

PENNSYLVANIA STATE NAVY

Membership Information & Application

Introduction

Welcome to the Pennsylvania State Navy! We are a Philadelphia based 501c3 living history organization dedicated to educating the public by preserving and interpreting the history of the PA Navy and its role in defending Philadelphia during the years 1775-1778.

The Pennsylvania State Navy is comprised of sailors, landsmen, marines and craftspeople. All are part of the Revolutionary War history we seek to represent in our public presentations and educational programs. We leave it to the individual member to research his or her interest in the period and find their own unique association with the Navy's history. Our membership is diverse, with knowledgeable and friendly people willing to help answer your questions.

The Pennsylvania State Navy is a member of the Continental Line, one of the three umbrella organizations (Continental Line, British Brigade, and Brigade of the American Revolution) that oversee the general safety of Revolutionary War reenacting.

Membership Dues

You must be eighteen years of age to join the Pennsylvania State Navy. Because we work with black powder we are required to carry liability insurance. The premium is paid in part by annual dues collected from the membership. Two kinds of memberships are available:

Adult Membership: \$25/year

Family Membership: \$45/year

A family membership includes parents and children under the age of twenty-one living in the same household.

Our membership year runs from March 1 to February 28/29. Dues paid after the Fort Mifflin Siege Weekend will be considered payment for the following campaign season.

Clothing & Accoutrements

The Pennsylvania State Navy, as was common with the sailing navies of the period, did not have a uniform requirement. General working class clothing is considered

appropriate for our impression. For safety reasons, no synthetic materials can be used in clothing. Natural fibers only -- linen, cotton, wool, and combinations thereof. But before you first spend any money on new clothing it's a good idea to ask our members for guidance.

The Navy does have an inventory of goods that are kept in a central storage location and are made available for members to use at Navy sanctioned events. These are the basic items we use to set up our campsite such as a dining fly, camp furniture, etc.

Weapons

The Pennsylvania State Navy is a naval artillery unit although we do field at some events as militia, therefore members need to acquire a period correct black powder firelock.

Before you can field with a firelock at a Navy event, you must first demonstrate that you have achieved the necessary skills and understanding to use black powder in a tactical environment. Participation on the artillery crew is contingent upon demonstrating knowledge and proficiency with the Navy's artillery drill, and Continental Line artillery safety standards and field signals.

All firelocks are required to be fitted with flashguards and hammerstalls. No exceptions.

Even though pistols were a common weapon used by naval personnel, *pistols are not carried by the crew onto the tactical field* due to Continental Line restrictions, and they can never be discharged except under special controlled circumstances. This also applies to blunderbusses.

Period correct cutlasses and knives are both acceptable as part of the Navy's historical impression and are encouraged.

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Schedule of Events

The Navy's event schedule is set each year in February at our annual business meeting. Our emphasis is on those events that involve the Pennsylvania State Navy's history and involvement in the Revolutionary War and are within the Philadelphia metropolitan area. We also aim to represent the Navy at one full Continental Line event per campaign season.

Website and Yahoo Group

Our website is *www.panavy.org* and it contains most of the information you will need on the Navy's history, as well as our event schedule. We also utilize a Yahoo Group for ease of communication within the group.

How to Join

Prospective new members need to join us for an event before they fill out a Membership Application. This is not only so we may determine if you would be a suitable candidate for our unit, but also for you to make sure the PA Navy is the type of unit where you would feel comfortable.

All applicants must fill out the Membership Application and submit it to the PA Navy at the address listed below. In accordance with our Policies and Procedures, all applications of interested parties must be reviewed by the Board of Directors for approval or disapproval prior to the applicant paying dues and falling out with the unit.

If your membership has lapsed and you wish to rejoin the PSN, you must fill out a membership application and submit it to the Board of Directors for review prior to paying dues and falling out with the unit.

Applicants coming to the PSN from another Revolutionary War unit must also submit a written reference from the President and a second officer/board member of that unit.

The membership application should be sent to:

The Pennsylvania State Navy
P.O. Box 274
Glen Mills, PA 19342

PENNSYLVANIA STATE NAVY APPLICATION FORM

Date of Application _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

Are you a former or current member of a Revolutionary War reenactment unit?

Yes _____ No _____

Name of unit _____

President/Unit Commander(s) _____

Family Membership: List names of all family members

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____

Applicant Signature _____