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State President Kyle Popielarski,
Senior State President Floyd Turner
at Conrad Weiser Annual Flag burning ceremony.



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President's Valor Verse



State President, Kyle at the Conrad Weiser Flag Burning Ceremony

Hey There! PA C.A.R.

This fall went really fast and it's almost winter once again!

Hope that all of you that have returned to school in the fall have been doing well and keeping those grades up.

This fall was an action-packed C.A.R. season. I had the honor of bringing greetings on behalf of Pennsylvania C.A.R. at the SAR/DAR Constitution Week Luncheon in September.

We were also joined with members of C.A.R. from the state of Delaware laying a wreath at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge before the celebration of the DAR Sunday at Valley Forge service.

In November, I joined with the Conrad Weiser Society in a flag retirement ceremony out at the Daniel Boone Homestead.

November also brought us back to Gettysburg, where I had the opportunity to march in the Remembrance Day Parade. We also put out luminaries in the national cemetery there. Unfortunately, strong winds prevented us from being able to light them.

Don't forget, we have our State Conference coming up on the 21st and 22nd of March.

I'd like everyone to think about State and National contests and merit awards. It's almost time to get those contests in!

Stay the course PAC.A.R. as we work to "Preserve Valor!"

Kyle Popielarski, State President

Purchase 2013-2014 PA C.A.R. State Project Sales Items

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Senior President's Preserving Perspective

Happy Holiday's PA C.A.R.!!

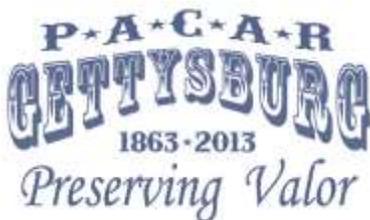
I hope everyone has been learning about our state and national projects and having fun meetings and events to fulfill our mission and promote C.A.R. State President Kyle Popielarski has been doing an awesome job travelling throughout the Keystone State showcasing PA C.A.R. and his project. I'm counting on all of you to do the same and report your activities to Ms. Pritchard, Editor of the Keystone Kapers!!



I've been incredibly busy this fall, not only with C.A.R. but also with a variety of activities and events relating to veterans. As I write this, Thanksgiving will soon be here and my calendar for December is full of events that will have me jingling all the way across the state and back.

We're quickly approaching the end of this C.A.R.-year!! State Conference will be hosted by the Marsh Creek Society and will be held on March 21 & 22, 2013, in Gettysburg, PA. More information is contained in this issue. I look forward to seeing all of you there. Mark your calendars and make your reservations early.

Until then, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. PA C.A.R. will continue Preserving Valor all the way to the National Convention in April!



Floyd Turner II
Sr. State President

State Veterans Chairman

Hello everyone- Rigel Bechdel Here- I hope that ALL of you participated in honoring and thanking veterans on veteran's day! Please be sure to send me photos (especially pee wees) or a report of how you and your society supported our veterans for my contest! I can't wait to see what you all have done to support our troops!



M.D. Members Discovered (new members of PA C.A.R.)

Membership



Hello everyone! It's Willow Bechdel, I just wanted to remind you of my contest. My goal for the contest is to increase this years membership. Some suggestions are to invite eligible friends to local C.A.R meetings, or to write an article about C.A.R in your local newspaper to help find potential members. I hope to see you all at state conference. I hope you all have happy holidays!

*Willow Bechdel,
State Membership Chairman*

Full Name	Local Society
Phoebe Anna Gutt	General Anthony Wayne
Kara Renee Soles	Parkinson's Ferry
Lindsey Maureen Soles	Parkinson's Ferry
Christian Gabriel Fields	Presque Isle
Sonsuray Elizabeth Fields	Presque Isle
David Magnus Bretz	Presque Isle
Douglas Wayne Taylor	Regina Hartman
Konnor Thomas Gongloff	Regina Hartman

Member Cudos

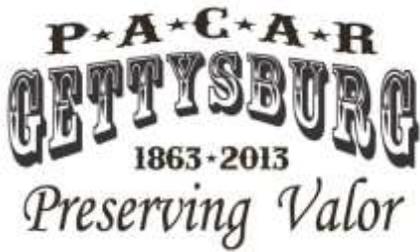


Congratulations to Everitt Meer, State Librarian for Pennsylvania C.A.R. and Parkinson's Ferry Society member! He won first place in the American Chemical Society Illustrated Poetry Contest for the Pittsburgh area, writing and illustrating a Haiku about energy.

State Conservation Chairman

Hello everyone! My name is Lyra Bechdel, PA C.A.R. State and I would like to encourage everybody to participate in my contest! This year's contest is to learn about the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and find out how they work hard to keep our planet clean and healthy. Write a fun report or make a colorful poster about what you learned and the local society with the best report or poster wins! I am looking forward to seeing you all and your entries at State Conference in Gettysburg.





2013-2014 PA C.A.R.

State Project & Theme

"Preserving Valor"

"In great deeds, something abides....
...On great fields, something stays."



150 years ago the George Spangler farm played a very important role in the Battle of Gettysburg. Many more men probably would have died if it weren't for the Spangler family being willing to care for the wounded soldiers. These soldiers came from both sides of the battle, both union and confederate. The soldiers fought against each other and then were cared for next to each other after they were wounded.

As members of the Children of the American Revolution we are very lucky to be able to have this chance to help raise funds for such a historical landmark that many people don't know about. The funds we raise will go to the installation of an interactive program in the restored field house, so that other people can learn about the George Spangler farm's important role in the battle of Gettysburg. So let's rally together and keep raising funds for this great state project!

Jessica Lynn Dodson, State 2nd VP

State President's Travels



State President, Kyle at the Annual Christmas Tea with members of the Parkinson's Ferry and Elizabeth McKinney Societies.



State President, Kyle at the DC Potomack Ball as the escort for National President, Caitlin Collins



2013-2014 N.S.C.A.R.

National Project & Theme

“Pursuit of Happiness”

Hello, PA C.A.R.! I hope everyone is having a lovely holiday season! In the spirit of such merriment, what better way spread more holiday joy and spirit than to take a moment to recognize the

C.A.R. National Project!

The National Project for the 2013-2014 year is Student Veterans of America which is a non-profit organization that provides educational scholarships and support to those veterans who are reentering the mainstream college life. They build student centers to give the veterans a place to call home on campus, provide childcare and job counseling along with so much more to make sure that our nation's heroes get the support that they need when returning to their schooling dreams. As a university student myself, this project is very dear to me. Education for anyone is important and is so meaningful to those that have served our country. So do your part and help support the National Project! Stay classy, C.A.R



American Indian Education: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

The education of American Indians has evolved though out the ages. In pre-Columbian times, it was all about the skills and knowledge that would aid them in their American Indian community, such as: basket making, hunting, fishing, farming, etc. Then, in the 1800's it became apparent that, in order to survive, they would need to acquire the skills of western society. Several institutions were therefore created to try to introduce them to western ways.

Unfortunately sometimes this often suppressed their American Indian languages and culture.

An American Indian today can attend a private school or one of three kinds of public schools: one run by a school district, one run by the federal government, or one run by tribal government and funded by grants.

Looking toward tomorrow, American Indians have taken the lead in their education, making choices that reconnect students with the roots of their culture. Even private religious schools, like St. Joseph's Indian School, for example, have made beneficial changes to their campus that preserve the students' cultural identity while preparing them for the careers of the future.



Mardy Sarnoff, American Indian Chairman

Local Society News

Conrad Weiser



On November 17, 2013, the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Conrad Weiser Society along with the Berks County Veterans Affairs Office performed a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Daniel Boone Homestead in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Have you ever thought about what happens to American flags when they are ripped, torn, faded, or just not fit to be displayed anymore? One way is to retire them in a Flag Retirement Ceremony. This ceremony was created to retire flags respectfully and

honorably.

First an American flag is presented and the Pledge of Allegiance is recited and the Star Spangled Banner is sung. After that, a short prayer is given. Next a flag worthy of retirement is held in front a fire. Each of the thirteen stripes cut and a patriotic quote is read. It might be a poem, part of a famous speech, or lyrics to a song. This signifies moments of our country's past greatness and encourages proactivity to keep our nation great. After all of the stripes are cut off and put in the fire, the sea of blue with the fifty stars is also put in. One may think putting a flag in a fire is dishonorable. Personally, I feel that it is the complete opposite. If the flag is thrown away, it is saying that we do not care about all the death and suffering that has enabled us to be here today. *Nikole Botscheller, age 15*



Elizabeth McKinney and Parkinson's Ferry



The 2013 Christmas Tea hosted by the Parkinson's Ferry Society and Elizabeth McKinney Society was fun for all. There were approximately 40 people that attended this event at the Teti family home. PA Society President Kyle Popielarski honored us with his presence, and PA Senior Society President Floyd Turner, although he could not make it, was also honored.

A short meeting was held where the members collected Wal-Mart gift cards to be sent to the Mountain Schools. Each family brought a yummy appetizer or a dessert to share. After eating, the members enjoyed making pomander balls, a Christmas craft made since colonial times. A good time was had by all, and it was a great way to begin the Christmas season.



Eric Allen, Parkinson's Ferry Society

Local Society News

Parkinsons Ferry



November brings a special time to thank our American Veterans with a celebration of Veterans Day. "Our goal should simply be awareness..." said Mr. Hannan, SVA President at the University of Pittsburgh. Introducing the C.A.R. members to local Veterans and teaching them a love of the United States. A potluck meal was taken to the university for C.A.R. members and Veterans to share together. It was an amazing experience for the C.A.R. members to interact with local veterans and hear their stories. Each veteran

took time to stand and recall why they offered their services, tell where they served, and share several memories of their service.

Parkinson's Ferry Society President, Morgan Meer, presented the SVA chapter with a check on behalf of the society. Matt Hannan, presented Morgan with a special SVA coin for her involvement. Mr. Hannan explained that it has been said that the tradition of using a coin to signify service goes back to the Civil War. Soldiers would carry a coin with them into battle. This coin would identify the soldier as being part of a certain group or being from a certain area. Today, the Pitt SVA chapter issues specially minted coins bearing the SVA logo on one side and "Pitt Vets" on the other side to veterans in their group as a thank you for their service. "It was an amazing experience to meet all the Veterans and hear all their stories," said Morgan Meer. "It was an honor to receive the gift from the SVA chapter. I know the symbolic coin means a lot to them. I will always keep it as a reminder of our special event."



Towards the end of the evening, the C.A.R. members spoke with the Veterans individually, thanking them for their service.

Presque Isle

Presque Isle Society "adopted" veterans' graves in several sections of the Erie Cemetery. In August, as part of an on-going project, we cleaned up dirt and debris, and clipped weeds around the headstones. A representative from the Erie Cemetery Association attended and signed adoption certificates for our members. We returned to the cemetery in October and planted flower bulbs in these

sections, and held a Memorial Service at the grave of a soldier who was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg.



First picture (August 2013): front row: Madison Hart and Morgan Shadle; middle row: Conor Ferretti, Gavin Ferretti, and prospective member Jude Shaner; back row: Hunter Andrzejewski, Fay Totman, and Amber Phelps

Second picture (October 2013), members and prospective members: front row: David Bretz, Jude Shaner, Morgan Shadle, Conor Ferretti, and Gavin Ferretti; back row: Corry Wager, Madison Hart, Madison Perseo, Christina Brewer, Sonsuray Fields, Hunter Andrzejewski, and Fay Totman

How do you get new C.A.R. Members?

(Just answer the questions and then transfer the letters to the numbered blanks to find the answer.)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 !

Who is the President of the United States?

— — — — — —
 10 20 19



Who was the 1st President of the United States?

— — — — — — — — —
 14 22 6 17 13 18 15

Who's signature was the biggest on the Declaration of Independence?

— — — — — — — —
 8 2 21



How many original colonies were there?

— — — — — —
 5 1

What is the name of the house where the President lives?

— — — — — — — — — — — —
 4 9



What do you do on Election Day?

— — — — —
 3



How many states do we have today?

— — — — — — — —
 11 7

What did Paul Revere do with a horse to warn that the British were coming? He _____ it.

— — — — — —
 12 16

Puzzle by Everitt Meer
 Age 10
 Parkinson's Ferry Society
 Pennsylvania

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