

Sons of the American Revolution — Harris Ferry Chapter News

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Summer 2018



President's Message

Andrew Lick

Harris Ferry President

Dear Compatriots,

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer and its festivities. Recently I attended the quarterly PASSAR Summer Board of Management Meeting in Fort Ligonier that was hosted by the General Arthur St. Clair Chapter. There was much cause for celebration as many individual chapters received awards from National at the SAR Annual Congress that was held this July in Houston, Texas. This was good news indeed. However, the best news to me was revealed in our latest membership report. Throughout the state of Pennsylvania there has been a significant increase in new

members since the previous quarter. Patriotism is on the march! At Harris Ferry, we can continue this positive trend by continuing to welcome friends and family members into our ranks.

We make the value of SAR known through our patriotic works. Harris Ferry Chapter has made great gains in this regard and is building a reputation throughout the state as being a vital chapter. Let's keep it up! I encourage all of our chapter members to consider ways to get involved. Our Americanism, Awards and Flag Committees could all benefit from additional volunteers who want to contin-

ue to live out our mission of preserving American history and constitutional principles.

I hope that you will join us on September 23rd at the Harrisburg Country Club for our Constitution Day Luncheon. We are pleased to have General Jerry Beck as our guest speaker. He will be presenting on "Ben Franklin and the First Militia of Pennsylvania". Later this Fall on October 15th, Harris Ferry will be participating with DAR in a Naturalization Ceremony for new American citizens that will take place at noon at the Dauphin County Courthouse. If you are interested

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Upcoming Events

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, Sept 1 @ H-town 9:00

Constitution Day Luncheon/Mtg
Sun, Sept 23 @ Hbg CC 1:00

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, Nov 10 @ H-town 9:00

HF 78th Annual Luncheon/Mtg
Sun, Dec 2 @ Hbg CC 1:00

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, Jan 5 @ H-town 9:00

Board of Management Meeting
Sat, Mar 2 @ H-town 9:00

Veterans Awards Luncheon
Sat, Apr 19 @ Enola TBA

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

2019 DUES NOTICES

Dues notices have been mailed by PASSAR to all members. You can either pay your 2019 dues via US mail or you can elect to pay online.

If you elect to pay your dues with a check via mail, there should be a coupon available to return with your check to PASSAR. At a minimum, please write your PA membership number somewhere on the check.

If you elect to pay your 2019 dues online by credit card, go online to www.passar.org and go down to where it says



"CLICK HERE TO PAY YOUR DUES". You will need to have your national and state number available if you elect this method.

Dues payments will be accepted from October 1 through the end of the year. Dues are required to be paid by the end of December in order to avoid late fees and possible suspension of membership.

Please remember to pay your dues promptly when you get the notice so you don't forget and jeopardize your SAR membership!

Flag Certificate Awarded to Two Businesses

On Friday, June 8, 2018, Vice President and Flag Committee Co-Chairman Forrest Myers presented Doug and Linda Berry with a flag certificate for their patriotic display of the American Flag at 4550 Lena Drive in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Their flag is an impressive 30 by 60 feet, weighs seventy pounds, and serves as a landmark throughout Lower Allen Township.

Mr. Berry is the Chief Executive Officer of Solar Renewable Energy, LLC and Achieve Energy Solutions, LLC, also known as "AES". His wife Lin-



American Flag flies proudly high over 4550 Lena Drive in Mechanicsburg

da is the Vice President of Solar Renewable Energy,

LLC. Their companies have developed over 60 solar projects, the most recent includes Masonic Village in Elizabethtown and the State College Sewer Authority. They are also a licensed energy broker in eleven states serving over 17,000 commercial and residential clients.

Chapter President Andrew Lick and Past President John Pringle were also in attendance for the ceremony of this deserving award.



Flag presentation to Doug and Linda Berry

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in attending, please let me know and I will make reservations. On behalf of the Board of Management, we thank you for your continued cooperation in SAR and look forward to seeing you.

In Patriotic Service,

Andrew L Lick
President



4550 Lena Drive in Mechanicsburg

*** Town Crier ***



Get Involved!

Our Flag Committee is in need of a few volunteers to assist in the placement of our Betsy Ross American Flags on Patriot graves throughout our immediate area on select holidays. The task is easy with complete details on locations and the gravesites to be honored. In most instances, you will be able to select the cemetery which you will cover.

This program has been an SAR tradition for decades and with the passing of Ron Wix (who covered a large number of cemeteries in previous years), we have too many cemeteries to cover with a limited staff.

Our goal is to add a few volunteers in order to cover all of our cemeteries for Memorial Day 2019. As you are performing this service, we encourage all participants to take pictures as we will include many of them in our Summer 2019 newsletter and would like to include pictures of some of our patriots' grave markers and locations in that issue as well.

This program is a very easy way to get involved in some of our Chapter's offerings and commitments with minimal effort. Please volunteer to help honor our patriot ancestors.

For more information, contact Flag Committee Chairmen Ed Miller or Forrest Myers.

2019 Officer Nominations

Although our Annual Meeting and elections are not scheduled until December 2, the nominating committee has already begun assembling a slate of individuals to place into nomination for our 2019 Board of Directors. The following have expressed interest in positions:

President—Andrew Lick
First VP—Forrest Myers
Second VP—Gary Coburn
Secretary—Curtis Aumiller
Treasurer—Dennis Bobb

Other positions such as Registrar/Genealogist, Chaplain and all Committee Chairmen will be appointed by the newly elected President per our by-laws. As always, we will also be accepting nominations from

the floor prior to voting.

The following committees are currently active:

Flag Committee
Americanism Committee
JROTC/Sea Cadets Committee
Eagle Scout Committee
Fundraising Committee
Medals & Certificates Committee

These committees all currently have chairmen but need volunteers, even part-time assistance, to achieve the goals of the committee and the Chapter. Some of the chairmen are serving on multiple committees or the BOM and would welcome someone to step forward and take over the committee. Would you be interested in helping us achieve our goals?

Welcome New Compatriots

The Chapter welcomes our newest Compatriot, Zachary James Hile. Zachary lives in the Dauphin, PA area. His Patriot ancestor is John Goatley. Zachary will be invited to take his oath and be inducted at either our Constitution Day Luncheon or our Annual Meeting, whichever is more convenient for him. Please join us in welcoming him to our Chapter!

We also welcome Richard Loyd Carnell to Harris Ferry. Richard transferred to us from the Benjamin Franklin Chapter in Columbus, Ohio.

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On the Horizon



The Board of Management has been discussing several new concepts at our last few meetings. We would appreciate YOUR input into these new initiatives that would increase comradery within the Chapter and also allow those interested to deepen their understanding of the American Revolution.

Our first concept, introduced by Secretary Curtis Aumiller, is to occasionally have a casual get-together at a local restaurant to allow members to meet and interact with each other without a formal program or presentation. It was noticed that, at our regularly scheduled luncheons, there is only limited time to talk to fellow members and, once the program begins, members are essentially limited to conversing with those at their immediate table. An informal gathering would afford members a better opportunity to get to know each other and possibly develop friendships through our organization. This is a concept that many of us are looking forward to.

Our other idea is the creation of a Revolutionary War Roundtable (RWR), a forum that will allow those interested to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the American Revolution in a casual atmosphere. We've all heard of the Civil War Roundtables throughout our area, but to our knowledge there is no RWR in the general Harrisburg area. The development of an RWR is in its infant stages and those with interest or past history with a CWR are invited to help us get this off the ground. Past President Bill Jackson, who has experience with the Hershey CWR, will be instrumental in the development of this program which we hope to launch in 2019. Anyone interested should contact Denny Bobb at treasurer@harrisferrysar.org or call 717-566-5195.



Our Facebook page "likes" have increased almost 75% since March, from 140 to 247!!!

Thank you!!

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON RECAP

Sunday, May 20 was a the date of this year's Annual Awards Luncheon. The event was held at the Country Club of Harrisburg.

On hand to read his winning essay was Chapter winner Cadet Cameron Barnett of Cumberland Valley High School. Accompanying



HF President Andrew Lick, Cadet Cameron Barnett, and HF Vice President Forrest Myers share a moment at the Annual Awards Luncheon



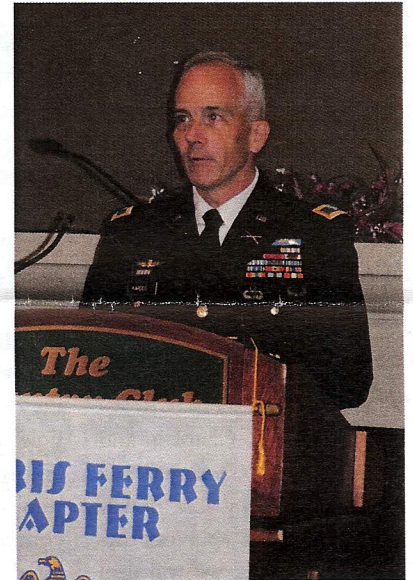
James Beidler

commanders for next year's competition.

Our speaker for the event was James Beidler, a genealogist who specializes in German ancestry. Beidler's fascinating presentation was titled "Genealogy's Lighter Side".

In addition to our regular awards, Past President Richard Wenner received the Service Recognition Award for his dedicated service as President in 2017.

Cadet Barnett to the event was his Commander at CV, Colonel John Kardos. Cadet Barnett also won the PASSAR competition before moving on to the NSSAR level of the competition where his essay did not place. NSSAR informed us that in order to enhance our future winner's chances in the national competition, we should also consider the candidate's academic extra curricular activities and his/her non-scholastic/non-ROTC activities when selecting our essay winner. This information is being communicated to the local



Colonel John Kardos



Andrew Lick & Forrest Myers had a great time!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking a sponsor, either business or individual, to sponsor our new Eagle Scout Awards program. We estimate this program will cost the Chapter between \$150-\$200 per year. If interested or you know of an interested party, please contact Compatriot Forrest Myers at vicepresident@harrisferry.org.

MAR Tour Cancelled

Unfortunately, for the second time in as many years, we have had to cancel our joint fundraising trip with the DAR due to lack of participation. This year's trip, scheduled for August 25, was to be to the new Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

If anyone wishes to pick up this torch and be involved in planning future tours, please contact Denny at 717-566-5195. Feedback on reasons for the lack of participation in our recent tour attempts would be greatly appreciated. Also, unless a new committee is created or someone new would like to lead this effort, no additional tours will be scheduled.