

**NEWSLETTER
FALL-WINTER 2009**

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
HARRIS FERRY CHAPTER
HARRISBURG, PA**

Compatriots,

Your Harris Ferry Chapter has had a very good year. We have gained approximately 15-20 new members thanks to John Peifer, our Registrar/Genealogist and his wife Marian, who is his secretary according to what she tells me. Also a big thank you to any member who instigated the transfer or membership of any individual into HF. PASSAR's newly appointed registrar Paul C. Metzger who lives in Montoursville, PA has been more than helpful in getting the paperwork passed through expeditiously which aided our cause immensely. Our new number is now 93 members.

Floyd N. Turner II, the newly appointed PASSAR Secretary is doing an outstanding job. He is communicating with the chapters on an ongoing basis, keeping us alerted to the important aspects of PASSAR and NSSAR and how they relate to us. He is very instrumental in aiding us with the transfer of members from out of state to our chapter and responds to all questions. Last but not least he recently sent out 3 copies of the Dues Reconciliation Report for 2010 along with explicit instructions. He is a real asset to the organization.

You have received your dues notice recently, so please pay your dues promptly as I must send them to Greg Shively, PASSAR's Treasurer no later than December 31, 2009.

Past President Ed Miller and Compatriot Ron Wix placed many American Flags at the graves of our compatriots at local cemeteries, in celebration of Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. This has been an annual function.

The August 15 Harris Ferry Board Meeting was held and the Burd Ceremony was finalized. Robert Bakelaar consented to look into getting our website back on track. The Constitution Day Program was done very well and our speaker was Mr. Roger Herndon from the U.S. State Department. Roger has spent 21 years with the State Department at various locations throughout the world as manager of Technical Security installations and Services at the diplomatic missions overseas. He is currently at the Carlisle War College and is one of only a few civilians to be invited to be stationed and study at this facility.

Mr. Herndon spoke on "Balancing Diplomacy and Security at our US Embassies. Unfortunately not many attended and those who did not missed hearing a very interesting talk.

The final Board Meeting was held on November 14, 2009 and the success of the Burd ceremony was discussed as well a storage spot for documents etc that we want to keep. Ron Wix looked into using a five drawer cabinet that will be stored at his church.

The Annual Meeting took place on December 13th, 2009. The program was held at the Officers Club at the Naval Depot in Mechanicsburg, PA.

The President's report was presented by R.L.Kunkle followed by the First Vice President's report given by William Jackson. Then our Secretary, James Long gave his report and next was John Peifer, our Registrar and Genealogist, who had an outstanding year bringing in new members. A total of 15-20 counting transfers. We were then honored to have PASSAR's President A. Duane Miller, who first installed the Chapter's Officers, followed with a talk on his tenure as President and some other very interesting subjects.

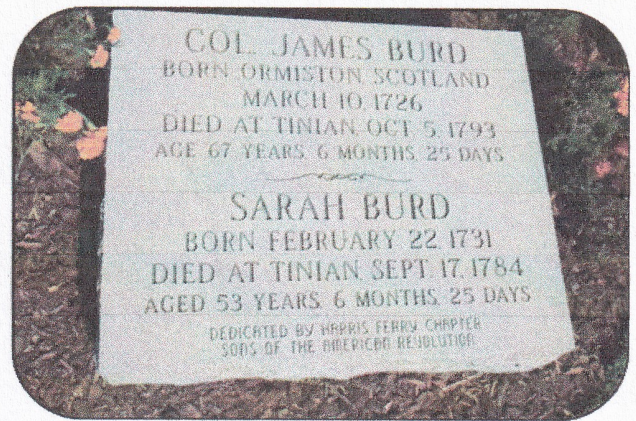
I would like to close by saying my tour as President was most interesting and satisfying. I want to thank all of the officers for their support and strong efforts in their attendance and participation in the board meetings, the special meetings that were held, and of course the SAR Programs. I could not have done my duties without them. Jim Long in getting out the invitations and all the mailings, purchasing the Medals and Certificates, and making sure all was correct, and much more, I thank you Jim. Ed Miller, our Past President for his super effort on the Burd Ceremony as well as being available for any advice. Bill Jackson for his ongoing efforts in publicity, public relations, and of his support in the Award Programs, and his assistance in all the others, a well done. John Peifer for all the new members, his undying aim to get all the paperwork from all the members of H.F. and his help in the programs. Our Chaplain, Ron Coleman, who was always there, and had the right thing to say. John Pringle our District 3 Rep., who remains very active and travels to all the PASSAR Board meetings as well as our own, has also remained active in the outstanding JROTC program, and the Poster program. My dear wife Lee who is charged with proof reading everything and keeping me in line, I thank you for your patience and assistance.

So ends another experience. I will continue to stay on the board and be Harris Ferry's Treasurer. Pay your dues in a timely fashion and come to the programs and support your chapter.

NOTE: A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED OVER AND ABOVE THEIR DUES.....

Thank You,
Richard L. Kunkle, President
Harris Ferry Chapter, SAR

December 19, 2009



**Colonel James Burd
Dedication Program**

Processional

Presentation of the Colors

*SAR Philadelphia Continental Chapter
SAR Halifax Chapter Color Guard*

Welcoming Remarks

*Richard L. Kunkle, President
Harris Ferry Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution*

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

*Pastor Don Potter
Minister of Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown*

Speakers

*Graeme Goodsir The Scottish Society
Guest Speaker Mr. Kevin Little, Historian*

Dedication of the Tombstone

*Unveiling of Tombstone, Placing of Wreath
Riflemen's Musket Salute*

Benediction

*Reverend Dr. Richard Eckert
Minister of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

Retire the Colors

Recessional

Piper Tyler Pearce

