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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow Compatriots,

It has been an honor to serve as Chapter President these past two years. I have served with true gentlemen patriots among them Nevin Miller, Phil Garrett, Bruce Dietrich, Miles Dechant, Floyd Turner and Martin Peicker, all members of the Board of Management. We all serve at your request, and I would like to thank the Board of Management and our Chapter compatriots for your cooperation and support. It has been a pleasure to get to know so many of you.

Election of Chapter Officers will be held during our dinner meeting December 6, 2007 at the Berkshire Country Club. Please consider joining us that evening for a deliciously prepared meal followed by a bit of entertainment. This evening provides us a chance to gather with like-minded individuals as our ancestors did to share ideas for the future of our society. I'll count on seeing you on December 6th.

The Governor Joseph Hiester chapter has been adding a new member every other month. We should strive to increase those numbers by encouraging family members and friends to apply for membership in the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter. We can remain a viable organization as long as we continue to increase our membership. More members will guarantee our message of patriotism will be presented to a society that at times seems to have forgotten what loyalty to your country means.

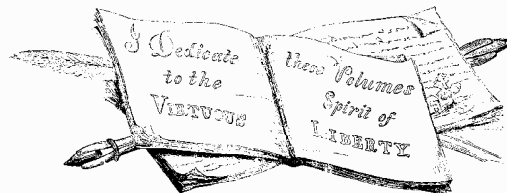
We are as a family. Sometimes members make unpopular decisions, but a family only becomes tarnished when its members do not present a united front and work to repair the damage an unpopular decision can cause. The family remains loyal to itself and defends its name and so it is with our country.

History proves the United States has had its share of controversy beginning with the birth of our nation, but from the start we as a united people have brushed ourselves off and continued as before with every confidence in our form of government. That's why so many people are attracted to our shores. We must defend that government, not republicans, not democrats, not liberals, not conservatives, but the right to freely be any one of the aforementioned groups. My Revolutionary War ancestor believed in that freedom and so do I. Accepting and welcoming diversity of ideas and beliefs is what makes the United States a great nation.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching. Family times... Just as in the past, men and women will be absent from family gatherings because they are fulfilling military obligations on our shores and abroad. Not all of them are in the thick of battle, but they are proudly wearing their military uniform and defending us just the same. Please take the time to remember these men and women and their families as you safely gather with your family in the warmth of your home. They deserve our prayers of thanks.

As I said at the beginning of this letter, I have been proud to say that I am President of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter SAR, but I am proudest of the fact that I am a citizen of the greatest country in the world, the United States of America!

God Bless You
and
God Bless the U.S.A.
Eric H. Troutman



All members are encouraged to report news and submit articles and photographs 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

Send submissions **and address changes** to:
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PASSING OF A COMPATRIOT

On Saturday, June 9, 2007, Paul Olock, age 79, husband of Dorothy S. (Sisley) Olock, passed away. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. Burial was in St. John Byzantine Catholic Church Cemetery in Pottstown. Compatriot Olock was a member of the Chapter since June 1999.

Our sympathies go out to Dorothy and the family.



“If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you; and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen.”

- Samuel Adams

DUES AND DON'Ts

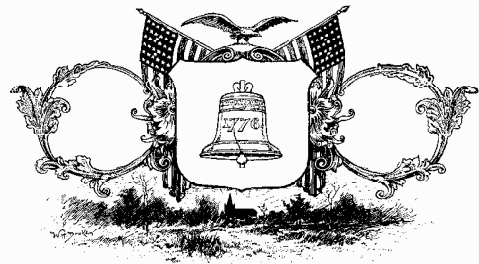
It's that time of year again. Dues notices are being mailed by PASSAR. If you have **not** received your dues notice, contact Treasurer Bruce Dietrich, 610-374-7381.

Payment is due to the Treasurer by December 15th. He will submit your State and National dues by the December 31st deadline.

Failure to pay dues by the deadline will result in loss of membership. Reinstatement will require completion of the Reinstatement Form and payment of the Reinstatement Fee.

Address changes/corrections **should** be made directly on the dues notice. **Please include the proper nine digit zip code.** You will still need to notify the Chapter Secretary of any change of address!

Dual members will receive a separate notice from that chapter's Treasurer.



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR FAVORITE DISTRICT DEPUTY

Before you read this we will already have had our Fall Quarterly Meeting hosted by the Washington Crossing Chapter and PCC will have had its black tie Installation Banquet. It's remarkable how the baton passes from one to another and life goes on without skipping a beat. I came into PASSAR in September 2001 when Tom Showler was PCC President. Since then I have served under six chapter presidents and Jim Sanborn will be the seventh. Each one led in his unique style and added to the vitality of the chapter. This diversity helps make this organization the shining star it is.

Jim Willis
District Deputy #1

MEMBER HONORED BY NSSAR

At the recent NSSAR Annual Congress held in Williamsburg, VA, the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Committee voted to award Compatriot Nevin C. Miller the newly created Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award. It's an honor due to members of the SAR who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). To be eligible, a compatriot must meet the criteria established in the award guidelines, be recommended by a compatriot of his chapter and a completed application must be approved by the Chapter and State Presidents and the State Eagle Scout Chairman. The award application is then reviewed by the national committee which grants the award. Only 2 such awards will be granted within each state society per year. Compatriot Miller's award was sent to President Troutman and presented at the chapter's quarterly meeting.



Past President and Past PASSAR Eagle Scout Chairman, Nevin C. Miller, holds his Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award certificate and medals.

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP



The Chaplain of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R., L. Stefan Troutman gives the invocation at the beginning of the meeting. Standing with Stefan are his grandfather, Chapter President Eric Troutman and his great-grandfather, Chaplain Henry Troutman



Confederate Hospital Steward, Glenn L. Baugher, enlightened the gathering on southern medical practices during the Civil War. He discussed medicines and practices made necessary by the blockade of southern ports.



This poor fellow seems to have come out on the short end of the stick. He does seem oddly happy about it though. The lesson here is; in a crisis it's important to keep your head!

EAGLE SCOUT REPORT

From the “Better Late than Never” category! The following is from an Associated Press story that ran in the Reading Eagle on July 29, 2007:

Florida Man, 88, Becomes an Eagle Scout

Fort Myers, FL – More than a half-century after he finished the requirements to earn the rank, an 88-year-old man was honored as an Eagle Scout on Saturday (July 28th), making him possibly the oldest person to ever collect the honor.

Walter Hart couldn't become an Eagle Scout at the time he earned the rank because his service in World War II got in the way.

Hart joined the Cub Scouts in 1928 in Malden, Mass., and earned 23 merit badges during his years as a Boy Scout, scouting officials said. Of the 120 merit badges available, 21 must be earned to qualify for Eagle Scout rank.

Only about 5 % of all Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Since 1912, nearly 1.9 million Eagles have been awarded, but the recipients' ages aren't recorded, Boy Scout officials say.



At his September 22nd Eagle Scout Court of Honor, John Henry Turner, Jr. is presented his Eagle Scout pin by his mother. In the background are his father (l) and Scout Master.

“I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm's way.”
- John Paul Jones

COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES

Compatriot Robert Huntzinger asked Sergeant Nevin Miller and Mary Bahr (Berks County Chapter, DAR) to speak at the annual Huntzinger family reunion on August 18th. Their mission was to tell the extended family members about SAR, DAR and CAR and try to recruit them into the organizations.



Sergeant Nevin Miller informs the Huntzinger family members about the missions of the SAR and DAR and explains why they should join.

The Color Guard was also asked to conduct a grave dedication ceremony to honor the Huntzinger's patriot ancestor, Johan Georg Huntzinger. The ceremony was led by Mary Bahr while the Color Guard presented the colors. The event was well attended by the Huntzinger family members. A reporter from The Call, a Schuylkill Haven weekly publication, was also present. A very nice article about the reunion and grave dedication appeared in the August 23rd edition of the paper.



Color Guard members Eric Troutman, Nevin Miller and Ray Longacre present the colors at the grave dedication ceremony of Johan Georg Huntzinger.



Captain Turner and Sergeant Miller joined Hallie Vaughan, Regent of the Berks County Chapter, DAR, with a few of the students at the Blue Mountain Academy Elementary School on August 28th. The students were presented programs about women during the Revolution and a Continental Soldiers life in the army.



On September 9th Guardsman Ray Longacre (r) joined with Compatriot Joe Stokes (l) of the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter to man a SAR booth at the 230th Anniversary of the Battle of Brandywine. PASSAR President, James Garthwaite (center) dropped in to see how the troops were doing reminiscent of Henry V.



Ray and Howard Longacre pose behind the new tombstone erected for their patriot ancestor, Peter Longacre. Peter served in the Chester County Militia and is buried in the churchyard of St. James Church of Kingsessing in Philadelphia.

PROPOSED MONUMENT FOR BERKS COUNTY REV. WAR SOLDIERS

A committee has been formed to pursue the creation and installation of a monument to Berks County's Revolutionary War soldiers in the veterans section of City Park in Reading. This is a location where ceremonies honoring veterans are held regularly by the local veteran's organizations. It would give the SAR, DAR and CAR a special place to lay a wreath on patriotic holidays and be a lasting legacy to the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter.

The preliminary concept envisions a monument that is an obelisk in nature with a statement as to the purpose of the marker and other appropriate phrases, quotations or illustrations to be determined. A monument roughly 6 feet tall and 2 ½ feet wide at the base is estimated to cost approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000. This amount includes the monument, installation, permits and an appropriate dedication ceremony.

Funding for the project is yet to be determined. If a benefactor can not be found, the Chapter could attempt to raise the funds through donations and fund-raisers or apply for funds from the State of Pennsylvania's Community Revitalization Program or look to the George Washington Endowment Fund.

The monument project will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on December 6th so the membership can pose questions and express their desires.

NEW MEMBERS / SUPPLEMENTALS

The Chapter welcomes the following new members:

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| <u>Compatriot</u> | <u>Ancestor</u> |
| David T. Shultz | Jacob Casho |

The following supplementals have been approved:

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| <u>Compatriot</u> | <u>Ancestor</u> |
| Eric H. Troutman | Philip Faust |
| Eric H. Troutman | Frederick Gerhardt |
| Eric H. Troutman | Michael Ludwig |
| Olan B. Lowrey | Matthias Houx |
| Olan B. Lowrey | William Winn |

REQUEST FROM THE CONRAD WEISER SOCIETY, C.A.R.

This year Conrad Weiser Society C.A.R. has members who are participating in four state positions; Gwen Kolyer, CAR Newsletter & Magazine Chairman, Christine Kolyer, State Endowment Chairman, Kate Turner, State Historian and Jennifer Rohrbach, American Heritage Chairman. The state theme is Heat up History!! Everyone is working hard towards their goals. We are asking DAR/ SAR for their participation in achieving our financial goals. Those could be donating money to Conrad Weiser Society, our State Society for the Harriton House in Wayne, PA to replace bedding, or to our State Endowment Fund.

....*The charity that is a trifle to us can be precious to others.* – Homer

Thank you!
Gwen Kolyer



State officers and chairmen from the Conrad Weiser Society at the recent Summer Workshop in Chambersburg, PA.

For specific information regarding donations, please contact Senior President Anita Bond, 610-926-5686 or anitasbond@aol.com or Floyd Turner, 610-929-5840 or floydt2@comcast.net.

Information about the C.A.R. and how to get your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews into the organization has been sent along with this newsletter. The Conrad Weiser Society has provided for the increased postage.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2008

The Nominations Committee, composed of Chairman Nevin Miller and Eric Troutman, has proposed the following officers for 2008:

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| President | Floyd N. Turner II |
| Vice President | William Wagner |
| Secretary | Nevin C. Miller |
| Treasurer-Registrar | R. Wayne Murray |
| Genealogist | Miles K. Dechant |
| Chaplain | Lawrence Ramberger |
| Surgeon | Dr. Thomas Shultz |
| Chancellor | Open |

Nominations can be made from the floor. Election and installation of officers will be held at the Annual Meeting on December 6th.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On Saturday, December 15th at 12:00 noon a wreath laying ceremony will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. The ceremony was started over 15 years ago by the Worcester Wreath Company which placed 5000 wreaths on graves at Arlington National Cemetery. The event has grown to include all National Cemeteries. For more information, please visit www.wreaths-across-america.org

ANNUAL MEETING



The Chapter's Annual Meeting will be held on December 6th at 6:00 PM at the Berkshire Country Club. The 2008 officers will be elected and installed. Entertainment will be provided by the Tulpehocken High School Jazz Band.

Please come and join your fellow compatriots and guests in an evening of patriotic camaraderie.

2008 PRESIDENT'S DAY LUNCHEON USS CONSTITUTION – “OLD IRONSIDES”

The USS Constitution was among the first group of ships commissioned by the fledgling Federal government. Designed by a visionary ship designer Joshua Humphreys and built at Edmond Hartt's Shipyard in Boston, the ship has served the United States for more than 200 years, most notably during the War of 1812. Although on several occasions she was almost scrapped due to lack of funds.

One such occasion occurred about 1830. She was slowly rotting away and in need of much repair. But when the public heard of the plans to scrap the venerable warship, such an outcry arose from the people of the United States that the ship was saved. The following poem expresses the sentiments of the people:

“Old Ironsides”

By Oliver Wendell Holmes

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!
Long has it waved on high,
And many an eye has danced to see
That banner in the sky;
Beneath it rung the battle shout,
And burst the cannon's roar;-
The meteor of the ocean air
Shall sweep the clouds no more.

Her deck, once red with heroes' blood,
Where knelt the vanquished foe,
When winds were hurrying o'er the flood,
And waves were white below,
No more shall feel the victor's tread,
Or know the conquered knee;-
The harpies of the shore shall pluck
The eagle of the sea!

Oh, better that her shattered bulk
Should sink beneath the wave;
Her thunders shook the mighty deep,
And there shall be her grave;
Nail to the mast her holy flag,
Set every threadbare sail,
And give her to the god of storms,
The lightning and the gale!



USS Constitution underway on her own sails for the first time in 116 years, July 1997

Many people and organizations have raised their voices through the years to save this symbol of America. The **Sons of the American Revolution** voiced their thoughts about this proud symbol of our nation. At the Annual National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1895 the following resolution was passed. “RESOLVED; that it is the sense of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, that the Historical battleship 'Constitution' should be rebuilt, and forever preserved as an illustration of the type of warship which has immortalized the United States Navy, and that she be located at the National Capital, Washington, to be used as a National Naval Museum.”

Join us at the Annual President's Day Luncheon on February 23, 2008, 12:00 Noon at the Sheraton Reading to learn more about the “Eagle of the Sea” from Col. David Fitz-Enz, USA Retired.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- Nov. 11 – Dedication Ceremony for Isaac Jones at the Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Bally, church service begins at 10:15 AM and Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony in City Park, Reading, 11:00 AM
- Dec. 6 – Annual Meeting at the Berkshire Country Club, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 15 – Wreaths Across America, Wreath Laying Ceremony at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, 12:00 PM

2008 (proposed)

- Feb. 7 – Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Feb. 23 – Presidents Day Luncheon, Sheraton Reading Hotel, 12:00 PM
- Mar. 13 – Quarterly Meeting, 6:00 PM
- May 8 – Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM
- June 12 – Quarterly Meeting, 6:00 PM
- June 14 – DAR Flag Day Luncheon, 12:00 Noon
- Aug. 7 – Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Sep. 11 – Quarterly Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Nov. 6 – Executive Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Dec. 11 – Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM

2008 PASSAR Events

- Feb. 1 & 2 – Board of Management Meeting
- May 2 & 3 – PASSAR Annual Meeting
- Aug. 1 & 2 – Board of Management Meeting
- Nov. 1 & 2 – Board of Management Meeting

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

VETERANS DAY EVENTS



Dedication Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot, Isaac Jones

Location: Most Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church
610 Pine Street, Bally, PA

Date/Time: Nov. 11, 2007 - Memorial Service begins immediately after the 10:15 AM church service in the parish cemetery.

Directions: Take Route 100 North into Bally. Turn right onto S. 7th St. Go 2 blocks and turn right onto Pine Street

Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony in City Park

Location: Veterans Grove section of City Park, Reading near the intersection of Hill Road and Clymer Street

Date/Time: Nov. 11, 2007, 11:00 AM

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