

# Patriot Biographies Committee

## Annual Report, 2017-2018

The Patriot Biographies Project was instituted by the National Society in 2014. The intent was to submit biographies of Patriot Ancestors that could be added to the Patriot and Graves Index maintained by the National Society. Submissions were to be MS Word documents of between 250 and 500 words in length. In the first year any chapter or state society (where the state was the sum of submissions by chapters and at-large members) which submitted a number of reports equal to 25% of their start of the year membership would receive a streamer. That very first year Maryland achieved a streamer, as did 12 of its 15 chapters. Streamers were presented at the 2015 National Congress in Louisville, Kentucky.

The next year, the contest changed, and any chapter or state society achieving 20% would get a streamer, with an additional star provided for each 20% above that original 20%. The total was based on the cumulative number of biographies from that and the previous years. Awards were made at the 2017 Congress. The results since the start of the initiative are shown below, listing the numbers of biographies per year per chapter, the year a streamer was awarded to the chapter, and the number of stars earned.

ID	Chapter	2014-2015 *	2015-2016	2016-2017 *	2017-2018	TOTAL	Congress When Streamer Awarded	Total Stars Awarded
MD01	SGT Lawrence Everhart *	15	3	7	1	26	2017	0
MD02	GEN William Smallwood	21	2	3	4	30	2015	0
MD03	Christian Ardinger	9	1	0	4	14	2015	1
MD04	COL John Eager Howard	68	0	3	0	71	2015	5
MD05	COL Nicholas R Moore	29	0	1	0	30	2015	1
MD06	John Paul Jones	12	1	4	4	21	2017	0
MD07	COL Henry Hollingsworth	8	0	0	0	8	2015	1
MD08	COL Tench Tilghman	7	0	6	0	13	2015	0
MD09	COL Aquila Hall	51	0	1	11	63	2015	3
MD10	Charles Carroll Of Carrollton	16	0	0	1	17	2015	1
MD11	John Hanson	5	0	0	0	5	2015	2
MD12	CAPT John Smoot	21	2	1	0	24	2015	4
MD13	Westminster	27	0	0	12	39	2015	3
MD14	Thomas Stone	5	0	0	2	7	2017	0
MD15	Little Meadows	5	1	0	0	6	2015	0
MD18	AT LARGE	1	0	1	1	3	N/A	N/A
MD00	TOTAL Maryland SAR *	300	10	27	40	377	2015	1

\* One Patriot Bio Submitted in two different years (years listed).

The initiative itself has entered a new phase. Starting with calendar year 2018, the biographies submitted will be a component of the Americanism Score Sheet. I will continue to track the

submissions and provide each chapter a report of any new submissions. The last submissions made by any Maryland chapter were in June 2017.

The Patriot Index has also changed. Introduced early in 2018, the Patriot Research System (PRS) incorporates a very different and improved user interface for accessing information about Patriot graves and biographies. The PRS can be found at <http://sarpatriots.sar.org>. I encourage all Compatriots to try it out! The data itself was transferred from an unsupported database application into a modern, open-source data structure, making for a more robust data set. As I was preparing this report, I determined that there were a number of discrepancies that have resulted from the conversion. I intend to inform the national Patriot Records Committee about these discrepancies (e.g., incorrect state and chapter assignments) and monitor for corrections, as accuracy will be required for proper credit to be assigned to chapters in the Americanism Score Sheet.

Maryland is also in the process of getting the biographies from the Maryland 400 Biographies Project added to the PRS. When the Project and PRS additions are completed, our total number of contributed biographies as a state should quadruple.

I'd like to thank all our Compatriots who have contributed biographies to date. I'd like to encourage all of our Maryland Compatriots to contribute more biographies. With over 330,000 Patriots identified in the PRS, the National SAR has a long way to go to have a complete set of biographies.

Respectfully Submitted,

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