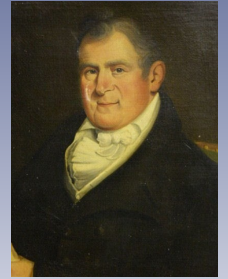




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President's Message

Welcome to 2016 !!!! And welcome to the President's Message for the New Year !!!!

First, I want to thank ALL of Last Year's Officer's and Board Members for their hard work and dedication. I also want to thank all of you for your participation and help in last years events. Without all of the help and hard work, last year would not have been successful.

I would also like to thank and welcome Compatriot David Shultz to the Executive Board and to be an Officer. He has volunteered to be our Secretary and I will be installing him as Secretary at our March 10th, 2016 Dinner Meeting.

Do not forget about our "2nd Annual George Washington's Birthday Luncheon", February 27, 2016, Berkshire Country Club. The Luncheon to begin at 12 Noon. Our Speaker is Dr. Christopher Pearl, and his topic on George Washington is "I walk on Untrodden Ground".

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Patriot Biographies Committee Announcement

To identify the listing of all the Patriot Biographies that have been entered into the database, National has established a Patriot named "Index" - #P-334038 in the Patriot and Grave Index. We have expanded the Index to alphabetize by State of service for the Patriots. Hopefully, this will enable a more specific search when looking for a biography entry. In order to access:

1. Enter the Patriot and Grave Index (<http://patriot.sar.org>) and input "Index" in the box labeled Full or Partial Surname and then click the SEARCH box.
2. Patriot Index with Ancestor # P-334038 will come up. Click on the "Read Biography" box in the lower left corner of the page to access the listing of biographies in the data base.

President's Message: - Continued

March 10, 2016 is the Spring Dinner Meeting at The Inn At Reading. The speaker for the evening is Michael C. Harris, author of the book, "Brandywine. A Military History of the Battle that lost Philadelphia but saved America, September 11, 1777." You should have received your announcements and reservations for both events in the mail or by electronic mail. If not, contact any officer and we will rectify the situation ASAP.

Alliegance Sunday is approaching on June 19, 2016 at Zion Moselem Lutheran Church, 340 Moselem Church Road, Kutztown, Pa. Mark your calenders now and plan to attend the church service with Me, The Officers, The Color Guard and the Members of Moselem Church.

The Chapter has received Three (3) Wall Hangings as a Donation to the Chapter from Past President, Martin J. Peicker. There is a description of the First Wall Hanging to be offered in this Hiester Herald. Tokens must be purchased to qualify for the drawing.

As you can see, we have a lot of activities planned and more to come. Plan to join us.

Your Humble Servant,
Leon E. Adam, President



Dues Reminder

If you still owe your 2016 Membership Dues, its not to late. Payments can still be made on the PASSAR website, or by mailing a check to the State Treasurer. National Dues increased \$5 from \$30 to \$35. If you have not received your Dues Notice, please contact the Chapter Treasurer David Loose Jr. Members can tear the coupon off the bottom of the Dues Notice and return with payment to:

PASSAR Treasurer, Donald E. Mengle
135 West Blade Drive
PA. Furnace, PA 16865-9500

Or preferably, remit the payment online through the PASSAR website which can be accessed at <https://members.passar.org> or through the link on the Chapter website: www.berkssar.com.

Membership Dues needed to be received by the PASSAR Treasurer on or before the December 31st deadline to avoid the reinstatement form & \$10 fee. Please forward any address changes to the Chapter Secretary.

Veteran's Day Ceremony at Veteran's Grove, City Park, Reading, PA

The Combined Veterans Council of Berks County hosted a service at City Park, Reading, PA on November 11th at 11:00am (the day, date and time of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918), with several hundred spectators in attendance. U.S. Representative Ryan Costello, a Berks and Chester County Republican, who also serves on the House Veterans Affairs Committee spoke to the audience regarding the sacrifices made by veterans and how "Our nation's values are reflected in your courage and sacrifice." County Commissioners Chairman Christian Y. Leinbach also addressed the audience followed by Marine Corps veteran and co-founder of Keystone Wounded Warriors Paul Spurgin, who was the keynote speaker. Mr. Spurgin spoke to the audience about our military who are serving on the front lines to defend the freedom of this country.

Our Chapter Color Guard participated in the event, serving alongside the Reading High School JROTC Color Guard with the presentation of colors. Representatives of veterans groups and Berks County laid about a dozen floral wreaths at war memorials. In the upper right photo below, Chapter President Leon E. Adam pays his respects after presenting a wreath. Following the event, our Chapter also presented a wreath by the SAR/DAR Revolutionary War Monument to pay tribute to our nation's first veterans (shown in lower left photo below).



Above from left to right: Floyd N. Turner II (Past President), V.P. & Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert, David G. Loose Jr., Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Barry L. Kauffman (Past President), Eric H. Troutman (Past President), Nevin C. Miller (Past President), President Leon E. Adam and William Wagner Jr.



Above lower right photo: V.P. & Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert orders the combined Color Guards to Present Colors

Gov. Joseph Hiester Gravesite Ceremony at Charles Evans Cemetery

Our Chapter held its first Annual Gravesite Ceremony on Veteran's Day to pay tribute to Gov. Joseph Hiester for his contributions to the Revolutionary War and to Pennsylvania. Floyd N. Turner II and Chapter President gave remarks about Berks County native Gov. Hiester and his involvement in the Revolutionary War most notably during the Battle of Long Island, the Battle of Germantown and a tour onboard the prisoner of war ship HMS Jersey. He later represented Berks County in serving four years in the State Senate and fourteen years in the House. Joseph Hiester went on to become the 5th Governor of Pennsylvania. A Wreath was presented to his gravesite.



Above from left to right: Nevin C. Miller (Past President), David G. Loose Jr., Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Barry L. Kauffman (Past President), Eric H. Troutman (Past President), V.P. & Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert), President Leon E. Adam



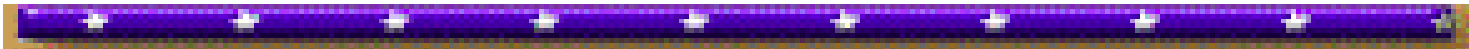
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Flag Certificate Ceremony

Our Chapter held a Flag Certificate ceremony on November 23rd, 2015 at Mission BBQ in Wyomissing where Chapter President Leon E Adam presented the Flag Certificate of Commendation in recognition of exemplary patriotism in the display of the U.S. flag.



Color Guard Members from left to right: Floyd N. Turner Jr. (Past President), President Leon E. Adam, V.P. & Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert), Barry L. Kauffman (Past President), Raymond H. Longacre, Eric H. Troutman (Past President) and Willard N. Brensinger Jr.



Certificate of Appreciation received from the 733rd

Veterans Affairs Chairman, Charles H. Seibert (right) presents Commanding Officer, Captain Joshua Koncar (left) with several Gift Certificates the Chapter helped donate for activated reservists of the 733rd Transportation Company, U.S.A.R during the holidays.. The C.O. will determine who the recipients will be.

To show their gratitude, Captain Koncar presented Charles H. Seibert with a Certificate of Appreciation.



December Quarterly Meeting Highlights

Our Chapter's Annual Dinner meeting was held at the Berkshire Country Club, Reading, PA. Our Guest Speaker for the night was W. James Schucker Jr. who gave a presentation on the *"The Union Canal, the Golden Link with the West."*

Following the meal, President Leon E. Adam led the business meeting starting with the installation of 2016 Executive Officers. This was followed by the swearing in of our newest member, Compatriot Peter N. Zacharias who came into our Chapter through his ancestor Daniel Zacharias. President Adam presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to Eric H. Troutman for his selfless devotion and outstanding service as the Chapter Genealogist and Registrar. Barry L. Kauffman was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his dedicated service and organizing the 2015 Allegiance Sunday ceremony. Bruce L. Dietrich and Miles K. Dechant were both awarded the Distinguished Service Certificate for planning, organizing and carrying out the highly successful 2015 Washington's Birthday celebration.



Installation of Officers: Left to right taking the oath are, Dr. David Brock, Chaplain; Eric Troutman, Genealogist/Registrar; Dr. Thomas Stewart, Surgeon; David Loose Jr., Secretary-Treasurer; and Charles Seibert, Vice President.



Compatriot Peter N. Zacharias is sworn in by President Leon Adam, and receives his Rosette from his Sponsor, Compatriot Eric H. Troutman



President Leon E. Adam presented the Roger Sherman Medal and Certificate for his efforts as the Eagle Scout Chairman



President Leon E. Adam awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to Compatriot Eric H. Troutman



President Leon E. Adam presented the Distinguished Service Certificate to Bruce L. Dietrich and Miles K. Dechant



Guest Dinner Speaker, W. Schucker Jr. with President Leon E. & Lenora Adam

Wreaths Across America, Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA

Our Chapter's Color Guard participated in the 2015 Wreaths Across America ceremony along with over 40 other organizations on December 12th in Annville, Pa. at the Indiantown Gap National Veterans Cemetery. Over 3,000 people attended to pay tribute and remember veterans for their sacrifice. The S.A.R., active duty military, veterans, family, friends and others helped to lay approximately 9,200 wreaths. Floyd N. Turner II was Master of the Ceremony and Major General James R. Joseph was the keynote speaker and is currently serving as the 52nd Adjutant General of Pennsylvania and Commander of the Pennsylvania National Guard. The ceremony included an aircraft flyover, the placement of ceremonial wreaths and the recognition of approximately three dozen Gold Star Mother's who lost a son or daughter while serving on active duty.

Mr. Mike Elmer & his horse Duke presented the Riderless Horse for the fallen warriors. The ceremony came to a close with a Rifle Volley, Echo Taps and the retirement of Colors.



U.S. Marine escorts Gold Star Mother



Above from left to right: Floyd N. Turner II, Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert, David G. Loose Jr., President Leon E. Adam and Evan C. Loose in the front row.



Riderless Horse
Mr. Mike Elmer & Duke

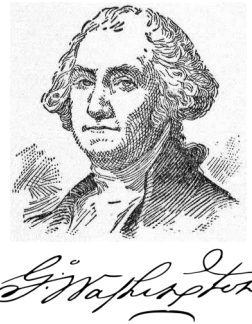


Washington's Birthday Luncheon, Berkshire Country Club

Our Chapter Welcomes Guest Speaker

DR. CHRISTOPHER PEARL

Assistant Professor
Department of History
Lycoming College



IS COMING TO READING, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

A regular lecturer at Mount Vernon's Fred W Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. The topic of his talk, *"I walk on untrodden ground", George Washington and the Forging of the Presidency*. Dr. Pearl has graciously accepted our invitation to be the speaker at our 2nd. Annual George Washington's Birthday Luncheon, at the Berkshire Country Club.

Dr. Pearl specializes in Early American History and is an expert of Colonial and Revolutionary America. He has published scholarly articles on the origins of the American Revolution, the significance of religion in the causes and consequences of the American Revolution, and the American Revolution as a process of the state formation and is currently working on a book exploring the American Revolution in Pennsylvania entitled, *Forged in Crisis: The American Revolution and the Creation of a Commonwealth*.

Dr. Pearl received his PhD from Binghamton University, his MA from Brockport University, and his BA from St. John Fisher College.

*The March Dinner Meeting will be at the Inn at Reading,
Wyomissing, PA on Thursday, March 10th, 2016*



Guest Speaker: **MICHAEL C. HARRIS**, Author

Brandywine: *A Military History of the Battle that Lost Philadelphia but Saved America, September 11, 1777*

Michael Harris is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington and the American Military University. He worked for the National Park Service in Fredericksburg, Virginia, Fort Mort State Park in New Jersey, and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission at Brandywine Battlefield. He has conducted tours and staff rides of many battlefields, especially the above mentioned parks and battlefields. He is also a certified secondary teacher and teaches in the Philadelphia region. Michael lives in Pennsylvania with his wife, Michelle and son, Nathanael.

Having purchased and read his book, I was amazed to find it full of small details and facts but at the same time you do not get lost in the book and actually, I was looking for more detail as I was reading. I recommend reading his book, albeit I am not a critic, but I did find it an easy read. Leon

Veteran's Committee Report - 2016:



I would like to take this time to wish our Active Duty Compatriots, a very safe and Happy

New Year and to thank them for their service. For those who attended our Annual Dinner Meeting already know that we sent them signed holiday greeting cards with a small token of our appreciation.

Also this year, I found out that our local U.S. Army Reserve Units have been deployed multiple of times since September 11, 2001. Those Units are, 733rd Transportation Company, 333rd Engineer Company and the 326th Public Affairs Detachment.

In fact, 326th Public Affairs Detachment has just received orders that they will be deployed to Southeast Asia later this year. In talking to Captain Joshua Koncar, Commanding Officer of the 733rd Transportation Company, I have found out that there is little help given to the families of those Citizens Soldiers that are deployed, and all of these families have to make do with what they have until their loved ones return home. This is where we all can help, I have made it my mission to let everyone know what their needs are and how we can help. This year, our Chapter sponsored four families during the holidays.

During the month of January, I had the privilege to participate in the Stand-Down that was sponsored by the Birdsboro America Legion, and Veterans Making a Difference, at the Birdsboro Community Center. There will be Pub Night at the Southeastern Veteran's Center in Spring City on Saturday, January 23rd, and another Stand-Down on January 30th at the Hope Rescue Mis-

sion in Reading. We are always looking for clothing donations and personal items (tooth brushes & toothpaste, soap, etc.). You can always bring them to the meeting or drop them off at one of the Stand-Downs (2nd & last Saturday of the month), or contact me.

CERTIFICATE OF PATRIOTISM FOR ALL MILITARY SERVICE VETERANS

You can fill out this form on line at Berkssar.com. Just open up SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form and complete the form and submit it to me with a copy of your DD214.

Veterans Services Corps Totals as of January 2016:

WWII – 457 There was a total of 855 Compatriots in this Corp
 Korea - 138
 Vietnam - 401
 SW Asia/Persian Gulf - 56
 Special Operations/15 started 8/1/15
 Military Service Veterans Corps - 144
 Total 1,211

Congratulations to Compatriot Scott R. Jenkins who received his Certificate of Patriotism for his Korean Service this past year.

I would like to see all our Chapter 's Veterans receive this Certificate of Patriotism. You earned it!!

Charles H. Seibert
 Chairman, Veterans Affairs
 Email cvseibert@gmail.com



Color Guard Report:

First of, I would like to take the time to thanks all our Color Guardsmen for their time and commitment this past year. We attended 21 ceremonies during 2015. Here are the names of our active Color Guardsmen: Nevin Miller, Floyd Turner II, Eric Troutman, Ray Longacre, Robert Hillegas, Willard Brensinger Jr., David Loose Jr., Barry Kauffman and Leon Adam.



Completed Ceremonies' for this Past Quarter;

- Sunday, October 18, Conrad Weiser Gravesite Ceremony.
- Wednesday, November 11th, Veterans Day Service, Veterans Grove, City Park, Reading.
- 1st Annual Governor Joseph Hiester Wreath Laying Ceremony, at Charles Evans Cemetery
- Saturday, December 12th, Wreaths Across America, Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.

As we get ready for our Annual George Washington Birthday Celebration on February 27, 2016, I would like to ask all Color Guardsmen to dressed in uniform for this event. Like last year, I would like to have a group photo taken that we could use in our Newsletter, Web page, and the Go Reading page.

Just a reminder that all members and their guest are welcome to all our Chapter's activities.

As always, we are looking for new faces to join us. You don't need to attend all the events, a couple here and a couple there would really help us. You don't even need a uniform to start off, and right now and we will supply you with a Tri Corner Hat and Gloves. All we need is a couple of hours of your time during these events to help keeping our Color Guard ACTIVE!!!

Charles H. Seibert, Color Guard Captain
 627 Green Meadow Drive, Douglassville, PA. 1951
 Email: cvseibert@gmail.com Phone 610-385-7370



Genealogist / Registrar Report:

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
 Sons of the of the American
 Revolution
 Genealogist/Registrar Report
 Hiester Herald
 January 21st, 2015



Transfer In:
 Robert T. Mills

Ancestors
 John Bell Tilden

New Members Approved:
 Joseph J. Galasione
 Thomas D. Leidy
 Peter Reinhart
 John W. Reinhart
 Carl W. Yeich
 Elmer H. Zimmerman

Jacob Quackenbush
 Solomon Lane
 George Kaufman
 George Kaufman
 Micahel Jeich
 Bernhardt Zimmerman

Supplementals Approved:
 Raymond H. Longacre

Jonathan Grunewald,
 Jozabed Lodge, John
 George Oyster &
 Leonard Sink/Zink

Larry A. Magdy

Jonathan Grunewald &
 Jozabed Lodge

Gerald C. Peppel

Jonathan Grunewald &
 Jozabed Lodge

Charles H. Seibert

John Shuler

Eric H. Troutman

Johnnes "John"
 Zechman

***Applications at
 Nat. Headquarters:***

New Member Appl.

Edgar G.E. Morgan

Supplemental Appl.

Raymond H. Longacre
 (2), Larry A. Magdy (2)
 & Gerald C. Peppel (2)



Membership Report:

Compatriots:

As we look out over the countryside and marvel at the sight of the white blanket that the Lord has wrapped on the earth it really is a marvel and a blessing. The melting snow will ensure moisture in the ground as the spring planting takes place. I must admit the Lord knows how to plan ahead!

This causes me to ponder...what plan is in place to ensure our heritage will still be taught? Will American history scholarships still be awarded to students in our schools? Will we, can we, keep alive the miracle of the American Revolution.

I am asking you. Do you believe we should be granting awards now? Should we put in place a foundation to fund our Youth Activity Fund so that now and in the future we can promote early American History studies? Recently my granddaughter watched an episode of Jeopardy. The final question was regarding the Revolutionary War. Not one of the three contestants knew the answer. Through her membership in the C.A.R. she easily knew the answer.

We can bear witness to the changing culture of Berks County. We taught the Indians what happens when you do not control immigration. Consider how our heritage will be lost without support from organizations such as ours. LET US TALK ABOUT PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

ON ANOTHER NOTE

If you get this letter and you forgot to pay your 2016 dues please pay now. Call the Treasurer and he will guide you through the process.

*Nevin C. Miller,
Membership Chairman*



EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Committee responded to 34 requests for Eagle Scout Certificates in 2015, and attended 22 Courts of Honor. Our winner in the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter's 2015 Eagle Scout Essay Contest is Brendan Salyards who is a member of Troop 430, Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America sponsored by St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Reading, PA. Brendan, 17, resides in West Lawn with his parents, Scott and Robin Salyards.

We could use more help from the membership in order to be able to attend more of these important and inspiring events. Please contact me at 610 926 2664 or bkauff1043@aol.com to volunteer your services.

Thank you
*Barry L. Kauffman, Chairman
Eagle Scout Committee*



*In Memory of Compatriot
William Wagner Jr.
August 27, 1949 to
January 26, 2016*



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 5th & 6th—Spring BOM Meeting**
- February 8th - Executive Committee Meeting,**
6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at
the Goggleworks.
- February 27 - Washington’s Birthday Luncheon,**
Berkshire Country Club
- March 10 - Quarterly Meeting, 6:00PM,**
Inn at Reading, Wyomissing, PA
- May 06 & 07, Annual Spring BOM**
- May 28 - Wyomissing Hills Memorial Day Parade,**
Time TBD.
- May 30 - Memorial Service, Veteran’s Grove, City**
Park, Reading, PA. Time TBD.
- May 30 - Bernville Parade.** Time TBD
- June 09 - Quarterly Meeting, 6:00PM, Location TBD.**
- June 12 - Allegiance Sunday, Moselem Lutheran**
Church, Kutztown, PA. Time TBD.
- July 04 - Wyomissing July 4th Day Parade, Time TBD.**
- August 05 & 06 - Summer BOM**
- August 08 - Executive Committee Meeting,**
6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at
the Goggleworks.
- September 15 - Quarterly Meeting, 6:00PM,**
Heidelberg Country Club, Bernville, PA
- November 04 & 05 - Fall BOM**
- November 09 - Executive Committee Meeting,**
6:30PM at the Genealogical Society at
the Goggleworks.
- November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony, 11:00AM,**
City Park, Reading, PA.
- December 01 - Quarterly Meeting, 6:00PM,**
Berkshire Country Club, Reading, PA
- December 17 - Wreaths Across America, 12:00PM,**
Indiantown Gap national Cemetery.

2016 Officers and Committee Chairmen

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 Vice President - Charles H. Seibert
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 Genealogist / Registrar - Eric H. Troutman
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 Surgeon - Dr. Thomas Stewart
 Chancellor - Honorable Scott E. Lash

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 Newsletter Editor - David G. Loose Jr., Acting
 Color Guard Captain - Charles H. Seibert

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 Knight Essay - Vacant
 JROTC - Bruce L. Dietrich
 Graves - Eric H. Troutman
 Veteran Affairs - Charles H. Seibert
 Public Relations - Floyd N. Turner II
 CAR / DAR Relations - Floyd N. Turner II
 Membership - Nevin C. Miller

All members are encouraged to report news and
 submit articles and pictures for the newsletter.

Deadlines for Submissions:

Jan. 20 for February issue
 Apr. 20 for May issue
 July 20 for August issue
 Oct. 20 for November issue

Send submissions and address changes to:

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