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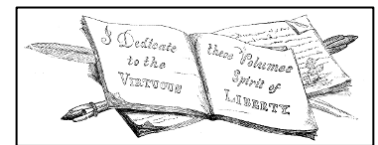
## President's Message

It's hard to believe that the summer of 2013 is past and we are approaching another Annual Meeting for the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter. I certainly hope to see many of you at the Berkshire Country Club for the dinner and outstanding entertainment being planned.

I believe we have a complete slate of candidates for officers in 2014. However, Compatriot Miles Dechant has asked to be replaced as chair of the membership Committee. Anyone willing to take on this responsibility, please let me or any other officer know. Compatriot Bill Brensinger has led our Color Guard through a full schedule of events this past year, but has temporarily stepped down as Captain due to health reasons. Compatriot Charles Seibert has graciously come forward to serve as Captain until Bill is able to return to his post as Color Guard Captain.

Thanks to all who have assisted me in the performance of my duties this past year and I look forward to serving the Chapter as President for a second term in 2014.

*Barry Kauffman, President*



## Veterans Committee

As part of the Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC), President General Joseph W. Dooley has established "The Vietnam War Veterans Corps.". Colonel Chuck Sweeney of the Florida Society will chair this committee. NSSAR now has three Veterans Corps, which are:

- 1) World War II Veterans Service Corps
- 2) Korean War Veteran Service Corps
- 3) The Vietnam Veteran Service Corps

The mission of the VRC is to provide recognition to NSSAR veterans, by awarding them with NSSAR Certificates of Patriotism.

We would like to recognize all chapter veterans for your service to our country! If you served in the military please let me know.

*Charles Seibert  
Veterans Affairs Chairman  
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## Dues Reminder

Thank you for your continued support of SAR! Dues notices have been mailed by PASSAR. If you have not received your dues notice, contact Treasurer Robert W. Murray, 610-670-1433.

### Note:

Treasurer Murray has moved. His new address is:  
2000 Cambridge Ave #137  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

If you mail your dues to the address in the dues notice, it will be forwarded to him.

Please submit your dues to the Treasurer by December 15th. This will give him time to submit your State and National dues by the December 31st deadline. Failure to pay dues by the deadline will result in loss of membership. Reinstatement will require completion of the Reinstatement Form and payment of the Reinstatement Fee. Address changes/corrections should be made directly on the dues notice. Please include the proper nine digit zip code. You will still need to notify the Chapter Secretary of any change of address!

## Quarterly Meeting Highlights



The September quarterly meeting was held on the 12th at the Heidelberg Country Club in Bernville. Compatriots gathered for an evening of patriotic camaraderie and a lovely view of the Berks County countryside.

As is our tradition, President Kauffman conducted an induction ceremony to welcome and swear-in two of our newest members. Both members were sponsored by Compatriot Dr. David Brock. Top left, Dr. Brock pins the membership rosette on the lapel of his son, Brian. Top right, he does the same for Stephen Crook.

Several members were honored by the National Society during the recent National Congress but were unable to attend. President Kauffman presented Nevin Miller with the Liberty Medal (above left) for sponsoring 10 new members. Eric Troutman received an oak leaf cluster for his Liberty Medal (above center) for sponsoring 10 more new members. Above right, Stephanie Troutman presents Eric with the George Washington Fellow lapel pin. The National Society awarded this pin to Compatriot Troutman in recognition of his very generous donation to the George Washington Endowment Fund.

The speaker for the evening was Maj. Matthew Arbogast, USA (pictured to the left with President Kauffman) who spoke very

poignantly about his service in Iraq and his connection with Wreaths Across America. Maj. Arbogast encouraged everyone to support Wreaths Across America as a way to honor and remember the men and women who've served our nation. To sponsor a wreath(s) for the 2013 holiday season, please contact Compatriot Floyd Turner at (610) 406-3933 or fnt2@comcast.net.

# Officer Nominations

Nominating Committee Chairman Robert Hillegas has reported the following slate of officers for the 2014 administration:

<b>President</b>	<b>Barry Kauffman</b>
<b>Vice Pres.</b>	<b>Leon Adam</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>David Loose Jr.</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Robert W. Murray</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Dr. David Brock</b>
<b>Registrar</b>	<b>Eric Troutman</b>
<b>Genealogist</b>	<b>Eric Troutman</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Scott Lash Esq.</b>
<b>Surgeon</b>	<b>Dr. Thomas Stewart</b>

Election and installation of the 2014 officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on December 5th at the Berkshire Country Club.

Please make plans to attend the Annual Meeting (use the registration form provided with this newsletter) and exercise your right to vote.



# Registrar Report

## We welcome the following New Members:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Wayne L. Anthony	Johan Peter Anthony
Evan W. Anthony	Johan Peter Anthony
Stephen E. Crook	Joseph Crook, II
William A. Lambertson	Levi Lambertson

## The following supplementals have been approved:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
William Brensinger, Jr.	Frederick Hausman
David C. Brock	George Baker
David C. Brock	Richard Merrifield
Charles H. Seibert	Adam Kalbach
Charles H. Seibert	Peter Klopp
Charles H. Seibert	William Pott/Bott
Charles H. Seibert	Christian Seibert
Charles H. Seibert	Johannes Stein
Charles H. Seibert	Peter Stein
Eric H. Troutman	Johannes Duncel
Eric H. Troutman	Johannes Hill
Eric H. Troutman	Johannes Lescher
Eric H. Troutman	Johannes Sharff/Scharff

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

Wayne P. Faust; John D. Mauser, Jr. & William A. Nagle

**The cost of Supplemental Applications may go up to \$90.00 next July. Please contact me for more information**

Current membership stands at: 120 members and 3 dual members

I am presently working with 18 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/>

# Conrad Weiser Birthday Event



The Patriotic Order Sons of America conducted a special ceremony on September 8th at the Conrad Weiser Homestead in Womelsdorf. As they have for the past several years, the color guard was on-hand to honor Conrad Weiser and acknowledge his contributions to colonial Pennsylvania. The ceremony was conducted near Weiser's grave and the monument to him erected by the POSofA over 100 years ago. Above left are (l to r) Captain Willard Brensinger, Eric Troutman, Robert Hillegas, David Loose Jr., Floyd Turner and Charles Seibert. Above right the color guard poses with members of the POSofA and re-enactors from the Pennsylvania Regiment.



# Vietnam Memorial Anniversary Ceremony



25 years ago, Chapter 131 of the Vietnam Veterans of America erected a monument in Reading's City Park. This unique and powerful memorial honors the patriots from Berks County who died serving our county during the Vietnam War.

On September 22nd, Chapter 131 again gathered thousands of friends, including family members of our fallen heroes, and conducted a ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the memorial.

Color Guard Captain Willard Brensinger, Charles Seibert and Nevin Miller joined with veterans from a variety of organizations to present the colors during the ceremony.

Numerous veterans of the war made moving remarks about their service, the loss friends during the war and the treatment they received from their countrymen upon their return.



# Dedication Ceremony



Mr. Robert Troxel from the Zion Spies Lutheran Church (seated above left in the black shirt) along with several scouts working to earn their Eagle Scout designation, researched the burials in the “old” church cemetery (the stones were removed many years ago) and discovered 16 veterans of the Revolution and 6 from the War of 1812. With some assistance from Wormer Memorials, they arranged for a monument which listed their names.

On Sunday, Oct 6th, a special ceremony was held to dedicate the new memorial. As a fitting tribute, Mr. Troxel invited members of the C.A.R. and the Color Guard of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR to participate. Conrad Weiser Society President Jennifer Rohrbach (right) sang an incredible rendition of our National Anthem. The keynote speaker was Compatriot Floyd Turner (above right).

Above left are guardsmen, (l to r) Eric Troutman, Charles Seibert, David Loose Jr., Floyd Turner, Tim Ghebeles, Nevin Miller and Willard Brensinger pictured with the Troxel family.



# Guarding Washington’s Tomb

National Color Guard Commander, J. Michael Tomme, organized color guard volunteers to stand vigil at the tomb of General George Washington on the grounds of Mount Vernon on September 14th from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Guardsmen from across the country, including Charles Seibert, working in shifts to guard our first Commander in Chief.

Below left is a picture of the entire group of guardsmen. Below right is (l to r) Charles Seibert; Gov. Joseph Heister Chapter and Robert Sprague; Michigan Society, Paul Emery Chapter.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- Nov. 11** - Veteran’s Day Ceremony in City Park, Veterans Grove, Reading at 11:00 AM
- Nov. 13** - Executive Committee meeting, 7:00 PM, 775 Grange Rd, Leesport
- Nov. 17** - Flag Retirement Ceremony, 12:00 noon, Daniel Boone Homestead, Birdsboro
- Dec. 5**—Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM, Berkshire Country Club
- Dec. 14** - Wreaths Across America ceremony, 12:00 noon, Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville
- Feb. 12** - Executive Committee meeting, 7:00 PM, 775 Grange Rd, Leesport
- Feb. 16** - President’s Day Brunch, 11:00 AM, Hendel House
- Mar. 13** - Quarterly meeting, 6:00 PM

**Flag  
Retirement  
Ceremony**

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

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

**Sunday, November 17, 2013  
12:00 Noon**

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

Bring your  
unservicable  
flags  
for proper  
retirement

## 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/

## Help Us Reduce Expenses

The newsletter is one of the biggest expenses for our chapter 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. Electronic delivery allows the recipient to conveniently save the file and 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:  
**fnt2@comcast.net**  
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.

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