



Awards Approved At Annual Meeting

The Saratoga Battle Chapter agreed to honor more than a dozen people for their work promoting the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

An agreement to purchase medals and certificates was reached during the Annual Meeting & Washington's Birthday Luncheon held at The Factory in Ballston Spa on February 19.

About 30 people attended the meeting and three more were able to follow the meeting on Zoom.

Compatriots and members of the community are eligible for recognition under the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program.

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Support Sought For Veterans Memorial Project

Submitted By Edward Munger Jr.

Volunteers and donations are being sought to support the development of the new Capital Region

Veterans Memorial Project.

Commander Mary Brandt, USAF, Ret., provided information to the Saratoga Battle Chapter detailing the project situated on the corner of Dutch Meadows Lane and Route 50 in Glenville. Representing 11 counties, the development is

situated on six acres of land donated to the Town of Glenville and given to the project by Glenville Town Supervisor Chris Koetzle.

The Town purchased 338 Saratoga Road nearby and donated that home to the project as well. The home will provide a resource room and computer room for Veterans to use. The current garage will be turned into a lounge for the

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Vietnam War Commemoration Held

Compatriot Major Michael P. Golden, N.Y. Naval Militia, Assistant Registrar, Medals and Awards

Committee Chairman, and member of the Saratoga Battle Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, attended a 50th

Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at the Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge. The Friends of the New York State Military Museum, in conjunction with the Capital District of New York Chapter of the

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Upcoming Events

Submitted by 1st VP Michael Skelly. Many upcoming events will include re-enacting by the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard or recreated 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment.

April 30: Revolutionary War veteran graveside ceremony, DAR/SAR/ Town of Milton Ceremony 1:00 PM.

May 5-6: Artillery Display-Saratoga County, Marshall House (tentatively scheduled).

May 20: Hoosick History Fair, Armory, 10AM-4PM.

May 27: Hague Memorial Day Parade- 1:00PM.

May 29: Corinth Memorial Day Parade 5:00PM..

June 10: Paths Thru History at Van Schaick Mansion and Peebles Island.

June 25: Sunday, noon, Grave marking ceremony to honor William Miller II, Revolutionary War soldier, at the William Miller Cemetery, 138 Golf Course Rd., Whitehall, NY. The host organization is the Falls Church, Virginia Chapter, DAR.

July 4: Argyle Independence Day Parade .

July 8-9: Hubbardton Battle Reenactment / demonstrations at Hubbardton, VT.

July 22-23: Fort Ticonderoga reenacting event.

August 6: Turning Point Parade, Schuylerville.

August 16: Bennington Battlefield Ceremony 6PM.

September 2-3: Reenactment / demonstrations on Mount Independence, VT.

September 9-10: Reenactment / demonstrations at Herkimer House.



President's Dispatch

Submitted By Edward Munger Jr.

Greetings compatriots. I want to thank all of you who attended our February meeting at The Factory in Ballston Spa. The food was great. Many thanks to our special guest speaker Robert Mulligan, who provided an in-depth review of the life of Revolutionary War General Philip Schuyler. My thoughts and prayers go out to Charlie Flanagan, our intended guest speaker who was injured in a fall and was unable to attend the meeting. Our quick-thinking Secretary Michael A. Hernandez made quick work of filling the gap without issue.

Gratitude is also due to our Awards and Recognition Committee Chairman Michael P. Golden who has agreed to serve as Assistant Registrar for the Saratoga Battle Chapter. Our chapter is the biggest in the state, and the Registrar processes roughly 20 applications each year. Michael Golden agreed to begin learning the process under Registrar Thomas L. Dunne and Genealogist Duane Booth.

Over the course of this year, I will be looking for opportunities to distribute

medals and certificates to our members and friends. Here is the current list of Chapter-level awards I've authorized which I intend to use to distribute these awards. Any additional or missed entries will be announced in the next newsletter:

250th Anniversary Bronze Medals – Our trusty 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment, non-SAR members: Bradley Allen, Timothy Butler, Mary Skelly, David Wren, Jake Verhayden. The 2nd Continental, which frequently joins our Color Guard, is the face of our organization at dozens of events each year. They are most deserving.

250th Anniversary Bronze Medals – Our Partners in Patriotism include local historians whose work to promote and educate about or ancestors' contributions can't be overstated: Abby Burke, Sean Kelleher, Paul Novotny, James Richmond and Lauren Roberts. 250th Anniversary Bronze Medals – Our compatriot Color Guard members will likely all earn Silver Medals and possibly Gold medals. The first step is the Bronze Medal, to be presented to: Color Guard

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Groups Secure Historic Sign

Submitted by Compatriot Michael Companion, Past President & Color Guard Leader

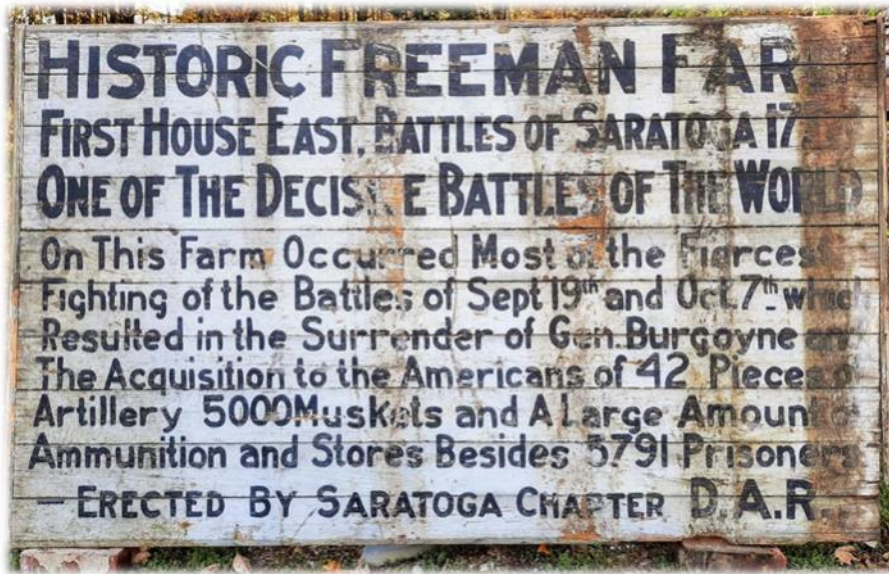
Recently, the Saratoga Battle Chapter

partnered with the Saratoga DAR, Empire State DAR, and Adirondack Trust Bank, in purchasing an historic sign describing the Battle of Saratoga.

The sign was one of eight produced for the DAR to be placed at the Saratoga Battlefield when it was

first opened in 1908. These were the first historical markers placed at the Battlefield! Of the eight signs only one is known to still exist, which was recently discovered in a barn in Schuylerville. The sign was purchased by an antique dealer who offered it for sale for \$4500. Once

notified of its existence, members of the Saratoga Battle Chapter voted to donate \$500 toward it's purchase. The Saratoga DAR matched that amount, and the New York State DAR offered another \$1000 toward the purchase. The Adirondack Trust Bank matched the monies raised by the DAR and SAR, which gave us the necessary funds to acquire the sign and



Historic Sign Secured

This historic sign was secured with the help of funding from the Saratoga Battle Chapter and other groups. Photo submitted by Michael Companion

the SAR and DAR looked for financing to purchase the sign from the dealer. The dealer stated that an offer had already been made for the purchase of the sign to a collector in California. Heather Mabee, Regent for the Saratoga DAR Regent negotiated the price to \$4,000. In response, officers keep it in Saratoga County. The sign will stay on permanent loan to the Brookside Museum, which is also the Saratoga County History Center, in Ballston Spa. The sign will also be made available to loan for special events, celebrating the Battles of Saratoga.

Rest In Peace Compatriot Joseph Mancini



Compatriot Mancini has served on the Empire State Society's Board of Managers for several years. He was the Co-Chairman of Veterans Affairs Committee. He has dedicated his work helping fellow veterans. He will be greatly missed. Wake and funeral arrangements; Pizzi Funeral Home,

120 Paris Avenue, Northvale, NJ. Friday April 7th, 5-8 PM, Burial to be arranged. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Disabled American Veterans.

Please keep Joseph and his family in your prayers.

Annual meeting ...

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Program materials outline the effort to recognize compatriots, chapters and societies that “take participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution.”

Congratulations to our friend, 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment member David Wren for earning the SAR Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate during the meeting.

The Saratoga Battle Chapter’s Color Guard works cooperatively with the recreated 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment to display formations and canon and musket salutes throughout the region.

But not all of these reenactors are SAR members. Chapters are able to recognize these

individuals with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. Earning the Bronze 250th Medal was Robert M. Wesser.

The chapter’s membership, following a plea from Past President Duane Booth, voted to budget \$250 annually through 2027 for supplies including gunpowder for the Color Guard.

Chapter Registrar Thomas Dunne reported the chapter’s membership count at 224 including 11 new members.

Jeremy Shank was approved for supplemental applications for ancestors PS Cornelius Pease – NJ and Capt. & PS Joseph Chandler – NH.

During his report, Chapter Treasurer David Flint outlined the chapter’s donations totaling \$700, as follows:

- Friends of Saratoga

Battlefield Membership Renewal, \$100

- Schuyler Children of the American Revolution, \$200
- Donations in memory of Deceased Compatriots, \$50
- Wreaths Across America, \$150
- Rensselaer County Veterans Fund, \$100
- Friends of NYS Military Museum, \$100

Also during the meeting, Membership agreed to put up \$500 in funding towards the purchase of an historic sign – the first believed to have been displayed on the Battles of Saratoga, Freeman’s Farm site.

That contribution was followed by contributions from Saratoga and New York State DAR and Adirondack Trust Bank.

Vietnam Memorial ...

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Association of the United States Army (AUSA), conducted the ceremony recognizing and honoring the service of Vietnam War era veterans who served in the military during the period of November 1, 1955 thru May 15, 1975.



Compatriot Michael P. Golden (left) with former NYS Senator Roy J. McDonald. U.S. Army, Vietnam; and Brigadier General Clarence Barry Hartman, U.S. Army, 31 years of active duty, including service in Vietnam.
(Photo provided by Michael P. Golden)

Welcome New Members!

Member Name / Hometown

Patriot Ancestor

David R. Eliassen, New Hyde Park, NY

PS* Jean Etienne De Chezaulx-France

Eric R. Eliassen, New Hyde Park, NY

PS Jean Etienne De Chezaulx-France

Robert A. Eliassen, Bracey, VA

PS Jean Etienne De Chezaulx-France

Deacon T. Frost, Lake George, NY

Ps Ezra Selden, CT

Douglas H. Frost, Lake George, NY

PS Ezra Selden, CT

Wilford M. LeForestier, Mechanicville, NY

CS** & PS Nathaniel Cogswell, MA

Jack C. Mangione, Albany, NY

PS George Little, NH

Jack T. Preston, Johnstown, NY

Sgt. George Snell, NY

Brendan R. Tully, Schenectady, NY

PS Jean Etienne De Chezaulx-France

Kevin T. Tully, Schenectady, NY

PS Jean Etienne De Chezaulx-France

Gary G. Viall, Mechanicville, NY

Pvt. Nathaniel Viall, RI

** Patriotic Service—Examples are furnishing supplies, signing an oath of fidelity or providing a substitute for military service.*

*** Civil Service-Examples are serving as town meeting moderator, a selectman, fence viewer or other elected or appointed position.*

Veterans Memorial ...

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veterans. A Quonset Hut is planned for a cafe for veterans, their family members and the public to use, with light breakfast and lunches.

A military museum is planned, where loved ones can display war memorabilia.

Walking paths are also planned for the rear of the Quonset hut featuring seven major conflicts, WWI, WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Additional areas will honor other conflicts including Bosnia and Kosovo.

Each will have a Battlefield Cross, Monument and history elements for education.

An amphitheater will be developed on the point of Dutch Meadows Lane for bands. Benches, Battlefield Crosses, History Pedestals and Monuments are among items available to be purchased and dedicated.

You can learn more about the project online at capitalregionveteransmemorial.org.

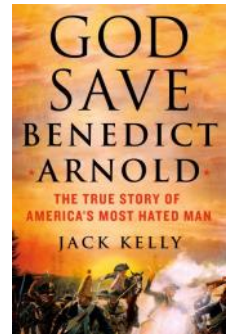
New Book By Local Author Expected in December

Submitted by Author Jack Kelly

GOD SAVE BENEDICT ARNOLD:
The True Story of America's
Most Hated Man will be
published in early December
2023 by St. Martin's Press. The
book is not a biography but a
fast-paced and vivid account of
Arnold's remarkable

achievements during the early
years of the Revolution. I also
speculate on what might have
prompted his betrayal, one of
the enduring mysteries of the
era. Examined without
prejudice, Arnold's career offers
a vivid snapshot of the

complexity and
paradox that
underlies the
entire history of
the founding era.



President's Dispatch ...

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Leader and Past-President Michael Companion, Compatriot Michael P. Golden, 1st VP Michael Skelly. Congratulations to all! Congratulations are also due to some local cadets who earned the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal. Glatigny Anderson was selected to receive the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Jacob Pass was selected to receive the SAR Bronze ROTC Medal from the Air Force ROTC Detachment at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. May they bring the values

of our forefathers with them into their future endeavors. Our Color Guard and the 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment have a full schedule this year, please consider attending an event to give your support. I intend to attend the Sunday, June 25 Graveside Dedication for Revolutionary War soldier William Miller in Whitehall, NY at noon that day. Anyone interest in attending would be welcome. Another note – we'll be holding elections at the start of 2024 – we'll need candidates. Consider volunteering your time.

Thanks all, be well.

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