

# BATTLE LINES

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## NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER - SAR

### CHAPTER NEWS

#### **CHAPTER MEMBERS ELECTED TO NATIONAL OFFICE**

At the recent NSSAR Annual Congress, three Saratoga Battle members were elected to national office. Col. Bruce Baird Butler, DDS, a dual member from the Louisiana Society whose father Stannard Butler was a distinguished member of our chapter in the 1980's, was elected to the post of Secretary General, the second-highest ranking officer in the national society; Bruce had most recently served in the position of Registrar General.

Jonathan E. Goebel, our chapter Secretary and Secretary of the Empire State Society, was elected to the position of National Trustee. In this capacity, Jonathan will represent the Empire State Society on the National Board of Trustees, the governing body of the society; Jonathan had recently served as Alternate Trustee.

Ronald E. Newton, a dual member from Maine and former Chapter and ESSAR Pres., was elected National Trustee from Maine; Ron most recently served as Vice Pres. General-New England District.

#### **CHAPTER MEMBERS RECEIVE NATIONAL COMMITTEE POSTS**

Three chapter members were also appointed to national committee positions at the San Diego Congress:

Pres. Peter K. Goebel: Membership; Young Members; Newsletters & Periodicals. He also chairs the Participation Forum Committee.

Secy. Jonathan E. Goebel: Membership; Young Members; Orations; Newsletters & Periodicals.

Registrar/Genealogist Dennis F.M. Marr: Medals & Awards; Historic Sites & Celebrations; National Park Service Liaison; George Washington Endowment Fund-Raising; Membership; Council of State Presidents Audit Committee.

#### **DENNIS MARR RECEIVES LIBERTY MEDAL**

At the San Diego Congress Dennis Marr, our Registrar/Genealogist, received his third oak leaf cluster for the Liberty Medal, representing the 40<sup>th</sup> member that he has sponsored for membership in our Society.

#### **ESSAR CENSUS MICROFILM DEFICIT ERADICATED**

It has been a concern for several years that the Library in Louisville was woefully lacking in NYS Federal census microfilm. We were complete through 1850 and had part of 1860; without these census microfilm rolls on hand, it is often necessary to kick back a prospective member's application for further work, when a quick check of the microfilm could have resolved the problem. At the time of the San Diego Congress, ESSAR lacked nearly 900 rolls of film, at a cost of \$16.50/roll.

At the Congress, Dennis Marr presented President General Page with a \$15,000 check to purchase all remaining microfilm, through the 1920 census. Dennis, who is Treasurer of a local Private Foundation, secured the funds from that foundation for the National Society. PG Page presented Dennis with Certificates of Appreciation for himself and for the foundation.

#### **NEW APPLICATION PROCEDURES APPROVED**

The Congress has approved a new "family application." This will apply when two or more closely related individuals apply for membership at the same time under the same ancestor. Each additional applicant will receive a 50% discount on the \$35 National application fee. Additional applicants may not be more than two steps removed from the primary applicant. To the extent that the line is identical on the applications, documentation need only be provided once.

The application form has been revised and one form can now be used for both original applications as well as for supplementals.



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## **ANCESTOR CORNER**

Because of the amount of news from the San Diego Congress, Ancestor Corner will not appear this issue. Look for it in the September issue.

## **EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM** **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

For the second time in as many years we find ourselves in need of a chapter chairman to oversee the Eagle Scout program. This is a most important program to the National Society, and our chapter has a distinguished history of participation in it, thanks mostly to the efforts of our Past President Ronald E. Newton. Ideally, this post would be filled by someone who is familiar with the structure of the Boy Scouts organization and with their programs. A computer and laser printer are a big plus for this job.

In the interim, so as not to lose continuity, Rick Saunders and Dennis Marr will handle the initial assembly of new Eagles' names and the distribution of the packages congratulating them on their achievement and challenging them to participate in the competition. This will be done in early September. The deadline for entries will be December 31 and after the new year we will need to judge the entries to select Council winners and overall chapter winner.

If you are willing and able to handle this assignment, your chapter will be most grateful. Interested members should contact Pres. Peter K. Goebel at 762-8055.

## **WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL** **MEDAL**

The NSSAR medal honoring the centennial of the death of George Washington in 1799 is available on an advance order basis. A prototype of this handsome medal was on display in San Diego. The large medal is \$30, the small one is \$20 and the set of two is \$45; order from Merchandise - catalog numbers 0811, 0812 and 0810 respectively. All who are SAR members during the bicentennial year are entitled to wear this medal.

## **MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN** **CHAPTER ENCOURAGED**

President Goebel seeks to increase participation by members in the activities of the chapter. If there is a particular program or committee that you are interested in please contact Peter at: 100 W. Madison Ave., Johnstown, NY 12095 - phone 518-762-6055. We can always use help with Eagle Scout matters; we would like to participate in the NSSAR Essay and Orations contests, and these require members with a good contact in one or more high schools. If you have an idea for an activity for us to be in that we presently are not, please let us know. Also, your editor always needs relevant material for *Battle Lines*.

## **BILL GLIDDEN REPRESENTS US** **AT FT. CHAMBLY, CANADA**

Once again, past chapter president Maj. G. William Glidden (Ret.) represented us at the Memorial Service held on June 9 for the 200 American soldiers who died in Quebec in 1776. Bill delivered a fine oration, a copy of which he has provided for the chapter archives. Thanks, Bill, for a job well done.

## **ROTC MEDALS PRESENTED**

Dennis Marr presented NSSAR Bronze ROTC medals at Christian Brothers Academy in Colonie and at his *alma mater*, LaSalle Institute in Troy. Clyde Childs again did the honors at the joint ceremony at RPI for the combined Army, Navy and Air Force units of RPI and Siena College.

## **ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES** **CONFERENCE: WASHINGTON, DC**

Dennis Marr, in his capacity as ESSAR President and accompanied by his wife Sandra, represented the Empire State Society at the Atlantic Middle States Conference in DC July 30-31; also in attendance from NY were Genealogist General Charles T. Galbraith of 1<sup>st</sup> NY Continental and son Gavin and past Trustee Millard (Red) Fairley of the Rochester Chapter and his wife Eleanor. Details in next issue.

*Dennis F.M. Marr*  
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