



BATTLE LINES

NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR
Dennis F.M. Marr, Editor 3 Ravens Court, Troy, NY 12180
518-283-2908 Dfmarr@aol.com

VOL. 8, NO. 2

SUMMER 2004

PRESIDENT GENERAL JOINS CHAPTER

We are honored to announce that our new President General, Compatriot Henry N. McCarl, has joined ESSAR and our chapter as a dual member. President General McCarl visited our Chapter last year as Secretary General and will visit us again on September 19th, where he will be guest speaker at our semi-annual dinner. PG McCarl's wife Mary descends from General Philip Schuyler, whose name is familiar to us. Welcome President General and Mrs. McCarl!

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY A SUCCESS

The July 4th Citizenship Ceremony at the Saratoga Battlefield was very well received and appreciated by the candidates and their families. About 200 people turned out to welcome the 20 new citizens who took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States. The Chapter, in joint sponsorship with the Saratoga Chapter NSDAR, the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield, the US Citizenship and Immigration Service and the Saratoga National Historical Park held what Park officials believe was the first ceremony of this kind held on the historic and hallowed grounds.

Chapter President Duane Booth noted in the Program's welcome that it was fitting, on America's Birthday, to gather and welcome new citizens as they made a turning point in their lives on the very spot where the Turning Point of the American Revolution occurred.

The event was very well covered by the press and television stations. In the debriefing that was held a few weeks after the event, it was decided to hold a second ceremony next July 4th. If you would like to read more about the event and view the pictures please visit our chapter website at http://www.saratogabattle-sar.org/pages/articles/sbc-sar_jf2004.htm.

DENNIS MARR RE-AWARDED LIBERTY MEDAL

At the NSSAR Congress in July, Registrar Dennis Marr received 2 clusters for the Liberty Medal award, for a total of 6; this represents 70 new members recruited for SAR.

ANNUAL WREATH-LAYING

The Chapter's Annual Wreath Laying, held jointly with the Saratoga Chapter NSDAR, will be on Sunday, September 19th at 2 o'clock p.m. at Stop 2 on the Saratoga Battlefield's Tour Road. A Chapter meeting will follow the ceremony in the Visitors' Center. Chapter members and their guests will join the DAR ladies and their guests for dinner at 5:00 p.m. at JeRon's in Ballston Spa. September 19, 2004 is the exact 110th Anniversary of the Saratoga Chapter NSDAR. This is also the 30th year of our Chapter's founding. See enclosed reservation form for details.

CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN TURNING POINT PARADE

On August 1st the chapter participated in Schuylerville's 10th annual Turning Point Parade. This is the 4th consecutive year that we have been in the parade. This year's participants were: Youth Registrants Rich and Jake Saunders, George Ballard, Duane Booth, Rich Fullam, Dan Mead, Walt Milbank, Lauren Mudge, and Rick Saunders. Carol Slocum (wife of Lew Slocum) drove her "Red Pony" (a Mustang Convertible) in the parade. Thanks Carol – it was nice of you to drive for us, while Lew marched with the Shriners.

IN OUR MEMORY

On June 18, our chapter lost one of its most distinguished members. Carlton Ellsworth Covell, who once brought this chapter back from the brink of dissolution, was called home to the Lord.

A Memorial Service for Carl was held at the Gerald B.H. Solomon National Veterans' Cemetery in Stillwater on June 23. Carl's remains were interred beside those of his beloved Iva, the first woman to be buried in this cemetery.

The chapter was represented by a number of compatriots: Past Presidents Dennis Marr and Lewis Slocum and their wives Sandra and Carol, and Clyde Childs. Also on hand were Harry Taylor, Walter Milbank and, representing her sons Peter and Jonathan, Alice Goebel. See the enclosed tribute to Carl.

***CHAPTER MEMBERS APPOINTED TO
NATIONAL COMMITTEES***

President General Henry N. McCarl has appointed the following chapter members to National Committee posts (list current as of 8/12/04):

PG Henry N. McCarl (MA dual member)

Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Committee
Insurance Committee

Jonathan E. Goebel

Rumbaugh Historical Oration Committee
Membership Committee
ROTC & JROTC Committee
SAR-W3R Committee
Young Members Committee

Lt. Col. Peter K. Goebel

Color Guard Committee
Congress Planning Committee
Hospitality Committee
Medals & Awards Committee
Membership Committee
Young Members Committee

Dennis F.M. Marr

National Park Service Committee
Revolutionary War Committee

Ronald E. Newton (ME dual member)

Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Committee
CAR Committee
Knight Essay Contest Committee

William B. Neal (DE dual member)

Chaplain's Committee
Lineage Research Workshop Committee
Medals & Awards Committee
Membership Committee
Patriotic/Heritage Society Liaison Committee

***RHODES MEMORIAL FUND CONTINUES AS
SPONSOR OF KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST***

For the fifth consecutive year, the Rhodes Memorial Fund has provided a \$5,000 grant to the NSSAR towards the Knight Essay Contest prize fund; NSSAR has designated the Fund as a co-sponsor of this important youth program. The grant was secured with the assistance of Registrar/Genealogist Dennis Marr, who serves as Executive Director of the Fund. Saratoga Battle has been an enthusiastic supporter of this annual youth contest, for which special thanks are due to Pres. Duane Booth and Past Pres. Rick Saunders.

NEWS FROM THE NYS MILITARY MUSEUM

Our thanks to Past President Bill Glidden of Plattsburgh for keeping us informed on the activities of the NYS Military Heritage Institute which operates the NYS Military Museum and Veterans' Research Center in Saratoga Springs. Bill, a retired Major in the NYARNG, serves as a Trustee of the Museum.

The Museum recently underwent a four-month \$300,000 renovation project. Included in the project were new exhibits and exhibit space, a new air conditioning system, a newly refinished floor, new lighting and a new museum store.

Highlighting the reopening festivities was the donation of a New York State flag flown over "Camp New York" in Iraq by the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division during the initial phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The flag was sent to the unit in Iraq at the behest of Gov. George Pataki, in response to a request from the battlefield by Westchester County native and West Point graduate Col. Joe Anderson. Col. Anderson was at the time serving as commander of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

Sgt. First Class John Rosario, along with two others from the unit, all New Yorkers, explained how the flag was flown over their camp as they moved throughout the country during their tour. They completed the flag's tour of duty by returning it to the people of New York for display and safekeeping in the State Military Museum.

Saratoga Battle Chapter is proud to be a Charter Member of the Museum, joining many years ago when it was first established in Albany.

Thanks, Bill, for sending this information along for sharing with our members; thank you, too, for your outstanding service to the community.

***ESSSAR BOARD OF MANAGERS
MEETING***

The Columbia Chapter will host the September meeting of the ESSSAR Board of Managers. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. at the Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie, NY. Directions and a reservation form are on our web site:

www.saratogabattle-sar.org

If you don't have Internet access and need a reservation form, contact Dennis Marr. This is a great opportunity to see your State Society in action without having to commit to a long trip. Members and guests are always welcome at these meetings.