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## ***BATTLE LINES***

NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR

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### **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new compatriots.

Brian R. Burns – Saratoga Springs, NY  
Charles C. Crawford – Ballston Spa, NY  
David J. Cummings – Stephentown, NY  
Francis A. Kernan – New Windsor, NY  
Luke T. Mara\* - Delmar, NY  
Christopher H. Oxaal\* - Cohoes, NY  
Edwin G. Post – Slingerlands, NY

\*Junior Members

### **JROTC/ROTC MEDALS PRESENTED**

The SAR JROTC medal was presented at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany on April 21 and at LaSalle Institute on May 19. Presentations were also made at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Amsterdam High School.

### **VAN SCHAICK MANSION EVENTS**

Again this year, the ladies at the Van Schaick Mansion in Cohoes are holding several special gatherings to raise funds to support the historic mansion.

Dinners, limited to 60 people, are scheduled for June 25 and December 3, and a cocktail party will be held on September 17. Tickets are \$65, or \$180 if you reserve for all 3 events together. Your editor attended both events in the past and can state that they were most enjoyable. Send you payment to: Mrs. Sandra Zerrillo, 29 Erie Drive, Slingerlands, NY. For questions: [rzerrillo@aol.com](mailto:rzerrillo@aol.com).

### **"TIM MABEE" RECOGNIZED BY DAR**

Compatriot Douglass "Tim" Mabee was presented the NSDAR Historic Preservation Recognition Award certificate and pin by the Saratoga Chapter NSDAR. Tim was recognized for his yeoman work in restoring headstones and preserving historical documents. Congratulations Tim!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 4 – Citizenship Ceremony at the Saratoga National Historical Park. This annual event sees a number of new citizens take the oath of allegiance. Our chapter has participated in this event for a number of years, and it is always very moving.

August 7 – Turning Point Parade, Schuylerville. This is on a Sunday and is one in which we participate along with the Walloomsac Battle Chapter.

September 18- Annual Wreath-Laying, Saratoga National Historical Park. A chapter meeting will follow. More details later.

### **CHAPTER AWARDS MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL**

ESSSAR President and Past Chapter President Duane Booth recently presented the NSSAR Martha Washington Medal and Certificate to Ms. Gina Johnson, a long-time employee at Saratoga National Historical Park. Gina was a good friend of the chapter and facilitated our involvement in a number of activities at the Park. Gina has retired after 27 years with the NPS, 22 of which were at Saratoga.



Duane Booth & Gina Johnson

### MESSAGE FROM PRES. MALINOSKI

I am writing to you to ask your help with the upcoming Atlantic Middle States meeting that the ESSAR is hosting on August 12th and 13th at the Albany Radisson. There are three very important things you can do:

1. All members are welcome to attend all or just some of the events. It is important to show the other societies in the region, and our National officers, that our Chapter is strong and interested in the SAR. This is a perfect opportunity to:

- see how the National campaign for office works;
- thank National leaders;
- express concerns about the direction National is heading in;
- volunteer at this event;
- state your interest in getting involved at the National level.

2. The committee in charge of this meeting has decided to hold a raffle at the Saturday banquet as a way to have fun and to raise funds. They are suggesting baskets of local products from each region and/or baskets from individual chapters. If a member is handy and wants to donate a craft piece that too is welcome. All raffle donations will be appreciated. If you are interested in donating item(s) to the basket from our region, please contact Schoharie Leather-Stocking Chapter President Joe Fitzgerald at [leppy34@hughes.net](mailto:leppy34@hughes.net)

3. Our Chapter is the area's biggest chapter and likely the best hope of getting attendees and workers. Workers would help with registration, sit in the lobby and direct members as needed or go get last minute stuff. Depending on time available to commit a pool of 20 or so would be nice. If you are interested in volunteering as a worker, please contact ESSAR President Duane Booth by email ([boots42@fairpoint.net](mailto:boots42@fairpoint.net)) or by phone (518-733-0830).

We want, need and welcome attendance and participation at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, perhaps you'd like to make a donation to the meeting. Please understand that both attendance and donations are important and are greatly appreciated. Donations should be made payable to the ESSAR and sent to Treasurer Timothy Middlebrook at 57 Boulevard Knolls, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Reservation form attached.

### COMPATRIOT GRANDY'S GRANDY PATRIOT

Gary Grandy has been a chapter member since 2010. He had originally wanted to join under his ancestor John Grandy, whom he had been researching since he was a teenager. However, Registrar Tom Dunne suggested that the paperwork needed strengthening and so Gary joined under Richard Truesdell, an Orderly Sergeant in the Dutchess County Militia.

Tom continued to work on the Grandy line and was finally able to obtain suitable documentation. This supplemental application initially hit a speed bump at National but it was overcome and the line was approved.

Duane Booth and Tom recently got together with Gary to celebrate the approval over breakfast.



l. to r. Duane, Gary, Tom

### BOOK RECOMMENDATION

by  
Compatriot William Poppino

*John Paul Jones-America's First Sea Warrior*, Joseph Callo, Naval Institute Press. Available at Amazon.com in various formats and from several sellers at [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com).

This exceptionally well-written book is a "must" to understand how Jones influenced events in England and other world capitals to bring the Revolutionary War to an end. The U.S. Navy did not become a reality until 1794. Jones is the only officer interred in the Chapel of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis.

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# THE ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF THE

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### 2016 Atlantic Middle States Conference

August 12-13, 2016

(Hosted by the Empire State Society, SAR)

#### Registration

Albany Radisson

205 Wolf Rd.

Albany, NY 12205

(800) 333-3333 or (518) 458-7250

We have negotiated a special rate of \$120.00 per night, plus applicable taxes (*please mention "Sons of the American Revolution"*). Room reservations must be made directly with the Albany Radisson, **prior to Friday July 22, 2016 at 3 pm.** to receive the discount rate. Flying in? Closest airport is Albany International (ALB) and hotel shuttle service is available.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Society: \_\_\_\_\_  
SAR Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conference Package

Registration (All SAR members must register): # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.  
Friday Night Buffet Dinner: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.00 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.  
Friday Night Ladies Program: No charge # \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday Lunch/Tour: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.

Included Subway® Lunch Choices:

# \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey / # \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef / # \_\_\_\_\_ Black Forest Ham

*Note: Tour is limited to the first 55 responses.*

Saturday Banquet Meal:

NY Strip Steak # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$85.00 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.  
Salmon # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75.00 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.

Total Amount Remitted: \_\_\_\_\_.

Kindly mail the registration form & payment made payable to "ESSAR"

**No later than July 22, 2016 to:**

Empire State Society, SAR

C/o Timothy Middlebrook

57 Boulevard Knolls

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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