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Sons of the American Revolution

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Compatriots,

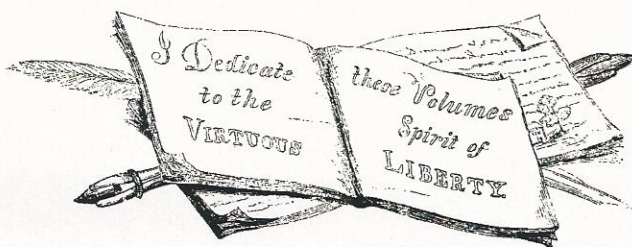
I'd like to begin my first President's message by telling you a little bit about myself. I grew up in Shoemakersville and attended Hamburg High School. During my senior year I enlisted in the United States Navy and left for boot camp shortly after graduation. I enlisted as a Radioman and volunteered for submarine service. After nearly 2 years of electronics and submarine training, I reported onboard the USS Ray, a nuclear-powered, fast attack submarine based in Charleston, SC. After 4 years of sea duty on the Ray, I transferred to Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT for duty as a member of the Curriculum and Instructional Standards Office, Evaluation Division. When my tour of duty at Sub School ended I got out of the Navy and moved back to Berks County. I met and married my lovely and incredibly supportive wife, Jane, and am blessed to be the father of a wonderful daughter, Kathryn. To put food on the table, I'm the production/shipping manager for Reading Technologies, a manufacturer of pneumatic filtration equipment. Several other positions occupy some of my time; I'm the Senior Vice President of the Conrad Weiser Society, CAR, SAR-CAR Liaison for PASSAR and PA CAR, Vice Commander of the Reading Base, US Submarine Veterans and I have a seat on the Combined Veterans Council of Berks County. And, somehow, I'll try to squeeze in as much golf as I can.

I've always been interested in history and began doing genealogy after a great-aunt gave my father a copy of a family tree she was researching. Genealogy led me to the SAR and I joined several years ago.

Since being sworn in as the Chapter President, I've been working on scheduling and planning the meetings for this coming year, getting my sea legs and cracking the whip. (Just ask the new Secretary.) I know I can count on your help as we continue to forge ahead. I hope to make the SAR more visible in our community and work with the local veterans organizations to honor all our service personnel.

I look forward to serving you this year. If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'll endeavor to do what I can and pray that my exertions are sufficient to the task ahead.

Fraternally,  
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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## 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>

## NEW CHAPTER WEBSITE

Shortly after the last newsletter was sent out, Comcast "upgraded" the Personal Web Page feature they provide. This change was not totally unexpected but, unfortunately, the new, upgraded set-up is not compatible with the old. This necessitated the creation of a new Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter website.

The new site address is:

<http://home.comcast.net/~gjh.passar/site/>

Please take a look at the new site and let me know what you would like to see there. If you have any information or pictures you can share, please contact the Newsletter Editor.

BE IT REMEMBERED:  
THAT on the 17th of October, 1781, Lieutenant-General Earl  
CORNWALLIS, with above Five thousand British Troops, sur-  
rendered themselves Prisoners of War to his Excellency Gen. GEORGE  
WASHINGTON, Commander in Chief of the allied Forces of  
France and America.  
LAUS DEO!

## ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



President Troutman honored Compatriots Henry Troutman, Bruce Dietrich and Dr. Philip Garrett with Certificates of Appreciation. Each has served the Chapter very well but opted to step down and pursue other joys in life.



Past National Trustee Miles Dechant swears in the new Chapter President, Floyd N. Turner II.



One of the first duties of newly sworn-in President Turner was to present Past President Troutman with his Past President Certificate.



Dr. Philip Garrett (center), his wife Peg and Eagle Scout Chairman Robert W. Murray at the Annual Meeting.

## EAGLE SCOUT REPORT

During the year 2007, one hundred fourteen Eagle Scouts were given certificates and information, either through the mail or by attendance at their Courts of Honor.

The Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Committee, Nevin Miller, Martin Peicker, and Floyd Turner met on December 15th to evaluate the eight applications we received for 2007. This year's award winner is Justin Herb, Troop 377, Stony Creek Mills.

In addition, Compatriots Thomas Brown, Scott Lash, and Bertram Leiby have also participated in this program by attending many of the Courts of Honor. Without their help the Eagle program would not be as viable as it is at the present time,

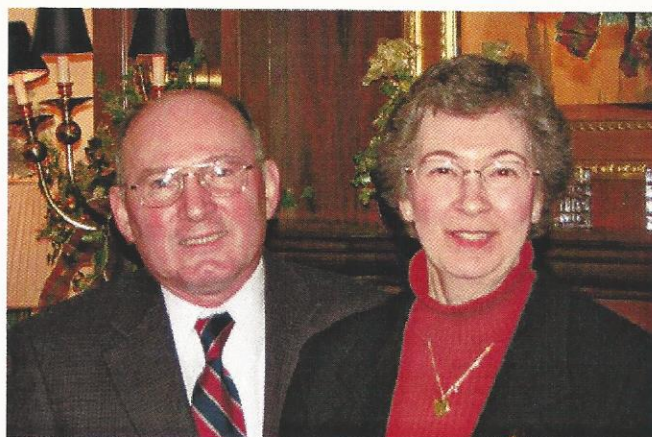
I am pleased to announce that Compatriot Bruce Reppert has also agreed to serve on our committee and will be assisting us at the Eagle Courts of Honor in the future. We will welcome anyone else who would like to give us a hand.

A special thank you to all of these gentlemen.

Robert W. Murray  
Eagle Scout Chairman



## NEW MEMBERS / SUPPLEMENTALS

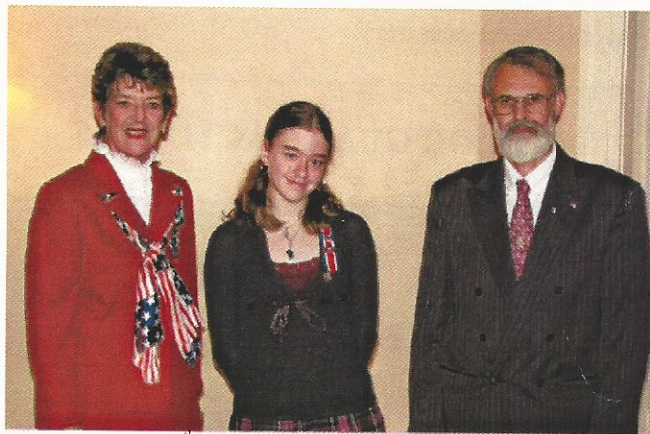


Recently-approved Compatriot Harry Hunsinger and his wife, Elaine drove down from Berwick to join us at the Annual Meeting. It's always exciting to welcome new members at the meetings but particularly so with Compatriot Hunsinger who worked very hard to join the SAR. We're happy and proud that he was so persistent.

The following supplementals have been approved:

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Eric H. Troutman	Johann Georg Loos

## DAR ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON



On November 10<sup>th</sup>, President Troutman and other Chapter members attended the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon of the Berks County Chapter, DAR. Also pictured above are Regent Hallie Vaughan and President Kathryn Turner of the Conrad Weiser Society, CAR.

"Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity and hardihood – the things that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity at any price, peace at any price, safety first instead of duty first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life."

-Theodore Roosevelt

## COLOR GUARD FUNDRAISER



“Old Ironsides”, USS Constitution

There are still tickets available for the Color Guard Fund Raiser. The winner will receive a flag that was flown over the USS Constitution in their honor. The flag will be in a lovely display case that will look great on your mantle or shelf. The tickets are \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$10.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at the President’s Day Luncheon. The winner will receive their flag about 6 weeks after the drawing to allow time to have the flag flown.

If you’re interested in purchasing tickets, please contact President Floyd Turner at 610-929-5840 or [floyd2@comcast.net](mailto:floyd2@comcast.net).

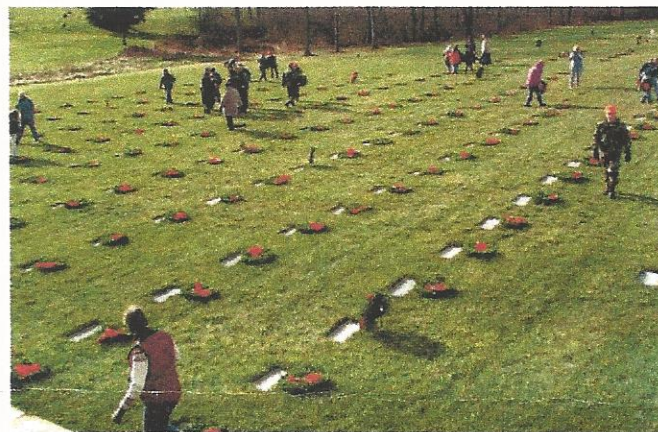
## COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES



Some of the members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, Berks County Chapter, DAR and Conrad Weiser Society, CAR at the Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony in City Park, Reading.



President Turner was the Master of Ceremonies at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The event drew over 200 people that came to honor our service personnel past and present.



Wreaths Across America volunteers laying the donated wreaths on a section of graves at the foot of the Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.



On Veterans Day members of the Color Guard were on hand at the Most Blessed Sacrament Church to dedicate the new grave marker of patriot Isaac Jones. Also there was future Color Guard Captain, L. Stefan Troutman of the Conrad Weiser Society, CAR.

## BERKS/LEBANON COUNTY GRAVES

At the Annual Meeting, District Deputy and PASSAR Graves Chairman, Jim Willis informed the Chapter that information concerning patriots buried in Berks and Lebanon Counties will soon be appearing on the PASSAR website.

When the information is linked to the site, all compatriots are encouraged to check the data and report any needed corrections to the Chapter Graves Chairman, Eric Troutman.

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## CONRAD WEISER SOCIETY, CAR FRIENDLY'S FAMILY FUNDRAISER

The Conrad Weiser Society is asking for our support. They're having a fundraiser at the Friendly's Restaurant on Penn Avenue in Sinking Spring on February 11<sup>th</sup>. All you need to do is dine at the restaurant between 5 and 8 PM on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and the Society will get a percentage of your check. That's it! Stop in for a meal or just have dessert.

The members of the C.A.R. have been working hard. We should help them in their patriotic mission. So plan on dining at Friendly's on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.



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## PRESIDENT'S DAY LUNCHEON

Don't forget to register for the annual President's Day Luncheon. We'll be joined by members of the Berks County Chapter, DAR and Historical Society of Berks County.

This year it's being held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Sheraton Reading Hotel. The speaker will be celebrated author Col. David Fitz-Enz who will speak about "Old Ironsides – Eagle of the Sea."



## MARCH QUARTERLY MEETING

All members and prospective members are encouraged to join us at the Quarterly Meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Inn at Moselem Springs. If you have been working with any prospective members or know of any, please reach out and encourage them to come as well.

Our speaker for the evening will be Col. Glenn Wagner, USMC, Commanding Officer of the NROTC units at Villanova and the University of Pennsylvania. He will speak about "Today's Generation: The New Millennium."

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## GRAVE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Aide-to-the-President, Raymond Longacre is planning a grave dedication for 4 of his patriot ancestors that are buried at St. James Church of Kingsessing in Philadelphia. He's planning to get everything together for a May 18<sup>th</sup> ceremony. More about this will be in the next Hiester Herald but mark you calendars and please plan to attend.



Howard and Ray Longacre with one of the new markers.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."*  
-Benjamin Franklin

### Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- Feb. 7** – Executive Committee Meeting,  
958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp., 7:00 PM  
**Feb. 23** – Presidents Day Luncheon,  
Sheraton Reading Hotel, 12:00 PM  
**Mar. 13** – Quarterly Meeting,  
Inn at Moselem Springs, 6:00 PM  
**May 8** – Executive Committee Meeting,  
958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp, 7:00 PM  
**June 8** – Allegiance Sunday, New Bethel Union  
Church, 2623B Route 143, Kempton, PA; Service  
begins at 9:00 AM (directions will be in the next  
newsletter)  
**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  
**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

- Feb. 1 & 2** – Winter Quarterly Meeting  
Hosted by: Fort Jackson Chapter  
Coraopolis, PA  
**May 2 & 3** – PASSAR Annual Meeting  
Hosted by: Tiadaghton Chapter  
Williamsport, PA  
**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.

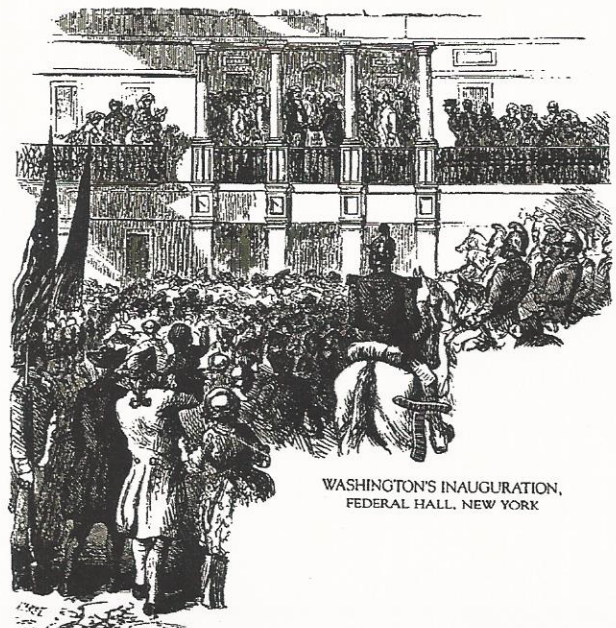
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## Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen

Office	Name
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Secretary	Nevin C. Miller
Treasurer/Registrar	Robert W. Murray
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Surgeon	Dr. Thomas Shultz
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Aide-to-the-President	Raymond Longacre

Newsletter Editor	Floyd N. Turner II
Color Guard Captain	Floyd N. Turner II

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Graves	Eric H. Troutman
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Americanism	Vacant
Flag	Vacant
Awards	Floyd N. Turner II



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