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NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR

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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A warm welcome to the following new members approved since the last issue:

Douglas M. Adams - MIDDLEBURY, VT *
Wallace V. Auser - FULTON, NY
Patrick J. Dunphy, Jr. - CARLE PLACE, NY
David W. Geyer - STERLING, VA *
Hammond M. Geyer - HERNDON, VA *
Michael H. Geyer - HERNDON, VA *
Steven C. Geyer - HERNDON, VA *
John M. Harrington, IV - NEW YORK, NY
Joseph M. Harrison - ONTARIO, NY
Michael C. Harrison - WEBSTER, NY
Shawn M. Harrison - WEBSTER, NY
Keith H. Jones - VIRGINIA BEACH, VA *
John M. Micheli - CHESAPEAKE, VA
Patrick A. Micheli - AVERILL PARK, NY
James C. O'Brien - WESTFIELD, NY
James F. Rabbitt, Jr. - SMYRNA, NY
Michael Sivy, Jr. - NEW YORK, NY
Bobby J. Smith - HIGH POINT, NC
Jeffrey L. Winklebleck - OSWEGO, NY

COMPATRIOT DEDICATES PATRIOT GRAVE MARKER

Compatriot Dan Mead of Northville, NY recently dedicated a new marker at the grave of his ancestor, Nicholas Christman. Nicholas, who was one-half Oneida Indian, served as a Scout for the Tryon County Rangers as well as a Private in the NY Line, Third Regiment.

Compatriot Mead read the SAR prayer of dedication at the event. His ancestor is buried in the Christman Cemetery which is located on an old family burial ground in the town of Ephratah in Fulton County.

As you may know, if you know the grave location of a Patriot and it either lacks a stone or the stone is damaged, you can obtain a new marker through the VA at no cost. Chapter member Chuck Greenfield has placed scores of markers on the graves of soldiers of various wars and can offer guidance on the proper procedures. You can contact compatriot Greenfield at PO Box 885, Catskill, NY 12414-0885.

ANNUAL WREATH LAYING AT SARATOGA BATTLEFIELD

A bright and sunny Sunday September 17th helped to increase the attendance at this year's wreath-laying at the Saratoga Battlefield. There was plenty of time for fellowship & pictures before and after the ceremony. Regent Marion Walter of the Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR led the event this year and did a great job. Dignitaries on hand included National Society, SAR Genealogist General Charles Bragg; NYS Organization NSDAR Regent Elizabeth McKee; ESSSAR President Peter K. Goebel; NYS Society US Daughters of 1812 President Susan Szewczyk; NYS DAR District Director, IV Lois Gruner; ESSSAR VP – Capital Region, Duane Booth; Schuyler Society, C.A.R., Senior Treasurer Richard Fullam and Bemis Heights Society, C.A.R., President Jessica Wilson.

Our semi-annual meeting followed the ceremony at the Battlefield's Visitor Center. New members Art, Bill and Jim Rockwell were present and received their membership certificates from Chapter President J. Goebel. New members Mike Companion and Bret Trufant, who had been mailed their certificates, were introduced and both of these members have agreed to join the chapter's color guard. We welcome each of you, and thank you for attending the meeting. Service awards were presented to PP Clyde Childs (25); Kurt Kilmer (25); Frank Moy (25); PP G. "Bill" Glidden (20) and to PP Lewis Slocum (20). Congratulations to each of you and congrats Lew on your completion of 50 years of service to the Masons.

During the business portion of the meeting three donations were approved by those in attendance: \$1,000 to the National Society's Center for Advancing America's Heritage; \$250 to the new Valcour Battle Chapter that is now forming in the Plattsburg, NY area and \$50 to the Bemis Heights and Schuyler C.A.R. societies.

An enjoyable meal & fellowship with the ladies from the Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR followed at Ecobelli's Restaurant in Ballston Spa.

Please remember our next meeting is our Annual Meeting which will be held in February 2007. Check the chapter website in December at for details and be sure to check out the Wreath Laying highlights and photos; the URL is <http://www.saratogabattle-sar.org/>.

Submitted By: Duane Booth

**CHAPTER MEMBERS APPOINTED TO
NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

NSSAR has announced that the following chapter members have received national committee assignments.

CAR COMMITTEE

Henry N. McCarl, PG 2004-5
Ronald E. Newton

COLOR GUARD COMMITTEE

Charles R. Lampman – Chairman
Peter K. Goebel

CONGRESS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Charles R. Lampman

COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS GENERAL

Henry N. McCarl, PG 2004-5

COUNCIL OF VICE PRESIDENTS GENERAL

Peter K. Goebel

DAR LIASION COMMITTEE

Charles R. Lampman

KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST COMMITTEE

Ronald E. Newton

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Henry N. McCarl, PG 2004-5 – Chairman

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Charles F. Bragg
Joseph W. Dooley
William B. Neal

GEO. WASHINGTON ENDOWMENT FUND

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Charles F. Bragg
Charles R. Lampman
Dennis F. Marr

HISTORIC SITES & CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Jonathan E. Goebel
Charles R. Lampman
Dennis F. Marr

HOSPITALITY & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Peter K. Goebel
Henry N. McCarl, PG 2004-5

MEDALS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Joseph W. Dooley
Peter K. Goebel

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Joseph W. Dooley – Chairman
Jonathan E. Goebel
William B. Neal

MINUTEMAN AWARD COMMITTEE

Henry N. McCarl, PG 2004-5

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMMITTEE

Dennis F. Marr

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Henry N. McCarl, PG 2004-5 – Vice Chairman
Peter K. Goebel

RUMBAUGH ORATION CONTEST COMMITTEE

Jonathan E. Goebel – Vice Chairman

REENACTORS COMMITTEE

Charles R. Lampman

ROTC/JROTC/SERVICE ACADEMY COMMITTEE

Jonathan E. Goebel

SPEAKERS AND WRITERS BUREAU COMMITTEE

Charles F. Bragg
Charles R. Lampman

TASK FORCE FOR NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Ronald E. Newton

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Peter K. Goebel – Vice Chairman
Jonathan E. Goebel

IN OUR MEMORY

We are saddened to report the passing of compatriot William H. Markham of Albany. Bill was age 86, and had been a member since November of 1984. A graduate of Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, Bill participated in the presentation of the SAR JROTC medal there some years ago. Our condolences go to his family, including his son, compatriot William T. Markham of Schenectady.

GOEBELS WELCOME NEW DAUGHTER

Congratulations to our president Jonathan Goebel and his lady Ruth on the birth of their second child. Martha Kennedy Goebel was born on October 10, joining sister Anna. Mother and daughter are reported doing fine, and our best wishes to the family and the proud grandparents.

HANDY BOOK RECOMMENDED

A small book recently won by your editor as a door prize turns out to be a very helpful tool in researching the early period of this country. *Nicknames Past and Present*, by Christine Rose (Rose Family Assn., San Jose, CA, 4th Ed., Apr. 2002) is a terrific source for deciphering those pesky nicknames of old. Examples: Frony = Veronica; Nabby = Abigail; Hattie = Harriet; Trudy = Gertrude; Patsy = Martha (!); Polly = Mary; Nicey = Eunice; Sukey = Susannah. Of the many men's nicknames included, most are mere truncations of the given name.