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President's Message

Greetings Compatriots,

Holiday Greetings to everyone !!!! Yes, that time of year is fast approaching and as you read this, Thanksgiving is a few weeks away and our "Annual Dinner Meeting" is the following Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 at the Berkshire Country Club. The speaker for the evening



will be W. James Shucker Jr. and his topic is "The Union Canal, the Golden Link with the West." I hope you are planning to attend.

The "2nd Annual George Washington's Birthday Luncheon" is scheduled to be held at the Berkshire Country Club as well and the guest speaker will be Dr. Christopher Pearl. He is Professor of History at Lycoming College and I had the privilege of hearing him speak at the August PASSAR Board Of Management Meeting. A very dynamic and enthusiastic speaker, who will keep your interest.

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Dues Reminder

PASSAR has mailed out the Dues Notices, which includes an increase to National of \$5 from \$30 to \$35. If you have not received your Dues Notice, please contact the Chapter Treasurer David Loose Jr. Members can tear the coupon off the bottom of the Dues Notice and return with payment to:

PASSAR Treasurer, Donald E. Mengle 135 West Blade Drive PA. Furnace, PA 16865-9500

Or preferably, remit the payment online through the PASSAR website which can be accessed at https://members.passar.org or through the link on the Chapter website: www.berkssar.com.

Membership Dues need to be received by the PASSAR Treasurer on before the December 31st deadline to avoid the reinstatement form & fee. Please forward any address changes to the Chapter Secretary.

President's Message: - Continued

Looking back for a moment, a year has passed and a lot of things were accomplished by Your Chapter Officers and Volunteers and I want to take this time and space to "THANK THEM ALL" for their hard work in supporting our activities throughout the year. When you see them out in the public, doing what they do best, they are there because they want to be and are "PROUD" to be doing so. So my heartfelt "THANK YOU, FOR A JOB WELL DONE" goes out to each and everyone. I also want to "THANK ALL OF YOU" for your support throughout the year. Your communications to me are very much appreciated and needed. THANK YOU!!!!

With that being said, I / WE need to have a member step up and help and / or take over the Secretary's Office as Dave is in need of relief. His job is changed and does not have as much time to devote to his Sec. duties. We really need your help. Contact any Officer to help.

Again, my best to You and Yours, "A Happy Thanksgiving", "A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" !!!!!!!

Sincerely, Leon E. Adam, President



Battles at Daniel Boone: A Revolutionary War Encampment



On August 15th & 16th The Daniel Boone Homestead hosted the *Battles at Daniel Boone*. During the event, our Chapter set up a Membership Booth in an effort to recruit new members. Several chapter members manned the booth from 8am to 4pm both days and had the opportunity to speak to many interested people.





September Quarterly Meeting Highlights

The September Quarterly Dinner Meeting was held at the Heidelberg Country Club in Bernville. Our guest speaker for the night was Michael S. Jesberger who spoke on the topic of "Bristish & Hessian Prisioners of War in Reading and Lancaster Counties."

President Leon Adam led the Business Meeting. As shown in the pictures below, President Adam presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal & Certificate to Charles H. Seibert and David G. Loose Jr. for their active service to the Chapter's Color Guard. President Adam and Veterans Chairman Charles H. Seibert also presented the Certificate of Patriotism to James McAteer for his service in Vietnam. This was followed by swearing in of Compatriot Thomas W. Famiglietti who came into our Chapter through his ancestor Abel Sprague.



Guest Dinner Speaker, Military Historian Michael S. Jesberger with his son, Erik standing beside one of his Continental Line Uniforms



President Leon E. Adam awarded the Bronze Color Guard Medal & Certificate to Compatriots Charles H. Seibert & David G. Loose Jr.



President Leon E. Adam & Chairman of Veterans Affairs, Charles H. Seibert presented Compatriot James M. McAteer with the Certificate of Patriotism



Compatriot Thomas W. Famiglietti is sworn in by President Leon Adam, and receives his Rosette from his Sponsor, Compatriot Eric H. Troutman



Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert receives the NSSAR President Patriot Biography Streamer Award From President Leon E. Adam

Vigil at George and Martha Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon

On Saturday, September 19th, twenty-six compatriots from 10 state societies participated in the Vigil at the Tomb of George

& Martha Washington.



Roll Call: CA: Jim Fosdyck and Karl Jacobs.; GA: James A Hankins and John Hyatt.; IA: Micheal J Rowley.; KS: T. Brooks Lyles,Jr.; MD: Da-vid H Embrey, David W. Hoover, Eugene R. Moyer and Daniel Wilson.; MO: Russell F. De Venney, Jr, J Wayne Merrill and C. Michael Schmidt.; NC: Ralph Smiley, Kenneth Smith, George K. Strunk and John Sullivan.; OH: M. Troy Bailey, Daniel M. Matheke, John Opre, James A. Pildner and Timothy E. Ward.; PA: David G. Loose, Jr, Ronald Miller and Gary W. Timmons.; TX: Robert Greshame. Photos:Un Hui Yi









Conrad Weiser Rememberance Ceremony

Members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Color Guard participated in a joint event with the Patriotic Order Sons of America ("POS of A") with a special ceremony on Sunday, October 18th. The Ceremony was held at the gravesite of Conrad Weiser at his Homestead in Womelsdorf to remember and honor him for his contributions to colonial Pennsylvania. Weiser was an 18th century German immigrant who served as an Indian interpreter and who helped coordinate Pennsylvania's Indian policy.





Above from left to right: V.P. & Captain Charles H. Seibert, Raymond H. Longacre, David G. Loose Jr., Eric H. Troutman (Past President), President Leon E. Adam, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Barry L. Kauffman (Past President) and Nevin C. Miller (Past President).



Above photo of the ceremony centered around Conrad Weiser's gravestone. From left to right: Gov. Joseph Hiester Color Guard, POS of A and re-enactors from the Pennsylvania Regiment.



Veteran's Day Ceremony in City Park & Governor Joseph Hiester Ceremony

On Wednesday, November 11th, Veteran's Day Ceremony at Veterans Grove, City Park, Reading. Service starts at 11AM.

Governor Joseph Hiester Wreath Laying Ceremony, at Charles Evans Cemetery, immediately after Veteran's Day Ceremony at City Park. We will meet at Charles Evans Cemetery, just inside the Main Gate, 1119 Center Ave., Reading, PA 19601 then proceed to the gravesite.

Gov Joseph Hiester was a Captain in the militia and later captured at the Battle of Long Island while most of his compatriots were wounded or killed. He was sent to the HMS Jersey Prision Ship and eventually transferred to New York in a prisioner exchange. He also participated in the Battle of Germantown.



He was a member of the convention of 1776 that drafted the Articles of Confederation, of the Pennsylvania state constitutional convention which ratified the United States Constitution, and of the state constitutional convention of 1790. He served in the house (1787–1790) and the senate (1790–1794) of Pennsylvania. In 1807, he was appointed one of the two major generals to command the quota of Pennsylvania militia that was called for by the president. He served in the United States House of Representatives from 1797 until 1805, and again from 1815 until 1820, 14 years altogether. In 1817, he ran for governor, only to be defeated by William Findlay. Hiester faced Findlay again in 1820 and narrowly won a single term in office. Refusing on principle to stand for reelection in 1823, he served until 1824 when he retired from public life. During his term, he presided over the dedication of the first state capitol building in the new capital of Harrisburg. He surprised partisans and opponents by making appointments strictly on merit rather than party affiliation.

Annual Dinner Meeting, December 3rd, Berkshire Country Club



Our Guest Speaker will be W. James Schucker Jr. "The Union Canal, the Golden Link with the West"

W. James Schucker Jr. grew up in Lebanon, served in the Navy. He attended the University of Hawaii and received his Bachelor's Degree from Lebanon Valley College. He later studied at Penn State and received a Master's degree from Millersville University. Jim retired from the Lebanon School District in 2000 after 36 years of service. Mr. Schucker has served as Secretary of the Lebanon County Historical Society for 25 years and on the Board for 35 years. Jim has been active in the Friends of the Union Canal Tunnel Park since it was organized in 1994 serving as the Chairman of Park Development and overseeing the restoration of the North Side of the park. He was the Treasurer for about 16 years and is now serving as their President. He helps maintain the park and serves as the Historian of the organization. Mr. Schucker is also serving as President of St. Marks U.C.C. Congregation in Lebanon, Pa.

Upcoming Events



Everyone is invited to the cemetery to witness the ceremony in the PA Veteran's Memorial and assist in placing sponsored wreaths.

Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 12:00 noon

Parking will be at the Fort Indiantown Gap Community Club (about 1/2 mile from the cemetery entrance and buses will shuttle guests to the ceremony. Arrive early and dress warm.

Please help us honor our veterans during the holiday season.

Ask your family and friends to become sponsors also.

Copies of the sponsorship form can be downloaded by visiting https://sites.google.com/site/conradweisersociety/

If you prefer to use a credit card, you must visit the Wreaths Across America website www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org to process the transaction.

If sponsoring a wreath on-line, please specify Sponsoring Group # PA0024P and

Cemetery Destination as Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

(Cemetery Code: PAIGNA)

Sponsorships must be submitted by Dec. 2, 2015 to be included in this years ceremony



Our Chapter Welcomes Guest Speaker

DR. CHRISTOPHER PEARL

Assistant Professor Department of History Lycoming College

IS COMING TO READING, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

A regular lecturer at Mount Vernon's Fred W Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. The topic of his talk, 'I walk on untrodden ground', George Washington and the Forging of the Presidency. Dr. Pearl has graciously accepted our invitation to be the speaker at our 2nd. Annual George Washington's Birthday Luncheon, at the Berkshire Country Club.

Dr. Pearl specializes in **Early American History and is an expert of Colonial and Revolutionary America.** He has published scholarly articles on the origins of the American Revolution, the significance of religion in the causes and consequences of the American Revolution, and the American Revolution as a process of the state formation and is currently working on a book exploring the American Revolution in Pennsylvania entitled, *Forged in Crisis: The American Revolution and the Creation of a Commonwealth.*

Dr. Pearl received his PhD from Binghamton University, his MA from Brockport University, and his BA from St. John Fisher College.

Dr. Pearl has received 11 research grants from organizations and places such as the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the David Library of the American Revolution.



Officer Nominations

Nominating Committee Chairman Barry L. Kauffman has reported the following slate officers for the 2016 Administration.

President Leon E. Adam Vice President Charles H. Seibert

Secretary Vacant

Treasurer David G. Loose Jr.
Chaplain Dr. David Brock
Registrar Eric H. Troutman
Genealogist Eric H. Troutman
Chancellor Scott E. Lash, Esq.
Surgeon Dr. Thomas Stewart

Election and installation of 2016 officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on December 3rd 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.



Our Executive Board has been searching for new ways to get our Chapter's name out there and to attract new members. As part of this effort, our Chapter is now advertised on Go Greater Reading's Website, where we will also have the ability to advertise upcoming Chapter events.

Please forward and posting ideas for the Go Greater Reading website to: davidloosejr@yahoo.com

The advertisement can be accessed on the Go Greater Reading Website (www.gogreaterreading.com) by either typing in "Sons of the American Revolution" in the search field or by typing in the full web address: http://www.gogreaterreading.com/venue/sons-of-american-revolution-s-a-r/

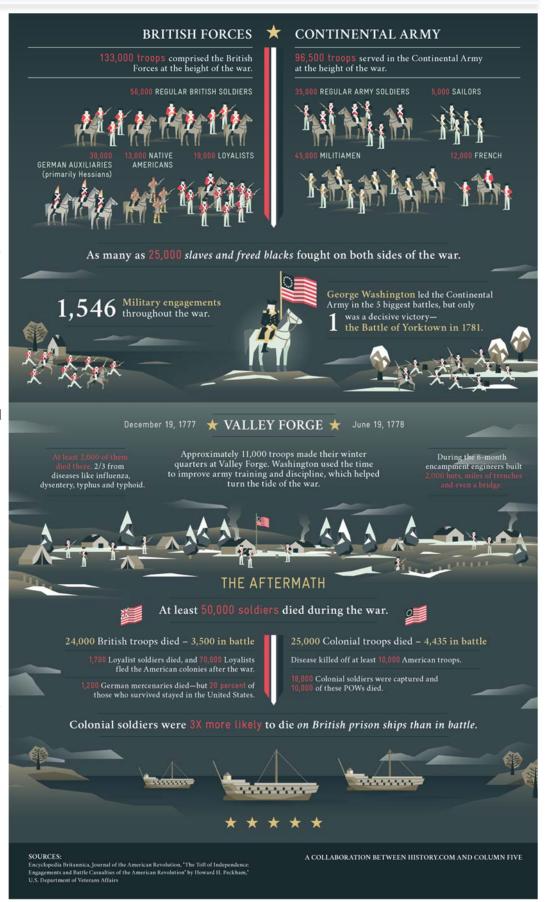


Sons of American Revolution (S.A.R.)

The S.A.R. is a National Organization of proven male descendants of Patriots of the American Revolution. A non-profit, non-secret, non-political group, dedicated to patriotic, historical and educational objectives. Quarterly Dinner Meetings throughout Reading and environs. Are YOU interested in tracing your ancestry to become a member? Call or email. We can help!

Revolutionary War 1775 - 1783

- U.S. troops engaged: 217,000
- American battle deaths: 4,435
- The 13 American colonies fought for independence from British rule to become the United States.
- Colonists were frustrated because Britain forced them to pay taxes, yet did not give them any representation in the British Parliament. Colonists rallied behind the phrase, "no taxation without representation."
- The first shots rang out on the morning of April 19, 1775 in Lexington, Mass.
- At the Battle of Bunker Hill, colonial officer William Prescott ordered, "Do not fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" His troops had the courage and discipline to hold their fire until the enemy was near, an early sign that the ragear American army had a chance at defeating the well-trained, well-armed British troops.
- Congress chose George
 Washington as commander
 and chief of America's armed
 forces.
- The Battle of Saratoga was the first great American victory of the war and is widely believed to have been the turning point that led America to triumph over Britain.
- The Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783, and Great Britain acknowledged America's independence. The treaty established a northern boundary with Canada and set the Mississippi River as the western boundary.



Veteran's Committee Report - 2015:

I attended six Stand-Down's for Homeless and Needy Vets, next Stand-Downs will be November14th & December 12th at the YMCA.

We are always looking for clothing donations and personal items (tooth brushes & toothpaste, soap, 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 Veterans:

On August 1st 2015, President General Lawrence officially brought the Special Ops Veterans Corp Task Force under the VRC. This will accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future operations, which are associated with less known campaign, service and/or expeditionary medals. Also the Southwest Asia Task Force will include the Persian Gulf Veterans Service Corp. All 18 Countries that are included in the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility will be under this New Initiative. You can fill out this form on line at Berkssar.com, just open up SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form and complete the form and submit it to me with a copy of your DD214.

Veterans Services Corps Totals:

Military Service Veterans Corps 92

WWII – 591 There was a total of 855 Compatriots in this Corp Korea –130 Vietnam –401 SW Asia/Persian Gulf-47 Special Operations/12 started 8/1/15

Three Compatriots Military Survey Application were approved by the Veterans Recognition Committee, those being, David G. Loose Jr., Kenneth C. Brenneman; Military Service & James M. McAteer; Vietnam Service. One application was sent to Veterans Recognition Committee, that being, Scott R. Jenkins for his Korean Service, forward August 1st. to Col. Sweeney.

Total 1273

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

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



Color Guard Report:

It has been a long dry Summer but as the Fall and Winter Season arrives we are preparing for the upcoming events.



- Sunday, October 18, Conrad Weiser Gravesite Ceremony,
 Service starts at 3:00 PM, arrive by 2:30PM.
- Wednesday, November 11th, Veterans Day Service, Veterans Grove, City Park, Reading. Service starts at 11AM, arrive at 10:30AM
- Governor Joseph Hiester Wreath Laying Ceremony, at Charles Evans Cemetery immediately after Veterans Day Ceremony at City Park.
- Saturday, December 12th, Wreaths Across America, Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. Service starts at 12 Noon, arrive by 11:15AM

Just a reminder that all members and their guest are welcome to all our Chapter's activities.

As always, we are looking for new faces to join us. You don't need to attend all the events; a couple here and a couple there would really help us. You don't even need a uniform to start off, and right now and we will supply you with a Tri Corner Hat and Gloves. All we need is a couple of hours of your time during these events to help keeping our Color Guard ACTIVE!!!

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Genealogist / Registrar Report:

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Sons of the of the American Revolution Genealogist/Registrar Report Hiester Herald October 18th, 2105

New Members Approved:AncestorsThomas W. FamigliettiAbel Sprague

New Dual MembersWilliam C. RegliBenjamin WeberChristopher T. SmithsonDaniel Smithson

Supplementals Approved:
Willard N. Brensinger Jr.
Brinton C.P. Corson
Stephen B. Corson
Raymond H. Longacre
Jayquan J.J. Sudler
L. Stefan H. Troutman
R. Glenn Weyer

Willard N. Brensinger Jr.
Charles "Carl" Cramp
Peter Deshong
Peter Deshong
Joseph Martin
Johannes Grunewald
Johannes Grunewald
Valentine Rumel

Applications at Nat. Headquarters:

New Member Appl.

John W. Reinhart & Peter Reinhart, Joseph J. Galasione & Carl W. Yeich

Supplemental Appl.

Raymond H. Longacre (4), Larry A. Magdy (2), Gerald C. Peppel (2), Charles H. Seibert & Eric H. Troutman.

The chapter now has 144 members and 15 prospective members.

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







EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE REPORT

So far this year the Eagle Scout Committee has presented 24 Eagle Scout certificates in person and mailed 20 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

Thoughts from your Membership Chairman

Compatriots...

It has been said the squeaky wheel gets the grease and I have seen proof of that. Our membership growth will come to a squeaky halt unless you all step up and take the oil can in hand.



As compatriots we all are responsible to see our chapter continue in a manner in which we can all be proud. We now are on the cusp of making history as we progress to becoming the second largest chapter in the state. This is an accomplishment I did not foresee when I joined Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter.

So...come forward all you red blooded compatriots ready to fight for our place in history. Praise our accomplishments and your pride in our chapter to your eligible kinfolk and bring them to a meeting and, hopefully, into membership.

It may sound corny but I am excited. I hope you are as well.

Nevin C. Miller, Membership Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 6th & 7th - Fall BOM Meeting, Valley Forge, PA

November 11 - Veteran's Day Ceremony at City Park.

Ceremony to start at 11AM, Color Guard to assemble at 10:30AM

November 11 - Gov. Joseph Hiester Ceremony at Charles Evan's Cemetery Ceremony will be held after City Park Event

November 16 - Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at the Goggleworks.

December 03 - Annual Dinner Meeting, 6:00PM Berkshire Country Club

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

February 5th & 6th—Spring BOM Meeting

February 8th - Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at the Goggleworks.

February 27 - Washington's Birthday Luncheon, Berkshire Country Club





Chapter Website: www.berkssar.com

New Members!! Tell us about your ancestor. Submit your ancestor's Bio for us to publish.

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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