



# **BATTLE LINES**

NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR  
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## **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

A belated welcome to new compatriot David A. Young of Delmar, NY, son of chapter member Art Young.

A warm welcome also to William E. Dwyer III of Columbia, SC. Bill is descended from Lt. Peter S. Schuyler of the Albany Co. Militia. Finally, we welcome Peter J. Lindemann of Howes Cave, NY.

Timothy Condon, Albany, MA Society transfer.

## **WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Our annual Washington's Birthday meeting was held on February 21 at the Century House in Latham. We had a fine turnout and were able to present new member Joe Whittlesey with his certificate.

Saratoga National Historical Park Ranger Joe Craig gave a wonderful presentation on the restored Saratoga Battle Monument. Former Park Ranger Dick Beresford was awarded the NSSAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Dick could not be with us this night and the medal was presented to him by Pres. Duane Booth at the park visitors' center on March 26.

## **ROTC AWARDS PRESENTED**

Pres. Booth presented 3 Silver ROTC Medals at the Presidential Awards Ceremony at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY on May 1. Awards went to Kyle Pickett (Army), Jake Rankinen (Navy) and Peter Sabatowski (Air Force). The cadets were proud to receive the awards and personally thanked Pres. Booth for the presentation.

Registrar Dennis Marr presented JROTC Bronze medals at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany on April 1 and at his alma mater LaSalle Institute in Troy on May 27. Recipients were Joseph W. Zabinski at CBA and Samuel Ogden at LSI.

## **RICH FULLAM ON ESSAR BOARD**

Treasurer Richard Fullam was elected to the Board of Managers of the Empire State Society at the Annual Meeting in Rome, NY. We are fortunate to have him represent us on the Board. Congratulations, Rich!

## **COMPATRIOT RECEIVES**

### **PATRIOT MEDAL**

We are pleased and proud to announce that Past President Richard C. Saunders, Jr. was awarded the Patriot Medal at the ESSAR Annual Meeting in Rome, NY. This award is the highest that can be given by a state society, and is for long and faithful service at the chapter and/or state level. Congratulations, Rick.....very much deserved.

## **KNIGHT ESSAY WINNERS**

Pres. Booth attended the Ballston Spa High School Purple & Gold Award Ceremony on May 20. At this event, he presented Lauren Levine with a Certificate and a \$50 US Savings Bond as this year's First Place winner in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. Lauren wrote her essay on Thomas Paine and the role his *Common Sense* writings played in swaying colonists to the cause of Independence. Awarded Second Place in the chapter contest was Angela Chircop, a junior at North Warren High.

Special recognition should go to Rick Saunders and Pres. Booth for their tireless efforts to promote this youth program of the NSSAR.

## **CHAPTER TO CO-HOST CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

Saratoga Battle Chapter will be a co-host of a citizenship ceremony welcoming new Americans at the Saratoga National Historic Park on July 4. The ceremony will be at 10:30 a.m. and is expected to be brief, under 2 hours. Also featured will be a rousing reading of the Declaration of Independence and period toasts to the new colonies.

Other sponsors are the Saratoga Chapter-DAR, the US Citizenship and Immigration Service, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield and the Saratoga National Historical Park.

This promises to be a moving and colorful event, and we encourage you to come and to bring along family and friends. What a great way to start your Independence Day celebrations!

### ANCESTOR CORNER

This feature will return as soon as the Editor receives your submissions. Just put a few paragraphs together on a Revolutionary War ancestor and send it to Dennis Marr.

### RECOMMENDED READING

Compatriot Joe Whittlesey of Scotia highly recommends 2 historical novels by Jeffrey M. Shaara:

**“Rise To Rebellion: A Novel of the American Revolution.”** Ballantine Books, 2001.

This book covers the time period from 1750 to July 4, 1776. Included are activities of John Adams, Samuel Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton and others, including the British commanders.

**“The Glorious Cause.”**  
Fawcett Books, 2003.

This book covers from July 1776 through December 1783. Personages featured include George Washington, Nathaniel Greene, Baron Von Steuben, Benjamin Franklin and others, including General Cornwallis.

These books are available at local libraries. Both are reader-rated 4 ½ out of 5 stars at Amazon.com.

Editor Marr recently purchased a great book for his granddaughter Madison, a member of CAR:

**“...If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution.”** Elizabeth Levy, illustrated by Joan Holub. Scholastic, Inc., June 1992.

This book is part of the “If You Were There When” series from Scholastic and is designed for younger readers. It takes the child inside of the personalities and events surrounding the composition and signing of the United States Constitution, and uses a question-and-answer format to make major points.

Our friend Peggy Jo Power Gifford of the Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter-DAR has published “Saratoga Story and the British P.O.W.’s,” Tri State Litho, Kingston, NY, 2003. This booklet is a timeline of events from February 1777 to April 1782.

Available for \$9.95 from: Van Schaick Mansion Project, 1 Van Schaick Avenue, Cohoes, NY 12047.

### CHAPTER PICNIC BEING CONSIDERED

Your Chapter Officers are considering the possibility of a family picnic with the Walloomsac Battle Chapter. The picnic would begin at around 4 p.m. on Monday, August 16 at the Bennington Battlefield Historic Site on Route 67 in North Hoosick, NY.

Most of the items for the picnic would be provided by a caterer and would be funded from the chapters’ treasuries. If there is sufficient interest, we will schedule the event.

Those interested are asked to commit to the event by August 1 so that catering arrangements can go forward. Please contact Pres. Duane Booth if you have an interest, and let him know how many would be in your party. You can contact Duane at 518-733-0830 or by e-mail at: [Boots42@taconic.net](mailto:Boots42@taconic.net).

### ANOTHER C.A.R. CHAPTER MAY REORGANIZE

Our friends at the Ft. Crailo Chapter-DAR have informed us of their efforts to reorganize the Catherine Schuyler Chapter of the C.A.R. As a co-sponsor of 2 recently revived C.A.R. chapters, we are aware of the time and effort that such undertakings require. We wish our friends at Ft. Crailo the best in this worthy project.

### DENNIS MARR ADDRESSES HENDRICK HUDSON CHAPTER-DAR

Registrar-Genealogist Dennis Marr spoke before the Hendrick Hudson Chapter-DAR at their annual Flag Day Luncheon on June 5. His topic was “Using Revolutionary War Pension Files in Genealogical Research.” The talk was very well-received, with a lively question-and-answer period following. The ladies presented Dennis with a copy of “Historical Sketches of Hudson, 1862,” which their chapter reprinted in 1985. Several compatriots were also in attendance, including state newsletter Editor Hank Croteau, past state Chaplain Bob French and Columbia Chapter Pres. John Helmeyer.

### THIS MONTH IN THE REVOLUTION

June 17, 1775: Battle of Bunker (Breed’s) Hill

June 14, 1777: Stars & Stripes Adopted

June 1, 1779: British Gen. Henry Clinton captures forts at Stony Point and Verplanck, NY, but fails to reach West Point.

June 10, 1781: American forces under Lafayette are joined in Virginia by Anthony Wayne’s men and Baron Von Steuben.