



## Military Honors Planned for Pvt. KIA at Saratoga

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

**E**benezer Sinkler survived the Battle at Freeman's Farm. But the Patriot died in battle at Bemis Heights October 7, 1777, known as the second of two Battles at Saratoga.

Years later, his widow with three children was denied assistance by her government.

Sinkler, like many others, was buried on the site at the battlefield

A military marker honoring this veteran of America's first war now sits on the hallowed ground of Saratoga National Cemetery, and family members are coming to pay their respects in May.

In email correspondence to our Chapter Vice President Michael Skelly, Sinkler's descendant Ruth Morgan extends an invitation to honor this Patriot.

"Our only desire is to honor Ebenezer for his contribution to the founding of our country - being involved in at least Bunker Hill and

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*Saratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts describes Saratoga 250 plans during the Saratoga Battle Chapter's semi-annual meeting held at The Factory Eatery & Spirits in Ballston Spa February 23.*

## Historian Details 250th Plans

**S**aratoga County Historian Lauren Roberts shared an overview of efforts underway to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

Roberts, who leads the Saratoga 250 Commission, joined the Saratoga Battle Chapter at the luncheon and meeting February 23 at The Factory Eatery & Spirits in Ballston Spa.

The year 2026 marks 250 years since the Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence. Historians and communities have already

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# Upcoming Events

Submitted by Michael Companion

- May 14th: Graveside Honors for Revolutionary War Soldier Ebenezer Sinkler, KIA at Saratoga Oct. 7, 1777. 1 PM, Saratoga National Cemetery.
- May 17th: Town of Milton Sign Dedication for Revolutionary War Soldiers, Rock City Falls Cemetery, 11 AM
- May 31st: DAR Path Dedication, Schoharie.
- June 12th: Flag Day Ceremony at Saratoga Elks, 6 PM
- June 29th: Washington County 250th Wreath laying - 11 AM Whitehall, near large steel bridge. Pomeroy Historic sign dedication.
- July 20th: Lafayette Commemoration at Schuylerville Monument, with Massachusetts SAR and Masons.
- August 3: Turning Point Parade, Schuylerville, 1PM
- August 16: Bennington Battlefield Ceremony 6 PM
- September 7: Stephentown, Carpenter Cemetery sign dedication, 1 PM
- October 12: ESSAR Bench dedication, Knox Train of Artillery - Visitor Center, Fort Hardy Park.
- October 13: ESSAR Bench dedication- Van Schaik House, Cohoes.
- October 17: Fort Hardy Park School Program - Schuylerville, 9 AM
- November 8: Marine Corp 250th Anniversary - Factory Village Cemetery, 11 AM to honor Capt. Stephen Earle, and founding of the Marines.
- December 13/14: 250th Anniversary, Knox Train of Artillery



## DAR Plans Schoharie Event

**T**he Schoharie Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution request the honor of your presence at the dedication of our America 250

DAR marker and Patriot Walkway at Lasell Hall, 268 Main St., Schoharie NY.

Saturday, May 31, 2025:

11 a.m. Militia Muster, meet a Patriot, and more. Stroll the sidewalk and look for a favorite Patriot!

1:00 p.m. Dedication and unveiling

ceremony with guest speaker Jeffrey O'Connor, author and historian.

2:30 p.m. Attend 1775 Committee of Safety meeting.

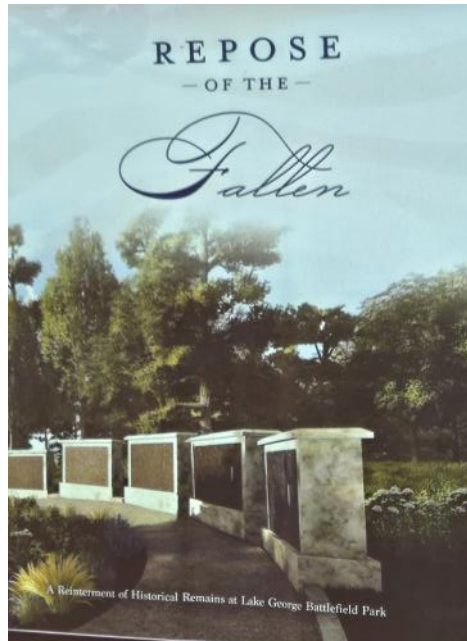
RSVP Requested by May 18, 2025 to Schohariedaughters@gmail.com or Chris at 518-231-8104.

# Memorial Planned for Continental Soldiers Unearthed in Lake George

Members of the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution voted unanimous support for a memorial being developed to honor remains of Revolutionary War soldiers unearthed during a construction project near Lake George.

Local SAR Compatriot Larry Arnold – who played a pivotal fundraising role in development of the Surrender Site project – presented the new memorial’s drafts during the March 8 ESSAR Board of Managers meeting.

Contractors in February 2019 dug up remains believed to represent 44 Continental Army soldiers from Pennsylvania who died of smallpox in



1776. The site was a 1700s hospital.

Arnold said about 100 volunteers sifted through the soil until December that

year to gather all of the remains.

Fundraising is underway to create the memorial, designed through the Town of Lake George’s Courtland Street Reinterment Committee.

According to a brochure distributed at the meeting, the soldiers’ remains will be placed into six columbaria on a hill in Battlefield Park “overlooking the lake and surrounding lands where historic battles occurred. The design features a plaza for visitors to learn about Lake George’s role in American history, with seating to reflect on the heroism of those being reburied.”

People interested in supporting the project can learn more on the website [Reposeofthefallen.org](https://Reposeofthefallen.org).

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Saratoga - the turning point of the war. It has been 248 years since he gave his life for us. He deserves our respect and we would appreciate anyone in attendance who feels similar regard for Ebenezer,” Morgan said in the email. The Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard is planning to attend, and SAR members are also welcome to attend the memorial service.

## President's Dispatch

*Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.*

Greetings Compatriots! I want to report that changes are likely for the newsletter starting this year. The program I use is being retired. Our National Society, Sons of the American Revolution has materials for use by chapters, and I'll configure content into the template.

Welcome to Joel Butler, one of our newest compatriots! A member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George Lamb Willard Camp #154, Compatriot Butler has agreed to serve as Assistant Registrar. Butler's assistance comes at an important time – our Registrar Michael Golden is on Active Duty. My gratitude goes out to Compatriot Golden for his continued service!

There are several events taking place this year and in following years as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. I'm asking you all to help me record details of our participation by completing our event form. It's on our website at the following link: [https://www.saratogabattle-sar.org/pages/member\\_forms\\_info.html](https://www.saratogabattle-sar.org/pages/member_forms_info.html)

On this page, you'll also find our new Award Nomination Form, our new, New Member Orientation Manual and other documents.

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begun commemorating activities around the anniversary.

A commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party took place December 16, 2023 – and Saratoga envisions a major draw of interest and tourism as the Battles of Saratoga approach their 250th Anniversary in 2026.

“We are so lucky to live in Saratoga County where we have all these amazing historic sites related to the Revolutionary period,” said Roberts, who earned the SAR’s Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal for her work directing recognition events, commemorations and other gatherings.

Roberts outlined past events and explained Saratoga 250’s efforts are steering resources towards fostering public education & programs, increasing heritage tourism and improving infrastructure around historic sites.

One feature of the education effort involves situating QR codes at historic sites so guests can learn about them at any time – not just when there is a volunteer available to provide context and information.

When guests train their smartphone camera on the QR code, a link will appear. That link will open up a webpage on which a character will explain what the historic site is or describe some biographical information about an influential individual.

This year, Roberts said the focus will center on the

amazing feat, led by Henry Knox in 1775 -76, in which 59 cannons and mortars – captured from the British - were hauled all the way to Boston from Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point. Soldiers used oxen and sleds to drag the artillery some 300 miles, over waterways and the Berkshire Mountains.

One of the largest “living history” events will be taking place in and around Saratoga County during Columbus Day weekend in October later this year, Roberts said.

Saratoga 250’s calendar of events and information on programs is available online at the website <https://saratoga250.com/>.

## NEW MEMBER WELCOMED

During the meeting, Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution VP for the Capital Region Timothy Middlebrook swore in our new Saratoga Battle Chapter member, Carl J. Thurnau.

The meeting also served as an opportunity to donate to local veterans. Many thanks to the families of the following for kindly donating winter boots for homeless veterans: Carl J. Thurnau, Joel C. Butler and wife Leslie M. Smith of the D.A.R., and Ed & Jenn Munger. A total of six pairs of boots were donated for local homeless veterans.

## President’s dispatch ...

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Many thanks to Saratoga Battle Chapter Chaplain Charlie Wheeler for helping to arrange for lodging in Saratoga. National Sons of the American Revolution representatives are expected to converge

in October of 2027 and join the ESSAR as the region embraces the 250th Anniversary of the Surrender of General Burgoyne following the Battles of Saratoga.

## MEMBER SURVEY

Please take the time to fill out our new Chapter Member Survey. This will help guide the Chapter’s activities, focus and efforts to retain members while increasing membership. Here is a link to the survey:

<https://forms.gle/7yegAAHjb1Ryk5JNA>



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