

BATTLE LINES

Saratoga Battle Chapter

Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution

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Wreaths at Saratoga Battlefield Before September 21 Meeting

Submitted by Edward Munger Jr.

The Saratoga Battle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will gather with representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution at 2 p.m. at the Memorial to the Unknown American Dead at Saratoga Battlefield.

The Annual observance on Sunday, September 21 will take place prior to the chapter's Semi-Annual Meeting at 4 p.m. at The Factory Eatery & Spirits in Ballston Spa.

A reservation form for the Meeting & Banquet can be found on Page 4 of this newsletter. Also included is a section for members to declare their candidacy for Chapter Officer Positions to be filed during the Annual Meeting in February 2026.

Our dinner will feature Roasted Pork with Apple Glaze and Sliced Sirloin of Beef. The meal will include tossed Mixed Greens; deli meats and cheeses with lettuce, tomato and onion; Soup du Jour, cookies, chips and brownies along with soda, coffee and assorted teas. The Factory also features a cash bar.

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Members of the Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard participated in a service at Saratoga National Battlefield May 14, 2025 honoring Ebenezer Sinkler, KIA at Bemis Heights, Saratoga, October 7, 1777. Photo Submitted by Michael Skelly.

Officer Positions Open - Chapter Elections Set for February 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENT: 2026 ELECTION OF OFFICERS, SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Saratoga Battle Chapter, Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution will hold an Election of Officers during its Annual Meeting to be scheduled for on a date as close as is practicable to the February 22 birthday of President General George Washington.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2025

Sunday, August 3, 2025; 1 PM - Schuylerville, NY Turning Point Parade.

Come join us as we march and ride in the parade! Bring your family and friends as everybody loves a parade! More information as it becomes available.

Saturday, August 16th, 2025; 6 PM - Annual Battle of Bennington Commemoration

Each year on the anniversary of the Battle of Bennington (which occurred in New York), a commemoration ceremony at the New York State Bennington Battlefield Historic Site, NYS Rt 67, Walloomsac, NY. More information as it becomes available.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday, September 21- Wreath Event, Saratoga Battlefield, Schuylerville, 2 p.m., then Saratoga Battle Chapter Semi-Annual Meeting, 4 p.m. The Factory Eatery & Spirits, Ballston Spa.

October 2025

Monday, October 13 (possible date), 2025; time TBD - SAR Bench Dedication - Knox Train of Artillery

Visitor Center, Fort Hardy Park, Village of Schuylerville, NY. More information as it becomes available.

Friday, October 17, 2025; time TBD - Surrender Day Ceremony

Visitor Center, Fort Hardy Park, Village of Schuylerville, NY. More information as it becomes available.

November 2025

Sunday, November 9, 2025; 11 AM - Marine Corp 250th Anniversary

Factory Village Cemetery, to honor Capt. Stephen Earle, and the founding of the Marines. More information as it becomes available.

December 2025

Saturday or Sunday, December 13/14, 2025; time TBD - 250th Anniversary for Knox Train of Artillery

Place TBD. More information as it becomes available.



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We gather at the "DAR Monument," near Stop 2 on the Tour Road. The Monument to the Unknown American Dead was erected in 1931 by the Daughters of the American Revolution to honor the unknown American soldiers killed in the Battles of Saratoga.

Each year, members make a donation in honor of their patriot ancestor(s). We list the names of these honored Patriots on the meeting program.

Candidates will be elected during this meeting to fill the following Officer positions:

President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Historian; Genealogist; Chaplain and Registrar.

Details of the responsibilities of each office, outlined in our Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, are as follows:

PRESIDENT - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Executive Committee. The President is the executive head of the chapter; he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except for the Nominating Committee, of which he may be an ex-officio member.

VICE PRESIDENT - If at any time the President is unable to discharge his duties, through absence, illness, incapacity, or any other reason, the highest-ranking Vice President available shall act in the capacity of President until the President resumes his duties, or until the office of President is filled by way of election.

SECRETARY - The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the chapter and shall reply to all correspondence addressed to the chapter as a whole. He shall issue notices for all meetings, and shall notify all members and officers of their election. The Secretary shall maintain a current roster of all active members.

TREASURER - The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the chapter. He shall be responsible for the collection and transmittal of chapter, state and national dues. He shall receive any fees payable to the chapter for new and supplemental applications. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of the payment status of all members' dues.

REGISTRAR - The Registrar shall examine the worksheets and documentation of prospective members prior to preparing their applications in duplicate for transmittal to the ESSAR Registrar. He shall collect any required application fees and dues prepayments from prospective members and transmit them to the

ESSAR Registrar along with the prospective member's signed application and documentation. To the extent of his available time and expertise, he shall consult with and advise prospective members with respect to deficiencies in genealogical documentation, or any other matters that may affect the timely approval of the applicant's papers. At those times when the chapter may have another individual filling the office of Genealogist, the Registrar may seek the advice of the Genealogist when such advice is deemed to be necessary to expedite an application. The Registrar shall maintain a file for each member containing, at a minimum, a copy of the member's application and any correspondence related to the processing of the member's application.

GENEALOGIST - The Genealogist shall make himself available to advise prospective members and/or the chapter Registrar in the event that an application is deemed lacking in satisfactory genealogical documentation or proof of ancestor service. While the ultimate responsibility for obtaining documentation rests with the applicant, the Genealogist will do all that is practicable to assist in the completion of an application that will merit approval at the state and national level.

HISTORIAN - The Historian shall maintain custody of the Saratoga Battle Chapter History and Highlights binder(s). He shall periodically add to and update this record so as to maintain an ongoing chronicle of the activities of this chapter.

CHAPLAIN - The chaplain shall pronounce the Invocation and Benediction at chapter meetings and ceremonies. He shall participate in services for deceased compatriots, if so requested by the next-of-kin. The Chaplain may, but need not, be an ordained priest/minister of a Christian denomination. The SAR Prayer Book shall be consulted by the Chaplain for guidance as to appropriate language in carrying out his duties.

Please reach out to a Chapter Officer to learn more. Visit www.SaratogaBattle-SAR.org for information.



Autumn Membership Meeting & Luncheon

Sunday, September 21, 4 p.m. The Factory Eatery & Spirits

MEMBER & GUEST NAMES: _____

PATRIOT ANCESTOR NAME (S)

DINNER @ \$37 PER-PERSON \$ _____ + PATRIOT DONATION \$ _____ = TOTAL \$ _____

SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS – CANDIDACY DECLARATION

I wish to be considered a candidate for the following Officer position(s) at the Saratoga Battle Chapter, Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution:

- ☐ **President**
- ☐ **First Vice President**
- ☐ **Treasurer**
- ☐ **Secretary**
- ☐ **Registrar**
- ☐ **Genealogist**
- ☐ **Historian**
- ☐ **Chaplain**

Candidate Details and Contact Info for Nominating Committee:

NAME: _____

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