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Sons of the American Revolution

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A Message from the President

Dear Compatriots and Friends,

Well it's May and this starts the beginning of the parade season and an active time for the Color Guard. For those who have not had the privilege of seeing us in our finest, please plan on attending one of these events and cheer on your fellow marchers. We are always looking for additional members to the color guards, and also looking for someone to be Captain of Color Guard. Floyd's schedule and work load have become too great for one person to handle so we are looking for a person to be point of contact for the color guard and schedule events. Floyd has agreed to participate in the color guard and lead the parades, just doesn't have the time to make the arrangements. It was my honor to accept the Trimble Trophy at the annual PASSAR meeting, this will be two years in a row. Let's try for a three-peat! This is your trophy, for the outstanding job the chapter did last year under Eric's leadership.

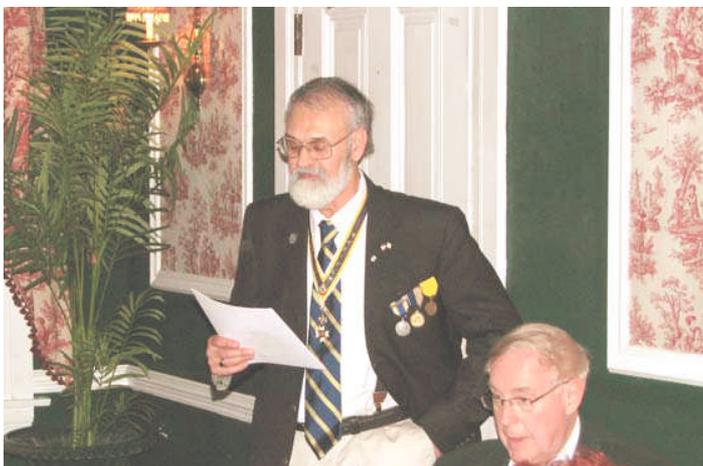
I thought the winter would not end....now all this rain. If April showers bring on May flowers we will be in for a bumper crop.

Our June outing will be at Stouch Tavern in Womelsdorf, June 9, 6:30 pm. (tentative speaker will be from the Daniel Boone Homestead) I am waiting for confirmation.

Robert Hillegas
President



Compatriot Reaches Personal Milestone



Chapter Genealogist/Registrar and Past President Eric Troutman recently had his 50th supplemental ancestor approved....yes, his 50th! He has worked diligently to document his Troutman family tree and even published a book on the family several years ago.

Compatriot Troutman's ancestors settled into the Tulpehocken area of Berks County early in the 18th century. The progeny of his patriot ancestors still populate the county and he counts many, many residents among his extended family.

Pictured left: Registrar Troutman reports on the current membership status at our last chapter meeting.

Quarterly Meeting Highlights

A Gift to the Chapter

Compatriot Miles Dechant presents President Hillegas with a framed copy of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Charter. The original is housed in the Historical Society of Berks County's collection. Compatriot Dechant obtained a high resolution scan of the original and, through hours of painstaking digital touch-up, created a "like new" copy that he had framed so it can be displayed at chapter meetings. His generous donation of this historic reproduction is very much appreciated.



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

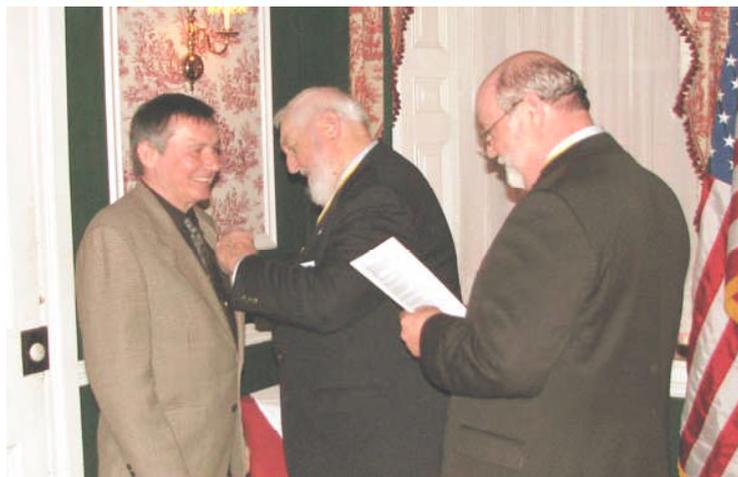
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Berks County Chapter, DAR
<http://www.rootweb.ancestry.com/~paberdar/bdar.htm>

Conrad Weiser Society, CAR
<http://home.comcast.net/~cws.pacar/site/>



Compatriot Willard (Bill) Brensinger receives his membership rosette from Nevin Miller as President Hillegas conducts the swearing-in ceremony

In Our Memory

The chapter recently lost 2 of our newer members:

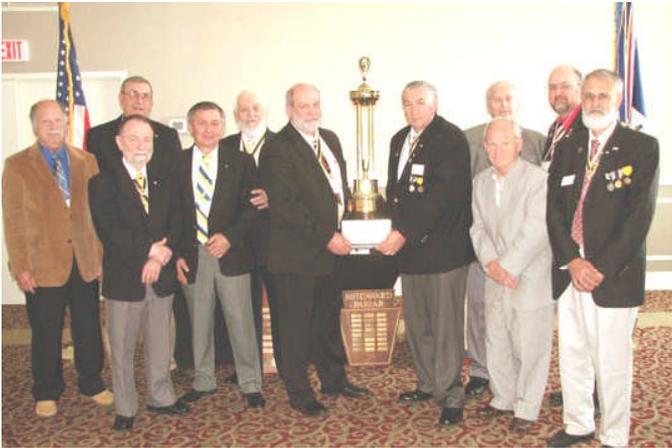
Compatriot Harry Milkins Jr. passed away on
November 25, 2010.

Compatriot John Stoudt passed away on
April 10, 2011.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of our departed compatriots.

PASSAR Annual Meeting Highlights

Chapter Retains Trimble Trophy



Pictured right: President Hillegas accepts the Trimble Trophy from PASSAR Registrar Paul Metzger. The trophy is awarded to the chapter that has the largest percentage of new members. Last year the chapter officially had 17 new members approved during the contest period. 10 chapter members were present to help accept the trophy. (l to r) David Loose, Miles Dechant, Martin Goetz, Bill Brensinger, Nevin Miller, President Robert Hillegas, PASSAR Registrar Paul Metzger, Richard Reiber, Robert Murray, Floyd Turner and Eric Troutman.



Troutman Elected PASSAR 3rd VP



The PASSAR Nominating Committee tapped Eric Troutman as candidate for the position of PASSAR 3rd Vice President. He was elected to the position by the delegates at the Annual Meeting and was sworn into office at the installation banquet later that evening. The chapter congratulates compatriot Troutman and knows he will serve well.



Above: President Hillegas, along with representatives from other chapters, poses with the Chapter Activities Contest streamer that is earned by submitting an entry detailing the chapter's activities in support of SAR's mission.

Below: Eric Troutman (second from the right), Chapter Generalist/Registrar and PASSAR District Deputy #1, was presented with the Meritorious Service award for his work in support of PASSAR.



Other Items of Note

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter had an excellent showing at the PASSAR Annual Meeting which was held in King of Prussia and hosted by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter. 10 chapter members were present.

Chapter member David J. Batdorf was given the Marshall Lignian Award in recognition of getting his first new member into the SAR.

A lovely memorial service was conducted by PASSAR Chaplain, Dr. David Schrader at the Baptist Church in the Great Valley. During the service, compatriots lost during the past year were remembered including; Bruce Reppert, Harry Milkins Jr. and John Stoudt.

Member Elected to National C.A.R. Office



Compatriot Stephen Lugovich, a member of the Marsh Creek Society, C.A.R. who became a member of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter on Dec. 14, 2010, was elected as the National Recording Secretary at the recent convention of the National Society, Children of the American Revolution held in Arlington, VA.. He is pictured here being sworn into office during a ceremony that is held annually on the grounds of Mt. Vernon and receiving his National Officer neck-ribbon from the newly-elected National President, Mary Lib Schmidt

Stephen has served as Treasurer and 2nd Vice President of the PA Society, C.A.R. and has served the National Society as the National Chairman of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.

He is currently in the process of transferring from Dickinson College to Pitt taking classes at HACC in the interim. Stephen plans to serve as an officer in the United States Army after graduation. When his C.A.R. duties are complete he would like to become active in the SAR as his Army responsibilities will allow.

Interested in getting your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews into the Children of the American Revolution?

Contact PASSAR C.A.R. Liaison Floyd Turner at 610-406-3933 or floyd2@comcast.net for information on membership and local societies

NEW PASSAR WEB SITE

The Pennsylvania Society has moved their website!!
The new address is:

www.passar.org

Please update your "favorites" list!!!

Parade Schedule

Members of the Color Guard will be joined by the Conrad Weiser Society, Children of the American Revolution to march in the following parades:

- May 28: Wyomissing Hills
- May 29: Oley
- May 30: Bernville
- July 4: Wyomissing

All members and their families are welcome to march in the parades. If interested, please contact President Hillegas for the details.

Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R.



For the 3rd time in the past 4 years, our local Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. earned the award for Most Outstanding Society in Pennsylvania along with many other awards at the PA C.A.R. State Conference held in Wilkes-Barre on March 18 & 19. Above left: (l to r) Senior President Pamela Kolyer, President Christine Kolyer, Chaplain Kate Turner, Senior Chaplain Jane Turner and Secretary Gwen Kolyer. Above right: President Christine Kolyer accepts the Most Outstanding Society certificate from State President Elizabeth Killian



At the National C.A.R. Convention held in Arlington, VA on April 14-17, the Conrad Weiser Society was presented with the National Gold Merit Award. One of only 28 local societies nationwide to receive this honor. The society also won the National Chaplain's contests for Best Program on Wreaths Across America and also for the local society providing the most aid to Wreaths Across America. The members of the Conrad Weiser Society obtained sponsors for 308 wreaths during 2010 which were placed on veterans graves at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery during the past Christmas season. Pictured above left: Kate Turner (right) accepts the Gold National Merit Award on behalf of the Conrad Weiser Society from National Merit Award Chairman, Kelly Ann Carter. Above right: Kate accepts the Chaplain's Contest winners certificates from National Chaplain Katie Davis.

Eagle Scout Committee Report

Thus far in 2011 we have attended thirty- six Courts of Honor and have sent certificates to nine additional scouts since we were unable to be at their ceremonies.



The PASSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Winners for 2010 are as follows:

- FIRST PLACE:** Brett Matthew Prestia, Cradle of Liberty Scout Council
Sponsored by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter.
- SECOND PLACE:** Jason Sniegowski, Northeastern PA Scout Council,
Sponsored by the Northeast Chapter.
- THIRD PLACE:** Andrew David Culbertson, New Birth of Freedom Scout Council,
Sponsored by the Washingtonburg Chapter..



Our scholarship winner for 2010, Mitchell Jeffrey Gettis, will be recognized at the June dinner meeting.

We are very pleased to welcome Compatriot David Shultz to our committee as we recognize the achievements of our Eagle Scouts.

Robert W. Murray
Eagle Scout Chairman



New Color Guard Member



Willard (Bill) Brensinger, one of our chapter's newest members, has enlisted as a member of the Color Guard. We welcome his dedication and ambition and look forward to promoting the SAR at many fun and patriotic events.

Genealogist Report

New Members and Supplementals

The Chapter welcomes the following new members:

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| <u>Compatriot</u> | <u>Ancestor</u> |
| <i>Andrew C. Teti</i> | <i>Johan Nicolas Linn</i> |
| <i>David G. Loose Jr.</i> | <i>Johann Georg Loos</i> |

The following supplementals have been approved:

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| <u>Compatriot</u> | <u>Ancestor</u> |
| <i>Eric H. Troutman</i> | <i>Friederick Gerhardt Sr</i> |

The following new member applications have been mailed to National for approval:

- Stephen B. Corson*
- Brinton C.P. Corson*

The following members have supplemental applications at or on the way to National:

- Calvin D. Huntzinger (5)*
- Willard N. Brensinger (1)*

There are currently 6 prospective members working on their applications.

Chapter membership is currently 87 (not including dual members) with 1 pending reinstatement at National.

Eric H. Troutman
Genealogist/Registrar

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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.passar.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- 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, Stouch Tavern, Womelsdorf
- Jun. 11**—DAR Flag Day Luncheon, Yellow House Tavern, 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

- Aug. 5 & 6, 2011**—Quarterly Meeting
 Hosted by: Centre County Chapter
- Nov. 4 & 5, 2011**—Quarterly Meeting
 Hosted by: Frontier Patriots Chapter
- Feb. 3 & 4, 2012**—Quarterly Meeting
 Hosted by: Continental Congress Chapter
- May 4 & 5, 2012**—Annual Meeting
 Hosted by: Valley Forge 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.

Memorial Day Ceremony

The Combined Veterans Council of Berks County will conduct their annual Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony in the Veterans Grove section of City Park, Reading on May 30th at 8:00 AM. The chapter will participate in the ceremony and place a wreath along with various veterans organizations. All members are encouraged to attend this ceremony in support of our chapter and our veterans.



Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the chapter will be held on June 9th at the Stouch Tavern in Womelsdorf. We will enjoy the same buffet that has been so popular at past meetings. Our speaker for the evening is scheduled to be a representative from the Daniel Boone Homestead. Please plan to attend and share an evening of patriotic camaraderie and enjoy an excellent buffet. RSVP no later than June 1st.



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 at the Yellow House Tavern. The speaker will be Brig. General John Gronski. A registration form is included in this newsletter. Please RSVP by May 21st.



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.