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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Compatriots,

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR COUNTRY!

Are you aware that sentence was originated in the United States in 1867 as a practice exercise for aspiring typists? I am sure most citizens think, as I did, that it was a call to patriots to help their country in the time of need. I would like to paraphrase and write: **NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEMBERS TO COME TO THE AID OF THE CHAPTER!** Summer is rapidly drawing to a close. The warm summer lazy days will turn to the brisk autumn get up and go weather. We need to grab some of that energy. We need to focus that energy on our goal of retaining the *Trimble Trophy*. We will have that trophy at our September 9th meeting. As you will remember we received it for having the largest percentage of new

members of any SAR chapter in Pennsylvania. CAN WE RETAIN IT? It is up to you. Use some of that get up and go feeling to bring a new member into our organization. We need more members not only to keep our trophy (frankly that is a gimmick). We need to increase the membership to maintain the purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution a few of which are: "Inspiring the community with a reverence for the principles of government founded by our forefathers...maintaining and extending institutions of American freedom...marking the locations of the Revolutionary events and its soldiers and fostering true patriotism." There is strength in numbers. I know you have a family member or neighbor waiting for you to tell them about SAR and our chapter. We cannot fail to achieve a goal if we all give it a try! To that end I am pleased to announce the appointment of Compatriot William Seidel as temporary Genealogist (until election in December '04.) Compatriot Seidel will offer his assistance in filling out your application papers. (See back page Bill's address.) I leave you with four words to ponder: ENERGY...GOALS...MEMBERS and COLOR GUARD!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

QUARTERLY MEETING REMEMBRANCE DAY

September 9 (Thursday)
At the Sheraton on Paper Mill Road, Wyomissing
6:00 Cocktails (Cash Bar)
6:30 Dinner
Speaker: Chief Petty Officer James Lamb
Topic: Operation Iraqi Freedom
Chief Lamb will discuss his Iraqi experiences.

There is still time for Reservations: Call 610-926-4253

REDEDICATION OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES
October 3 (Sunday) at Mt. Tabor Church of Christ 124 S.
10th Street in Lebanon, PA. (Call Nevin Miller for details
and directions.) Graves of 15 Revolutionary War Soldiers
will be re-commemorated. The Philadelphia/Continental
Chapter Color Guard will present the Colors.

CONSTITUTION WEEK EVENTS

Both on Saturday September 11, 2004

LUNCHEON
SAR/DAR/CAR Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel
11:30 Social Hour – 12;30 Luncheon
Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel, King of Prussia
\$25.00 per person
See back page for reservations

LUNCHEON
SAR – VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER
12 Noon at Leiby's Restaurant
Rt. 309 and 443 West, South Tamaqua, PA
Speaker: John F. Brinson Chairman of: The Committee to
Preserve the Constitution. He will speak on the US
Constitution
See back page for reservations



Darryl S. Jeffries Vice-President General Mid-Atlantic District NSDAR

ELECTIONS, AWARDS and POSITIONS

Our Member's Activities

- Darryl Jeffries: At the National Congress in Pittsburgh Darryl was elected Vice-President General for the Mid-Atlantic District as well as being appointed Secretary of the Vice-Presidents General Council. He was also presented a Meritorious Service Medal from the Mid-Atlantic District. At the PASSAR annual meeting in addition to being elected State Chaplain and a member of the Executive Committee he was also presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate as well as a Distinguished Service Certificate
- Miles Dechant was elected 1st Vice President of Pennsylvania State SAR. He was also awarded the Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal.
- Members holding PASSAR Committee Chairmanships are as follows:

Chapter Activities: Bruce Dietrich Eagle Scout Scholarship: Nevin Miller

George Washington Endowment Fund 1st VP Miles Dechant

Medals & Awards: VPG Darryl S. Jeffries

CONSTITUTION WEEK LUNCHEONS

Valley Forge Chapter Luncheon at Leiby's Restaurant 12 Noon September 11th Reservations to: Derick B. Van Schoohoven 1329 Kirkland Village Circle, Bethlehem, PA 18017 Phone 610-691-4556. By Sept. 3rd. \$16 per person Choice of Baked Ham or Roast Turkey

SAR/DAR/CAR Luncheon at Sheraton Park Ridge Hotel, **King of** Prussia. \$25.00 per person. For reservations and **information** call Martin Peicker at 610-372-1606

GENEALOGIST APPOINTED

William D. Seidel has been appointed interim Genealogist for GJH Chapter. He will assist in filling out new and supplemental applications. His address is 910 Lehigh Street, Reading, PA 19601. Phone: 610-374-1664.

Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter thanks **Dr. Robert Buckalew** for his many years as Genealogist and ROTC Chairman. His address is: Lutheran Home, Henry Health Care Center, Room 220, One S. Home Ave. Topton, PA 19562 for cards and visitation.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to our newest member:

Donald Allen Keffer 1960 Berkley Road Jeffersonville, PA 19403

PENDING PAPERS
Robert Wayne Murray
803 Evergreen Drive
Wyomissing, PA 19610

James D. Kraft III 506 N. Monocacy Creek Road Douglasville, PA 19518-8737

> Henry Troutman 258 E. 5th Street Bernville, PA 19506

Maurice J. Bahr 29 Bordentown/Crosswicks Rd. Crosswicks, NJ 08515-9710

PENDING SUPPLEMENTALS
Eric Troutman - 5

COLOR GUARD REPORT

Since our last newsletter...

At our June meeting our tricorn hat produced \$229.00. Other donations have brought out Color Guard Fund up to \$584.00...we are well on our way to fund the project. Thanks to those who are supporting this project.

A Pennsylvania State Flag and a Betsy Ross Flag were donated. Mr. Harold Bond, blacksmith, fashioned our own personal flag stands. We are in the process of purchasing (unless someone would offer to donate) a SAR flag and the USA Flag as well as the poles and accessories. In addition we will be shortly be choosing a uniform for the guard.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the guard please contact Nevin Miller, Captain of the Guard (selfappointed.)

GJH PROMOTES THE OBJECTS OF OUR SOCIETY SAR ...

which are declared to be...patriotic, historical and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendents of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American Freedom.

Anytime you want to see these same principles being taught and fostered in young people please arrange to attend an Eagle Scout Court of Honor and award the SAR Certificate of Recognition.

The scout leaders and instructors are doing exactly as we propose in the objects of our society evidenced by the first three words of the scout oath: ON MY HONOR.