

## Veterans Honored on Holiday Weekend

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

Veterans lit candles representing each of America's military branches during a heartfelt ceremony at Saratoga National Historical Park.

The Saratoga Battle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

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*The Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard posted the colors during a Veterans Day Weekend event at Saratoga National Historical Park. Photo courtesy of Vietnam War-era Army Veteran Bruce Squires.*

## Chapter Reaches Donation Milestone

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

Focused on Veterans organizations, historic sites, patriotic groups and educational societies, the Saratoga Battle Chapter has donated more than \$20,000 in the community during the past decade.

With member dues and donations

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## Dr. Nathaniel Cogswell, Patriot

*Submitted by Wilford (Bill) Le Forestier*

Dr. Nathaniel Cogswell, son of Judge Jonathan and Elizabeth (Wade) Cogswell, was born in Chebacco parish, Ipswich, Massachusetts, on May 9, 1739, and died in Rowley, Essex County, Massachusetts on May 25, 1822.

He was a man of superior education and was well endowed with Intelligence. His father died in 1762 and at the age of 13, Nathaniel was indentured in September 1756, by his guardian, Joseph Appleton, to Dr. John Perkins, of Boston, until the completion of his twenty-first year.

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# Upcoming Events

**Sunday, February 23, 2025;** Noon – 3 PM —  
Washington's Birthday Luncheon & Meeting Saturday,  
November 9.

**Sunday, June 29, 2025;** time TBD - Washington County  
250th Wreath laying ceremony. Event details, time and  
place under discussion. Check our website for details as  
they become available.

**Friday, Jul 18, 2025;** time TBD - Saratoga County 250th  
Event- Albany-Saratoga Speedway. Event details, and  
time under discussion. Check our website for details as  
they become available.

## ***Patriot Cogswell ...***

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After completing his medical training, Nathaniel settled in Rowley, Massachusetts but he did not practice medicine. Nathaniel considered agriculture as the most independent and least responsible occupation, and he devoted his life to practical and experimental husbandry.

Nathaniel was an independent, self-thinking man, inflexible in principle and adverse to public life, yet at the news of the Lexington fight, he equipped his horse and himself and hurried to Cambridge where he remained until the alarm was over.

On May 8, 1775 he was appointed by the Town of Rowley as one of the Committee of Correspondence who were authorized to see that the resolves of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress were executed, and on March 19, 1776, he was appointed one of the Committee of Safety. He was recognized as a Revolutionary War Patriot for his service.

He married Sarah Northend on March 1761. Sarah was born on November 19, 1738 and died at the age of thirty-five on March 8, 1773 while giving birth to her tenth child in twelve years!

Nathaniel married Lois Searle in 1777 and they had four children.

# *Luncheon Set for February 23 Chapter Meeting*

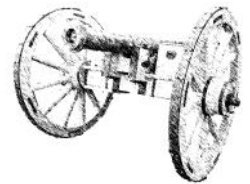
*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

Compatriots, you and a guest are cordially invited to join us at noon on Sunday, February 23 for our bi-annual meeting and feast of a luncheon fit to honor Founding Father George Washington.

Scheduled each year to honor Washington's birthday, the gathering will take place from noon – 3 PM on the first floor Creekside Banquet Room at The Factory Eatery & Spirits in historic Ballston Spa.

We plan to enjoy a deli buffet with hot Soup du Jour, Sliced Sirloin of Beef, Chicken & Broccoli Pasta in White Wine Garlic Sauce and MORE. The feast will include an assortment of cold cuts and cheeses, breads, lettuce, tomatoes & onion. We'll have all the condiments with chips, cookies & brownies plus soda, tea and coffee.

We'll pause to celebrate the lives of compatriots we lost in 2024; and we'll mark the accomplishments and contributions of compatriots and friends with an awards ceremony. Plans for the upcoming year will be on the agenda as well as the need to view the organization's spending and financial status with an eye on maintaining our mission well into the future.



Several volunteer opportunities are already available as the year 2025 comes into view, and members with interest in donating some time and effort will have an opportunity to ask questions about the various roles they may play.

Please join us for this opportunity to welcome the year 2025 with a ceremony to honor our Patriot Ancestors and give thanks for their contributions to our nation's freedom.

Find a Registration Form on Page 4 of this newsletter. Registration Form can also be found on our website at [www.saratogabattle-sar.org](http://www.saratogabattle-sar.org).

**Chapter donations ...**

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among few sources of revenue, the chapter has been fortunate. During this period, we received \$19,000 from the Rhodes Memorial Fund in addition to member donations. According to Chapter Treasurer David L. Flint, the Saratoga Battle Chapter issued \$22,930 in donations between 2014 and 2024,

Here’s a list of organizations the Saratoga Battle Chapter has assisted over the past decade: Van Schaick Mansion Project, Patriot Flight, Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency, Eastern Region NSCAR, Rensselaer County Veterans Fund, Rebuilding Together Saratoga County, Cohoes Veterans Memorial Committee Inc., Fort Crailo Chapter NSDAR, Col GL Willard-Camp #154 SUVCW, Saratoga Chapter NSDAR, NYSSCAR Conference Fund, Saratoga County History Center, NYSSCAR, Bemis Heights Society CAR, Capital City Rescue Mission, Community

Hospice Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Friends Of NYS Military Museum, Community Hospice of Rensselaer County, First Presbyterian Church – Schenectady, Oriental Shriners of Troy, Fulton County Historical Society & Museum, New Hartford Ambulance Association, Pawling Ave United Methodist Church, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Salem United Methodist Church, North Greenbush Ambulance Association, Albany Police and Fire Foundation, First Presbyterian Church of Wappingers Falls, The Alzheimer's Association, Herkimer Co. Historical Society for Genealogical Research, Children's Theater Workshop, Schuyler Society C.A.R., Stony Point Chapter, SAR, Thousand Islands Chapter SAR.

Members who have ideas for an organization or effort to be considered for a donation are encouraged to contact a chapter officer.



**Veterans Day Weekend Event Saturday November 9 ...**

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joined several organizations participating in the Veterans Day Commemoration & Family Fun Day at the Visitor Center of the historic site dedicated to the pivotal Battles of Saratoga and the North’s role in the American Revolution.

The chapter’s Color Guard posted the colors at the start of the ceremony that included remarks from veterans including our Compatriot Pat Festa who read a history of the Veterans Day holiday that was provided by Saratoga National Historical Park.

Saratoga National Historical Park coordinated the event that drew representatives of the Daughters of the American

Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Military Order of the World Wars, Theodore Roosevelt Chapter (New York), the Friends of the NYS Military Museum and Friends of Saratoga Battlefield.

Participating groups set up tables inside the Visitor’s Center and laid out a variety of gifts for guests like keychains and beverage coolers. Educational literature and details on programs and services were other features in addition to activities for youth.

The Daughters of the American Revolution brought quill pens with ink wells for youth to try their hand at old-style writing. They also shared certificates guests could bring home to honor veterans in their lives.

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Secretary Brian Haak contributed snacks for the guests, as did Chapter Chaplain Charles Wheeler, who brought leftovers to a local veterans organization. Compatriot Jim King helped man the chapter’s table along with Haak and Chapter President Edward Munger Jr.

The chapter’s table shared contact information, membership applications and copies of chapter newsletters in addition to free smiles and conversation.

The Daughters of the American Revolution brought coffee to share with guests. Dozens of people visiting the historic site took time out to participate in the activities.



# Registration Form For February 23 Meeting

Please submit this form by February 15, 2025 and mail, with a check, to:  
David Flint, Treasurer, Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR, 89 Calvin Cole Rd., Stephentown, NY 12169-5717

MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

PATRIOT ANCESTOR NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

DINNER COST @ \$35 PER-PERSON \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + PATRIOT ANCESTOR DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Rest in Peace, Compatriots



- Robert Dudley Kelley of Tidioute, Pa, passed away on December 14, 2024
- David A Marsh, of Brunswick, passed away July 15, 2024.
- Cdr. Charles R. Lampman, of Richmond, TX, passed away July 4th.
- James Higginbottom, of Hillsborough, NJ passed away on October 21.

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