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## **BATTLE LINES**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Thomas L. Dunne**

We appreciate your membership in the SAR and in the Saratoga Battle Chapter. While I know many of you are busy, know that the chapter is always in need of volunteers.

On May 17, 2014 at the State Society Annual Meeting in Rome, NY, one of our former chapter presidents, Duane Booth, became our new State President. Looking at the photo below, where he was sworn in as State President, I see other members of the Saratoga Battle Chapter, filling State positions. While not all could make the meeting in addition to Duane we have Primitivo Africa, Manager; Michael S. Companion, Manager; Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, Vice President-Capital Region; Douglas M. Gallant, Manager; Jonathan E. Goebel, Secretary and Historian; Peter K. Goebel, Chaplain and George F. Malinoski, Manager on the state board.



Many of these men serve as chapter officers or help in other ways behind the scenes. Dual chapter members often serve as officers in their home chapter. Other compatriots fill positions at the National SAR level.

Again, we are always in need of volunteers, and have many committees' positions vacant. Additionally, at the September meeting, I'll be appointing members of the nominating committee who will select the slate of officers for the 2015-2017 term. If you are interested in being an officer there will be positions available. Let us know your availability, and what office you would consider. We have men who can share their years of experience with you and together we can make this a better chapter, and state society.

We are always looking for new members. If you know of men interested in joining the SAR please have them contact me at [ThmsDunne9@aol.com](mailto:ThmsDunne9@aol.com). They do not have to live in New York to be a member of our chapter.

### **PETER GOEBEL APPOINTED COUNTY VETERANS' AGENCY DIRECTOR**

Rensselaer County Executive Kathleen M. Jimino has announced the appointment of past Chapter and State SAR president Peter K. Goebel as Director of the Rensselaer County Veterans' Services Agency. Peter assumed his responsibilities on May 26.

The mission of the Agency is to provide free assistance, service and representation to United States Veterans and their dependents, survivors, widows and orphans. In 2013 the County Veterans' Services Agency served 11,766 individuals through its' various programs.

The Agency also provides for the placement of grave markers provided for by the US government as well as transportation to and from the Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Albany.

Peter graduated from West Point in 1981 and advanced to the rank of Colonel. He has commanded military units ranging from a platoon of 40 to Theater Army of 500,000. Peter has had three deployments and is the recipient of the Bronze Star among other awards. We are proud of Peter; the Rensselaer County Veterans' Service Agency is in good hands.

## ESSSAR MARCH BOARD MEETING

Two awards were presented at the ESSSAR Board of Managers meeting held on March 29 at the Mabee Farm Historic Site in Schenectady County.

Jonathan Goebel received the newly-created Joseph Warren Medal for his many years of service on the NSSAR's Orations Committee. Jonathan has served as both Chair and Vice Chair at different times.



ESSSAR Pres. Sage Presents Warren Medal to J. Goebel

On behalf of the chapter President Thomas Dunne received a certificate and flag streamer recognizing our contribution of \$1,000 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.



Pres. Dunne Displays NSSAR Recognitions

The chapter can be proud of these accomplishments. A special congratulation goes out to Jonathan for his many years of service at meetings in Louisville as well as at numerous national congresses.

Echoing Pres. Dunne's sentiments, this demonstrates that one can serve at the chapter, state or national level to advance important SAR goals.

## C.A.R. NEWS

In the Winter 2014 issue of *Schuyler Chronicles*, the newsletter of the Schuyler Society N.S.C.A.R., two chapter members received recognitions for service to C.A.R.

Past Presidents Duane Booth and Dennis Marr were both named as C.A.R. National Promoters and New York State Patriots. These designations recognize monetary donations to C.A.R. and include a complimentary subscription to the national magazine, *Patriot's Legacy*, and the state society publication *Blunderbuss*.

At the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention in April the Schuyler Society was named Most Outstanding Society in the Nation! The surprised members in attendance were delighted to accept the engraved silver bowl commemorating this achievement. In addition, the Society won First Place awards in six program contests and three member contests. These prizes carried monetary awards totaling \$285.

Bemis Heights Society President Cassandra Flanagan reports that they have been active in a variety of events. These include: September Wreath-Laying at Saratoga Battlefield; trip to Grant's Cottage in Wilton; placing wreaths at the Gerald B.H. Solomon National Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America program; and a visit to the Ronald McDonald House in Albany, where members prepared a meal.

Congratulations to both of these fine C.A.R. societies; Saratoga Battle is proud to be a co-sponsor of each.

## RHODES MEMORIAL FUND ANNOUNCES GRANTS

Dennis F. Marr, Executive Director of the Lawrence I. & Blanche H. Rhodes Memorial Fund, Inc., announced the following grants to our related societies:

\$7,000 – Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter, NSDAR/  
Van Schaick Mansion Project

\$1,000 – Saratoga Battle Chapter

\$ 750 – Schuyler Society, N.S.C.A.R.

\$ 750 – Bemis Heights Society, N.S.C.A.R.

