points, compared to Maryland's 21,092).

2020 Score Sheets

Maryland participated in the 2020 Americanism Score Sheet Contests, which were submitted in March 2021. The orders to isolate due to Covid-19 in 2020, as well as concern that many of our members are in the at-risk category for health, resulted in lower numbers for activity. The National Committee for Americanism decided at its virtual meeting for the Fall 2020 Leadership Conference to allow on the 2020 score sheet entries for members participating in virtual events. To be determined is how far into 2021 the same virtual meeting allowance will be maintained. There are certainly advantages to it, including getting some of our home-bound members involved in chapter and state activities, while the downside is that virtual meetings may not be as effective at building the camaraderie desired for SAR members.

Shown in the next table is a summary of the points of each chapter, as submitted in March 2021, with comparisons to the previous year. As expected, the numbers were down for almost every chapter and the state in every category. What should be kept in mind, especially for the members, is that the count is reflective of paid-up members on 01 January 2020, as determined during the annual reconciliation between state and national roster lists. This points out another good reason to get the dues of all members paid by the end of each calendar year, rather than the current practice of many members being reinstated because they did not pay on time. As they are not part of the starting count for the chapter, this can impact the class size against which a chapter is compared. Unless in the judging the final numbers are used rather than the initial numbers, two of our largest chapters (MD01, MD06) dropped into the 50-99 chapter size, and one (MD09) dropped into the smallest size, 1-49 members.

NonDuals, Reconciled 2020	Chapter	Americanism	PG Streamer	Total Points
▼ 83	MD01: SGT Lawrence Everhart	▼ 2,050	▼ 1,515	▼ 3,565
▼ 65	MD02: GEN William Smallwood	▼ 280	▼ 915	▼ 1,195
▼ 69	MD04: COL John Eager Howard	▼ 685	▼ 1,240	▼ 1,925
▼ 65	MD06: John Paul Jones	▼ 2,010	▼ 2,741	▼ 4,751
▼ 13	MD03: Christian Ardinger	▲ 190	▼ 220	▲ 410
▼ 38	MD05: COL Nicholas Ruxton Moore	▼ 585	▲ 1,330	▲ 1,915
▼ 13	MD07: COL Henry Holliingsworth	▲ 260	▲ 195	▲ 455
▼ 23	MD08: COL Tench Tilghman	▼ 0	▼ 380	▼ 380
▼ 48	MD09: COL Aquila Hall	▼ 750	▼ 2,325	▼ 3,075
▼ 27	MD10: Charles Carroll of Carrollton	▼ 535	▼ 420	▼ 955
▼ 10	MD11: John Hanson	▼ 765	▼ 355	▼ 1,120
▼ 19	MD12: CAPT John Smoot	▼ 160	▼ 510	▼ 670
▼ 27	MD13: Westminster	▼ 2,295	▼ 1,430	▼ 3,725
▼ 37	MD14: Thomas Stone	▼ 145	▼ 475	▼ 620
▼ 13	MD15: Little Meadows	▼ 0	▼ 120	▼ 120
▼ 698	MD00: MDSSAR	▼ 12,410	▼ 17,262	▼ 29,672
Class:	S500-999	C100-199	C050-099	C001-049

Initial information from around the country does show that Maryland was not alone in this situation. As we return to a degree of normalcy, we hope to see a return to previous levels of activity.

The table following provides a breakdown of the reports in each category as submitted to the national committee for each chapter and the state as a whole.

Category		Non-Dual membership As of "1 Jan 2020" (i.e., actual paid up by reconcile)																
		698	83	65	13	69	38	65	13	23	48	27	10	19	27	37	13	
Category Title		MD00: MDSAR	MD01: SGT Lawrence Everhart	MD02: GEN William Smallwood	MD03: Christian Ardinger	MD04: COL John Eager Howard	MD05: COL Nicholas Ruxton Moore	MD06: John Paul Jones	MD07: COL Henry Hollingsworth	MD08: COL Tench Tilghman	MD09: COL Aquila Hall	MD10: Charles Carroll of Carrollton	MD11: John Hanson	MD12: CAPT John Smoot	MD13: Westminster	MD14: Thomas Stone	MD15: Little Meadows	
Americanism	1	Publicity from Print Media	850	250	0	0	50	0	50	0	0	0	50	0	300	0	0	
	2	Publicity through Public Broadcast Media	1,750	150	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	1,350	0	0
	3	SAR Speakers Bureau	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4	Multimedia Distribution	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5	Support of the CAR and DAR																
	6	Youth Programs	1,930	410	110	0	405	425	750	250	0	275	150	155	0	375	125	0
	7	Public Service Programs	1,405	315	0	50	40	0	490	0	0	340	200	80	40	0	0	0
	8	Granting of Scholarships	4,125	750	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	9	Veterans Support	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	10	Special Observances and Ceremonies	975	130	70	35	45	45	195	10	0	85	50	85	5	15	20	0
	11	Patriot & Compatriot Grave Marking	710	30	0	5	0	0	155	0	0	35	20	395	100	75	0	0
	12A	SAR Medals & Certificates Awarded to Non-Members	630	15	0	0	45	15	135	0	0	15	15	0	15	180	0	0
	12B	SAR Medals & Certificates Awarded to SAR Members																
	13	National Society Service																
	14	Membership, Reinstatements, Supplementals, Dues & Secretarial Returns																
	15	Attendance at State, District, and National Meetings																
16	Contributions to the SAR																	
	TOTAL, AMERICANISM	12,410	2,050	280	190	685	585	2,010	260	0	750	535	765	160	2,295	145	0	

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PG Streamer	1	Publicity from Print Media																
	2	Publicity through Public Broadcast Media																
	3	SAR Speakers Bureau																
	4	Multimedia Distribution																
	5	Support of the CAR and DAR	1,990	50	0	0	210	250	550	0	0	0	0	10	20	0	0	0
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	13	National Society Service	1,430	30	120	0	0	0	100	0	0	130	0	70	50	920	0	0
	14	Membership, Reinstatements, Supplementals, Dues & Secretarial Returns	9,445	1,025	730	215	895	905	1,615	180	380	770	390	180	275	435	405	115
	15	Attendance at State, District, and National Meetings	1,000	110	65	5	50	70	165	15	0	175	30	95	115	60	20	5
16	Contributions to the SAR	2,767	300	0	0	40	0	146	0	0	1,250	0	0	50	0	50	0	
TOTAL, PG STREAMER		17,262	1,515	915	220	1,240	1,330	2,741	195	380	2,325	420	355	510	1,430	475	120	
TOTAL OVERALL POINTS		29,672	3,565	1,195	410	1,925	1,915	4,751	455	380	3,075	955	1,120	670	3,725	620	120	
TOTAL TABS WITH POINTS		16	13	6	6	10	7	16	4	1	9	8	9	9	9	5	2	

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Final 2019 Results Submitted																	
Americanism	22,816	3,175	940	225	870	715	2,335	90	60	1,475	1,310	1,090	765	4,846	725	375	
PG Streamer	21,037	2,300	1,755	225	1,430	595	2,768	130	750	3,240	690	440	525	1,720	1,730	265	
NumberofTabs	15	13	11	7	9	11	14	4	4	11	9	10	11	12	10	6	

2021 Score Sheets

Work for the 2021 score sheets began in 2021. There is a significant change in the layout of the score card in the works for 2021, reducing the total number to 12 from the current 16. While the details of each tab are being worked out and yet to be tested, the change consists of merging some tabs and sections while eliminating others (in particular, the CD distribution tab is being eliminated). Tab 1 will cover all media, including print, online, and the chapter website. Tab 2 will be the Speaker's Bureau and increases the number of entries for classroom presentations. Tab 3 will be CAR/DAR interaction (the old Tab 5), with Tab 4 being the youth programs (old Tab 6, plus old tab 8). Tab 5 will be public service and merges into it the old Tab 9 on the U.S.S. Stark Memorial Award (service to veterans). Tab 6 will be historic sites, and tab 7 for grave marking. The big change is that the Color Guard entries (i.e., appearance at public events as an SAR member in Revolutionary uniform or colonial garb) which had previously been scattered throughout the score sheet will be found in Tab 8 in the 2021 version. Tab 9 will be awards and medals (the old tab 12). Tab 10 will be national service, with donations (old tab 16) added. Tab 11 will be membership info (old tab 14) and Tab 12 attendance at state, district and national meetings (old tab 15). With the number of tabs changed, the criteria for the PG Cup will also be modified to needing 6 of 8 tabs related to Americanism and 4 of 5 tabs related to the PG Streamer.

I have been involved nationally in the testing of a new version of the Americanism score sheets. While this is still an excel based file, there has been a merging of some existing tabs, the creation of a new one, and the deletion of another. As anyone can download many of the CDs previously available for distribution -- the CD tab, rarely used in Maryland -- has been deleted. All the sections that previously dealt with appearing in colonial military or civilian clothing have been collected into one new tab. Others, such as the print media and social media have been merged into a single tab. The end result is that the total number of tabs, previously 16 total, will be reduced to 2021 to 12 with the subject areas of all but one (the CD tab) retained. Testing was done in October through December by a team of the national Americanism committee. Training sessions via ZOOM were held on 13 February 2021 at four separate times to accommodate the number of expected attendees. A video of the training can now be found via a link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRAWLYuqUiE>) on the national Americanism committee's website.

I plan to do something similar in terms of updating the Maryland training for using the score sheet, which takes the approach that everything we do in SAR is an *event*, involving *compatriots*. Events have many parts to them, including what happened at an event, often with members in colonial clothing and often covered in the media.

I have updated the chapter summaries report that I do periodically to include the latest results from the 2019 Americanism submissions. Chapters will be able to see from the report how they compare with other chapters of similar size. In that regard, the national committee is looking to readjust the size categories for the competition. The intended groupings will be the following membership counts as of the start of each year: 1-40, 41-90, 91-150, 150+; no changes are expected for the state class sizes. The impact in Maryland will be minor, with only a couple of chapters that dropped last year into the smallest class (1-50) moving back up into the second smallest (previously 50-99) class.

Respectfully Submitted,

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