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CHAPTER NEWS

IN OUR MEMORY

Shortly after the January issue of *Battle Lines* was published, we learned of the death of our former Treasurer and esteemed compatriot Edgar J. Tulloch. Ed had been ill for some time with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's and he suffered a heart attack while recovering from surgery. Ed was 76 and leaves his beloved wife Martha (Marty) and two children.

At our 1998 Annual Meeting, Ed was awarded the SAR Meritorious Service Medal for his work on behalf of the chapter, and Marty received the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her help to Ed in fulfilling his duties during his illness.

Dennis Marr represented the chapter at the January 30 Memorial Service for Ed and spoke briefly on Ed's love of, and service to, the SAR. Our condolences to Marty and the family.

PETER K. GOEBEL ELECTED SARATOGA BATTLE PRESIDENT

At the Annual Meeting and Washington's Birthday Dinner held on February 14, Maj. Peter K. Goebel was elected to a two-year term as our President. Peter outlined an inspiring vision for the chapter after being sworn in, and we all look forward to a productive two years under his leadership.

The installation of officers was done by VPG-New England District Ronald E. Newton. Ron, a past chapter and Empire State society president, was accompanied by his wife Helen, Sr. National VP-New England Region CAR, and their son Rev. David Newton.

Also installed for two-year terms were:
Vice Pres.-Treas....Richard C. Saunders, Jr.
Secretary.....Jonathan E. Goebel
Registrar-Genalogist.....Dennis F.M. Marr
Chaplain.....Carlton E. Covell
Historian.....Dennis F.M. Marr

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

As one of his last duties as President, Dennis Marr made two awards of the SAR Meritorious Service Medal for service to the chapter. Recognized were Treasurer Richard Saunders and Secretary Jonathan Goebel. Both officers have devoted themselves unselfishly to carrying out the purposes of our chapter. Jonathan has also received this award for service at the state level.

An unfortunate auto mishap prevented our good friend Gertrude (Judy) Rowe from being at our meeting. We are grateful that Judy and her husband Henry are fine, but disappointed that she could not be on hand to receive the Daughters of Liberty Medal from outgoing Pres. Marr. This medal is second only to the Gold Good Citizenship Medal, and ranks all other SAR medals that can be awarded to ladies. Presentation will be made in the near future. Dennis Marr was presented with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal by Awards Chairman Clyde Childs.

President Goebel presented Past President Marr with the SAR Gavel Plaque as a token of his service as President as well as the Past President' pin. He then surprised Dennis by awarding him the Meritorious Service Medal in miniature along with an oak leaf cluster, as Dennis also holds this medal at the state level.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS APPROVED

The membership unanimously approved the new Constitution and By Laws, which bring us current with State and National standards. Those who could not attend the meeting will find a copy enclosed, along with a copy of the new chapter history.

These were produced at no cost to the chapter. In lieu of a fee for the chapter history, we ask each compatriot who is able to do so to make a donation to the chapter. With 80+ members, we hope to make a nice addition to the treasury to subsidize the important programs we carry out.

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ANCESTOR CORNER

by Compatriot Dennis F.M. Marr

Andreas Roller was the father-in-law of my primary Rev. War ancestor John Luther. He settled in Stone Arabia ca. 1760 and served with the Tryon County Militia in both the French and Indian War and the Revolution.

Andreas was born 13 Sep 1731 in the village of Oeschelbronn, Wuerttemberg. He is reported to have left for America in 1751, the year his mother Christina Weimer died. I have not been able to locate him in Pennsylvania, although it is presumed that he went there before moving north to NY.

His Rev. War military file is a scant two pages, comprising a receipt for money owed to him. The copyist of this record rendered the name of the recipient as "Cordirgs Roller." This gave me and the research firm I had hired fits: we did not know if it was a relative or a garbled title of some kind. It was only after looking at his original christening record from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Oeschelbronn that the mystery was solved: "Cordirgs" was simply how his signature "Andreas" appears in Germanic script!

Andreas had four daughters baptized at Stone Arabia. After the war, he and his wife Rebecca (maiden name unknown) appear in the records of the First Lutheran Church of Albany. They disappear from the records after 1792 and, as is too often the case with early NY records, seem to be lost forever.

When his birth was found in Germany, I really hit paydirt. Many of the old records there have been compiled into *Kirkenbuchs* and *Dorfsippenbuchs* (church books and village record books, respectively). Everyone has a 4-digit reference number. One then works backwards through the records, finding the births, marriages and deaths of parents, grandparents, etc. I identified 48 of his ancestors, with a Sautter line going back to 1498 in Tailfingen, Wuerttemberg!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Peter K. Goebel

I want to thank you for electing me President of the Saratoga Battle Chapter. I would like to thank everyone for what they have done for the Sons of the American Revolution.

In a recent issue of the *SAR Magazine*, PG Russell Page related a story of waiting in an airport when a young man sat down next to him. As the White House scandal was being played out on the TV monitor, he told of having recently returned with his family from Germany. He had lived there so long that his children had begun to think of themselves as German. PG Page told him a bit about SAR, DAR and CAR. After listening carefully, and with the scandal still portrayed on TV, the young man said: "This country needs your organization now more than ever before in history. It is up to you to save America." It really is up to us, isn't it? ALL OF US!

As Gen. Colin Powell once said: "Remember, the worst kind of poverty is not economic poverty, it is the poverty of values."

It is an honor and a privilege to be chosen for this position. I would like to retain all non-elective positions and committee appointments. I want to build on the responsibility and commitment of each compatriot to augment the work of my predecessors. The chapter will continue to carry on and build upon our existing programs, especially Membership, Veteran's Affairs and Flag Recognition, as well as the various youth contests.

REMEMBER OUR HISTORY. EACH of you has an important part to play. Remember, too, the purpose of the SAR. We must remain unified. I am proud that we are on the same team. Together, we can go forward, as we look to the past for our strength. Thank you for your trust in me: I will not let you down.

A patriot's heart belongs to his country.

*Excerpt from Inaugural Address
14 Feb 1999*