



**Minutes of the Executive Committee of the
Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution**

Monday, November 16th, 2015

The Executive Committee of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution met on Monday, November 16th, 2015 at the Berks County Genealogical Society at the Goggleworks, Reading, PA.

Those attending: Compatriots Leon E. Adam, Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Miles K. Dechant, Bruce L. Dietrich, Barry L. Kauffman, David G. Loose Jr., William A. Nagle, Charles H. Seibert, Eric H. Troutman and Floyd N. Turner II.

Those not attending: Compatriots Dr. David C. Brock, Robert M. Hillegas, Honorable Scott E. Lash, Nevin C. Miller and Dr. Thomas A. Stewart.

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 by Leon E. Adam.

The minutes of the August 10th, 2015 Executive Board Meeting were approved as amended. Miles K. Dechant made a motion, Charles H. Seibert seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: David G. Loose Jr.

Balance at 10 August 2015	\$	7,738
Income		1,354
Disbursements		1,794
Cash on Hand, 16 Nov 2015	\$	7,298
Cash in Savings, 16 Nov 2015		5,128
	\$	<u>12,426</u>

The reserves for the Color Guard Fund (\$1,166.71), Youth Activities Fund (\$972.95) and 2016 Washington's Birthday Luncheon (\$283.47) are included in the cash on hand total.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and filed for Audit.

Genealogist Report: Eric H. Troutman

Applications at National Headquarters:

New Members Approved

Thomas W. Famiglietti

Ancestors

Abel Sprague

Transfer In:

Robert T. Mills

Genealogist Report: Eric H. Troutman – *continued*

New Dual Members:	
William C. Regli	Benjamin Weber
Chrisopher T. Smithson	Daniel Smithson
Supplementals Approved	Ancestor
Willard N. Brensinger Jr.	Charles "Carl" Cramp
Raymond H. Longacre	Jozabed Lodge
Larry A. Magdy	Jozabed Lodge
Gerald C. Peppel	Jozabed Lodge
Charles H. Seibert	John Shuler
Jayquan J.J. Sudler	Johannes Grunewald
L. Stefan H. Troutman	Johannes Grunewald
R. Glenn Weyer	Valentine Rumel
New Member Applications:	
John W. Reinhart & Peter Reinhart, Joseph J. Galasione, Carl W. Yeich & Elmer H. Zimmerman	
Supplemental Applications	
Raymond H. Longacer (3), Larry A. Magdy, Gerald C. Peppel & Eric H. Troutman	

Our Chapter currently has 144 members, 3 dual member and 14 prospective members.

Veteran’s Report: Charles H. Seibert

The Certificate of Patriotism is currently awarded by NSSAR to the following War era veteran’s: World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf, Special Operations and Military Service.

Veterans Services Corps Totals:

- WWII – 457 (There was a total of 855 Compatriots in this Corp)
- Korea – 138
- Vietnam – 401
- Persian Gulf – 56
- Special Operations - 15 (started 08/01/2015)
- Military Service Veterans Corps – 144
- Total - 1,211

Our Chapter leads the state with participation in the Veterans Service Corps Programs:

- WWII - Howard R. Longacre & Nevin C. Miller
- Korea - Robert W. Bloch, Scott R. Jenkins & Charles H. Seibert
- Vietnam - James M. McAteer & Charles H. Seibert
- Military Service - David G. Loose Jr. & Kevin C. Brenneman

The following two compatriots received Certificates of Recognition for their military service who also qualify for the Military Service Veterans Corps: William Wagner Jr. & Richard Long.

Color Guard Report: Charles H. Seibert

Our Chapter Color Guard recently completed the following events: Conrad Weiser, Veterans Day and the Gov. Joseph Hiester Gravesite Cewremony:

Our next event is Wreaths Across America at Indiantown Gap national Ceremony on December 13th at noon.

Eagle Scout Report: Barry L. Kauffman

We recently received 2 essays for the Eagle Scout Contest. Overall, we will probably end the year participating in 30 less Eagle Scout ceremonies. We could still use help attending the ceremonies to present the certificate.

JROTC Report: Bruce Dietrich

The first event in 2016 will be in March.

Finance Committee Report: Miles K. Dechant

The Finance Committee is making three recommendations: (1) to set aside money that would be used to seed an endowment fund in order to capture donations and support future youth programs, (2) to establish a Patron's Program to offset some of the dinner costs, and (3) ideas to raise money. The Board agreed on the Patron's Program, however, additional goals are needed for the other recommendations. President Leon E. Adam to contact our Chancellor Scott E. Lash for additional guidance.

Old Business:

- ❖ 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.

New Business:

- ❖ After the Veterans Day Ceremony in City Park, Reading, PA on November 11th we are planning to hold a ceremony at the Gov. Joseph Hiester Gravesite at Charles Evans Cemetery. President Leon E. Adam made a motion to make this an annual event, Bruce Dietrich seconded and the Board approved.
- ❖ Veterans Committee Chairman, Charles H. Seibert is interested in purchasing three \$25 gift certificates for our active military members. The three active duty members are as follows: David Benjamin Goss, Major Nathan A. Hillegas and Zachary L. Railing. The Board unanimously approved.
- ❖ Veterans Chairman Charles H. Seibert would also like the Chapter to sponsor additional gift certificates for 4 military reserve families that are deployed on active duty. Charles asked the Board for \$100, of which he will match the Chapter contribution for total donation of \$200. The Board unanimously approved.
- ❖ The Chapter Color Guard will present a Flag Certificate to Mission BBQ, Wyomissing, PA on Monday, November 23rd at 2:00pm. President Leon E. Adam will follow up with our Chancellor Scott E. Lash or State
- ❖ David G. Loose Jr. mentioned the possibility of pursuing a PA Sales Tax exemption. The Board unanimously agreed to pursue the exemption.
- ❖ The December meeting will be at the Berkshire Country Club in Reading, PA on Thursday, December 3rd.

- ❖ On December 31st, the Executive Board approved via email to pay PASSAR \$125 towards an umbrella liability insurance policy to help cover any liability exposures Chapters may have through their various activities.

Miles K. Dechant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bruce L. Dietrich seconded and the Board approved. The Meeting adjourned at 21:30.