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A Message from the President

Compatriots,

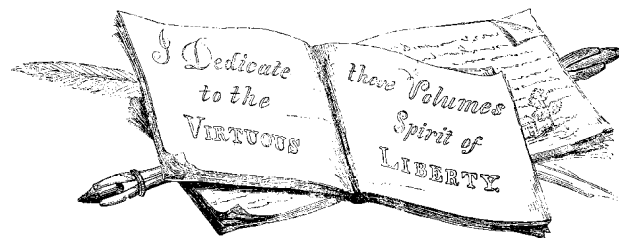
As I begin my duties as your President and we begin a New Year, my hope is that all your wishes and expectations come true. When we look forward, we can see many new adventures both in our chapter and with the political atmosphere. May we always keep in mind what our ancestors went through to give us the freedoms we enjoy. Whatever challenges we face it will pale in comparison to the hardships they endured for us. Floyd Turner did an outstanding job as master of ceremonies for Wreaths Across America and we owe him many thanks for representing PASSAR and the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter in such an honorable way. Thanks Floyd. Our chapter is still looking to fill some vacant positions, they are; Editor of the Hiester Herald, Chairman of the Knight Essay and Chairman of Veterans Affairs Committees.

We are looking to many exciting events this year and I would like to see as many of us at these events as possible. As "they" always say 'the more the merrier'

Please remember the President's Day luncheon on Saturday, February 19, 12:00 noon, at The Inn at Reading.

Your President and Compatriot,

Robert Hillegas



Quarterly meeting will be held on March 17, 2011—see page 8

Highlights from Annual Meeting

The Chapter conducted it's Annual Meeting on December 2nd at the Berkshire Country Club. Regrettably, President Eric Troutman ended up in the hospital several days before the meeting and was unable to attend in order to cap off his successful year of service to the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter.

Vice President Robert Hillegas stepped up to lead the meeting and presented several awards on behalf of President Troutman. Meritorious Service medals were presented to Compatriots Lawrence Ramberger and David Batdorf for their service to the chapter as Chaplain and Chancellor, respectively. DAR member, Mary Bahr, was presented the Martha Washington medal for her years of service and dedication to the SAR which includes promoting SAR, recruiting members, providing genealogical research, preparing applications, submitting information and photos for the Hiester Herald and numerous acts of kindness and generosity. Last, but certainly not least, Compatriot William G. Koch Jr. was presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship medal for his work and leadership in various community organizations including the Boy Scouts of America.

Toward the end of the evening, Nominating Committee Chairman Floyd Turner, conducted the election of the 2011 Chapter officers which included new Chapter President Robert M. Hillegas, see page 7 for a list of 2011 Chapter Officers and Chairman.

We look forward to another successful year under the leadership of President Hillegas and the 2011 officers. All members are encouraged to aide and assist President Hillegas and the chapter in any way you can.



Mary Bahr of the Berks County Chapter, DAR is presented the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate



William G. Koch Jr. (left) is presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate

All members are encouraged to report news and submit articles and pictures for the newsletter.

Deadlines for submissions:
 Feb. 1 for February issue
 May 1 for May issue
 Aug. 1 for August issue
 Nov. 1 for November issue

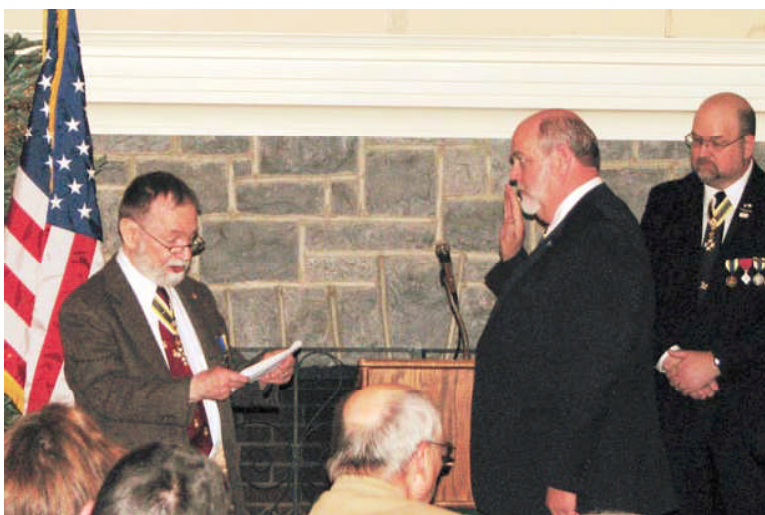
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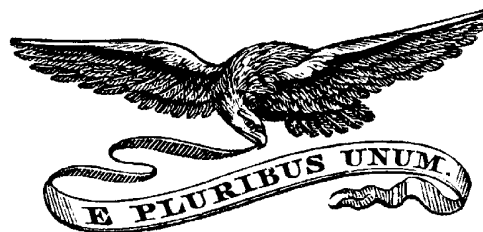
Berks County Chapter, DAR
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Conrad Weiser Society, CAR
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(Left) Librarian General Miles K. Dechant swears-in newly elected Chapter President Robert Hillegas as PASSAR Secretary Floyd Turner and the membership look on.

(Below) Librarian General Dechant installs the 2011 chapter officers. (l to r) Lawrence Ramberger, Scott Lash Esq., Barry Kauffman, Dr. David Brock, David Loose and Robert Murray.



As his first official act, President Hillegas appointed recently-retired MSgt David Shultz (left) to serve as Aide-to-the-President.

Veterans Day Ceremony in City Park



The Color Guard rallied to the call and presented the colors along with the Marine Corps League and JROTC from Reading High School during the Veterans Day ceremony in City Park, Reading on November 11th. The weather was beautiful and President Eric Troutman (above left) placed a wreath on behalf of the chapter to honor our veterans. In the picture to the right above are (l to r) Floyd Turner, Pam Kolyer; Senior President of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R., Robert Hillegas, Raymond Longacre, President Eric Troutman and Betty Dechant; Regent of the Berks County Chapter, DAR standing by the Revolutionary War monument.



Presentation to DAR



PASSAR Secretary and Past Chapter President Floyd Turner was invited to make a presentation about the SAR to the members of the Berks County Chapter, DAR on November 20th. The ladies were informed about the mission and objectives of the SAR in general and chapter activities in particular and asked to encourage their male relatives to join the organization.

WANTED

COLOR GUARD MEMBERS

The chapter Color Guard needs more members willing to serve the chapter, help present the colors at various meetings/ceremonies and represent the chapter and the SAR at public events.

Anyone interested or wanting more information should contact Color Guard Captain Floyd Turner or President Robert Hillegas

Wreaths Across America



The annual Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, and over 500 other national cemeteries, on December 11th. Color Guard Captain Floyd Turner again acted as Master of Ceremonies with President Robert Hillegas and Nevin Miller acting as the Ceremonial Guard. The event was attended by over 600 people and various groups including C.A.R., Boy Scouts, Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol and Patriot Guard Riders aided in the effort. In all, over 1,900 wreaths were placed on veterans graves after the ceremony, 4 of those being sponsored by the generosity of the chapter. Next years ceremony is scheduled for December 10, 2011.



Eagle Scout Committee Report

During the 2010 calendar year our committee attended seventy-three Courts of Honor and sent an additional twenty-six certificates to scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle.

This year we had five Eagle Scouts submit scholarship applications. Our Recognition and Scholarship award winner for 2010 is Mitchell Jeffrey Gettis, 4 Mulligans Drive, Reading, PA 19606 from Troop # 377. Eagle Scout Gettis will be recognized at our dinner meeting in June. His application has been sent to the Pennsylvania State Sons of the American Revolution for their consideration in the state competition.



(Above) Eagle Scout Sean Slater from Troop 155 with his parents during his Court of Honor

Thanks to the entire committee for their dedication and support during 2010.

Robert W. Murray, Chairman



Genealogist Report

New Members and Supplementals

The Chapter welcomes the following new member:

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Willard N. Brensinger	Casper Brensinger
Stephen M. Lugovich	Daniel Edwards
Robert W. Richards	Jacob Petrie

The following supplementals have been approved:

Eric H. Troutman	Peter Lamm
Raymond H. Longacre	Mathias King
Gerald C. Peppel	Mathias King

There are currently 2 new-member applications and 3 supplemental applications at NSSAR for approval.

*Eric H. Troutman
Genealogist/Registrar*

WANTED

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

President Hillegas is looking for a Compatriot willing to serve the Chapter as Newsletter Editor. This is a vital service which helps keep our members informed about Chapter activities.

The position involves the preparation, printing and mailing of the Hiester Herald. Ability to photograph events is also helpful.

Interested members should contact
President Robert Hillegas

2011 Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen

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If you are interested in obtaining more information about the activities of the chapter or committees please contact the appropriate officer or chairman. If you would like to volunteer to lead a committee, please contact the Chapter President. If you would like to volunteer to assist one of the existing chairmen, please contact that chairman directly.

Report News and Events!

Compatriots, this is your newsletter! You're encouraged to submit news, articles, information and photographs that may be of interest to the members of the chapter. Articles relating to the history of Berks County and surrounding areas in the 18th century may be particularly interesting.

Also, don't forget to visit the State and National websites for more information regarding the SAR!

www.sar.org
&
www.sar.org/passar/

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- Feb. 10**—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 803 Evergreen Dr., Wyomissing
- Feb. 19**—President’s Day Luncheon, 12:00 Noon at the Inn at Reading, Speaker: Nancy K. Loane, Ed.D
- Mar. 17**—Quarterly Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Yellow House Hotel, 6743 Boyertown Pike, Douglassville
- May 12**—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 803 Evergreen Dr., Wyomissing
- May 30**—Wreath Laying Ceremony, Veterans Grove, City Park, Reading
- Jun. 9**—Quarterly Meeting, 6:00 PM, Location to be determined
- Jun. 11**—DAR Flag Day Luncheon, Location to be determined, Speaker: Brig. Gen. John Gronski
- Jun. 26**—Allegiance Sunday service at Belleman’s Church, 3540 Belleman’s Church Rd., Mohrsville
- Aug. 11**—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 803 Evergreen Dr., Wyomissing
- Sep. 8**—Quarterly Meeting, 6:00 PM, Location to be determined
- Nov. 10**—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 803 Evergreen Dr., Wyomissing
- Nov. 11**—Wreath Laying Ceremony in Veterans Grove, City Park, Reading
- Dec. 1**—Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Berkshire Country Club
- Dec. 10**—Wreaths Across America, 12:00 Noon in the PA Veterans Memorial at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

PASSAR Events

- May 6 & 7**—Annual Meeting
 Hosted by: Philadelphia Continental Chapter
- Aug. 5 & 6**—Quarterly Meeting
 Hosted by: Centre County Chapter
- Nov. 4 & 5**—Quarterly Meeting
 Hosted by: Frontier Patriots Chapter

Any Compatriot that wishes to attend a PASSAR meeting should contact the Chapter President at least a month before the event. He will ensure that you receive the registration form before the deadline for submittal.

President’s Day Luncheon

On February 19, 2011 the chapter will host the annual President’s Day Luncheon at the Inn at Reading. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon. After a buffet lunch, we will hear Nancy Loane, Ed.D speak on her book, “Following the Drum: Women at the Valley Forge Encampment.”

Our friends from the Historical Society of Berks County, the Berks County Chapter, DAR and the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. will also be joining us. Please plan to attend and remember that guests are also welcome.

Quarterly Meeting

The Chapter will hold the Quarterly Meeting on March 17, 2011 at the Yellow House Hotel in Douglassville. Built in 1801, the hotel has served as a stage coach stop, general store, post office and village switchboard. Join us for an evening of camaraderie and fellowship at this historic Berks County landmark.

DAR Flag Day Luncheon

The Berks County Chapter, DAR has graciously invited our chapter members and guests to attend their annual Flag Day Luncheon which will be held on June 11th. Information and a registration form for the luncheon will be included in the next issue.

Allegiance Sunday Service

The chapter will be holding Allegiance Sunday on June 26th at Belleman’s Church in Mohrsville. The church was founded in 1746 and we’ll be joining the congregation on a day when they will be holding services in the Old Church which was built in 1815. The church is very much like it was in the 19th century and has no heating or air conditioning. It has a wine-glass pulpit and a hand-pumped pipe organ.

After the church service we are planning to have a special grave-dedication ceremony for the Patriots buried in the church cemetery. More details will be in the next newsletter.