



# **BATTLE LINES**

NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR  
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## **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

A warm welcome to the following new members approved since the last issue:

Craig S. Allen – Peru, NY \* Capt. John Sibley-MA  
Leo O. Bartell, Sr. – East Berne, NY Lt. Alexander Ferriole-NY  
Daniel T. Hays - Herkimer, NY \* Capt. Anthony Warner-PA  
Frederick S. Mackintosh - Schenectady, NY Capt. Elijah Beach-CT  
Timothy S. Middlebrook – Poughkeepsie, NY Pvt. Peter DeWolf-CT  
Phillip J. Monthie – Clifton Park, NY Col. Gideon Warren-VT  
Stanley A. Ransom, III - Thornton, PA \* Pvt. Peletiah Ransom-CT  
Francis E. Regli - Syracuse, NY Pvt. Benjamin Weber-NY  
Arthur M. Rockwell - Petersburg, NY Pvt. Robert Ayers-NY  
Charles T. Rockwell - Wynantskill, NY Pvt. Robert Ayers-NY  
David G. Rockwell - Mimbres, NM Pvt. Robert Ayers-NY  
James R. Rockwell - Troy, NY Pvt. Robert Ayers-NY  
Raymond J. Rockwell - Troy, NY Pvt. Robert Ayers-NY  
William D. Rockwell - Wynantskill, NY Pvt. Robert Ayers-NY  
Andrew J. Sammis - Ticonderoga, NY Soldier David Sammis-NY  
Harold K. Sammis, III -Ticonderoga, NY Soldier David Sammis-NY  
Harold K. Sammis, IV Ticonderoga, NY Soldier David Sammis-NY

\* For Valcour Battle Chapter

Chapter member Harry G. Taylor, Jr. was the Primary sponsored of the Rockwell family

The Chapter also welcomes the following new "Dual Chapter" member

John H. Sheaff - Cambridge, NY Pvt. Robert Blair-NJ

John is the President of the Walloomsac Battle Chapter, SAR

## **CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TURNING POINT PARADE**

Five chapter members came out to march or ride in the Annual Turning Point Parade on Sunday, August 6 in Schuylerville. Members participating this year were 2<sup>nd</sup> VP George Ballard, Webmaster Dennis Booth (visiting us from North Carolina), Registrar/Past President Duane Booth, recent new member Ray LeMay and Past Registrar Dan Mead. Carol Slocum, wife of Past President Lou, drove some members in her red Mustang convertible – many thanks, Carol! Past President Slocum participated with the Oriental Shriners Keystone Cops; new members Mike Companion and Bret Trufant were with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Regiment reenactors. The parade was well attended by local residents. We would like to see more members participate next year, August 5, 2007 at 1 p.m.

*Registrar Duane Booth*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDY ROWE**

Congratulations are in order to a good friend of the chapter, Gertrude (Judy) Rowe, a member of the Fort Crailo Chapter NSDAR and Town Historian for Sand Lake, Rensselaer County. Judy, along with other Rensselaer County Town Historians, will be presented with the Hart-Cluett Award by the Rensselaer County Historical Society. As NYS DAR Magazine Chairman Mary Helen Jones stated: "It is so good for a Town Historian to be acclaimed for her dedication and hard work over the years. It is obvious that she lives and breathes Historic Preservation, not only as Town Historian but also as a genealogist with her impressive record of helping over 135 S.A.R. members and over 140 D.A.R. members with membership papers."

Judy has received both the SAR Medal of Appreciation and Daughters of Liberty Medal from our chapter for her consistent support and assistance to our chapter.

Congratulations, Judy, on a well-deserved recognition!

By the way, Judy is compiling a massive record of Revolutionary War patriots who are buried in Rensselaer County, which she will be sharing with the chapter upon its completion. If any member has a patriot ancestor buried in Rensselaer County, NY, please send the details to Dennis Marr and he will pass them along to Judy.

## **RECOMMENDED READING**

"The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it to be always kept alive....It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the Atmosphere."

What anarchist uttered these words, you ask? It was none other than Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Abigail Adams. It is said that she was so upset at his attitude that she could not bring herself to write to him again for months!

This is from "Dearest Friend: A Life of Abigail Adams," by Lynne Withey, Touchstone Book, Simon & Schuster, NY, 1981. Your editor's wife Sandra highly recommends this for its wonderful insights into a "Founding Mother" and brilliant mind in her own right. This unschooled minister's daughter became one of the most influential women in the American Revolution.

**ONLINE SURNAME QUERIES?**  
**TWO YEARS IS A CHARM!**

by Rick Saunders

Recently, I have had several experiences that I think demonstrate the value of long-term trolling, via Internet postings.

The first concerns a query about a marriage, as the original town record book my great uncle mentioned in his notes, was lost in a flood in 1972. After two years, I received a reply from a cousin who lives in South America, about a resource on the Web that had a newspaper listing of a marriage I needed. In corresponding with this newfound cousin, he mentioned that he thought one person in this marriage was the sister of an ancestor he had been searching for 15 years, to no avail. I was able to present him with the names and dates, as well as documentation, for 250 years of ancestors with several SAR and Mayflower notables.

The second is more significant from my personal standpoint. While searching for my wife's ancestors, I had placed several Surname queries on Rootsweb.com, seeking information on family members in several lines; I was hoping to share information with others that would be mutually beneficial.

I recently received a reply to a two-year old posting that gave me the parents, as well as grandparents, I sought. This led to a most interesting Revolutionary War ancestor for my wife. We have completed a DAR application which I think warrants sharing, simply for its being interesting.

We were searching for the parents of Angelina Whitehead, in Oswego County NY. It turned out that her grandfather, Ezra Trim, was a Revolutionary War veteran via Connecticut and New York. Briefly, his family moved from CT to Dutchess Co, NY and then to PA on the frontier at Lackawaxen in 1762/63. Unfortunately, the Moses' family was attacked in October 1763 by the Delaware Indians, allies of the French (enemies of the Iroquois). The mother Rebecca was killed, as were several of their children. Ezra, at the age of 13, along with a brother, was captured by the Indians and taken to Canada. Along the way, apparently, the older brother could not keep up and was killed.

September 1764 newspaper accounts relate the release of several captives, including young Ezra Trim, through the efforts of Sir William Johnson, who had just returned from Fort Niagara. Ezra was returned to Connecticut, and it appears he lived with a cousin prior to moving to Dutchess County, New York. In the Revolutionary War he served in the Continental Line from CT, and then in several units from NY. He received a pension and is mentioned on a DAR Monument in Palmyra, NY.

So, trolling for ancestors requires little bait, but can bring in big fish!

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Jonathan E. Goebel

As summer fades and the fall season approaches, it is time to think about SAR—what it means to each of us as an individual and what it means to our communities and country.

Welcome to all of the new chapter members! The ESSAR membership roster shows that Saratoga Battle chapter continues to be the largest chapter in New York State. Let us strive, as well, to make it the most active chapter in the ESSAR. In order to make this happen, EACH one of us must take an ACTIVE part in the chapter meetings and activities. Each and every chapter member is invited to volunteer and give a helping hand. Working together is a great way to learn about chapter activities and help make the chapter visible to the public. Participation does make a difference!

Thank you to all the committee chairmen for their diligence in serving our chapter. Your efforts and time are very much appreciated.

Along with the ESSAR Annual Meeting mailing last spring, each member received a postcard to be returned to the NSSAR in Louisville, KY. If you have not filled yours out and returned it, please do so now to express your support for the SAR programs. National is looking for a 100% return of these—it costs nothing to mail if mailed in the United States! If you have misplaced the card, please let me know and some will be made available at the September meeting.

In July, at the Annual Congress in Dallas, ESSAR President LTC Peter K. Goebel was elected to the office of Vice President General of the North Atlantic District and was awarded the Gold Color Guard medal; Dual Chapter member Charles F. Bragg was elected Genealogist General; Dual Chapter Member Joseph W. Dooley received the Florence Kendall medal for recruiting the largest number of new members for the year; and Dual Chapter Member Charles R. Lampman received the Minute Man award for giving outstanding service of an exceptional nature to the National Society. Congratulations to all on these achievements.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our September meeting and having you as an active member.

**CHAPTER PURCHASES MEMORIAL WREATHS**

As many of you know, each year we need to purchase wreaths for our ceremony in September at the Saratoga Battlefield. The cost of these has steadily escalated, while we have seen a decline in quality. Your officers made the decision to purchase top-quality artificial wreaths that will serve us for many years, and we anticipate breaking even after a mere three years.