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Sons of the American Revolution



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A Message from the President



Compatriots,

Good things are happening! A chapter member has been elected to National office, our membership is growing, the Color Guard has been very busy, the Revolutionary War monument is on track and, dare I say it, we're developing a presence and a positive reputation within the community. Slowly, but surely, people are getting to know us. Whether it be through our Color Guard, our dedicated Eagle Scout Committee, the JROTC program, the Chapter website or the individual efforts of our members. The point is, it takes all of us pulling in the same direction with each of us contributing what time and talent we have available. Small, sustained investments in the work of the SAR can pay huge dividends in the future. We just need to be committed to the task. As they say, many hands make light work. Come to our meetings and tell us what you can do to help.

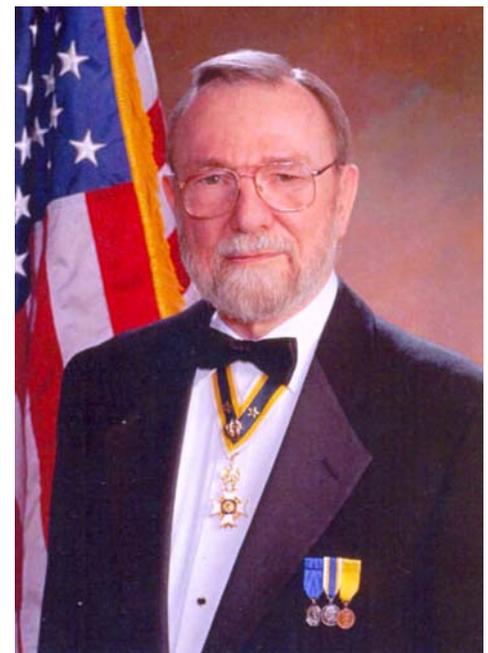
Floyd N. Turner II
President



★ Chapter Member Elected Librarian General ★

At the recent congress in Atlanta, Georgia, Compatriot Miles K. Dechant was elected to serve the National Society as the 2009-2010 Librarian General. Many exciting things are happening at National Headquarters and Compatriot Dechant will help lead the effort to make the library of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage a premier repository of our Nation's history and heritage.

Compatriot Dechant has been a member of the Son of the American Revolution for over 37 years. He has served in numerous positions at the local, state and national levels including; President of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter (1997 and 1998), President of the Pennsylvania Society (2005-2006) and Trustee of the National Society (2006-2007).



Highlights from June Meeting



Left:
David G. Loose, one of the Chapter's newest members was in attendance. He is shown being sworn in and afterward was presented with a membership rosette.



Right:
Hallie Vaughan, Regent of the Berks County Chapter, DAR spoke at the meeting. Her topic was Berks County during the American Revolution. The presentation was a warm-up for the one she'll give at the monument dedication ceremony on October 10th in City Park, Reading.

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

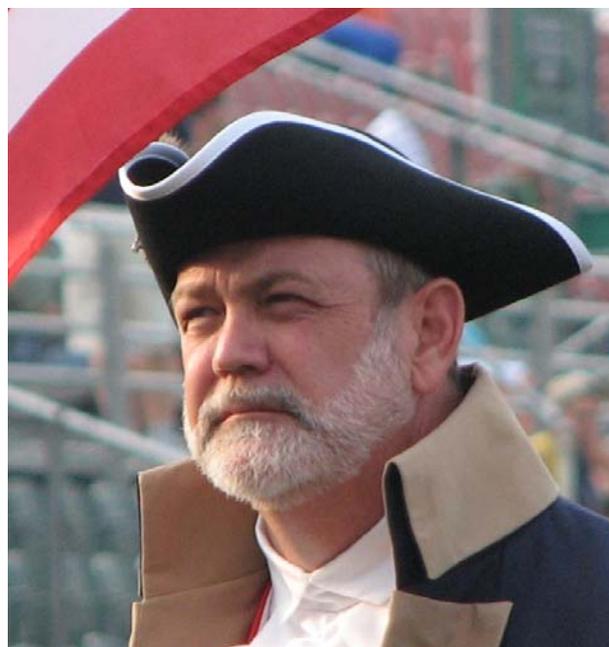
CHECK OUT THESE WEB SITES

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

New Color Guard Recruit



The Gov. Joseph Hiester Color Guard is proud to welcome Compatriot Robert Hillegas to the ranks. He lives in Jonestown with his wife and recently transferred from the Tiadaghton Chapter. He has already participated in numerous events and has been a wonderful addition to the unit.

JROTC Award Winners

Representing our chapter, ROTC Committee Chairman Bruce Dietrich presented six outstanding JROTC students with the Bronze ROTC Medal. The winners were:

- Darren Nagel—Pine Grove Area High School
- Michael Geyer—Owen J. Roberts High School
- Christopher M. Boylan—Wilson High School
- Ford Matthew—Reading High School
- Tyler Bechtel—Pottstown High School
- Collin Raineri—Boyertown High School



Collin Raineri (r)



Michael Geyer



Tyler Bechtel



Accessibility of Older PA Death Certificates

A grassroots organization called **PaHR-Access** (People for Better Pennsylvania Historical Records Access) is campaigning to have the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania make state death certificates that are at least 50 years old become open records and to do what other states have already done. Namely, have them available online. You can learn more about this effort at: <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm> (or Google PaHR-Access). Having considerably greater access to these records would make doing genealogical research in Pennsylvania vastly easier.

If you feel strongly about this effort, please write a letter to your state legislators asking them to support this project. Examples of letters are available on the website mentioned above.



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**](http://www.sarfoundation.org/donate.htm)

Color Guard Activities



Wyomissing Hills Memorial Day Parade
May 23, 2009
With Members of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R.



Oley Memorial Day Parade
May 24, 2009
With members of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R.



Memorial Day Ceremony at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery - May 24, 2009
Presented the Colors in front of over 5,000 people with reinforcements from the Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard



Wyomissing July 4th Parade
July 4, 2009
With members of the Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R. and Berks County Chapter, DAR



Memorial Day Ceremony in City Park, Reading
May 25, 2009.



Alliegance Sunday Grave Dedication Ceremony
Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church - June 7, 2009

Color Guard Activities, cont.



Levan Family Graveyard Dedication sponsored by the Berks County Graveyard Preservation Association
July 25, 2009



Fueling the Furnace ceremony at Hopewell Furnace National Historical Park
With assistance from the Philadelphia Continental Chapter Color Guard
August 1, 2009



Reading Phillies
The Color Guard came out in force to add some color to a Flag Certificate presentation honoring the organization for properly flying the flag everyday of the year.
August 4, 2009

Eagle Scout Committee Report

On June 27, Nevin Miller attended the Court of Honor for Evan Whildin, Jr. who was the 5000th scout from the Hawk Mountain Council to attain the rank of Eagle. Evan is from Tamaqua, Troop # 743 and plans to major in Engineering at Penn State University. His Eagle project involved recording and mapping the gravesites of an Old St. Jerome Cemetery as the original records had been destroyed by fire. This project benefited not only St. Jerome Parish but the Tamaqua Historical Society as well. This cemetery is significant as it is on the Historic Register and the burial site of Jack Kehoe, a Molly McGuire leader.

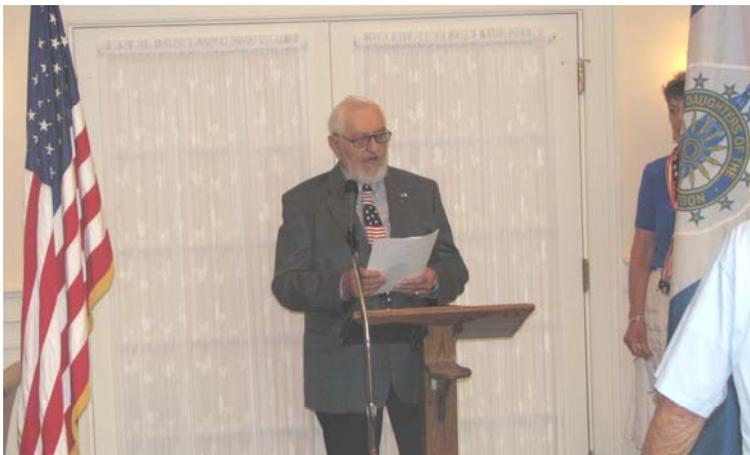
Our committee has attended forty-two Courts of Honor so far this year and at this time we have already five additional Courts of Honor scheduled through September. Unfortunately we have had to decline twenty-three Courts of Honor due to the small size of our committee. It is unfortunate that we cannot find other compatriots who are willing to give a little of their time to benefit these outstanding young men.

We are indebted to the following who continue to give so much of their time in support of this program: Tom Brown, Scott Lash, Nevin Miller, Martin Peicker, Bruce Reppert, and Floyd Turner.



Eagle Scout David Leinbach of Troop 510, the 2008-2009 Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter winner of the Eagle Scout Contest, was present at the June meeting to receive his award and read his essay.

DAR Flag Day Luncheon



Past President and Sergeant of the Guard, Nevin Miller, read the poem "Tribute to the Flag" at the Berks County Chapter, DAR Flag Day Luncheon on June 13th at The Highlands.

Genealogist Report

New Members and Supplementals

The Chapter welcomes the following new members:

Compatriot	Ancestor
Edward W. Coleman	William Coleman
Barry L. Kauffman	George Kauffman
David G. Loose, Jr.	Johann Georg Loos
Steven L. Miller	John Jacob Kintzer
Fred E. Railing	David Fogelsanger Sr.
Zachary L. Railing	David Fogelsanger Sr.
Laverne E. Ramberger	Abraham Roethermel
Richard W. Reiber	Abraham Dunkelberger
Edward N. Watson	Daniel Evans
John C. Brosius	Johann Nicholas Brosius
Robert Coleman, Jr.	Robert Coleman
James M. McAteer	John Adam Bolender

The following supplementals have been approved:

Compatriot	Ancestor
L. Stefan Troutman	Matthias Mueller
Raymond H. Longacre	Caleb Martin
Eric H. Troutman	Johannes Lamm

The following applications are at NSSAR headquarters:
 Michael C. Hain, Michael J. Hertz, Charles S. Hertz Jr.

Support Wreaths Across America

Once again, NSSAR is encouraging all state societies and local chapters to get involved and support the efforts of Wreaths Across America. Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization that was started a few years ago. Their mission is to honor our departed veterans by placing wreaths on graves at every National cemetery in the country.

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Color Guard has participated in each Wreaths Across America ceremony at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery since the first one in 2006. The Conrad Weiser Society, Children of the American Revolution is also supporting the project by working to get wreath sponsors. The goal for Indiantown Gap National Cemetery is to find sponsors for 2,500 wreaths.



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/>



Updated Chapter Constitution and Bylaws

At our quarterly meeting on September 10th, the membership will be voting on whether or not to approve the revised Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Constitution and Bylaws that were approved by the Executive Committee on May 14th.

The draft of the revised constitution and bylaws is available on the chapter website (<http://home.comcast.net/~gjh.passar/site/>). If you do not have access to the website, please contact the Chapter President to have a copy mailed to you for your review.

Once the revised constitution and bylaws is approved, they will be posted on the website for all members to view and/or download.

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

Aug. 20—Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM at 958 Whitner Road, Muhlenberg Twp. (NOTE NEW DATE!)

Sep. 10—Quarterly Meeting, Stouch Tavern in Womelsdorf at 6:00 PM

Oct. 10—Dedication Ceremony of the Revolutionary War Monument in City Park, Reading at 10:30 AM Followed by a Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 1:00 PM

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

PASSAR Events

Nov. 6 & 7—Quarterly Meeting
Hosted by: Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter

Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the Chapter will be held on September 10, 2009 at the historic Stouch Tavern in Womelsdorf. The featured speaker for the evening will be Dr. David Valuska, Ph.D. He will speak about Captain Bartholomew von Heer’s Provost Corps which was made up of many Berks County men.

Please come out for an informative evening of patriotic camaraderie.



Monument Dedication

The dedication ceremony for the Revolutionary War monument will be held on October 10th (rain or shine) in the Veterans Grove area of City Park, Reading, PA at 10:30 AM.

Following the ceremony, at 1:00 PM, there will be a luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly the Sheraton). All those wishing to attend the luncheon MUST pre-register. Anyone just attending the dedication ceremony does not need to register.



Help Wanted—Positions Available

To be and remain a vibrant, dynamic organization requires the dedicated support of it’s members and a healthy infusion of new leadership and ideas. To remain viable, we must appeal to 21st century interests while we strive to preserve the past. Here are just some of the ways you can get involved and help us fulfill the mission and purpose of the Sons of the American Revolution;

Parade Participant—Walk in the parades with the Color Guard. This shows the public that you don’t have to wear a uniform to be a member!

Event Photographer—Take pictures at an event or meeting and share them with the Newsletter Editor.

Writer—Write short historical articles for the newsletter and/or website.

Genealogy Assistant—Help prospective members do the genealogy required for membership.

Certificate Presenter—Attend Eagle Scout Courts of Honor to congratulate the scout and present him with a certificate from the SAR.

Gravesite Locator—Help to identify and record the gravesites of Revolutionary War patriots and assist in properly marking them.

Youth Contest Promoter—Encourage children in the appropriate grades to enter our essay and poster contests.

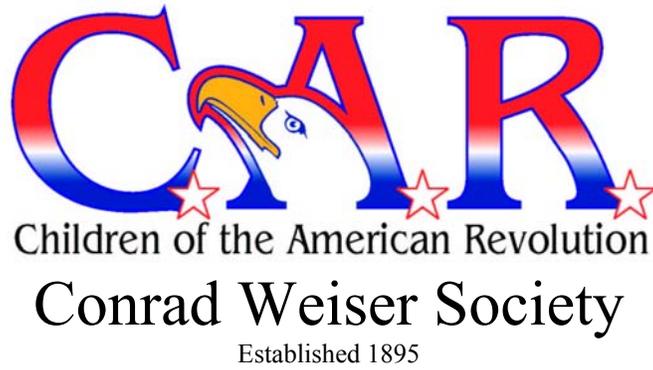
Assistant Veteran Liaison—coordinate and encourage interaction between veterans groups and the SAR.

Public Relations Assistant—Help to promote the SAR and our programs to the public through various media outlets.

Secretary Assistant—Aid the Secretary in the performance of his duties.

Chapter Historian—Put together scrapbooks or archives of information relating to the Chapter to preserve our history for future generations.

_____ - (enter your suggestion here!)



2009
Annual Picnic
2009

at the

Daniel Boone Homestead

On the morning of August 15th members of the Conrad Weiser Society will tour the homestead and at noon start the picnic.

C.A.R., DAR and SAR are all welcome to join us for the tour and picnic. The society will pay the tour fee for the C.A.R. members, guests and adults will pay their own. Kids are \$3.00 and adults are \$5.00. The fee for the tour can be paid to the homestead that morning.

The society will provide the “main course” for the picnic. If you’re willing to supply food or drink, please contact Jane Turner to coordinate. Donations to help defray the cost are always welcome.

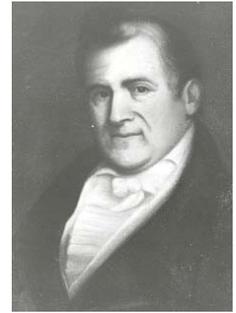
Please fill out the form below and mail to Jane Turner no later than August 11, 2009

Name _____	Address _____
Phone _____	E-Mail _____
Who will be attending:	(Please circle events you plan to do)
	Tour Picnic

Mail To: Jane Turner, 958 Whitner Road, Reading, PA 19605
 RSVP by August 11, 2009



Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Pennsylvania Society SAR



Quarterly Meeting

At the

Stouch Tavern

138 West High Street, Womelsdorf, PA

On

September 10, 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. David Valuska, Ph.D.

who will speak about
Capt. Bartholomew von Heer's Provost Corps

Please RSVP by September 1, 2009

Dinner will be a buffet and includes:

Roast Top Round Beef, Baked Ham, Potato du Jour, Tossed Salad, Asst. Breads
Fruit and Cheese Board, Fresh Fruit Cup, Fresh Baked Apple Tart,
"Stouch Tavern" Chocolate Cake, Coffee, Tea, Milk

\$25.00 each per person

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

Quarterly Meeting – September 10, 2009

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

Total # Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter

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

**Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR
Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R.
and
Berks County Chapter, DAR**

welcome all
compatriots and their guests
to attend the
dedication of a monument
honoring the
Revolutionary War Patriots
from Berks County, PA

On

October 10, 2009

The ceremony will be held at
10:30 AM
in the
Veterans Grove area of City Park
near the intersection of
Hill Road and Constitution Way, Reading, PA

For those that have pre-registered,
After the ceremony there will be a luncheon buffet
at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly Sheraton)
1741 Papermill Road, Wyomissing, PA
at 1:00 PM

(you MUST pre-register for the luncheon in order to attend)

If attending the luncheon, please RSVP by October 1, 2009

Adults - \$30.00 each
Children 12 and under - \$16.00 each

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

Monument Dedication Luncheon – October 11, 2009

If only attending the Dedication Ceremony, you do not have to register

Name: _____
Chapter/Title _____
Address: _____
Phone # _____
Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

Total # Adults _____ Total # Children _____ Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Conrad Weiser Society, C.A.R.

Mail to: Jane A. Turner, Senior President, 958 Whitner Road, Reading, PA 19605-1051

PASSAR Board of Management Meeting

November 6 & 7, 2009

At

Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly the Sheraton)

Schedule of Events

Friday, November 6

3:00 to 5:00 PM—Registration (Lobby)
6:00 to 6:30 PM—Cocktails w/Cash Bar
6:30 to 8:00 PM—Dinner Buffet (w/Cash Bar)
8:00 to 10:00 PM—Entertainment/Social w/Cash Bar

Saturday, November 7

8:00 to 9:00 AM—Registration
9:00 to 11:30 AM—BOM Meeting
9:30 AM—Ladies Program “Famous American Women”
10:15 AM—Break (Coffee and Pastry)
12:30 PM—Luncheon and Program

Friday Evening Entertainment: Compatriots and their ladies will enjoy and perhaps reminisce while being regaled with songs from the 1940’s.

Ladies Program: Hallie Vaughan, Regent of the Berks County Chapter, DAR will present a program on famous American women.

Luncheon Program: Richard Pawling will present a program “In the Steps of a Peacemaker” about the life of the famed Pennsylvania diplomat and statesman, Conrad Weiser.

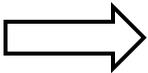
Make room reservations directly with the Crowne Plaza Hotel

Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly Sheraton)

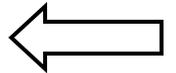
1741 Papermill Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610

610-376-3811

Deadline for hotel reservations: October 7, 2009



**** *Mention the Sons of the American Revolution* ****
when making reservation to get the special \$105.00 room rate



Fill out the section below and mail to the address listed along with payment

PASSAR Board of Management Meeting

November 6 & 7, 2009

Deadline to register for BOM Meeting: October 23, 2009

____ Registration Fee (\$15—Compatriots Only) ____ Sat. Ladies Program (\$10/person)
____ Friday Buffet **Dinner & Ent./Social** (\$30/person) ____ Sat. Luncheon—Meat Lovers Lasagna (\$25)
____ Friday Entertainment/Social Only (\$10/person) ____ Sat. Luncheon—Apple Raisin Pork Loin (\$25)
Total: \$ _____

Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Office: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Guest(s): _____

Make check payable to: Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR
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.wreathsacrossamerica.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.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Compatriot,

Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability. You may attach extra sheets of paper if necessary. The information will help the Executive Committee make plans for future chapter meetings and events.

Return completed questionnaire to:

Floyd Turner, President
958 Whitner Road
Reading, PA 19605-1051

1. Why did you join the SAR?

2. Do you attend meetings? Yes No
 If not, please tell us why.

3. Do you prefer to keep our meeting attire formal or do you prefer informal attire at the meetings?

4. What type of program do you prefer at the meetings? Does the program influence your decision on whether or not to attend the meeting?

5. We currently hold 4 membership meetings per year. Do you believe that's a sufficient number or would you prefer more meetings?

6. Currently spouses are invited to the membership meetings. Do you prefer this arrangement or members-only meetings?

7. Please share any other thoughts regarding your membership in the SAR.

8. Are you willing to lend your time and talent to the organization? Are you willing to assist one of our committee chairmen or perhaps serve as a chairman or chapter officer?
 If so, please contact the Chapter President and let him know how you're able to help us fulfill the SAR mission.

Sons of the American Revolution
1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40203
(502) 589-1776, Fax: (502) 589-1671

The Center for Advancing America's Heritage Donation Form

To make possible the construction of the new library and to assist in the full development of The Center for Advancing America's Heritage, I/we pledge the following donation;

_____ Dollars (\$ _____)

A check for \$ _____ is enclosed, payable to the SAR Foundation, Inc.

Signature _____ *Date* _____

Please charge my Credit Card: ___ *Visa;* ___ *Master Card;* ___ *Discover;* ___ *Am. Exp.*

Credit Card Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____; *Exp. Date* ___ *mo.* / ___ *yr*

*Please make checks to **The SAR Foundation**, 1000 S. Fourth St., Louisville, KY 40203*

Name: _____ *Society/Chapter* _____

Address: _____

State _____ *City* _____ *Zip* _____

Special instructions or designations, if any: _____

_____ *Anonymous?* _____

Thank you for your generous gift! Donations are tax deductible.

The **Capital Campaign** is the most critical element in the full development of the **The Center for Advancing America's Heritage**. It allows for the construction of an expanded modern genealogical and historical library. It will greatly enhance our educational capabilities.

The SAR Foundation, Inc. exists solely for the purpose of supporting the projects and programs of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.