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President's Message

Compatriots,

During the last week of June Miles K. Dechant, Darryl S. Jefferies, Dr. Thomas E. Shultz and I attended the 120th Annual Congress of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution at Cleveland, Ohio. While there we attended to the business of the national society. Our hosts, the Ohio Society SAR provided plenty of opportunities for exploring Cleveland with our fellow compatriots. Needless to say we enjoyed ourselves. I was most impressed during the Memorial Service on Sunday when about 60 color guardsmen filed into the Old Stone Church in center city Cleveland with their flags flying. Compatriot Darryl S. Jefferies and PASSAR President J. Thomas Showlar were part of the choir. I felt proud and at the same time humble to be associated with such a fine group of people. Words really can't describe the feelings I had during the Memorial Service. Our chapter received the Partners in Patriotism certificate for our work with veteran's groups. I received the Liberty Medal and Miles K. Dechant received an

Oak Leave Cluster to add to his Liberty Medal. The medal is awarded to those compatriots who are first line signers for ten new members, for every ten there after, you are awarded the cluster. Miles was also elected to serve a second term as Librarian General. J. David Sympson, a dual member of our chapter, was elected President General of the national society. Consider taking time to attend a National Congress in the future. You will certainly find it to be a worthwhile endeavor. Your time will be spent with old and new friends as you do the work of the society.

July 24th was HOT but that did not deter 9 compatriots, 3 prospective members and 11 ladies from "picnicking". We gathered inside my home in air conditioned comfort to enjoy conversation and good food.

Please plan to attend the dinner meeting on September 9, 2010 at the Heidelberg Country Club. We'll be trying something new in October. We will be meeting at the Country Fare Restaurant in Myerstown on October 23 for breakfast.

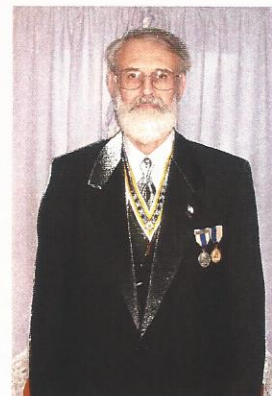
Finally, please refer to the article "Where will Tomorrow's Minute-

men Come From?" .Let's all try to be donors to the new building that will house our National Headquarters in Louisville, KY. For a donation of \$100 you will receive the handsome pin shown in the article and you can proudly declare your support of our Society.

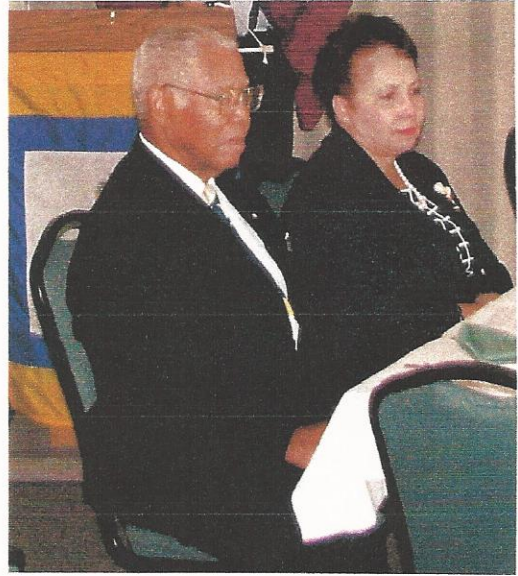
Please also consider sponsoring wreaths for Wreaths Across America. An order form is included in this letter. The CAR has taken up a worthy cause. We are proud of these young people.

Eric H. Troutman

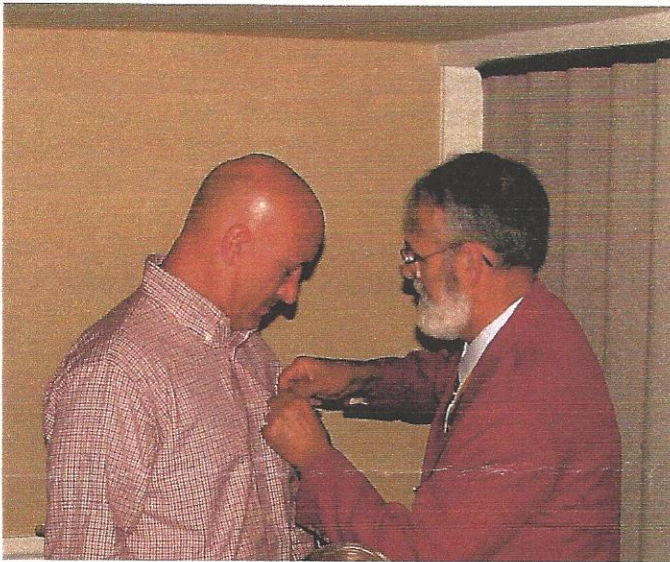
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through a
Different Lens*
June 10, 2010 Galen Hall
Restaurant



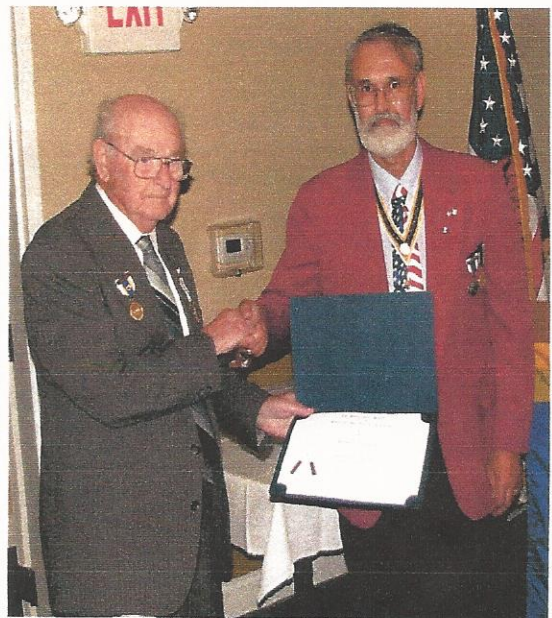
John James, above right, a compatriot from Philadelphia Continental Chapter, accompanied his daughter, left, Dr. Marion Lane to Galen Hall. Dr. Lane presented little known history of the Free Black men who settled in the colonies prior to the revolution and their service to the cause of freedom.



Michael Hertz receives his rosette from President Troutman.



Berks County Chapter DAR Regent, Hallie Vaughan and her son, Compatriot Tristram Vaughan await the beginning of the evening's program.



Compatriot Henry L. Troutman receives the Marshall Lignian award.

Where will tomorrow's "Minutemen" come from?



"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream.

It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

—President Ronald Reagan

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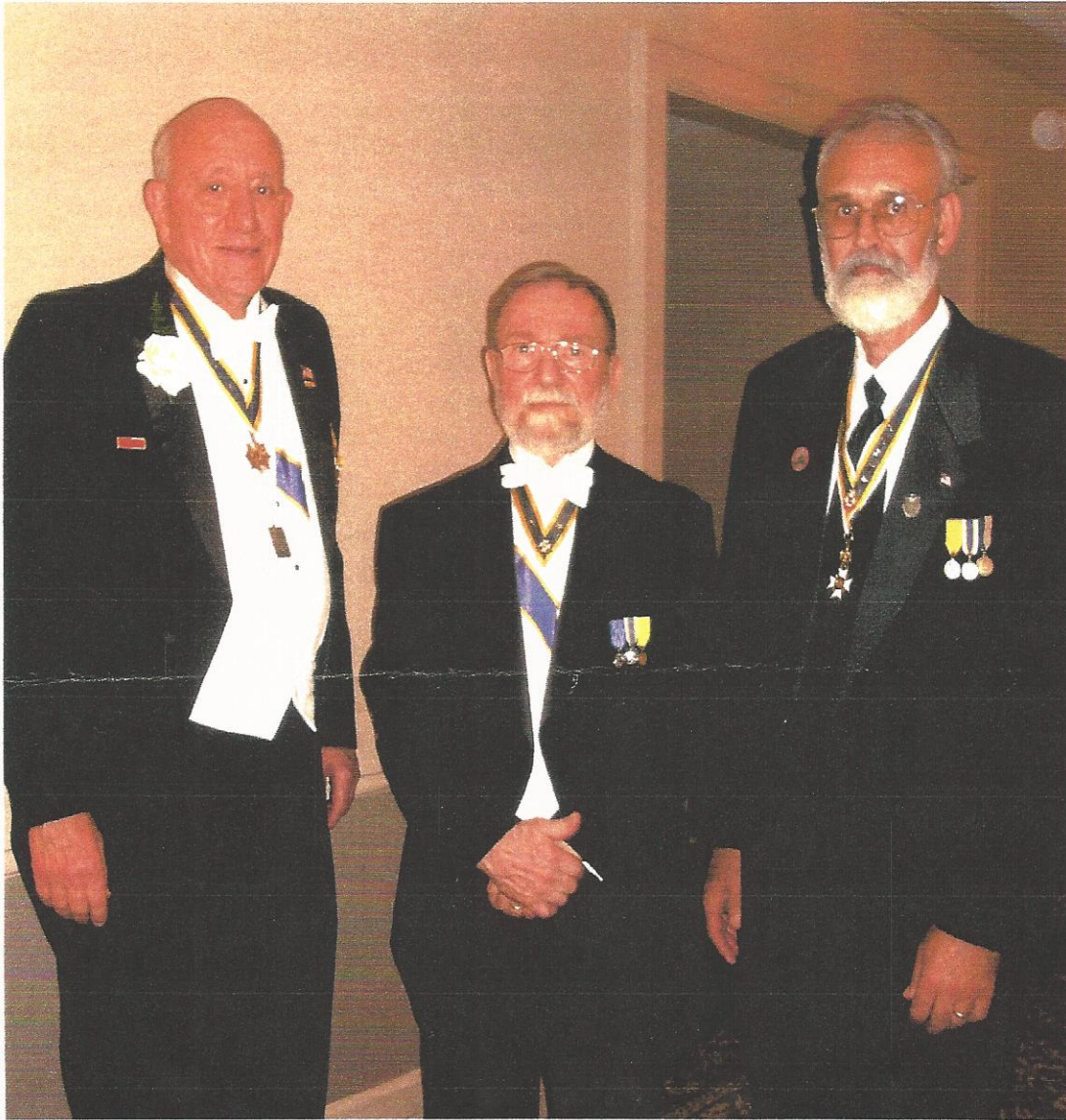
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120th Annual Congress, Cleveland Ohio
June 25-30, 2010



Dual Member Elected President General

J. David Sympton, left, dual member of Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, was elected President General NSSAR during the 120th Annual Congress June 30, 2010 in Cleveland Ohio. Standing with the new President General is Miles K. Dechant, Librarian General NSSAR and Eric H. Troutman, President Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter and PSSAR District #1 Deputy.



NSSAR Color Guard assembled with NSSAR Past President General Judge Ed Butler (affectionately dubbed Col. Sanders) after the Memorial Service in Old Stone Church.



Compatriot Miles K. Dechant, NSSAR Librarian General, with his lady, Betty, relaxes after taking the oath of office at NSSAR Annual Congress.

Are you seeing double? Many thought they were at the recent NSSAR Annual Congress. Compatriot Troutman, right, was often familiarly greeted by attendees of Congress mistaking Troutman for Dr. Raymond Clapsadle, Southern District Vice President General.



Committee Reports

Eagle Scout Committee

Our scholarship award winner for 2009, John David Watts, from Troop # 595 was recognized at our June dinner meeting.

Our committee has attended fifty-four Courts of Honor where we presented the scouts with a letters of congratulations from the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, Certificates of Recognition, and information about our scholarship program. The same information was mailed to the sixteen Eagle Scouts whose ceremonies we were unable to attend.

My thanks to Tom Brown, Robert Hillegas, Scott Lash, Nevin Miller, Martin Peicker, Bruce Reppert, Eric Troutman and Floyd Turner for giving of their time to recognize the young men of the Hawk Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America. As always, we would welcome any member to join the

committee to honor these outstanding youth of our communities.

Robert W. Murray,
Eagle Scout Chairman



John David Watts receives the Eagle Scout Scholarship award from Robert W. Murray as President Eric H. Troutman looks on.

Genealogist's Report

Five new members have been registered as of the end of July 2010. They are Leon E. Adam ancestor Johan Heinrich Adam; David J. Batdorf, ancestor Henry Shepler; Harry A. Milkins, Jr. ancestor General John Stark; Jeffrey S. Milkins ancestor General John Stark; Nevin F. Miller ancestor Conrad Roeder. The following applications await approval at National Headquarters: John M. Stoudt, Stephen N. Stoudt, Jayquan J. Sudler and Willard N. Brensinger, Jr. Two supplementals have been approved and they are for Eric H. Troutman whose ancestors are Peter Lebo and Johann Peter Leiss. Currently Raymond H. Longacre, Gerald C. Pepple, Dr. David C. Brock and Eric H. Troutman have supplemental applications awaiting approval at National. At this time Governor Joseph Hiester chapter has 86 members, 2 dual members and I am working with 10 prospective members.

Eric H. Troutman
Registrar/Genealogist

Color Guard Report

Over the course of the past few months the Color Guard was very busy. Our members participated in the following events:

- May 29 – Wyomissing Hills Memorial Day Parade
- May 30 – Oley Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony
- May 31 – Wreath Laying in City Park, Veterans Grove
- May 31 – Bernville Memorial Day Parade
- June 5 – Ceremony marking the 115th anniversary of the 1st meeting of the Conrad Weiser Society, Children of the American Revolution
- June 12 – Berks County Chapter, DAR Flag Day Luncheon
- June 13 – Allegiance Sunday service at St. Paul's UCC in Amityville
- June 27 – Philadelphia Continental Chapter Allegiance Sunday at Washington Chapel in Valley Forge National Park
- July 4 – Wyomissing July 4th Parade
- July 10 – Grave Dedication ceremony in Juniata Co.

I wish to thank the members of the Color Guard. Their support and dedication to the chapter and the SAR has been outstanding!!

I have had the honor and pleasure of serving as the Captain of the Color Guard for the past 5 years. It has been a wonderful experience!

Again I will mention that the Color Guard needs more members!! If you are interested at all...if you can participate in a few events a year....if you can help with the organizational duties....if you can carry the banner in parades....please contact a member of the Color Guard and say "Yes, I'll help!".

Floyd N. Turner II

Color Guard Captain



Guardsman, Bruce Reppert

Allegiance Sunday was observed at St. Paul's UCC in Amityville. The Governor Joseph Hiester color guard honors the known Revolutionary War veterans buried in the old cemetery.



Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter Compatriots SAR join Conrad Weiser Society CAR members in commemorating the Conrad Weiser Society's 115th anniversary at the Revolutionary War monument in Reading City Park.

2010 Calendar of Events

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| Sept. 9 | Membership Meeting
Heidelberg Country Club, 6:00 PM |
| October 23 | Breakfast
Country Fare Restaurant, 9:00 AM, Myerstown |
| Nov. 4 | Executive Committee Meeting Troutman Home |
| Dec. 2 | Annual Membership Meeting
Berkshire Country Club, 6:00 PM |

