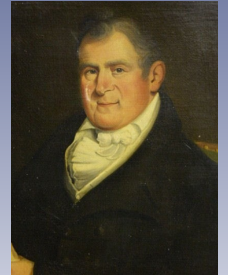




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President's Message

Fellow Compatriots,

Half of the year has already come and gone and the summer months are quickly approaching.

We have had many wonderful meetings and excellent speakers as well as several occasions when we were able to proudly watch our fellow compatriots represent us in the community.



The Winter Board of Management meeting in February was well received by all in attendance and, while attendance has been a bit light, we have had two fascinating and entertaining presentations at both our George Washington Luncheon and during our March Quarterly Dinner.

These great programs require a lot of work, preparation, and dedication I would like to thank all compatriots for supporting these efforts but, in particular, Compatriots David Loose and David Shultz who have assisted greatly in making these meetings a reality.

Further, there is another compatriot whom I wish to recognize. Compatriot Charles H. Seibert has served this chapter as Color Guard Captain and Chairman of the Veterans Committee for several years. These are two sources of pride in our chapter and it is in large part due to this compatriot's efforts. Thank you for your service Compatriot!

I look forward to seeing you all at future meetings and events. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Sean M. Teaford

President, Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR



February BOM Meeting

The Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter hosted the Winter Board of Management Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on February 2-3, 2018 at The Inn at Reading in Reading, PA.



Following a warm welcome and well attended social dinner the Friday before, a lively meeting was held with numerous compatriots from our chapter as well as those representing chapters across the commonwealth in attendance. During this state discourse, the women's program was well underway with Matthew Dodd performing Songs and Stories of the Red, White, and Blue.

The guest speaker during the lunch reception was author Bruce Mowday who, in his second visit to Reading, once again delivered an interesting presentation on *Reporting the Revolutionary War: It was History, It was News* to which he contributed an essay on the battles of Brandywine and Germantown.

The event was concluded with closing remarks from Chapter President Sean M. Teaford, State President Greg Shively, and Mid-Atlantic Vice President General C. Louis Raborg.

All compatriots are encouraged to attend future board of management and annual meetings for both the education it provides but also the comradery that is enjoyed.



George Washington Luncheon



The Annual Washington Luncheon was held on February 14th, 2018 at the Berkshire Country Club.

Author Jeffrey Finnegan provided a family friendly presentation of his books surrounding the life of George Washington and discussed his person connection to our First President as well as continued efforts to preserve artifacts from our colonial past. A fascinating question and answer session followed his presentation. A presenter at numerous SAR chapters and community organizations, Mr. Finnegan's presentation was well received by all in attendance.



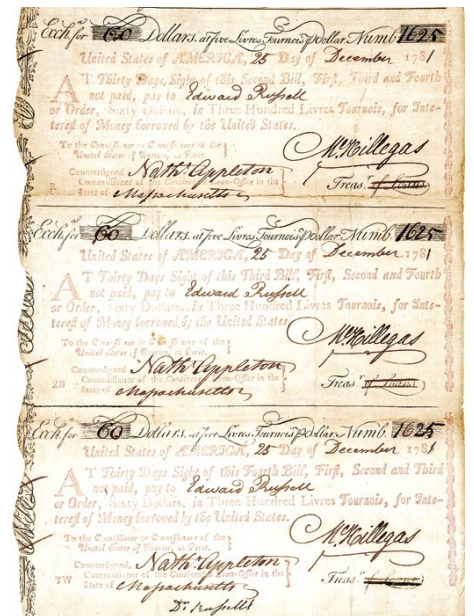
Following the presentation, President Sean M. Teaford presented his three year old son Compatriot John Louis Teaford with his Rosette as this was the first meeting that he was able to attend since becoming a member in June 2016.

March Quarterly Meeting

The Gov. Joseph Heister Chapter returned to the Inn at Reading for the March Quarterly meeting when Past President Robert Hillegas was the guest speaker.

Compatriot Hillegas delivered a very personal and compelling presentation on the early colonial currency which first funded our republic. In addition to a variety of texts and photo examples presented as the meeting, there were also several examples of period original currency shared with those in attendance displaying the patriotic surname of our speaker.

Compatriot Hillegas was a fine example of the immense personal connection and knowledge that exists within the membership of our chapter and we hope to have more presentations of this nature in the future. All compatriots are encouraged to contact chapter President, Sean M. Teaford, if they are interested in being a speaker at a future meeting.



Help Wanted!

Position Details: No pay, no benefits, unknown hours. Hugely rewarding. Appreciation shown in abundance.

There have clearly been a number of issues in getting the Hiester Herald out in a timely manner over the last year. While there are a multitude of reasons for the sporadic distribution schedule, in the end, there are no excuses. I would love to continue editing the newsletter but there simply is not enough room in my schedule at this point. I believe, and I am certain that many will agree with me on this point, that it is time for someone to take over as editor of this fine publication.

You, my compatriots, deserve to be kept abreast of chapter news and events in a more timely and consistent manner. Therefore, I ask for volunteers to take over at the helm or, for a group of compatriots to jointly run this patriotic venture. Please contact me if you are interested in furthering your knowledge of the chapter through these pages. Thank you.

Sean M. Teaford, Newsletter Editor



Membership Retention

Unfortunately, membership retention continues to be an issue for our chapter in particular and the society in general. We should not let this pass us by every year without at least stopping for a few moments and thinking about the fact that we are losing touch of so many compatriots with which we have a patriotic ancestral connection.

We must do a better job, myself included, in maintaining contact with members of this chapter, support them when they need assistance, encourage them to participate in our chapter, and invite them to not only remember their heritage but to share their proud ancestry with others.

So, our duty now is to reach out to those compatriots that we have lost in recent years and invite them, with open arms, to come back to the chapter. If this hold no interest, we should at least seek to discover why they decided to disassociate with our chapter. Hopefully, we will experience more of the former rather than the latter.

Sean M. Teaford, Chapter President

Seeking Input: How Do We Get New Compatriots Involved in our Chapter?

Over the past several months, I have been trying to think of different ways to get new compatriots involved in our chapter. Compatriot Eric Troutman has done a brilliant job in shepherding prospects through the process and in bringing new members to this chapter, now it is up to the rest of us to ensure that they are welcomed and involved once their applications are approved.

I am not talking about some grandiose project or requiring new compatriots to serve as officers (although I would welcome those interested), this all comes down to the simple things... what should a new compatriot do, see, attend in their first year to get a well-rounded view of our society and our chapter.

Thus far, I have constructed a list of a few simple tasks including the following:

- Attend a quarterly meeting of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
- Attend an Executive Committee meeting of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter
- Attend a meeting of another chapter in this state
- Write a biographical sketch of your patriot ancestor (min. 500 words)
- Attend a Color Guard event
- Serve as greeter at a quarterly meeting
- Attend a PASSAR BOM Meeting
- Attend additional meetings/presentations (i.e. CAR, DAR, etc).
- Complete an interview (basic questions to be provided) of three fellow compatriots
- Assist the President with the speaker schedule
- Be a first line singer on a membership application
- Write a review on a book about the revolutionary War (min. 500 words)

Again, this is just the start and by no means set in stone. I welcome contributions to this list and/or suggestions to change or remove some of the items above. This is the reason why I am writing this note to you. The goal is to have many compatriots contribute to this, for lack of a better term, suggested guideline for new compatriots. Hopefully, by the end of the year, we can have something a bit more structured in place. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Sean M. Teaford, Chapter President

Veteran's Day 2017

Wreaths Across America



(L-R): Charles H. Seibert, Captain, David G. Loose Jr., Barry L. Kauffman, Nevin F. Miller, William Hearter, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., and Eric H. Troutman.



(L-R): Clay Dawson and Nevin F. Miller.

Memorial Day: Veteran's Grove

Memorial Day: Bernville Parade

(L-R): Eric H. Troutman, Nevin F. Miller, Robert Hillegas, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., and Charles H. Seibert.



(L-R): Ray Longacre, Eric H. Troutman, David G. Loose Jr, and Evan Loose.

Conrad Roeder: Two Lines, One Ancestor

On 03 December 1772 ship Sally arrived at Philadelphia from Rotterdam via Portsmouth, England. Aboard was Conrad Roder, who had taken what we might now call a “Sail now” Pay later” journey to America. He was “sold” the same day for his debt of 17 Pounds, 3 Shillings to Sebastian Keeley of Vincent Twp, Chester Co. Under indenture, Conrad was obligated to work for a period of three years for Keeley.

On 15 of August 1832 Conrad Roeder 81, of Wayne Township, Schuylkill Co. appeared before George Rausch and Daniel Yost, Associate Judges of the court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill Co. Conrad made a declaration in application for a Pension under an Act of Congress passed 07 Jun 1832.

In that declaration he stated that he was born in Europe, migrated to America at 20 years old in 1772. Also, he stated that he enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the United States in 1776 under Captain Hettering in Windsor Twp., Chester Co.

He also stated that he was at Fort Lee, Amboy and Fort Washington. At the latter place, he was taken prisoner, and held for eight weeks at Bridewell Prison.

After release from prison, he returned to Chester Co. where he again enlisted in the spring of 1777, for one year. During that year he was at Trenton, Amboy, White Plains, Valley Forge and Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth Meeting House.

Four years after the end of his service, he moved to Berks and Schuylkill Counties. He was paid a Pension of \$60.00 per year. A certificate of Pension was issued on 02 May 1833. That payment covered an arrears of \$120.00, plus a semi-annual payment through 04 September 1833 of \$30.00.

Conrad is buried at Summer Hill Cemetery. A death notice appeared in “Die Stimme Des Volks and Allemanger”, A German Language newspaper printed at Orwigsburg: “Conrad Roeder, Wayne Township, August 6, 84 years.

Submitted by Nevin C. Miller, Past President



Nevin C. Miller standing beside his tombstone. He is related to Conrad Roeder through both his paternal and maternal side. All generations are buried in the Summer Hill Cemetery, Auburn, PA.

John Nicholas Hoffman: A Revolutionary War Combat Veteran

John Nicholas Hoffman was the son of John Peter Hoffman (1708-1798) and Maria Sara Seiler (1720-1798). John Peter emigrated from Germany and arrived in Philadelphia in September 1739 on the ship "Robert & Alice". He first settled in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, where he worked as a carpenter. During the early Native American raids on the frontier, he served as a soldier in the Provincial Forces. In 1750, he moved his family to the Lykens Valley in what is now Dauphin County, but was then part of Lancaster County.

John Nicholas Hoffman was born in 1749 in Berks County and baptized on May 4, 1749, in the Host Reformed Church in Tulpehocken. On April 22, 1772, he was married to Margaret Harman by Pastor Kurtz. Together, they had 11 children. One son, Jacob, was a colonel in the War of 1812. John Nicholas and Margaret owned a large farm on Crossroads Road, just south of Route 25 near Gratz in Dauphin County.

John Nicholas Hoffman enlisted prior to March 1776 in Captain Albright Deibler's company of Associators of the 4th Battalion Lancaster County Militia commanded by Colonel James Burd. The company marched to New Jersey in late July 1776, and became part of the Pennsylvania Flying Camp. By August 20th, they were on Long Island under the command of Major William Hayes and attached to Brigadier General Lord Stirling's brigade.

The Battle of Long Island began early in the morning of August 27, 1776, with an all out attack on Stirling's brigade and the Pennsylvania Flying Camp. Captain Deibler's company was in the thick of the fighting and suffered heavy losses with many killed, including Captain Deibler. Many in the company were captured.

Following Captain Deibler's death, John Nicholas' brother, John Hoffman, took over the command of the company on Long Island. Four days later, the company was ordered to be joined to Colonel Edward Hand's battalion and were brigaded under General Mifflin. In late October 1776, the company was at the Battle of White Plains, New York, but saw little or no combat there. Soon after White Plains, they began the long retreat across New Jersey.

The enlistments for most of the Associators, including John Nicholas's company, were to expire on December 1, 1776; however, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania paid a bounty of \$10 to each man to stay in service until mid-January 1777, another 6 weeks. As of December, 1, 1776, John Nicholas's company was attached to General Hand's brigade. On December 7th & 8th, all of Washington's troops crossed the Delaware into Pennsylvania. Sometime thereafter, the company was reassigned to the brigade of General Thomas Mifflin. While they were with the Mifflin brigade, they re-crossed the Delaware on December 28th and headquartered in Bordentown, New Jersey. Several days later, the company participated in the second Battle of Trenton, (January 2, 1777), and the Battle of Princeton, (January 3, 1777). In that campaign, they made two night marches in two days with little or no sleep. They returned home to Upper Paxtang Township, Dauphin County, in late January 1777, having been on active duty for almost a year.

Later in 1777, John Nicholas served along with his brother, Captain John Hoffman, in the battles of Brandywine (Sept 11, 1777) and Germantown (Oct 4, 1777); however, the militia did not have a major role in these two engagements.

On August 21, 1778, John Nicholas took the Oath of Allegiance in Cumberland County. Later in August his company participated in the Colonel Hartley expedition on the west branch of the Susquehanna River to subdue hostile Native Americans and Loyalists. Leaving Fort Muncy on September 21, 1778, the expedition captured and burned Queen Esther's Town at Tioga Point on September 26th, and then fought and won the Battle of Indian Hill just west of Wyalusing on September 29th. Continuing down the Susquehanna, they reached Sunbury on October 5th, having traveled over 300 miles since leaving the Fort.

In 1779, John Nicholas was once again on active duty on the Pennsylvania Frontier. He continued to serve in the Upper Paxtang Company through 1782. After the War, he lived on his farm near Gratz until his passing in 1814.

John Nicholas is buried in The Hoffman (St. Peter's) Church Cemetery on land that he deeded to the Church for the church building and cemetery. During the mid-20th century, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania erected a bronze historical marker to honor him and eight other Revolutionary War soldiers including his brother, Captain John Hoffman, for their heroic military service during the American Revolution.

After the Battle of Yorktown, General Lord Cornwallis said to General Washington, "history will conclude that Washington's most brilliant campaign was the 10-day Christmas Campaign of 76-77." I'm extraordinarily proud that my ancestor participated in all of these engagements, especially the Christmas Campaign that reignited the flame of the Revolution which became the turning point of the War.

Submitted by Compatriot Gary L. Coles



Veteran's Committee Report - Spring 2018:



Veterans Services Corps Totals as of October 2017 is still the same as it was back in May, since no Certificates of Patriotism have been issued.

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

WII -402

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.

Compatriots Jeffrey K. Beil and Floyd N. Turner II Military Survey Forms have been resubmitted as of November 6th for their NSSAR Certificates of Patriotism for Military Service.



This year, the Veterans Committee will be continuing its outreach, look for details in future issues of the Heister Herald.

It will be a difficult task following Compatriot Charles Seibert in this capacity but I hope to build upon the strong foundation that he has built for the veterans of this chapter. Thank you for your service Compatriot Seiberts.

In closing, we will continue encouraging all Compatriots with military service to apply for the Veterans Corps and Certificate of Patriotism. If you are a veteran and have not yet applied, contact the Chairman for details. Thank you all for your continued support.

*David T. Shultz
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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. 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, William ‘Bill’ Hearter and Clay Dawson.

Completed Ceremonies for the year:

- Presenting the Colors at the Reading Phillies Home Game, Sunday, June 6th at 2:00 PM. Please arrive by 1:15 PM, as we will have to go over my commands before the game.
- Wreaths Across America will be having a Flag Day Celebration & Flag Retirement Ceremony on Thursday, June 14th, from 3:00 to 8:00 PM; the Flag Retirement Ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM. This will be held at Classic Harley Davidson, 963 James Dr., Leesport. I believe that is the same day as our GJHC Dinner Meeting, but I had already committed myself last year to this important event. Both Floyd and I will understand why we have a low turnout for this.
- Allegiance Sunday, date, time and place to be determined.
- The Annual July 4th Parade at Wyomissing, PA., at 10:00 AM. Please arrive by 9:15 AM, we should be lining up in the 1100 block of Cleveland Avenue at Lynne Street.

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
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Genealogist / Registrar Report:

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter Sons of the of the American Revolution
 Genealogist/Registrar Report
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The chapter has 146 members and 30 prospective members.

New Members Approved:

- Donald F. Kent Jr.
- Ronald L. Graffius
- Tyler G. Graham
- Craig E. Lehman
- Trevor N. Parker
- Benjamin C. Williams
- Christopher J. Williams

Ancestors

- Oliver Goltra, II
- Hugh McGuire
- Henry Thiell
- Joohn Heisey
- Daniel Nelson
- Conrad Beaver
- Conrad Beaver

Transfers In:

- Kyle B. Ray

Joseph Talbot

Dual Member:

- John H. Teaford

John Redcross

Supplementals Approved:

- David C. Brock

- John Lough
- Stephen Maple
- Peter Engle
- Johann Philip Leydich
- Elizabeth (Brecht) Strauss

- Thomas D. Leidy
- Eric H. Troutman

Applications at National Headquarters:

New Member Applications

- Kerry M. Lanza
- George T. Wilcox

Supplemental Applications

- David C. Brock
- Willard N. BRensing



Membership Report: Connections



It seems as though our meeting attendance has waned over the last several meetings. Further, our membership numbers have decreased rather significantly since our peak last year.

As the saying goes: you only get out of it, what you put in.

With this in mind, I encourage all compatriots to enjoy the programs and fellowship offered at our meetings. I implore you to reach out to those compatriots whom you may not have seen at a meeting lately. Lastly, I recommend that you share your family history, the story of your patriot ancestor or ancestors, your revolutionary heritage.

This is more important now more than ever.

The more you put into this effort, the closer you become with your ancestors, the more your family will understand your own history, the more the community will learn about itself, and the more alive and personal the chapter and our society will become to you.

In the end, you only get out of it, what you put in.

*Nevin C. Miller,
Membership Chairman*

Eagle Scout Committee Report



Five compatriots (Barry Kauffman, Bill Koch, Dave Schultz, Leon Adam, and Bob Hillegas) attended a total of 23 Eagle Scout Courts of Honor in 2017 to present certificates of recognition to the new Eagle Scouts from Hawk Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Two other Eagle Scouts received their certificates by mail due to conflicts that prevented us from attending their event.

Our scholarship winner for 2017 is Joseph Stump, an Eagle Scout from Troop 160 sponsored by the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Leesport, PA. We will be learning more about him and his entry in the coming months.

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*

From the Secretary

Happy New Year, Compatriots! Please take a few moments to make sure your records with the Society are up to date and accurate. Are your newsletters being delivered to the correct address? Did your email or phone number change? (Especially important if you had a Verizon email!) Everyone with internet access is able to create an account on the NSSAR website (<http://www.sar.org>) and view and update their personal information. Even if you log on to National, please NOTIFY THE SECRETARY of any changes to your address, phone number, and email address, and I will make sure the PASSAR and NSSAR databases are updated. Looking forward to an interesting and productive year!

David T. Shultz email: dtshultz61@gmail.com phone: 570-691-6544

Upcoming Events

- August 2nd - 3rd - Summer BOM Meeting,**
 Hosted by the General Arthur St. Clair Chapter
 Ramada Ligonier at Fort Ligonier
- August 10th - 12th - SAR Atlantic Middle States Association Conference**
 Hosted by the Virginia SAR
 Newport News Marriott at City Center
- August 13th - Executive Committee Meeting,**
 6:30pm, Wyomissing Public Library
 (enter from Franklin Street).
- September 13th - Quarterly Meeting,**
 6:00pm at The Inn at Reading
 Reading, PA
Program: Author Gene Pisasale
- September 16th - Allegiance Sunday,**
 10:30am at St. John's United Church of Christ in Pricetown
- November 2nd - 3rd - Fall BOM Meeting,**
 York PA
 Details TBD
- November 12th - Executive Committee Meeting,**
 6:30pm, Wyomissing Public Library
 (enter from Franklin Street).
- December 6th - Annual Meeting,**
 6:00pm at The Berkshire Country Club
 Reading, PA
Program: A Toast to the Flag
- February 16th - George Washington Luncheon,**
 12:00pm at The Berkshire Country Club
 Reading, PA
Program: Arthur Hayes on George Washington as a Mason

Dues Dues Dues

Dues for 2018 are now past due. Don't lose contact with your Chapter and don't lose the benefits of SAR membership! If you have not yet paid for 2018, please remit your dues plus the \$10.00 Late Fee to David G. Loose, Jr., Treasurer.

2018 Officers and Committee Chairmen

Office - Name

President - Sean M. Teaford
 Vice President - Raymond H. Longacre
 Secretary - David T. Shultz
 Treasurer - David G. Loose Jr.
 Genealogist / Registrar - Eric H. Troutman
 Chaplain - Miles Dechant
 Surgeon - Dr. Thomas A. Stewart
 Chancellor - Thomas D. Leidy, Esq.

Presidential Appointments - Name

Aide-to-the President - Dr. William R. Hearter Jr.
 Newsletter Editor - Sean M. Teaford
 Color Guard Captain - Charles H. Seibert

Committee - Name

Eagle Scouts - Barry L. Kauffman
 Knight Essay - Vacant
 JROTC - David G. Loose Jr.
 Graves - Eric H. Troutman
 Veteran Affairs - Vacant
 Public Relations - Floyd N. Turner II
 Finance - Miles Dechant
 CAR / DAR Relations - Floyd N. Turner II
 Membership - Nevin C. Miller
 Americanism - Robert M. Hillegas
 Flag - Robert M. Hillegas
 Awards - Sean M. Teaford

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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