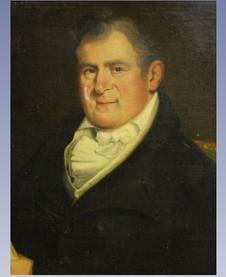




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President's Message

Fellow Compatriots,

Well it's hard to believe that the summer is half gone.

This has been a busy time for the Color Guard. It started with Memorial Day event, Allegiance Sunday at Tulpehocken Trinity Church, Flag Retirement at Classic Harley-Davidson, 4th of July Parade in Wyomissing and a few events I was unable to attend.

Our 80th Anniversary celebration in June was a great success. We had PASAR President and Vice Presidents in attendance along with Past PASAR Presidents, representatives from DAR and CAR.

Again I want to thank Bruce Dietrich, Miles Dechant, and Leon Adam for organizing this event.

Eric informed me that we have now exceeded 160 members, what a achievement. We are now preparing for our September meeting, Sean Teaford informed me everything is set, so I hope to see many of you there.

I am working with the Pennsylvania Dutch Council BSA to recognize Eagle Scouts from Lancaster and Lebanon Counties, so Barry Kauffman hopefully we will be able to attend and recognize those Scouts.

In closing I would like to make another pitch for members to join our Color Guard, you may not be able to attend all the events but we welcome all who are willing to join, I can speak from experience, these events are truly enjoyable. My God Bless America and all our members.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Hillegas, President, Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR



80th Anniversary Meeting Highlights

The Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter 80th Anniversary dinner was held on June 8, 2017 at the Berkshire Country Club in Reading, PA. In addition to a great turnout by the members of the chapter, several special guests were also in attendance including:

- Gregory Shivley, PASSAR President
- Raynold L. Prusia Sr., PASSAR 1st Vice President
- W. Clay Dawson Jr., PASSAR 2nd Vice President
- Bruce L. Dietrich, District Deputy #3
- Eric H. Troutman, PASSAR Registrar and Former PASSAR President
- Joseph B. McMullen, Former PASSAR President
- Miles K. Dechant, Former PASSAR President
- Bobbi McMullen, NSDAR VPG
- Hallie A. Vaughan, DAR Regent
- Betty Y. Dechant, Former DAR Regent
- Vicky L. Heffner, Senior Society President, CAR

Berks County Historian George M. Meiser IX introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Michelle N. Lynch, Reporter with the Reading Eagle, who delivered an exceptional presentation on “The Life and Times of Revolutionary War Fifer Sammie DeWees”. The interactive evening was both insightful and fitting as many in attendance shared facts from their own research into the lives of their patriot ancestors.

Following the presentation, President Robert M. Hillegas led the business meeting and introduced the new members of the chapter who subsequently received their rosettes from Compatriot Eric Troutman, PASSAR Registrar.



The evening was a success thanks to the hard work and dedication of the committee which consisted of Compatriots Bruce Dietrich, Miles Dechant, and Leon Adam who organized this event. Thank you!

Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter Quarterly Meeting



Robert M. Hillegas, President
Requests the pleasure of your company at the
September Quarterly Meeting of the
Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
Thursday, the fourteenth of September
at 6:00 PM
at The Inn at Reading
1040 North Park Road, Reading, PA 19610

Program: "Berks County Veterans of the Spanish
American War"

Presentation by: Compatriot James McAteer

R.S.V.P. form below

Quarterly Dinner - September 14, 2017

Please reply by August 31, 2017

Name & Chapter / Org.: _____

Address: _____

Phone & Email: _____

Name(s) of Guest(s): _____

Dinner Menu: *Mixed Green House Salad with House Dressing, Assorted Rolls & Butter, Chef's Choice Starch and Vegetable, and Dessert. Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaf, and Assorted Hot Tea. Please contact David G. Loose Jr. with any special dietary requests.*



- Grilled Chicken Bruschetta # _____ X \$25 = \$ _____
 - Sliced Roast Beef, Pot Roast Sauce, Mashed Potatoes # _____ X \$25 = \$ _____
 - Vegetarian Lasagna # _____ X \$25 = \$ _____
- Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter

Mail To: David G. Loose Jr., 37 Sagebrook Drive, Reading, PA 19606

Johann Philip Trautmann: Local Patriot

Johann Philip Trautmann was the son of Johannes and Eva Elizabeth (Bauer) Trautmann. His parents were from Schriesheim, near Heidelberg, Germany. They arrived at the port of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1743 and settled in the Tulpehocken region of Lancaster County (now Berks County), PA. Johann Philip Trautmann was born August 9, 1758 in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks County, PA.

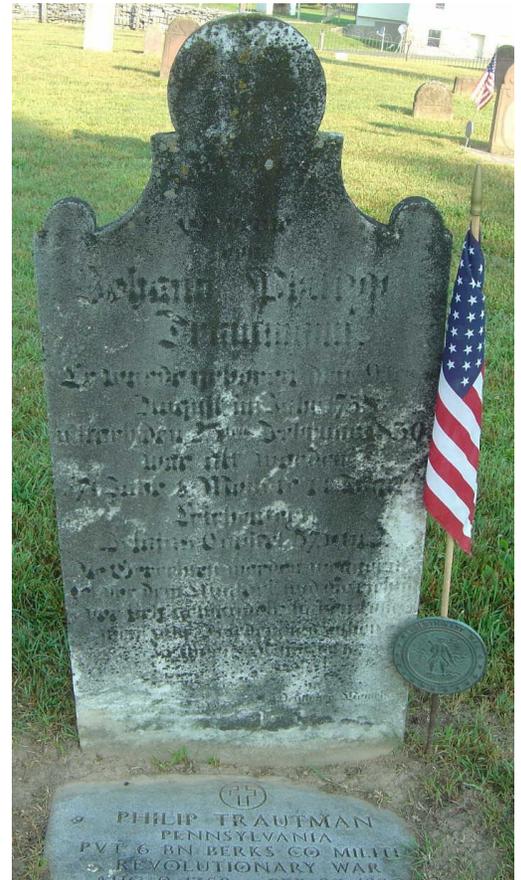
Johann Philip Trautmann married Magdalena Hoffman (1758-1834), daughter of Johann Jost and Maria Catharina (Meiser) Trautmann. Johann Philip and Magdalena were the parents of six children: Maria Magdalena, Maria Elizabeth, Johannes, Michael, Johann Jacob and Heinrich.

Johann Philip Trautmann was a farmer his entire life in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks County, PA. He died Feb 23, 1830 at his plantation in Tulpehocken Twp. He and his wife Magdalena are buried at the old cemetery, St. John's Host Church, Tulpehocken Twp., Berks County, PA. Hundreds of Troutmans are buried at St. John's Host Church since it was the family's church for over two hundred years. In 2015 Johann Philip's tombstone and the tombstones of his three brothers: Michael, Valentin and Johannes, plus brother-in-law Christoffel Leiss, all veterans of the Revolutionary War, are still standing in the old cemetery.

During the Revolutionary War, Johann Philip Trautmann served as a private in Captain John Sheaffer's 6th Company, 6th Battalion and Captain Conrad Sherman's 7th Company, 6th Battalion, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Militia. He took the Oath of Allegiance in Heidelberg Twp., Lancaster County (now Lebanon County), PA and he paid the Supply Tax in Tulpehocken Twp., Berks County, PA in 1781. This tax was used for the raising of supplies in the war against Great Britain. Johann Philip Trautmann, like so many other Pennsylvania Germans, was loyal to the revolutionary cause.

Most of the Trautman / Troutman families of Berks and Lebanon Counties are descendants of this patriotic family.

Eric H. Troutman, Genealogist/Registrar and PASSAR Registrar



Memorial Day 2017



Veterans Grove



Birdsboro American Legion / VFW



Top Left (L-R): Charles H. Seibert, David G. loose Jr., Barry L. Kauffman, Robert M. Hillegas, Eric H. Troutman and Willard N. Brensinger.

Top Right (L-R): Charles H. Seibert, David G. loose Jr., Barry L. Kauffman, Eric H. Troutman and Willard N. Brensinger.

Middle Left (L-R): David G. Loose, Jr. and Charles H. Seibert.

Bottom Left (L-R): Charles H. Seibert, Eric H. Troutman, Robert M. Hillegas and David G. Loose Jr.

Bottom Right (L-R): Eric H. Troutman, Robert M. Hillegas, David G. loose Jr. & Charles H. Seibert.

Bernville Parade



Wyomissing Independence Day Parade

The Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter was well represented at the Wyomissing July 4th Parade.



Back Row (L-R): Charles H. Seibert, Floyd N. Turner II, Eric H. Troutman, Clay Dawson, David G. Loose Jr., Robert M. Hillegas, William Hearter, Trevor Vaughan, and Bruce Vaughan. Front Row (L-R): Thomas Vaughan, Evan Loose, Cael Vaughan, Samuel Hillegas, William Hillegas, and Tristram Vaughan.



(L-R): Tristram Vaughan, Thomas Vaughan, William Hillegas, Charles H. Seibert, Clay Dawson, David G. Loose, Jr., Robert M. Hillegas, and William Hearter.



Back Row (L-R): Floyd N. Turner II, Trevor Vaughan, Eric H. Troutman, Clay Dawson, David G. Loose Jr., Robert M. Hillegas, and William Hearter, Front Row (L-R): Thomas Vaughan, Samuel Hillegas, Evan Loose, William Hillegas, Charles H. Seibert, and Tristram Vaughan.

Flag Retirement Ceremonies and Education



(L-R): Charles H. Seibert, Willard N. Brensinger, Jr., David G. Loose, Jr.

The Boys Scouts of America remind citizens that when the United States flag (Old Glory) becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. The traditional method of retirement is to incinerate



(L-R): Floyd N. Turner II, David G. Loose Jr., Robert M. Hillegas, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Nevin C. Miller, Leon E. Adam, Barry L. Kauffman and Charles H. Seibert.

the flag, but this does not mean that one should simply drop the entire flag (intact) into a fire. Instead it needs to be cut into smaller pieces since, when cut, it ceases to be a flag. In addition, it is easier to completely incinerate the flag, if it is cut into smaller pieces. A flag should never be torn up like an old bed sheet. It should be cut up with scissors or shears in a methodical manner. The corners of the flag should be stretched out over a table top, and someone should cut the flag in half, vertically (be careful not to cut up the blue star field). Then, place the two halves together and cut them in half, horizontally. They will end up with four pieces of flag, one being the blue star field.

CAR Flag Retirement Ceremony to benefit Wreaths Across America held at Classic Harley Davidson.



Flag Retirement Ceremony at Birdsboro American Legion with Boy Scout Troop 595.

Left Photo: Charles H. Seibert speaking about why these ceremonies are conducted.

Right Photo (L-R): Charles H. Seibert, Willard N. Brensinger, and Nevin F. Miller. Cutting and handing off of the stripes.



Flag Etiquette Education

On Thursday, July 13th the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter partnered with Birdsboro American Legion, Post 626, to start a pilot program with children in the Berks County area on Flag Etiquette.

(L-R): Charles Seibert- Captain of the Color Guard, Joseph Heister Chapel of SAR; and two members of the Birdsboro American Legion Post 626: Robert Meyer- Financial Officer, and Robert Mealand- Commander.

Vanderslice Declaration of Independence Reading

Reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Berks History Center by the descendants of Sheriff Henry Vanderslice, who read this on July 8th, 1776 at the Reading Court House.

(L-R): Floyd N. Turner II, Ray H. Longacre, David G. Loose Jr., Eric H. Troutman, Willard N. Brensinger Jr. Nevin F. Miller and Charles H. Seibert . All standing along side of the original Bell that was rung at the Court House in 1776.



Allegiance Sunday at Tulpehocken Trinity UCC

This year, the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter's Allegiance Sunday and Grave Dedication Ceremony was held on June 4th at Tulpehocken Trinity UCC and Cemetery in Millardville, PA.



(L-R): Floyd N. Turner II, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Barry L. Kauffman, Eric Kauffman, Pastor Mario Madden, Church Council President Pete Condos, Leon E. Adam, Evan Loose (front), David G. Loose Jr., David T. Shultz, Robert M. Hillegas and Charles H. Seibert.



Top Right (L-R): Charles H. Seibert, Willard N. Bensingier Jr., Barry L. Kauffman, Eric H. Troutman, Leon E. Adam, David G. Loose Jr., Evan Loose & Robert M. Hillegas.

Middle Right : Floyd N. Turner II, was the Chapter's speaker for the ceremony.

Bottom Right: Chapter President Robert M. Hillegas, presenting the wreath to the Patriots Graves.



Veteran's Committee Report - Summer 2017:



As I report on the State of our Veterans Affairs, I was moved to see how many Veterans stood up to be recognize for their Honorable Military Service at the 80th Anniversary Dinner. Let me the first to say Thank-You all for your Service to our Great Country. But in saying that, I'm a bit confused as to why there are so many names that are not listed on NSSAR Veterans Service Corps Register from this Chapter. This Honor that you receive from NSSAR will be on the Register for your grand children, great grand children, great, great children and so on to see, that You answered the Call to Duty like our Patriot Ancestors did. Remember, back during the Revolution less than 3% actually served in the Military/ Militia. Today, it is less than 1% that actively serves in all our Military Branches, including the National Guard and Reserves. Just remember that old Poster of Uncle Sam pointing his finger at you, saying, "We Want You"!!

We Do!!

CERTIFICATE OF PATRIOTISM FOR ALL MILITARY SERVICE VETERANS

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

Veterans Services Corps Totals as of August 2017:

WII -402 There was a total of 1,021 Compatriots in this Corps.

*Korea –188
Vietnam –501
SW Asia/Persian Gulf-105
Special Operations-44
Military Service-343*

For all six Veterans Corps, 2,123 Compatriots have been issued Certificates of Patriotism.

Tom D. Leidy received his NSSAR Certificate of Patriotism his Vietnam War Service.

Jeffrey K. Beil, is in the queue to receive his NSSAR Certificates of Patriotism for his Military Service.

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

You earned it!!

As always, Veterans Making a Different are looking for clothing donations and personal items (tooth brushes & toothpaste, soap, etc.), for the Veterans and their families. You can bring them to the meeting or drop them off at one of the Stand-Downs, or contact me (2nd & last Saturday of the month), at the Hope Rescue Mission and 1st & 3rd Saturday at Reading's City Park. Sponsor by the Veterans Coalition of Pennsylvania.

*Charles H. Seibert
Chairman, Veterans Affairs*



Color Guard Report:



First, I would like to take the time to thank all our Color Guardsmen for their time and commitment for this year and past years. We attended 11 ceremonies so far this year. Here are the names of our active Color Guardsmen, Floyd Turner II, Eric Troutman, Ray Longacre, Robert Hillegas, Willard “Bill” Brensinger Jr., David Loose Jr., Barry Kauffman, Leon Adam, Nevin “Skip” Miller. Also we like to welcome William ‘Bill’ Hearter to the group.

A big Thank-You goes out to Clay Dawson of the Harris Ferry Chapter for making the long trip down from his place to march along side of us for the Wyomissing 4th of July Parade.

Completed Ceremonies for this Quarter:

- The Annual Memorial Day Service at Veterans Grove, City Park, Reading, PA.
- Birdsboro American Legion/VFW Memorial Day Service, Birdsboro Cemetery.
- Bernville Memorial Day Parade
- Birdsboro American Legion & Boy Scout Troop 595, Flag Retirement Ceremony.
- Allegiance Sunday, Tulpehocken Trinity United Church of Christ, Millardsville, Lebanon County, PA.
- Flag Retirement Ceremony, hosted by CAR and Classic Harley Davidson for a fundraising event for Wreaths Across America.
- Wyomissing July 4th parade at Wyomissing, PA.
- Berks History Center, Reading of the Declaration of Independence to the citizens of Reading on July 8, 1776 by the descendants of Sheriff Henry Vanderslice.
- Berks County Court House, Naturalization Ceremonies.

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. 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
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The chapter has 163 members and 27 prospective members.

New Members Approved:

- Charles W. Hendricks, Jr.
- Frederick K. Jacoby
- Phillip C. Wagner
- Stephen T. Askey
- Stephen F. Askey
- Gary L. Coles
- Jonathan D. Coles
- Coty L. Stumb
- Warren L. Stumb, Jr.
- James M. Mack
- James M. Mack, Jr.
- John E. Mack
- Alexander R. Beshel
- Robert J. Walrath, Jr.
- Seth J. Walrath
- Isaac J. Walrath
- Levi J. Walrath
- Gabriel Z. Sujkowski

Ancestors

- Johann George Gresh
- John Christian Lessig
- Griffith John, Jr.
- Thomas Erskine / Askey
- Thomas Erskine / Askey
- Johann Nicholas Hoffman
- Johann Nicholas Hoffman
- Joseph Stumpf
- Joseph Stumpf
- Seth Smith, Jr.
- Seth Smith, Jr.
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- Seth Smith, Jr.
- Jacob Flander
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Transfer In:

- William R. Hearter, Jr.

John Michael Smyser

Dual Member:

- W. Clay Dawson, Jr.

John Weaver, Jr.

Supplementals Approved:

- Patrick A. Magdy
- Charles H. Seibert
- Eric H. Troutman

John Williamson
 Johann Peter Faust
 Nickel / Nicholas Lang

Applications at

National Headquarters:

New Member Applications

Hunter W. Magdy, Jacob P. Dougherty, Andrew H. Bailey, Owen M. Bailey

Supplemental Applications

David C. Brock (3), John E. Lauman, Eric H. Troutman, R. Glenn Weyer (3), Willard N. Brensinger



Membership Report:



It is great to see the continued growth of our chapter,. I see this not just in the new faces that join us for our meetings but in the energy that continues to build in every aspect of our efforts and activities.

We have certainly come a long way and, God willing, this progress will continue.

As I have said before, we need to lend our voices to our American history by sharing not only the heritage that we have with one another but also anyone who is willing to listen. This applies not just to those of us who have been members of this chapter for decades and/or generations but also to those who may have only recently discovered their revolutionary ancestry. We all make up the fabric of this chapter and our society as a whole.

Lastly, if you get this letter and you forgot to pay your 2017 dues please pay now. Call the Treasurer and he will guide you through the process. Thank you.

*Nevin C. Miller,
Membership Chairman*

Eagle Scout Committee Report



This year (to date), six different members of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter have participated in 16 certificate presentations. I am proud to report that we have had no requests for attendance that we were not able to fulfill.

In fact, at quite a few of the events we are the only organization to attend personally instead of only sending congratulations to the Eagle Scout.

Thank you to all who are participating in this successful endeavor. Of course, please contact me at (610) 926-2664 or bkauff1043@aol.com if you would like to volunteer your services.

*Barry L. Kauffman
Eagle Scout Committee Chairman*



Note From The Editor: Our Ancestors, Our Chapter

As was mentioned in our last issue, National has made a concerted effort recently to collect and index Patriot Biographies and, moving forward, I hope to see many of those biographies in the pages of the Hiester Herald.

In this issue, we have a fantastic biography submitted by Compatriot Eric Troutman on his patriot ancestor Johann Philip Trautmann.

Again, I hope to make this a regular part of our newsletter moving forward and I look forward to reading about your ancestor in the near future.

Sean M. Teaford, Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Events

August 5th - Summer BOM

Avalon Hotel and Conference Center
Erie, PA

August 11th-13th - Atlantic Middle States Assoc. of SAR Meeting

Wyndham Gettysburg (Gateway
Gettysburg Campus)

August 14 - Executive Committee Meeting,

6:00pm at the Wyomissing Public Library
(enter from Franklin Street).

September 14 - Quarterly Meeting

6:00pm at The Inn at Reading

October 14 - Berks DAR 125th Anniversary Luncheon

11:30am at The Berkshire County Club

November 3rd & 4th - Fall BOM

Hampton Inn Williamsport Downtown

November 13th - Executive Committee Meeting,

6:00pm at the Wyomissing Public Library
(enter from Franklin Street).

November 11th - Veterans Day Ceremony,

11:00AM at City Park, Reading, PA.

December 7th - Quarterly Meeting,

6:00pm at The Berkshire Country Club
Reading, PA

December 17 - Wreaths Across America, 12:00PM,

Indiantown Gap national Cemetery

February 2nd & 3rd, 2018 - Winter BOM

The Inn at Reading



2017 Officers and Committee Chairmen

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Color Guard Captain - Charles H. Seibert

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Flag - Robert M. Hillegas
Awards - Floyd N. Turner II

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

Deadlines for Submissions:

Jan. 20 for Winter issue
Apr. 20 for Spring issue
July 20 for Summer issue
Oct. 20 for Fall issue

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