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President's Message



Compatriots,

This will be my final message to you as President of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter. The last two years have just flown by and I have enjoyed this leadership role in promoting and participating in activities which respect and honor our Patriot ancestors. It truly has been a rewarding experience.

My wish for the Chapter is that, as we continue to grow in numbers, more members will consider stepping forward and honor their own Patriot ancestors by accepting a position compatible with their talents within the organization. My biggest disappointment is that we have been unable to find an editor for the Hiester Herald. It really would be devastating to lose our publication due to lack of interest.

As we move into 2015, our efforts will focus on the activities surrounding our own Eric Troutman as he concludes his term as PASAR President next summer. Please plan to attend the outstanding events that are now being planned to commemorate this occasion. Again thanks for your support during the past two years.

Barry Kauffman, President



DAR Holiday Breakfast

The Berks County Chapter, DAR has invited us to join them for their breakfast at the Berkshire CC on December 6th.

See registration form included with this issue

Nominating Report

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Robert Hillegas, Chairman, Eric Troutman and Raymond Longacre, has put forth the following slate of officers for the 2015 administration:

- President - Leon Adam**
- Vice President - Charles Seibert**
- Secretary - Vacant (volunteers wanted)**
- Treasurer - David Loose Jr.**
- Chaplain - Dr. David Brock**
- Genealogist - Eric Troutman**
- Registrar - Eric Troutman**
- Chancellor - Scott Lash, Esq.**
- Surgeon - Dr. Thomas Stewart**

Election and installation will occur at the Annual Meeting on December 4, 2014 at the Berkshire Country Club.

Washington's Birthday Celebration

Advance Notice to Patriots

The Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter is sponsoring a special luncheon honoring the Father of Our Country. Mark your calendar for Noon, February 21, 2015 at the Berkshire Country Club. This is wonderful opportunity to bring a potential member.

We honor George Washington for his critical role as commander in chief during the Revolutionary War, his refusal to become king, as well as, his wise and steady influence during the development of our new republic. Imagine that after more than two centuries since his death there are hundreds of books now in print extolling his accomplishments.

Our speaker is Dr. Timothy Blessing, who is an articulate expert on All American Presidencies. Details and special opportunities will follow by a mailing in the New Year. As author and historian, David McCullough, so eloquently states, "Indifference to history isn't just ignorant; it's a form of ingratitude."

Veterans Report

ATTENTION

NSSAR Persian Gulf War Veterans Corps
(aka Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm)

President General Lindsey C. Brock establishes the SW Asia Persian Gulf War Veterans Corps. If you served in support of Operation Desert Shield or Desert Storm, and were awarded the Southwest Asia Service, Liberation Kuwait (Saudi Arabia) or Liberation Kuwait Medal, complete the NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form that you can download from the NASSAR Site.

To do this, go to the NASSAR Site:
Go to Compatriots Tab, and then to NSSAR Committees Tab, then to Veterans Recognition Tap, there you can download the survey. Once completed, you can mail the Survey along with a copy of your DD214 to me.

A standalone National Defense Service Medal is not eligible for this Certificate of Patriotism Recognition Program.

When approved, a Certificate of Patriotism for your service as a member of the United States Armed Forces will be signed by the President General and presented to you for your War Service.

Medals needed for the following three Veterans War Service Corps is as follows:

- World War II- WWII Victory Medal
- Korean War/Service- Korean Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Korean Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam- Vietnam Service Medal

Any of these medals will show on your DD214.

As of September 30th the number of Certificates of Patriotism that have been issued By the NSSAR for the three Corps, is as follows:

- World War II - 800
- Korean War/ Service 112
- Vietnam War - 312

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Editorial

Compatriots,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the editor of the Hiester Herald and document the activities of this great chapter. The growth of the chapter has been phenomenal and the dedication of our chapter leaders has been inspirational. Many thanks to everyone that supported and contributed to make the Hiester Herald one of the best chapter newsletters in the country.

Floyd N. Turner II



Color Guard Report

Here are the following upcoming events.

1. Veterans Day Ceremony at Reading's Veterans Grove, City Park. November 11 at 11am.
2. Wreaths Across America at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, December 13th at 12 pm.

As always, we are looking for new faces to join the Chapter's Color Guard. You don't need to attend all the events; a couple here and a couple there would really help us out.

Everyone is welcome to attend our events.

*Charles H. Seibert,
Color Guard Captain*



Registrar Report

We welcome the following New Members to our chapter:

Member

- Seth C. Anthony
- Richard C. Kreitz
- Zachary M. York

Ancestor

- Michael Remaly
- John Adam Gruber
- Conrad Roeder

The following prospective members have applications at National Headquarters:

- David E. Dechant, Zachary C. Heath, George E. Miller, George E. Miller Jr. & Zachary M. York

The following supplementals have been approved:

Member

- Willard N. Brensinger
- Miles K. Dechant
- Larry Magdy
- Charles H. Seibert
- Charles H. Seibert

Ancestor

- Andreas Hotz/Hoats
- Jacob Boyer
- Johannes Detwiler
- Peter Gerhart/Gerhard
- Peter Klopp Sr.

The following compatriots have Supplemental applications at National Headquarters:

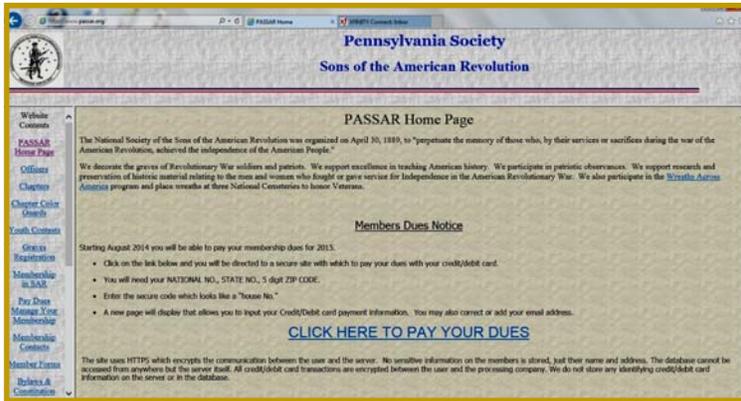
- Clark D. Frederic, Raymond H. Longacre, Gerald C. Peppel & Charles H. Seibert

The chapter now has 136 members and 18 prospective members.

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

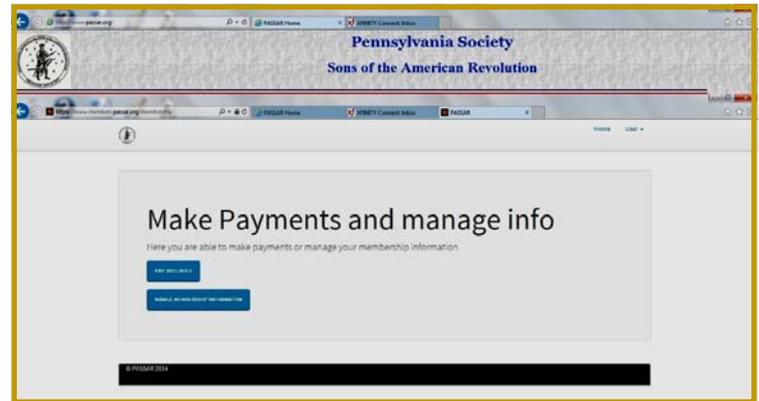
*Eric H. Troutman
Genealogist/Registrar*

Dues Now Payable by Credit Card



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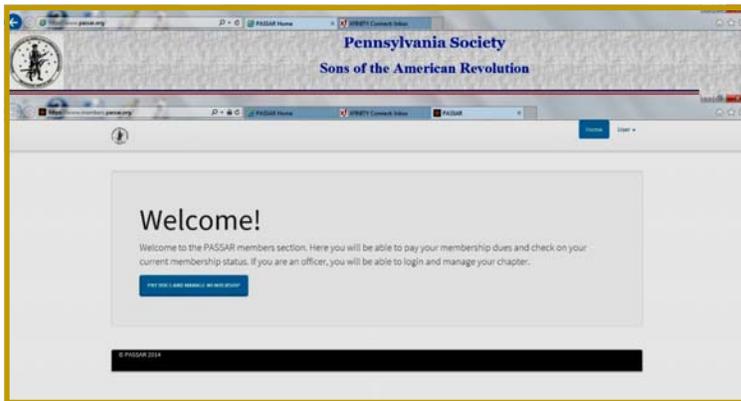
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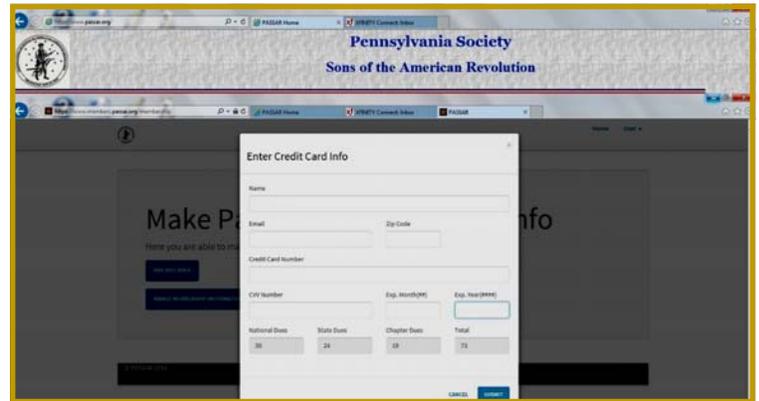
Click on the blue box that says "Pay 2015 Dues"

You can also update your membership/contact information by clicking on the box that says "Manage Membership Information"



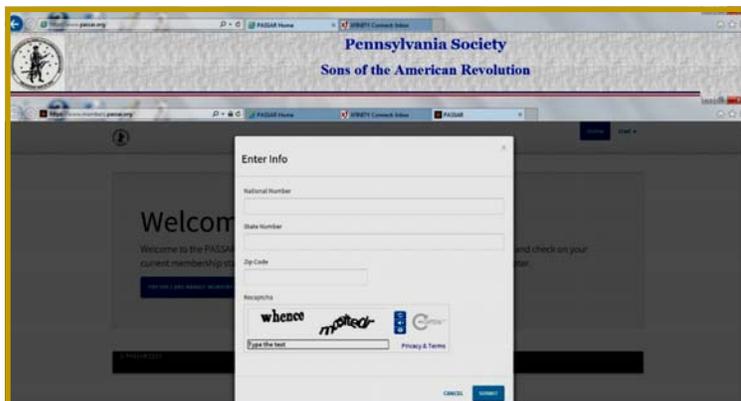
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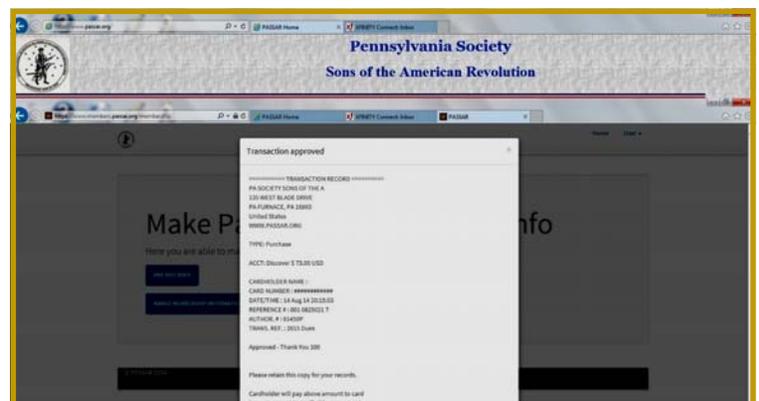
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Enter your name, email address, zip code and credit card information and click on the "Submit" button. At the bottom of the box it will show how much will be charged to your credit card.



Step 3

Enter your National and State membership numbers along with your zip code. Then, for security purposes, type the words in the Recaptcha box. If you can't make out what the words are, click on the top little blue box next to the words to change them.



Step 6

A record of your transaction will appear. Print this for your records.

If you have any questions or need any help to ensure your dues are paid, please contact the State Treasurer, Don Mengle, at dmengle@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- Nov. 12** - Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, 775 Grange Rd., Leesport
- Dec. 4** - Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM, Berkshire Country Club, Reading
- Dec. 6** - DAR Holiday Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Berkshire Country Club, Reading
- Dec. 13** - Wreaths Across America, 12:00 Noon, Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA
- Feb. 11** - Executive Comm. Meeting, 7:00 PM, Location TBD
- Feb. 21** - Washington’s Birthday Celebration, 12 noon, Berkshire Country Club, Reading
- Mar. 11** - Quarterly Meeting, 6:00 PM, Location TBD
- May 13** - Executive Comm. Meeting, 7:00 PM, Location TBD
- Jun. 10** - Quarterly Meeting, 6:00 PM, Location TBD
- Aug. 12** - Executive Comm. Meeting, 7:00 PM, Location TBD
- Sept. 9** - Quarterly Meeting, 6:00 PM, Location TBD
- Nov. 11** - Executive Comm. Meeting, 7:00 PM, Location TBD
- Dec. 3** - Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM, Details TBD

Eagle Scout Report

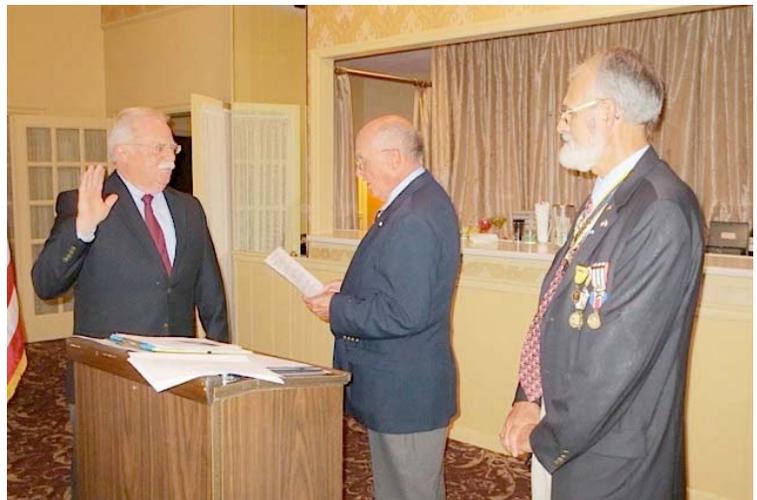
As we approach the end of 2014, we have attended only thirty-four Courts of Honor and sent appropriate materials to ten Eagle Scouts whose Court of Honor we were not able to attend. This is the lowest number of Eagle ceremonies we have ever attended since I became chairman of the Eagle Scout program. Perhaps it is fitting that another compatriot will be assuming the chairmanship during the coming year. We have not yet received any applications for the scholarship program and the deadline is December 1, 2014.

I would like to thank all of the compatriots who so willingly gave of their time to honor these deserving young men and who ably assisted me during my time as chairman.

Robert W. Murray, Eagle Scout Chairman



September Meeting Highlights



At our meeting on September 11th at the Heidelberg Country Club, 2 new members were sworn in and presented with their rosettes; William A. Nagle and Larry L. Mason.

Our speakers and honored guests for the evening were Doug and Liz Graybill, Founders of Veterans Making a Difference. Doug and Liz dedicate much of their time to assisting the homeless, particularly veterans, and the chapter was honored to recognize their efforts with Good Citizenship medals and a \$250 donation.

