



Nominating Committee Chairman and Outgoing Registrar Tom Dunne, left foreground, and Past State President Duane Booth conduct a swear-in of officers at the Annual Meeting in February. Photo by Patricia Flint

Chapter Elects Officers

Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.

The Saratoga Battle Chapter welcomed two new officers during the Annual Meeting and Washington's Birthday Luncheon.

About 36 people attended event held Feb. 18 at the Wilton-Saratoga Elks Lodge in Saratoga Springs, where a slate of offices carrying two-year terms were filled.

Following votes by membership, the Chapter's 2024-2026 officers are as follows:

President: Edward Munger Jr.; Vice President: Michael R. Skelly; 2nd Vice President: Michael S. Companion;

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Awards For Valued Effort

Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.

Historians who share valuable research and insights were among award recipients at the Annual Meeting of the Saratoga Battle Chapter, Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

The Sons of the American Revolution's 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Recognition Program "is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that 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," the SAR's documents state.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday April 28: Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies at 3 Saratoga County Cemeteries.

Friday, June 14: Flag Day Ceremony with BPOE Elks, 1 Elks Ln, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Sunday, August 4, Turning Point Parade Schuylerville.

Friday, August 16, Bennington Battlefield Ceremony

Sunday, September 15 - Annual Saratoga Battle Chapter Dinner Meeting after Joint DAR/SAR Commemoration at Saratoga Historical National Park, featuring ESSAR President and ESSAR V.P. for Capital Region Timothy Middlebrook.

Thursday, October 17, Surrender Day Ceremony, Fort Hardy Park, Village of Schuylerville.

Monday, November 11, Saratoga Battle Chapter Veterans Day Commemoration at the Monument to the Unknown American Dead at Saratoga Historical National Park.



President's Dispatch

Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.

For years, the Saratoga Battle Chapter has been one of several recipients of generous donations towards our patriotic programs from the Lawrence I. & Blanche H. Rhodes Memorial Fund, Inc. Following the announcement of a \$5,000 donation in support of the SAR's Patriotic Programs, we received the news that the foundation has reached the end of its natural life.

I want to express my deep appreciation to the individuals coordinating the fund and to those for whom it was named.

Our compatriot Dennis Marr shared some information regarding its history:

"We received the bequest from the estate of our benefactor, Miss Florene Rhodes of New York City, in 1994-1995 and issued our first grants in 1995. Miss Rhodes established the foundation in 1976 and named it in honor of her brother Lawrence and his wife Blanche, both deceased at that time; the Foundation became active upon her death in 1992. The Foundation has supported 157 different organizations including schools, colleges, the arts, animal welfare, historical societies, medicine, community welfare and religious."

We were indeed blessed by their attention, and it was greatly appreciated.

HELP NEEDED

The Schoharie Daughters of the American Revolution are holding a living history day on June 1 and they are looking for volunteers to drive guests between the historic Lassell Hall and the 1740 Palatine House. Please e-mail me if you have some time.

Our State Society, the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, has asked that we pursue the presentation of a Flag Certificate. This is to demonstrate our support for community organizations that display the American Flag. If you have an idea for a potential recipient, please let me know.

I wish you well, hope to see you at an upcoming event. Please take a look at the calendar and as always call or e-mail with questions.

Flints Recognized at ESSSAR Meeting

Submitted by Duane Booth

Saratoga
Battle
Chapter
Treasurer

David Flint received the Patriot Medal during the March 16, 2024 meeting of the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

That same day, Patricia Flint, the Stephentown Historian and wife of David Flint, was honored with the Martha Washington medal and certificate.

Here is the nomination letter for David Flint,

prepared by ESSSAR President David W. Powell:

Our 2022, 2023 & 2024 dues material was prepared timely and accurately. David understood the need to keep the instructions that he received current, and he did just that. Thus, the member that follows David in performing this task will have updated instructions.

David continues the chapter's excellence of past Saratoga Battle Chapter Treasurers. He maintains & updates our chart of accounts; Timely reconciles bank accounts; makes deposits timely and pays expenses timely; prepares treasurer reports & distributes copies at meetings and easily fields questions; suggests changes to reoccurring donations and donation amounts; suggests amounts that can be moved to savings; files

the chapter 990-N early without being reminded to and all aspects the chapter dues billing is performed timely and with care and accuracy. David is a National SAR Life Program Member.

David served two two-year terms as Treasurer of the Stephentown, NY Historical Society; is a member of the Historical Society's Cemetery Committee; David helped his wife Pat research the patriot information for application to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for the signs marking town cemeteries where Revolutionary War patriots are buried. David is a Life Member of the Stephentown Historical Society.

David, I take pleasure in presenting you with the SAR Patriot Medal, the highest award given by a State Society. Thank you for your service to the Saratoga Battle Chapter and to

the Empire State Society.

Prepared by: David W. Powell, President

Patricia Flint was awarded the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate with the following nomination:

Patricia "Pat" (Thomas) Brazie Flint is a life-long resident of Stephentown, NY. Pat has always been civically and community minded. Being native to Stephentown she has grown up hearing and reading about local history. Pat and David, both widowed, married in Stephentown in 1997. They joined the Stephentown Historical Society and became active members and then life members. Pat has served two terms as President of the Historical Society and has served on a variety of committees. She has also researched and presented programs of

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David Flint and Patricia Flint were both recognized during the ESSSAR Meeting in March at the Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie. Pictured here from L-R are: ESSSAR Secretary Jonathan Goebel, Saratoga Battle Chapter President Edward Munger Jr., Patricia Flint, David Flint, ESSSAR President David Powell and ESSSAR Past President Duane Booth.

Welcome New Members!

MEMBER NAME & HOMETOWN	PATRIOT ANCESTOR
Thaddeus C. Mangione, Albany NY	George Little, Patriotic Serv. Signed Assoc. Test
Linus C. Mangione, Albany, NY	George Little, Patriotic Serv. Signed Assoc. Test
Trevor O. Flike, Ballston Spa, NY	Thomas Galusha, Pvt., MA & VT
Nolan Flike, Boston, MA	Thomas Galusha, Pvt., MA & VT
Kevin R.. Flike	Thomas Galusha, Pvt., MA & VT
Chad M. Loshbaugh, Glenmont, NY	Henry Lushbaugh, Pvt., PA
George R. Dienos, Saugerties, NY	John Graves, Pvt., CT
Jack A. Mullen, Saugerties, NY	John Graves, Pvt., CT
Liam J. Mullen, Saugerties, NY	John Graves, Pvt., CT
Aiden C. Mullen, Saugerties, NY	John Graves, Pvt., CT

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, William Duncan., Lt., PA

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interest including one on the first doctors who practiced in Stephentown.

Pat started the Historical Society's Cemetery Committee and with the help of other dedicated members began cleaning up the cemeteries, cleaning & restoring headstones, and documenting veterans of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Pat has been the leader, as well as the doer, in getting Revolutionary War cemetery signage from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. She's gotten seven signs that recognize 17 patriots of the Revolutionary War. Pat has also gotten one sign for the Town of Stephentown that marks the location of the Center Stephentown post office.

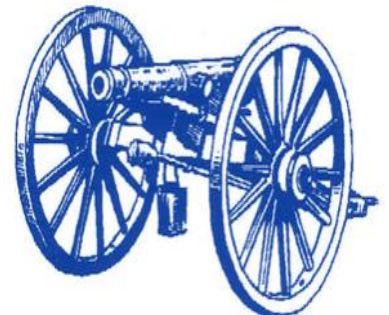
Pat Flint became the self-appointed Stephentown, NY Town Historian about 2011. Her work, dedication and leadership are now recognized by town officials and by the townspeople of Stephentown. Her work is 'top shelf'!

Pat is a member of the Fort Crailo Chapter NSDAR by descent from John Batchelder who served from Massachusetts.

Pat, in recognition of your service to your community, your leadership in your local historical society and your help to the SAR in getting Revolutionary War patriot burials marked it is my pleasure, and my honor, to present to you the SAR Martha Washington Medal and Certificate. Thank you.

By David W. Powell, President

Empire State Society, SAR



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Participation can involve planning and execution of these events – or attendance. The program is slated to extend from 2014 to 2033.

For their work educating the public and participation in events, Compatriot James Richmond and Saratoga Historian Sean Kelleher were both presented with the SAR Bronze 250th Anniversary medals and certificates.

Richmond, a local author and historian involved in 250th Anniversary promotion efforts, was also the Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting.

Kelleher, town of Saratoga Historian for two decades, is an award winning television producer who served as commissioner of New York State's French & Indian War 250th Anniversary Commemoration Commission.

The 250th Anniversary program establishes a point system to value the quality of participation – with more points available when the participant wears a period costume, for example.

Bronze medals are approved at the Chapter level, Silvers are approved at the state level, in this case the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Gold medals are approved at the national level.

People who know of individuals likely

to qualify are encouraged to contact a Chapter Officer and nominate them.

ESSENTIAL PEOPLE HONORED



Compatriot Thomas Dunne received the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service during the Annual Meeting in February. Photo by Patricia Flint.

Former Chapter President Thomas Dunne, who served most-recently as an award-winning Registrar who oversaw the chapter's growth in membership, was awarded the

Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service. Dunne has served in most positions at the Chapter. He "retired" from Chapter officer duties at the start of 2024.

Mary Skelly and Samantha Companion were both presented with the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate. It's awarded for "outstanding service to the SAR." Medals and Awards Committee Chairman Michael P. Golden said "both women have supported the SAR color guard for years by providing direct support to include preparing meals for the field events, hosting meetings, and assisting youth members with historic clothing.

Additionally, Mary serves as an active member of the Color Guard and conducts living history presentations for us."



Mary Skelly, left, and Samantha Companion, center, were awarded the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate by Chapter President Edward Munger Jr. during the Annual Meeting. Photo by Patricia flint

Annual meeting ...

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Secretary: Brian R. Haak; Treasurer: David L. Flint;
Registrar: Michael P. Golden; Genealogist: Duane P.
Booth; Historian: Karl L. Danneil; Chaplain: Charles W.
Wheeler Jr.

In other meeting business:

- The Chapter agreed to expand the 250th Anniversary Committee to five members. Current members include: Charles W. Wheeler Jr., Michael Companion, Michael Skelly, Michael Golden and Duane Booth.
- The Chapter agreed to pursue holding a commemoration for unknown soldiers at the Saratoga Battlefield on Veterans Day, November 11. Approval is being sought from Saratoga National Historical Park.
- Chapter members voted to approve participation in and cooperation with the Wilton-Saratoga Elks during their June 14 Flag Day ceremony.
- The Chapter approved an initiative sought by

Compatriot and Registrar Michael Golden – to organize joint social events with the Col. George L. Willard Camp #154, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Members of the SUVC will be invited to the September Wreath Presentation at Saratoga Battlefield and dinner that follows.



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