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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the following new compatriots.

Robert W. Conklin – Albany, NY

L. Ford Oxaal – Cohoes, NY

Michael R. Skelly – Salem, NY

Theodore W. Snow – Waxahachie, TX

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thomas L. Dunne

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Saratoga Battle Chapter by coming to the Wreath Laying and the Dinner afterwards.

I am also very pleased that we were able to recognize, and honor Dennis Marr, for all of the work he has done for the chapter, and the DAR, and CAR, and for bringing the 3 organizations together in events, to makes those events better for all.

Saratoga Battle Chapter also needs members to step forward and help take some of the work load off of the members who have been doing it for years. They have been working to make the Saratoga Battle Chapter a growing chapter. It is time while they are still able to help us learn from their experience, and knowledge, to pick up the ball so our group will continue to prosper, and grow. They do a fantastic amount of behind the scenes work that we take for granted. Things like planning and printing out programs for events, writing and publishing the chapter newspaper, writing and publishing events to the web site, along with many other things. We are not looking to replace them, but to try to take off some of the pressure of what they do, and learn how they do it. Please contact me if you can help: ThmsDunne9@aol.com

ANNUAL WREATH-LAYING

September 22 saw another successful and enjoyable wreath-laying at the Saratoga National Historical Park. We were joined by our co-sponsors, the Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR, and also by a number of C.A.R. members. Lending luster to the event was the 2nd Continental Artillery re-enactors, who served as our Color Guard.

Wreaths were presented as follows:

NSSAR – Peter Goebel

ESSSAR – Dennis Marr

Vermont Society SAR – Tim Mabee

Schuyler Society C.A.R. – Nicholas Oxaal

Saratoga Chapter NSDAR – Heather Mabee,
Vice Regent

Schenectada Chapter NSDAR –

Jean Lindsay, Regent

Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter – NSDAR –

Susan Hare, Regent

Saratoga Battle Chapter – Karl Danneil

Following the ceremony, we moved to the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs for a dinner meeting. We had a nice turnout of compatriots, DAR members and C.A.R.s. We were especially pleased that 4 new members were on hand to receive their membership certificates:

Peter Hormell; John Bergener; Craig Everett;
Larry Preston.

Our Registrar's report revealed that we are at 188 members with a number of additional ones in the hopper. We also had 7 approved supplemental applications, which can be very helpful to future prospective members.

ANCESTOR CORNER

By
G. William Glidden

At the beginning of the American Revolution Andrew Glidden, born about 1737 in Exeter, New Hampshire, and his wife, Maria Smith, had six children, ranging in age from 2 to 10. They were a Quaker family living in Unity, New Hampshire. On 17 May 1774, Andrew was chosen a constable of Unity, and in 1776, became a signer of the Association Test at Unity. Andrew died in Unity, after 3 January 1805.

In New Hampshire the Association Test, or the Articles of Association, also known as the "Patriot Test," was written by the New Hampshire Committee of Safety. The document refers to a resolution passed by the Continental Congress on 14 March 1776 which called for two actions: the signatures of every adult male, over 21 in age with some exceptions, who were willing to take arms against the British; and the names of all who refused to sign.

The returns of these documents gave the signers of the Declaration of Independence assurance that their acts would be sanctioned and sustained by the citizens of our country. Town Officers in New Hampshire were requested to obtain these signatures, who in turn sometimes selected a local "Committee of Safety", to carry out this order under the chairmanship of Meshech Weare, 1st president of New Hampshire (1776-1785).

(Ed. Note: Compatriot Glidden is a past chapter President and a noted and active military historian).

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Once again, the chapter voted to make a financial donation to the annual *Wreaths Across America* project; a number of chapter members also made personal contributions. These donations were made in support of the Schuyler Society C.A.R.'s efforts to make this program a success every year. Schuyler collected sponsorships for 124 wreaths this year.

BOOK REVIEW

By
David A. Marsh, Secretary

Bockstruck, Lloyd de Witt. Revolutionary War Pensions Awarded by State Governments 1775-1874 and General and Federal Governments Prior to 1814 and By Private Acts of Congress to 1905, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 2011.

In August 1776 the Continental Congress passed a resolution to grant pensions to those who served in the Revolutionary War. The plan was not funded. Many states granted pensions for service in the Colonial Wars and the American Revolution. These pensions were being paid before any federally funded pension program and were absorbed by the federal pension program when it became effective and was funded. If you find pension payment records for a soldier, his child or widow and that record predates any federal program, it's possible the pension was first granted by a state. The introductory pages of this book describe the pension programs of the various states and the evolution of the early Federal veteran pension system. The rest of the book is an alpha list by surname of pension recipients, the rank of the soldier who served, the unit he served with, often the amount of the pension and other information. I did find some misinformation in the data but it is still a valuable resource for data on soldiers whose pension files may have been lost in the several fires which destroyed US War Department records in Washington, DC. The book is well indexed. It is a great companion to Craig R. Scott's, The Lost Pensions: Settled Accounts of the Acts of 6 April 1838, Willow Bend Books, Lovettsville, VA, 1996.

(Ed. Note: author Bockstruck is a former Librarian General of the NSSAR and a member of dozens of lineage societies. He is also a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society. As of 15 December 2013, Amazon.com had 4 copies of this book in stock at \$84.48, \$5 less than the cover price).

***MARR RECEIVES CHAPTER'S
HIGHEST AWARD***

Submitted by Duane Booth

Past Chapter President ('97-'99) Dennis F. M. Marr was honored at the Chapter's September 22, 2013 Meeting at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga, NY with the chapter's Duane Booth Extraordinary Service Award. Dennis was the second recipient of the award that was first presented to Duane in 2012.



**Dennis Marr accepts award from Chapter President
Tom Dunne**

Chapter President Thomas L. Dunne read the citation which accompanied his nomination and outlined his service to the chapter. The citation referred to his many accomplishments that include: his election to the position of chapter registrar about five weeks after his own application was approved in 1993, a position he held until 2005, and that includes the two years that he was also serving as our Chapter President. And, add to those two important jobs his election to Empire State Society President in 1998 and the startup of our chapter newsletter *Battle Lines* in 1997. Now in its 17th year Dennis is the only Editor the newsletter has had. Dennis wrote our bylaws, which were enacted with few changes, and our Chapter History covering the years the years 1971 to 1999. In addition to being our newsletter editor he is our chapter Genealogist, is a mentor to incoming officers, serves on committees when asked, presents JROTC awards on behalf of the chapter at both LaSalle and CBA and as Executive Director of the Rhodes Memorial Fund he has funded, or helped to fund, many of our projects and has been known to help the local DAR and C.A.R. chapters with their projects as well.

Without a doubt, Dennis is well deserving of the honor. We know others are deserving too. Please contact a chapter officer if you'd like to nominate a fellow chapter member for the award.

(Ed. Note: how the guys kept this a secret is beyond me, but I was shocked, humbled and gratified to receive this honor.)

SCHUYLER SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

The Schuyler Society, N.S.C.A.R. celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Van Schaick Mansion on September 15. This was a most festive occasion, with a number of dignitaries on hand to help the children celebrate this milestone.

Saratoga Battle was represented by compatriot George Malinoski, and Dennis Marr was there to represent the Rhodes Memorial Fund; both organizations are Sponsors of the Schuyler Society.

Other honored guests included: Philip Mosher, First State Vice President of the NY C.A.R.; Mrs. Elizabeth Mosher, NY Senior State President; Mr. George Primeau, Mayor of Cohoes, NY; and Mrs. Susan Hare, Regent of the Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter, NSDAR.

Society President Nicholas Oxall presided and also led a fun Constitution trivia game, as Constitution Day was also being celebrated. After the program, the children and guests partook of the delicious anniversary cake. Visitors were treated to tours of the Van Schaick Mansion by members of the DAR.

Past Senior Society President, Mrs. Sandra Zerrillo was surprised to be honored with a commemorative brick on the Mansion's "Walk To the Past" in gratitude for her outstanding leadership over the years.

