



BATTLE LINES

NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR
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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome the following new compatriots as members of our chapter:

Jeffrey J. Winegar – Pennington, NJ
Joseph I. Whittlesey – Scotia, NY

We also extend a warm welcome to two members who have transferred from other state societies:

John A. Lighthall – from NH Society
James L. McElhinney – from CO Society

OUR LIFE BLOOD: NEW MEMBERS

We are nearing the end of another good year with respect to new member recruitment. We have now reached the long-sought 100 member mark. Also, as of November 30 we had 4 applications awaiting approval at Louisville, with several more in the pipeline.

Registrar Marr would like to remind all members of NSSAR's "family application" process. This procedure allows 2 or more closely related men to join at the same time under the same ancestor and realize substantial savings on the \$60 National application fee. Any members after the primary applicant save 50% on this fee.

Most of us have brothers, cousins, nephews, etc. who might be interested in membership. They would be going in under your papers, so relatively little additional documentation is needed from them.

Saratoga Battle won the state membership contest once in recent years, and the prize money was a welcome addition to our treasury. Perhaps we can repeat in 2004?

GANSEVOORT DAR PARTY

I apologize for the tardiness of this issue of the newsletter. We have an invitation from our good friends at the Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter, NSDAR, to join them at their chapter house, the historic Van Schaick Mansion at 1 Van Schaick Avenue on Van Schaick Island in Cohoes, NY. The date is Saturday, December 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Cost to defray the tariff for refreshments is \$5 per adult.

RSVP to Sandy Zerrillo at 459-5160, or email at Rzerrillo@aol.com. Period music and dancing will be offered. Feel free to dress in period clothing.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting/Washington's Birthday dinner. The event will be held on Saturday, 21 February 2004 at the Century House Inn and Restaurant in Latham, NY, beginning at 5 p.m. More details and reservation forms will be sent in January.

SCHUYLER CAR CHAPTER

We have received Vol. 1, No. 1 of "Schuyler Happenings," the newsletter of the revived Schuyler Society of the Children of the American Revolution. Saratoga Battle is proud to be a co-sponsor of this organization along with the Gen. Peter Gansevoort chapter of the DAR.

For years, we had talked about the importance of becoming active in promoting CAR and, thanks to Chapter President Duane Booth, we are now co-sponsor of 2 revived CAR chapters. Well done, Mr. President!

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL WREATH-
LAYING AND MEETING
21 September 2003**

Again this year, we had a wonderful event at the Saratoga National Historical Park, held with the Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR. This year marked the 72nd anniversary of the dedication of the DAR Monument at Stop 2 on the Tour Road at the battlefield.

Memorial wreaths were placed at the monument by the following chapters and societies:

Saratoga Battle – Pres. Duane Booth
Saratoga Chapter, DAR – Regent Susan Szewczyk
NSSAR – Secy. General Henry N. McCarl
NYS Organization, NSDAR – District IV
Director Nancy Rodenmacher
Llano Uplift Chapter, Texas Society, DAR
Cynthia Heath-Smith

Brief inspirational messages were made by the presenters. We were especially honored to have Secy. Gen. McCarl, a candidate for President General, with us, and we were moved by his stirring speech.

Other Honored Guests present included:

Mrs. Charlotte Edson, NSDAR Librarian General; Mrs. Libby McKee, NYS Vice Regent, DAR; Mrs. Susan Fabiani, NYS Custodian, DAR; Mrs. Helen L. Newton, Regent, Rebecca Emory Chapter, DAR (Maine) and Chaplain, Ladies Auxiliary, NSSAR; Ronald E. Newton, Chapter and NYS Past President, and Vice President General- New England.

Our heartfelt thanks go out once again to our friends at Saratoga National Historical Park for making the park grounds and Visitor's Center available. Special thanks to Park personnel Gina Johnson and Dick Beresford.

We are saddened to learn that Dick Beresford is retiring early next year after many years with the National Park Service. Dick has been a faithful friend and supporter of our chapter over the years. Many thanks, Dick!

After the wreath-laying ceremony, we adjourned to the Visitor's Center at the battlefield for a chapter meeting. Secretary General McCarl once again addressed us, and gave us his vision for NSSAR in the coming years.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to endorse the candidacy for President of Secretary General McCarl. There is a contest for the PG post this year, and we wish Compatriot McCarl the best in his campaign for office.

Following the meeting, we made our way to DeRon's Restaurant in Ballston Spa. They open on Sundays only for special parties, so we had the place to ourselves. Comradship and conviviality were the order of the day, and at around 6:30 p.m. we departed for home.

TURNING POINT PARADE

A small but dedicated group of chapter members participated in the annual Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville on 3 August 2003. Carrying the chapter banner and flags were: Pres. Duane Booth, Past Pres. Lew Slocum, George Ballard, Burton Mosher, Past Pres. Rick Saunders and son Jacob, Treas. Rich Fullam and Charlie King.

JULY 4TH AT THE BATTLEFIELD

We participated in the program "Celebrate Your American Heritage" along with Saratoga Chapter, DAR and Bemis Heights Society, CAR. Events included a demonstration on how to retire worn out American flags.

President Booth presented SAR awards to his brother Dennis Booth and Dennis' wife Colleen for their yeoman work on our beautiful chapter web site. Dennis was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal and Colleen was presented with the Martha Washington Award.

Those of you with Internet access, please visit our website periodically for news:

www.saratogabattle-sar.org