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Sons of the American Revolution



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President's Message

Greetings Compatriots,

I understand that Spring is here!!!! The snow is melting!!!! It is getting warmer!!!! I am really glad because I have nowhere to go with more snow and Lenora's Spring Song Birds and Robins are here eating all the seeds! It is also time for the next installment of the President's Message to the Compatriots.

We, the Officers and other volunteers are working to get the Hiester Herald Newsletter up and in the mail soon. In the meantime here are a few dates of planned events and happenings.

On a sad note, we have lost two Compatriots since my last message. Past President John L. Houser and Color Guard Member David G. Loose Sr. have died. I and some other Compatriots attended their funerals. Please keep our deceased members and their families in your prayers.

Our 'George Washington's Birthday' Luncheon Celebration at the Berkshire Country Club, in my opinion, was a huge success! The weather (a snow storm) could not dampen the festivities that were planned. Tim H. Blessing, Ph.D., informed us on numerous aspects about George Washington, which in turn, explained why we are the 'Greatest Country in the World' today. P.S., The Cherry Pie with Ice Cream was a great finish to an excellent meal. If you missed it... put it on your calendar for next year. February 27, 2016, Berkshire Country Club starting at Noon. I want to thank all those that participated in the planning and making sure the event was successful, especially the co-chairs, Past President, Miles Dechant and Compatriot, Bruce Dietrich.

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Last Chance to Register for Annual PASSAR Board of Management Meeting:



Our Chapter will be hosting the 122nd Annual Spring Board Meeting locally here in Reading, PA, with dinner events at the Inn at Reading and a special Memorial Service to be held at Belleman's Church. The event will signify Eric H. Troutman's successful completion as PASSAR President.

Enclosed in the Newsletter please find a Registration Form. We encourage you to come out and participate in this event. The Deadline for registering is April 20th.

President's Message: - *Continued*

The Spring Dinner Meeting, held March 12th, was also a success. We had a few minor bumps, but were not insurmountable. Ron Devlin, a Reading Eagle Reporter with 42 years experience, a Penn State Graduate and writes 'Ron Devlin's History Book', was on hand as our speaker for the evening. The topic of his talk was, "*John Adams and Reading's Liberty Pole*", where the 'Adler' editor was "Flogged". This event upset every one back in 1799. Ron also told us some interesting facts on other topics as well. Thank You Ron for a very informative evening.

The Annual PASSAR Meeting and Election of Officers in May is fast approaching. This is the perfect time to show how Berks County can 'Shine with Hospitality'. Reservation forms for the Meetings, Dinners, Tour and Memorial Service to Belleman's Church and Hotel Rooms will be in the next Minuteman issue along with articles about our area's 'Fascinating Culture and History'. When it arrives, get your reservations in early so we can accommodate everyone.

There are 2 days of events. Friday May 1st, which features Registration and Evening Dinner with Entertainment and Fellowship to follow. Saturday morning, May 2nd, starts with Registration and the Board of Management Meeting or BOM for the Compatriots and the Ladies will hear Hallie Vaughan speak on "*Hallies Heroines of Berks County from Revolutionary Times to the Present*". Noon time is a 'Bus Trip' to Belleman's Church for Lunch and 'Memorial Service' and then return to the 'Inn at Reading' in plenty of time to prepare for the "Black Tie" Dinner followed by the Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers.

On hand Saturday Evening will be PASSAR'S 1st. Place Winner of the Eagle Scout Essay Contest, David Henry Talarico. He is The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter entry of NSSAR'S National Contest and will read his essay.

Our Executive Board Meeting will again be held in the Berks County Genealogical Society Library, at The Goggle Works Art Center, 201 Washington Street, Room 413, Reading, PA 19601. The date is May 11, 2015 and start time is set at 6:30 P.M.

June 11, 2015 is our Summer Dinner Meeting at Ganley's in State Hill. The speaker for the Evening is David Valuska and his topic will be "*Pa. German's in the Revolution*". I am sure there will be some more 'interesting facts' and 'tidbits' brought out in the discussions that evening.

Allegiance Sunday is 'Father's Day' June 21, 2015 at St. Michael's Church in Tilden Township. We will be dedicating a 'New' headstone for Frederick Moyer Jr. The original grave is unknown and he is 1 of 15 Revolutionary War Participants buried there.

As you can see, the Chapter has a lot of activity and that takes a lot of planning and volunteering. The Chapter is always trying to put its best foot forward at all times. In doing so, I, as President, need to find more volunteer help.

I need to find a Secretary to help relieve David Loose! The Color Guard needs to find some more men so we can attend functions where we are invited to participate. It is really impressive to see our Compatriots marching in Parades and Standing Guard at the Colors Presentations. The Eagle Scout Committee is looking for more presenters of Certificates at Courts of Honor. The Newsletter needs an Editor to get the information out to the Compatriots. I only mentioned a few positions in the Chapter, not that the other positions are not important but the point is, we need help and the help can only come from the Compatriots in the Chapter. Training and information on the positions is free. Seriously... think about how you can help your Chapter and remember, 'the only way you can get anything out of the Chapter is to put something into it!' Call or see any Officer or Committee Member to help!!!! Please!!!!

Leon E. Adam

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President



Veteran's Day 2014:



On November 11, 2014 our Chapter attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony that was held at Veteran's Grove, City Park, Reading, PA. Participating in the combined Color Guard were the Marine Corp League, Reading High School JROTC and Color Guard Members Eric H. Troutman and Charles H. Seibert.

Wreaths Across America



Wreath's Across America Event at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. Color Guard Members from Left to Right our: Floyd N. Turner II, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Leon E. Adam (President), David G. Loose Jr. and Charles H. Seibert.

Annual Meeting Highlight's:



Eric H. Troutman swears in New Chapter President Leon E. Adam.



Barry L. Kauffman presented an Award to Floyd N. Turner II.



Barry L. Kauffman presented an Award to R. Wayne Murray.

The Annual Dinner Meeting was held at the Berkshire Country Club, Reading, PA on December 4th, 2014. Music was provided by Celtic Harpist Cathleen Sauber & Friends.

The meal was followed by an Awards Ceremony and installation of 2015 Officers. The following Awards were presented:

- Barry L. Kauffman was presented the Past Chapter President Award;
- Willard N. Brensinger Jr. was given the Bronze Color Guard Medal;
- Bruce Dietrich was presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his dedicated service as Chairman of the JROTC;
- R. Wayne Murray was awarded the Chapter Meritorious Medal for his long faithful service as Chapter Secretary and Chairman of the Eagle Scout Program;
- Floyd N. Turner II was given the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal for his work as Newspaper Editor and with his support of the C.A.R.
- William G. Koch was recognized with a Lapel Pin and Certificate as a George Washington Fellow for his support of the George Washington Endowment Fund.

Washington's Birthday Celebration:

On Saturday, 21 Feb., the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter SAR hosted it's first annual luncheon to celebrate the birthday of George Washington at the Berkshire Country Club in Bern Township. Seventy members of the SAR, DAR and their guests braved snowy weather to make this inaugural event a success. Tim H. Blessing Ph.D. - Professor of History and Political Science and expert on the American Presidency, at Alvernia University, spoke on "George Washington, republican."



From Left to Right: Nevin C. Miller, Barry L. Kauffman, David G. Loose Jr., William N. Brensinger Jr., Raymond H. Longacre, Charles H. Seibert, Floyd N. Turner II and Leon E. Adam.



From Left to Right: Leon E. Adam - Chapter President, Miles K. Dechant - Former Chapter President, Bruce L. Dietrich and Guest Speaker, Tim H. Blessing, Ph.D.



Grand Opening of Mission BBQ, Wyomissing, PA:



On March 30th, 2015 we participated in the Grand Opening event for the Mission BBQ in Wyomissing, PA. The restaurant chain supports several charities, including: the Wounded Warrior Project, the USO, Toys for Tots and local first responders.

Color Guard Members Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Nevin C. Miller, Charles H. Seibert, Eric H. Troutman and Ray H. Longacre participated in the event alongside Color Guard Members from the 733rd Transportation Company, United States Army and Capt. Joshua Koncar Commander to commemorate the grand opening event.

Veteran's Committee Report - 2015:

Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter
Veterans Committee Report

Attended four Stand-Down's for Homeless and Needy Vets,
next Stand-Downs will be April 11th and May 9th.

Always looking for clothing donations and personal items (tooth
brushes & paste, soap, etc., etc. You can always bring them to
the meeting or drop them off at one of the Stand-Downs or con-
tact me.

Attention Military Service Veteran's:

On January 30th 2015, President General Brock officially
brought the Military Service Veterans Corps on line. An honor-
able discharge and a National Defense Service Medal showing
on your DD214 are required for this Certificate of Patriot-
ism. You can fill out this form on line at [http://
saramanasar.org](http://saramanasar.org) , then open up VRC Tab and fill our form and
submit it to me with a copy of your DD214.

Veterans Services Corps Totals:

- WWII – 840
- Korea – 119
- Vietnam – 369
- Persian Gulf-24
- Military Service Veterans Corps – 3

I would like to see all our Chapter 's Veterans receive this Cer-
tificate of Patriotism.

You earned it!!

Charles H. Seibert
Chairman, Veterans Affairs
Email cvseibert@gmail.com



The Conrad Weiser Society, Children of the American
Revolution will turn 120 years old on June 1, 2015! The soci-
ety was founded by the Berks County Chapter, DAR and is ar-
guably the first C.A.R. chapter in the nation to hold an organiz-
ing meeting (although that honor was formally granted to the
founder of C.A.R., Mrs. Harriet Lothrop).

After 120 years, the society is still going strong and
holds meetings, tours historic sites and organizes patriotic
events throughout the year. In addition to supporting various
local activities, the group also has members who serve as State
officers or chairmen and one member who serves as a National
officer.

Like the SAR, membership is open to descendants of
patriots who served the cause of independence during the Rev-
olutionary War and are between birth and age 22. If you're
interested in getting your children, grandchildren, nieces or
nephews into an organization that helps to train good citizens,
promotes the preservation of our history and fosters a love
country, then the C.A.R. is a great organization for them!

If you're interested in learning more about the C.A.R.
or know someone interested in membership, contact the Con-
rad Weiser Society at cws.pacar@comcast.net.

Submitted by:
Floyd N. Turner II



Genealogist / Registrar Report:

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
 Sons of the of the American Revolution
 Genealogist/Registrar Report
 For the Hiester Herald/Website
 Nov 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

New Members Approved:

Roger A. Broome
 David E. Dechant
 George E. Miller
 George E. Muller, Jr.
 Zachary C. Heath
 Kenneth W. Roberts
 Erik G. Weyer
 R. Glenn Weyer
 Knox L. Buchner

Ancestors

Johannes Follmer
 Michael Emerick
 Georg Muller
 Georg Muller
 Georg Muller
 Leonard Roberts
 Philip Stech
 Philip Stech
 Philip Stech

Transfer In:

Kenneth C. Brenneman

John Brenneman

Supplementals Approved:

Willard N. Brensinger Jr.
 John E. Lauman

Raymond H. Longacre

Gerald C. Poppel

Charles H. Seibert

Joseph Eberhard
 Jacob Markley &
 George Schwenk
 Johannes Detwiler/
 Detweiler
 Johannes Detwiler/
 Detweiler
 Christopher
 Gerhart

Applications at Nat. Headquarters:

New Member Appl.

Thomas W. Famiglietti, Scott R. Jenkins, Robert R. Kreitz, Evan C. Loose and Peter N. Zacharias

Supplemental Appl.

Brinton C. P. Corson, Stephen B. Corson, Calvin D. Huntzinger, Robert D. Huntzinger (2), Raymond H. Longacre, Charles H. Seibert, L. Stefan H. Troutman and Jayquan J. J. Sudler

The chapter now has 137 members and 15 prospective members.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Eric H. Troutman

Eagle Scout Report:

As of the end of March we will have attended six Eagle Courts of Honor and a sent certificate to one Eagle Scout whose ceremony we were unable to attend. We are presently scheduled to participate in five Courts of Honor.

We are looking for volunteers to attend and present Certificates to these Eagle Scouts in order to recognize them for their achievement. Without more support from the Chapter's members this committee can no longer function effectively. My thanks to those committee members who were able to attend their scheduled Courts of Honor.

Barry L. Kauffman
 Eagle Scout Chairman



The results of the national SAR Eagle contest have been announced. The PASSAR first place winner is **David Henry Talarico** from the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter.

National Winners:

1. Missouri
2. Iowa
3. Indiana

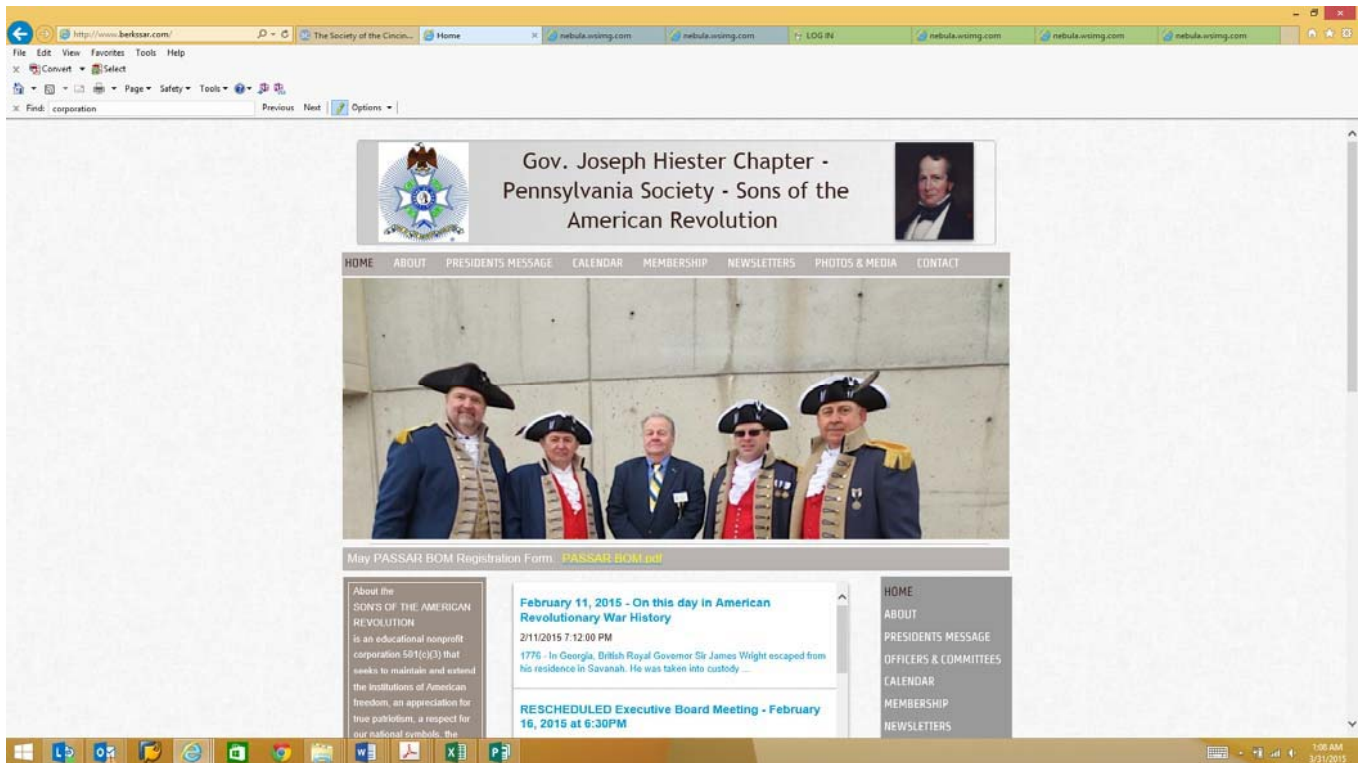
PASSAR Winners:

1. Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
2. Pittsburgh
3. General Arthur St. Clair

Honorable Mention in alphabetic order:

1. Christopher Gist
2. Continental Congress
3. George Washington
4. Philadelphia - Continental / Cradle of Liberty Council
5. Philadelphia - Continental / Chester County Council
6. Valley Forge

New Chapter Website: www.berkssar.com



Items that can be found on the website:

- Current Events
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Dinner Registration Forms
- President’s Message
- Committee Reports
- Links to other websites
- Link to pay Member Dues
- Photos of Recent Events
- Calendar of Events
- New Membership Information
- Other pertinent information



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 1st - PASSAR 122 Annual Spring BOM Informal Dinner** 6:30PM to 9:00PM. Color Guard to meet at 6:15PM.
- May 2nd - PASSAR 122 Annual Spring BOM Annual Meeting** 9:00AM to 11:30AM Color Guard to meet at 8:45AM.
Memorial Service at Belleman's Church 12:30PM to 4:00PM. Will leave from the Inn at Reading after Annual Meeting.
Black Tie Banquet & Annual Meeting 7:00PM to 9:30PM.
 Color Guard to meet at 6:45PM.
- May 11 - Executive Committee Meeting**, 6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at the Googleworks.
- May 14 - Oley Elementary School.** Time TBD.
- May 16 - Samuel Etter's Grave Dedication.**
 Cemetery at Palm City Park, Anneville, PA. Starts at 11:00AM. Color Guard to arrive at 10:30AM.
- May 23 - Wyomissing Hills Memorial Day Parade.**
 Time TBD.
- May 25 - Memorial Service**, Veteran's Grove, City Park, Reading, PA. Time TBD.
- June 11 - Quarterly Meeting**, 6:00PM at Ganly's.
- June 21 - Allegiance Sunday**, St. Michael's Church, Tilden Twp. Time TBD.
- July 04 - Wyomissing July 4th Day Parade.** Time TBD.
- August 10 - Executive Committee Meeting**, 6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at the Googleworks.
- September 10 - Quarterly Meeting**, 6:00PM Location TBD.
- November 09 - Executive Committee Meeting**, 6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at the Googleworks.
- December 03 - Annual Meeting**, 6:00PM Location TBD

2015 Officers and Committee Chairmen

Office - Name

President - Leon E. Adam
 Vice President - Charles H. Seibert
 Secretary / Treasurer - David G. Loose Jr.
 Genealogist / Registrar - Eric H. Troutman
 Chaplain - Dr. David Brock
 Surgeon - Dr. Thomas Stewart
 Chancellor - Honorable Scott E. Lash

Presidential Appointments—Name

Aide-to-the President - Vacant
 Newsletter Editor - Vacant
 Color Guard Captain - Charles H. Seibert

Committee - Name

Eagle Scouts - Barry L. Kauffman
 Knight Essay - Vacant
 JROTC - Bruce L. Dietrich
 Graves - Eric H. Troutman
 Veteran Affairs - Charles H. Seibert
 Public Relations - Floyd N. Turner II
 CAR / DAR Relations - Floyd N. Turner II
 Membership - Nevin C. Miller
 Americanism - Robert M. Hillegas
 Flag - Robert M. Hillegas
 Awards - Floyd N. Turner II

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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