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## A Message from the President



It's hard to believe that the year is passing so rapidly. The patriotic season (Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Allegiance Sunday, Flag Day, Independence Day and the anniversary of the Submarine Service) has come and gone. The Color Guard was very busy displaying the spirit of the SAR and covering as many events as possible. Now comes a period of relative calm. Time to rest and recuperate a little and, unlike our intrepid patriot ancestors, have the uniforms dry cleaned!!

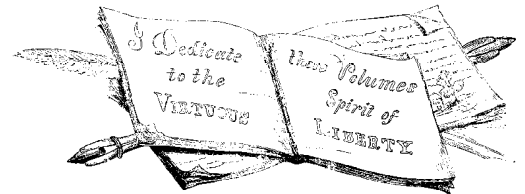
Our meeting in June went very well. Marc Benedict, our German Grenadier, gave a very interesting talk about the life of a soldier in the late 1700's and the uniform and kit of a Grenadier. At the meeting I had the pleasure of welcoming 2 of our newest members into the Chapter, Martin Goetz and David Shultz. It will be some time until we can see Compatriot Shultz again. He's off on a tour of duty to Afghanistan. We pray for his safe return as we do for all the brave men and women serving our country.

The Color Guard has been invited to participate in the opening ceremony of the "Fueling the Furnace" event at Hopewell Furnace on August 2nd. I encourage all members to drop by Hopewell Furnace. Preferably on August 2nd but the event goes on all week.

I plan to see everyone at our picnic on August 9th and quarterly meeting on Patriot Day, September 11th.

I remain your humble servant,

*Floyd N. Turner II*



## Passing of William Bailey



PASSAR lost a great friend on Saturday, July 5, 2008. Past President of PASSAR William Bailey died from an apparent heart attack at the age of 65. Compatriot Bailey was a lawyer and veteran of the US Army.

Our heart-felt condolences go out to his wife, Bonnie, and the entire Bailey family. He will be sorely missed.

# Highlights from Quarterly Meeting



Two of the Chapter's newest members, Martin Goetz (l) and David Shultz are sworn in.



Lawrence Ramberger was presented his Military Service Medal. He served in the Army during the Korean War.



Members socializing before the meeting.



Howard Longacre was presented with his 10-year Membership Pin and Certificate.

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/>



Our speaker for the evening was Marc Benedict who came dressed as a German Grenadier and spoke on the uniform and life of a soldier during the Revolutionary War.



# Longacre Grave Dedication Ceremony



On May 18th, Ray Longacre held a grave dedication ceremony for his patriot ancestors buried at the St. James of Kingsessing Church in southwest Philadelphia. Although it can't be seen in the picture on the right above, there was a hard, steady rain that caused the service to be moved inside the church. Everyone ventured outside afterward for a quick placing of the wreaths.

Martin Peicker, Past President of the Chapter, gave the invocation and benediction and members of the **Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard** provided reinforcements for a strong color guard presence.



# Allegiance Sunday

The Chapter celebrated Allegiance Sunday on June 8th at the New Bethel Church near Kempton, PA and conducted a memorial service for the Patriots buried there. Pastor David Blich and Jonathon Bond, a troop leader from Boy Scout Troop #104, helped set up the ceremony and even printed the programs for us. Members of Troop #104 joined in a combined Color Guard and two of the young men played "To the Colors" at the beginning of the ceremony and "Taps" at the end. Also assisting us during the ceremony was Mary Bahr, who represented the Berks County Chapter, DAR and Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R.





# Color Guard Activities



Above: Color Guard, VP William Wagner and volunteer banner carrier, Harold Bond at the Wyomissing Hills Memorial Day parade. Below: With members of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R.



Above: Memorial Day ceremony at Friedens Church in Oley after the parade. Below: With the guest speaker, BG John Gronski after the ceremony in Oley.



Above: Memorial Day Wreath Laying ceremony in the Veterans Grove of City Park, Reading. Below: DAR Memorial Day ceremony in Washington Square, Philadelphia.



Above: With members of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. at the Oley Memorial Day parade. Below: A very wet crew at the Wyomissing 4th of July Parade





# JROTC Awards

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

Xavier Torres - Reading H. S. (Marine Corps)  
Cody Beidler - Boyertown H. S. (Navy)

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!

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## A Few Words from Our Favorite District Deputy

Hello to all of my new found friends and compatriots in the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter. As the PASSAR Deputy for District #1 it is my responsibility to meet with and support the three SAR Chapters (Governor Joseph Hiester, Philadelphia Continental, and Washington Crossing) that make up the district. Most of you have probably met me and my wife Betsy as I attended your April and May Chapter Meetings and my wife Betsy joined me in attending your Quarterly Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Heidelberg Country Club in Bernville, PA. As I said at your last meeting I am very proud to be associated with your excellent chapter. You are a very active chapter and I see your officers, color guard, and members, including Mr. SAR, at all of the PASSAR meetings etc. Thank you for the hospitality you have shown my wife and me and keep up the good work. God Bless each and everyone of you and I will see you at the Quarterly PASSAR Board of Management Meeting August 2nd or at your next Chapter Meeting.

Joe Thomas  
PASSAR Deputy District #1



### New Members and Supplementals

The Chapter welcomes the following new member:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Patriot Ancestor</u>
William G. Koch, Jr.	Heinrich Baltzer

The following Supplementals have been approved:

Eric Troutman	Nicolaus Kintzer
Eric Troutman	Peter Lehr
Eric Troutman	Nicolaus Schlessmann
Eric Troutman	Albrecht Strauss
Eric Troutman	Philip Strauss

### Dues Reminder

Dues notices will be sent out in a few months.

Remember

**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.**

**If you don't receive a dues notice, make sure you contact Robert W. Murray, Chapter Treasurer at 610-670-1433.**

# Eagle Scout Committee Report

The honored guests at our Quarterly Meeting June 13 were Kevin and Deborah Herb and their son Justin, the winner of our Eagle Scout Scholarship award for 2007. At this time, Justin was presented with his winner's medal and a \$200 cash award.

Our committee has attended forty-eight Courts of Honor so far this year and we already have five additional Courts of Honor scheduled through September. We most certainly will have additional requests this year from Scouts who are just arranging their Courts of Honor.

Unfortunately, we have had to decline twenty-four Courts of Honor, which is half as many as we were able to attend, due to too few committee members and other scheduling conflicts. It is unfortunate that we have been unable to attend such a large number of Courts of Honor. It is obvious then that we must have additional help. Please consider giving a little of your time to honor these outstanding young men.

Thanks to my committee for their continued assistance and dedication to this worthwhile program.

Robert W. Murray  
Eagle Scout Chairman



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## SAR Youth Contests

The **Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest** is open to students in 4th and 5th grade. Students make a poster following the contest rules that's based on the announced theme (this year it's **Paul Revere's Ride**). The winning poster at the Chapter level is submitted to the State and that winner is submitted for the National contest. The winner at the National level receives a ribbon and a \$300 savings bond.

The **George & Stella Knight Essay Contest** is open to all high school students in grades 10 through 12. Students write an essay following the contest rules. The essay must be an original work and must deal with an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence or the framing of the United States Constitution.

For more information, contact Eric Troutman at 610-488-7855 or [etroutman@juno.com](mailto:etroutman@juno.com) or Floyd Turner at 610-929-5840 or [floyd2@comcast.net](mailto:floyd2@comcast.net). Entries must be received for Chapter judging no later than December 31, 2008.

**Enter your children and grandchildren!**

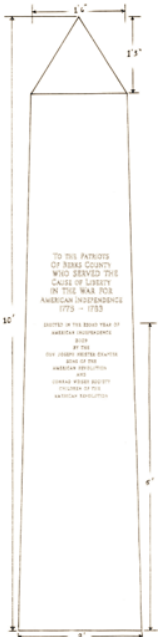
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## Member Speaks to Kutztown Students



Compatriot Nevin Miller, a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, was invited to speak to the students at Kutztown Junior High School as part of their Memorial Day assembly program. His talk was entitled "Reminiscing on Memorial Day." He told the children about his patriot ancestor and his membership in the SAR. He also described some of his experiences during the war and reminisced about some of his fallen colleagues which is why Memorial Day is so meaningful for him. When he finished, the entire student body stood and applauded.

# Revolutionary War Monument Update



We have received preliminary approval of our second \$5,000 grant from the Community Revitalization Program. We will apply again during the current fiscal year for another grant. In addition to our request, the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. is assisting in acquiring the funds needed for the monument.

Now that the City Park Master Plan has been adopted, our proposal for the monument has been sent to the City Clerk and Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will pass on their recommendation to the City Council which has final approval authority on the monument.

The monument will be a smooth, grey granite obelisk, 10 feet tall, 2 feet wide at the base and 1 1/2 feet wide near the peak. The inscription will most likely read: **“To the Patriots of Berks County who served the Cause of Liberty in the War for American Independence—1775—1783 Erected in the 233rd year of American Independence—2009”**

Initially, the funding seemed to be the biggest hurdle. However, since the city has approved a Master Plan for City Park, their approval may turn out to be the challenge. The plan states that there is only enough room in the park for 2 or 3 more monuments and recommends a more formal process for the approval of any additional monuments. The plan is mute on exactly what the more formal process should be. Our project will apparently be caught in the middle of this “process” until it is more clearly defined. Alternative sites could be considered in the event that City Council does not approve the monument.

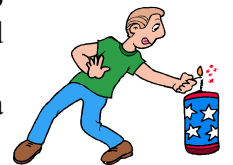
## Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony



The Combined Veterans Council of Berks County will be conducting a wreath laying ceremony in the Veterans Grove section of City Park on November 11th at 11:00 AM. All members are encouraged to attend to honor our Nation’s veterans.

## On the Lighter Side

An Air Force Chief Master Sergeant and a General were sitting in the barbershop. They were both just getting finished with their shaves and the barbers reached for some after-shave to slap on their faces. The General shouted, “Hey, don’t put that stuff on me! My wife will think I’ve been in a brothel!” The Chief Master Sergeant turned to his barber and said, “Go ahead and put it on me. My wife doesn’t know what the inside of a brothel smells like.”



## Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. Picnic



The Conrad Weiser Society has invited the members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter and their families to join them on August 16th at Daniel Boone Homestead (400 Daniel Boone Road, Birdsboro) for their annual summer picnic. At about 10:00 they will be touring the homestead. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children. The fee for the tour can be paid to the homestead that morning. The picnic will begin at about noon behind the Wayside Lodge. There is no fee to come to the picnic but covered dishes or snacks/drinks are very welcome. Please return the registration form enclosed with the newsletter to help them to prepare for all the guests.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

**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. 11**—Veterans Day Wreath laying Ceremony in City Park, 11:00 AM  
**Nov. 13** – Executive Committee Meeting, (Note new date!)  
958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp., 7:00 PM  
**Dec. 4** – Annual Meeting,  
Berkshire Country Club, 6:00 PM

### PASSAR Events

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.

## Patriot Day Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting will be on Patriot Day, September 11, 2008 at the Sheraton Reading Hotel.



The Berks County Chapter, DAR and Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. will be joining us for this special meeting. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Brigader General John Gronski, Assistant Adjutant General, PA National Guard and veteran of the Iraq War.

Please join us to remember those innocent souls that were taken from us on September 11, 2001.

## Grave Dedication Ceremony & Chapter Picnic



Compatriot Bruce Reppert has organized a grave dedication ceremony on August 9, 2008 to honor his Patriot ancestor, Jacob Reppert. The ceremony will be at 11:00 AM at the Friedens United Church on Main Street in Oley. After the grave dedication, we'll move to the Legion Grove near the corner of Deturk Road and Legion Drive for a picnic lunch. The picnic is a covered dish.

Please check out the registration form that came with the newsletter. There is no cost for the picnic but Compatriot Reppert needs to know how many people are coming. Please send in the registration form or contact him at 610-374-5421 to confirm.

