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**PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION PROVIDES
GRANT TO CONSERVE GEORGE WASHINGTON'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR FLAG**

Wayne, PA – June 15, 2009 – The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution (PSSR) and its Color Guard will provide a \$50,000 grant to The American Revolution Center (ARC) to restore the Center's Commander-in-Chief's Standard, one of the most significant surviving flags of the American Revolution. The Commander-in-Chief's Standard is believed to be the earliest surviving 13-star American Flag. The grant will be applied to its much-needed conservation, which will be completed by early 2010.

PSSR member Eric Werner said: "We learned that the restoration of this American treasure was in jeopardy. The PSSR was pleased to support the conservation of this irreplaceable symbol of the American Revolution."

"We are extremely pleased to partner with PSSR in the conservation of this treasure of the Revolutionary War," said Dr. Bruce Cole, President and CEO of ARC. "We are thankful for the generosity of the PSSR and those who believe in the importance of bringing our rich American history to life, thereby inspiring current and future generations."

The Commander-in-Chief's Standard was donated to The American Revolution Center's predecessor (the Valley Forge Historical Society) in the early 20th century by Miss Francis B. Lovell, a descendant of George Washington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis. The Standard has been traditionally identified as having been used to mark General Washington's presence at headquarters and in the field.

The Standard is composed of a rectangular panel of light blue plain weave silk measuring 27 7/8" high by 36 1/8" wide, with 13 appliquéd white silk stars arranged in a rectilinear pattern. A portion of the original natural colored linen hoist survives as well. Silk is a fragile organic material and extremely sensitive to ultraviolet light, so after decades of display in the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, the Standard is faded and extremely fragile. The conservation work will include repairs and stabilization of the material, as well as forensic analysis that will yield new information about its original construction and appearance.

About The American Revolution Center

The American Revolution Center (ARC) will establish the first international center to commemorate the entire story of the American Revolution. The museum will display the Center's distinguished collection of objects, artifacts and manuscripts from the American Revolution and its Education Center will offer programming, lectures, symposia, and interactive learning for teachers, students, and the general public.

About Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution

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