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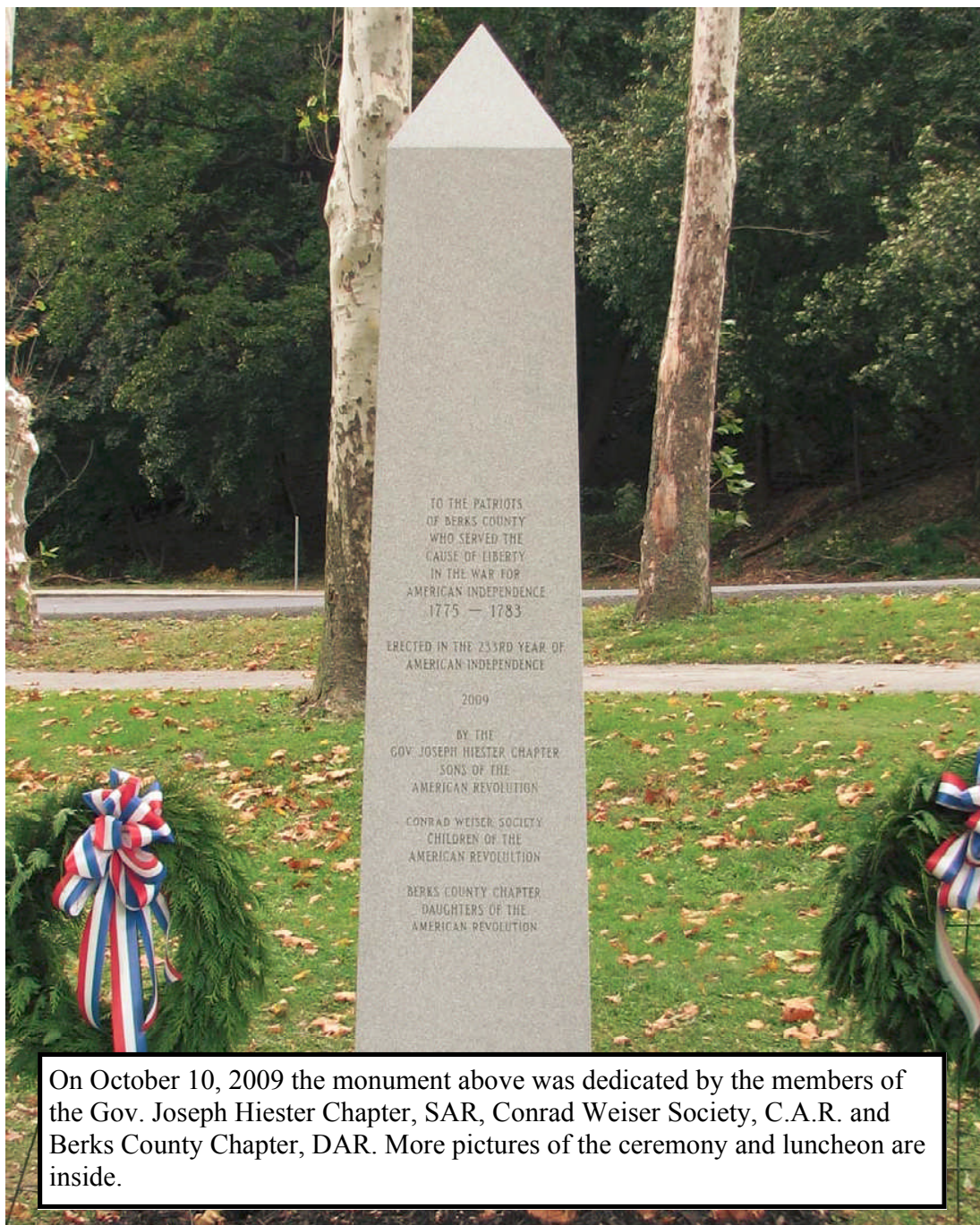
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Berks County Revolutionary War Monument



On October 10, 2009 the monument above was dedicated by the members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR, Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. and Berks County Chapter, DAR. More pictures of the ceremony and luncheon are inside.

A Message from the President

Compatriots,

My duties as your Chapter President and Hiester Herald Editor are coming to an end. I've served as Editor for 4 years and as President for the past 2 years. I always tried to do the best I could to promote the SAR and the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter. The time has gone by very quickly and I hope my efforts in both positions have been satisfactory. I express my sincere gratitude to all those that helped me during the past 4 years.

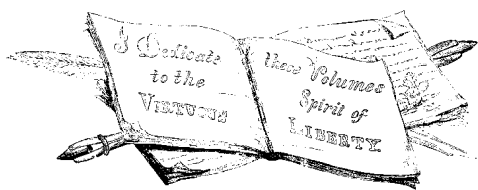
I encourage each of you to assist in chapter affairs as much as you can. Be an ambassador and advocate for the SAR. Help us encourage new members to join. Volunteer to honor our local Eagle Scouts. Join the chapter's Color Guard or just join us in parades. Assist and support our sisters in the DAR and the children in the C.A.R. because their support of us is important.

Thank you for your patriotic dedication to our country, our heritage and our organization.

I am honored to remain your most humble servant,

Floyd N. Turner II

President



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://www.rootweb.ancestry.com/~paberdar/bdar.htm>

Conrad Weiser Society, CAR

<http://home.comcast.net/~cws.pacar/site/>

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has put forth the following slate of officers for 2010:

- President: Eric H. Troutman
- Vice President: Robert M. Hillegas
- Secretary: David G. Loose, Jr
- Treasurer: Robert W. Murray
- Registrar: Eric H. Troutman
- Genealogist: Eric H. Troutman
- Chaplain: Lawrence Ramberger
- Surgeon: Dr. Thomas Shultz
- Chancellor: David Batdorf, Esq.
- Aide-to-the-Pres.: Raymond Longacre

Election and installation of the 2010 officers will occur at the Annual Meeting on December 3, 2009.

- Nominating Committee:
- Eric Troutman, Chairman
- Martin Peicker
- Raymond Longacre

Miles K. Dechant for Librarian General

Incumbent Librarian General and long-time member of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, Miles K. Dechant is seeking re-election.

Compatriot Dechant has been a member of the SAR for 38 years. He has served our chapter, the Pennsylvania Society and NSSAR in a variety of offices and on a variety of committees. He has been awarded the Liberty Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Patriot Medal, State Meritorious Service Medal and Chapter Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Medal.

Knowing his qualifications and dedication to the SAR, at the Chapter meeting in September, the members voted for the chapter to endorse Compatriot Dechant's re-election and send a letter of endorsement to the Chairman of the NSSAR Nominating Committee, President General David N. Appleby.

Letters of endorsement can be mailed to:
 President General David N. Appleby,
 Chairman NSSAR Nominating Committee
 P.O. Box 158
 Ozark, MO 65721-0158



“We must support every rational effort to encourage schools, colleges, universities, academies and every institution for propagating knowledge, virtue and religion among all people. It is the only means of preserving our constitution.”
-John Adams, Inaugural Address, March 4, 1797

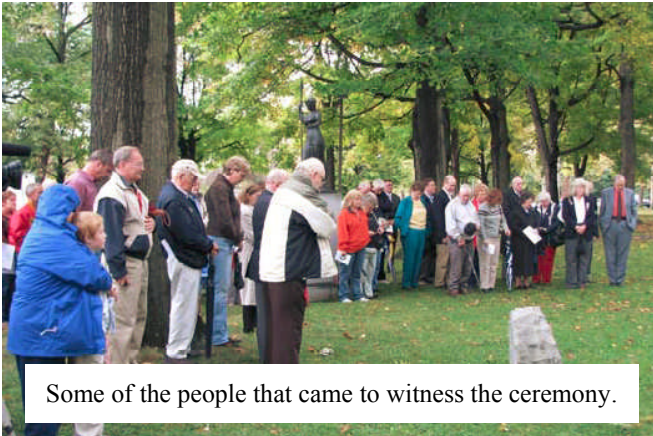


**We need you to help support the SAR's
 Center for Advancing America's Heritage**

The new location in downtown Louisville, KY will house the headquarters of the SAR, a genealogical library, museum exhibits and space for educational programs.
PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION
 Use the donation form included with this newsletter or you can donate online

www.sarfoundation.org/donate.htm

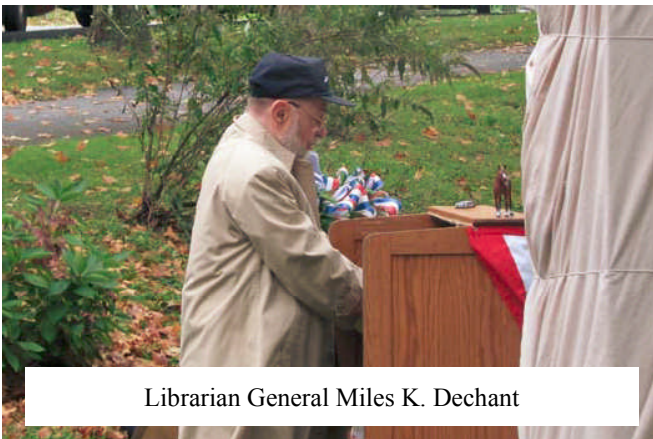
Monument Dedication and Luncheon



Some of the people that came to witness the ceremony.



Regent, Berks County Chapter, DAR, Hallie Vaughan



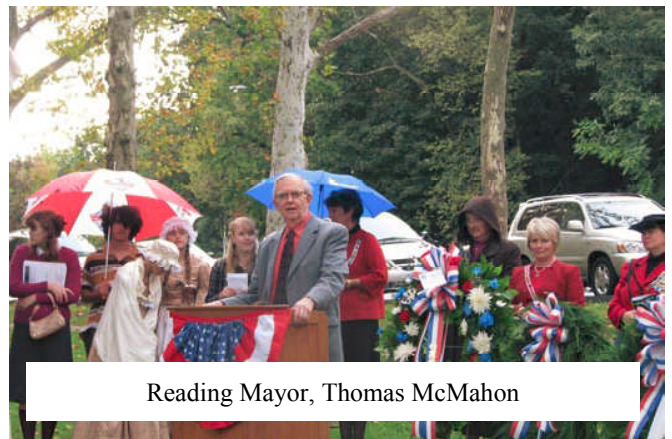
Librarian General Miles K. Dechant



President, Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R., Gwen Kolyer



Berks County Commissioner Christian Leinbach



Reading Mayor, Thomas McMahon



Placing the SAR wreath at the monument.



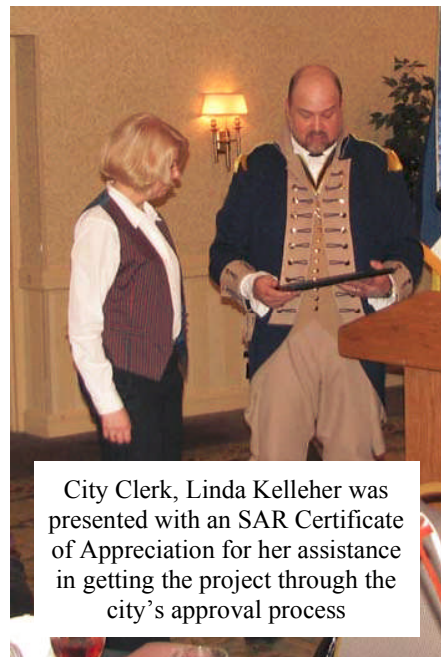
Some of the chapter members at the ceremony.



Addressing the crowd during the ceremony



Victoria Dreibelbis of the Gen. Anthony Wayne Society, C.A.R. entertained at the luncheon



City Clerk, Linda Kelleher was presented with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation for her assistance in getting the project through the city's approval process



Highlights from September Meeting



The September quarterly meeting was held at the historic Stouch Tavern in Womelsdorf, PA. One of the sites where George Washington actually did sleep!

During the meeting we had the pleasure of swearing-in 4 new members. In the picture above left are (l to r) John C. Brosius, Richard W. Reiber, Edward N. Watson and Fred E. Railing.

Kathryn Turner, Secretary of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. attended the meeting to bring greetings and tell us about the projects the Society is engaged in this year. Hallie Vaughan, Regent of the Berks County Chapter, DAR and Elizabeth Calhoun, Regent of the Independence Hall Chapter, DAR and daughter of Compatriot Edward Watson were also in attendance.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. David Valuska (pictured above right) who spoke about Captain Bartholomew von Heer's Provost Corps which was largely made up of Pennsylvania Germans. Many of them from Berks County.

Dues Reminder

Dues notices have been mailed by PASSAR.

Please pay your dues as soon as possible. Chapter and State officers need time to process the dues and submit their reports before the deadline.

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.

Eagle Scout Committee Report

I am pleased to announce that we have two new volunteers to assist the Committee in the coverage of our Eagle Scout Program. Compatriot John Brosius and Compatriot Robert Hillegas have come on board. Hopefully Compatriot Hillegas will be able to serve the Eagle Scouts in Schuylkill County, where, unfortunately until now, we have not been highly visible. I want to thank these two gentlemen for giving of their time for a very worthwhile cause. Our Committee now consists of John Brosius, Tom Brown, Robert Hillegas, Scott Lash, Nevin Miller, Robert Murray, Martin Peicker, Bruce Reppert, and Floyd Turner. We will not turn down assistance from any other member who wishes to join us.

Currently we are scheduled to attend five Courts of Honor in November and one in December. Many scouts in the Hawk Mountain Council have recently received their Eagle certification but have not as yet scheduled their Courts of Honor. Hopefully I will hear from these scouts in the near future. Since the deadline for selecting a winner of our Eagle Scout Scholarship is the middle of December, I anticipate receiving some applications from the many young men we have honored throughout the year.

Robert W. Murray
Chairman, Eagle Scout Committee

Genealogist Report

New Members and Supplementals

The Chapter welcomes the following new members:

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Michael C. Hain	Peter Hain
Charles S. Hertz, Jr	Conrad Hertz
Michael J. Hertz	Conrad Hertz

The following supplementals have been approved:

<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Ronald D. Fisk	Henry Walbridge
Gerald C. Peppel	Conrad Bloss

Since December 2008, the chapter has welcomed 18 new members and had 10 Supplementals approved.

Eric H. Troutman
Genealogist

Compatriot's Passing

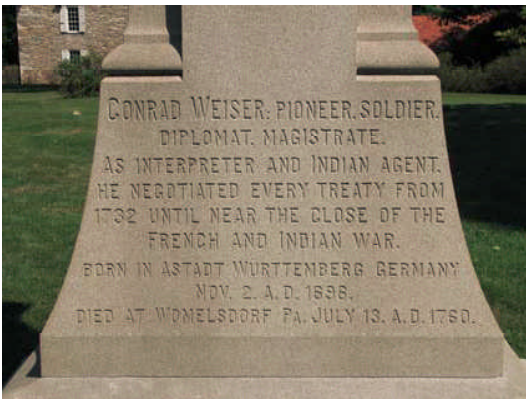
Compatriot Charles Stewart Hertz, Jr. passed away on July 13, 2009 at the age of 69. He passed away while his application was at NSSAR awaiting approval. Our condolences go out to his family.

Chapter Constitution and Bylaws

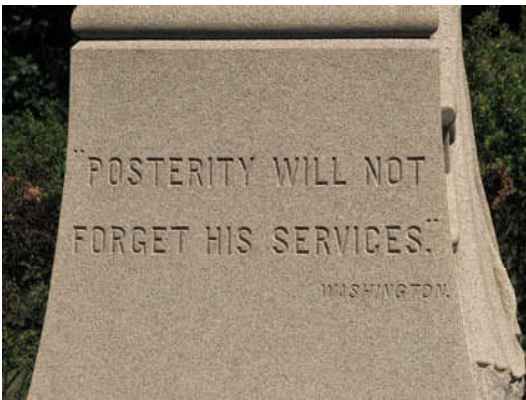
The newest version of the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws is now posted on the chapter website. You may view, print or download them by visiting:

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

Endangered Berks Historical Site



The Conrad Weiser Homestead in Womelsdorf has suffered greatly as a result of the state budget crisis. It's currently shut down and the Friends of the Conrad Weiser Homestead are negotiating with the PA Historic and Museum Commission to allow them to manage the site and staff the facility with volunteers. This is a daunting challenge for the Friends and all compatriots are encouraged to support their efforts.



If you're willing to help, you can contact Brian Beamesderfer at:
Friends of Conrad Weiser Homestead
28 Weiser Road
Womelsdorf, PA 19567
(717) 866-2975 or beames@verizon.net

Contact our leaders in Harrisburg and let them know the importance of preserving this piece of Pennsylvania history.

PASSAR License Plate



SHOW YOUR SAR PRIDE!!!

PASSAR members are eligible to obtain a special SAR license plate for their vehicles from PENNDOT.

For copies of the application form and instructions, you can contact the PASSAR License Plate Coordinator, J. Thomas Showler, at (215) 632-4229 or at oberlin65@earthlink.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Events

- Nov. 11**—Veterans Day Ceremony in City Park, Reading, 11:00 AM
Nov. 12—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp.
Dec. 3—Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM at the Berkshire Country Club, Reading
Dec. 12—Wreaths Across America ceremony at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, 12:00 Noon
Feb. 20, 2010—Presidents Day Luncheon, 12:00 Noon, Inn at Moselem Springs

Tentative 2010 Meeting Schedule

- Feb. 11—Executive Committee Meeting
 Mar. 11—Quarterly Chapter Membership Meeting
 May 13—Executive Committee Meeting
 June 10—Quarterly Chapter Membership Meeting
 Aug. 12—Executive Committee Meeting
 Sept. 9—Quarterly Chapter Membership Meeting
 Nov. 11—Executive Committee Meeting
 Dec. 9—Annual Membership Meeting

PASSAR Events

- Nov. 6 & 7**—Quarterly BOM Meeting
 Hosted by: Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
Feb. 5 & 6, 2010—Quarterly BOM Meeting
 Hosted by: Pittsburgh Chapter
Apr. 30 & May 1, 2010—Annual Meeting
 Hosted by: Gen. Arthur St Clair Chapter
Aug. 6 & 7, 2010—Quarterly BOM Meeting
 Hosted by: Erie Chapter
Nov. 5 & 6, 2010—Quarterly BOM Meeting
 Hosted by: Tiadaghton Chapter

Annual Meeting

The Chapter’s Annual Meeting will be held on December 3rd at the Berkshire Country Club. We will gather at 6:00 PM. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. The featured speaker will be Dr. Michael Gabriel. His topic will be the Battle of Bennington.

The 2010 Chapter officers will be elected and sworn in at the meeting.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Combined Veterans Council of Berks County will be holding a wreath laying ceremony in the Veterans Grove section of City Park on November 11th at 11:00 AM.



Wreaths Across America



The Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on December 12, 2009 at 12:00 noon. The ceremony will be held in the Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial. Afterward, everyone is welcome to help lay the donated wreaths on the veterans graves.

Please use the sponsorship form included in this newsletter to support Wreaths Across America and honor our veterans. The form can also be downloaded by visiting the chapter website and clicking on the Wreaths Across America link on the home page.

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



President’s Day Luncheon

The Annual President’s Day Luncheon will be hosted by the Berks County Chapter, DAR. It will be held on Feb. 20, 2010 at 12:00 noon at the Inn at Moselem Springs. The guest speaker will be Jeff Finegan and his topic will be George Washington.

Details and a registration form will be sent out as soon as they are available.



Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Pennsylvania Society SAR



Annual Meeting At the Berkshire Country Club Route 183, Reading, PA On

December 3, 2009

We will gather at 6:00 PM
Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM

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

Dr. Michael Gabriel

History Department Chairman, Kutztown University
who will speak about

The Battle of Bennington

Please RSVP by November 23, 2009

Dinner choices are:

- Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus - \$43.00
- Broiled Fillet of Sole - \$38.00
- Penne Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce - \$30.00

Dessert Choices are: (cost included in dinner choice)

Chocolate Layer Cake, Strawberry Shortcake or Pretzel Ice Cream Pie

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

Annual Meeting – December 3, 2009

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone # _____
Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

of Prime Rib (\$43 ea.) _____ # of Sole (\$38 ea.) _____ # of Penne Pasta (\$30 ea.) _____

of Choc. Cake _____ # of Strawberry Shortcake _____ # of Pretzel Ice Cream Pie _____

Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter

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

Remember, Honor and Teach

The Conrad Weiser Society, Children of the American Revolution

is assisting

Wreaths Across America

(EIN# 20-8362270)

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 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.

Ask your family and friends to become sponsors also.

Copies of the sponsorship form can be downloaded by visiting

<http://home.comcast.net/~cws.pacar/site/>

Wreaths can also be sponsored by going to
www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Sponsorships on-line can be made using a credit card

If sponsoring a wreath on-line, please specify

Sponsoring Group # **PACAR0001** and

Cemetery Destination as **Indiantown Gap National Cemetery**

(Cemetery Code: **PAIGNA**)

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

Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 12:00 noon



Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths 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.

Wreath Sponsorship Form must be received by Nov 25, 2009!!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(To receive our FREE email newsletter)

Sponsoring Group ID Number: [PACAR0001](#)

Cemetery Designation: [Indiantown Gap National Cemetery](#)

Cemetery ID Number: [PAIGNA](#)

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths or more	\$15.00 each wreath		
		Grand Total	

WE ARE UNABLE TO TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS

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!

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

PRESIDENT'S DAY LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 20, 2010

12 Noon

At

The Inn at Moselem Springs

Fleetwood, PA

Hosted by the Berks County Chapter, NSDAR

Speaker – Jeff Finegan, a Washington Enthusiast

Topic – “George Washington”

MENU

Entree choice of:

Baked Ham Steak with Thompson Grape Glaze

Or

Grilled Strawberry Bourbon Salmon

With

Fresh Garden Salad, Chef's Selection of Starch and Vegetables,

Dinner Rolls, Cherry Crumb Pie, Coffee & Tea

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Guests are welcome

Name_____

Guest(s)_____

Number having **Ham**_____ **Salmon**_____

Make checks payable to “Berks County Chapter, NSDAR”

Mail to: Mrs. Miles K. Dechant

P.O. Box 4187

Reading, PA 19606-0587

Deadline – February 13, 2010