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President's Message



Compatriots,

I hope all of you are enjoying the warm weather and all of the usual summer activities. Your chapter has been very active this spring with the Color Guard attending many patriotic gatherings throughout the region. We participated in several unusual events as well that deserve a special mention. The first was Patriot Days at Brecknock Elementary School in the Governor Mifflin School District where we were warmly received by the enthusiastic students. The second event was the dedication of a monument to the Revolutionary War Patriots from Northumberland County by the William Maclay Chapter of the SAR. The Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter supplied the Color Guard for the festivities and PASSAR President Eric Troutman gave some remarks. The monument is located in Knoebels Grove, Elysburg, PA. It is quite an impressive tribute. It is worth your while to look for it the next time you are at the Knoebels Grove Amusement Park. It is near the Phoenix roller coaster for those of you



who are familiar with the park.

Our September meeting will be held at the Heidelberg Country Club and the speakers will be Liz and Doug Graybill who have dedicated their time and talent to caring for homeless veterans. Doug is a Marine Corp Veteran of Viet Nam and Liz is retired from the U.S. Army with several deployments in war zones to her credit. Their observations should be very interesting. Please plan to attend.

There are now two opportunities for someone to step forward and help your Chapter move forward. The position of editor of the Hiester Herald is still open and Wayne Murray has announced his desire to retire as Chapter Treasurer at the end of 2014. Please consider becoming more active in the fulfillment of our mission by volunteering for one of these positions.

Barry Kauffman, President



Invitation from Berks County Chapter, DAR



The Berks County Daughters of the American Revolution have cordially invited SAR and C.A.R. members to attend their annual Founder's Day Meeting:

September 6, 2014

10:30 am

Wyomissing Library, 9 Reading Blvd, Wyomissing
Guest speaker will be Roger Malon, portraying Mark Twain
Refreshments will be served after the meeting

Memorial Day Observances



The chapter took part in the annual Memorial Day ceremony conducted in Veteran's Grove, City Park, Reading by the Combined Veterans Council of Berks County (CVCBC). Color Guard members Robert Hillegas, David Loose Jr., President Barry Kauffman and Captain Charles Seibert were on hand to present the Colors. Evan Loose, age 7, was also there to assist and compatriot Floyd Turner aided the CVCBC during the ceremony. Along with many veteran organizations, as well as the DAR and C.A.R., Captain Seibert placed a wreath during the ceremony (right) to honor the men and women that have died in service to our nation.



Eagle Scout Report



By the end of August of 2014, we will have attended twenty-six Courts of Honor. We also have had requests from several additional scouts for whom time and place has not yet been established. Unfortunately, for various reasons, we have been unable to attend eight other Courts of Honor. If we are to continue to serve the scouting community, I must once again plead for participation from more compatriots to assist this committee. Please consider giving these deserving boys a little of your time.

Robert W. Murray, Eagle Scout Chairman

Color Guard Report

We ended our Summer Season of 2014 on Allegiance Sunday at Christ (Mertz) Church in Fleetwood. Out of all the Ceremonies that we do throughout the year, I must say this is the one to attend. Between the church service, the graveside ceremony and the placing of the wreath, it just takes me back and humbles me. This is where we get to honor all our Patriot Ancestors by reading their names to everyone in attendance. I want to thank everyone that turned out.

Charles H. Seibert, Color Guard Captain

Monument Dedication



State President Eric Troutman, Chapter President Barry Kauffman and Past President Bob Hillegas traveled up to Knoebels Grove on May 21st to assist the William Maclay Chapter in dedicating a monument to the Revolutionary War patriots from Northumberland County.

Veterans Report



Compatriot William M. Wagner Jr. (above right) and Compatriot Richard R. Long (not pictured) received their Certificate of Grateful Recognition for Military Service from the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter. We all thank you for your service to your Country.

Charles H. Seibert, Veterans Affairs Chairman

Educational Outreach



Members of the Color Guard were invited to attend Patriot Days at the Brecknock Elementary School to teach the students a little about service in the military during the Revolutionary War, as well as life during the 18th century. Pictured above with the Color Guard are Hallie Vaughan of the Berks County Chapter, DAR and several stylishly-attired students.

This would be an excellent type of program for our chapter to provide for the elementary schools throughout our area. Anyone interested in helping with educational outreach programs should contact President Kauffman or Captain Seibert. Colonial attire is not required but it does make the presentation more interesting

Registrar Report

We welcome the following New Members to our chapter:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Larry L. Mason	Philip Crowder

The following supplementals have been approved:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Willard N. Brensinger	Jacob Trachsel/Troxell & Peter Trachsel/Troxell, Jr.
Dodson B. Dietrich	Johannes Fenstermacher
Raymond H. Longacre	Jacob Rhoads & George Pierce
Larry A. Magdy	Conrad Bloss & Johan Conrad George
Charles H. Seibert	Heinrich Faust
Eric H. Troutman	Jacob Ochsenreiter/Oxenreider

The following compatriots have Supplemental applications at National Headquarters:

Willard N. Brensinger, Miles K. Dechant, Larry A. Magdy & Charles H. Seibert (2)

The chapter now has 134 members and 23 prospective members.

Supplemental App. Fee is now \$70.00 (\$60 Natl + \$10 State)

*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/>

Allegiance Sunday Ceremony and Picnic



The chapter celebrated Allegiance Sunday on June 22nd by attending worship services at the Christ (Mertz) Lutheran Church in Dryville. Immediately following the service there was a grave dedication ceremony conducted in the churchyard to honor the Revolutionary War patriots buried there, as well as those from the Dryville-area. The following Patriots, known to be buried there were honored:

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| 1. Michael Bauer | 5. John Homes |
| 2. Abraham Danner | 6. Jacob Mertz |
| 3. Jacob Heffner | 7. Christian Miller |
| 4. Melchior Heist | 8. Matheus Roth |

In addition, we also honored others from the Dryville-area whose burial place is elsewhere or un-confirmed:

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| 1. John Albrecht | 10. Mathias Dry |
| 2. Adam Angstadt | 11. Christian Dry |
| 3. Anthony Angstadt | 12. Jacob Kerchner |
| 4. Peter Angstadt | 13. Philip Mertz |
| 5. Henry Batz | 14. Henry Mertz |
| 6. Jacob Bieber | 15. Nicholas Moyer |
| 7. Dieter Bieber | 16. John Jacob Oswald |
| 8. John Bieber | 17. John Pick |
| 9. Jacob Dry | 18. Adam Ruppert |

After the ceremony, Compatriot Eric Troutman hosted a picnic at his home in Bernville. Please make plans to attend this annual service and ceremony next year to help us honor our patriot ancestors and promote the SAR.

Flag Retirement Ceremony with C.A.R.



The Conrad Weiser Society, Children of the American Revolution partnered with the Berks County Veterans Affairs office to retire hundreds of worn, faded and unserviceable flags. The ceremony was held on June 7th at the Daniel Boone Home- stead, birthplace of America’s most famous frontiersman. Special guests included: PA C.A.R. State President Julia Teti; Chapter President Barry Kauffman; Wendy Kershner, Regent of the Berks County Chapter, DAR; State Senator Judy Schwank; State Representative Mark Gillen and keynote speaker Brig. General Wilbur Wolf III, Deputy Commanding General, 28th Infantry Division, PA Army National Guard. After the General’s remarks, which were particularly inspirational and moving, Conrad Weiser Society President Devon Heffner presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to our nation.

The ceremony included the reading of patriotic quotes by C.A.R. members as each stripe of the ceremonial flag was removed by members of our Color Guard and placed in the fire. At the end of the ceremony, each guest was encouraged to take one of the unserviceable flags and consign it to the fire. However, before the flag was placed in the fire, the person was asked to announce the name of a veteran (and any other information they wanted to share) they were honoring as the flag was retired. This continued for over an hour until all flags were honorably retired.

We are honored to work closely with the young members of the C.A.R. to help educate them about our history and heritage and encourage them to be good citizens and patriots as they grow up. In return, they manage to educate and inspire us too.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

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

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!!

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

JROTC Awards

Each year the Chapter recognizes an outstanding JROTC cadet from each of the area programs. The recipients must display patriotism, leadership, military bearing, scholarship and general excellence. Chairman Bruce Dietrich attended a ceremony at each school to present the cadets with their medal and certificate:

Pottstown	William Rommel
Wilson	Bailey Place
Owen J. Roberts	Evan Yeager
Reading	Junuel Rodriguez
Pine Grove	Steven Frew

Congratulations to these outstanding young people. We are proud of their accomplishments and dedication to our nation.

Bruce Dietrich & David Loose Jr., Co-Chairmen

Chapter Honored at Congress



State President Eric Troutman was honored to accept a certificate for the chapter in recognition of our donation to the Center for Advancing American Heritage. He is pictured above (top right) with other recipients and President General Joe Dooley (left).

C.A.R. Attends Meeting



We were honored to have Devon Heffner, President of the local Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. and Vicky Heffner, Senior President, join us for our meeting in June. They're pictured above with President Kauffman and our guest speaker, Michelle Lynch.