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President's Message

"It's my Constitutional right." "That's un-Constitutional!"

How often in the last several years have we heard all kind of arguments about the United States Constitution and what it says and assures us as citizens?

September 17 is designated as Constitution Day, and because our September meeting (Sept. 12) falls near to this oft-neglected national day, it was suggested that the meeting focus on what has become a model for other countries over the more than two hundred years of its existence.

Dr. Eugene R. Slaski, associate professor of history at Penn State-Lehigh Valley, will offer his views and allow time for us to question them and state our own.

As S.A.R. compatriots we pledge ourselves to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, remembering the sacrifices, which were necessary in order to establish it and the benefits, which have come to us because of it.

Celebrate the Constitution!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER

September 12 (Thursday) Chapter Meeting / Constitution Day Commemoration – The Inn at Reading – Cocktails 6:00 PM. Dinner 6:30 PM
Program – "The U.S. Constitution: Two Centuries Old." The speaker will be Dr. Eugene Slaski, an associate professor of history at Penn State-Lehigh Valley.

Remember it is now the 2nd Thursday

November 1 & November 2 (Friday & Saturday)-- PASSAR Quarterly Board of Management Meeting – Pittsburgh, PA
See PENNSYLVANIA MINUTEMAN for more details and the registration form.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, December 12 – Chapter Annual Meeting, The Berkshire Country Club

KNIGHT ESSAY WINNER

Timothy M. Kramer, first place winner from the Joseph Hiester Chapter and second place winner at the state level, receives both awards from Chapter President and former PASSAR President Darryl S. Jeffries. The title of his essay was "Espionage During the American Revolution". The chapter prize was \$100.00 and the state prize was a \$250.00 savings bond. Both Tim and his father are eligible for SAR membership and are presently securing the "proofs" and filling out the application forms.



NATIONAL CONGRESS AT NASHVILLE

There was a full schedule of activities for those attending this congress with business sessions, committee meetings, social functions, and, yes, shopping – merchandise office.

After much discussion, the delegates approved a \$5.00 dues increase (from \$20.00 to \$25.00) beginning in 2003 (new applications after August 31, 2002, which will be credited as 2003 dues).

Over 1½ million dollars has been pledged so far for the new library building. Three million is needed for construction and an additional three million for an endowment fund to maintain it.

President Jeffries and District Deputy Thomas Shultz attended from our chapter.

ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES CONFERENCE

West Point Military Academy was the setting for the 2002 Atlantic Middle States Conference, which included not only the seven states which have been traditionally present, but also the New England District, making a total of thirteen societies.

National candidates can no longer announce their candidacy for the 2003 election (as of a 2002 decision), but many still attended, hoping for our endorsement at a later date. Training sessions were held on the National Society Youth programs.

Next year's Conference will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton, Harrisburg, PA, with Pres. Jeffries as state chairman.

THREE MEMBERS FROM GOVERNOR JOSEPH HIESTER CHAPTER HONORED BY PASSAR

At the 109th Annual Meeting of PASSAR in May three members of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter were presented service medals by outgoing President Arnold Emerson.

President Darryl S. Jeffries was awarded the medal for "Distinguished Service".

Compatriots Philip L. Garrett, Ph.D. and Miles K. Dechant were each awarded the medal for "Meritorious Service".

GOVERNOR JOSEPH HIESTER CHAPTER CELEBRATES 65TH BIRTHDAY



Having been chartered on June 10, 1937, the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter celebrated its 65th birthday at its June 13 meeting. Gathered to help commemorate the event are seven of the eight active past presidents of the chapter. From left, John L. Houser, Richard R. Long, Miles K. Dechant, Dr. Thomas E. Shultz, M.D., Darryl S. Jeffries (who is also serving as the current president), Dr. Robert J. Buckalew, Ed.D., and Dr. Philip L. Garrett, Ph.D. Missing from the picture is John E.D. Huffman II.

JROTC MEDALS PRESENTED

Compatriot Dr. Robert J. Buckalew, Chairman of the Medals and Awards Committee, presented the Bronze JROTC Medal to the following:

Michael Strouse from the Marine Corps program at Reading High School on May 22nd.

Michael Chids from the Air Force program at Pottstown High School on May 23rd.

Seth Bakes from the Navy program at Boyertown High School on June 3rd.

NEW MEMBERS

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter SAR welcomes its new members:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>	<u>Date Registered</u>
Scott Roland Stevenson	Henry Diefendorf	21 May 2002
Bruce Leinbach Dietrich	John Daniel Leinbach	28 June 2002
Dodson Bruce Dietrich	John Daniel Leinbach	28 June 2002

THE CHAPTER NEEDS YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS LIST GROW!

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