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NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR

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## **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new chapter members.

John S. Loucks, V – Austin, TX  
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John J. McNamara – Schenectady, NY  
James W. Pater – Schenectady, NY  
Robert H. Wubbenhorst –  
Bolton Landing, NY  
Brian S. Yamada – Clifton Park, NY

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Douglas Gallant

As the cold days of January are upon us, I recall more fondly now the hot, humid weather of our Chapter events in July and August! This is my last message as Chapter President. New Officers will be elected at our upcoming Annual Meeting on February 23rd and I hope to see many of you there to welcome them. And just to reassure you, I'm not going anywhere and will remain an active Chapter member. I would like to thank everyone, and especially the Executive Committee, for their support during my tenure. I hope to have left the Chapter in at least as good condition as when I began. I wish my successor all the best and the same to all my compatriots.

The last event I participated in was a Veteran's Day ceremony at Saratoga Battlefield. The Park personnel chose to hold their event on November 10th rather than the 11th to not conflict with the multitude of other ceremonies on the 11th. As a result the gathering was rather small but that resulted in a more personal environment. One of the unique aspects of the ceremony was that attendees were allowed to write the names of any family members that were veterans at any point in time on a card. The names were read aloud and then the cards affixed to the wall. This resulted in a large visual display that itself was worthy of a moment of reflection.

## **WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AND ANNUAL MEETING**

Our chapter Annual Meeting and Washington's Birthday celebration will take place on February 23 at the Century House in Latham, NY. You can get a reservation form on the chapter website: [www.saratogabattle-sar.org](http://www.saratogabattle-sar.org).

We will also be holding our biennial election of officers at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there; reservations close February 18.

## **NEWS FROM THE ESSAR**

Duane Booth

The Empire State Society Board of Managers meeting was held in Coxsackie, NY on November 3. Larry Arnold and son Tyson were in attendance at the Board of Managers meeting on November 3, 2018 held at Coxsackie, NY. Both were installed as new SAR members of the Saratoga Battle Chapter. Larry is well known in the area as a past president of the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield (Friends) and as a licensed guide at the Battlefield.

Larry, who is chair of the Friends Fundraising Committee gave a brief report on the new Saratoga Surrender Site that their group has been working on. He reports that the fundraising is nearly complete and groundbreaking is in sight. He is in hopes that the October 17, 2019 sword surrender ceremony will take place there.

Empire State Society President Duane Booth, 2014-2017, proudly reports that the Empire State Society and the Saratoga Battle Chapter will be recognized on the donor plaques. Each group has donated at least \$5,000 to the project. If you would like more information on the project visit their website at <http://friendsofsaratogabattlefield.org/>. Donations are still being accepted.