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Sons of the American Revolution

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A Message from the President

It's hard to believe that the year is almost gone. By the time you receive this issue we'll know who our next President will be. The campaigning will be done and it will be time to transition to a new administration. Regardless of the winner, I hope Americans will lay political differences aside and strive to do what's best for our country.

This issue has a couple pleas for donations. Both are very worthy and I know you'll help as much as you can but, I have a request for the Chapter treasury as well. Very soon the annual dues notices will be arriving in your mailbox. When you pay your dues please consider making a donation to the Chapter at the same time. To be an active, civically engaged organization does cost money. Most of the expense has traditionally been borne by a handful of dedicated volunteers (which we need also). I know there is only so much time in a day and I know we're all busy dealing with everything life throws at us. If you believe in the mission of the SAR, and I assume you do based on your desire to be a member, and you have the financial means, please make a donation to help support our chapter's efforts. You can designate one of three funds for your donation; General Operating, Color Guard or Youth Activities. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated.

The Youth Activities Fund covers the expenses associated with our Eagle Scout and JROTC programs. It's our desire to one day have enough in the fund to give a monetary gift to an outstanding graduate from each area high school.

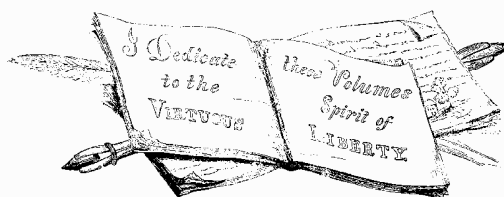
The Color Guard Fund helps to cover the expenses associated with the Color Guard (except for personal items such as uniforms). The Color Guard is our best public relations tool. Through it we have reached thousands of people and made them aware of the SAR and exposed them to, or reminded them of, America's heritage.

The General Operating Fund covers all other expenses associated with our chapter such as printing and postage.

Please help in any way you can.

Fraternally,

Floyd N. Turner II



Some Highlights from Patriot Day Meeting



Three compatriots were presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal for their dedicated and faithful service to the Chapter and the SAR as members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Color Guard. From left to right: Raymond Longacre, Eric Troutman, Nevin Miller and President Turner.



Joining the Chapter for Patriot Day were members of the Berks County Chapter, DAR and Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. Front row (l to r): Jane Turner, Senior President, Conrad Weiser Society and DAR member; Kathryn Turner, PA C.A.R. State Librarian; Christine Kolyer, Vice President, Conrad Weiser Society. Back row with President Turner: Pamela Kolyer, Senior Vice President, Conrad Weiser Society and DAR member ; Hallie Vaughan, Regent, Berks County Chapter, DAR



Our scheduled speaker for the evening, Brigadier General John Gronski, was unable to attend. Diane Price, Commander of the Women Veterans of Berks County answered our last minute call to fill-in. She spoke about the history of America's women and the service they have given our country both in and supporting the military. Diane served in the Army and is a very active supporter of our local veterans. To honor her efforts, she was presented with an Outstanding Citizenship Award.

More highlights later in this issue!

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:
 Floyd N. Turner II, 958 Whitner Road
 Reading, PA 19605 or e-mail: floyd2@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/>

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Endorses Compatriot Miles K. Dechant for Librarian General

Miles K. Dechant Candidate for Librarian General 2009-2010

NATIONAL SOCIETY SERVICE

Genealogy Committee – Vice Chairman (Present)
 GWEF – Fund Raising Committee (Present)
 Library Committee (Present)
 Patriotic Education Committee (Present)
 Strategic Planning Committee (Present)
 Youth Orations Contest (J.S. Rumbaugh) (Present)
 Task Force for Branding the CAAH (2007-2008)
 Task Force to Explore Alternatives to Annual Dues-
 Chairman (2006-2007)
 Trustee (2006-2007)
 Nominating Committee (2005-2006)
 Alternate Trustee (2004-2005)
 Congress Planning Committee (2003-2004)
 GWEF Fellow and Friend of the Library

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SOCIETY SERVICE

Treasurer (2006-2007)
 Nominating Committee – Chairman (2006-2007)
 President (2005-2006)
 First Vice President (2004-2005)
 Second Vice President (2003-2004)
 Third Vice President (2002-2003)
 District Deputy (2000-2002)

CHAPTER SERVICE

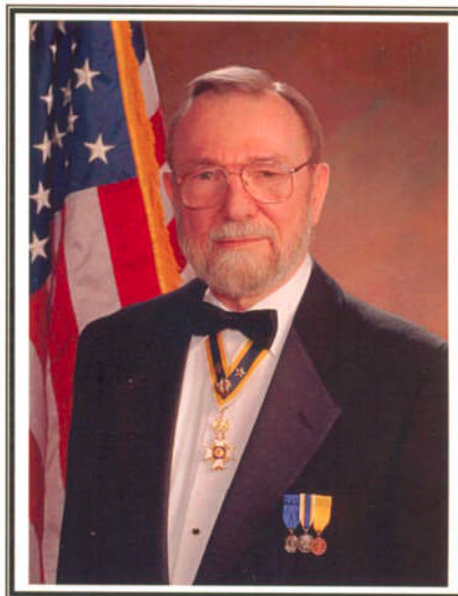
Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
 Genealogist (2007-present)
 President (1997 and 1998)
 Treasurer (1971-1976)
 Philadelphia Continental Chapter
 Genealogist/Registrar (Present)

SAR AWARDS

Liberty Medal
 Patriot Medal
 Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Bronze)
 State SAR Meritorious Service Medal
 Chapter SAR Meritorious Service Medal
 (Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter)

MEMBERSHIP

NSSAR – 37 years with 10 proven supplements
 Huguenot Society of PA and National Society
 Reading Lodge #549 F&AM
 All Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Reading



VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Library of Historical Society of Berks County
 (1200 hours since 2000)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Albright College
 Master of Science for Teachers (Physics), Cornell University

PROFESSIONAL

Taught Physics at Easton Area High School, Easton, PA
 Taught Physics at Gov. Mifflin Sr. High School, Shillington, PA
 Taught Physics as a member of the Adjunct Faculty at Albright College

PERSONAL

Wife – the former Elizabeth (Betty) R. Younger – DAR
 Daughter – Deborah D. Adams, RA – DAR
 Daughter – Elizabeth D. Dewalt, PE – DAR
 Son-in-law – Scott G. Adams, Ph.D. - SAR
 Three grandsons – Nathaniel Adams, Zachary Adams, and Samuel Dewalt
 Church – Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading, PA
 Life Membership - SAR

Please mail letters of endorsement (before December 31, 2008) to:
 President General Bruce A. Wilcox, Chairman NSSAR Nominating
 Committee, 1103 Belle Vista Drive, Alexandria VA 22307-2014

At the quarterly meeting in September the Chapter voted unanimously to support Compatriot Dechant in his bid to gain the nomination to be the next Librarian General. All members are encouraged to write a letter to the NSSAR Nominating Committee Chairman, Bruce Wilcox, (see address above) and voice your support for Compatriot Dechant.

NSSAR Honors Chapter Member

The National Society honored Compatriot Robert Wayne Murray with the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award which was presented to him at our meeting in September. The award is presented for dedicated service to the young men of the Boy Scouts of America. Robert, an Eagle Scout himself, strives to make sure that every Eagle Scout in the Hawk Mountain Council is properly honored, in person, for his accomplishment. To make this happen volunteers from the chapter are needed. There are over 100 Eagle Scout Courts of Honor in Hawk Mountain Council every year. Please speak with Compatriot Murray if you can help him shoulder some of the burden associated with this Herculean effort.



Color Guard Activities

Brandywine Revolutionary Times

Guardsman Raymond Longacre attended the September 7th event commemorating the 231st anniversary of the Battle of Brandywine and offers this report:

A table was manned by PASSAR Graves Registration Chairman, James H. Willis (incoming President of the P-CC), Joseph R. Stokes and myself. We answered questions concerning Revolutionary War patriot grave registration and those specific to membership. There was good interaction with the Chester County Chapter of the DAR, located two tables away.

There were encampments of Colonials, English and Germans and sutlers selling their wares. There were exhibitions on the use equipment, weapons and military tactics. The battle re-enactment went off without a hitch although with no change in the final result.

Hopewell Furnace



The Color Guard was invited to Hopewell Furnace National Historical Park on August 2nd to participate in their Fueling the Furnace event. Chapter guardsmen Raymond Longacre, Bruce Reppert and Nevin Miller were reinforced by Phil Anders and Dick Randolph of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter. Hopewell Furnace started operation in 1771 and produced cannon during the Revolutionary War.

Jacob Reppert Grave Dedication



On August 9th, the Color Guard presented the colors at the grave dedication of Jacob Reppert, patriot ancestor of guardsman Bruce Reppert. The ceremony was planned by compatriot Reppert and was covered by the Reading Eagle and Boyertown Times.

Eagle Scout Committee Report

The Eagle Scout Committee has been privileged to participate in fifty-six Courts of Honor thus far in 2008. We are committed to attend an additional five Courts of Honor in November and December. At this time, there are quite a number of scouts who have fulfilled their obligations for their Eagle award but have not as yet set a date for their Courts of Honor.

Unfortunately, as is becoming all too common, due to the limited number of committee personnel, we have already had to decline thirty-three Courts of Honor during this year. There is no doubt, as you can readily see, that we are in dire need of additional assistance. I urge anyone who would have the time to join us in promoting this scouting endeavor. We are especially in need of a compatriot who would be able to service the Eagle Scouts in Schuylkill County.

As always I wish to thank my committee for their dedication and support.



Learn more about the National Society, SAR

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History

Membership

SAR Handbook

Patriotic
Information

www.sar.org

Youth
Programs

Education

SAR Merchandise

New Members and Supplementals

The following Supplementals have been approved:

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Calvin Huntzinger	Jurg Huntzinger
Robert Huntzinger	Jurg Huntzinger

Dues Reminder

Dues notices will be sent out very soon.
Please mail your dues as soon as possible.

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 by Nov. 15th, make sure you contact Robert W. Murray, Chapter Treasurer at 610-670-1433.

Support the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. and Wreaths Across America

The Conrad Weiser Society is helping Wreaths Across America by asking for donations to cover the cost of wreaths that will be placed this holiday season on the graves of veterans buried at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. The Wreaths Across America project grew out of the Worcester Wreath Company's tradition of placing wreaths on the graves in Arlington National Cemetery. Your donation of \$15.00 per wreath will cover the cost to make and transport the wreaths to the cemetery. The goal is to get donations for 2,500 wreaths!! The wreaths will be placed on December 13th after a ceremony at noon in the Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial. Everyone is invited to attend and help place the wreaths.

Please see the flyer and form included with this newsletter and visit the Wreaths Across America website at www.wreaths-across-america.org for more information. Donations are tax deductible.

This effort is also a fund-raiser for the Conrad Weiser Society so your donations will help both organizations and honor our veterans at the same time.

Please Help Honor our Veterans this Holiday Season

WREATHS-ACROSS-AMERICA.ORG

REMEMBER - HONOR - TEACH



Support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH)

The mission of the SAR is to promote patriotism and reaffirm those values on which our country was established. To help achieve this, SAR embarked on a campaign to create an improved and more accessible library and museum, the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.

This project needs the support and assistance of every member of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter. Donations in any amount are needed from individual compatriots. If we can achieve a high enough level of support from our members, it can open up other possible avenues of funding.

Plases send donations in any amount to:

The SAR Foundation, 1000 South Fourth St., Louisville, KY 40203

Make checks payable to: **The SAR Foundation**

Be sure to include your Name, National Number, State and Chapter Name along with your donation

The SAR Foundation is recognized by the IRS as a qualified 501(c)(3) organization.

Donations are tax deductible

Your donation is needed to assist the SAR in it's mission to be the foremost repository of Revolutionary War era documents and artifacts!

Revolutionary War Monument Update

We have received approval of our second \$5,000 grant from the Community Revitalization Program. We also have requests pending for 2 more grants as well as the grant requested by the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R.

The city’s Planning Commission has recommended that the Penns Common Community Group, the organization that put together the City Park Master Plan, review the proposal and forward their comments to City Council who has the final say on whether or not we may put the monument in City Park. This is the first monument proposal since the approval of the City Park Master Plan and, as such, is being scrutinized more than similar requests in the past.

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 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”**

Other sites for the monument may need to be considered or we may need to find an appropriate person or persons to lobby on our behalf.



Chapter Picnic

After the grave dedication for Jacob Reppert on August 9th, members of the chapter gathered at the Legion Picnic Grove in Oley for our chapter picnic. Members were joined by the Reppert family who pitched in with a variety dishes and a very nice SAR cake.



Congratulations!

to Compatriot Miles K. Dechant for being named Vice Chairman of the Genealogy Committee for the National Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- Nov. 11**—Veterans Day Wreath laying Ceremony in City Park, 11:00 AM
Nov. 13 – Executive Committee Meeting, 958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp., 7:00 PM
Dec. 4 – Annual Meeting, Berkshire Country Club, 6:00 PM
Feb. 12—Executive Committee Meeting, 958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp., 7:00 PM
Feb. 21—President’s Day Luncheon
Mar. 12—Quarterly Meeting, Location: TBD
May 14—Executive Committee Meeting, Location: TBD
Jun. 7—Allegiance Sunday service, Evangelical Lutheran Friedens Church, Bernville, PA
Jun. 11—Quarterly Meeting, Location: TBD
Jun. 13—Flag Day Luncheon
Jun. 14—Rededication of “Support Our Constitution Flag”
Aug. 13—Executive Committee Meeting, Location: TBD
Sep. 10—Quarterly Meeting, Location: TBD
Nov. 12—Executive Committee Meeting, Location: TBD
Dec. 3—Annual Meeting

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 ensure that you receive the registration form before the deadline for submittal.

President’s Day Luncheon

On February 21st the annual President’s Day Luncheon will be hosted by the Historical Society of Berks County. Details will be in the next issue of the Hiester Herald.

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.

Annual Meeting

Make plans to attend the Chapter’s Annual Meeting which will be held on December 4th at the Berkshire Country Club. The Chapter officers for 2009 will be elected and installed. Entertainment will be provided by classical violinist, Victoria Dreibelbis.

Come join us for an evening of patriotic fellowship!

Please register before the Nov. 21st deadline

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Eric Troutman—Chairman, Martin Peicker and Lawrence Ramberger, has put forth the following slate of officers for 2009.

President:	Floyd N. Turner II
Vice President:	William Wagner
Secretary:	Nevin C. Miller
Treasurer/Registrar:	Robert W. Murray
Genealogist:	Eric Troutman
Chaplain:	Lawrence Ramberger
Surgeon:	Thomas Shultz
Chancellor:	David Batdorf



Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Pennsylvania Society SAR



Annual Meeting

At the

Berkshire Country Club

Rte 183, Reading, PA

On

December 4, 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

Classical Violinist Victoria Dreibelbis

Please RSVP by November 21, 2008

Guests can choose from the meal selections below:

Grilled Filet of Black Angus Beef - \$50.00

Boneless Chicken Breast stuffed with Sweet Italian Sausage - \$45.00

(meals include Oven Brown Rosemary Potatoes and Snow Peas with Rainbow Sherbet for dessert)

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

Annual Meeting – December 4, 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

of Beef _____ (\$50.00 ea.) # of Chicken _____ (\$45.00 ea.)

Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter

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

Remember, Honor and Teach

The Conrad Weiser Society, Children of the American Revolution

is assisting

Wreaths Across America

find patriotic donors willing to sponsor wreaths
which will be placed on the graves of veterans at

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

during the Christmas season.

Your tax-deductible donation of \$15.00 per wreath will cover the costs to make and transport the wreaths to the cemetery. The goal is to find sponsors for 2,500 wreaths to be placed at the cemetery.

Please help us honor our veterans during this holiday season.

(Deadline for 2008 donations is December 1, 2008)

Ask your family and friends to become sponsors also.

Complete information about Wreaths Across America is available at
www.wreathsassamerica.org.

Sponsorships using a credit card must be made on-line.

If sponsoring a wreath on-line, please specify

Sponsoring Group # **PACAR0001** and

Cemetery Destination as **Indiantown Gap National Cemetery**

Everyone is invited to the cemetery to witness the ceremony
and assist in placing the donated wreaths on

Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 12:00 noon



Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Please note that this order form is for sponsored wreaths only, not mail order items. Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries each December. Wreaths and other merchandise for personal use may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

*If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card,
please visit our website for a secure online transaction.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(To receive our FREE email newsletter)

Important Notice:

Please provide the following information for our records.

Sponsoring Group #

PACAR0001

Cemetery Designation

Indiantown Gap Natl Cem.

Visit online to see our complete list of over 286 participating locations.

Sponsorship	Price	Qty	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths or more	<i>Please Contact Us</i>		
Grand Total			

Please make checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America™

PO Box 256

Harrington, ME 04643

Questions? Please call 207-483-2039

Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember; Honor; and Teach!

