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SUMMER 2011

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our newest compatriot:

Ethan M. Lusted – Schenectady, NY

JULY 4TH CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Submitted by Duane Booth

The 7th annual Citizenship Ceremony was held at the Saratoga Battlefield on July 4th. Twenty new citizens were sworn in and treated to a warm welcome by 200 family and friends. President Primitivo Africa spoke on behalf of the Saratoga Battle Chapter and did a great job. The ceremony, which is a jointly sponsored with the Saratoga National Historical Park, the Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (part of the Department of Homeland Security) is always well covered by the media and has given us a lot of good exposure.

If you haven't attended this event, we urge you to plan to attend in 2012 - July 4th, 10 am at the Saratoga National Historic Park in Stillwater - you will not be disappointed! What better to do on America's Birthday than welcome new citizens to our America at one the area's most historic and scenic sites.

TURNING POINT PARADE

Submitted by Duane Booth

The Chapter again participated in Schuylerville's Turning Point Parade on August 7th and again this year the Walloomsac Battle Chapter joined with us.

Chapter President Primitivo Africa and Walloomsac Battle President John Sheaff are continuing with joint events which was started several years ago by John and the late George Ballard.

By my calculation we've been participating in the parade since 2001, or eleven years. The parade is always a big success, both participant-wise and turnout-wise. This year President Sheaff drove his pickup truck and towed his trailer that he decorated with flags. DAR Eleanor Morse and husband Karl Danneil, Saratoga Battle Chapter Chaplain, both in colonial dress, drove their 2002 Camaro SS, 35th anniversary edition.

Participating this year were Tivo Africa, Tom Dunne, Karl Danneil and wife Eleanor, Mike Companion and son Andrew, Pat Festa, Tim Mabee, John Sheaff, R. Harry Booth and Duane Booth. Others from our chapters known to be participating with other groups were Paul Loding (WB) and Bret Trufant (SB).

Thanks to all participants - the Parade Committee members appreciate your support!

RHODES FUND GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Dennis Marr, Executive Director of the Lawrence I. & Blanche H. Rhodes Memorial Fund, is pleased to announce this year's grants to our related societies. Grants were distributed as follows:

\$1,000 Saratoga Battle Chapter

\$7,500 Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter, DAR

\$ 750 Schuyler Society, C.A.R.

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

1st VP WALTER RESIGNS

We are saddened to report that, due to other time commitments, First Vice President Charles Walter has had to step down from his office and has resigned from the SAR. Charlie hopes to rejoin the SAR at some future time. We will miss him and we thank him for his service, and hope that he is back soon.

CHAPTER MEMBERS APPOINTED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEES

An examination of the roster of NSSAR committee appointments for the 2011-2012 year reveals that the following chapter members have received assignments to National SAR committees.

C.A.R.

Peter K. Goebel; Ronald E. Newton

Color Guard

Peter K. Goebel; Jonathan E. Goebel

Council of Presidents General

Henry N. McCarl, PhD, PG

Eagle Scout

Ronald E. Newton

Ethics

Henry N. McCarl, PhD, PG-Chairman

Peter K. Goebel

Genealogy

Ronald E. Newton

Historic Sites, Celebrations, Reenactments

Jonathan E. Goebel

Dennis F. Marr

Hospitality, Music, Master of Ceremonies

Peter K. Goebel

Knight Essay

Ronald E. Newton

Membership

Jonathan E. Goebel

Museum Board

Peter K. Goebel

Nominating

Jonathan E. Goebel

Patriotic Outreach

Peter K. Goebel

Ronald E. Newton

ROTC/JROTC/Service Academy Liaison

Jonathan E. Goebel

Rumbaugh Orations Contest

Jonathan E. Goebel-Vice Chairman

Peter K. Goebel

Strategic Planning

Jonathan E. Goebel

SEPTEMBER WREATH-LAYING

Reservation forms were recently emailed for our Annual Wreath-Laying ceremony at the Saratoga National Historical Park. Held in conjunction with the Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR, and with the participation of our C.A.R. societies, this is always a colorful, and moving, event.

This year's event will be on Sunday, September 18 at 2 p.m. The wreath-laying takes place at the DAR Monument at Stop 2 on the battlefield Tour Road. A chapter meeting will follow in the Visitors' Center. After the meeting, we will adjourn to the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs for fellowship and dinner beginning at 5 p.m. Reservation forms will be mailed with this newsletter to those compatriots who do not have email.

EXCITING NEW BOOK AVAILABLE

Local author and historian Marvin W. Bubie of Poestenkill, NY has just published a remarkable book detailing municipal seals depicting Revolutionary War themes. Entitled "Celebrating the Revolutionary War: Municipal Symbols of A Free Country," this book depicts, in full color, over 200 seals of cities, towns and counties up and down the East Coast. Years of research and obtaining of clearances to use copyrighted images went into the creation of this book. Each seal is accompanied by a brief sketch describing the themes depicted. This book is a true eye-opener, with many little-known facts about the Revolutionary War that will surprise even SAR's and DAR's who think they know their Revolutionary War history!

238 pages, soft-bound, on glossy paper.

The author is offering special terms to members of the SAR, DAR and C.A.R. See the accompanying flyer with further details.

You will enjoy this book, and it will make a wonderful gift for the youngsters in your family.