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Sons of the American Revolution

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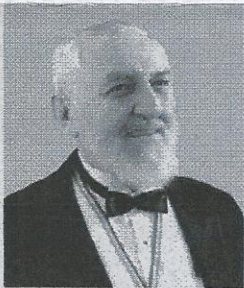
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we start into a new year I am wishing for many things to happen. However, they say wishing won't do it...work will! The first event to *work* on will be the Winter Board meeting of PASSAR. It will be held in Berks County January 30 and 31st at the Inn at Reading. We as members of GJH Chapter should show our support and be proud of our fellow members who are involved with the PASSAR. (From our chapter: Past President Darryl Jeffries will be Chairman of this event, the 2nd vice President of PASSAR, Miles Dechant, the District #1 Deputy, Dr. Thomas Shultz.) Let's show our support of these members by attending this PASSAR Board Meeting. It will be an excellent time for you to learn more about your SAR organization. Reservation forms are enclosed with this newsletter

My next wish is to *work* to have an excellent response from Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter at the Annual Presidents Day Celebration. The DAR Daughters have gone to great lengths to bring us a nationally known speaker, Colonel David G. Fitz-Enz, who is a noted military historian and author. (See last month's issue of the *Hiester Herald* for more information.) This luncheon is sponsored by the Berks County DAR, The Berks County Historical Society and our Chapter and has been an annual event for several decades. A reservation form is also included within this newsletter.

Thomas Carlyle said, "Work is the grand cure of all the maladies and miseries that ever beset mankind." To that end let's all work together for the good of Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, PASSAR. Fraternaly, Nevin

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

January 30-31 (Friday - Saturday) PASSAR Winter Quarterly Board of Management Meeting -The Inn at Reading-Clarion, 1040 Park Road, Wyomissing, PA

A reservation form is included with this newsletter. Please know that our ladies are invited to the Friday evening dinner as well as the Saturday Luncheon. As the reservation form indicates there will be a program for the ladies during the Saturday meeting.

February 21 (Saturday) Annual Washington Day Luncheon the Sheraton at Wyomissing - 12:00 Noon

Program "THE FINAL INVASION" - Presented by Col. David Fitz-Enz. Reservation form enclosed.

March 11 (Thursday evening) Cocktails at 6 pm cash bar Dinner at 6:30. Meeting will follow.

The meeting will be held at the Moselem Springs Hotel on the corner of Routes 662 & 222 between Reading and Kutztown. More information will be forthcoming

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2004

Future chapter meetings have been scheduled for the 2nd Thursday in March, June, September, and December.

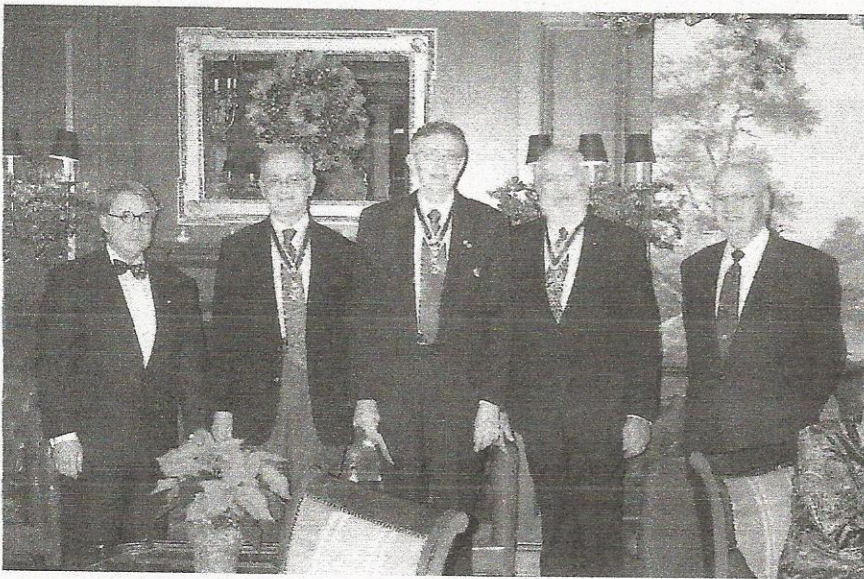
March 11, 2004 (Quarterly Meeting)

June 10, 2004 (Quarterly Meeting)

June 13, 2004 Allegiance Sunday, Bern Lutheran Church

September 9, 2004 (9-11 remembrance Day)

December 9, 2004 (Annual Meeting/Ladies Night)



**Gov. Joseph Heister Chapter, PASSAR
Chapter Officers 2004**

Election and installation of officers for our chapter was held at the December meeting held at the Berkshire Country Club. The following compatriots were chosen:

- Left to right
 Vice President, Martin J. Piecker
 Surgeon, Dr. Thomas Shultz
 Chaplain, Darryl S. Jeffries
 President, Nevin C. Miller
 Secretary, Philip L. Garrett, Ph.D.
 Missing from photo:
 Treasurer, Bruce L. Dietrich
 Genealogist, Dr. Robert J. Buckalew

DID YOU KNOW?

Many Americans believe that the holiday on the third Monday in February is called "Presidents' Day" but this is not so! In 1968 Congress passed the Monday Holidays Act, which moved the official observance of Washington's birthday from Feb. 22 to the third Monday in February. Some wanted to change the name of the holiday to Presidents' Day in honor of both Lincoln and Washington, that proposal was rejected by Congress and the holiday remained officially as Washington's Birthday.

However in 1971 when the Act went into effect, then President Nixon proclaimed the holiday as Presidents' Day to commemorate all past presidents. This idea was never intended or authorized by Congress; nevertheless, it gained a strong hold on the public consciousness. Actually Washington's birthday has a history as old as our country. It was celebrated by the public for the first time in the late 18th century while George Washington was still president. It became official when Chester Arthur signed a bill making it a federal holiday in 1885.

E-mail addresses...

We need your E-mail address to add to our membership list. If you have E-mail please send it to President Miller at the following address:

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**Revolutionary War Graves
Registration**

PASSAR Compatriot Jim Willis has compiled a list of over 1,000 names and locations of Revolutionary War Graves. He is asking the chapters to help by compiling a list from their chapter to be included in his next CD. Can you contribute? Call 610-926-4253

COLOR GUARD IS OFF TO A GOOD START!

At our winter meeting GJH Chapter was presented with a Pennsylvania State Flag from the office of The Hon. Michael O'Pake, Pennsylvania State Senator. A donation towards the Color Guard Fund was received in honor of Ancestor Patriot Conrad Roeder.

We need to secure additional flags, poles and stands as well as uniforms. Donations to this fund will be put to that use. We especially need a Chapter Flag.

Please contact your President if you would like to be part of this endeavor. (610-926-4253) We will need Color Guard Members, a Captain as well as a committee to choose the uniforms.

TWO MEMBERS RECEIVE HONORS

Miles K. Dechant and Darryl L. Jeffries were awarded a Certificate for Meritorious Service with the oak leaf cluster signifying the second time they have been so honored.

Miles, on right, was editor and founder of the Heister Herald for the past five years. He is currently 2nd VP of PASSAR and is Past President of GJH Chapter as well as currently serving on several PASSAR committees.

Darryl is past president of PASSAR and now serving on the state level as Chairman of the George Washington Endowment Fund, Medals and Awards Chairman and the Atlantic Middle States Conference Chairman. He is also Past President of GJH Chapter and currently serves the Chapter as Chaplain.

