

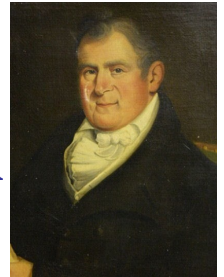


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President's Message:

Greetings to all my fellow Compatriots and my hopes that you all had a memorable and an enjoyable Spring and the beginning of Summer 2016.

All of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter members should have received their copy of the Fall Quarterly Dinner Meeting Registration. As you all know the next Meeting will be at the Heidelberg Country Club with our own Eric Troutman as the speaker for the evening. July 27th Lenora and I went to the Schuylkill County Historical Society and heard Eric speak. He has a very interesting talk and I knew he was doing this all over the area, so I thought, "well, we never heard his talk and now we will".

Also enclosed in the envelope was a letter from me about the Chapter's need to have more people getting involved in its Governing and Operational Procedures by throwing their hat in the ring, so to speak, and volunteering for one or more of the open positions. The other unmentioned purpose is getting new people involved and thereby the Chapter will receive their expertise and experience working for the Chapter and keep it moving forward to make it better.

I have been attending Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and Color Guard events throughout the Summer with Eric, Dave, Ray, Bob, Bill and Nevin, Your Color Guard was at Reinholds, Wyomissing, Bernville, Reading City Park and we even did a Flag Certificate Presentation, in between rain downpours on July 30, 2016 at Paul and Ruth Clouser's home. Paul is a WWII Vet wounded in the Battle of the Bulge 1/5/1945 and proudly flies the U.S. Colors and his Third Army, 80th Infantry, Cavalry, RECON Flag.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Dinner Meeting, Sept. 15, 2016. We have a lot of things to do and you can plan on a very pleasant evening seeing friends and in some cases relatives. See you there.



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Leon Adam, President

THE 126TH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF NSSAR



This year the Congress was held in Boston, MA, from July 8 – July 13 at the Westin Copley Hotel.

All Congresses include a Welcome Reception, field trips, banquets and breakfasts as well as meetings to conduct the business of the Society.

The Welcome Reception on Saturday is always a great time to meet new members and to reconnect with old friends. The level of camaraderie is al-

ways high.

This year the field trip venues were to: Lexington and Concord, the USS Constitution and Adams National Park in Quincy, MA. The New England Historical and Genealogical Society also opened its doors to the SAR. This was the venue that appealed to this delegate and all his available free time was spent there.

The formal banquets on Tuesday and Wednesday nights are always impressive, and the informal Atlantic Middle States breakfast is great fun.

The Memorial Service was held in Old South

Church that has a congregation that was formed in the 17th century, a very memorable experience. On Sunday evening the finalists in the

Rumbaugh Oration Contest renewed one's faith in the future of America.

The business of the Society was conducted in four general sessions and many committee meetings.

Votes taken at the general sessions that are significant, involve dues and the Genealogy Committee. A proposed dues increase was defeated and the Genealogy Committee was elevated to "Standing Committee" status. This guaranties that the committee is protected by the bylaws.

This delegate also attended the meeting of the Kings College Committee. This committee oversees our involvement in sponsoring one or more scholars to spend time in England at Kings College to review the newly discovered papers of King George III. This is a historically exciting discovery, and the SAR's involvement is a great plus.

Miles K. Dechant

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
Sons of the of the American Revolution
Genealogist/Registrar Report

– August 25, 2016

New Members

Brian A. Aynardi
William J. Faust
Jerry O. Runyon
John L. Teaford
Sean M. Teaford

Ancestors

Philip DeTurk
Paul Barlet
Johann Heinrich Seidel
John Redcross
John Redcross

Supplementals Approved

Willard N. Brensinger
Raymond H. Longacre
Larry A. Magdy
Gerald C. Peppel
Jayquan J. J. Sudler
Eric H. Troutman
L. Stefan H. Troutman

Georg Arnold
Jacob Glasser/Clauser, Elizabeth (Guldin) Kutz &
Patrick Lasley/Laslie
Jacob Glasser/Clauser & Patrick Lasley/Laslie
Jacob Glasser/Clauser & Patrick Lasley/Laslie
George Stein
Peter Schmidt, Jr. & Peter Schmidt, Sr.
George Stein

Applications at National Headquarters

New Member Applications

Nikolai C. Belair
Bernard R. Kern

Supplemental Applications

Charles H. Seibert
Eric H. Troutman

The chapter has 142 members and 18 prospective members.

COLOR GUARD ASSEMBLES AT ADAMSTOWN

There was a D.A.R. Grave Marker Ceremony for Daniel Gehman, the Deacon of Gehman Mennonite Church in 1779 and the first ordained Deacon of the District and later was an Ordained Minister of the same church. Now that might not seem to be too significant at first, but if you remember Mennonites are 'Pacifists' and therefore do NOT take up 'arms'. So "How can he be a **Patriot** "? you might ask!

Good question!

TAXES !!!!

This ceremony is very significant in that Daniel Gehman, although being a 'pacifist', is declared a **PATRIOT** because he paid the '**SUPPLY TAX**' one year, 1779.



The DAR asked if we would attend the Grave Marker Ceremony with them to honor Daniel Gehman. Six members of the Color Guard answered the call: Willard 'Bill' Brensinger Acting as Captain, Nevin Miller, Eric Troutman, Floyd

Turner II, Ray Longacre and Leon Adam.



If you can remember, way back when...2:00 PM, Saturday, July 30, 2016...it was a day with off and on showers with some of them being slightly on the heavy side, warm and high humidity. Everyone assembled at the church and looking at the sky. Since it was just a little before 2 PM and the sky was foreboding, the decision was made to do it early. So...off we went and drove the short distance to the cemetery and when we arrived, guess what, it started to rain. We waited for some time and went back to the church, where we had use of the facilities and the DAR performed the ceremony and we presented the Colors, a picture of which is posted.

Nevin Miller, the hidden Guardsman, with Regent Hallie Vaughn



& AGAIN AT NEW SCHAEFFERSTOWN

After the festivities were over, Ray and Floyd needed to leave because of other obligations. The remaining 4 Color Guardsmen decided to head to New Schaefferstown, more precisely, 199 New Schaefferstown Road, the home of Paul and Ruth Clouser, my mother and step-father, to do a Flag Certificate Presentation.



Paul is a WWII veteran, with Patton's 3rd. Army, 80th Inf. Div. Recon in the Battle of the Bulge. Paul was wounded on January 5, 1945, and just recently had his right ankle and foot removed from that injury. He flies the Colors and 80th Inf. Flags and I thought it would be an honor to Paul for his service and sacrifices.

The Color Guard attendees were as follows: Willard 'Bill' Brensinger Acting Captain, Eric Troutman, Nevin Miller and myself, Leon Adam.



The Presentation was performed in between showers and we all enjoyed each other's company afterward. Also in attendance was my step-sister, Ginny and her husband, Dennis.

Color Guard Report

As our wet Spring and very hot Summer events come to a close, I want to thank all our Color Guardsmen for putting up with these conditions. As we move towards Fall I hope the weather will become more favorable for us. Below is a list of events that we participated/will participate in.

22 May, Flag Retirement Ceremony, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack & Boy Scout Troop 155 of Laureldale, Pa.

30 May, Memorial Day, presenting the wreaths, Veterans Grove, Reading City Park.

30 May, Bernville Memorial Day Parade, Bernville, Pa.

4 June, Flag Retirement Ceremony, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 595 of Birdsboro and the Birdsboro American Legion, Birdsboro, Pa.

12 June, Allegiance Sunday held at Zion Moselem Lutheran Church, Kutztown, Pa.

4 July, Wyomissing 4th of July Parade at Wyomissing, Pa.

30 June, DAR Grave Marking and Dedication Ceremony at Gehman Mennonite Church Cemetery, Reinholds, PA.

30 June, Flag Certificate Presentation at Paul J. and Ruth E. Clouser Home. Our upcoming events for the rest of the year:

11 September, Conrad Weiser Graveside Ceremony, will start at 2:00 PM, Please make plans to arrive at the Homestead around 1:30PM. As in the past this ceremony is sponsored by our good friends, the P.O.S of A.

11 November, Veterans Day Ceremony at Reading's City Park, Veterans Grove. This Event will start at 11:00AM; please make plans to arrive around 10:30AM.

11 November, Governor Joseph Hiester Graveside Ceremony at Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading. We will hold this service right after the Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Grove.

17 December, Wreaths Across America at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. This ceremony will start at 12:00PM; please make plans to arrive at 11 :00AM.

As always, we are looking for new faces to join our ranks. You don't need to attend all the events. All we need from you is a couple of hours of your time during these events to help keep the Color Guard Active!!

Charles H. Seibert

Color Guard Captain

Veterans Affairs Committee Report

During the months of May thru August, I had the privilege to participate in 3 Stand-Downs sponsored by Veterans Making a Difference, at the Hope Rescue Mission, Reading. I attended the 14th District Everlasting Memorial Service at the Birdsboro American Legion Post 626 that was held to honor the District Legion Veterans that passed away this year. I also attended the Memorial Service at the Civil War Monument at Charles Evans Cemetery. I also helped coordinate the collection of worn U.S. Flag for the various retirement ceremonies during the year.

As always, we are looking for clothing donations and personal items (tooth brushes & toothpaste, soap, etc.), for the homeless veterans and their families. You can bring them to the meeting, drop them off at one of the Stand-Downs (2nd & last Saturday of the month), at the Hope Rescue Mission, Reading, PA, or contact me.

Charles H. Seibert Chairman:

Veterans Affairs

GJH COMING EVENTS

9/15/16	Fall Quarterly Meeting	Heidelberg Country Club	6:30 PM
		Speaker: Eric H. Troutman	
		PA Germans and the Revolution	
11/11/16	Color Guard	Reading City Park Memorial Grove	11:00 AM
		Veterans Day	
11/14/16	Executive Board Meeting	BCGS Library	6:30PM
12/8/16	Annual Dinner Meeting	Berkshire Country Club	6:30 PM
		Entertainment Martin Family Members	
		Election of Officers	
2/18/17	George Washington Birthday Luncheon	Berkshire Country Club	12: PM
		Speaker: Sarah K. Nytroe, DeSales University	
2/2017	Executive Board Meeting	To be determined	

Atlantic Middle States Conference Albany, New York August 12-13



Pennsylvania Compatriots and their Ladies take time before the black tie banquet to pose for a picture.



If it's to be it's up to me!

If the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution is to succeed

“It's up to me.”

Everyone is capable of filling a much needed position however as long as we think “let him do it” HIM can become worn out, stale of thought or just weary.

Remember the positive feeling when you received your membership certificate. We need to carry on that feeling of patriotism and accomplishment to others. If we are going to leave a legacy we can be proud of...It's “up to me”.

It's up to me to take an office

It's up to me to be a chairman of a committee

It's up to me to promote the good work we do

It's up to me to join the Color Guard

It's up to me to honor one who displays and lights the flag at night

It's up to me to bring my friend to the meetings

It's up to me to attend Eagle Scout Courts of Honor

It's up to me.

You are proud to be a member of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter.

Now repeat after me...

If it's to be it's up to me

If it's to be it's up to me

Nevin Miller , Membership Chairman

Summer Board of Management Meeting Pittsburgh, PA , August 5-6, 2016

PASSAR voted to donate \$50,000 over 5 years to the Museum of the American Revolution in



Philadelphia. In exchange for the donation, our society will be recognized with a granite stone in the entrance way with “Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution” carved in the granite.

Eric Troutman, PASSAR Registrar and Miles Dechant represented Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter at the meeting. Here they are relaxing Friday night with their wives.



PASSAR President, Donald Mengle, presented an award given at the National Congress to the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter in recognition of its participation in the Patriot Biographies.

The Philadelphia Campaign Begins

On August 25, 1777, the Philadelphia Campaign begins when British General William Howe and his brother, Admiral Richard Howe, land 17,000 troops in an armada of 265 ships at Head of Elk, Maryland. The armada was the largest ever assembled in American waters.

George Washington's Continental Army tracked Howe's movements down the eastern seaboard until he lost track of them near the Delaware Capes. Washington camped at Wilmington, Delaware until he could determine where exactly Howe was going. Howe encountered rough weather at sea, taking six weeks to get from Sandy Hook, New Jersey to Maryland's Elk River at the top of the Chesapeake Bay. Howe's men were sea sick and his horses dying after running out of forage during the long and rough voyage.

Howe landed just below the town of Elkhorn, Maryland, and began unloading supplies and thousands of soldiers, a monumental task in a shallow and muddy river. Ships got stuck in the mud. Horses were so weak after running out of food that they couldn't walk. Some of the largest ships couldn't even make it all the way up river and had to be unloaded further down and their cargos transported by land.

Wilmington sits between Elkton and Philadelphia and Washington himself led frequent reconnoitering missions to determine what the British were doing and what their troop strength was. Howe advanced slowly. He had to wait for his horses to eat and get their strength back. Another huge storm enveloped the area, destroying ammunition for both sides.

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Eventually Howe began advancing toward Philadelphia. For weeks, the two armies maneuvered around each other, with frequent skirmishes, but no major battles. Washington finally dug in along the Brandywine Creek near Chadds Ford about 20 miles to the southwest of Philadelphia. The two armies clashed in one of the biggest battles of the Revolution at the Battle of Brandywine on September 11th, a battle that pitted 30,000 soldiers against one another and had almost 2,000 casualties.

The British were the victors at the Battle of Brandywine, the first major battle of the Philadelphia Campaign. The Continental Army was nearly wiped out, and would have been if not for the last minute maneuvers of generals Nathanael Greene and William Alexander, who held off the British until the rest of the army could escape. The American defeat forced Congress to flee Philadelphia in haste and move further inland.

For several more days the two armies maneuvered around one another, but the British were able to march into Philadelphia on September 28th unchallenged. They would continue to occupy the city until June of 1778, when the new American commander, Henry Clinton took over from Howe and abandoned Philadelphia on orders from London. Clinton took the troops back to New York and began the new Southern Campaign to take back the southern states after their attempts in the north had failed.

Jack Manning

Historian General

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

