

**NEWSLETTER**  
**WINTER 2008-2009**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER**

Harris Ferry Chapter had an excellent year starting with the celebration of George Washington's birthday held at the Officer's club of the Naval Depot in Mechanicsburg, PA. SAR in conjunction with Harrisburg Chapter of DAR held a luncheon in honor of our first President's birthday.

Harris Ferry's Registrar, John Peifer, chaired the program and provided us with an excellent speaker, David Volkman, Superintendent of the Susquehanna Township School District. Mr. Volkman gave us an interesting and very enlightening review of a book entitled "George Washington and Benedict Arnold, The Tale of Two Patriots", written by David Palmer.

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The Harris Ferry Chapter had a fantastic Awards Luncheon in May of 2008. Two Eagle Scout Awards were presented. Compatriot Edwin Miller, selected Andrew Benfer as the 2007 winner, First Vice President William Jackson selected Alexander Shope as the 2008 winner. Both winning essays were read to the delight of their parents, the members, and their guests. Each were awarded the Eagle Scout Medal and a \$50.00 bond by First Vice President William Jackson.

John Pringle was proud to present the next award to the outstanding JROTC Cadet chosen by Harris Ferry. Joseph Gribb of Camp Hill, PA was the winner of our chapter award and went on to win the PASSAR State award as well as taking the runner up spot in the National competition. Joseph made an excellent presentation of his winning essay on patriotism for his parents, members and guests.

As Chairman of the Americanism Committee Compatriot Pringle had a banner 2008 for Harris Ferry Chapter. Through his efforts in having children participate in our annual poster contest

Harris Ferry Chapter had another winner. Not only chapter, but also PASSAR, as well as the National SAR competition. The theme for 2008 was "Molly Pitcher" and the winner of all three awards was Brianna Deane, a fifth grade student at Hoover Elementary School in Camp Hill. Brianna won a \$50.00 Bond, a certificate plus State and National cash awards.

The next and last award was presented to the President of the Grantville Volunteer Fire Company, Wayne Isett. For his meritorious service to the community Mr. Isett was awarded the Fire Safety Commendation Medal along with a \$50.00 gift card.

First Vice President William Jackson made the presentation for Harris Ferry.

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The Constitution Day program held at the Naval Depot Officer's Club was most enjoyable. Our guest speaker, Lt. Col. Kraig Hanson USAF, is currently on duty at The Carlisle War College. Col. Hanson gave a talk entitled "Our Constitution Then and Now". A most enjoyable subject. Our First Vice President William Jackson was welcomed as Ben Franklin, in full costume, and certainly added to the festivities. Bill really looks the part.

Robert Baakelar was welcomed into Harris Ferry as a new member and Richard Kunkle pinned on the SAR Rosette.

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Our 68th Annual Meeting was held at the Officer's Club, Naval Depot in Mechanicsburg, PA. on December 14, 2009. Harris Ferry was honored to have PASSAR President Lanny Patten to swear in our slate of officers and give us an update on the state of PASSAR

For certain Lanny had his share of tough duties in having to replace PASSAR Secretary Fenwick Shugrue because of ill health, PASSAR Registrar Gene Patterson also was replaced because of ill health. Both of these Patriots served PASSAR very well for many years, but a change was necessary. We all thank both of these Patriots for their years of dedication and service.

The new Secretary is Floyd N. Turner II, A patriot from Reading PA.. The new Registrar is Paul C. Metzger from Montoursville, PA. I am sure we all wish them well in their new positions.

As Lanny pointed out these were tough decisions to have to make , but they had to be made. President Patten went on to speak of SAR and the priorities we all have in service to our communities, our country, and our organization.

The Harris Ferry Officers were then sworn in for 2009 by President Lanny Patten.

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The Colonel Burd Foundation had been established prior to 2008 by former President Edwin Miller. The program was discussed at the early board meetings and it was decided at the November 2008 board meeting to proceed with the project. A request for donations was issued to the members and the project of upgrading the gravesites of Col. Burd and his wife Sara in the Middletown Cemetary In Middletown, PA.will commence soon and should be completed in the spring. At that time a ceremony will be held and all members will be invited.

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Harris Ferry's next event will be the celebration of George Washington's birthday. This year the Harrisburg DAR will sponsor the program at the West Shore Country Club at 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 22, 2009. All the details will follow in an invitation from your chapter.

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Richard L. Kunkle, President

Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR



John Pringle pictured with Poster Winner Brianna Deane, and her teacher Ms. Karen Anthony, at the Molly Pritcher Statue and gravesite in Carlisle, Pa. September 24, 2008



First Vice President William Jackson, as Ben Franklin, with speaker Lt. Col. Kraig Hanson, USAF on Constitution Day. September 2008



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President Kunkle pins the SAR Rosette on new member Robert Baakelar