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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR will be held in the Susquehanna Room at the NEW CUMBERLAND ARMY DEPOT OFFICERS CLUB.

DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 5th. TIME: Cash Bar - 5:50 to 6:30, Dinner 6:30

Our speaker for the evening is one all of you are familiar with - Paul B. Beers, the author of the lively and informative column REPORTER AT LARGE, which appears in both of the Harrisburg daily papers.

Dinner jackets are suggested, but not required, for the men and evening gowns for the ladies.

Cost of the dinner is \$8.00 each. Please forward reservations, for members and guests, to LTC Oscar H. Stroh, R.D. 4, Box 925, Harrisburg, PA 17112, for receipt on or before December 1st, 1979. Make checks payable to "Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR."

JOHN PAUL JONES STAMP: Now that the Bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence is past most people seem to have forgotten that we should still be observing the Bicentennial of the American Revolution. With this idea in mind, I'm using the only stamp issued this year commemorating the Revolution for this mailing. This stamp commemorates, not only our outstanding naval hero of the Revolution, but also the historical battle he fought against unbelievable odds - and won.

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BLAZER BUTTONS: Looking through various mens wear catalogues, I find advertisement after advertisement of "British Regimental" buttons for wear on men's blazers. Why wear buttons to commemorate some unknown (to us) British regiment. Why not buttons to some American unit? For example, in the Pennsylvania State Museum gift shop they have excellent reproductions of Revolutionary War uniform buttons at the low price of 35¢ (tax included) each. These buttons would be much more meaningful to a SAR member than the buttons of a British unit he never before heard of.

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CAR - Children of the American Revolution: Do you have any children or grandchildren? If you do, they are not only eligible for membership in the Fort Harris Chapter, but when they reach the age of 18 to 24 they can transfer to the SAR or DAR as Junior members. To transfer to the SAR costs only \$4.00 compared to the normal cost of membership (\$40.00). Also until they reach the age of 25 they have lower yearly dues. For information call: Miss Roberta L. Nowry (233-8576), Executive House, Apt. 1120, 101 S. 2nd St., Harrisburg, PA 17101.

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Occasionally, when space permits, I plan to describe in a few words some other organization, not generally known, that may be of interest to some of our members: PALATINES TO AMERICA is an organization dedicated to finding the origins of German-speaking immigrant ancestors in Europe. The Pennsylvania Chapter hosts two full day seminars, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, when outstanding authorities are brought in to address, help and advise the members in their research. The National Society publishes an excellent quarterly magazine as well as a periodic news-letter. The State Chapter also publishes a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact Dr. John A. Fritchey II who is National Vice President or LTC Oscar H. Stroh who is State President.

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Mr. John M. Musselman, our recent past president, who has been ill for some time is in the Polychlinic Hospital. No visitors or phone calls please, but cards will be welcome. Address: Room 484, Polychlinic Hospital, 2601 N. 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: The year 1778 was a very bad year for the people living on/Pennsylvania and New York frontier. The Iroquois Indian Confederation (which sided with the British) and Tory Rangers under the command of Col. Butler had been making raid after raid on the frontier settlements. The famous Wyoming Massacre was one of the worst of these Raids.

General Washington decided something drastic had to be done about the situation. He proposed a strike against the heart of the trouble with a campaign against the Iroquois home-land. The summer of 1779 Gen. Sullivan collected a force of 3,000 men at Easton and marched through what is now Wilkes-Barre and up the North Branch of the Susquehanna to Tioga where he was joined by Gen. Clinton with 1,500 additional men. The combined force then marched through the heart of the Iroquois homeland destroying villages and crops, both in the fields and in storage. They destroyed 40 towns, 160,000 bushels of corn and over 3,000 bushels of beans - the Indians winter food supply. The Indians were then dependant on the British for their winters food as well as shelter at a time when the British were themselves having supply problems. The Iroquois Nation never recovered from the blow. The Indian raids practically ceased. The Continental Forces lost only 40 men in the action.

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THE SAR-DAR Washington's Birthday Dinner will be on Feb. 17th at the Excellent Inn, Details later.