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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Dale M. Agard, Sr. – Queensbury, NY
Matthew D. Anderson – Clifton Park, NY
David I. Barclay II – Ballston Lake, NY
Ryan W. Carpentier – Albany, NY
Brian D. Frese – Mechanicville, NY
David J. Perkins – Hudson Falls, NY
Paul W. Sweet – East Greenbush, NY
Larry G. Turner – Hagaman, NY
Henry S. Wilber – Glenmont, NY

A warm welcome to these new compatriots and we hope to see you at chapter events in the future.

IN OUR MEMORY

We were saddened to learn of the passing of past chapter President Lewis O. Slocum of Stillwater. Lew was age 86 and served as our president from 1995-1997. He served in the Korean War with the U.S. Army. Lew was very active in the Shriners and Masons. Sadly, Lew was predeceased by his son Doug and daughter Cindi. We extend our sympathy to his wife of 62 years Carol and the rest of the family.

JROTC/ROTC MEDALS PRESENTED

NSSAR JROTC medals were presented at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany on May 3 and at LaSalle Institute in Troy on May 9; Dennis Marr, an alumnus of LaSalle, made both presentations.

NSSAR ROTC medals were presented at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy on May 6. RPI manages the joint service programs (Army, Navy, Air Force) at RPI, Siena College, Union College and SUNY Albany. The Army Instructor presented the medals as the chapter representatives had a conflict with the ESSAR Annual Meeting that day.

Your Editor can attest that these awards are deeply appreciated by the various institutions. The ROTC award was approved by the U.S. Dept. of War in 1933 and the JROTC one in 1965. The recipients are chosen by the respective institutions.

SARATOGA BATTLEFIELD EXPANDED

As most of you know, our chapter has a long and close relationship with the Saratoga National Historical Park (Battlefield). We hold an Annual Wreath-Laying ceremony there in September and also participate in a naturalization ceremony for new citizens on July 4 every year.

The park recently acquired a privately-held parcel of land comprising 170 acres in the northeastern section of the battlefield. This section had been managed by the National Park Service but they did not own it.

The Open Space Institute had worked to protect this parcel for over 20 years. The OSI obtained funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to acquire this property and donate it to the National Park Service.

EDITORIAL CONTENT NEEDED

Just a reminder, all members are welcome to submit articles or other items of interest for publication in this newsletter.

Your Editor would especially like to revive the Ancestor Corner feature that was popular for a number of years. Just put together a brief write-up on a Revolutionary War ancestor of up to 500 words. This can include what you know about his military life as well as any interesting personal details. You don't need to be the next Hemingway – simply do it in your own words.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH TIP

If you use Ancestry.com you may not know that starting at their "Search" button does not give you results from all 29,000+ databases: this search returns results for the main databases, namely, census, military, birth/marriage/death, immigration and public member trees. If you go down to the "Card Catalog" button, you can narrow your search to a particular location or database and get results not otherwise attainable.