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SPRING 2007

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Charles D. Ball - SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

Charles D. Ball, Jr. - GALWAY, NY

Charles D. Ball, III - SHINJUKU-KU, TOKYO JAPAN,

George H. Ballard, Jr. - BREWSTER, NY

George C. Ballard - BREWSTER, NY

Steven D. Ballard - LANSING, MI

James W. Everett, Jr. - ALBANY, NY

Joseph B. Fitzpatrick - ESPERANCE, NY

Eugene D. Hallock, III - ALBANY, NY

Eugene D. Hallock, IV - ALBANY, NY

Michael C. Kennedy - LOCUST VALLEY, NY

Donald E. Palmer - BALDWINVILLE, NY

Malcolm R. Schade - NEW ROCHELLE, NY

Edward G. Soulier, Sr. - LIVERPOOL, NY

Christopher W. Stone - BEDFORD, MA

Wells R. Winegar - PENNINGTON, NJ

The following member joins as a Dual State member:

James G. Ballard, Jr. - HAGERSTOWN, MD

(Brother of chapter President George H. Ballard)

PRESIDENT BALLARD RECOVERING

Our thoughts and prayers are with our chapter President George H. Ballard who is recovering from serious surgery. Get well soon, George....we look forward to seeing you back on your feet.

IN OUR MEMORY

We were saddened to learn of the death of compatriot Donald Freeland of Oneonta, NY. Donald died 2 June 2007 in his 89th year. Our condolences to his family, especially compatriot Michael W. Freeland of Wynnewood, PA, a good friend of our chapter, who notified us of his father's passing. Donald served in the Army Air Corps in WWII and later had a distinguished career in the insurance business. Donald moved to Oneonta in 1997, at which time his son Michael saw to his transfer to the ESSSAR and Saratoga Battle Chapter. In his obituary, Donald was described as an accomplished miniaturist, folk artist, cabinet maker and collector of all things nautical. May he rest in peace.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by

George H. Ballard

I would like to welcome all new members to the chapter. We have several events planned for the next couple of months. On July 4th we will hold our 4th annual Citizenship Program at the Saratoga Battlefield. There is no better way to celebrate our nation's birthday than to welcome 20 new citizens at the site of the Battles of Saratoga where our forefathers fought to give birth to this great nation. On August 5th we will be marching in the Turning Point Parade: we could use some additional members to march; check our web site for details. The Walloomsac Battle Chapter has asked us to join them for the 230th anniversary of the Battles of Bennington and Saratoga. We will need members to help out on the weekend of August 18-19: please contact me if you can help out. My email is: gballard@nycap.rr.com; my phone is 518-899-8198. Our annual Wreath-Laying and dinner will be held on September 16th. This event will start at 2 p.m. at Stop 2 of the Tour Road; a chapter meeting will follow in the Visitors' Center at 3 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. at Manna's Restaurant on Low Street, Ballston Spa.

The ESSSAR Annual Election, slated to take place on May 12th, was postponed; as of now, I believe it will be held in September. I would like to urge everyone to vote: this is very important if you want Saratoga Battle, the largest chapter in the state, to have representation on the ESSSAR Board of Managers. There will be two slates on the ballot: one headed by current ESSSAR President Peter K. Goebel, which I strongly urge all members to support, and the other led by past ESSSAR President William J. Woodworth. This election is very important to our chapter. There has been much infighting in the State Society over the past year. We need to put this behind us, and the best way to do that is to exercise your right to vote. As President of Saratoga Battle Chapter, I encourage each and every member to cast your vote for Peter Goebel and his slate and give us the representation on the Board that we deserve.

CHAPTER REPRESENTED AT GENEALOGY DAY

Genealogist Dennis Marr represented us at a "Genealogy Information Day" sponsored by Heritage Hunters of Saratoga Springs. The event was held at the Wilton Town Hall on May 19th; several potential members were aided.

CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Our annual meeting and Washington's Birthday dinner was held on 17 February at the Century House in Latham, NY. Also held at that time was our biennial election of officers. The following slate of candidates was unanimously approved:

President – George H. Ballard
1st Vice President – Richard H. Fullam
2nd Vice President – Primitivo Africa
Secretary – Stephen C. Coye
Treasurer – Michael S. Companion
Registrar – Duane P. Booth
Genealogist/Historian/Newsletter Editor – Dennis Marr
Chaplain – Peter K. Goebel
Deputy Chaplain – Henry Goebel, Jr.

Installation of Officers was performed by North Atlantic Vice President General Peter K. Goebel.

Congratulations to our new officers. Please give them your support during their term of office.

Several recognitions were made at the meeting:

Past President Pin/Certificate – Lewis Slocum

Meritorious Service Medal – Richard H. Fullam
Meritorious Service Medal – George H. Ballard

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to:

Stephen C. Coye
Henry Goebel, Jr.
Peter K. Goebel
Dennis F.M. Marr
Richard C. Saunders, Jr.
Richard H. Fullam
George H. Ballard

Congratulations to these hard-working compatriots on their well-earned awards.

Our speaker for the evening, Mr. Brian McVay, gave an interesting and entertaining talk on George Washington. Mr. McVay was introduced by Past Chapter President G. William Glidden, who took the opportunity to give us a brief overview of the NYS Military Heritage Institute in Saratoga Springs. Bill is actively involved with the Institute, and Saratoga Battle is a Charter Member of it. Bill is also Historian of the new Valcour Battle Chapter in Plattsburgh. Membership in the Institute is \$25 for individuals, \$35 family and \$15 for students and seniors.

STONY POINT CHAPTER RECOGNIZES

SARATOGA BATTLE MEMBER

Our congratulations go out to compatriot Noel Haskell, a member of our chapter who also serves as Treasurer of the revived Stony Point Chapter. For his tireless efforts in helping to get that chapter back on its feet, Noel was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Congratulations, Noel, on your richly deserved recognition.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS' PHOTOS

Many veterans of the American Revolution sat for photographs in the mid-nineteenth century. Obviously, these men were quite elderly by the time photography was widely available. Nationally-recognized photography expert Maureen Taylor is looking to gather these pictures together; her project is called "The Last Muster."

Maureen specializes in dating photographs based upon clothing and other clues in the picture; she also does restoration work and is a frequent speaker at national and regional genealogy events. She is the author of *Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs* (2nd edition, Family Tree Books, 2005), *Preserving Your Family Photographs* (Betterway, 2001) and *Scrapbooking Your Family History* (Betterway, 2003).

Maureen recently stated: "It'll take an army of volunteers to find all the members of the Revolutionary War generation that had their picture taken. We need your help! If you own or know of a photograph of an individual who served in the American Revolution, was born during the War, or who was married to a soldier, please let us know. Your assistance is needed."

A full description of her project and several articles can be found at:

<http://www.maurentaylor.com/projects.html>

Maureen has also started a "blog" (web log) that describes her efforts, details newly discovered items and also gives a lot of other great information. One recent article discusses the differences among Daguerreotypes, Ambrotypes, Tintypes or Ferrotypes, and Cartes de Visite (CDV's).

Her educational blog is located at:

<http://www.lastmuster.blogspot.com>

NATIONAL ARCHIVES PITTSFIELD BRANCH

The Pittsfield Branch of the National Archives is a treasure trove of genealogical information. They are at 10 Conte Drive, Pittsfield. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm; first Saturday each month, 8 am to 4 pm.