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## Keystone Kapers

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# *In Jess We Trust*



Dear Pennsylvania!!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended eastern regional and state workshop! It was an exciting time at workshop with our special, surprise guest, National President Erin Jackson. I hope that you all had as much fun as I did and will always treasure all of the incredible memories we created! I would also like to give a shout out to the Turners, for doing such an incredible job planning and organizing workshop; it was perfect!

Thank you everyone for all of the support you have been showing thus far. Big things are happening with the **project and it's really exciting. I am extremely pleased** and excited to announce that I have gained the support of PA State Representative Rick Saccone. He is trying to **have "In God We Trust" placed on plaques in all of the** public schools in Pennsylvania, so I decided to send him

a letter. I explained what C.A.R. is and that I am raising funds to create a James Pollock Gallery in the historic Cameron House Museum in Milton, PA and included one of the project pins. He is very enthusiastic about this project, has bought multiple pins, and would even like to set up a meeting with me. He recently wore the pin while doing a TV interview and the newscasters did a close up of it. He told me that everyone there loved the pin, and the producer was very grateful when he gave her one.

Hopefully with all of the support this project is gaining from all of the wonderful PA members of C.A.R., DAR, SAR, SR, and Mr. Saccone, we will be able to share the incredible **story of James Pollock and our national motto, "In God We Trust" with all of the people of** Pennsylvania.

**As March quickly approaches let's keep strutting our stuff and raising funds for this im-**portant part of history. Never forget the history that has gotten us to where we are today and how proud we should be of our ancestors and all of the people who have come before us.

*Proudly Yours,  
Jessica Lynn Dodson  
PA Society C,A,R State President*

# Senior President's Memoirs

Hello to all our PA C.A.R. members,

I hope that all of you have had a wonderful summer. Many of our societies held activities for Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Flag Day. Please make sure that you send news and pictures of all your activities to our Keystone Kapers editor so that we can all enjoy reading about them!



Jessica was able to join us at the SAR Picnic on June 9<sup>th</sup>. She presented her state project to all attendees at the picnic. She has also been busy attending both DAR and local events spreading the news about her project.

Our State President and many of our state officers and chairmen traveled to Albany, New York on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for our Eastern Regional Meeting. We had many members serving as pages and aides, and Emerson Sites-Byers was our PA State flag bearer.

Many thanks to Floyd Turner and the Conrad Weiser Society for hosting our 2015 Summer Workshop at the Daniel Boone Homestead. Members got the opportunity to share skits and tour the homestead. **We held a “report writing workshop” on Friday evening. Mrs. Fritsch held a wonderful class** what comprises a good report. Both members and seniors commented on how helpful this workshop was. Mr. Turner arranged for a presentation by Brig. Gen. Andrew Shafer on Saturday afternoon. The members loved the gear he brought to show and also the Hummer that they could climb into. **We ended the weekend attending the Reading Fightin’ Phils game. We had wonderful seats, fireworks, and the Phils won!**

The 72<sup>st</sup> State conference will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in Lewisburg, hosted by the Regina Hartman Society. More information will be coming soon to the PA C.A.R. website and the winter edition of the Kapers. Mark your calendars now to join us for a wonderful event!

*Nancy Popielarski*

*Sr State President*

***“In God We Trust”***

*A Memory, a Motto, A Museum*

# New Members

Benjamin Donald	Conrad Weiser
Emma Rose Hogan	John Morton
Juliana Davi Potts	Nancy Hart
Ashlyn Page Phillip	Nancy Hart
John James Phillip	Nancy Hart
Jillian Renee Berger	Parkinson's Ferry
Will Thomas Berger	Parkinson's Ferry
Kristen Colleen Cox	Parkinson's Ferry
Darby Micheal Cox	Parkinson's Ferry
Emma Ann Schurman	Parkinson's Ferry

John Luke Braun	Parkinson's Ferry
Abby Hope Wilkinson	Parkinson's Ferry
Amanda Scarlett Wilkinson	Parkinson's Ferry
Conrad Haytham Olp	Parkinson's Ferry
Maxwell John Kovach	Members At Large
Henry Alexander Kovach	Members At Large
Dawn Margaret Franck	Regina Hartman
Garrett Nathaniel Franck	Regina Hartman
Timothy Joseph Sparta - Panarese	Regina Hartman
Jordan Robert Park	Regina Hartman



## Membership



Over this past summer how learned just how much I LOVE C.A.R.! I represented the National organization with another C.A.R. member when I brought flowers and gifts to the President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I **would never have had such a fun experience if it weren't for** C.A.R. I got to see the flag drop from the sky from the very top of Constitution Hall. It was so cool. C.A.R. is so cool and everyone that could join should join so they can have really awesome experiences. I also got to travel to the Eastern Regional meeting with my Daisy (grandmother) and great Aunt Reery. We had so much fun meeting the national b board, seeing all the skits and having A LOT of FUN at the dance! There is a lot more fun to be had in C.A.R. are you ready to try it out?





## State Theme: A Motto, A Memory, A Museum with PA C.A.R.

Hello everyone I hope you are ready to learn about the state project at summer workshop. As some of you already know the state project is in Milton at Governor James Pollock homestead. He was the man

who had come up with “in god we trust” that is printed on our money. He was also a good friend of Abraham Lincoln.

*Michael Bucher, State 2nd VP*



## National Theme 2015-2016 N.S.C.A.R. year is *Road to Independence*

What is a tent? A tent as defined in the Webster dictionary.  
Noun : a portable shelter that is used outdoors, is made of cloth (such as canvas or nylon), and is held up with poles and ropes.

Full Definition of TENT

1: a collapsible shelter of fabric (as nylon or canvas) stretched and sustained by poles and used for camping outdoors or as a temporary building. First Known Use of TENT circa 1608

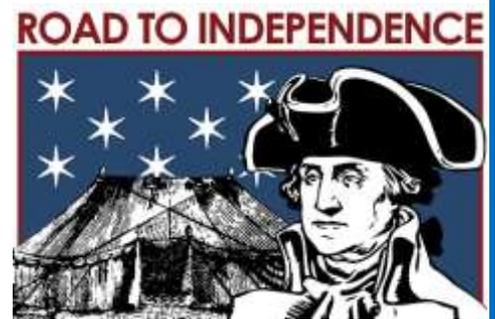
What is a marquee? A Marquee as defined in the Webster dictionary.

<sup>1</sup>marquee

noun mar·quee \mār-'kē\ Full Definition of MARQUEE

1 chiefly British: a large tent set up for an outdoor party, reception, or exhibition

How many of you can say you've stayed in a wall tent like George Washington? I know I can, as this last summer I stayed in one for 12 days and nights to sell fireworks. It was an experience I won't forget. You don't have a floor like a regular tent, you have the grass, dirt or pavement to walk on and to sleep on just like George did when he used his Marquee Tent. The walls blow in and out with the wind when they are down and sometimes it's scary especially at night when you're trying to sleep. And then there are the rain storms wow those are even scarier. But if you ever get the chance to stay in that type of tent I recommend it as it an awesome experience.



The National Project is to raise funds for the “First Oval Office” permanent exhibit at the Museum of the American Revolution. Many places claim that George Washington spent the night, but how many people can say that they have saved, made a home for, and promoted education about the room where General George Washington spent the entire Revolutionary War? We are presented with this unique opportunity! The Museum of the American Revolution is a brand new museum located in the historic heart of Philadelphia, the city that served as the headquarters of America's independence and founding. Located a few blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, this museum will be the home of the First Oval Office, General George Washington's marquis tent. Within this tent George Washington was visited by Founding Fathers, Great Ladies, Military Leaders, and Important Allies from 1775-1783. This authentic witness to history traveled the ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE.

*Fay Totman, State 1st VP*



## Things C.A.R. Membership Offers

- 10. Public Speaking Skills.** Every member gets a chance to speak at meetings, whether it is the 3 year old that leads the Pledge of Allegiance or the teenager that reads his report.
  - 9. Responsibility.** Members are asked to take ownership of their work. They put their unique, creative style into any project, allowing for their best work to shine through.
  - 8. Experience working with others.** Teamwork is an important factor in many of the projects we do, and the members learn that teamwork is an excellent way to accomplish goals.
  - 7. Leadership Skills.** Getting the chance to organize a project, teach a lesson, or prepare an officer or chairmen report, members learn the incredibly important skill of leadership.
  - 6. A Love for Community Service.** Members are encouraged to serve their communities around them, developing strong ties to the work they do and realizing that service is powerful.
  - 5. Respect for our Veterans.** Members learn about our American History, and are encouraged through service and contact to thank our Veterans for their commitment to our country.
  - 4. Mentoring Skills.** The older members get a chance to be mentors to the younger members, setting good examples and teaching them the needed skills to succeed.
  - 3. Better Citizenship.** Members are encouraged to be active in their communities and learn more about our government today.
  - 2. Patriotism.** An emotional attachment to one's heritage and country are encouraged through the activities and discussions that our members have with one another.
- And the number 1 thing C.A.R. membership offers...*
- 1. Friendship.** Our members have the opportunity to meet others at local, state, and national meetings several times a year. Many of these bonds last a lifetime.

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**Consider the C.A.R. for your family, today!**

# Jessica Making Memories

State President's Travels throughout the State (and country)



New England Regional with friends: L to R; Everitt Meer-PA, Mitchell Clouse-KY, Morgan Fisher-CT, Julia Teti-PA, Kate Turner-PA, Mallory Clouse-KY, Pennsylvania State President Jessica Dodson, Morgan Meer-PA

## Summer Workshop



Members at the Daniel Boone Homestead for Summer Workshop

# Summer Workshop



State President Jessica Dodson with workshop enthusiast Tommy Vaughan



Members at the Ball Game



William Page, son of Honorary State President Rebecca (Shaw) Page, our youngest member in attendance.

# Eastern Regional



Eastern Regional Enthusiast Everitt Meer from PA C.A..R. with National President Erin Jackson

This summer I had the amazing opportunity to travel the Road to Independence with some of my favorite people in the world.

Following the journey across the state to meet up with National Corresponding Secretary, Julia Teti and after simultaneously screaming, “ROADTRIP” we began our journey to Hot Springs, Arkansas for Preboard and the South Central Regional meeting. Once there we assisted in skit writing and costume making. It was finally a chance for me to marry my love of the theatre while also helping National President Erin Jackson prepare for her tour.

From Arkansas Julia and I traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina for Southeastern and Erlanger, Kentucky for Mid-southern. Exhausted and ready to sleep in our own beds, the Road to Independence temporarily detoured for SAR and DAR and a chance to relax at home for a while. But as soon as I got used to being home it was time once again to fire up the engines and begin the tour again.

Once in Providence, Rhode Island for the New England Regional Julia and I were joined by State President Jessica Dodson and the PA Trio was officially reunited. From Rhode Island Jess and I traveled to Albany for our own Eastern Regional meeting.

I was personally looking forward to this region the most, not only because it was my home region and my friend Philip Mosher was presiding, but because as the most recent inductee into the “Doctors of the ER” I got to torment Phil with what I got him for gifts and what his own “doctor” title would be. I was teased with this knowledge when I was Regional VP, and I know Phil will do the same for whomever is his successor.

The meetings ran smoothly and successfully, but I must say, the tour was shockingly painful. I say this, not because the tour was boring, on the contrary, it was literally shocking! Being a science museum they had multiple exhibits on atmosphere, space, magnets and most excitingly, electricity. There was a generator that you could touch to demonstrate electrostatic charges. Despite the sign that clearly stated “Do not touch others on the floor when standing on the platform” we decided it would be a great idea to do just that.

After the tour, and a brief nap and the pain of all our electric shocks subsided, the banquet began and Phil was officially welcomed into the ER as the Doctor of Oceanography with a concentration in Villian-ology. Many Disney puns and fruit hats were shared that night.

From Albany I had the unexpected privilege of continuing to the conclusion of tour. I saw lots of cheese in Madison, Wisconsin, fields of corn in Omaha, Nebraska, got altitude sickness in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and swam in an ocean that glittered like gold in San Diego, California. It was a perfect summer, with friends I love like family, and memories to last a lifetime.

*Kate Turner, National Convention Chairman and PA Honorary State President*

## What is the CAR Merit Award Program?

What do most people want when they do something great? They want people to see and be **inspired by what they've done!** Well, you're in luck; because the CAR Merit Award Program does just the thing.

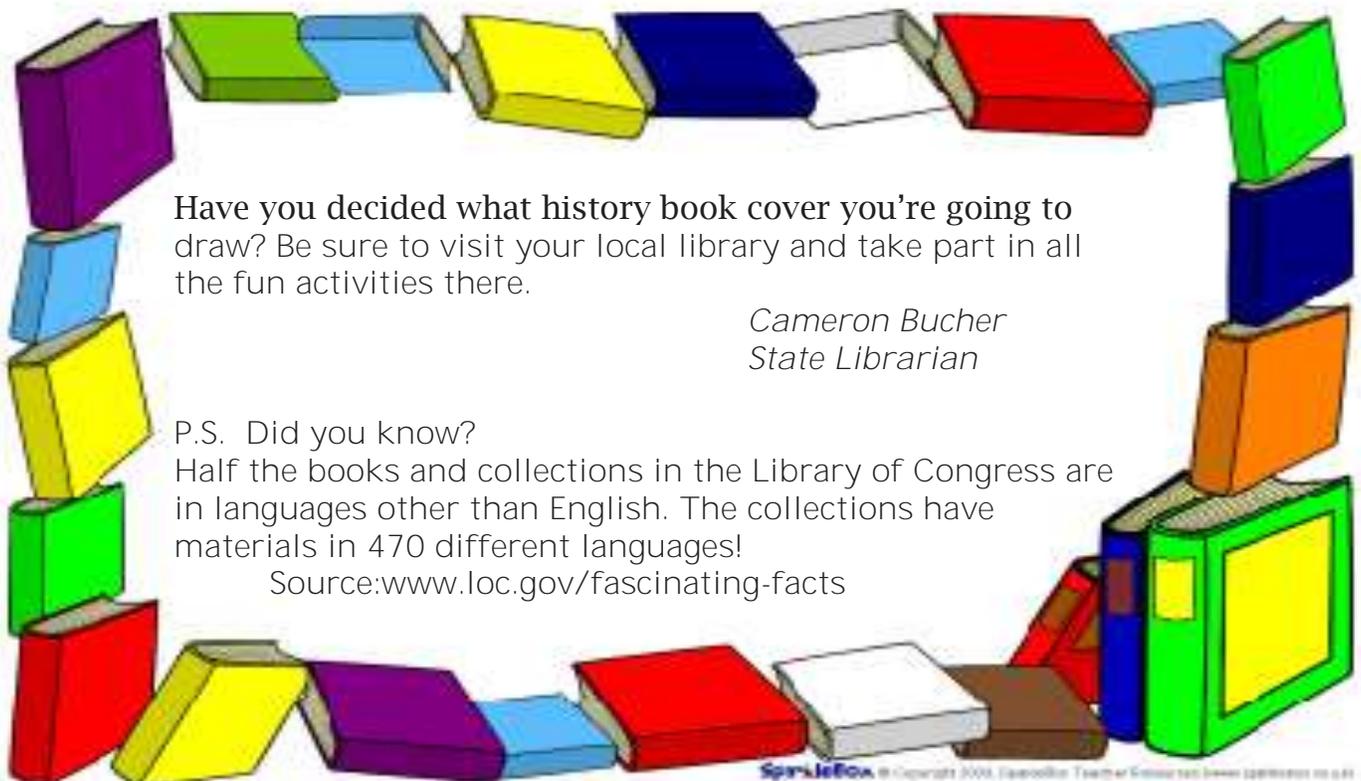
The CAR Merit Award is a way to honor everyone in CAR for what they and their fellow members have done to promote it during the year. Each society has amazing potential to make CAR bigger and better, and guess who can unlock that potential? YOU! I know a great place you can start; check out your State and National Merit Award Contests. Just by looking at the contest, you can find many things you and your society can do to help CAR grow.

I encourage EVERYONE this year to try as hard as they can to complete ALL of the accomplishments listed in the contest, and if you can't complete them all, don't worry, because **not only did you help CAR, but you're STILL a winner!** That's right! No matter what you've done, everyone is a winner in the Merit Award Contest.

The Merit Award is a HUGE part of CAR, and it has helped and still helps us make CAR what it is today. So go check it out right now!

*Eric Allen*

*State Merit Award Chairman*



Have you decided what history book cover you're going to draw? Be sure to visit your local library and take part in all the fun activities there.

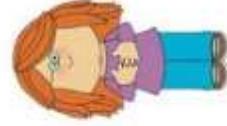
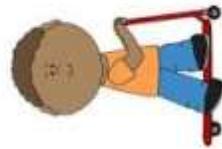
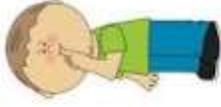
*Cameron Bucher*  
*State Librarian*

P.S. Did you know?  
Half the books and collections in the Library of Congress are in languages other than English. The collections have materials in 470 different languages!

Source: [www.loc.gov/fascinating-facts](http://www.loc.gov/fascinating-facts)



Find out which Prospective Member  
was invited and makes it to the  
C.A.R. Meeting by following the correct  
path to the C.A.R. House.



Don't forget, in order to get new members, you have to invite them to your meetings and be friendly!  
Everitt Meer—Age 12  
Parkinson's Ferry Society  
Pittsburgh, PA

## C.A.R. – *It Just Makes ‘Cents’*



Pennsylvania Members, I am pleased to be this year’s State Treasurer, and I hope that you will consider entering the State and National Treasurers’ Contests. The objective of this year’s state contest is to learn the history of currency in the United States and the history of James Pollock’s creation of the words “In God We Trust.”



Some suggestions for the contest could include researching the role of money and its impact on American history, or finding out about the origin of the words “In God We Trust”. Try visiting the United States Department

website or a U.S. Mint. You can also have a presentation on forms of currency that were used in the U.S. throughout time. Some other ways are to make a timeline of the changes in American currency and to draw pictures of earlier money. Another great way is to make a game for your society about James Pollock and his role he played.

You can find out other information by going to these websites:

<http://www.newmoney.gov/> <http://www.treasury.gov/> <https://ingodwetrustmuseum.com/>

*In God We Trust,  
Everitt Meer, PA State Treasurer*

# Society Memories

## Parkinsons Ferry

### My Trip to The Bees



Recently, I went with the C.A.R. Parkinson’s Ferry Society to Burghs Bees. Burghs Bees is a community apiary. A community apiary is a place where people keep hives in their area. We looked at two types of hives. One was a box hive and the other looked like a table.

We followed two guides and wore netted hoods. I learned that there are three kinds of bees: the worker, the drone, and the queen. The queen is very important to the hive. There is only one queen and she is in charge.

It takes 16 days for a queen bee to hatch. The queen lays eggs that grow into workers. The workers pollinate, care for the eggs and larva and do all of the work. The drones mate with the queen. The guide held a drone for us to see. Drones are bigger than the workers and don’t have a stinger.



My favorite part was tasting the honey, it was delicious! I am thankful that God made bees. I was nervous to go see the hives, but after a while I got used to the bees flying around. No one got stung and we had a great time!

Amanda Wilkinson, age 9

# Society Memories

## Parkinsons Ferry

### A Visit to Fort Roberdeau



On July 22 2015, three members of the Parkinson's Ferry Society C.A.R., Morgan and Everitt Meer along with Alec Hooper visited a Revolutionary War fort called Fort Roberdeau. The Fort is located by Altoona, Pennsylvania. The group learned many things about the fort. It was built in 1778



and was used by the people in the area for protection against the Native Americans and Tories. A Tory is a person who was loyal to Britain during the Revolution.

The fort was named after Brigadier General Daniel Roberdeau. General Roberdeau was a wealthy merchant and a member of Congress. Because of the Fort's heavy weaponry such as cannons, the fort was never attacked. The only time anyone was attacked was outside of the fort. When the fort was first built, it was bigger than it is today. That's because when the fort was abandoned nearby settlers came and looted the place. So, the place was basically empty when the workers were rebuilding it so people today could see it. Today the fort is smaller than its original size. And that is the history of Fort Roberdeau. Alec Hooper



### Relay for Life

Usually our society's field trips involve some kind of walking, perhaps hiking through an historical park or letting out steam by playing tag after a meeting, but I never expected to be running laps with my C.A.R. friends in the mid-day sun. We were participating in Relay for Life, an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to raise awareness of the disease and funds for research. There, we set up a tent displaying our Society's banner where we could answer questions about the C.A.R. or give out information to any of the 1,000 walkers and volunteers that participated that day.

We started walking. Every half-hour, the participants took the track with new excitement to start the theme lap. Friends hobbled forward during the three-legged race lap, everyone wore their best Disney gear for the Disney lap, and those carrying a giant cardboard Pac-man chased their friends carrying ghosts during the Pac-man lap. The Parkinson's Ferry Society created a theme of their own when members and seniors walked in colonial costume, while members took turns carrying the society flag. Several times, other participants stopped at our Society's tent with questions about who we are, and we told them about the C.A.R. and our Society.

The atmosphere of hope and perseverance surrounded the walkers and created a bubble of strength and friendship around the track. It's comforting to know that the loss and hardship felt by my family and other families alike during our encounters with cancer, was being sought to be eliminated and healed by a whole group of people who cared. The ceremony touched each one of our members in different ways. The Parkinson's Ferry Society raised a total of \$1185.00 at the event, but also had a fabulous, inspiring time working towards that goal. We cannot wait to do it again next year!

Morgan Meer

# Society Memories

## Towamencin

### Learns About Bees



On September 1, the Towamencin Society traveled to Germantown Academy to learn about bees from Mrs Saurman, a science teacher there that takes care of the bees on the roof of the school. She told us that they have two hives - one is a Langstroth and the other is a Top-Bar.



In colonial times they had a skep, which looked kind of like an upside down basket with a small handle on the top. They were replaced with the hives we have today because with a skep the whole colony had to be destroyed to harvest the honey.

We were surprised to learn that bees had to be brought to the New World - Native Americans did not know what they were. Colonists used the honey for food, to make a drink called mead, to make candles and the wax as a type of chewing gum.

Bees are very important because they help to pollinate the fruit and vegetables that we eat. Bee keepers today are very worried that all of our bees might be wiped out because of harmful chemicals that people spray.

### Visits the United States Mint



On Monday August 24, we went to Philadelphia to visit the United State Mint to learn how coins are made.

We learned that at first people had to barter (trade things) since there was no official money before the revolution. Then we learned that sometimes they used Spanish coins and cut them into pieces called 2 bits (the whole coin was called pieces of 8). Later the colonies began to make their own paper money - **Pennsylvania's money had the Arms of William Penn on it. During the war the Congress printed so much paper money but it was not worth much and because of this the expression "not worth a Continental" developed.**

Inside we saw a movie about how the first coiners in 1792 only had one day off and worked from 7 to 6. They earned a \$1 a day. The coins were made by hand. We also saw Peter the Eagle who lived at the US Mint until he died (he is stuffed and hanging there now - yuck). The artists there use him as a model for new eagle pictures. Now the coins are made by lots of machines and robots. We got to watch them being made and put into bags. It was pretty neat to see all the coins going by on conveyor belts. Bad coins were taken out. At one stop we got to design our own coin - we could pick the words and pictures that go on **the coin. One of picked "In God We Trust" and put a dog head on her coin.** We learned that Governor Pollock was the person who added that phrase to the coin when he was Director of the Philadelphia mint.

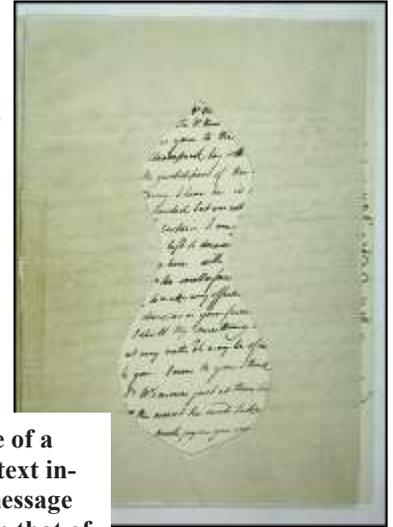


At the end the girls tried to take home a bag of coins left in the hall but since it weighed 2800 pounds **they couldn't get it to the car.**

# Codes and Ciphers in the Revolutionary War



Hello PA C.A.R.! My name is Morgan Meer, and this year I have the opportunity to serve as your State Recording Secretary. I encourage you all to enter the Recording Secretary contest this year by investigating the Patriot spy networks along the *Road to Independence* and by discovering how patriots used codes and ciphers to take notes and record messages. There were many different tactics that these spies employed, including “mask letters”. The recipient of a seemingly innocent letter would place a mask, a piece of paper with a unique shape cut out of it, on top of the letter. Then secret information



**This is an example of a masked letter. The text inside the mask is a message entirely different than that of the letter.**

This invisible ink either be revealed

information pertaining to the patriots would be revealed in the shape of text. Another popular way to prevent the British from reading letters was invisible ink, or as **George Washington** nicknamed it, “**sympathetic stain.**” was made out of ferrous sulfate and water and could be revealed by sodium carbonate or candle flame. George suggested it be used on the edges of inconspicuous literature such as books, papers, and pamphlets.

In order to prevent the British from reading captured correspondence, ciphers were employed **when writing important letters.** The recipient of the letter might use a popular book like **Entick’s Dictionary** as a key. The key would connect a word or letter in the correspondence to different words or letters in the pages of the book. The Culper Code, created by Major Benjamin Tallmadge, contained 763 numbers each representing different words and proper nouns. Perhaps one of the most famous ciphers was created by a man named John Jay. Patriots composed letters entirely of numbers and each number match up with a page, column, and word in the dictionary. This code was used to relay information about the siege of Charleston and the position of French troops, in order **to prevent Redcoats from intercepting the letters and finding out America’s weaknesses.** I would suggest checking out Mount Vernon’s wealth of information about Revolutionary War spies at <http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/the-revolutionary-war/spying-and-espionage/spy-techniques-of-the-revolutionary-war/> and then entering the Recording Secretary contest by creatively sharing your knowledge with your local society and taking detailed minutes about your meeting.

In God We Trust,  
Morgan Meer, State Recording Secretary

## State Sales Items

**T-shirt \$15**



Front



Back



**Pin \$10**

Contact: Valerie Bieber  
Email: [bccimax@aol.com](mailto:bccimax@aol.com)

# Constitution Ball 2015



The dignitaries and the debutantes at the 2nd Annual Constitution Ball

First Row L to R: Thomas Lawrence,-President General NSSAR, Joseph McMullen-State President PSSAR, Roberta McMullen-State Regent PSDAR, Lynne Forney Young-President General NSDAR, Billie Spence-Senior National President NS C.A.R.

Second Row L to R: Jayne Winemiller-Pennsylvania, Erin Jackson-New Hampshire-C.A.R. National President NS C.A.R., Harmony Broussard-Delaware.

Third Row L to R: Brittany Quinn-Pennsylvania, Caitlin Mourning-Florida- C.A.R. National Vice President Southeastern Region, Lauren Stover-California- C.A.R. National Vice President Western Region, Morgan Fisher-Connecticut - C.A.R. National Chairman Membership

Fourth Row L to R: Callah McLeod-Illinois - C.A.R. National Chairman Kids Helping Kids, Elizabeth Ann Reiner-Pennsylvania, Jennifer Patten-Pennsylvania.

State President  
Jessica Dodson

Senior State President  
Nancy Popielarski

**Objective:** To promote the C.A.R. Program and encourage all members to be proud as a peacock by striving to be the Most Outstanding Member and Society.

**Program:** Follow the National and State Programs within your local societies. Promote and raise funds for this year's State and National Projects.

**Contest: NANCY G. BURKEY MOST OUTSTANDING MEMBER**

Please submit an entry to include the following information:

1. Attended: State Conference, list years attended and role served at conference:  
National Convention, list years attended and role served at convention:  
Eastern Regional, list years attended and role served at regional:  
Other Regional Meetings, list years and regional meetings attended:  
Summer Workshop, list years attended and role served at workshop:
2. Promoted: State Theme (please attach details) National Theme. (please attach details)
3. Worked with a prospective member and/or inactive member. (please attach details)
4. Wrote articles for: Keystone Kapers (please attach details to include copy of article)  
C.A.R. Magazine (please attach details to include copy of article)
5. Advertised your C.A.R. society in your community: newsletters, flyers, brochures, public appearances, displays, etc. (please attach details)
6. Participated in: Patriotic occasions (such as Memorial Day, 4th of July, Constitution Week, etc.), joint meetings with the DAR, SAR, and SR.

**Award:** A special prize will be awarded to the Most Outstanding Member at State Conference.

**Contest: KEYSTONE MOST OUTSTANDING SOCIETY**

Please submit an entry to include the following information:

1. Members attending (please give number and role served by members) State Conference,  
National Convention, Eastern Regional and Summer Workshop.
2. Worked with (attach details and programs) other C.A.R. societies, DAR chapters, SAR chapters,  
SR chapters and other patriotic organizations.
3. Supported State Project and National Project. (attach details)
4. Promoted Membership and Public Relations. (please attach details)
5. Published society newsletters and/or website. (please attach details)
6. Mailed a society officer report to the Senior State President. (please submit copy)
7. Encouraged all members to show that being proud as a peacock has made them more patriotic and more enthusiastic about C.A.R. (please attach details)
8. Participated in National Packet Programs. (please attach details)

**Award:** A special prize will be awarded to the Most Outstanding Society at State Conference.

**Contest: LOCAL SOCIETY WITH THE BEST PROGRAM ON JAMES POLLOCK**

**Award:** First Place: \$20

Second Place: \$10

DIGITAL ENTRIES ACCEPTED FOR ALL STATE PRESIDENT'S CONTESTS

## State First Vice President

State First Vice President  
**Faybiana Totman**

Senior State First Vice President  
**Amy Sites**

**Objective:** Follow the road to Independence while discovering how General George Washington's marquis tent was an authentic witness to history.

**Program:** Follow the road that led to American independence and the expansion of liberty.

### **Suggestions:**

1. Research General George Washington's Revolutionary War itinerary and the locations of his headquarters from 1775 to 1783. Create a timeline presentation to present to C.A.R., DAR, SAR, and/or S.R.
2. Have your local society create a game about the marquis tent's timeline of geographic locations and some of the events at the locations.
3. Present a program about your state's unique **ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE** and its path to statehood.
4. Research and write articles for your society's newsletters about the personal interactions of General George Washington with Founding Fathers and great ladies during the Revolutionary War.
5. Take pictures of your society's activities promoting the **ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE** theme.

### **Contests:**

Local society with the best program on a timeline presentation involving the marquis tent: \$10

Local society submitting the most pictures promoting the **ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE** \$10

Local society with the best program on its state's **ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE** \$10

## State 2nd Vice President

State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Michael Bucher

Senior State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Mrs. Betsy Teti

**Objective:** Promote the State Project, the Governor Pollock Gallery at the Milton Historical Society.

**Program:** Learn about Governor Pollock and the motto “In God We Trust”.

### **Suggestions:**

1. Take a trip to the Milton Historical Society and visit the Governor Pollock Gallery.
2. Keep a journal to document your trip with drawings and notes of places visited. Include pictures, maps, and other keepsakes from your experience.
3. Give a program to your society and/or DAR, SAR, SR about our State Project, Governor Pollock and how the motto “In God We Trust” came to be on our nation’s currency.
4. Draw a picture of Governor Pollock.

### **Contests:**

Local society with the best program

First Place \$13

Second Place \$7

Third Place \$5

Best PeeWee drawing of Governor Pollock:

First Place: \$5

All PeeWee participants will receive a certificate.

## STATE CHAPLAIN CONTEST

### STATE CHAPLAIN

Hunter Andrzejewski

### SENIOR STATE CHAPLAIN

Mrs. Brandi Klee

**Objective:** Learn about the chaplains of the American Revolution

**Program:** Discover the history of the chaplains' duties on the **"Road to Independence"** during the American Revolution as envisioned by General George Washington

### **Suggestions:**

1. Learn why General Washington requested chaplains in the military during the American Revolution.
2. Identify chaplains who served during the Revolution and how they participated.
3. Report on what was expected of a Revolutionary chaplain.
4. Research religious freedom in the early American military.
5. Present a program on the role of chaplains in the armed forces.

### **Contest:**

Local Society with the best program:

First place	\$12.00
Second place	\$ 8.00

Best prayer written by a member:

10 years and younger	\$ 5.00
11 years and older	\$ 5.00

# State Recording Secretary's Contest

**State Recording Secretary**  
Morgan Meer

**Senior State Recording Secretary**  
Susan Gillette Meer



**Objective:** Write minutes for local state society meetings clearly and efficiently and discover the secret codes used throughout the *Road to Independence*.

**Program:** Discover how patriots used codes and ciphers to take notes and record messages, and then use the knowledge to create a minute-taking system for local society meetings.

## **Suggestions:**

1. Teach members about different versions of shorthand, codes, and ciphers used during the American Revolution using the Mount Vernon website's resources <http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/the-revolutionary-war/spying-and-espionage/spy-techniques-of-the-revolutionary-war/>
2. Learn about John Jay's dictionary cipher and create your own cipher using a book of your choice.
3. Have society members create and use their own invisible ink and mask letter templates that they can use to create secret messages.
4. Investigate secret writing or note-taking used in George Washington's First Oval Office.
5. Create a key of abbreviations and/or symbols to use when writing minutes that you can give to future recording secretaries in your society.
6. Allow members to take an active role in taking minutes and creating local society agendas about the *Road to Independence* and *A Motto, A Memory, A Museum*.

## **Local society with the best program**

First Place \$15

Second Place \$10

Third Place \$5



## State Organizing Secretary Contest

<b><u>State Organizing Secretary</u></b> <b>Emerson James Sites-Byers</b>	<b><u>Senior State Organizing Secretary</u></b> <b>Mrs. Elizabeth Ciarrochi</b>
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**Objective:** To create excitement for PA C.A.R. by helping new societies get started.

**Program:** Visit and welcome new societies as they join PA C.A.R.

**Suggestions:**

1. Host a joint meeting with an organizing or re-organizing society
2. Create a C.A.R. survival guide” that illustrates how to properly run meetings, give reports, and enter contests to ease the transition to organized status.
3. Attend a meeting of an organizing or re-organizing society.
4. Hold an activity for nonmembers to learn about PA C.A.R.
5. Encourage members of the DAR, SAR, and/or SR to join PA C.A.R as senior leaders and their young family members join PA C.A.R.

**Contests:**

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$10
Second Place	\$10
Third Place	\$10

## STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY CONTEST

**State Corresponding Secretary**

**Sarah Sexton**

**Sr. State Corresponding Secretary**

**Valerie J. Bieber**

**Program:** Learn about the types of dispatches and correspondence from the time of the Revolution through the Civil War.

**Objective:** Research Correspondence during the time in which the motto “In God We Trust” was coined.

**Suggestions:**

1. Discover the history of the Committee of Correspondence and the role it played in communication between the colonies during the American Revolution.
2. Research how the Committees of Correspondence were instrumental in setting up the First Continental Congress.
3. General George Washington wrote many famous dispatches and letters in his marquee tent from 1775 to 1783. Present a program to your society highlighting some of his most famous correspondence.
4. Present a program about General George Washington’s usage of invisible ink known as “sympathetic stain.”
5. Learn about the Committee of Secret Correspondence for foreign intelligence.
6. Research the correspondence between James Pollock and President Lincoln about the famous motto.
7. Research the changes in correspondence between the Revolution and the Civil War.

**Contest:**

Society with the best program:

1<sup>st</sup> place— \$15

2<sup>nd</sup> place— \$10

3<sup>rd</sup> place— \$5

# State Treasurer's Contest

**State Treasurer**  
Everitt Meer

**Senior State Treasurer**  
Thomas Hogan

**Objective:** Learn the history of currency in the United States and the history of James Pollock's creation of the words "In God We Trust."

**Program:** Research the impact that money has had on the history of the United States and James Pollock's influence on the currency of today.

## Suggestions:

1. Present a report at a society meeting about the role of money and its impact on American history.
2. Find out more about the origin of the words found on each piece of currency - "In God We Trust."
3. Visit the United States Department of Treasury, its website, or a United States Mint.
4. Conduct a presentation on the different forms of currency used throughout the history of the United States.
5. Research and draw a picture of early American currency.
6. Create a timeline of the different designs of American currency.
7. Create a game for your society to learn about James Pollock and his role in American currency.

## Local society with the best program

First Place \$12

Second Place \$8

## Member with the best illustration of early American currency

10 years and younger \$5

11 years and older \$5



## PA CAR Registrar

State Registrar  
Devon Heffner

Senior State Registrar  
Mrs. Jennifer Bucher

**Objective:** Increase membership recruitment in your local society.

**Program:** Create awareness of CAR.

### **Suggestions:**

1. Share photos and CAR memories with friends to create interest in member activities.
2. Encourage prospective members to mark CAR events on their activities.
3. Create and send welcome letters to prospective members, focusing on the children and grandchildren of the local DAR, SAR and SR, also telling them about the state project, "A Motto, A Memory, A Museum."
4. Encourage parents to put eligible children in CAR and then attend meetings together.
5. Invite new people to your local society's meetings or simply tell people in your community about CAR.
6. Host a genealogical workshop on how to complete an Application for Membership and help those attending trace their ancestry.
7. Plan a membership drive with the DAR, SAR and SR at a community event.

### **Contests:**

Local Society with the best program

First Place           \$15

Second Place         \$5

Local Society with the most new members   \$10

(Societies must supply a list of new members for this contest.)

# Pennsylvania State Historian

State Historian

Senior State Historian

**Jacob Keates**

**Renee Gallagher**

**Objective:** Explore and preserve the history of your local society for Future generations.

**Program:** Create a record or archive of your society, its members, and its Activities. Maintain and update your record.

**Suggestions:**

1. Talk to current and former members of your society and discuss how your society has developed.
2. Compile a scrapbook of your society's history.
3. Coordinate activities to present your society's history to prospective members and DAR, SAR, and/or S.R. members.
4. Represent your society at state, regional, and/or national functions.
5. Invite state and national officers and state and national chairmen to your events.
6. Write an article about your society's name and submit it to your state newsletter and/or the *C.A.R. Magazine*.

**Contest:**

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$15.00
Second Place	\$10.00
Third Place	\$5.00

Digital submissions accepted, Thank you.

## State Librarian Contest

State Librarian  
Cameron Bucher

Senior State Librarian  
Mrs. Rebecca Page

Objective: Share literature about American history with young readers and develop their research skills.

Program: Research the importance of libraries as repositories for information and primary documents as a method of discovering American history.

Suggestions:

1. Send a list of your society's favorite history books to the State Librarian.
2. Research a historical topic at a library. Present a program to your society about the topic and your research process.
3. Attend your local library's events to promote the importance of C.A.R. Create a display at your local library about C.A.R. and your society.
4. Teach your society about the importance of the Library of Congress during its 215th anniversary.
5. Draw the cover of your favorite history book.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$15
Second Place	\$10
Third Place	\$5

PeeWee drawing of the cover of your favorite history book:

All participants will receive a certificate.

# State Curator

State Curator  
**Aiden Klee**

Senior State Curator  
**Liz Killian**

**Objective:** Make the N.S.C.A.R. Museum and The Children's Room interesting to children of all ages.

**Program:** Get your society excited about the collection and exhibitions at the N.S.C.A.R. Museum and The Children's Room.

**Suggestions:**

1. Show the new slideshow that will be available by December 15, 2015, about the **ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE** exhibition at the N.S.C.A.R. Museum.
2. Take a tour of The Children's Room on the N.S.C.A.R. Web site. Write a story or skit about your favorite collection piece.
3. Visit the N.S.C.A.R. Museum at C.A.R. National Headquarters.
4. Visit a museum that tells the story of your state's **ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE**.
5. Invite a guest speaker to talk at a society meeting about Revolutionary artifacts.

**Contest:**

Local society with the best program

First Place \$10

Second Place \$5

Best PeeWee drawing of an exhibit at The Children's Room on the N.S.C.A.R. Web site.

First Place \$5

Local society that donates the best auction basket representing the State "In God We Trust" or National "Road to Independence" themes

First Place \$10

## State American Heritage

State Chairman  
**Ethan Klee**

Senior State Chairman  
**Sarah Killian**

**Objective:** Appreciate American ingenuity by studying improved designs and new inventions that enhanced the life of American citizens during the late 1700's and early 1800's.

**Program:** Create educational displays about American inventiveness and ingenuity to share with your society.

**Suggestions:**

1. Explore why innovations were essential to early advancements in our country.
2. Research inventors by having each society member select an inventor and discuss his or her invention at a meeting telling how it has affected our daily lives.
3. Review and discuss Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution, which provides protections to original inventions.
4. Discover the process of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by which patents are granted.
5. Present a program using exhibit boards to show the timelines of important U.S. inventions dating from the colonial period to present day, such as light bulbs or telephones.
6. Tour a local industry to learn about the invention of its product.

**Contest:**

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$10
Second Place	\$8
Third Place	\$6

PeeWee picture of an early invention created during the late 1700's and early 1800's.

First Place	\$6
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**Meredith Ciarrocchi**  
**State Chairman American History**

**Colleen Hogan**  
**Senior State Chairman American History**

**Objective:**

Celebrate the 240th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

**Program:**

Study the significance of the Battle Bunker Hill and identify the teenage participants in the battle.

**Suggestions:**

1. Investigate the significance of the Battle of Bunker Hill.
2. Identify a teenage participant in the Battle of Bunker Hill and create a narrative based on his or her experience. Write an article about this person for the Keystone Kapers.
3. Present a skit or other program to DAR, SAR and/ or S.R. chapters about the Battle of Bunker Hill as the characters you discovered in the battle.
4. Reenact the Battle of Bunker Hill with your local society.

**Contest:**

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$15
Second Place	\$10
Third Place	\$5

## American Indian

<u>State Chairman</u> <b>Andrew Keates</b>	<u>Senior State Chairman</u> <b>Lucina Verish</b>
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**Objective:** Present the history of Native American as United States' first allies, their participation in important Revolutionary War battles, and their recognition of the United States as a sovereign nation.

**Program:** Find out the history of the United States' first allies.

**Suggestions:**

1. Research the Oneida Indian Nation and its importance in American history.
2. Create a program explaining the Watertown Treaty in relation to the Mi'kmaq Nation. Include the Mi'kmaq culture and how they aided in American colonization.
3. Write a short story demonstrating the relationship between American colonists and Mi'kmaq members.
4. Develop a skit about the Native American heritage and culture in Pennsylvania.
5. Create a game to teach young members traditional Native American culture.

**Contests:**

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$10
Second Place	\$ 5

Member with the most create short story

First Place	\$10
Second Place	\$ 5

*Electronic submissions accepted*

## **State Archives Contest**

**Rigel Bechdel**  
**State Chairman**

**Rebecca O'Neill**  
**Senior State Chairman**

Objective: Travel back in time on the "Road To Independence" using State Archives

Program: Travel back in archival time with your local society

Suggestion:

1. Create a document about your local society or its history that looks like it should be in the Pennsylvania State Archives. Send me a copy, and bring the original to State Conference.
2. Visit the Pennsylvania State Archives and Museum either in person or online. Share a presentation of your visit with your society.

Contests:

Local Society with the best overall program:

First Place \$15.00

Second Place \$10.00

Peewee with the best submission on archiving history \$ 5.00

## State C.A.R/DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Contest

### State Chairman

William Gresh

### Senior State Chairman

Mark O'Neill

**Objective:** A motto, a memory, a museum. Celebrate all parent organizations getting involved with local and state societies and our state project.

**Program:** Invite DAR, SAR, or S.R. chapter/member to each of your meetings and share information on C.A.R. activities, our state project, and the National Program.

### Suggestions:

1. Create a skit to perform at a joint meeting with DAR, SAR, or S.R.
2. Present a program on the story of James Pollock to a local DAR, SAR, or S.R. meeting.
3. Encourage members to apply for DAR and SAR scholarships.
4. Create a poster or pamphlet about James Pollock and the Gallery at the James Cameron House Museum and distribute it to DAR, SAR, or S.R. members at a joint meeting.
5. Request permission to attend a DAR, SAR, or S.R. event and share information with them on C.A.R. activities, our state project and the National Program.

### Contests:

Local Society with the best program:

First Place \$10.00

Second Place \$7.00

Third Place \$5

Pee Wee best picture of a joint C.A.R. and DAR, SAR, or SR activity:

First place \$5

Second Place \$3

## Conservation

State Chairman

Senior State Chairman

**Willow Bechdel**

BethAnn Keates

**Objective:** Learn about colonial bee keeping

**Program:** Find out how bee keeping was and still is beneficial

**Suggestions:**

1. Research colonial bee keeping
2. Learn about how bee keeping was done in that time
3. Discover the reasons for bee keeping
4. Visit a bee keeping farm and compare the similarities and differences between bee keeping then and bee keeping today.

**Contest:**

Local society with the best program

First Place           \$15

Second Place        \$10

Third Place          \$5

# State Endowment Fund Contest

## State Co-Chairman

Kathryn Turner & Charlie Warren

## Senior State Chairman

Barbara Shaw

**Objective:** “In God We Trust” as we travel the “Road to Independence” to discover the significance of increasing the State and National Endowment Funds in order to provide for C.A.R.’s future.

**Program:** Support the State and National Endowment Funds through donations and education

## Suggestions:

1. Include information about the State and National Endowment Funds in your newsletter; tell people how they can contribute and why it’s important.
2. Create a program or skit about the funds to present at a society meeting.
3. Create a game or puzzle that will help teach members about the funds.
4. Purchase State and National Endowment Fund pins using the appropriate order forms available on the State and National websites.
5. Present a program on C.A.R. to DAR/SAR/SR chapters and encourage them to contribute.
6. Create a hand-out to promote the State and National Endowment Funds



## Contests:

Local society donating the most money to the State Endowment Fund (Includes donations and purchase of State Endowment Fund pins.)\*\*\*

Societies with 25 or fewer members – \$ 7.00

Societies with 26 or more members – \$ 7.00

\*\*\*No entry needed for the above contest. Winners will be judged according to Senior State Treasurer records.

Local Society with the best educational and informational promotion of the State Endowment Fund.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$10.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$ 6.00

## Government Studies

State Chairman

Senior State Chairman

**Gib Versfeld**

**Mrs. Bechdel**

**Objective:** Learn about the Magna Carta to see how it influenced some of the founding documents of America.

**Program:** Commemorate the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta.

### **Suggestions:**

1. Create a presentation about the historic significance of the Magna Carta and share it with your society.
2. Compare the Magna Carta to the Constitution to see how they might be similar.
3. Write a brief article based on what an English citizen's reaction to the Magna Carta might have been in 1215.
4. Visit the National Archives in Washington, D.C., where a copy of the Magna Carta is on display. Send in a picture outside of the museum,
5. Compare the Pennsylvania constitution to the Magna Carta and identify similarities.
6. Create a brief document similar to the Magna Carta that could be used in today's world.

### **Contest:**

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$15
Second Place	\$10
Third Place	\$5

# State Information Technology Contest

**State Chairman**  
**Grant Versfeld**

**Senior State Chairman**  
**Mrs. Lisa Lugavich**

**Program:** Create new content for your local CAR chapter's website.

**Objective:** Use the internet to promote your local CAR chapter.

**Suggestions:**

- 1) Write an article for your local chapter's website describing your recent activities together.
- 2) Learn about how a website works and give a presentation to your society about what you discover.
- 3) Draw a new society logo that can be used on your chapter's website.
- 4) If your society does not have a website, then try to make one! Talk to your fellow members about creating one.
- 5) If your society does have a website, look into keeping it updated or give it a new look. Send in a picture of your redesign!

**Contest:**

Local Society with the best presentation:

First Place:	\$15
Second Place:	\$10
Third Place:	\$5

## Kids Helping Kids

<u>State Chairman</u> <b>Andrew Verish</b>	<u>Senior State Chairman</u> <b>Kelly Sites</b>
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**Objective:** Focus on the child patriots who helped during the American Revolution.

**Program:** Investigate how children aided the cause for independence.

**Suggestions:**

1. Create a song, program, or game to teach young members about the role children played in the American Revolution.
2. Identify a child, such as Caleb Stark, who was active in the American Revolution and write a story based on his or her involvement.
3. Investigate children's activities that make a difference in their communities.
4. Encourage society members to get involved in public service with other children.

**Contests:**

Local society with the best program on children during the American Revolution

First Place	\$10
Second Place	\$ 5

Local society with the most public service hours by children for children

First Place	\$10
Second Place	\$ 5

*Electronic submissions accepted*

## Magazine and Newsletter

State Chairman  
Justin Heffner

Senior State Chairman  
Mrs. Seely

**Objective:** Identify different American currency used over the last three centuries.

**Program:** In your society's newsletter, write about the different American currency and identify what time period it dates to.

### **Suggestions:**

1. Learn about the currency used during the American Revolution.
2. Learn about the history of U.S coins.
3. Discover how currency was created during the 1700s, 1800s, 1900s and present day.
4. Ask a local coin collector about his/her experiences.
5. Find out how James Pollock choose the words "In God We Trust" to be placed on coins.

### **Contest:**

Local Society with the best submission to their society's newsletter

First Place	\$15
Second Place	\$10
Third Place	\$5

# State Magazine Fund

State Chairman

**Kendall Versfeld**

Senior State Chairman

**Barb Poirier**

**Objective:** To learn more about our state magazine, Keystone Kapers, and our National Magazine.

**Program:** To get more information about your society published in Keystone Kapers and the National Magazine, and to support the Magazine Fund.

## **Suggestions:**

1. Send photographs of your society's meetings and activities together to the Kapers editors, and National Magazine editors, for publication.
2. Write an article about one of your chapters activities together and send it to the Kapers editors, and National Magazine editors, for publication.
3. Encourage DAR, SAR, SR and other family and friends to become Life Promoters and receive the National Magazine.
4. Encourage DAR, SAR, SR and other family and friends to sign up to receive the Keystone Kapers Magazine.
5. Suggest to your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles or your senior that they purchase a Magazine Fund Pin for your, Birthday, Christmas, good grades, graduation, or just because!

## **Contest:**

Local Society with the best participation:

First Place	\$15
Second Place	\$10
Third Place	\$5

**Abigail Ciarrocchi**

**Robert Fritsch**

**Chairman Membership**

**Senior Chairman Membership**

**Objective:** Create and Design activities for all ages to get new members excited about C.A.R. Make a plan to source prospects and introduce prospective members to C.A.R.

**Program:** Spread the word about C.A.R. and promote it to our parent organizations through fun, interactive presentations.

**Suggestions:**

1. Make personal contacts to encourage DAR, SAR, and/or S.R. Members to have prospective members visit a society in person or through social media.
2. Focus on a member at each meeting; discover why C.A.R. is important to that member. Keep all members involved.
3. Have each member bring a friend to a society meeting and share the fun of C.A.R.
4. Create a presentation about the Object of C.A.R. in a fun, colorful way and perform it to a variety of audiences.
5. Write an article for the Keystone Kapers about how you gain prospective members for your society.
5. Promote C.A.R. at fairs, school events, bazaars, and libraries.
6. Hold membership drives during patriotic holidays that explain the who, what, and why of C.A.R. to prospective members.
7. Encourage others to come to a C.A.R. function.

**Contest:**

Local society with the best program

First Place \$15

Second Place \$10

Third Place \$5

# State Merit Award

## State Chairmen

Eric Allen

## Senior State Chairman

Jane Turner

**Objective:** Go for the Gold! Realize your full potential when you answer “yes” to all the questions on the State and National Merit Awards

**Program:** Plan meetings, events and activities that follow the guidelines for the State and National Merit Awards as outlined in the State and National Program Packets.

### Suggestions:

1. Hold at least 6 meetings following the C.A.R. ritual
2. Participate in as many state and national contests as possible and encourage peewees and prospective members to be active in the meetings.
3. Seek a net gain in membership for the year.
4. Promote life membership in your society.
5. Contribute to the State and National projects.
6. Attend State and National meetings and events.
7. Publish a society newsletter following the requirements in the National C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletter contest.
8. Donate to the Mountain and Indian schools
9. Donate to the various State and National funds to support the work of C.A.R.
10. Encourage DAR, SAR and SR participation by inviting them to C.A.R. activities and joining them at their events when invited.
11. Use the internet and social media responsibly to communicate with your members and parent organizations.
12. Document all of the work that your society does throughout the year. Use the Merit Award forms as guides; take photos, document all activities, displays, and newsletter articles. Keep track of financial and material aid donations.

**Contest:** All entries will receive an appropriate certificate honoring their participation

**Gold Merit Award:** ALL questions on Merit Award Form are answered "YES"

**Blue Merit Award:** Questions 1 through 12 on Merit Award Form are answered "YES" and all but one of the remaining questions are answered “Yes”

**Red Merit Award:** Questions 1 through 12 on Merit Award Form are answered “Yes” and all but two of the remaining questions are answered “Yes”.

# 2015-2016 STATE MERIT AWARD FORM

State Co-Chairmen  
Eric Allen

Senior State Chairman  
Jane Turner

PA C.A.R. recognizes the accomplishments, activities, and hard work of the local societies. All societies entering the Merit Award contest will receive a certificate recognizing their achievements and honoring their participation.

Awards are based upon the responses received on this form. Documentation of activities and programs must accompany this entry and will be considered in judging. Sufficient information **MUST** be provided in order to allow the judges to evaluate your entry properly. No photo albums, videos, or media submissions are allowed. Entries are limited to 75 numbered pages (Do not count newsletters or Treasurer's Report in the page total.) Double-sided sheets count as two pages. Societies should complete and return this form with required attachments covering the period 3/01/14 through 2/28/15.

PLEASE ATTACH COMPLETE DETAILS. AFFIRMATIVE ANSWERS WILL BE VERIFIED.

- Gold Merit Award:** ALL questions are answered "YES"
- Blue Merit Award:** Questions 1 through 12 are answered "YES" and all but one of the remaining questions are answered "Yes"
- Red Merit Award:** Questions 1 through 12 are answered "Yes" and all but two of the remaining questions are answered "Yes".

### Deadline

This report with all attachments must be postmarked on or before the announced cut-off date for contest entries.

Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Members as of 03/01/15: \_\_\_\_\_ as of 02/28/16: \_\_\_\_\_ Pending Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer each question with a "YES" or "NO" and attach any documentation (photos, letters, lists, etc).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Did you attach a list of all C.A.R. activities and events held by your society?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Did your society hold at least 6 business meetings following the C.A.R. ritual?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Did your society have at least one program on the State President's Project?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Did your society contribute to the State President's Project? Amount \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Did your society invite a state officer, other than a member of your society, to attend a meeting or event?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Were PA State dues for all society members and senior fees sent to the Senior State Treasurer by Dec. 31, 2015?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Did your Society have at least two new members accepted and/or have a net gain in membership during the 03/01/15-02/28/16 C.A.R. year?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Did your society promote and encourage Life Membership in C.A.R.?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Did your Society contribute to the State Endowment Fund? Amount \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Did your Society contribute to the National Project? Amount \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Did your Society invite members from any other C.A.R. Society and/or DAR, SAR, or S.R. chapter to one of your meetings or functions?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Did your Society enter the National Merit Award Contest?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Did your society obtain Pennsylvania Promoters and/or Pennsylvania Patriots for this year?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Does your society have a website and/or Facebook page that conforms to N.S.C.A.R. regulations?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Does your society publish a newsletter following the guidelines published by N.S.C.A.R.?

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Did members and/or senior leaders from your Society attend any of the following meetings:

	# of members	# of seniors
2015 State Conference	_____	_____
2015 National Convention	_____	_____
2015 Eastern Regional	_____	_____
2015 PA State Workshop	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Did your Senior Society President (or Senior Society Vice President) attend at least one meeting of the Senior State Board of Management this year?

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Did your Society contribute to any of the Mountain Schools this year? Attach details of aid.

Berry College     Crossnore     Hillside     Hindman Settlement  
 Kate Duncan Smith     Tamassee

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Did your Society contribute to any of the Indian Schools this year?

Bacone     Chemawa

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Did your Society submit an entry to at least six state contests?

List contests entered:

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|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ | 9. _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Society President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Sr. Society President

**This entry must be postmarked no later than the announced cut-off date  
for State contest entries.**

# Mountain Schools

State Chairman  
**Alec Hooper**

Senior State Chairman  
**Nancy Taylor**

**Objective:** To learn about the founding of each Mountain School and share its mission statement

**Program:** To support the Mountain Schools by donating material and/or financial aid

**Suggestions:**

1. Create a PowerPoint to present at a Society meeting
2. View the website of one or more Mountain School
3. Adopt a Mountain School classroom
4. Donate money and/or collect Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education to the Mountain School of your choice

**Contests:**

Local Society with most donated Box Tops and Labels for Education

1<sup>st</sup> place      \$10

Local Society with Best Mountain Schools Program

1<sup>st</sup> place      \$10

2<sup>nd</sup> place      \$5

Society with the Best Pee Wee drawing of a Mountain School

1<sup>st</sup> place      \$5

## Patriotic Education Contest

State Chairman  
Becca Heffner

Senior State Chairman  
Mrs. Swartz

**Objective:** Research the life of James Pollock, focusing on the time in his life when he was Director of the U.S. Mint.

**Program:** Delve in to the life of James Pollack as he created his own memories and mottos.

**Suggestions:**

1. Study life during the 19<sup>th</sup> century when James Pollock was alive.
2. Investigate living conditions in Washington DC, in the 1860s when James Pollock was serving as the Director of U.S. Mint.
3. Learn more about the friendship shared between James Pollock and President Abraham Lincoln.
4. Draw a picture of James Pollock as he *coins* the phrase, “In God We Trust”.

**Contests:**

Local Society with the best program

First Place               \$15

Second Place             \$5

PeeWee Member with the best drawing               \$10

# Public Relations

<u>State Chairman</u> <b>Lizzy Verish</b>	<u>Senior State Chairman</u> <b>Vicky Heffner</b>
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**Objective:** Learn the public’s opinion on the creation of the Gov. James Pollock gallery in the Cameron House Museum. Examine the importance of the phrase “In God We Trust” and its public perception. Compare the public opinion of this phrase from people of the past and people of today.

**Program:** Develop a public relations plan for your local society to promote the message of C.A.R. Educate people on the founding of our nation’s famous phrase “In God We Trust” while promoting the opening of a gallery.

**Suggestions:**

1. Investigate public opinion about the motto “In God We Trust” and on the creation of the Gov. James Pollock gallery
2. Create patriotic posters promoting the creation of the gallery or the state theme in general.
3. Promote C.A.R. everywhere you go! Wear C.A.R. t-shirts or other C.A.R. gear! Make sure to include pictures.
4. Publicize your society’s activities to promote the message of C.A.R. in local newspapers or online via social media. Include the national theme.
5. Adhere to the N.S.C.A.R. Guidelines for Social Media found on the N.S.C.A.R. Web site.

**Contests:**

Local society with the best program promoting C.A.R. to the public

First Place	\$15
Second Place	\$5

Member with the best patriotic poster

10 years or younger	\$5
11 years or older	\$5

Electronic submissions are accepted!

## PACAR Veteran's Chairman Contest 2015

State Chairman  
Lyra Bechdel  
[lyra1999@gmail.com](mailto:lyra1999@gmail.com)

Senior State Chairman  
Natalie Shadle  
[splashmommy@yahoo.com](mailto:splashmommy@yahoo.com)

Objective: Learn about each branch of the military and their roles in defending our nation.

Program: Honor a local veteran

Suggestions:

1. Visit your local library or go online to research the different branches of the military and their histories. Write a brief report or have your society make a poster about at least one of the military branches and bring it to State conference.
2. Interview a local veteran about their experiences serving our country. Make a video or Powerpoint presentation regarding your interview.
3. Study how veterans helped to grant us our freedom and present your findings to your society.
4. Write a first-person narrative essay as if you were a veteran in a past or present war. Were you a volunteer or drafted? What branch of the military are you a part of?
5. Draw or paint a picture of a veteran fighting for their country. Show the picture to your society members.

Contests:

Local society with the best program on our nation's veterans or branches of the military 1st

Place	\$15.00
2nd Place	\$7.00
3rd Place	\$3.00

Peewee:

Member with the best picture with a veteran	\$5.00
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# Learn More About C.A.R.

[www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org)

[www.pennsylvaniacar.org](http://www.pennsylvaniacar.org)

## *The Many Ways to Support C.A.R.*



### **SUPPORT THE KEYSTONE KAPERS**

PA C.A.R Endowment Fund Pin \$ 50.00

Support the costs of printing and mailing the Keystone Kapers  
Contact your Senior Society President to purchase

### **C.A.R. Fund (Children's Annual Reassurance Fund)**

The Children's Annual Reassurance Fund was established to raise revenue for the National Society. The distribution of all monies generated for this fund will be determined by majority vote of the Senior National Board of Management annually.

To purchase one of the items below contact your Local Senior Society President or you can purchase directly from National Headquarters. Make checks payable to the Senior National Treasurer N.S.C.A.R., send to N.S.C.A.R. National Headquarters, Room 224 1776 D Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006-3162



### **Voyager Fund Pin—\$ 50.00**

Supports the fund that assists with travel expenses for National Officers/Chairmen and State Presidents.



### **Red Apple Slice —\$ 50.00**

Support The Children's Room & N.S.C.A.R. Museum.

### **Mountain Schools Fund Pin-\$25.00**

Supports the fund used for supporting the general operations and emergencies of the Mountain Schools.



### **Magazine Fund Pin—\$100.00**

Helps defray the costs of publication of the C.A.R. Magazine.



### **Endowment Fund Pin—\$ 100.00**

Supports the Endowment Fund to insure the perpetuation of the ideals on N.S.C.A.R.



### **Library Fund Pin—\$ 100.00**

Supports the N.S.C.A.R. Library Fund.



### **Red Apple Pin—\$ 1000.00**

Benefactors of the NS C.A.R. Museum.



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