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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to these new members.

Daniel K. Franklin – Latham, NY

Brett A. Preston – Johnstown, NY

IN OUR MEMORY

We are saddened to report the passing of our compatriot Rev. LeRoy R. Lincoln of Rensselaer County, NY and Buffalo Gap, TX. Rev. Lincoln was 89 years of age and served in the US Navy during WWII. Rev. Lincoln had been an ordained minister since 1956. In accordance with the family's wishes, our chapter has made a memorial contribution to the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany.

JROTC/ROTC AWARDS PRESENTED

Dennis Marr presented the NSSAR JROTC awards at Christian Brothers Academy, Albany, on April 24 and at his alma mater LaSalle Institute, Troy, on May 13. Jonathan Goebel made the ROTC presentation at the 3 combined services at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, on May 3.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY AT SARATOGA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

by

Compatriot Duane Booth

After 11 years the July 4th Citizenship Ceremony at the Saratoga National Historical Park is still going strong. The event, jointly sponsored by our chapter, the Saratoga Chapter, NSDAR; the National Park Service; the Friends of Saratoga Battlefield and the US Citizenship and Immigration Service once again was well received by the new citizens and the public. Because the event is held on America's birthday the event receives good media coverage and this year was no exception. The chapter sponsors vocalist, Danielle McMullen, and she is always a hit with her beautiful voice.

Here we see the participants posing at our chapter's monument at the battlefield.



(L-r) Photo at Chapter Monument: Tom Dunne, Danielle McMullen, Duane Booth, Karl Danneil, Pat Reilly, George Malinoski, Tim Condon, Jim Ballard, Ford Oxaal

CHAPTER SUPPORTS C.A.R. PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Chapter President Tom Dunne reports that the chapter has agreed to support the project of Philip J. Mosher, President of the N.Y.S.S.C.A.R. Philip's project proposal states: "N.Y.S.S.C.A.R. will raise funds to purchase and place a N.Y.S.S.C.A.R. granite and bronze marker at the Fort Herkimer Church cemetery to recognize and remember the ten patriots that are buried there." Surnames of the soldiers interred there include Bellinger, Shoemaker, Ittich, Folts, Frank, Hammond, Hess and Orendorf.

Pres. Dunne has invited Philip to speak at our dinner following the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Saratoga in September. Fund-raising for this project includes the sale of pins.

As you know, Saratoga Battle is a co-sponsor of two C.A.R. chapters, Schuyler and Bemis Heights, and we always do all we can to encourage and support these fine young people.

TURNING POINT PARADE AT SCHUYLerville

by
Compatriot Duane Booth

On August 3rd members of the chapter joined with members of the Walloomsac Battle Chapter to march in the annual parade in Schuylerville. Additionally several other members marched with reenactment groups. Other chapter members of Saratoga Battle marched with the 2nd Continental Artillery re-enactors. Known SARs in that group include Mike Companion, Bret Trufant, Peter Hormell and Mike Skelly. Paul Loding of the Walloomsac Battle Chapter is with His Majesty's 53rd Regiment of Foot, a British group of re-enactors.



(L-r) Primitivo Africa, Jonathan Goebel, Tom Dunne, Joe (aka Brian) Fitzpatrick, Peter Goebel, John Sheaff, Tim Mabee, Harry Booth, Pat Festa, Doug Gallant & Ford Oxaal (photo – Kitty Fitzpatrick)

ANNUAL WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY

This year's wreath-laying ceremony at the Saratoga National Historical Park will be held on Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m. This moving and colorful event is held at the DAR Monument at Stop 2 on the Tour Road at the Battlefield.

After the ceremony we will gather at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs at 4 p.m. for fellowship, chapter meeting and dinner. Reservation forms in both Word and PDF are available on the chapter web site:

<http://www.saratogabattle-sar.org/pages/events.html#sep14>

SURRENDER DAY CEREMONY

This year's Surrender Day ceremony will be held on October 17 at 10 a.m. at Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville. Please note that, as young school children also participate in this event, the event is subject to cancellation in the event of predicted bad weather. This event includes a number of different organizations. Plans call for both our chapter and the Empire State Society of place wreaths. This is a very well done event every year and includes a reenactment of the sword surrender by Gen. Burgoyne to Gen. Gates.

SWORD SURRENDER COMMEMORATIVE COIN PLANNED

The United States Mint has announced that, as part of the 2015 America the Beautiful quarter program, a coin will be issued commemorating the sword surrender. The mint describes the design as: "This design is a close-up of the moment General John Burgoyne surrendered his sword to General Horatio Gates, a pivotal moment many believe marked the 'beginning of the end of the American Revolutionary War.' Inscriptions are *BRITISH SURRENDER 1777*, *SARATOGA, NEW YORK, 2015*, and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*." Below is one rendering of the proposed design and is not necessarily the final one.

