

## All Hands On Deck For Vets November 9

Submitted by Garrett Cloer

**S**tillwater, N.Y. –Saratoga National Historical Park, where the bravery and sacrifice of some of America's first veterans helped change the world, will hold a Veterans Day Commemoration and Family Fun Day on Saturday, November 9 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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Empire State Society, SAR President David W. Powell, right, presented SAR Silver 250th Recognition Medals during the September 15 semi-annual meeting. Honored, from L-R were: Michael R. Skelly, Michael Companion, Michael Golden and Tim Butler.

## Chapter Assists Homeless Vets

Submitted by Edward Munger Jr. and Michael P. Golden

**L**ocal descendants of America's first veterans recently directed \$300 towards efforts to help feed homeless veterans in Albany.

The Saratoga Battle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution approved the donation at a meeting in Ballston

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## ESSSAR Recognizes Next-Level 250th Efforts

Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.

**M**embers of the recreated Second Continental Artillery Regiment and the Saratoga Battler Chapter's Color Guard were among those honored for their work promoting America's 250th Anniversary.

About 40 people attended the September 15 meeting at the Factory Eatery & Spirits in Ballston Spa, where Empire State Society, SAR President David W. Powell presented the SAR's Silver 250th

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## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, October 17**, Surrender Day Ceremony, Fort Hardy Park, Village of Schuylerville.

**Saturday, November 9**, Saratoga Battle Chapter Veterans Day Commemoration at the Monument to the Unknown American Dead at Saratoga Historical National Park.

### *President's Dispatch*

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

**G**reetings gentlemen. I'm building a team to help staff a table during the Saturday, November 9, 2024 Veterans Day commemoration at Saratoga National Historical Park.

I understand we'll be availed a table for display, where we can meet with guests, explain what we do and promote the values our forefathers sacrificed their livelihoods for.

Any and all volunteers will be appreciated.

Those interested in helping out can call me - I am available after 6 p.m. daily during the week and all day weekends at 518-888-0698, and you can e-mail me at any time.

Also, I should inform all of you I agreed to the Saratoga Battle Chapter buying refreshments so people can get a bottle of water or a can of diet Adirondack cola or something. Anyone with knowledge of the large group beverage provision process, please give me a call.

Many thanks to our Chapter's Chaplain, Compatriot Charlie Wheeler, for manning the station for us in Saratoga and keeping us updated from meetings with Saratoga Battlefield's leadership and other groups planning this event.

If it's possible, I'm hoping the local Girl Scouts, with whom our Scouts Committee has been communicating, may be able to assist, that's uncertain at this point.

The Park is expecting to start the event honoring Veterans at 10 a.m. Our Color Guard and the recreated 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment will bring in the Colors and hopefully fill the air with the aroma of freshly blasted gunpowder!

## *Award to Help Home Away From Home For Veteran Families*

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

**D**escendants of American Patriots received \$500 towards a project at Albany's home for family of veterans undergoing medical treatment.

Daniel Klinkenberg, President of the New York State Society, Children of the American Revolution, presented his project "Helping Military Families," during the September 15 meeting of the Saratoga Battle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, founded in 1895, is the oldest patriotic organization for youths in our country. Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution.


Klinkenberg is raising money to support a renovation mission at the Fisher House at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany.

The Samuel S. Stratton Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center was the first VA Medical Center in the Nation selected as a site for the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher House.

Fisher House is a home-away-from-home for families of hospitalized veterans or veterans in the area to visit a hospitalized member of their immediate family.

Following his presentation, the assembly of the SAR's Saratoga Battle Chapter voted unanimously to donate \$500 to the effort.

Information about the Fisher House at the Albany VA can be found at the following link: Learn more at this link: <https://www.va.gov/albany-health-care/work-with-us/volunteer-or-donate/>

**PLEASE JOIN US  
NOVEMBER 9 IF YOU CAN!**



# Farewell Planned for Longtime SAR Member

Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.

**W**e've received the sad news that Compatriot Cdr. Charles R. Lampman, USN (Ret.), passed away on July 4th, 2024.

In a letter to the Saratoga Battle Chapter, Compatriot Lampman's daughter Tara Lampman Boulden informed the Chapter that a Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, November 2 in Santa Ana, CA.

Lampman joined the SAR through the Saratoga Battle Chapter as a Scotia resident in 1993, according to a biography shared by Lampman-Boulden.

The 26-year Navy Veteran served in Vietnam as a Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer involved in 20



*An image of Compatriot Cdr. Charles Lampman, shared by his daughter. Compatriot Lampman Passed away July 4, 2024.*

different operations with the 11th Marines of the 1st Marine Division—directing artillery and naval gunfire from the front lines.

He received three Purple Hearts.

Compatriot Lampman was active with the Riverside Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, in California.

He wrote more than 20 articles about the American Revolution for the SAR and collected a personal library of more than 1,000 books on the subject.

Lampman served the California State Society, SAR as President and two terms as the SAR National Historian General.

As is our tradition, the Saratoga Battle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution made a donation to the SAR Foundation in honor of Lampman.

May he Rest in Peace.

## **Veterans Day Weekend Event Saturday November 9 ...**

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The day will begin at 10:00 am with a ceremony honoring those who have served from the earliest American veterans in the Revolutionary War to today. This short ceremony will include speakers and a moment to remember those who are no longer with us.

Following the ceremony, representatives of veteran's services, organizations, and local military units will be on hand to provide information and celebrate. Refreshments and

family friendly activities will continue until 2:00 pm. Veterans can also pick up their free lifetime passes to federal public lands by bringing a veteran marked driver's license or ID.

This program is presented in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Military Order of the World Wars, Theodore Roosevelt Chapter (New York), and Friends of Saratoga Battlefield.

## *Welcome New Members!*

### MEMBER AND PATRIOT ANCESTOR:

David Verdoorn Jr, West Fargo  
ND - Robert McDaniel

Carl Thurnau, Burnt Hills NY,  
Pending Record

Daniel Henderson, Greenfield  
Center NY - Daniel Hill

Ronald LaPorte, Schaghticoke  
NY - Abraham Harrington

## ESSSAR Recognition ...

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### Anniversary Medals & Certificates.

On the list of recipients for the Bronze medal – the first level of the recognition program – were Kyle Verhayden - 2nd Continental Artillery Reg.; Clair Golden - 2nd Continental Artillery Reg.; Coleen Verhayden - 2nd Continental Artillery Reg. and Dwight McGee - 2nd Continental Artillery Reg. and Brian Companion - 2nd Continental Artillery Reg.

Educator and historian Patrick Niles, a driving force behind Washington County's 250th Anniversary Committee, was presented the SAR's Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal by Chapter VP Michael Skelly, who nominated Niles for the recognition.

During the meeting, Niles presented a detailed overview of efforts underway and in planning to recognize and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Receiving the Silver Medal – the program's next level before Gold – were Andrew Companion, Tim Butler, Mike Golden, Bob Wesser, Mary Skelly, Jake Ver Hayden, David Wren, Bradley Allen, Brian Companion, Michael Companion and Mike Skelly.

The SAR recognition program is designed to recognize those compatriots, chapters, societies and partner organizations who participate in local, state, national and international events which recognize and honor our Patriot ancestors and the events of the American Revolution.

The Anniversary period begins in 2024 with the 250th Anniversary of Parliament's passing the Sugar Act. It extends to 2033 with the signing of the Treaty of Paris.



*Dwight McGee, a member of the recreated 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment, describes one of several Revolutionary War-era relics he presented during the September 15 meeting at The Factory Eatery & Spirits in Ballston Spa.*

Medals are earned with a point system based on level of participation in celebrations bringing attention to the 250th Anniversary Period.

Also receiving medals during the September 15 meeting were Vice President Michael R. Skelly and President Edward Munger Jr. Both received the Bronze Roger Sherman medal which recognizes compatriots who serve as an officer for more than two years.

The medal is named after Roger Sherman (1721 – 1793), a Founding Father and the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution.



# Wreaths Presented at Battlefield

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*



Members of the Saratoga Battle Chapter gathered for a photo following the annual Wreath Presentation September 15th at Saratoga National Historical Park.

Presenting wreaths during the event were: NYS NSDAR; Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR; Saratoga Battle Chapter, NSSAR; NY DAR District IV Director; Amsterdam Chapter, NSDAR; Empire State Society, NSSAR; Walloomsac Chapter, NSSAR

General Peter Gansvoort Chapter, NSDAR; Jane Mccrea Chapter, NSDAR; Johnstown Chapter, NSDAR; Schenectada Chapter, NSDAR; Willard Mountain, NSDAR, Vermont Society, NSSAR and New York Children Of The American Revolution. Speakers during the ceremony included Heather Mabee, Regent, Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR; Diane Davidson, Chaplain, Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR; New York State Regent Pamela Barrack, NSDAR

Superintendent Leslie Morlock, Saratoga Historical National Park and the Bells Across America was led by Corinne Scirocco, Constitution Week Co-Chair, Saratoga Chapter DAR.

## Vets Food Pantry ...

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Spa on September 15.

Chapter Registrar Michael P. Golden visited the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center's Center for Development & Civic Engagement on September 24.

Golden presented Food Bank Coordinator and Veterans Employment Coordinator Jason Goman three \$100 gift cards for homeless Veterans visiting the VA foodbank.

The foodbank features non-perishable goods and the gift cards will allow for the purchase of other food items needed.

"I didn't realize the level of need, in terms of the number of homeless



*Saratoga Battle Chapter Registrar Michael P. Golden, right, met with Stratton VA Medical Center Food Bank Coordinator Jason Goman to present a \$300 donation on Tuesday, September 24.*

veterans receiving help from the Albany VA," said Golden, a Marine Corps Veteran.

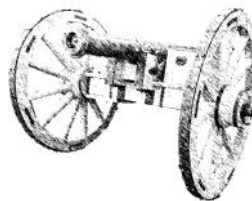
"I knew our chapter could assist,"

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Members of the Color Guard participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the Bennington Battlefield State Historic site in Walloomsac NY on August 16, 2024. The Saratoga Battle Chapter wreath was presented by compatriot Chuck Crawford. Other SAR members present included Peter Hormell, Tim Mabee, Michael Companion, Michael Golden, VP Mike Skelly and Vic Twaddell.

*Photo courtesy of Vic Twaddell*



## Veterans Food Pantry ...

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Golden said.

The Saratoga Battle Chapter is one of more than 550 chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution. SAR is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to our future generations.

The CDCE mission is to strategically integrate VA volunteers, donations and community partners into VA operations so that they may supplement and sustain the care and services provided to Veterans, their families and caregivers.

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