



**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Governor  
Joseph Hiester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution  
September 10, 2015**

The quarterly meeting of the Gov. Joseph Hiester Chapter, SAR was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Heidelberg Country Club, Bernville, PA, PA.

**The following compatriots and guests were in attendance:**

**23 Compatriots:** Leon E. Adam, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., David C. Brock MD, Sytphen E. Crook, Miles K. Dechant, Bruce L. Dietrich District Deputy #3, Dodson B. Dietrich, Thomas Famiglietti, Ronald D. Fisk, Martin R. Goetz, Robert M. Hillegas, Barry L. Kauffman, David G. Loose Jr., Larry Magdy, James M. McAteer, Nevin C. Miller, Martin R. Peicker, Gerald C. Peppel, Richard W. Reiber, Charles H. Seibert, Wayne R. Strasbaugh District Deputy #1, Thomas A. Stewart MD and Eric H. Troutman PASSAR Registrar & National Trustee.

**11 Guests:** Lenora Adam, Marcia Crook, Betty Dechant DAR, Pamela Hillegas, Michael Jesberger (Guest Speaker), Erik Jesberger, Veronica Seibert, Carol Strasbaugh, Lee Terrey, Steve Terrey and Stephanie M. Troutman DAR.

Charles H. Seibert led us in the **Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem and Pledge to the S.A.R.**, followed by Dr. David Brock giving an invocation.

**The meal was served.**

**Guest Speaker:** Michael Jesberger "British & Hessian Prisoners of War in Reading and Lancaster Counties"

**Minutes Report: Secretary D. Loose Jr.**

A copy of the minutes from the June 2015 Quarterly Meeting were handed out to each member. Dodson Dietrich made a motion, Robert Hillegas seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report: David G. Loose Jr.**

Balance, 11 June 2015	\$	8,696.79
Income		2,003.56
Disbursements		2,466.91
Cash on Hand, 10 Sept 2015	\$	8,233.44
Cash in Savings, 10 Sept 2015		5,238.61
Total Cash in the Bank	\$	<u><u>13,472.05</u></u>

The reserves for the Color Guard Fund (\$1,277.06), Youth Activities Fund (\$972.95) and Washington's Birthday (\$283.47) are included in the cash on hand total.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

## **Registrar/Genealogist's Report: Eric Troutman**

<b>New Members:</b>	<b>Ancestor:</b>
Joseph M. Dougherty, V	Conrad Bloss
Thomas W. Famiglietti	Abel Sprague

<b>Supplementals Approved:</b>	<b>Ancestor:</b>
Brinton C.P. Corson	Peter Deshong
Stephen B. Corson	Peter Deshong

### **Applications at National Headquarters:**

New Member Application

Supplemental Application	Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Raymond H. Longacre (3), Larry Magdy, Gerald Peppel, Charles H. Seibert, Jayquan J.J. Sudler, Eric H. Troutman, L. Stephen H. Troutman, and R. Glenn Weyer
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Our Chapter currently has 142 members, 1 dual member and 15 prospective members. Our Chapter is the second largest Chapter in the State.

### **Eagle Scout Report: Barry L. Kauffman**

So far this year the Eagle Scout Committee has presented 15 Eagle Scout certificates in person and mailed 6 more to Courts of Honor we were unable to attend. We could use more help from the membership in order to be able to attend more of these important and inspiring events.

### **Nominating Committee: Barry L. Kauffman**

Barry L. Kauffman (Chairman), Eric Troutman and Raymond H. Longacre, has put forth the following slate of officers for the 2015 administration:

<b>President</b>	<b>Leon E. Adam</b>	<b>Registrar</b>	<b>Eric H. Troutman</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Charles H. Seibert</b>	<b>Genealogist</b>	<b>Eric H. Troutman</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Scott E. Lash, Esq.</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>David G. Loose Jr.</b>	<b>Surgeon</b>	<b>Dr. Thomas Stewart</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Dr. David Brock</b>		

Election and installation of 2016 officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on December 3rd at the Berkshire Country Club. Please make plans to attend the Annual Meeting (use the registration form provided with this newsletter) and exercise your right to vote.

**Veteran's Report: Charles H. Seibert**

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, President General Lawrence officially brought the Special Ops Veterans Corp Task Force under the VRC. This will accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future operations, which are associated with less known campaign, service and/or expeditionary medals. Also the Southwest Asia Task Force will include the Persian Gulf Veterans Service Corp. All 18 Countries that are included in the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility will be under this New Initiative. You can fill out this form on line at [www.BERKSSAR.com](http://www.BERKSSAR.com), just open up SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form and complete the form and submit it to me with a copy of your DD214.

**Veterans Services Corps Totals:**

WWII – 591 There was a total of 855 Compatriots in this Corp

Korea - 130

Vietnam - 401

Persian Gulf – 47

Special Operations – 12 started 08/01/2015

Military Service Veterans Corps - 92

Total - 1,273

Three Compatriots Military Survey Application were approved by the Veterans Recognition Committee, those being, David G. Loose Jr., Kenneth C. Breneman; Military Service & James M. McAteer; Vietnam Service. One application was sent to the Veterans Recognition Committee, that being Scott R. Jenkins for his Korean Service.

**Color Guard Report: Charles H. Seibert**

Upcoming Events are as follows:

- Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Conrad Weiser Gravesite Ceremony. Service starts at 3:00PM, Color Guard to arrive by 2:30PM.
- Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day Service, Veterans Grove, City Park, Reading. Service starts at 11AM, arrive at 10:30AM.
- Governor Joseph Hiestor Wreath Laying Ceremony, at Charles Evans Cemetery immediately after Veterans Day Ceremony at City Park.
- Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Wreaths Across America, Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. Service starts at 12 Noon, Color Guard to arrive by 11:15AM.

**Old Business:**

- No Old Business.

**New Business:**

- The next Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Genealogical Society, Room 418 at the Goggleworks, Reading, PA.
- The December Dinner Meeting will be held at the Berkshire Country Club in Reading, PA. The Guest Speaker will be W. James Schucker Jr. who will speak about "The Union Canal, the Golden Link to the West."
- New member installation: Thomas W. Famiglietti was sworn in by President Leon Adam and was presented with a rosette.

### **New Business - *Continued*:**

- Award Ceremony:
  - Certificate of Patriotism was presented to James McAteer.
  - Bronze Color Guard Medal & Certificates were presented to Charles H. Seibert and David G. Loose Jr.
- The Chapter was awarded the NSSAR President Patriot Biography Streamer Award which was given to Color Guard Captain Charles H. Seibert to attach to our Chapter Flag.
- Robert Hillegas is planning to have an exploratory meeting on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:30AM until 1:00PM at the Jonestown American Legion to see if there is interest in branching off and establishing a Lebanon County Chapter in an effort to grow the organization and attract new members.
- Eric H. Troutman indicated the Chapter is looking for recipient suggestions to receive the Flag Certificate.
- President Adam indicated that he selected a Nominating Committee consisting of the following members: Barry L. Kauffman (Chairman), Eric H. Troutman and Raymond H. Longacre.
- President Adam also selected a Finance Committee to look into the Chapters current financial situation. Miles K. Dechant (Chairman), Bruce L. Dietrich, Leon E. Adam, Charles H. Seibert and David G. Loose Jr.
- President Adam indicated that our Chapter is getting closer to advertise our group on with Go Greater Reading and will be published on their website.
- Washington's Birthday will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Berkshire Country Club. The guest speaker will be Dr. Christopher Pearl.
- Allegiance Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at Moselem Lutheran Church in Kutztown, PA. The Church is very interested in this event, but the request still needs to be approved by the Church Counsel. It is the oldest church in Berks County. There are 16 Revolutionary War Veteran's buried there.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm with the members reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David G. Loose Jr.  
Chapter Secretary