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Sons of the American Revolution



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President's Message



Greetings Compatriots,

I hope everyone is having a 'GREAT SUMMER' so far and I hope it continues for you.

Thank You all that attended the Quarterly Dinner Meeting at Ganly's on State Hill. Dr. Valuska's talk on the 'Pa. Germans and the Revolutionary War' was very well received and I want to thank him for taking the time to speak to us. I am always fascinated with his talks and I always come away from them learning something interesting. For instance, Why did the Militia have fringes on their coats?

Alligiance Sunday was also a success. The skies cleared in time for our ceremony and just about everyone at St. Michael's was on hand in the cemetery for our 'Tombstone Dedication for Frederick Moyer Jr.', 'His connection with Jacob Kauffman' and our 'Remembrance Ceremony' of the 16 Revolutionary War Veterans 'Lying In Rest' there.

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Our 'Color Guard', under the leadership of our Vice President, Charles H. Seibert, continues to impress everyone as they march in parades, stand at attention during ceremonies and continue to stand out in front of the crowd. They were The Color Guard that presented the Color's at the Memorial Day Ceremony at City Park and then went to Bernville for the Memorial Day Parade. The Etter's Memorial Dedication in Annville was another proud moment and the Fourth of July Parade in Wyomissing is just around the corner. I am anticipating that event because I have assembled enough parts of my uniform to be worn at that event. There are other Color Guard turnouts that I did not mention but my point is that most of the Color Guard Members are 65 or older. So if you can help, contact an Officer in the Chapter to volunteer your assistance. *Continued on Page 2*

Daniel Boone Homestead will host the **Battles at Boone: A Revolutionary War Encampment** on August 15th & 16th.

Our Chapter will be setting up a table this year to attract new members and are looking for volunteers (See Page 7 for details).



President's Message: - Continued

In keeping the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter in the forefront, I am in contact with GO Greater Reading and am making headway to getting us in their publications along with pictures and advertising of our future events. This venture seems to be a good source for Berks County and its environs to let people know who we are, what we are about and possibly get new members.

Executive Board meeting is coming up at the BCGS Library in the Google Works Building, Room 418, August 10, 2015, 6:30 PM. As you all know 'everyone' is invited and participation is encouraged.

Do not forget our September 10, 2015 Quarterly Dinner Meeting at the Heidelberg Country Club, Bernville, PA. Our speaker for the evening will be Michael Jesberger who will tell us about the British and Hession POW's in the Reading area and Berks and Lancaster Counties. Registrations for that event will be arriving soon.

We are also encouraged about the increased visits to our website (www.berkssar.com). Along with the website we are working on getting the Hiester Herald. Dave needs some things to put in it and also could use some help in the process. If anyone can offer some assistance in any way, Dave would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Leon E. Adam, President



Cub Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony

On Sunday, May 17th our Chapter's Color Guard was invited to participate in a flag-retirement ceremony organized by Cub Scout Pack 155 at the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Muhlenberg Township. Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert and David G. Loose Jr. participated in the event (pictured to the right). There was nearly 50 people in attendance, including Representative Mark Rozzi.



The scout's committee chairwoman, Melissa Yeager said the scouts really embraced the meaning behind the retirement ceremony.

As with other ceremonies, the flag was retired one stripe at a time with each student reciting a piece of history to the crowd before collecting their stripe and retiring it to the fire. Each student did an excellent job reading their lines with enthusiasm and meaning.



Yeager's son, Calvin Yoder said his favorite part was hearing the speeches and the facts about the flag.

After the last stripe was retired, Boy Scout Dylan Bieber played taps on the bugle.

Annual Spring PASSAR BOM Meeting Highlights

On May 1st and 2nd our Chapter hosted the 122nd Annual Spring PASSAR Board of Management Meeting at the Inn at Reading in Wyomissing. The Friday night dinner was enjoyed to the entertainment of Celtic Harpist Cathleen Sauber followed by a roast to outgoing State President Eric H. Troutman.

The Saturday morning business meeting was held followed by a special memorial service held out at Salem Belleman's Church in Mohrsville. State Chaplain Rev. Thomas C. Edwards gave the invocation and memorial homily to departed members, including four from our Chapter.

At the formal Saturday night dinner meeting, the 2015 Officers were installed including Joseph B. McMullen of Lancaster County who was sworn in as the next State President.



At Salem Belleman's Church (from left to right) stand Color Guardsman: Willard N. Brensinger Jr., David G. Loose Jr. and Charles H. Seibert - Color Guard Captain.



The 2014 PASSAR Eagle Scout contest winner was David H. Talarico, which came through our Chapter. He was recognized for his efforts during the Saturday night dinner meeting.



Eagle Scout Essay Contest Winner, David Henry Talarico of Boy Scout Troop 508, Hawk Mountain poses with Color Guardsman (from left to right): Charles H. Seibert, Robert M. Hillegas, John L. Carroll, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Raymond H. Longacre and David G. Loose Jr.

SAR Eagle Contest Results:

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

Annual Spring PASSAR BOM Meeting Highlights - Continued



JROTC Winner, David Tatum poses with Color Guardsman (from left to right): Charles H. Seibert, Robert M. Hillegas, John L. Carroll, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Raymond H. Longacre and David G. Loose Jr.



Pennsylvania CAR President, Jessica Dodson stands with Color Guardsman (from left to right): Charles H. Seibert, Robert M. Hillegas, John L. Carroll, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Raymond H. Longacre and David G. Loose Jr.



2015 State Officers and Chairman

SAR Chapter Activities Contest Results:
 The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter came in first place within our Society (in the large chapter category) for both the *Liberty Bell Americanism Streamer* and the *President General's Activities Streamer* Contest.

Chapter	Contest Winner	
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Small (1- 49 Members)		
Somerset-Cambria	X	
Fort Jackson		X
Washingtonburg		
Gen James Potter		
Medium (50 - 99 Members)		
George Washington	X	
Continental Congress		
Gen Arthur St. Clair		X
Large (100 - 199 Members)		
Gov Joseph Hiester	X	X
Tiadaghton		

Contest 1 = Liberty Bell Americanism Streamer
 Contest 2 = President General's Streamer



PASSAR Secretary James F. Hall delivers a message at Belleman's Church

2014 - 15 Patriot Biography Contest Results

Pennsylvania came in 7th place amongst other societies achieving 20% or greater of biographies to members. The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter came in second only to At-Large Members. Our Chapter will be one of fifteen PA Society Chapters receiving a streamer at National.

Pennsylvania SAR 2014-15 PatriotBios Initiative Recognition at 125th Congress				
Chapter	PatriotBios	Members 12/31/14	PG Goal 20%	2016 Patriot- Bios Stars @ 20% Each
Pennsylvania SAR	455	1587	28%	
At-Large	22	23	96	3
Conococheague	5	23	22	
Continental Congress	19	53	36	
Erie	11	54	20	
Fort Haliax	9	27	33	
Frontier Patriots	13	41	32	
Gen AnthonyWayne	17	21	81	3
Gen Arthur St Clair	34	81	42	1
Gen James Potter	3	7	43	1
George Washington	34	72	47	1
Gov Joseph Hiester	117	127	92	3
Harris Ferry	25	84	30	
Somerset Cambria	31	45	69	2
Tiadaghton	47	131	36	
Washingtonburg	4	10	40	1
Potential PG 2015-16 PatriotBios Recognition at 126th Congress				
Philadelphia Continental	41	356	12	
Pittsburgh	10	129	8	
Valley Forge	8	110	7	
Washington Crossing	2	32	6	
Centre County	2	44	5	
Northeast	1	30	3	
Christopher Gist	0	22	0	
William Maclay	0	24	0	
Fort Jackson	0	45		

Samuel Etter Grave Dedication



On Saturday, May 16th our Chapter was asked to participate in a Grave Dedication Ceremony for Samuel Etter. Etter’s gravestone was cleaned up and returned to its original gravesite which is now fenced in and beautifully landscaped. The gravestones had been removed from the site by the family because of vandals.

Memorial Day Ceremony at Veteran’s Grove and Bernville Parade



Our Chapter participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran’s Grove, City Park, Reading. Chapter President Leon E. Adam presented a wreath during the ceremony to honor the men and women who have died in service to our nation. The Color Guard is pictured above left standing by the Revolutionary War Monument; (from Left to right) Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert, Barry L. Kauffman, Robert M. Hillegas, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., David G. Loose Jr., Eric H. Troutman and President Leon E. Adam.

The Color Guard reassembled later that day to participate in the Annual Bernville Parade. Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert led members Raymond H. Longacre and President Leon E. Adam (holding the Chapter Banner), while members Eric H. Troutman, Robert M. Hillegas and David G. Loose Jr. follow with colors.

June Quarterly Dinner Meeting

The June Dinner Meeting was held at Ganly’s Irish Pub & Restaurant in Sinking Spring. Dr. David Valuska spoke of PA German’s in the Revolution. This was also an official visit for incoming State President Joe McMullen.

New member R. Glenn Weyer was sworn in by Leon E. Adam and was presented his rosette. Lastly, it was announced that Willard N. Brensinger Jr., was appointed to the position of Aide-to-the-President.



Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter Membership Drive at the Daniel Boone Homestead:

On August 15th, Saturday & 16th Sunday, the Daniel Boone Homestead will host the *Battles at Boone: A Revolutionary War Encampment*. Our Chapter will be setting up a table for membership recruiting and handing out information about the Sons of the American Revolution. We are looking for Compatriots to volunteer and help man our table on these dates during the hours of 9:00AM until 4:00PM.



Our President, Leon Adam and Compatriot Eric Troutman along with members of our color guard will be there. We would need to know by July 31st, any Compatriot who would like to volunteer a couple of hours or a half a day to help make this event a success. If we have enough volunteers, we will set up a schedule. The Daniel Boone Homestead will need to know how many Compatriots will be there so they can issue gate passes. Please contact President Leon Adam or Vice-President Charles Seibert for more information.

Allegiance Sunday



On June 21st our Chapter celebrated Allegiance Sunday by attending worship services at St. Michael’s Church in Tilden Township. Following the service, there was a grave dedication ceremony held across the street in the church’s graveyard. A marker was dedicated to Frederick Moyer Jr., (shown in upper left) who survived an indian attack in which his parents were killed on June 29, 1754. Moyer served in the Berks County Militia during the Revolutionary War. His marker is next to a memorial to Jacob Kauffman, a farmer and miller who raised Moyer after the attack. Below is a list of patriots known to be buried there that were also honored.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN’S BURRIED AT ST. MICHAEL’S CEMETERY:

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Althous, Joseph (1757-1796) | Pvt. | 9. Nunemacher, Ludwig (1739-1815) | Pvt. |
| 2. Faust, Johann (1740-1807) | Pvt. | 10. Rentschler, J. George (1756-1827) | Lt. |
| 3. Faust, Phillip,.(1714-1786) | Patriot | 11. Seaman, Eberhart, Sr.(1752-1827) | Pvt. |
| 4. Henne, J. Conrad (1731-1820) | Pvt. | 12. Seaman, J. Ludwig (1722-1797) | Patriot |
| 5. Kaufman, George (1751-1817) | 2 nd Lt. | 13. Shartel, Jacob (1741-1819) | Captain |
| 6. Kaufman, Jacob (1721-1804) | Patriot | 14. Shartel, Johannes (1738-1800) | Pvt. |
| 7. Kaufman, Phillip (1757-1843) | Pvt. | 15. Wagner, Christopher (1735-1799) | Pvt. |
| 8. Moyer, Frederick, Jr (1751-1829) | Pvt. | 16. Wagner, J. Jacob (1729-1800) | Pvt. |

Veteran's Committee Report - 2015:

Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter
Veterans Committee Report

I have attended five Stand-Down's for Homeless and Needy Vets, next Stand-Downs will be June 13th and July 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 contact me.

Attention Military Service Veteran's:

On January 30th 2015, President General Brock officially brought the Military Service Veterans Corps on line. An honorable discharge and a National Defense Service Medal showing on your DD214 are required for this Certificate of Patriotism. You can fill out this form on line at <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 - 855
Korea - 127
Vietnam - 387
Persian Gulf - 37
Military Service Veterans Corps - 59
Total - 1,465



I have sent 3 Compatriots Military Survey Application to Veterans Recognition Committee, those being, David G. Loose Jr., Kenneth C. Brenneman; Military Service & James M. McAteer; Vietnam Service.

I would like to see all our Chapter 's Veterans receive this Certificate of Patriotism. You earned it!!

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

Color Guard Report:

I wanted to thank the Color Guard for the great turn out we had for the PASSAR Annual BOM, at the Inn at Reading and Veteran's Grove Memorial Day Service.



Our Color Guard looked great and I can't begin to tell you how everyone appreciated us being there.

2015 Color Guard Schedule:

Completed Events

- Monday, March 30th, Mission BBQ Restaurant, 1775 Paper Mill Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610.
- Friday, May 1st, PASSAR Informal Dinner.
- Saturday, May 2nd, PASSAR Annual Meeting Memorial Service, Belleman's Church.
- Saturday, May 2nd, PASSAR Annual Meeting Dinner.
- Saturday, May 16th, Samuel Etter's Grave Dedication Ceremony, Palm City Park, Annville, PA.
- May 16th & 17th Union Canal Tunnel Park, Lebanon, PA.
- May 17th Flag Retirement Ceremony, Cub Scout Troop 155, Good Shepherd UCC Church, Reading, PA.
- Monday, May 25th, Reading's City Park, Veteran's Grove.
- Monday, May 25th, Bernville Memorial Day Parade.
- Sunday, June 21st, Allegiance Sunday, St. Michael's Church, Tilden Township.

We are always looking for Compatriots to fill the ranks of our Chapter's Color Guard. The pay is horrible, but the rewards are GREAT.

Charles H. Seibert
Color Guard Captain
Email: cvseibert@gmail.com

Genealogist / Registrar Report:

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
 Sons of the of the American Revolution
 Genealogist/Registrar Report
 Hiester Herald July 9, 2015

New Members Approved:

Joseph M. Dougherty, V
 Scott R. Jenkins
 Robert R. Kreitz
 Evan C. Loose
 Peter N. Zacharias

Ancestors

Conrad Bloss
 Patrick Causey
 John Adam Gruber
 Johann Georg Loos
 Daniel Zacharias

Supplementals Approved:

Calvin D. Huntzinger
 Robert D. Huntzinger

Jacob Neiman
 Andreas Bittle &
 Jacob Neiman

Charles H. Seibert
 Jayquan J.J. Sudler
 L. Stefan H. Troutman

Johannes Gaul
 Jacob B. Dreibelbis
 Jacob B. Dreibelbis

Applications at Nat. Headquarters:

New Member Appl.

Thomas W. Famiglietti

Supplemental Appl.

Willard N. Brensinger , Brinton C.P. Corson, Stephen
 B. Corson, Raymond H. Longacre, Jayquan J.J. Sudler,
 L. Stefan H. Troutman & R. Glenn Weyer

The chapter now has 140 members and 15 prospec-
 tive members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric H. Troutman
 Email:
ehtroutman13@gmail.com



Membership Report:



MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Greetings to all Compatriots...

Those lazy hazy days of summer have a way of making us relax and let the days roll by. Before you know it September will be here and it will be time for a quarterly meeting. Reservations forms are included with this newsletter. Be sure to invite a prospective member to join you at the meeting. It could be your brother, uncle, cousin, or friend. If you feel they would enjoy the fellowship of our society invite them.

When will we reach 150 members? We are at 144 and counting. Eric Troutman has been doing an excellent job of recruiting members but we should not rely on one person to accomplish our goal. Adding new members is up to everyone. It is a great feeling to sign an application and sponsor a new recruit.

If you need more brochures see me at the next meeting. By sharing the information we will let people know we promote patriotism.

Remember...freedom isn't free...may we always remember and honor those who sacrificed so we can enjoy our freedom.

Have a great summer! See you at the September meeting.

Nevin C. Miller, Membership Chairman

Notice:

2016 Annual Membership Dues are increasing from \$73 to \$78.

PASSAR payment site will start accepting payments again in mid August

<https://www.members.passar.org/>



The Conrad Weiser Society is honored to host the 2015 PA C.A.R. Summer Workshop on August 8, 2015. Members and seniors (adult leaders) from across the state will gather at the Daniel Boone Homestead to tour the site and learn about the current State and National projects. After lunch, the group will be visited by Major General John Gronski, Commanding Officer, 28th Infantry Division, PA Army National Guard, who will give a presentation on leadership and good citizenship. In the evening, everyone will be enjoying themselves at the Reading Fightin' Phils game.

The current State Project of the PA Society is to raise funds to benefit the Milton Historical Society in the creation of the Gov. James Pollock gallery in the Cameron House Museum. Pollock was born in Milton in 1810 and made the town his home. He attended the College of New Jersey and established a law practice in Milton after graduation. In 1844, he was elected to the US House of Representatives and became good friends with Abraham Lincoln, with whom he shared a boarding room. While Lincoln was President, he appointed Pollock to head the US Mint and he is credited with adding the phrase "In God We Trust" to our currency. The phrase first appeared on the reverse of the 1864 2-cent coin. Pollock went on to become the 13th Governor of Pennsylvania and died in 1890.

The current National Project is to raise funds to benefit the Museum of the American Revolution for the conservation and display of Gen. George Washington's marquis tent in their "First Oval Office" display.

Donations to either of the above projects, or in support of the Conrad Weiser Society, can be sent to:

Conrad Weiser Society
Attn: Senior Treasurer
958 Whitner Rd
Reading, PA 19605

Please make checks payable to "Conrad Weiser Society" and specify how you want your donation to be used.

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

Submitted by:
Floyd N. Turner II

Eagle Scout Report:



EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE REPORT

So far this year the Eagle Scout Committee has presented 15 Eagle Scout certificates in person and mailed 6 more to Courts of Honor we were unable to attend. We could use more help from the membership in order to be able to attend more of these important and inspiring events. Please contact me at 610 926 2664 or bkauff1043@aol.com to volunteer your services.

Thank you
Barry L. Kauffman, Chairman
Eagle Scout Committee



JROTC Report:

2014 JROTC MEDALS AWARDED

Every year our Chapter recognized outstanding JROTC Cadet's from each of the area programs. The criteria for the award is that each cadet exhibit patriotism, leadership, military bearing, scholarship and general excellence. The 2014 Awards are as follows:

- ◆ John P. Davison 8 May 2015 West Wilson
- ◆ Ian Brewer 1 May 2015 Owen J. Roberts
- ◆ Jacob Roberts 12 May 2015 Pottstown
- ◆ Maximo Parades 13 May 2015 Reading
- ◆ Tadd Shiffer 14 March 2015 Pine Grove

Committee Members:

Bruce L. Dietrich - Chairman
David G. Loose, Jr. - Assistant Chairman



UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 10 - Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at the Goggleworks.

August 15th - Daniel Boone - Revolutionary & 16th War Encampment - SAR Booth from 9am to 4pm.

September 10 - Quarterly Meeting, 6:00PM Heidelberg Country Club, Bernville, PA.

November 09 - Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at the Goggleworks.

November 11 - Veteran's Day Ceremony at City Park. Ceremony to start at 11AM, Color Guard to assemble at 10:30AM

December 03 - Annual Meeting, 6:00PM Location TBD

December 12 - Wreaths Across America, Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. Ceremony to start at 12 noon.



Chapter Website: www.berkssar.com

Vigil at George and Martha Washington's Tomb



19 September 2015 at Mount Vernon. The watch will start at 9:00 am and the last shift will end at 5:30 pm
If Interested, contact:
Michael (Mike) J Radcliff
NSSAR National Color Guard Commander

Michael (Mike) J Radcliff

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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 - Willard N. Brensinger Jr.
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

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