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PRESIDENT MALINOSKI RESIGNS

We are saddened to report that our chapter President, George Malinoski, has had to resign his position in order to tend to his wife Edwina who is facing health challenges. We thank George for his leadership and hope for all the best for him and his wife. George says that he will still participate in some chapter activities as circumstances permit.

First Vice President and Treasurer Douglas M. Gallant has succeeded George as President and will be installed at the upcoming September meeting.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new compatriots in our chapter.

Matthew D. Berkshire – Cohoes, NY
Steven M. Fullam* - Halfmoon, NY
Charles A. Moore – Queensbury, NY
Mark C. Anthony** - Greer, SC

*Junior Member

**New Dual State Member

RHODES FUND ANNOUNCES GRANTS

The Lawrence I. & Blanche H. Rhodes Memorial Fund, Inc. Executive Director Dennis F. Marr announces the following grants to our related organizations (current/cumulative grants):

Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter, NSDAR –
Van Schaick Mansion - \$12,000/\$123,500
Schuyler Society, N.S.C.A.R. - \$750/\$9,250
Bemis Heights Society, N.S.C.A.R. - \$750/\$9,250
Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR - \$1,000/\$18,000

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Douglas M. Gallant

Greetings Compatriots! I have just a few things to share as I become acclimated to my new and unexpected role as President of our Chapter. My SAR-related life has become quite busy as I transition into the position of President and out of the role of Treasurer at the Chapter level while also supporting the upcoming 2017 dues billing at the State level. As such, I have not yet had time to articulate any specific Chapter-level goals although I do have a few ideas kicking around. My immediate focus is ensuring that the Chapter continues to function effectively and without disruption.

CHAPTER OFFICER CHANGES

Douglas M. Gallant

At the beginning of August, President George Malinoski resigned from his position. He explained that due to family health issues and the associated care needs that he had insufficient time to carry out his duties with the Chapter. So with deep regret he thought it best to resign. We wish George and his wife improved health for the future and hope that he may be able to participate fully with us again.

This event has triggered a couple of changes in the Chapter. First Vice President Douglas Gallant will be assuming the role of President through the remainder of George's term which expires in February 2017 at the next annual meeting.

Doug was also the Chapter Treasurer but the Chapter by-laws prohibit the same person from holding both the position of President and Treasurer. As a result, Compatriot David Flint has been appointed the new Treasurer.

ANNUAL WREATH-LAYING

Details and dinner reservation form are at:

<http://www.saratogabattle-sar.org/pages/events.html#sep16>

Scroll down to middle of the page for form.

VAN SCHAICK MANSION NEWS

The second annual Cocktail Party and Fund-Raiser will be held at the Mansion on September 17, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Fun, entertainment and great food are included in the \$65 ticket price. Contact Sandra Zerrillo at rzerrillo@aol.com for reservations.

The Mansion directors are excited to announce that the New York State Museum will conduct a project to learn if there are any slave burials on the Mansion grounds. Museum personnel will hold open presentations to the public about their processes and findings. The work is being funded through a grant that the NYS Museum has.

A number of needed improvements have been made at the Mansion thanks to the generosity of its donors. Tax-deductible donations are welcome in any amount. Checks payable to Van Schaick Mansion Project can be sent to:

Mrs. Sandra Zerrillo
29 Erie Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159

IN OUR MEMORY

We were saddened by the news of the passing of compatriot Albert J. Goodwin, Jr. Albert was a dual member of our chapter, his primary chapter being Walloomsac Battle. Albert was an Air Force veteran, having served from 1952-1958. He also belonged to SR. He was buried in the Saratoga National Cemetery. We extend our condolences to his family.

JULY 4th CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Once again, the chapter participated in the annual New Citizen ceremony at the Saratoga Battlefield. 21 new citizens from 13 countries took the oath of citizenship. The event featured 18th century music, musket and cannon salutes and a toast to the Declaration of Independence. "This is not only a special occasion for these new citizens to take the oath of allegiance, but it is a moment for all of us to recommit to the ideals and tenets that our new citizens are embracing today," Battlefield Superintendent Amy Bracewell said.



l. to r.: Ben Gallant, Chris Oxaal, Vocalist Danielle McMullen, Duane Booth, Doug Gallant, Tom Dunne, Pat Reilly, Nick Oxaal and Ford Oxaal
Photo credit: Tom Dunne

TURNING POINT PARADE

The annual Turning Point Parade was held in Schuylerville, NY on August 7. We participate in this event each year along with members of the Walloomsac Battle chapter.

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Carrying the flags: Jay Lacy & Pat Reilly; Carrying the Banner: Tivo Africa, Tom Dunne and Pat Festa; Bringing Up the Rear: Duane Booth, Harry Booth and Doug Gallant.



l. to r.: Joe Fitzpatrick, Mike Skelly, Jay Lacy, Chris Oxaal, Tom Dunne, Doug Gallant, Tivo Africa, Harry Booth, Nick Oxaal, Duane Booth, Ford Oxaal, Ed Post, Pat Reilly, Mike Companion, Pat Festa, Ed King.



President Doug Gallant In His New Uniform