

Sons of the American Revolution — Harris Ferry Chapter News

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Winter 2017

Officers for 2017

At the Chapter's annual meeting held on 04 December, the following positions were appointed:

President:	Matthew Bobb,	Second Vice-President:	Forrest Myers,	Chaplain:	Ronald Cole-
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Chapter BOM members Secretary Clay Dawson, President Richard Wenner, Second VP Matthew Bobb, & First VP Forrest Myers share a moment at the December Annual Meeting

ber 2016 at the West Shore Country Club, the following officers were elected for 2017: President: Richard Wenner, First Vice President: Forrest

Secretary: Wesley Clay Dawson, Treasurer: Dennis Bobb, Registrar: Robert Bakelaar. President Wenner also

man, JROTC Chairman: Keith Huntzinger, Americanism Chairman: John Pringle, and Flag Committee Chairman: Forrest Myers.

2018 DUES NOTICES

Dues notices for 2018 were mailed out by PASSAR to members on September 16. If you did not receive yours, please contact us at treasurer@harrisferrysar.org or call Dennis at 717-566-5195.

There have been some issues in recent years with PASSAR not receiving checks and/or crediting member accounts. We at the Harris Ferry Chapter have been diligently trying to rectify this situation and get all memberships to a current status. If you have not been receiving the quarterly SAR magazine or have a question about your membership status, please contact us immediately using one of the above methods.

Upcoming Events

HF 77th Annual Meeting
Sun, Dec 3 @ Hbg CC 12:00

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, Jan 6 @ Highspire 9:00

Washington's Birthday Luncheon
Sun, Feb 18 @ Hbg CC 12:00

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, Mar 3 @ Highspire 9:00

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, May 5 @ Highspire 9:00

Harris Ferry Awards Luncheon
Sun, May 20 @ Hbg CC 12:00

Constitution Day Luncheon
Sun, Sept 23 @ Hbg CC 12:00

***All Compatriots are invited
DAR invited to all Luncheons***

2018 Officer Nominations

The following slate of nominees for 2018 Officers will be presented for election at our December 3 Annual Meeting:

President: Andrew Lick

First Vice President: Forrest Myers

Second Vice President: Richard Wenner

Treasurer: Dennis Bobb

Secretary: R Curtis Aumiller

Registrar: Robert Bakelaar

As always, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the actual vote.

Commendation Presented to Masonic Village

On a drizzly Monday, November 6, President Richard Wenner and Past President Ed Miller presented the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown a Certificate of Commendation for their Eternal Flame Monument. The monument, dedicated on 20 Sep 2014, reads "This eternal flame honors all current military & veterans. ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL."

The certificate was presented to Dr Cindy Phillips, Executive Director of the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, Donna Hershey who represented the mili-



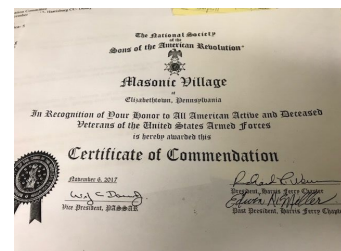
Dr Cindy Phillips, Harris Ferry President Dick Wenner, Harris Ferry Past President Ed Miller, Donna Hershey, and Peter Sampsell

tary and veterans, and Patrick J. Sampsell, the architect of the

Eternal Flame Memorial and Chief Environmental and Facil-

ities Officer of the Masonic Villages.

The certificate reads: "Masonic Village at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, In Recognition of Your Honor to All American Active and Deceased Veterans of the United States Armed Forces is hereby awarded this Certificate of Commendation."



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

The Strategic Initiatives Committee (SIC) has seen some successes this year, but unfortunately has not accomplished many of the goals of our aggressive program. Some of the successes, such as the Harris Ferry Color Guard, our Chapter's presence at the Naturalization Ceremony, and our program at South Hanover Elementary School (see page 4), will be the foundation on which we will build our program for 2018. Anyone interested in participating on this committee should contact Denny at 717-566-5195.

Welcome New Compatriots



We welcome our new Compatriots:

Ronald Curtis Aumiller of Camp Hill will be sworn in at our annual meeting at the Harrisburg Country Club on December 3. Curtis' Patriot ancestor is Thomas Pry, a Sergeant in the Pennsylvania Militia serving under Captains Woods, Estill, and Barnett. Curtis deserves extra congratulations for his perseverance in gaining membership as his application was tied up for three years as his final lineage proof was not immediately acknowledged by NSSAR.

Daniel Lute of Harrisburg will also be invited to be inducted on December 3. His Patriot ancestor is Daniel Harper who was a Private in Colonel Alexander Scammell's Regiment out of New Hampshire.

Michael Donmoyer of Lemoyne was recently accepted into the SAR. His Patriot ancestor is Nicholas Bittinger, a Captain in the Third Battalion of York County.

Lewis Shaw Jr of Hershey, his son Lewis III and grandson Nathan (both of Hummelstown) were inducted on 18 Sep 2016. The three generations of Shaws are descendants of Patriot John Gearhart who served as Ensign in the Third Company, Fourth Battalion of the Pennsylvania Militia.



Lewis III, Nathan, and Lewis Shaw Jr are sworn into the SAR

*** Town Crier ***

We Need Your Help!

We have a very aggressive agenda of honoring our veterans, young citizens, and our Patriot ancestors.

We are in need of volunteers and donations to help us accomplish our goals. We are asking our Compatriots to consider helping us out, even if it's for an hour occasionally so that a few are not doing the work of many. If you'd like to enter your name on an on-call list to possibly assist us at a future event or possibly be responsible for one particular task, please contact Compatriot Dick Wenner at 717-856-3631.

We also graciously accept help from Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts (especially those working toward the designation of Eagle Scout), and other community and civic groups. The Chapter thanks you for your support.

Recent Luncheons

Following is a summary of our last several luncheons which have occurred since our last newsletter:

At our 2016 Constitution Day Luncheon on 18 Sep 2016, (then) President Dennis Bobb and (then) First Vice-President Dick Wenner had the unique pleasure of swearing in and installing three generations of the Shaw family into our Society. This rare event was coupled with an outstanding presentation by Mr Andrew Outten, Education Director of the Brandywine

of that year began to turn the tide of the Revolutionary War.

The enthusiasm of the event was tempered by the recent passing of BOM member Ron Wix who was taken from us

winner and read his essay for the Chapter. Matthew received a medal and a check for \$100 for his effort. He then went on to win First Place in the Pennsylvania SAR JROTC

Luncheon was held on 01 Oct 2017 at the Harrisburg Country Club. Our guest speaker was Major Daniel A Nettling, US Army (Retired) from the Carlisle War College. Major Nettling's presentation entitled "The Hessian Prisoners in Carlisle During the American Revolution" enlightened us on the history and mindset of the Hessian soldiers which varies a bit from the conventional teachings in our American History classes. He also mentioned that after the Revolu-



Andrew Outten of Brandywine Battlefield Associates talks about how the year 1777 was a significant turning point in the Revolutionary War



President Wenner presents JROTC Medal to Cadet Matthew Smith

Battlefield Associates, on the year 1777 and how the events

suddenly on August 31. Ron was a fixture at our Board of Management meetings and diligently worked on maintaining several small area cemeteries for our Chapter. He will be greatly missed.

Our Harris Ferry Awards Luncheon was held on May 21 at a new venue, the Harrisburg Country Club. Cadet Matthew Smith of Cumberland Valley High School was our 2017 JROTC Essay Contest

Outstanding Cadet State Contest. This is the second consecutive year that a Cadet representing our Chapter has won this award. Americanism Chairman John Pringle recognized the winners (not present) of this year's poster contest. First Place went to Alyssa Taylor Ford (\$75), Second Place was Charlette Budman (\$40), and Third Place was Vraj Patel (\$40).

Our 2017 Constitution Day



Major Daniel A. Nettling

tion, it wasn't uncommon to see a Hessian soldier actually stay here in America to live out the remainder of his life in our newly formed country.

Email Addresses Needed

To provide more timely communications to our fellow Compatriots and reduce postage costs, we are now utilizing email for most invitations and Chapter news. If you use email, please send us an email at secretary@harrisferrysar.org and we will update our database. For those who do not use email, we will continue to send notifications via regular mail.

As of this time, all dues notices from PASSAR will continue to be sent to Compatriots via regular US mail.

Compatriot Anniversaries

Year Ending 12/31/17

John Pringle—30 years
Lawrence Snyder—30 years
Herbert Braden—20 years
Michael Zeigler—20 years

Anniversaries are recognized in
5 year increments

In Memorium

We remember our fellow Compatriots who have recently passed

Richard Kunkle
Ronald Wix

Both of these gentlemen are
former BOM members



HARRIS FERRY OUTREACH PROGRAM AT SOUTH HANOVER

On May 30, Harris Ferry Chapter President Dick Wenner and Past President Clay Dawson visited the 5th Grade classes at South Hanover Elementary School in Hummelstown. Dressed in their Colonial attire as a militiaman and Continental Army soldier respectively, President Wenner gave a talk about a soldier's life in Valley Forge during the winter encampment of 1777-78. President Wenner and Past President Dawson also asked questions of the audience as well as answered a few. Accompanying Wenner and Dawson to the presentation was Past President Bill Jackson, who was instrumental in creating this opportunity via his contacts within the Lower Dauphin School District. The Chapter is hoping that Bill will reprise his role as Benjamin Franklin (the resemblance is uncanny) and participate in future presentations.

The students were most attentive and demonstrated a good knowledge of the Revolution and Colonial history. The Chapter extends a special thanks to 5th Grade teacher Mrs. Jane Lightner and Principal Steve Schoessler for giving Harris Ferry this wonderful opportunity.

This program is the beginning of what the Chapter hopes is an expanding part of our service to the community. Created out of the visions of our Strategic Initiatives Committee, we hope to expand this program to other elementary schools in the Lower Dauphin School District and into other school districts as interest increases. Anyone who knows of similar opportunities or is interested in participating in future events is asked to contact Dick at 717-856-3631. An abridged version of this presentation will be performed at one of our upcoming luncheons in 2018 for everyone in the Chapter to enjoy and possibly recommend.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

If you'd like to attend the Wreaths Across America ceremony at

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery:

December 16, 2017

Ceremony begins at 12:00 noon

Plan to arrive early, parking is off-site near the Fort Indiantown Gap Community Center (about 3/4 mile north of the cemetery entrance). Shuttle buses will take everyone to the PA Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the cemetery for the ceremony. After the ceremony, everyone is welcome to join with the SAR, DAR and CAR and place all of the sponsored wreaths on the graves and help honor each veteran. Shuttle buses will be running as needed all afternoon.

Dress for the weather! The ceremony is outdoors and will be held rain or shine.

For grave specific requests or questions about Wreaths Across America, please contact Floyd Turner II, Senior Treasurer, Conrad Welser Society, Children of the American Revolution at cws.pacar@comcast.net.

Our Patriots' Stories

—Jonathan Hoge—

Jonathan Hoge, Esquire; (also spelled Hogg), was born on 23 Jul 1725 in a part of Lancaster County, PA that is now Cumberland County. Initially a farmer, he left that profession as he had the fortune of an extensive law education.

In 1755 or 1758 (records vary), Hoge married Isabella Armstrong in East Pennsboro, Cumberland County. He became Justice of the Peace of Cumberland County in 1768. In July 1776, immediately following the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, Hoge served as a delegate to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

Hoge died in East Pennsboro on 19 Apr 1800 and is buried with his wife in the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

- Jonathan Hoge is the Patriot ancestor of Compatriot Matt Bobb

To see your Patriot ancestor in our newsletter, submit a short bio to editor@harrisferrysar.org

Revolutionary War Patriots Historic Houses of Dauphin County



The Patriot Houses of Dauphin County book is a joint fundraiser for the Chapter and the Harrisburg Chapter of the DAR. The book, loaded with color photographs, features 58 houses still standing in Dauphin County that were homes to our Revolutionary War Patriots. If you wish to purchase a copy of the 91 page hardcover book, contact Cheryl Bobb at 566-5195. Cost is \$40. Makes a wonderful Christmas gift!