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SUMMER 2010

7th ANNUAL JULY 4th CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

By
Richard C. Saunders

Amid sunny skies, July 4th marked the seventh annual citizenship ceremony held at the Saratoga National Historical Park which was jointly sponsored by Saratoga Battle Chapter, NSSAR; Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR; The Friends of Saratoga Battlefield; the U.S. Dept. of Interior; National Park Service; Saratoga National Historical Park and USCIS, Dept. of Homeland Security.

After initial comments by Park Superintendant, Joe Finan, a cannon salute signaled the presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 6 of Glens Falls carrying the American Flag, the Department of Interior Flag, and flags of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Children of the American Revolution.

James Wyrough, Field Office Director, USCIS, Officially administered the Oath of Allegiance, in which the new citizens stood and raised their right hands. Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chapter President Rich Fullam, Corinne Scirocco, Regent of Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR, welcomed the new citizens

Participants in the program included NY State Senator Roy J. McDonald who mentioned the fact that two individuals from Viet Nam were included in those becoming citizens and that our nations are now friends. Also speaking was 20th District Congressman Scott Murphy, who asked for a moment of silence to honor two recently fallen local soldiers, Benjamin Osborne of Lake George and David Taylor Miller of Saratoga Springs.

NYS Society Children of the American Revolution President, Alexandra Zerrillo, led the American's Creed

Other participants included the Bemis Heights Society, N.S.C.A.R., the Schuyler Society, N.S.C.A.R., Danielle McMullen as Vocalist, Doris Olszewski and Timothy Holmes of the Friends of Saratoga

Battlefield, Sons and Daughters Fife and Drum, and Saratoga Battlefield volunteers.

A fitting end, SNHP Ranger Joe Craig, properly attired, led thirteen toasts to America, drawing references to the historical reading of the Declaration of Independence, and explaining some of the toasts.

NEWS FROM BEMIS HEIGHTS C.A.R.

Bemis Heights Society, N.S.C.A.R., has made financial contributions to a number of worthy recipients, including: NYS Military Heritage Institute; National Museum for the U.S. Army; Wounded Warrior Project; Tennessee DAR School.

The Society thanks the Saratoga Battle Chapter for its \$100 donation.

Members celebrated the 40th anniversary of Earth Day with a meeting at the home of Society President Kate Szewczyk. Members made poster board collages depicting ways they can conserve energy and water and recycle. Each member was given a bag filled with different types of perennial bulbs to be planted on Thursday, April 22, the official Earth Day Anniversary.

We thank Senior President Sue Szewczyk for keeping us informed on the Society's events.

RHODES MEMORIAL FUND GRANTS

The Lawrence I. & Blanche H. Rhodes Memorial Fund, Inc. made the following grants in July:

\$7,500 – Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter, DAR for the Van Schaick Mansion Project;

\$1,000 – Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR

\$ 750 – Bemis Heights Society, C.A.R.

\$ 750 – Schuyler Society, C.A.R.

The Rhodes Memorial Fund is proud to support the patriotic activities of our societies.

ANCESTOR CORNER

By
Compatriot Charles Walter

David Doane was born 9 August 1752 in Harwich, Massachusetts. "He was apprenticed to learn a trade and, at age 17 or 18, went on one or two whaling voyages to the west of Greenland. When the War of Independence broke out he joined the army and was a commissary."

David was a member of Col. Herrick's regiment of Vermont militia during the Battle of Bennington. "After peace was declared, a farm was set to him in Tinmouth, Vermont, valued at \$1,000, as payment for his services and which he afterwards sold, receiving therefore Continental Money. This so depreciated on his hands that it took \$250 to buy a 2 year old steer. Left nearly penniless, but with health, ambition and courage, he resolved to live and prosper. At the age of 27, he married Mary Fuller, took a farm in Shaftsbury, VT for one or two years, then bought a farm in Granville, NY, cleared it, built a log house and moved into it. After doing so much, he found his title was defective and had to pay for the farm a second time, but with courage unabated, he pursued his way till he became comparatively wealthy and independent."

Mary died 15 April 1819 in Granville and David died on 19 September 1822 at Middle Granville. David and Mary are buried in Main Street Cemetery in Middle Granville, NY.

The sections in quotes above are from a letter written by David Doane and Mary Fuller's daughter Sarah, of which excerpts were published in "The Doane Family and Their Descendants" by Alfred Alder Doane.

CHAPTER MEMBERS APPOINTED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Following the recent National Congress, a number of chapter members were appointed to National committees. The following names were noted on the NSSAR committee list as of 23 August; please notify your editor of any corrections or omissions.

C.A.R.

Ronald E. Newton

COLOR GUARD

Peter K. Goebel

Jonathan E. Goebel

ETHICS

PG Henry N. McCarl, Phd-Chariman

GENEALOGY

Ronald E. Newton

HISTORIC SITES, CELEBRATIONS, REENACT.

Jonathan E. Goebel

Dennis F. Marr

HOSPITALITY & MUSIC

Peter K. Goebel

PG Henry N. McCarl, PhD

KNIGHT ESSAY

Ronald E. Newton

MEMBERSHIP

Jonathan E. Goebel

MINUTEMAN AWARD

Charles R. Lampman

PG Henry N. McCarl, PhD

PATRIOTIC OUTREACH

Peter K. Goebel

Ronald E. Newton

ROTC/JROTC & SVC. ACADEMIES LIASION

Jonathan E. Goebel

RUMBAUGH ORATIONS CONTEST

Jonathan E. Goebel-Chairman

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Jonathan E. Goebel

We owe these compatriots a debt of gratitude for the time and effort that they expend at the national level on our behalf.

RECOMMENDED READING

Compatriots with Mohawk Valley ancestors will enjoy reading "The Bloodied Mohawk: The American Revolution in the Words of Fort Plank's Defenders and Other Mohawk Valley Partisans," by Ken D. Johnson, Fort Plank Historian. Originally published in 2000, a second revised edition was published in February 2009 by Picton Press, PO Box 1347, Rockland, ME 04841. 751 pages, every name index, containing first-hand accounts of massacres and battles in the Mohawk Valley 1776-1781. Available from the publisher at \$79.50 plus shipping. A typical first-class publication from Picton.