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President's Message

Remembrances, Flags, Bells, and Leaders – all words that come to mind during this season of the year. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who are no longer here with us, remembering the good which they have done, the influences which they have had on our lives.

Flags – in parades, on porches, flying from lofty poles – are a symbol of our great country. We ought to salute the flag and personally "reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our constitutional republic".

Bells, announcing a joyous event, celebrating it, tolling on sad occasions, awaken us, arouse us to some form of action.

Leaders. Where would we be without them, showing the way, organizing, rallying the troops, getting the job done.

As SAR compatriots we need to be mindful of all of these as we "remember our obligations to our forefathers" and actively show ourselves to be 21st Century patriots.

It's a great season of the year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

June 13 (Thursday) Chapter Meeting/Flag Day Commemoration – The Inn at Reading – Cocktails 6:00 PM. Dinner 6:30 PM

Remember it is now the 2nd Thursday

Program – "Flags – True Colors" by Richard Kelchner, a resident of Kutztown, Mr. Kelchner has accumulated a large collection of US flags-over 300 of them, some of which he will bring to the meeting for you to inspect.

June 29-July 4 - National Congress – Nashville, TN
Compatriots Jeffries and Shultz will be delegates.

More details can be found in the SAR Magazine.

July 26 - 27 – District Meeting - West Point, NY
Includes Societies from PA, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA, and DC.

Members will meet to endorse candidates for the national offices for 2003-2004. Call President Jeffries for additional information.

August 2 - 3 -- PASSAR Quarterly Board of Management Meeting – Williamsport, PA

See PENNSYLVANIA MINUTEMAN for more details and the registration form.

Compatriot Buckalew Honored For Twenty-Five Years of Service

At the George Washington's Birthday Luncheon on February 16 Compatriot Dr. Robert J. Buckalew was presented with a certificate recognizing twenty-five years of service as a member of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter SAR. Since joining the society Dr. Buckalew has given an enormous amount of his time and effort as chairman of the membership and the awards committees. He served as chapter president in the years 1984, through 1987 and, in the year 2000, he became the first elected chapter genealogist after doing the work of this office for many years. More recently, he has spent many hours preparing the chapter's collection of membership applications for binding.



KNIGHT ESSAY WINNER

Timothy M. Kramer, our chapter essay winner, is also 2nd Place State Winner.

The essay, entitled "Espionage During the American Revolution", is the result of research done by Tim, a home-schooled student from Myerstown. Both he and his father are eligible for SAR membership and are presently securing the "proofs" and filling out the application forms.

The chapter prize of \$100, and the state prize of a \$250 savings bond, is the result of your chapter and state dues at work. THANK YOU.

We hope to see Tim at the June meeting. - DSJ

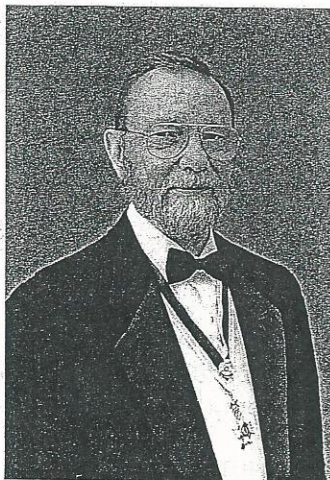
THREE PASSAR OFFICERS FROM GOVERNOR JOSEPH HIESTER CHAPTER

Compatriot Miles K. Dechant was elected as PASSAR 3rd Vice-President at the annual meeting held at Altoona on May 4. We wish him well and should offer our support as fellow chapter members as he progresses "up the ladder" to PASSAR President and National Trustee.

Compatriot Thomas E. Shultz, M.D., was elected to the position of District Deputy #1, succeeding Compatriot Dechant. His responsibilities will include being the link between the state and the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, the Philadelphia-Continental Chapter, and the newly-formed Washington Crossing Chapter.

Compatriot Darryl S. Jeffries, our chapter president and former PASSAR president, was elected to the PASSAR Executive Committee.

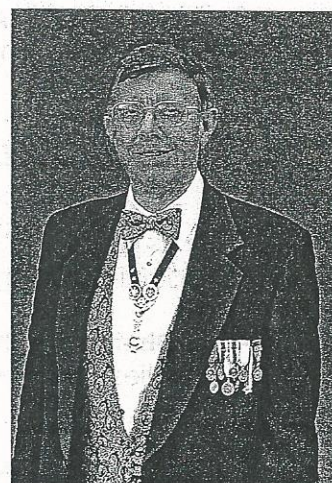
Congratulations! - DSJ



Dechant



Shultz



Jeffries



BERKS COUNTY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE

The Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR, and the Berks County Chapter, DAR, jointly participated in the festivities celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the creation of Berks County, PA. Shown riding in the carriage are (left to right) Ms. Barbara Jefferis (DAR), Compatriot Ronald Fisk, DAR Chapter Vice Regent Hallie Vaughan, and Chapter President Darryl S. Jeffries. Both Ms. Jefferis and Compatriot Jeffries are descendants of families living in the area prior to 1752. The driver and carriage owner is SAR Compatriot Raynor Leiby (Fort Schuylkill Chapter, SAR).

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPTER

The Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter SAR received its charter on June 10, 1937, with 24 members. The first president was George Baer Hiester, who listed his patriot ancestor as Maj. General Peter Muhlenberg and his residence as Stokesay, Reading, PA.

Since this beginning over 150 men have held membership in the chapter. Presently, our membership stands at just under 40 compatriots.

This seems like an appropriate time to reflect on the past as well as assess our goals for the future. Those who came before us shared in that same incredible Revolutionary heritage that we share with each other. We are at a point where we need to consider how we will preserve and share that heritage with those who follow us. We cannot let the chapter retire into oblivion at age 65. Many men who are retiring are starting whole new careers. We need to create a new career for the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter. We need to build the membership, and we need to become more active. **The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter needs your help!**

PASSAR ACTIVITY CONTEST

Our chapter was listed as being in "second place" in the PASSAR Category C, Chapter Activities Contest. (Same as last year.) This year we were beaten by a brand-new chapter! We should be able to be in 1st place next year, as we were several times a few years ago.

LET'S MEET THE CHALLENGE! More members, more flags, more community service, more "Chapter Activity"!

LET FREEDOM RING – JULY 4TH

Officially authorized by a 1963 Joint Resolution of Congress, the Let Freedom Ring National Bell Ringing Ceremony has been actively promoted by the S.R. and the S.A.R.

Participation in this program consists of ringing the bell in your church, courthouse, town hall, state capitol, national monument, etc., at 2:00 EDST a total of 13 times, one for each of the original states.

Your help would be appreciated in requesting people at any of the above named places to "ring out" on the FOURTH OF JULY. The Declaration of Independence might also be read, the national anthem sung, and the pledge to the flag be made.

NEW MEMBER

The Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter SAR welcomes its newest member, William Harris Bender, registered 28th January, 2002.

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