



Remarks by Lexi Zerrillo
Saratoga Battle Chapter Annual Meeting
& Washington's Birthday Dinner
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Good Evening,

I am Lexi Zerrillo, President of the Schuyler Society.

Thank you, President Fullam, for giving our society an opportunity to speak to the Sons and the honored guests that have gathered for your annual meeting.

As members of the Children of the American Revolution we strive to promote the celebration of patriotic anniversaries and it's an honor to be with you tonight to celebrate George Washington's Birthday.

As many of you know, the Schuyler Society reorganized in September of 2003 with 20 members. Today we currently have 45 members. In the past six years, our society has had tremendous success on the state level and on the national level, our society has been named to the top three most outstanding societies in the nation for two years in a row - earning 3rd Most Outstanding Society in the Nation in 2008 and 2nd Most Outstanding Society in the Nation in 2009. Our success is due in part to our society sponsors, the Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter, NSDAR, the Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR and the Lawrence I. & Blanche H. Rhodes Memorial Fund. Since our reorganization in 2003, we have had the opportunity to work closely with our sponsoring organizations and they have

provided senior leadership as well as tremendous financial support. This outstanding leadership and monetary support has given our society the ability to be a productive and successful society on both the state and the national level.

As President Fullam mentioned in his C.A.R. report, the Schuyler Society honored the Saratoga Battle Chapter on November 15, 2009, and presented the chapter with a certificate proclaiming it a 2009 C.A.R./SAR Outstanding Society Sponsor.

As members of the Children of the American Revolution, it is our duty to support the National Endowment Fund. This fund was created in 1958 by the Senior National Board of Management. Individuals or societies may make donations to the National Endowment Fund through a variety of ways. The principal of the fund is held in perpetuity and invested while the income from the fund is used for the general needs and promotion of the work of the N.S.C.A.R. Any individual or society who contributes \$100.00 or more to the fund receives the National Endowment Fund Pin. This pin is a circular, open-centered gold pin with 13 stars. Any member of the C.A.R., DAR, SAR, SR or friend of the C.A.R., may wear the National Endowment Fund Pin. This pin is not an official insignia, so ladies may wear the pin as one would any piece of jewelry. The gentlemen's pin is smaller in size and it is to be worn on the lapel or as a tie tack.

This evening, we would like to recognize an individual from the Saratoga Battle Chapter who has given outstanding support and encouragement to the Schuyler Society and present him with the National Endowment Fund Pin and a copy of *Centennial Plus One – The Centennial History of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution 1895-1996* written by Eleanor Smallwood Niebell.

Our society has made a donation to the National Endowment Fund in the name of Mr. Duane Booth. Mr. Booth, will you please come forward to receive your pin?

On behalf of the Schuyler Society it is my honor to present you with this Endowment Fund pin and a copy of *Centennial Plus One* book. Again, thank you for your continued support!