



BATTLE LINES

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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome the following new Compatriots into our ranks:

William A. Empsall – Lyon Mountain, NY
Robert H. Empsall – Malone, NY
Garrett C. Marquis – Galway, NY
Russell S. Stocker – Newburgh, NY

Transfers

Clark Mead – Northville, NY, from Stone
Arabia Battle Chapter
LeRoy R. Lincoln, Jr. – from NH Society

Dual Member

Theodore R. Spear – MI Society
Charles F. Bragg – IN Society

Reinstated

Robert A. Baldwin – Scotia, NY

IN OUR MEMORY

We were saddened to learn of the death of Compatriot George Madison Briggs, who passed away on June 27 at the age of 78. A member of our chapter as well as a charter member of Walloomsac Battle, George was also a member of the Mayflower Society.

CHAPTER MEMBERS ELECTED TO STATE SOCIETY OFFICES

We are proud to announce the election of the following chapter members to office in the Empire State Society:

Peter K. Goebel – President
Duane P. Booth – V. President, Capital Region
Jonathan E. Goebel – Secretary

These men have already rendered long and active service to the State Society, and we wish them well for their coming terms of office.

TURNING POINT PARADE

For the fifth consecutive year, the chapter participated in the annual Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville. A small but hardy band braved the heat to represent us. Thanks to George Ballard, Duane Booth, Rich Fullam, Jonathan Goebel (in Rev. War uniform), Peter Lindemann, Bill Loveday and Dan Mead. Carol Slocum, wife of former president Lew,

drove her red Mustang convertible for us. The event got nice publicity, including a fine article in the Albany Times Union.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY: SARATOGA BATTLEFIELD

Once again the chapter co-sponsored a ceremony for the swearing in of new American citizens at the Saratoga National Historical Park. Held on July 4, the event was also co-sponsored by the Saratoga Chapter-NSDAR, Saratoga National Historical Park, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield and the Dept. of Homeland Security, USCIS.

This event also garnered great publicity, including TV and newspapers. Our own Duane Booth, who has been instrumental in our participating in this event, gave the Welcome.

Quoting from a letter to Duane from Frank Dean, park Superintendent:

“Gina (Johnson) has told me of your efforts to initiate this program a few years ago and all you have done to shepherd it through such a successful 2005 program. Please accept our warmest appreciation for all you have done to make this event so important!”

We look forward to a long partnership with the Saratoga Battle Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield and Immigration and Naturalization Services to make this event a tradition at Saratoga National Historical Park.”

21 new citizens were welcomed, from countries including Thailand, Poland, India, Albania, Bosnia, Russia, Korea, Guatemala, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Vietnam, Mexico, Albania, Latvia, Canada and the UK.

Participants in the event included the Bemis Heights Society-NSCAR, Danielle McMullen-Vocalist, Sons and Daughters Fife and Drums, Greg Connors-Stillwater Town Supervisor, Boy Scout Troop #6-Glens Falls, NYS Assemblyman Roy McDonald, SNHP Ranger Joe Craig, and member George Ballard.

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

The following National committee assignments have been given to chapter members:

Americanism

Charles F. Bragg
Charles R. Lampman

Eagle Scout

Ronald E. Newton

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Carl Bessant Communications

Charles R. Lampman

Color Guard

Peter K. Goebel – Chairman
Charles R. Lampman

Congress Planning

Peter K. Goebel
Charles R. Lampman

Ethics

PG Henry N. McCarl-Chairman

Genealogy

Charles F. Bragg
William B. Neal

Geo. Washington Endowment-

Fund Raising
Charles F. Bragg
Charles R. Lampman
Dennis F. M. Marr

Historic Celebrations

Charles R. Lampman

Insurance

PG Henry N. McCarl

J. Rumbaugh Historic Oration

Jonathan E. Goebel

Knight Essay

Ronald E. Newton

Lineage Research Workshop

William B. Neal

Medals & Awards

Peter K. Goebel
William B. Neal

Membership

Peter K. Goebel
Jonathan E. Goebel
William B. Neal

National Park Service

Dennis F.M. Marr

Nominating

PG Henry N. McCarl-Chairman
Peter K. Goebel

Patriotic Education

Charles R. Lampman

Reenactors

Charles R. Lampman

Revolutionary War

Charles R. Lampman
Dennis F.M. Marr

ROTC/JROTC

Jonathan E. Goebel

Speakers & Writers Bureau

Charles F. Bragg
Charles R. Lampman

Strategic Planning

PG Henry N. McCarl

W3R Liaison

Jonathan E. Goebel

Young Members

Peter K. Goebel-Chariman
Jonathan E. Goebel-Vice Chairman

These Compatriots are to be commended for their dedication to the Society, and for their commitment of time to its programs.

***RHODES MEMORIAL FUND SUPPORTS
KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST***

The Lawrence I. & Blanche H. Rhodes Memorial Fund continues as a co-sponsor of the National Knight Essay Contest. The Fund again provided \$5,000 towards the annual prizes at National; since 2000, the Fund has contributed \$30,000 to the National Society for this important youth program. Chapter Genealogist/Historian Dennis Marr is Executive Director of the Fund.



SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Saratoga Battle Chapter is one of the largest and most active chapters in the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and continues to grow. We are proud that the chapter leadership over the years has served, and continues to serve, the ESSAR and the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. I would like to thank our officers, members, and spouses for their hard work, dedication, and financial support to the chapter. Thanks go to Dennis G. Booth for our wonderful chapter web site that keeps us informed of events and helps recruit new members. The address is: www.saratogabattle-sar.org

Committee Chairmen for this term are:

**Audit—Dennis F. M. Marr
C.A.R.—Richard H. Fullam
Color Guard—LTC Peter K. Goebel
Database—Duane Booth
Eagle Scout/Knight Essay—Richard C. Saunders, Jr.
Medals and Awards—LTC Peter K. Goebel
Membership—Duane Booth
Program—Stephen C. Coye
Publicity--Richard C. Saunders, Jr.
ROTC/JROTC--Dennis F. M. Marr**

Thanks to the members who participated in the August 7th Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville. We hope to see many members at the September 18th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Saratoga National Historic Park and the October 10th Rededication of the Saratoga Monument in Schuylerville.

If you have any questions or would like to serve the chapter in any capacity, please contact me at goebel@taconic.net

Jonathan E. Goebel