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A Message from the President

Compatriots,

Well, the holiday season will soon be upon us. Where does the time go? That being said, please remember our annual meeting at the Berkshire Country Club on Thursday, December 1, at 6:00 pm. This year we are trying something new, buffet style, which we hope will speed things up and make it more enjoyable for everyone. Our entertainment should be very enjoyable as it will be "The Purcell Family Trio". They will be performing historic and seasonally themed music, so please plan on joining us for this special event.

It doesn't seem possible that I will be starting my second year as your president. I would like to thank all those who assisted me this past year. There are so many to thank, that if I begin I'm sure I will miss someone so I will thank all the members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter for their kind words, helpful suggestions and hard work to make this chapter a success. Thank you VP Barry Kauffman and Floyd Turner for filling in for me at the September meeting as I was home cleaning the liquid sunshine (rain) from my flooded basement.

In closing, I wish all compatriots, families and friends a happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas and hope to see you on December 1.

Your Humble Servant,
Robert M. Hillegas
President

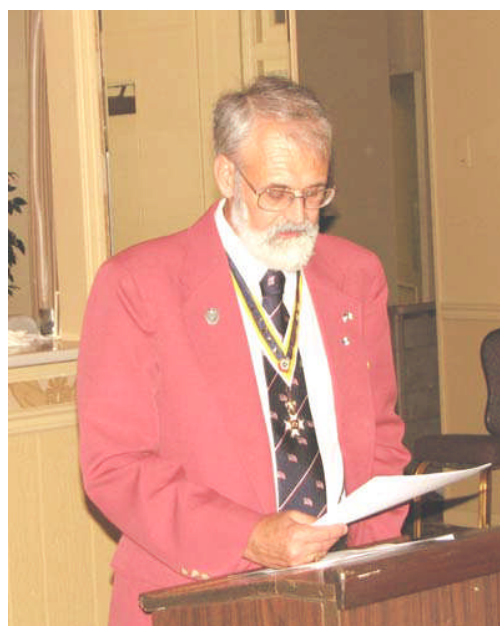


Compatriot Commissioned in U.S. Army

On May 7, 2011, Compatriot Zachary Railing graduated from Kutztown University majoring in History with a minor in Political Science. He participated in the ROTC program which is headquartered at Lehigh University (Lehigh Steel Battalion) and was commissioned in the U.S. Army on May 22nd. He has attended Ordnance Basic Officer Leader training at Ft. Lee, VA and was sent to his duty station in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Once he settles in, we hope to be able to provide a mailing address so our members can correspond with him. Pictured to the right are (l to r) Compatriot Fred Railing, Compatriot Zachary Railing and Sabrina Railing.



September Meeting Highlights



Flooding in SE Pennsylvania could not force us to cancel our quarterly meeting on September 8th at the Heidelberg Country Club. Vice President Kauffman (above left) stepped in for President Hillegas who was suffering the effects of the flooding. Genealogist/Registrar, Eric Troutman (above right) reported on our growing membership and the Color Guard (below right) posted and retired the colors.

At the start of the meeting, Compatriot Floyd Turner commemorated Patriot Day by recounting some of the terrible events of September 11, 2001. Afterward, the hat was passed to collect funds to be donated to the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. in support of their State Project which is the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA. In all, \$172.00 was raised for this worthy cause.

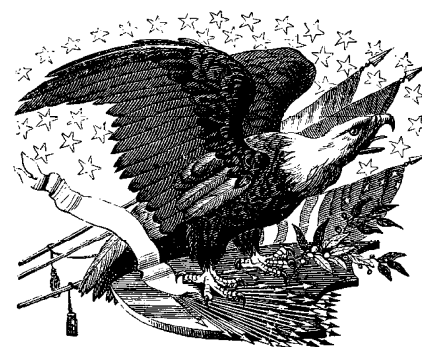
Our speaker for the evening was Glenn Wenrich (below left), President of the PA Canal Society who spoke about the historic canal system in Berks County.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE NATIONAL, STATE AND CHAPTER LEVELS!!!

CONTACT CHAPTER TREASURER, ROBERT W. MURRAY AT 610-670-1433 OR RWMURRAYSAR@VERIZON.NET FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Be sure to visit the National and State websites to learn more about the SAR!

**National Society
www.nscar.org**

**State Society
www.passar.org**

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has put forth the following slate of officers for 2012:

President	Robert Hillegas
Vice President	Barry Kauffman
Secretary	David Loose
Treasurer	Robert Murray
Registrar	Eric Troutman
Genealogist	Eric Troutman
Chaplain	Lawrence Ramberger
Chancellor	Scott Lash, Esq.
Surgeon	David Brock, M.D.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor during our Annual Meeting on December 1, 2011. Election and installation of officers will occur at the meeting.

Committee:
Eric Troutman—Chairman
Martin Peicker
Floyd Turner



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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Berks County Chapter, DAR

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Conrad Weiser Society, CAR

<http://home.comcast.net/~cws.pacar/site/>

Genealogist/Registrar Report

New Members and Supplementals

We welcome the following new members to our chapter:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Stephan B. Corson	John Dutweiler
Brinton C.P. Corson	John Dutweiler

The following supplemental applications have been approved:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Calvin D. Huntzinger	Samuel Auchmuty
“	George M. Diebert
“	Johannes Emrich
“	Johannes Kantner
“	Daniel Sinclair
Willard N. Bressinger Jr.	Henry Siegfried

The following applications are at National Headquarters:

New Members: Earl L. Brown Jr., Cedric C. Jimerson, Paul J. Teiken MD & Jason M. Teiken

Supplementals: Willard N. Bressinger Jr., Raymond H. Longacre (3), Gerald C. Peppel (2) & Eric H. Troutman (4)

At this time, I'm working with 16 prospective members. Our current membership stands at 90 with 2 dual members.

Eric H. Troutman
Genealogist/Registrar

All members are reminded to promote SAR membership and encourage family members and friends to become compatriots also.

Chapter Pledges Support for the CAAH

At the Executive Committee meeting in August the board members voted to support the SAR's *Center for Advancing America's Heritage* (CAAH) and pledged to raise \$500 for this purpose.

What is the CAAH?

It is an educational center focused on the Revolutionary War and the early history of the United States. The Center includes SAR's own collection of historic artifacts, exhibits and genealogical library. The Center will also include important traveling exhibits and programming specific to approved history and civics curricula

It also includes large, open learning areas for education seminars and private meetings or events; spacious permanent and traveling exhibit gallery areas and offices of the National Headquarters of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Why is the CAAH important for the SAR?

The SAR's recent goal has been to help fill the ever-increasing gap in history and civics education within our school systems. The Center will provide a much needed extension to our country's social, civic and history education. The Center will provide expanded space for exhibits, speakers, workshops, sum-



mer camps and school programs, plus improved conditions for the genealogical library and more efficient space for administrative offices to accommodate the growth in membership and demand for its services.

Who will use the CAAH?

Scholars, historians, authors, teachers, students, families and individuals who are interested in researching and learning more about our country's beginnings and the principles upon which it was founded. It will be open to SAR members and non-members.

The New SAR Genealogical Research Library in CAAH



Raffle to Help Raise CAAH Donation

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

To raise our \$500 pledge amount, the chapter is asking for your support.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or (5) for \$20.00



Prizes are:

- 1st Prize—\$250
- 2nd Prize—\$150
- 3rd Prize—\$100



5 tickets are included with this newsletter for your convenience. Additional tickets will be available at our Annual Meeting on December 1st and at our quarterly meeting in March 2012.

Tickets can also be obtained by contacting Compatriot Floyd Turner at 610-406-3933 or fnt2@comcast.net.

Additional donations to help us reach our goal are always welcome and appreciated.

Keep the portion of the ticket that says
“Keep This Coupon”
& send in the other portion

with your name & phone number on each ticket
to Chapter Treasurer Robert W. Murray in the envelope provided.

Winners will be drawn at our Quarterly meeting in March 2012. You do not need to be present to win. However, if you're not there we can't get a picture of you for newsletter!!!!

Eagle Scout Committee Report

Thank You

The following was received from our Chapter's 2011 Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest winner:

Dear Mr. Murray,
 Thank you so much for choosing me as the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship recipient. I'm very sorry that I wasn't able to attend your meeting to be recognized but, unfortunately, I had my high school baccalaureate ceremony that night. Once again, thank you very much.

*Best wishes,
 Mitchell Gettis*



For the 2011 calendar year we attended fifty-six Courts of Honor but were unable to attend an additional twenty-one Courts of Honor due to scheduling conflicts. Certificates and Scholarship information was mailed to those twenty-one eagle Scouts. Both numbers are a slight decrease from previous years.. However we may have a few more ceremonies to attend before years end.

We would like to welcome Compatriot Willard Brensinger who has agreed to join us in recognizing these outstanding young men. I would also like to thank the following Compatriots for their dedication and work on behalf of the Boy Scout program during 2011: Thomas Brown, Robert Hillegas, Barry Kauffman, Scott Lash, Nevin Miller, Martin Peicker, David Shultz, and Floyd Turner.

We are now beginning to receive our annual Eagle Scout Competition applications and will chose a local winner in December. The new patch that each participant will receive is shown below.

*Robert W. Murray
 Eagle Scout Chairman*



Thank You from the C.A.R.



Dear Members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter,

The members and seniors of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. wish to thank you for the generous donation of \$172.00 toward the 2011 PA C.A.R. State Project. The money will be used to aid in the completion of the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA and ensure that the heroes of that flight are properly honored and remembered.

*Patriotically,
 Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R.*

Honoring His Patriot Ancestor

Recently, I attended the dedication of the Molly Stark statue in Wilmington, Vermont along Route 9, commonly known as the Molly Stark trail. She was the wife of my ancestor, Brigadier General John Stark, who led his army of farmers and woodsmen to win one of the most important American victories of the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Bennington, VT on August 16, 1777. He was New Hampshire's most famous soldier who fought at Bunker Hill, accompanied Washington at the Battle of Trenton and served on the tribunal, along with Lafayette, which convicted Major John Andre as a spy. On Christmas Eve 1776 at Trenton, where he commanded the right wing, he advised Washington that, "if he wanted to win the war, he must give up reliance on spade and shovel and put his confidence in musket and bayonet." He was, however, most famous for his defeat of the British at Bennington, VT which according to the noted British historian, Trevelyn, was the turning point of the Revolution and led directly to the defeat of General Burgoyne at Saratoga, NY. He was famous for his words with which he harangued his troops on that morning, "Now my men, yonder are the Hessians; they were bought for 7 pounds, 10 pence a man. Are you worth more? Prove it. Tonight the American flag floats over yonder hill, or Molly Stark sleeps a widow." After serving in subsequent campaigns in Rhode Island and New Jersey, General Stark was made commander of the entire northern army in 1781.

Molly or Elizabeth (Page) Stark was honored by her family and the Molly Stark Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for her patriotism during the war. While her husband was off for years on end fighting the war, she raised eleven children, maintained the family farm in New Hampshire, ran the family lumber business and defended her home. She is therefore appropriately depicted with her house cap on and a child in one arm and a long rifle in the other. While we tend to concentrate our attention on the men and soldiers who participated in the Revolution, we tend to overlook the sacrifices and patriotism of their wives. Molly died in 1814 and General Stark in 1822 after giving his farewell toast which was adopted as the state motto by the New Hampshire State Legislature in 1945, "Live free or die, for death is not the worst of evils." For as much as the Molly Stark Trail is a trail that marks the return of a victorious army, so too does it mark a good home life, liberty and love of wife and family which John Stark carried with him all his life.

Compatriot Jeffrey S. Milkins



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- Nov. 10**—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 803 Evergreen Dr., Wyomissing
- Nov. 11**—Wreath Laying Ceremony, 11:00 AM in Veterans Grove, City Park, Reading
- Nov. 19**—Ceremony conducted by POS of A at the Conrad Weiser Homestead, 3:00 PM
- 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
- Dec. 17**—DAR Christmas Breakfast, 9:00 AM at the Berkshire Country Club

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- Feb. 18**—Annual President’s Day Luncheon, 11:30 AM, at the Historical Society of Berks County
- Feb. 8**—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 803 Evergreen Dr., Wyomissing
- Mar. 15**—Quarterly Meeting, Location TBD
- May 9**—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 803 Evergreen Dr., Wyomissing
- June 14**—Quarterly Meeting, Location TBD
- June 24**—Allegiance Sunday Service, at the New Goshenhoppen UCC in East Greenville
- Aug. 8**—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 803 Evergreen Dr., Wyomissing
- Sept. 13**—Quarterly Meeting, Location TBD
- Nov. 14**—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 803 Evergreen Dr., Wyomissing
- Dec. 6**—Annual Meeting

PASSAR Meetings

- Feb. 3 & 4, 2012**—Quarterly Meeting
 Hosted by: Continental Congress Chapter
- May 4 & 5, 2012**—Annual Meeting
 Hosted by: Valley Forge Chapter

President’s Day Luncheon

The Annual President’s Day Luncheon will be held at noon on February 18, 2012 at the Historical Society of Berks County. A registration form will be provided in the next issue of the Hiester Herald. Mark your calendars to save the date!

Annual Meeting

The Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting on December 1st at the Berkshire Country Club. During the meeting the 2012 officers will be elected and installed. We’ll gather for cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Combined Veterans Council of Berks County will conduct their annual Veterans Day ceremony in the Veterans Grove area of City Park in Reading on November 11th at 11:00 AM. The Chapter will place a wreath during the ceremony and members of the Color Guard will participate in a massing of the Colors.

Conrad Weiser Remembrance Day

The Patriotic Order Sons of America has invited the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter and their family members/guests to attend a special remembrance ceremony to mark the anniversary of the passing of Conrad Weiser. The event will be held by his gravesite at the Conrad Weiser Homestead at 3:00 PM on November 19th. Our Color Guard has been invited to present the Colors and honor one of Berks County’s Founding Fathers.

Wreaths Across America

The Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held on December 10th in the Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery near Annville, PA. The ceremony will begin at 12 noon. The public is encouraged to attend this moving ceremony.

DAR Christmas Breakfast

The Berks County Chapter, DAR will hold their annual Christmas Breakfast on December 17th at the Berkshire Country Club. Members and their guests are invited to attend. Please see the registration form included in this newsletter.