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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**TO ALL BRAVE, HEALTHY, ABLE BODIED,
AND WELL DISPOSED YOUNG MEN,
IN THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD, WHO HAVE ANY INCLINATION TO JOIN
THE TROOPS, NOW RAISING UNDER
GENERAL WASHINGTON,
FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE
LIBERTIES AND INDEPENDENCE OF
THE UNITED STATES**

TAKE NOTICE



The call for recruits cited above was used to raise troops in support of the Patriot cause. I've used it as a call for militia support of the Color Guard. The Color Guard needs additional members to support the mission of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter and the SAR.

**Members dressed as militia soldiers would be a great addition to
the Color Guard.**

If you have any interest in joining the Color Guard and wearing a militia uniform, please contact me.

I remain your humble servant,

Floyd N. Turner II

All members are encouraged to report news and submit articles 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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Reading, PA 19605 or e-mail: floydt2@comcast.net

CHECK OUT THESE WEB SITES

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR
<http://home.comcast.net/~gjh.passar/site/>

Berks County Chapter, DAR
<http://members.aol.com/BerksDAR/bccdar/bdar.htm>

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

March Meeting Recap

The Chapter held its quarterly meeting on March 13th at the Inn at Moselem Springs.

Aside from the normal business it was announced that we would be the hosts for the November 2009 PASSAR meeting. A committee was formed to make the arrangements.

Also, Compatriot William Seidel brought a variety of history books to the meeting that were sold and the proceeds donated to the Chapter's Youth Activities Fund.

It was announced that we would have a Chapter picnic this year on August 9th. The picnic will be held in Oley and will coincide with a grave dedication ceremony for Jacob Reppert, patriot ancestor of Compatriot Bruce Reppert. More details appear later in this newsletter.



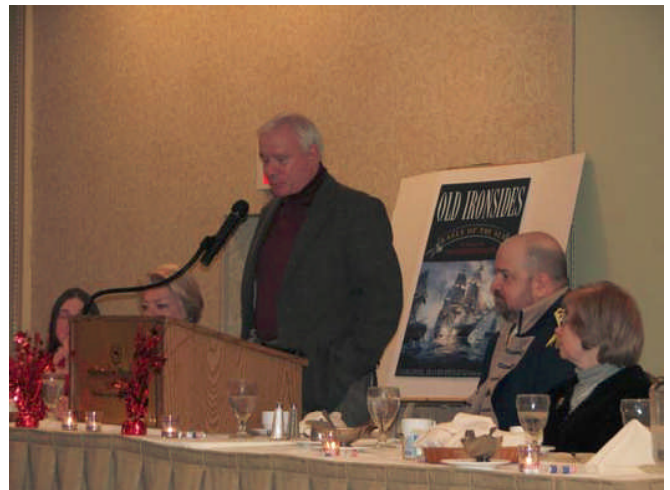
Our speaker for the evening, Col. Glenn Wagner, is presented with a Good Citizenship certificate for his nearly 30 years of service to our country.

Presidents Day Luncheon

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter hosted the Annual President's Day Luncheon on February 23rd. The Chapter was joined by members of the; Berks County Chapter DAR, Conrad Weiser Society CAR and Historical Society of Berks County.

The guest speaker was Colonel David Fitz-Enz (Ret.) author of "Old Ironsides – Eagle of the Sea."

Next years luncheon will be hosted by the Historical Society of Berks County. Mark your calendars and make plans to join in the patriotic camaraderie.



Col. Fitz-Enz addresses the assemblage about the history of the USS Constitution.

Winner of Color Guard Fund Raiser

At the end of the President's Day Luncheon Col. Fitz-Enz drew the winning ticket in the Color Guard fund raiser. The winner is....

Mrs. Anita S. Bond



Mrs. Bond has been a member of the DAR for many years. She is a Past Regent of the Berks County Chapter and has also served as a senior member of the Conrad Weiser Society, CAR for 18 years.

The money raised will help purchase flags and other accoutrements. The Color Guard wishes to thank everyone that purchased tickets. Your support for our patriotic mission is greatly appreciated.

Past President Speaks at Berks County Genealogical Society

Past President Eric Troutman was invited to speak at the March meeting of the Berks County Genealogical Society. Compatriot Troutman spoke about the SAR and the genealogical process required to apply for membership. His talk was very well received and he fielded many questions.



Past President Troutman, speaking at the Berks County Genealogical Society, points to the stars on his neck ribbon that represent his 30+ approved supplementals.

Revolutionary War Monument

The City Park monument project is progressing slowly. Funding has been requested through a Community Revitalization Program grant from the state. A portion of the required funds have been requested through Senator Michael O'Pake's office and another portion through Rep. Dante Santoni's office.

Assuming the grants receive the final approvals required, we should see the first of the money by the fall of this year. With any luck, we should be able to install and dedicate the monument sometime in 2009.

If you have any thoughts on what the monument should say, NOW is the time to make the suggestion. Send any thoughts on the subject to President Turner.

New Members / Supplementals

The Chapter welcomes the following new members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Patriot</u>
Matthew G. Fuester	Johann Philip Trautman
Jeffrey M. Goetz	Johann Jacob Graul
Jeremy M. Goetz	Johann Jacob Graul
Martin R. Goetz	Johann Jacob Graul
William K. Sutton	Henry Shepler

A Few Words from Our Favorite District Deputy

These few words will be my last as your District Deputy. Joe Thomas will take over after May 3rd. This has been a great journey for me to meet and become acquainted with so many fine people. I want you all to know how much I appreciate your help and cooperation. Your chapter is unique in its dedication to duty and its pure strength from its members.

James Willis
District Deputy #1



Outgoing District Deputy #1 James Willis (l) and his replacement, Joseph Thomas, are pictured at the recent meeting at the Inn at Moselem Springs. We'll miss Compatriot Willis but we look forward to a strong relationship with Compatriot Thomas. We also welcome Compatriot Thomas as a dual member of the Chapter.



Eagle Scout Report

Justin Herb, Troop 377, Stony Creek Mills, the winner of our Scholarship award for 2007, will be honored at our Quarterly Meeting June 13, at which time he will receive his medal and a \$200 cash award.

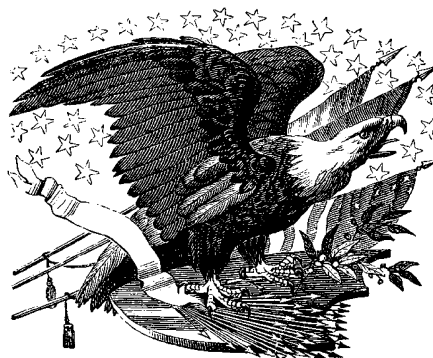
Beginning this year, the PASSAR scholarship winner, William Freeman, Jr., General Anthony Wayne Chapter will get a \$500.00 savings bond; second place winner Ryler Hockenbury, Washington Crossing Chapter will receive \$250; and the third place winner Andrew Benfer, Harris Ferry Chapter will receive \$100.

The National Eagle Scout Committee at their Leadership meeting in February evaluated thirty-four state entries for the Scholarship contest. The three winners are; 1st place Paul J. P. Banwart of Minnesota, who you might recall placed third last year; 2nd place Christopher A. O'Connell of Georgia; and third place Matthew C. Authement of Florida.

Our committee has attended 32 Courts of Honor so far this year and have 5 additional Courts of Honor already scheduled through June. Unfortunately we have also had to decline fourteen Courts of Honor. We can't expect this committee, as dedicated as they have been, to give up their free time every weekend. **We need more help. Please consider giving a little of your time to honor these outstanding young men.**

I wish to thank my committee for their continued assistance.

Robert W. Murray
Eagle Scout Chairman



Naturalization Ceremony

President Turner and Secretary Miller attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Berks County Courthouse on March 26th. The new citizens were greeted and presented with a letter of congratulations and welcome from the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter.



Secretary and Color Guard Sergeant, Nevin Miller (left, with the beard) welcomes the new Americans at the Naturalization Ceremony at the Berks County Courthouse.

Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. named “Most Outstanding” for 2007-2008

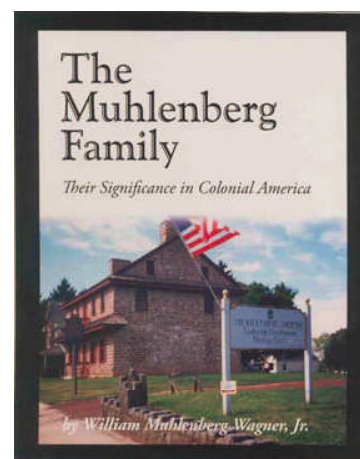
The 64th State Conference of the PA Society, Children of the American Revolution was held in West Conshohocken on March 28 & 29. At the conference it was announced that our local Conrad Weiser Society was a **State Gold Merit Award** winner and was named “**Most Outstanding Society**” for the 2007-2008 year.

Congratulations to the hard working young patriots of the Conrad Weiser Society!!!



Compatriot Publishes 2nd Edition

Vice President, William Wagner has printed a second edition of his book on the Muhlenberg family. The book has received a great deal of praise. It's available at the Historical Society of Berks County as well as other locations and from Compatriot Wagner himself.



Berks/Lebanon Graves Posted on Website

The graves of patriots buried in Berks and Lebanon Counties have been posted on the PASSAR website (www.sar.org/passar/) and a link to the page has been added to the home page of our Chapter site.

Please check out the listings and report any needed corrections to the Chapter Graves Chairman, Eric Troutman or the PASSAR Graves Chairman, James Willis.

JROTC Awards Report

Bruce Dietrich, ROTC Committee Chairman, reports that the following JROTC students have been selected to receive the Bronze ROTC Medal and certificate for 2008:

Cody Wiscount - Pine Grove H. S. (Army)
Jacob Coccie - Pottstown Senior H. S. (Air Force)
Jarad Winget - Owen J. Roberts (Navy)

Winners at Boyertown and Reading will be announced in the next issue.

SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “citizen” soldier. Recipients are selected by their Commanding Officers for their leadership, military bearing and general excellence. Congratulations to all the winners!

Plaque Dedication at Frederick Muhlenberg House

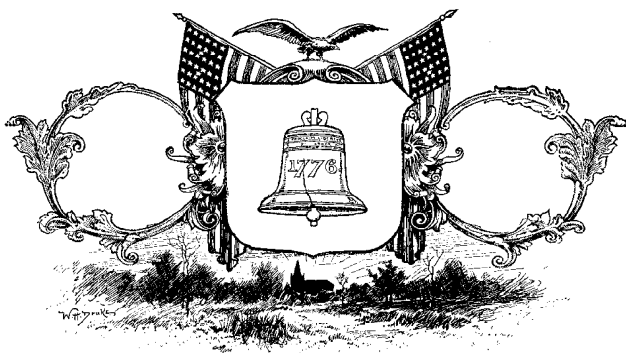
On April 12th the Pennsylvania Historical and museum Commission dedicated a plaque at the Frederick Muhlenberg House at 151 West Main St. in Trappe.

Frederick Muhlenberg was an ordained Lutheran minister and a patriot of the American Revolution that represented Pennsylvania at the Continental Congress from 1779-80. He served as Speaker of the State General Assembly from 1780-83 and he presided at the State Convention in 1787 to ratify the US Constitution. He served in the US House of Representatives from 1789 to 1797 and was the first and third Speaker of the House.

The house is being restored and will eventually be open for tours.



Descendents of Frederick Muhlenberg are pictured with President/Color Guard Captain Floyd Turner (l) and Ray Longacre. In the center is Chapter Vice President William Wagner who is also a Muhlenberg descendent.



Compatriot Raises Money for Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

Chapter member, Calvin Huntzinger has been working very hard to raise money and help the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund. The fund was established to assist the children of those men and women killed or disabled in the service of the United States.

The following is quoted from the Freedom Alliance Review (Winter 2008 Edition) with their permission:

Cal Huntzinger – The Little Town that Could

Cal Huntzinger, of Belvidere, NJ, has created the Our Town Freedom Fund to support the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund. He challenged his home town folks to raise funds after being inspired by the song “Our Town,” sung by 2007 Montgomery Gentry.

In addition to raising \$5,000 for the fund, Cal circulated large, poster-size greeting cards for the wounded troops at Walter Reed. By the end of the summer he had more than 50 poster boards filled with messages of encouragement and gratitude for our troops. He and his Our Town Freedom Fund are now raising funds for the Freedom Alliance’s Support Our Troops program.



Cal Huntzinger and his wife, Margaret, with Oliver North at the 2007 Freedom Concert in New Jersey (Photo by: Les Nagy)

Youth Activities Fund Report

Thank you to all who have been so generous in supporting the Youth Activities Fund. Response has been good but we have not yet reached our goal. Contributions are still being accepted in any amount you feel comfortable in giving.

Nevin C. Miller

"We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

Longacre Grave Dedication

Compatriot Raymond Longacre has planned a grave dedication for his patriot ancestors on May 18, 2008. The ceremony will take place at 2:00 PM at the St. James Church of Kingsessing, 6838 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia.

The Chapter Color Guard will be joined by members of the Philadelphia-Continental Color Guard to present the colors.

Directions as recommended by Compatriot Longacre: (ALLOW ABOUT 1½ HOURS)
From the Turnpike or Route 422 take the Schuylkill Expressway then the Blue Route south toward Chester. Exit at Cargo City/Bartram Ave/Airport. Turn left onto Bartram Ave. Turn left onto Island Ave. Turn right onto Woodland Ave (at intersection with the Blue Bell Tavern). Enter the church parking lot between 68th and 69th streets.
Church phone number: (215) 727-5265

After the ceremony, everyone is welcome to meet at Ruby Tuesday. You may dine, at your expense, before the trip back home.

Directions to Ruby Tuesday (8680 Bartram Ave):
Go back out Woodland Ave and turn left onto Island Ave. Turn right onto Bartram Ave. At 88th St make a u-turn to get to Ruby Tuesday.

Let's have a strong turn out to support Compatriot Longacre and honor his patriot ancestors.

Allegiance Sunday

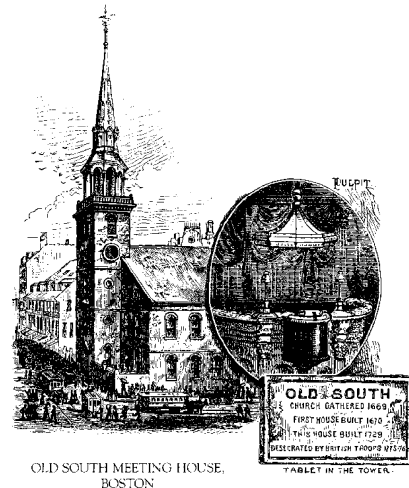
We will celebrate Allegiance Sunday at the New Bethel Church at 9:00 AM on June 8th. The Berks County Chapter, DAR, Conrad Weiser Society, CAR and Boy Scouts will join us for the church service and afterward for a brief ceremony in the cemetery to honor the Revolutionary War patriots buried there.

To get to the church:

From I-78 take the Lenhartsville exit and go north on Route 143 for 3.9 miles. Turn left onto Hawk Mountain Road (at Sunoco station). Go 1.2 miles and turn right onto New Bethel Church Road. The church will be ½ mile on the right.

Directions are also available on the Chapter website by going to the "Events" page and clicking on Allegiance Sunday.

The phone number for the church is 610-756-6589.



DAR Flag Day Luncheon

The Berks County Chapter, DAR will be hosting their annual Flag Day Luncheon at noon on June 14th at the Sheraton Reading Hotel. The Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. will be performing a skit and providing "fun flag facts".

Please make plans to attend. The registration form is included in this newsletter

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE LUNCHEON IS JUNE 6th.

Come Out and Support the Color Guard

The Color Guard will be marching in several parades over the Memorial Day weekend. Come out and show your support!

May 24th – Wyomissing Hills Parade
May 25th – Oley Parade
May 26th – Bernville Parade

Come out and march with Color Guard or take pictures of the action for the Hiester Herald!

June Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the Chapter will be on June 12th at the Heidelberg Country Club in Bernville and will celebrate Flag Day and the Virginia Declaration of Rights (June 12, 1776). Cocktails will be served at 6:00 PM. The guest speaker will be re-enactor Marc Benedict who will be attired as a German Grenadier.

The registration form for the meeting is included with the newsletter.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE MEETING IS MAY 30th

Summer Picnic and Grave Dedication

Compatriot Bruce Reppert is planning a grave dedication ceremony for his Patriot ancestor, Jacob Reppert. The ceremony will be at 11:00 AM at Friedens United Church, 337 Main Street in Oley on August 9th.

Following the ceremony we'll gather at the Legion picnic grove for our chapter picnic.

More info about the grave dedication and the picnic will be sent this summer after the plans have been finalized.

I hope everyone can attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

May 8 – Executive Committee Meeting, 958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp, 7:00 PM
May 18 – Longacre Grave Dedication, St. James Church of Kingsessing, Philadelphia, 2:00 PM
May 24 – Wyomissing Hills Parade, 9:45 AM
May 25 – Oley Parade
May 26 – Bernville Parade, 2:00 PM
June 8 – Allegiance Sunday, New Bethel Union Church, New Bethel Church Road, Kempton, PA; Service begins at 9:00 AM
June 12 – Quarterly Meeting, Heidelberg Country Club, 6:00 PM
June 14 – DAR Flag Day Luncheon, 12:00 Noon
Aug. 7 – Executive Committee Meeting, 958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp, 7:00 PM
Aug. 9 – Reppert Grave Dedication, Friedens United Church, Oley – 11:00 AM
Aug. 9 – Chapter Picnic – Legion Grove, Oley – 12:00 noon
Sep. 11 – Quarterly Meeting, Sheraton Reading Hotel, 6:00 PM
Nov. 6 – Executive Committee Meeting, 958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp., 7:00 PM
Dec. 4 – Annual Meeting, Berkshire Country Club, 6:00 PM

PASSAR Events

Aug. 1 & 2 – Summer Quarterly Meeting
Hosted by: George Washington Chapter
Washington, PA
Nov. 7 & 8 – Fall Quarterly Meeting
Hosted by: Northeast Chapter
Scranton, PA

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.



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EXTRA

News from PASSAR Annual Meeting

Chapter Member is “Mr. SAR”



Former PASSAR President, Miles K. Dechant was given the “Mr. SAR” Award at the banquet Saturday evening. Compatriot Dechant has served SAR at the local, state and national levels for many years.

Locally, he has served in a variety of offices and chairmanships most notably as Chapter President during 1997 and 1998. He is currently serving as the chapter Genealogist.

On the State level, he served as PASSAR President during the 2005-2006 term and National Trustee from 2006-2007. He chairs the Rumbaugh Oration Contest Committee and serves on several others.

Compatriot Dechant’s dedicated devotion reflect great credit upon himself, the Pennsylvania Society and the Sons of the American Revolution.

At left, President Garthwaite presents Compatriot Dechant with the “Mr. SAR” certificate as Awards Chairman Darryl Jeffries looks on.



Chapter Wins Activity Contest

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter was the winner of the PASSAR Chapter Activities Contest (Mid-Sized Chapter). In the picture, Activities Committee Chairman, Brian Clark, presents the plaque to Chapter President, Floyd Turner while PASSAR President James Garthwaite watches. A great deal of thanks is due to the chapter members who dedicate their time and effort to benefit the chapter and the SAR. Well done!

A few pictures from the weekend



Marching to the Memorial Service



(left to right) Past President Eric Troutman, Gladys Ramberger, Stephanie Troutman and Lawrence Ramberger



(left to right) Newly sworn-in PASSAR President Lanny Patten , PA C.A.R. Senior President Cynthia Pritchard, PA C.A.R. President Sara Whitfield and Former PASSAR President James Garthwaite



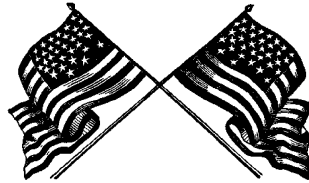
Approaching the Church



Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Pennsylvania Society SAR



Quarterly Meeting
&
Celebration of
Flag Day



and the
Virginia Declaration of Rights, June 12, 1776
At the
Heidelberg Country Club
Bernville
On
June 12, 2008

Cocktails will be served at 6:00 PM
Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM

Members/Prospective members and their guests
Are invited to come together in patriotic fellowship and hear

Marc Benedict

Who will speak about

Revolutionary War German Grenadiers

**Please register for the meeting
No later than May 30, 2008**

Guests can choose from the meal selections below:

Roast Eye Round of Beef - \$25.00
Chicken Breast w/Stuffing & Gravy - \$25.00

Fill out the section below, cut off and mail with payment as indicated.

Quarterly Meeting – Heidelberg Country Club – June 12, 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

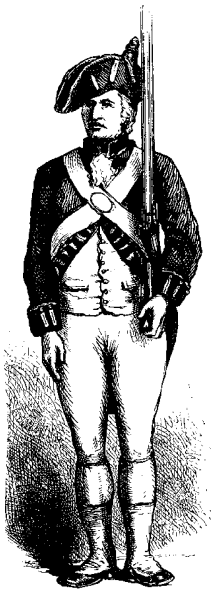
Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

of Beef _____ (\$25.00 ea.) # of Chicken _____ (\$25.00 ea.)

Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: *Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter*

Mail to: Robert W. Murray, 803 Evergreen Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610-1517







BERKS COUNTY CHAPTER, DAR



FLAG DAY LUNCHEON





June 14, 2008



12:00 Noon



Sheraton Reading Hotel



Chapter members and their wives/guests
are invited to join the Berks Daughters in this patriotic celebration



Meal choices* are:

Chicken and Asparagus Spears en Crute - \$20.00

Vegetables en Crute with Marinara Sauce - \$20.00

Tango Mango Salmon - \$22.00



Chicken Fingers (Children) - \$17.00



*Anyone with special dietary restrictions which require
a different meal choice, please contact Mrs. Elizabeth Dechant at 610-779-0993



DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JUNE 6, 2008





Fill out the section below, cut off and mail with payment as indicated

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Chapter: _____



___ Chicken & Asparagus Spears en Crute -\$20.00

___ Veg. en Crute with Marinara Sauce - \$20.00

___ Tango Mango Salmon - \$22.00

___ Chicken Fingers (Children) - \$17.00

Total = \$ _____



Make check payable to: Berks County Chapter, DAR

Mail to:

Elizabeth Dechant, P.O. Box 4187, Reading, PA 19606-0587

