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President's Message



Compatriots,

By the time you read this issue of the Hiester Herald, our own Eric Troutman will have been elected as President of PASSAR at the Annual Meeting in Greensburg, PA. Please join me in congratulating Eric on his election as we look forward to the 2015 Annual Meeting being hosted by our chapter right here in Berks County with Eric presiding over the festivities.

Another event that should have occurred by this time is the passing of the terrible winter of 2013-2014. At least I hope that brief snow fall of April 15th was the "onion snow" our ancestors always referred to. In spite of the weather, I think the only event that had to be postponed was the annual President's Day Brunch, which was delayed by one week.

Our quarterly meeting will be held at a new location in June. We seem to have outgrown the Yellow House Hotel, so we have selected Giannotti's Country Manor on Pricetown Road for the meeting. For those who have never been there, the food is excellent and the Prime Rib is outstanding. Our speaker, Michelle Lynch, will tell us about the Colonials who fled the British occupation of Philadelphia for friendlier quarters in Reading. Please plan on joining us for an informative meeting.

We still need an editor for the award winning Hiester Herald. Please, let's not allow this publication to pass from the scene for lack of an editor. Consider getting involved in your chapter with this important position.

Barry Kauffman, President



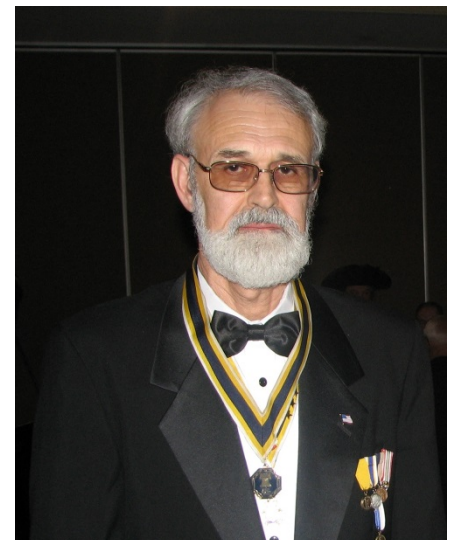
Executive Committee Meeting Date Change

Executive Committee Members:

Due to a scheduling conflict, President Kauffman has moved the upcoming Executive Committee meeting to **Thursday, May 15th**, same time and location. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

State President Troutman

Congratulations to Compatriot Eric Troutman who was elected and sworn-in as the new State President of the Pennsylvania Society at the Annual Meeting in Greensburg on May 3rd. Since becoming a member about 10 years ago, he has served in many leadership positions at the local and state-levels, including 3 terms as Chapter President. His experience and dedication have proven to be a tremendous asset for the SAR.



PASSAR Annual Meeting

President Barry Kauffman, Bruce Dietrich and Floyd Turner attended the Annual Meeting of the PA Society as representatives of the chapter and to support compatriot Eric Troutman as he took the reigns of our state society.

On Saturday afternoon, a memorial service was held in the historic Unity Chapel in Latrobe. During the service our departed compatriot, David Batdorf, was honored and President Kauffman placed a white carnation in the memorial cross in remembrance (right).

Many awards were presented to honor individuals and chapters. Our chapter received Honorable Mention in the Chapter Activities contest and President Kauffman was presented with a Marshall Lignian Certificate for sponsoring his first new member in the SAR.

At the end of the banquet we were honored to see Compatriot Troutman sworn-in as the new PASSAR State President by VPG Scott Shewmaker (below).



Updated Muhlenberg Book



Compatriot William Wagner has updated and greatly expanded his book *The Muhlenberg Family - Their Significance in Colonial America*. The book can be purchased directly from Compatriot Wagner for \$35.00 plus \$5.00 postage. Send checks to: William Wagner, 5104 East Penn Ave., Wernersville, PA 19565

President's Day Luncheon



Compatriots and friends from the Berks County Chapter, DAR and Berks History Center braved the snow and the winter chill to attend the, slightly delayed, President's Day Brunch at the Hendel House.

Taking the Oath



Two of our newest compatriots, John Mauser Jr. and Robert Block were sworn-in by President Barry Kauffman at the quarterly meeting in March as chapter Registrar/Genealogist Eric Troutman looks on.

Membership Drive

Jack Frost teamed up with old man winter to give us a snow cover that lasted past spring. We thought the wind and cold would chill us on the 4th of July. Alas, we know this too shall pass and spring has finally arrived.

At our March quarterly meeting the following compatriots received their rosettes: John Mauser Jr. and Robert Block. They were installed by compatriot president Barry Kauffman. We gave them a hearty welcome and hope they will continue to have fellowship with us.



Just a reminder...Allegiance Sunday will be held on 22 June. You will be receiving more information before the event.

Get well cards are in order for Compatriot Miles K. Dechant at PO Box 6647, Reading, PA 19610-0647 and also for Charles H. Seibert at 627 Green Meadow Drive, Douglasville, PA 19518-1345. Both have had serious surgeries in April.

I must ask...have you spoken to other family members or friends about joining SAR? We currently have 130 members. We would be happy to reach 150 by the year's end. That is not an impossible goal. How can this happen? We all must agree, look in the mirror and repeat:

If it's to be it's up to me!

Keep on recruiting.

Nevin Miller, Membership Chairman

Registrar Report

We welcome the following New Members to our chapter:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Brady P Ernst	Peter Clementz
Kenneth J Long	Peter Clementz
Bruce D Rohrbach	Lorenz Rohrbach
Gary M Samson	Isaac Williams

The following supplementals have been approved:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Raymond H. Longacre	Conrad Bloss
Raymond H. Longacre	Jacob Rhoads
Raymond H. Longacre	Thomas Kutz
Larry A. Magdy	Conrad Bloss
Larry A. Magdy	Daniel Bloss/Blose
Charles H. Seibert	Johann Thomas Lennich/Lenig
Charles H. Seibert	Philip Wentzel
Eric H. Troutman	Jacob Graeff
Eric H. Troutman	Jacob Ochsenreiter

The following compatriots have Supplemental applications at National Headquarters:

Willard N. Brensinger; Raymond H. Longacre; Larry A. Magdy

The chapter now has 132 members and 18 prospective members.

*Eric H. Troutman
Genealogist/Registrar*

71 Proven Patriots

Compatriot Eric Troutman has been extremely busy! As the Registrar for the chapter and the state society, he's helped dozens and dozens of compatriots prove their lineage and gain membership in the SAR. Even before he assumed these positions, he was aggressively recruiting new members AND helping them complete the application process quickly and efficiently. Somehow, he also found the time to research his own family history and, in addition to his original patriot ancestor, has proven 70 patriots through supplemental applications.

As every amateur genealogist knows, coming across a proven, documented lineage is one of the best treasures you could possibly find. It's the kind of discovery that causes a feeling of elation like no other and may help expand your family tree in new and unexpected directions. Compatriot Troutman's efforts will undoubtedly aid countless others research their family and join the SAR! Below is a list of his proven patriot ancestors. Perhaps you'll find a few patriots from your own family tree!

Allwein, Jacob	Lehr, Peter
Althaus, Johannes George	Leiss, Christoffel
Batdorf, Johannes	Leiss, Johann Peter
Battorff, Christian	Lescher, Johannes
Battorff, Martin	Loos, Johann Georg
Belleman, Jacob	Ludwig, Jacob
Brossman, John	Ludwig, Michael
Dunckel, Johannes	Maier, Friederick
Dundore, Jacob	Miller, John
Faust, Johannes	Miller, John George
Faust, Philip	Miller, Samuel
Fiegel, Melchoir	Moll, Heinrich
Gantzel, George	Morgen/ Morgan, Jacob
Geiger Schoener, Anna Maria	Morian/ Morgan, Sebastian
Gerhardt, Frederick	Mueller, Mathias
Gerhardt, Sr, Friederick	Muller/ Miller, David
Gilbert, Conrad	Ochsenreiter, Jacob
Graeff/Graff/Greff Sr., Jacob	Pfeiffer, Johan Jacob
Haass, Peter	Potteiger, Martin
Haeffner, Heinrich	Ritzman, Johann Peter
Heffner, Johann George	Ruth, Christian
Hill, Johannes	Ruth, Jacob
Hoffmann, Jost	Ruth, John Adam
Hollenbach, Michael	Schlessmann, Nicolaus
Kalbach, Adam	Schmidt, Jr., Philip Joseph
Kemp, Mathias/ Mathew	Schoener, Andreas
Kemp/ Kempf, Daniel	Sharff/ Scharff, Johannes
Kintzer, Jacob	Strauss, Albrecht
Kintzer, Nicolaus	Strauss, Johann Jacob
Kisling, Jacob	Strauss, Philip
Klahr, Philip	Trautmann, Johann Philip
Krick, Francis	Umbehauer, Balthaser
Lamm, Johannes	Unruh, Valentine
Lamm, Peter	Zechman, George
Lang, John George Thomas	Zeller, Georg
Lebo, Peter	

Help us recruit new members!!

Encourage others to join the SAR
Aid them with their research
Help them complete the application process

Let's get to 200 members!!

C.A.R. News

Our local Conrad Weiser Society wrapped up another busy year at the PA C.A.R. State Conference in Gettysburg on March 21 & 22. C.A.R. members from across the state came together to report on their activities and elect the 2014-2015 state officers.



For the 5th time in the last 7 years, the Conrad Weiser Society was honored as Pennsylvania's Most Outstanding Society. Outgoing Society President, Jennifer Rohrbach, accepted the award from State President Kyle Popielarski (above).

The society now has another member serving as a state officer, Devon Heffner (right) was elected to serve as the State Historian. Young Mr. Heffner will be quite busy as he's also been handed the reigns of the Conrad Weiser Society and will serve as the Society's President for the next year.



At the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention, society member Kathryn Turner (left) was elected to serve as the National Vice President of the Eastern Region. The society now has members serving at all levels of C.A.R.



The State Society has a new President also. Julia Teti (right), of the Parkinson's Ferry Society (in Pittsburgh) was elected at the conference and was sworn into office on the grounds of Mt. Vernon at the conclusion of the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention in April. Ms. Teti's theme is "Journey Through History" and her project will raise funds to benefit the Neville House on Woodville Plantation in Bridgeville, PA. The house was the



home of patriot Gen. John Neville who also played a central role in the

Woodville  *Plantation*

Whiskey Rebellion.

The new National President for the C.A.R. is Betsy Ehmcke from Iowa. Her theme is "O! Say Can You See" and her project will raise funds to benefit the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore, MD.



Get your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews into the C.A.R.!!

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Organized by
Conrad Weiser Society,
Children of the American Revolution
&
Berks County Veterans Affairs Office

Bring your
unserviceable
flags
for proper
retirement

Location:
Daniel Boone Homestead
400 Daniel Boone Rd, Birdsboro
(Light Refreshments Provided)

Saturday, June 7, 2014
11:00 a.m.

Following the ceremony,
please consider taking a tour through
the historic area of the homestead.
Contact the homestead for tour rates.

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/>

SAR 125th Anniversary Medal

The SAR 125th Anniversary Medal, authorized in 2013, commemorates the 125th anniversary of the founding of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Only a member who was a dues-paying member between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 may wear it. In addition, new members whose applications had been submitted during that time may also wear it.

The medal is bronze in color and features the likeness of President George Washington because 2014 is the 225th anniversary of George Washington taking his oath of office. The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, buff and white and comes in a set with a full size and miniature medal.

Compatriots can order this medal from SAR Merchandise on the SAR website, www.sar.org.



Eagle Scout Report

The 2014 year has started well since we have been invited to attend twenty-six Courts of Honor. We have requests from several additional scouts but the time and place has not yet been established. However we are in desperate need for some additional compatriots to come forward and assist this committee if we are to continue to serve the scouting community as we have up until now.

*Robert W. Murray
Eagle Scout Chairman*



Color Guard Report

As we get ready for the start of our Ceremonies and Parades for this year, I would like to take this time to thank all of our Guardsmen for their dedication and patriotism over the years. A special thank-you to Compatriot Willard (Bill) Brensinger, for his service as Captain of the Color Guard.

We are always looking for new faces to join the Chapter's Color Guard, whether it is in uniform or just supporting us. You are always welcome to all our Events.

*Charles H. Seibert
Color Guard Captain*

Veterans Report

As of February 2014, The Veterans Recognition Committee has awarded 1119 Certificates of Patriotism to the three Veterans Service Corps. The World War II Veterans Service Corps membership is 770; Korean War/Service Corps membership is 86 and the Vietnam War Veterans Corps membership is 263.

Compatriots from our Chapter that have been awarded the Certificate of Patriotism, are Nevin C. Miller; for his service during World War II, Robert W. Bloch; for his service in Korea, and myself for my service in Korea and Vietnam. If I have missed any other Compatriots that have been awarded the Certificate of Patriotism, please let me know so I can add you to our Chapter's list.

This past March, Governor Tom Corbett announced the new Veterans Designation on Pennsylvania driver licenses and identification cards. This new change on the cards now provides immediate recognition for Veterans who may not otherwise have any military identification. When you renew your Pennsylvania driver's license or identification card you will have the option to certify that you are a Veteran with active military service.

Also as part of our Veterans Outreach Program, we would like to help our Veterans in need. We have started to come up with a couple ideas, 50/50 drawing, or collection of non-perishable foods/clothing. If any of our members have any suggestions we would like to hear from you. This will take place at our September meeting.

*Charles H. Seibert
Veterans Affairs Chairman*

Revolutionary War Attack Submarine

By Floyd N. Turner II

Pushing off from the lower end of New York City late on the evening of September 6, 1776, a whale boat towed the most unique and advanced naval vessel yet devised. The duty of the whale boat crew was to release the craft near the British fleet at anchor above Staten Island. Sgt. Ezra Lee, it's hurriedly trained operator, was about to carry out the first submarine attack in history.

The designer and builder of the submarine was David Bushnell, an exceedingly private and brilliant inventor from Connecticut. In 1771, while a freshman at Yale, Bushnell conceived of a bomb that could be exploded underwater. Between 1771 and 1775, he tested and perfected a timed, water-tight explosive device. He also set about determining ways for his creation to be delivered to it's intended target. One method he envisioned was a submersible vessel that would be able to stealthily attach his underwater mine securely and retreat to safety before it explodes.



overcome the buoyancy of the vessel. In addition, he was the first to use water as ballast when he added a small compartment underneath the operator's seat with a valve to allow water in to submerge and a pump to force the water out when the operator wanted to surface. Bushnell even considered the safety of the operator and designed a system to drop a portion of the lead ballast in case of emergency. To aid the one-man crew during operations, there was a depth gauge with a float inside a calibrated glass tube.

To propel the vessel, there were two propellers (the first ever used on a ship). One for fore and aft movement and the other for depth control once the operator achieved neutral buoyancy. A compass helped guide the submariner but there were also small windows in the hatch cover for visual bearings, at least when at or near the surface. To control the course, and possibly aid in propulsion, an ingenious rudder and tiller assembly was devised.

An operator wouldn't survive very long in such a confined space without fresh air. Therefore, a system of ventilation was created to draw fresh air in (when on the surface) and expel the foul air. Additionally, several of the small windows on the hatch could be opened when operating in calm waters.

The Vessel

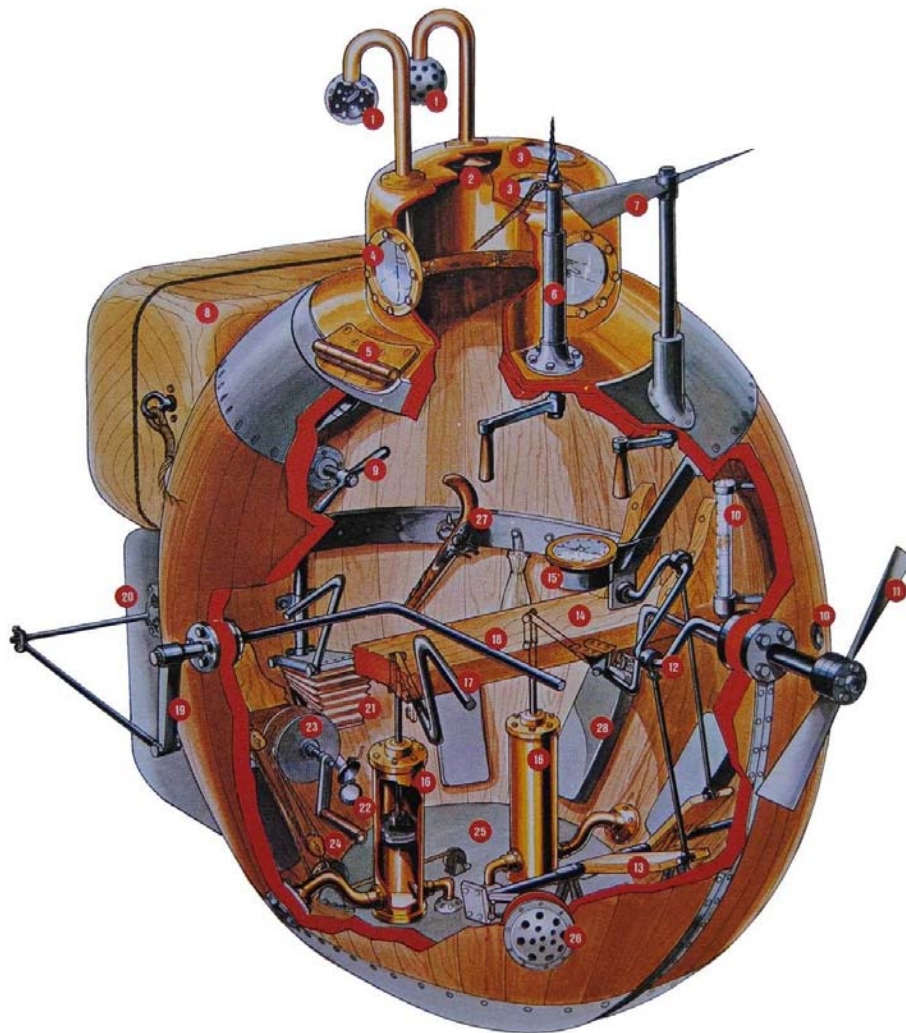
No plans for the vessel survive. All we have are descriptions which Bushnell provided to Thomas Jefferson, a few accounts from several others who witnessed the vessel under construction or during testing and a letter from Sgt. Lee which details his recollection of the early morning attack.

Many scholars have attempted to recreate the vessel from the descriptions but much is left to the imagination and open to interpretation. The images provided constitute the best approximation of the actual device.

Although there's no record of the submersible being named, the world's first attack submarine became known as the "Turtle" because of it's construction. Bushnell built the hull from 2 large pieces of oak that were carved to create a hull approximately 6 inches thick and which fit together "like 2 upper tortoise shells joined together". This design limited the seams to be sealed and provided a great deal of strength against the pressure of the water.

The Turtle is recognized as the first true submarine because it addressed the 4 basic requirements of a military submersible: the ability to submerge; the ability to maneuver underwater; the ability to maintain an adequate air supply to support the operator; the ability to carry out offensive operations against an enemy surface vessel. In a letter to Thomas Jefferson dated 26 Sept. 1785, George Washington stated, "I then thought, and still think, that it was an effort of genius".

The ability to submerge is an obvious requirement for a submarine. (As a submariner, I can tell you that the ability to surface is far more appreciated!) To accomplish this, Bushnell used about 900 lbs of lead ballast to



The mission of all military submarines is to take the fight to the enemy. Bushnell had just the device to destroy enemy shipping, the underwater bomb (later to be called a torpedo) he perfected years before. A sophisticated system held the 150 lb explosive securely to the vessel and allowed the operator to release it at the appropriate time. A screw with a rope serving as a tether anchored the bomb to the target and kept it from floating away. The innovative release mechanism also started the clockwork detonator.

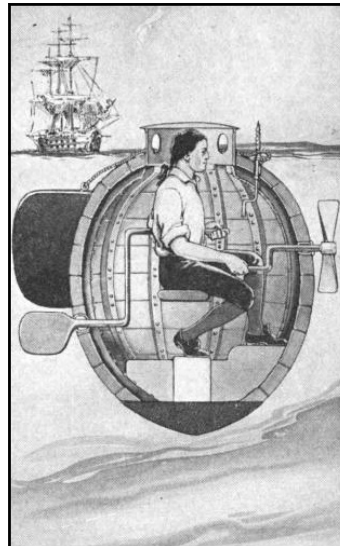
Components

- 1 - Ventilation ducts equipped with valves to prevent water entering
- 2 - Device to allow the escape of rarefied air
- 3 - Top view window
- 4 - Side view window
- 5 - Hinge of the dome, which allows the entrance inside
- 6 - Drill used to attach the bomb
- 7 - Vertical propeller
- 8 - Bomb compartment, containing a clockwork device and gunpowder
- 9 - Device for releasing the bomb
- 10 - Depth gauge
- 11 - Horizontal propeller
- 12 - Horizontal propeller crank
- 13 - Pedals that transmit movement to horizontal propeller cranks
- 14 - Seat and reinforcement of the hull
- 15 - Compass
- 16 - Water pumps to extract water
- 17 - Water pumps handle
- 18 - Tiller
- 19 - Rudder transmission
- 20 - Rudder
- 21 - Ventilation pump to introduce fresh air to the inside and expel stale air to the outside
- 22 - Valve to prevent water from entering into the hull
- 23 - Ballast coil
- 24 - Rigging to lift the emergency ballast
- 25 - Under the deck plate was placed the ballast of lead. In case of emergency, the operator was able to remove making it sink, attached to a long rope to retrieve it later
- 26 - Valve to introduce water-ballast into the hulk, operated with a pedal
- 27 - Pistol. The operator possibly carried a weapon with him
- 28 - Ballast

The Attack

Following is the account of Sgt. Ezra Lee written in a letter to David Humphreys dated 20 Feb. 1815:

"I will now endeavor to give you a short account of my voyage in this machine. - The first night after we got down to New York with it, that was favorable, (for the time for a trial, must be, when it is slack water, & calm, as it is unmanageable in a swell or a strong tide) the British Fleet lay a little above Staten Island We set off from the City - the Whale boats towed me as nigh the ships, as they dared to go, and then cast me off - I soon found that it was too early in the tide, as it carried me down by the ships - I however hove about, and rowed for 5 glasses (2-1/2 hours), by the ships' bells, before the tide slackened so that I, could get along side of the man of war, which lay above the transports - The Moon was about 2 hours high, and the daylight about one - when I rowed under the stern of the ship, could see the men on deck, & hear them talk - I then shut down all the doors, sunk down, and came under the bottom of the ship, up with the screw against the bottom but found that it would not enter - I pulled along to try another place, but deviated a little one side, and immediately rode with great velocity, and come above the surface 2 or 3 feet between the ship and the daylight - then sunk again like a porpoise I hove partly about to try again, but on further thought I gave out, knowing that as soon as it was light the ships boats would be rowing in all directions, and I thought the best generalship, was to retreat, as fast as I could as I had 4 miles to go, before passing Governor's Island. - So I jogg'd on as fast as I could, and my compass being then of no use to me, I was obliged to rise up every few



minutes to see that I sailed in the right direction, and for this purpose keeping the machine on the surface of the water, and the doors open - I was much afraid of getting aground on the island as the Tide of the flood set on the north point While on my passage up to the City, my course owing to the above circumstances, was very crooked & zig zag, and the enemy's attention was drawn towards me, from Governors Island - When I was abreast of the fort on the island 3 or 400 men got upon the parapet to observe me, - at length a number came down to the shore, shoved off a 12 oar'd barge, with 5 or 6 sitters, and pulled for me - I eyed them, and when they had got within 50 or 60 yards of me, I let loose the magazine, in hopes, that if they should take me, they would

likewise pick up the magazine, and then we should all be blown up together, but as kind Providence would have it, they took fright, and returned to the island, to my infinite joy. - I then weathered the Island, and our people seeing me, came off with a whaleboat, and towed me in - The Magazine after getting a little past the Island, went off with a tremendous explosion, throwing up large bodies of water to an immense height.

Before we had another opportunity to try an experiment our army evacuated New York, and we retreated up the North River as far as Fort Lee - A Frigate came up and anchored off Bloomingdale. I now made another attempt upon a new plan - my intention was to have gone under the ship's stern, and screwed on the magazine close to the water's edge, but I was discovered by the Watch and was obliged to abandon this scheme, then shutting my doors, I dove under her, but my cork in the tube, (by which I ascertained my depth) got obstructed, and deceived me, and I descended too deep & did not track the ship, and I then left her - Soon after the Frigate came up the river, drove our Crane galley on shore, and sunk our Sloop, from which we escaped to the shore."

Legacy

Sgt. Lee was never intended to pilot the *Turtle* on it's mission. Bushnell's brother had trained for many hours and was extremely adept at operating the craft. However, he became ill just days before the attack and a substitute was needed quickly. Lee's inexperience almost certainly was the major contributing factor in the mission's failure to destroy the British man-of-war, *HMS Eagle*. Bushnell was disheartened by the failure and abandoned further submarine development but did successfully employ other methods of delivering his torpedoes during the war.

Of this remarkable vessel, Admiral Ernest Eller of the Naval Historical Center would write, "the problem with the *Turtle* was Bushnell's expectation that just one man could carry out the combined duties of diving officer, navigator, torpedoman and engineer, while at the same time fighting tides and currents and propelling the boat with his own muscles."

While a truly practical military submarine was more than a century in the future, Bushnell's *Turtle* was a first, invaluable step.

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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 (Note: New Date)
- May 26** - Memorial Day Ceremony, 9:00 AM, Veteran’s Grove in City Park
- Jun. 7** - Flag Retirement Ceremony, 11:00 AM, Daniel Boone Homestead, Birdsboro, PA
- Jun. 12** - Quarterly meeting, 6:00 PM, Location: Giannotti’s Country Manor, Fleetwood
- Jun. 22** - Allegiance Sunday, Christ (Mertz) Lutheran Church, 16 Fleetwood Rd, Fleetwood
- Aug. 1 & 2** - PASSAR Quarterly Meeting in State College, PA - Hosted by the Centre County Chapter
- Aug 13** - Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, 775 Grange Rd., Leesport
- Sep. 11** - Quarterly meeting, 6:00 PM, Heidelberg Country Club, Bernville
- Oct. 31 & Nov. 1** - PASSAR Quarterly Meeting in Washington, PA - Hosted by the George Washington Chapter
- Nov. 12** - Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, 775 Grange Rd., Leesport
- Dec. 4** - Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM, Berkshire Country Club, Reading
- Dec. 13** - Wreaths Across America, 12:00 Noon, Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA

DAR Flag Day Lunch

The Berks County Chapter, DAR has invited chapter members and their guests to attend their annual Flag Day luncheon. The luncheon will be held at Christine’s Creekside Inn, 1250 Green Hills Rd, Birdsboro at 11:30 AM on June 14th.

There will be a presentation by a Civil War re-enactor in period attire. Please see the registration form included with this newsletter and make plans to attend.

Allegiance Sunday

The chapter will celebrate Allegiance Sunday on June 22nd by attending worship services at the Christ (Mertz) Lutheran Church, 16 Fleetwood Rd., Fleetwood. Immediately following the service there will be a grave dedication ceremony conducted in the churchyard to honor the Revolutionary War patriots buried there.

All compatriots and their guests are encouraged to attend.



Report News and Events!

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/

WANTED

Newsletter Editor

I’ve had the honor and pleasure of serving the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter as the Newsletter Editor for 6 of the last 7 years. Recently, unique opportunities have been offered to me that I can’t refuse. Therefore, I’d prefer to pass on the Editor duties to a compatriot who can focus on the position for the benefit of the chapter.

Some knowledge of computers and software such as Microsoft Publisher or Word is essential. The Hiester Herald is our primary method of communications with our members and is a tool to help us recruit and retain members.

Interested compatriots should contact President Barry Kauffman at bkauff1043@aol.com or 610-926-2664

Floyd N. Turner II, Editor