



# **BATTLE LINES**

NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR  
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## **NOTE OF CONDOLENCE**

We were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the tragic death of Walter Dean Jennings III on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Walter was the son of member Walter Dean Jennings, Jr. and grandson of member Walter Dean Jennings. Young Walter was a student at SUNY-Plattsburgh and his life was tragically cut short.

The officers and members of the Saratoga Battle Chapter extend their profound sympathy to the family on its loss.

## **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

We are pleased to welcome the following new compatriots into our chapter:

John Robert Paeglow, Jr. – Troy, NY  
Thomas Edward Paeglow – Albany, NY  
Michael David Reilly – Nanuet, NY  
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All four new compatriots are cousins of our Registrar/Genealogist Dennis F.M. Marr and went in under his Supplemental ancestor Josiah Bugbee of Sand Lake, NY.

## **ROTC AWARDS PRESENTED**

President Duane Booth represented the chapter at the annual awards presentation ceremony at RPI on April 26. RPI and Siena College run a combined ROTC program, with the Army, Air Force and Navy represented. This year's silver medal awardees:

Air Force – Cadet William Huser  
Army – Cadet Kyle Morse  
Navy – Midshipman David Armandt

On April 3, Dennis Marr presented the JROTC award at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany. This is done annually as part of the school's awards night. Winning the bronze ROTC medal this year was:

Cadet Patrick A. Frost

## **SARATOGA BATTLE TO CO-SPONSOR CAR CHAPTER**

Our good friends at the Saratoga Chapter NSDAR have asked us to act as co-sponsor with them of a revived Bemis Heights chapter of the CAR. We have long desired involvement with CAR, and this is a golden opportunity. More details as they become available. Thanks to Rick Saunders and Duane Booth for their work on this project.

## **NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM**

Past President Bill Glidden of Plattsburgh continues his active involvement with the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs. This museum is a jewel in our midst and exists to preserve the military heritage of our area.

As with most non-profit organizations, the museum is in continual need of funds. Consider becoming a member, but in any case plan a visit soon. The museum is located in an old armory at 61 Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs; phone: 518-226-0991.

A gala event is planned for Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The event will run from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. Featured events will include a USO show from New York City that will perform at 7:30 and 9:00 pm, running 45 minutes in length. An art show is also scheduled with paintings from the state collection that are not normally seen by the public. The \$25 ticket price will provide much needed funds to the museum, as the costs of the event itself are being substantially paid by sponsors. Contact the museum for tickets.

## **ESSSAR ANNUAL MEETING**

The chapter was well represented at the ESSSAR annual meeting in Rome, NY on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Attendees included: State Secretary Jonathan Goebel; Chapter Pres. Duane Booth; Past Pres. Rick Saunders; Dennis Marr; and dual member Ron Newton.

## **ANCESTOR CORNER**

**By**

**Compatriot Dennis F.M. Marr**

In honor of my four cousins who have become new members under my supplemental ancestor Josiah Bugbee, I would like to tell Josiah's story.

I originally identified my Bugbee ancestry via a Civil War muster roll for my ancestor Robert H. Bailey of Sand Lake, Rensselaer Co. This record, in the NYS Archives, included Robert's personal information as well as father's name, Warren Bailey, and mother's maiden name: Jane Bugbee.

A Bailey/Bugbee cousin and I located a treasure trove of family information in the files of Adolphus H. Sage, a physicist and genealogist, whose papers were donated to the NYS Archives in the 1940's and 1950's. Because his mother was a Bailey descendant, he had spent a lot of time on that family. Sage had found a family bible in Sand Lake in 1904 that had my whole line in it. Robert Bailey's father Warren had married Jane Bugbee; Warren's brother Joseph married Jane's sister Miranda. Sage identified them as daughters of Josiah Bugbee of Sand Lake.

I found Josiah in my Rev. War pension books, and obtained his pension and military files from the National Archives. Josiah served 3+ years with the NY 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Continental Line. His muster rolls place him variously at: New Windsor, Peekskill, White Plains, Fishkill, Schoharie, Johnstown, Canajoharie and Morristown. He enlisted January 1, 1777 for 3 years and was discharged April 1, 1780. At enlistment, Josiah lived with his father in the Town of Greenbush, Rensselaer Co., though they originated in Dutchess Co.

Josiah was born in 1754, son of Israel and Bathsheba Buckbee. He always spelled his surname "Bugbee," while his half brother Richard always used "Buckbee."

Josiah's simple obituary in the *Troy Northern Budget* of June 25, 1839 reads:

"Another Revolutionary Hero gone. Died at his residence at Sand Lake on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst., after a short illness, Josiah Bugbee, in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of his age. A respectable citizen, and a distinguished hero of '76, who had the honor of combating in several battles with the enemies of his country."

Josiah may have been buried on his farm, as he has no stone in Sand Lake Union Cemetery.

## **THINGS GENEALOGICAL**

Registrar/Genealogist Marr would like to remind all members that he has a wealth of Revolutionary War references in his personal library, and that he is always willing to do lookups for SARs and DARs who are doing research. Among the items he owns:

4-vol. set of books summarizing every Rev. War Pension file in the National Archives;

4-vol. set of all Rev. War military files in the National Archives;

SAR Patriot Index, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition on CD-ROM;

1990 DAR Patriot Index: 3 vols. listing all patriot ancestors used to join DAR as of 1990;

Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors in the Rev.: 17 vol. set on CD-ROM;

New York in the Revolution: listing all militia and regular military men serving in NY;

Rev. War Pension Lists: lists of Pensioners for the following periods for all states: 1792-1795, 1801-1815, 1818, 1820, 1835 and 1840. CD-ROM;

Selected NY Revolutionary War Records: including Committee of Correspondence Minutes and index to the HETRINA, the 6-vol. set documenting all Hessian soldiers.

If your research leads you to an ancestor previously used by someone to join DAR, Registrar Marr can obtain the DAR papers for you; NSDAR has recently doubled the fee for this to \$10, but the papers can be invaluable to your research.

Members are always encouraged to identify potential new members for us. Talk up your SAR membership among your friends. If you find a prospect, we can offer them guidance on how to proceed with their research, as well as using the approved software to prepare their applications for filing.

The "family application" process is a great recruiting tool. Under this plan, a group of related individuals, joining at the same time under the same ancestor, can realize substantial savings on the one-time National application fee. The primary applicant pays the full \$35, but the others pay only \$17.50 each.

Remember, too, that your male relatives are all prime prospects for membership.