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Plans Set For February 19th Annual Meeting

The Saratoga Battle Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting & Washington's Birthday Luncheon in the Creekside Banquet Room at The Factory located at 20 Prospect Street, Ballston Spa, from 11 a.m. to 2

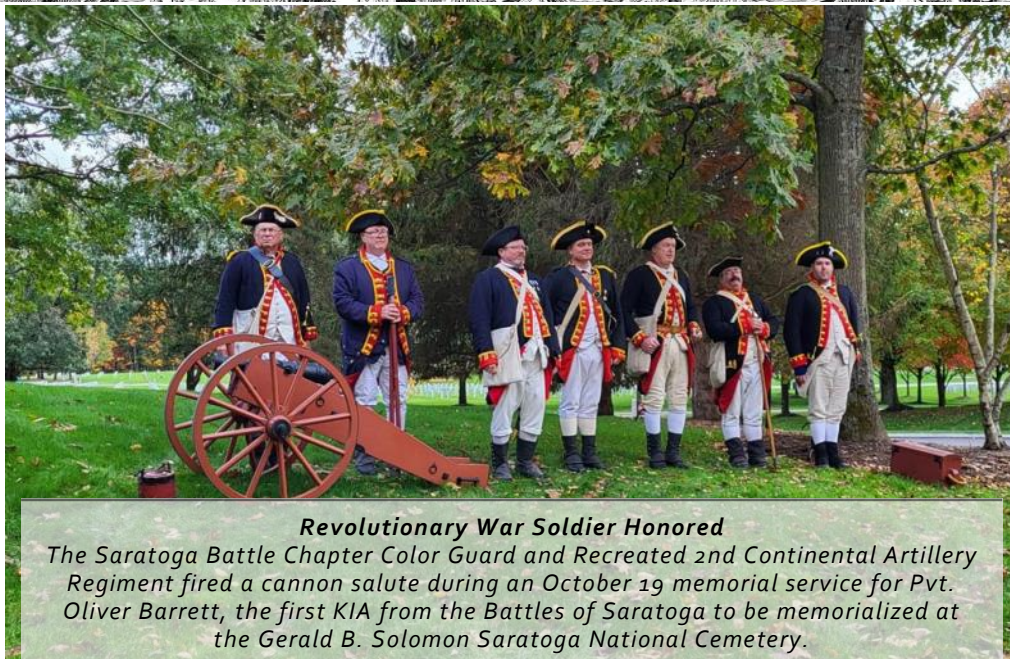
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Gold, Silver and Bronze For 250th

Submitted by Michael P. Golden, Maj., NY Naval Militia, Saratoga Battle Chapter Medals & Awards Committee Chairman.

SAR National has adopted 250th Anniversary Medals (Bronze, Silver, and Gold). The medals are designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters, and societies to participate in local, state, national and international events which

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Revolutionary War Soldier Honored

The Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard and Recreated 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment fired a cannon salute during an October 19 memorial service for Pvt. Oliver Barrett, the first KIA from the Battles of Saratoga to be memorialized at the Gerald B. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Gun, Cannon Salutes For Soldier KIA at Saratoga

By Eric Durr, NY National Guard

Editors Note: This article was edited for length and tense.

The New York National Guard's Military Forces Honor Guard helped memorialize a Revolutionary War soldier who died during the Battle of Saratoga in 1777, during a special ceremony on October 19 at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. A nine-Soldier detail provided full military

honors – including a firing party-during a ceremony marking the placement of a memorial marker commemorating Private Oliver Barrett, a member of the 10th Massachusetts Regiment, who died at age 51 during the Battle of Breymann Redoubt on Oct. 7, 1777. The ceremony took place at 2 p.m.

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February 19, 2023 Annual Meeting ...

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p.m. on Sunday, February 19. On the menu: The Deli



Luncheon Buffet: Soup du Jour, Tossed Mixed Greens with Italian Dressing and Buttermilk Ranch Dressing; A Choice of Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad or Coleslaw, Assorted Deli Cut Meats, Cheese & Breads, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion Platter, Factory Chips, Pickles & Condiments, Cookies & Brownies, plus Soda, Coffee and Assorted Teas.

Upcoming Events

February 19, Sunday—The Saratoga Battle Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting & Washington's Birthday Luncheon in the Creekside Banquet Room at The Factory, located at 20 Prospect Street, Ballston Spa, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June 25, 2023, Sunday, noon. Grave marking ceremony to honor William Miller II, Revolutionary War Soldier, at the William Miller Cemetery, 138 Golf Course Road, Whitehall, New York. The host organization is the Falls Church, Virginia, Chapter of the DAR.

Find updates on our website: <http://www.saratogabattle-sar.org/>

Welcome To Our Newest Members!

Member, Hometown	Patriot Ancestor
Dave J. Dariano - Albany, NY	Pvt. Jesse Groot-NY
John F. Gearing - Schenectady, NY	Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Wright-CT
Guillaume F. Jost - Scarsdale, NY	Sgt. Andreas Fritsch-France
Kenneth D. Liber - Smithville, MO	Pvt. Moses Coates-PA
Carl S. Lufkin - Argyle, NY	Pvt. Isaac Reed-R I
Christopher M. Preston, Johnstown NY	Sgt. George Snell—NY
Grant L. Preston, Johnstown, NY	Sgt. George Snell—NY
Michael E. Slavin - Glens Falls, NY	Cpl. Reuben Colvin-VT
Daniel S. Smith, Schenectady, NY	Pvt Adam Conte—NY
Charles T. Steele, Saugerties, NY	PVT John Graves —CT
Louis A. Vendetti, Glenmont, NY	Pvt George Bowie—ME
Raymond P. Weiss Jr., Clifton Park, NY	Pvt. Conrad Elmendorf, PA

Burgoyne's Army a Focus of Annual Meeting's Guest Speaker Charlie Flanagan

Submitted by Michael Hernandez, Chapter Secretary & Events Committee Chairman

Our guest speaker for our February meeting is: Mr. Charley Flanagan

Mr. Flanagan was an attorney for the New York State Office of General Services, who always had an interest in history. This interest crystalized when he joined the "Royal Welsh Fusiliers in America," a reenactment



Flanagan were the songs of the

period that were popular among the troops. This interest led to the development of a program, which he crafted entitled: "Songs of the RedCoats." After retiring from the state, Mr. Flanagan worked for ten summers as a

tour guide at Fort Ticonderoga, where he represented one of the garrison who was captured by Ethan Allen.

His talk will center around General Burgoyne's Army and will include: an introduction to the British Army, who was recruited, why and how for the

Northern Campaign, and the many



different groups that made it up: English, Scottish, Irish, Germans, Canadians, Loyalists, and Native Americans. It will also include information about how the soldiers felt about the surrender and a little about the German Armies, which made up almost half of the force.

Thanks to Compatriot

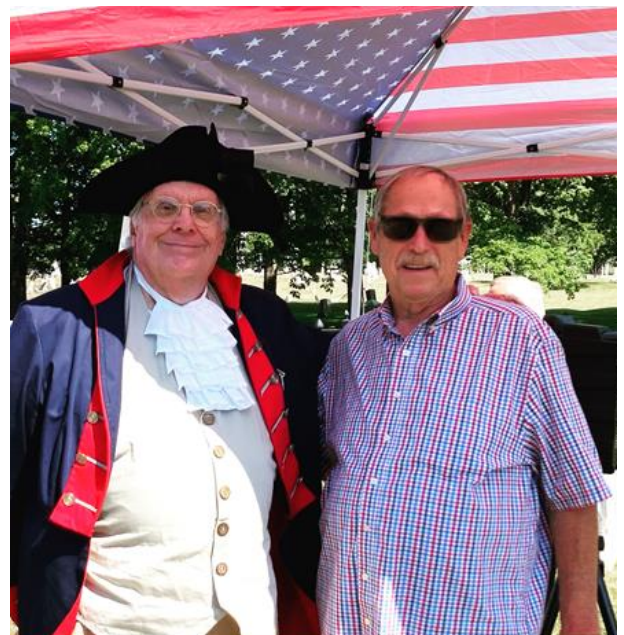
Raymond Miller *Submitted by Duane Booth*

Pictured here is Raymond Miller with a Maine reenactor portraying General Henry Knox.

While summering in Maine, Ray, a Saratoga Battle Chapter member, regularly attends an event that

commemorates the birthday of General Knox.

Ray's wife, Pam, reports that Ray signs in at the event as a member of our chapter. Thanks, Ray, for attending this important event and for signing in as a member of the chapter.



250th Efforts Recognized ...

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publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the heroes of the American Revolution.

Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress.

This therefore will cover any public celebrations in the period from 2014 to 2033.

Members who complete 25 points of service in the 250th Anniversary Program may be approved for the Bronze Medal by having your Chapter President confirm your activity by signing your completed form.

The chapter will then purchase and award the Bronze Medal.

Forms should be submitted to mgolden1775@gmail.com for review and forwarding to the Chapter President for final



Medals For 250th Tributes
The SAR has developed a set of medals for those helping to promote and recognize the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution

approval and signature. Members who complete 60 points in the 250th Anniversary Program must send their application to Empire State Society.

The Empire State Society will then purchase the Silver Medal. Forms should be submitted to mgolden1775@gmail.com for review and forwarding onto the Empire State Society for final approval and signature.

Members who complete 150 points in the 250th Anniversary Program must submit your application to Gary Gift with National SAR through the 250anniversaryrecognition@sar.org for authorization to purchase the Gold Medal. You will be provided a Medal Authorization letter to your chapter for authorization to purchase the 250th Anniversary Medals from SAR Merchandise.

Non-SAR members may also be awarded these medals. The chapter may present bronze awards to its Partners in Patriotism and may recommend its Partners to the state or national society for higher recognition. Saratoga Battle Chapter Members can feel free to submit name and justification to mgolden1775@gmail.com for review and forwarding to the Chapter President for final approval and signature. Sincerely, Major Michael P. Golden, NY Naval Militia; Medals & Awards Committee Chair.

Greetings
Compatriots
and Happy New Year!

I want to wish all of you a wonderful 2023. I hope that you will be able to share some of your time with us as we work to honor the Patriot Ancestors who sacrificed so much for us.

Special thanks to our Secretary and Events Committee Chairman Michael Hernandez and those who helped him. We have a venue and guest speaker set for our February 19th Annual Meeting & Washington's Birthday Dinner.

President's Dispatch

I hope many of you will be able to come and learn, meet with friends and enjoy a wonderful meal at a new place.

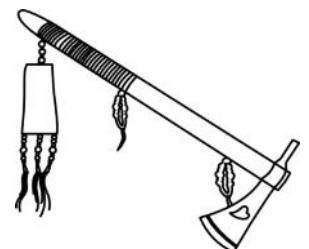
We've been asked to participate in a June 25, 2023 Memorial Service in Whitehall for a Revolutionary War soldier. More details to follow.

I'd like to congratulate our Past President Michael Companion and our 1st Vice President Michael Skelly, they were named Commander and Vice Commander of our state's Color Guard

during the ESSAR meeting late last year. I hope to learn more about the role they'll play. Best of luck gentlemen.

I hope to see many of you during our February meeting, be well.

- Edward Munger Jr.



Patriot honored ...

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on October 19 at the cemetery on 200 Duell Rd, in Schuylerville, New York. Barrett, a resident of Westford, Massachusetts who served as a Minuteman early in the Revolutionary War and was enlisted into Continental Army in January 1777. Barrett's gravesite is unknown, but a marker commemorating his sacrifice was placed at the cemetery thanks to his descendants. "It doesn't matter if somebody gave up their life 245 years ago or yesterday. That's a valuable thing to remember," said Ann Washburn Lord, Barrett's fifth great-granddaughter, who organized the event with her husband Steve. Nine other Revolutionary War Soldiers are memorialized at the cemetery, but Barrett will be the first one who fought and died at the historic battle which took place nearby. "This is a very significant event," said Cemetery Director W. Scott Lamb. "It's a very notable service with connection to the turning point of the Revolutionary War." Forty people are expected to participate in the event. This includes descendants of Oliver Barrett; representatives of the 10th Massachusetts Regiment and Westford Colonial Minutemen reenactment groups; W. Scott Lamb, the director of Saratoga National Cemetery; Eric Schnitzer, Saratoga National Battlefield historian; Sons of the [American] Revolution; and the New York Army National Guard's

New York Military Forces Honor Guard. The ceremony will feature remarks, and military funeral honors provided by the New York Military Forces Honor Guard, which will feature a firing party and will take place at one of the cemetery's memorial pavilions where services are held. The Sons of the American Revolution will fire a cannon salute. Taps were not played since that bugle call which has come to be used at military funerals was not written until the Civil War. The marker is in place in Memorial Section 1. This area is reserved for families who wish to honor a veteran when there are no remains. Oliver Barrett was born January 9, 1726 in Chelmsford, Mass. He was a cooper by trade. In 1754 he married Anna Fiske of Lexington, Mass., and together they had seven children. By 1770 they had moved to Westford, and it is there that Oliver joined his fellow townsmen as a Minuteman and marched to Lexington for the Lexington Alarm on April 19, 1775. He served as a member of Capt. Timothy Underwood's company in Col. William Prescott's regiment. On January 2, 1777, he joined the Continental Line as a private in Capt. Phillip Thomas' Company in the 10th Massachusetts Regiment, commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall. As a member of the 10th Massachusetts, he participated in the Battle of Saratoga where he was killed in action at Breyman Redoubt on Oct. 7, 1777. The site was the

farthest defense of British positions during the second battle at Saratoga. Defended by about 300 men under the command of the Hessian Heinrich von Breyman, the position was attacked and captured late in the day, with Breyman killed in its defense. The capture of the Breyman Redoubt marked the final defeat of the British effort to capture Albany, secure the Hudson River valley to New York City and choke off the rebellion in New England. The success at Saratoga is widely considered the turning point of the American Revolutionary War. He was most likely buried on the battlefield near where he fell. Being a private, he would not have had a headstone. He was 51 years old when he was killed and his youngest child, Bethiah was less than three. His wife and family were left with many debts. Despite this, the story of his dedication to and sacrifice for his country made a lasting impression on his family through the generations. His great grandson, William Barrett Washburn, followed his dedication to service as a U.S. Congressman from the State of Massachusetts from 1863- 1871 under Presidents Lincoln, Johnson and Grant. He left the House of Representatives when he was elected Governor of Massachusetts in 1871 and, in 1874, he was elected to the U.S. Senate to fulfill the term of the late Hon. Charles Sumner. Thus, Oliver

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Barrett's legacy was a lasting one. Ann and Steve Lord, residents of Peterborough, New Hampshire, have both had a long interest in history and the history of their New England families. They have been researching the histories of ancestors who fought to defend this country and came across the story of Private Oliver Barrett, the great-grandfather five times of Ann.

After learning his history, they visited Saratoga National Historical Park in May of this year, to see the place where Oliver Barrett fought. They also visited the national cemetery and learned of the opportunity to place a memorial marker there from

cemetery director W. Scott Lamb. The Lords spent about 100 hours doing the necessary research to



A marker honoring Pvt. Oliver Barrett was placed in a memorial area at Saratoga National Cemetery.

document Oliver Barrett's service and order a marker from the Veterans Administration, as well as organize

the October 19 ceremony. Since Oliver Barrett's remains are still on the battlefield where he fought, it seemed appropriate to allow him to rest there, but to commemorate his service, according to the Lords. "Being interested in history for much of our lives, we feel that it is important that future generations know where we, as a country, have come from, so that they, thoughtfully, can decide where it is best for us to go," according to the Lords. "We feel good about honoring Oliver Barrett, knowing that what we have done reaffirms the good intentions of our ancestors and, hopefully, inspires the next generation," the Lords wrote in a statement.

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