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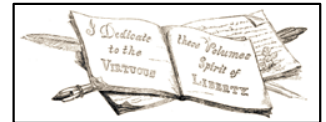
A Message from the President

Greetings Compatriots,

Those of you who were unable to attend our last meeting at the Stouch Tavern missed a very informative talk by Josh Blay, curator at the Historical Society of Berks County. Josh tied his responsibilities at the Historical Society in with the Boss Car project which was successfully completed by Kate Turner during her year as President of the Pennsylvania State Society of the CAR. This "one of a kind" steam powered automobile is now on display for all to see at the Centre Avenue headquarters of the Historical Society. It would be worth your while to visit the museum for yourself and see this significant part of Berks County history. Your chapter contributed financially to the worthwhile project.

I hope to see all of you at our June 13, 2013 meeting at Yellow House Hotel where Charlie Adams will tell us about colonial ghost stories of Berks County. You are also invited to participate in this year's Allegiance Sunday when we honor the 16 Revolutionary War veterans interred in the historic cemetery at "DeLong's" Church in Bowers on June 23, 2013. If you have never been to this annual event, I know you will thoroughly enjoy this moving ceremony memorializing the memory of the men who are responsible for us enjoying the lives we lead today.

Barry Kauffman, President



Chapter Honored by PA Society



At the Annual Meeting of the PA Society held May 3rd and 4th at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, the chapter was honored as the 1st place winner (Div. A - 100+ members) in the Chapter Activity contest. Pictured to the left, Vice President Leon Adam (far right) accepted the award for the chapter from State President William J. McKim, Esq. (far left) along with Donald Tressler of the Centre County Chapter (Div. C - less than 50 members) and Guy Lisowski of the Continental Congress Chapter (Div. B - 50 to 99 members).

In addition, the chapter was honored to receive the Trimble Trophy for the greatest percentage gain in membership during 2012. During 2012, the chapter gained 23 new members and went over 100 members for the first time in our 75 year history. The new members gave us a 21.4% increase over the previous year!! This is a remarkable victory for a chapter as large as ours. The trophy was not available at the meeting but arrangements will be made to secure the trophy so it can be displayed at the quarterly meetings of the chapter.

Committee Reports

Auditing Committee

The Auditing Committee comprised of compatriots Bruce L. Dietrich and Martin J. Peicker reviewed the chapter's financial records on 6 March 2013. The committee found the Treasurer's records to be in good order. The balances as of 11 February 2013 in his record of the savings account and in the check book agree with those reported in the bank statement dated 11 February 2013. A detailed report will be filed with the Executive Committee at the meeting on 15 May 2013.

Eagle Scout Committee

As of the end of April we will have attended twenty-five Eagle Courts of Honor and sent certificates to four Eagle Scouts whose ceremonies we were unable to attend. We are presently scheduled to participate in five Courts of Honor in May and June.

As indicated previously, at our June 13th meeting at Yellow House Hotel, we will honor our Eagle Scout Scholarship winner for 2012, Brant Portner of Troop 430 from St. Ignatius Loyola, West Lawn. The State winner was Seth Brynien, submitted by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter. The National winners have not yet been announced.

Many thanks to our committee for their dedication to the scouting program.

*Robert W. Murray
Eagle Scout Chairman*



Flag Etiquette Training

Chief Scout Executive Bill Garrett of the Hawk Mountain Council, BSA has invited representatives of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter to address their four District Roundtables on the subject of Flag Etiquette. Thus far, two of their monthly meetings were attended by several Compatriots with Nevin Miller addressing the Boy Scout volunteer leaders about the proper treatment of the American Flag. The feedback has been very positive and we look forward to more cooperation in the future with the Scouting leadership on this most important subject. Nevin is an eloquent and very persuasive spokesman on the topic.

Compatriots Serving PASSAR

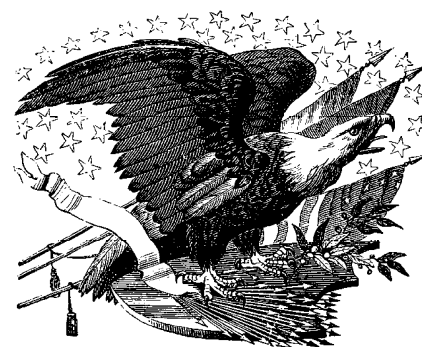


Above left are the newly-installed officers of the PA Society. Compatriot Eric Troutman was elected to serve as State 1st Vice President and Registrar and Compatriot Miles Dechant was elected to serve on the Executive Committee. Above right, Compatriot Troutman receives a Meritorious Service Award-Oak Leaf Cluster for his service to the Society.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE NATIONAL, STATE AND CHAPTER LEVELS!!!

CONTACT CHAPTER TREASURER, ROBERT W. MURRAY AT 610-670-1433 OR RWMURRAY@VERIZON.NET FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Be sure to visit the National and State websites to learn more about the SAR!

**National Society
www.nscar.org**

**State Society
www.passar.org**

President's Day Brunch



The Berks County Chapter, DAR hosted this year's annual President's Day gathering. The event was held at the historic Speckled Hen restaurant in Reading on February 16 and was attended by local members of the DAR, SAR and C.A.R.

The special guest for the event was Greg Kreitz, member of the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment. He taught us about the militiamen & riflemen of the 1st PA Regiment & their impact on the Revolution.



Genealogist/Registrar Report

New Members and Supplementals

We welcome the following new members:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Capt. David B. Goss	Henry Whetstone
Robert W. Bloch	Michael Wolfgang
Richard V. Horst	Jacob Bieber

The following supplementals have been approved:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Willard Brensinger	Jacob Fry
"	Nicholas Kutz
"	Martin Miller
"	Joseph Siegfried
Charles H. Seibert	Daniel Weiser
"	Johannes Potts
"	Bernhardt Zimmerman
Eric H. Troutman	Samuel Miller

The following New Member applications have been submitted to National Headquarters:

Jason D. Lawrence
James D. Lawrence

The following Supplemental applications have been submitted to National Headquarters:

Willard N. Brensinger Jr.

I am presently working with 20 prospective members.

Eric H. Troutman
Genealogist/Registrar

All members are encouraged to report news and submit articles and pictures for the newsletter.

Deadlines for submissions:
Jan. 20 for February issue
Apr. 20 for May issue
July 20 for August issue
Oct. 20 for November issue

Send submissions **and address changes** to:
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CHECK OUT THESE WEB SITES:

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR
<http://home.comcast.net/~gjh.passar/site/>

Berks County Chapter, DAR
<http://www.rootweb.ancestry.com/~paberdar/bdar.htm>

Conrad Weiser Society, CAR
<https://sites.google.com/site/conradweisersociety/>

MUSTER DAY AT MORLATTON VILLAGE

An American Revolutionary War Period Program

sponsored by

The Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County

Saturday, MAY 18, 2013

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (rain or shine)

Authentic Revolutionary War Re-enactors **Fife & Drum Corps** Archaeological Demonstration
 Tours of Four 18th Century Buildings and Other Historic Structures
 18th Century Beer-Making Demonstration Historic Amity Store Display

LUNCH OPTIONS:

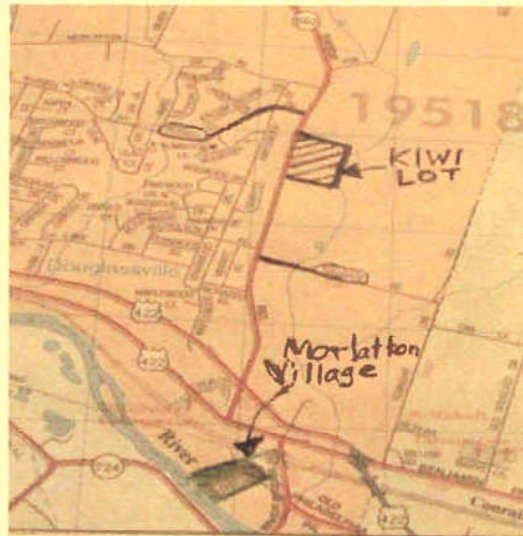
- "Field Rations" (Our Tastier Versions, While Provisions Last):
 - >Beef & Rice with Onions, Peas, Stone-Ground Whole Wheat Biscuits
 - >Pork & Beans, Sauerkraut, Stone-Ground Whole Wheat Biscuits
- >Mouns Jones Hearty Vegetable Soup & Bread
- >Vegetarian Selection

Children's Menu

Homemade Desserts

Beverages

Open-hearth Cooking Demonstration in Mouns Jones House (oldest surviving dwelling in Berks County)



Sponsorships available: Militia Unit, Period Musicians, Transportation, Tents, Store Display, Insurance
Volunteers needed for 2 or 3 hour shifts for: Event site and shuttle lot staffing, Guides, Logistics
All Parking for event is at Kiwi Shuttle Lot on Route 662 (447 Old Swede Rd, Douglassville)

PROCEEDS ALSO BENEFIT WOUNDED WARRIORS OF PA AND BOY SCOUT TROOP 569

Admission charges: \$10. for ages 23 and older; \$3.50 for ages 13-22; 12 & under Free
For Admission Passes, Event Schedule, Menus, Lunch Tickets, Maps, Directions, Sponsorship Participation, or to Volunteer, please

CONTACT:

www.historicpreservationtrust.org

Phone: 610-385-4762

Email: info@historicpreservationtrust.org

Admission Passes, Lunch Tickets, & Event Schedule will also be available on the day of event.

BATTLES AT BOONE

A REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENCAMPMENT

at the Daniel Boone Homestead



AUGUST 10 & 11, 2013

DEMONSTRATIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- Battle Re-enactments
- Weapons Demonstrations
- Colonial Vendors in Sutler's Row
- Food Vendors & Concessions
- British & Continental Camp Tours
- Blacksmithing & Gun Building
- Fashion Show & Textile Processing
- Boone House & Bertolet Log House Tours



More information coming soon!

Admission TBA. Call 610-582-4900 or visit www.danielboonehomestead.org for information. Please no pets and no smoking. Demonstrations and activities subject to change.

Flag Retirement Ceremony



A Flag Retirement Ceremony was held on February 17th at the Berks County Fire Training Center on Morgantown Road. The event was co-hosted by the Berks County Veterans Affairs Office and the Conrad Weiser Society, Children of the American Revolution.

Color Guard Captain Bill Brensinger and Guardsman David Loose Jr. participated in the event.

The weather was brutally cold and windy but children who conducted the ceremony patriotically forged ahead. Special guest speakers were Berks VA Director Dale Derr and State Senator Judy Schwank. Members of the Conrad Weiser Society and Wilson JROTC read patriotic quotes as the ceremonial flag was retired. At the end of the ceremony, the attendees were invited to take one of the many hundreds of flags to be retired and place it in the flames. However, before they did so, they were asked to turn to the audience and state that they were retiring that flag in honor of a veteran. They could name any veteran. Most people named members of their family or good friends they knew or served with.

Help Us Reduce Expenses

One of the biggest expenses for our chapter, if not the biggest, is the newsletter and the cost of printing and postage continue to rise. As computers and e-mail become more and more prevalent in our lives, members are increasingly able to receive information electronically and save/print only that information they desire in hard copy. Digital communication is an excellent way to lower our costs without sacrificing the quality of our newsletter or reducing the information we try to convey.

If you're willing to receive your Hiester Herald via e-mail, please notify the Editor by sending an e-mail to:

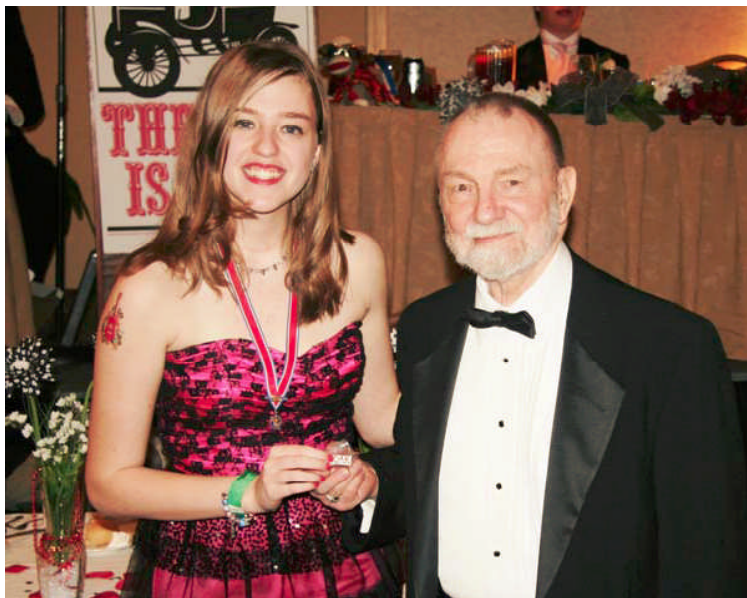
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and say "Yes, please send me the Hiester Herald via e-mail!!!"

Please note that each issue of the newsletter, and our Bylaws, are available on the Chapter's website and can be downloaded and printed from there.

Visit <http://home.comcast.net/~gjh.passar/site/> or enter "Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter" into any search engine, i.e. Google, Yahoo, etc.

69th PA C.A.R. State Conference



Report News and Ev

Compatriots, this is your newsletter! You're encouraged to submit news, articles, information and photographs that may be of interest to the members of the chapter. Articles relating to the history of Berks County and surrounding areas in the 18th century may be particularly interesting.

Also, don't forget to visit the State and National websites for more information regarding the SAR!

**www.sar.org
&
www.sar.org/passar/**

Chapter President Barry Kauffman (top right) and Miles Dechant (top left), who served as the President of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. in 1955, attended the 69th Annual Banquet of the PA Society, Children of the American Revolution on Saturday, March 9th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Wyomissing. In the pictures above, Outgoing State President, Kathryn Turner, presented Compatriots Kauffman and Dechant with a C.A.R. Voyager Pin as a "thank you" for their support of her administration and generous efforts to help raise funds in support of her State Project. Also in attendance at the banquet were N.S.C.A.R. Senior National President, Hans Jackson; PSSDAR State Regent Deborah Davis; PASSAR State President, William J. McKim, Esq.

Thank You!

To all the members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, I want to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart! Your generous donation in support of my State Project (the return, restoration and display of the 1905 Boss Steam Car at the Historical Society of Berks County) helped us complete the project and preserve this important and unique part of automotive history right here in Reading where the car was designed and built.

Your friendship and leadership have played a key role in my success this year and I am forever grateful!

*Kathryn Turner,
State President, PA C.A.R.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”
-Benjamin Franklin

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- May 15** - Executive Committee meeting, 7:00 PM, 775 Grange Rd, Leesport
- June 13** - Quarterly meeting, 6:00 PM. Yellow House Hotel, 6743 Boyertown Pike, Douglassville
- June 15** - Flag Day Brunch with Berks County Chapter DAR, 10:00 AM, Stokesay Castle, 141 Stokesay Castle Lane, Reading
- June 23** - Allegiance Sunday—Christ DeLong UCC Church, 65 Old Bowers Road, Bowers, PA—Church service begins at 10:30
- Aug. 14**—Executive Committee meeting, 7:00 PM, 775 Grange Rd, Leesport
- Sep. 12**—Quarterly meeting, TBD
- Nov. 13**—Executive Committee meeting, 7:00 PM, 775 Grange Rd, Leesport
- Nov. 11**—Veteran’s Day Ceremony in City Park, Reading at 11:00 AM
- Dec. 12**—Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM, Berkshire Country Club

Allegiance Sunday



Annual Allegiance Sunday service will be held:

Date - June 23, 2013
 Time - 10:30 AM (church service)
 Location - Christ DeLong UCC Church
 65 Old Bowers Rd
 Bowers, PA

Immediately following the church service, the Color Guard will conduct a ceremony to honor the Revolutionary War patriots buried in the churchyard.

**Come join us in worship
and help us honor a few of
Berks County’s patriots.**

June Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the chapter will be held on June 13th at the Yellow House Hotel in Douglassville at 6:00 PM. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Charlie Adams III who will regale us with stories of colonial ghosts!

All compatriots are encouraged to attend for an evening of patriotic camaraderie.

The meeting registration form is provided with this newsletter. Please RSVP by June 6th.

Flag Day with DAR

The Berks County Chapter, DAR has invited the members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter to join them for their annual Flag Day celebration.

They will have a brunch at Stokesay Castle on Saturday, June 15th at 10:00 AM with guest speaker Brig. Gen. Jerry Beck.

Compatriots and their guests are encouraged to attend and celebrate with the Berks Daughters.

Please RSVP by June 1st using the registration form included with this newsletter.

Passing of Morris Brown Jr.

The chapter sadly notes the passing of compatriot Morris Brown Jr. on Feb. 25, 2013.

Morris joined the SAR in March 2005. He was a veteran of the US Army and served during the Korean War. He worked in the family business, F.M. Brown & Sons, and served as the President of the firm’s board of directors. He also served on the Amity Township planning commission for 34 years and was chairman of the board of directors for Fleetwood Bank.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife, Anna, and the entire Brown family.