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NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR
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SUMMER 2018

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to the following new chapter members.

Robert J. Hedgeman – Delmar, NY
Will M. Hudson, Jr. – Batavia, IL
William M. Hudson III – Troy, NY
Kenneth J. Ille – Schenectady, NY
Andrew T. Yocum – Latham, NY
Benjamin T. Yocum – Latham, NY

Transfer from Massachusetts Society
Rev. John T. Dale – Wells, NY

Dual State – Cincinnati, Ohio
Shaun P. Smith – Montgomery, OH

IN OUR MEMORY

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our esteemed member Harry G. Taylor at the age of 94. Harry was well-known in local genealogical and historical circles and he enjoyed 65 years of marriage with his lovely wife Virginia. They were both Army veterans of World War II. He will be missed.

RHODES FUND ANNOUNCES GRANTS

The Lawrence I. & Blanch H. Rhodes Memorial Fund Executive Director Dennis Marr has announced the following grants of interest to us; numbers are the current year's grant/cumulative grants to date.

Saratoga Battle Chapter - \$1,000/\$20,000
Gansevoort Chapter DAR - \$15,000/\$152,500
Schuyler Society C.A.R. - \$750/\$10,750

BEMIS HEIGHTS C.A.R.

We have received word that the Bemis Heights Society C.A.R. has found it necessary to disband. Our chapter was a proud co-sponsor of this society since its reactivation in the early 2000s. We understand that the members may transfer to other societies or become members at large.

TURNING POINT PARADE

Douglas Gallant, Pres.

August 5 saw us participate in the 24th annual Turning Point Parade in Schuylerville, NY.

Each year on the first Sunday in August the Village of Schuylerville hosts a parade to commemorate the American victory at the Battles of Saratoga during the American Revolutionary War that culminated in the British surrender on October 17, 1777.

The original idea of the parade was to serve as a public reminder of the importance of this area in the history of our country; in particular, the defeat of the British armies in 1777 and their subsequent surrender by General Burgoyne. These events have of course been deemed the &turning point& of the American Revolution, vital to winning independence from Great Britain.

Like many days during the summer of 2018, August 5th was hot and humid. That led to not being able to catch our traditional group photo of everyone that participated in the parade. In addition to the Saratoga Battle Chapter SAR, the Walloomsac Battle Chapter SAR and Saratoga Chapter DAR were also participants in the parade. The 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment led all of us down the parade route.



***The group photo that we were able to get after a very hot walk in the sun!
L to R Past President Duane Booth, Past President Primitivo Africa, Harry Booth,
1st Vice President Pat Reilly, President Douglas Gallant, Tim Mabee***



***The SAR on the parade route. L to R Primitivo Africa, Douglas Gallant,
Pat Reilly, Tim Mabee, Harry Booth, Duane Booth***

ANNUAL WREATH-LAYING

The 241st anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga was a wonderful late summer day of bright skies and a bit of heat. Many individuals gathered at the DAR Monument at Stop #2 in the Saratoga National Historical Park. Most were members of various Chapters of the SAR, DAR and C.A.R. but some Park visitors joined the ceremony as well.

The color guard consisted of members of the 2nd Continental Artillery Regiment and several SAR, DAR and C.A.R. members. Once the colors were posted, a welcome was given by Saratoga Battle Chapter SAR President Douglas Gallant followed by Saratoga Chapter NSDAR Regent Heather Mabee.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Then President Gallant provided a reading of [a letter written by General Horatio Gates](#) on October 12, 1777, regarding the events at Saratoga. The recipient was John Hancock who was then presiding as President of the Continental Congress.

Wreaths were placed by the following individuals representing the indicated societies/chapters:

- Peter Goebel, Vice President General NSSAR
- Duane Booth, Past President Empire State SAR
- Nicole Shiller, Saratoga Chapter NSDAR
- Susan Jackson, Regent Schenectada Chapter NSDAR
- Kristen Moore, Regent Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter NSDAR
- Thomas Dunne, Registrar Saratoga Battle Chapter SAR
- Jack Bredenfoerder, President Cincinnati Ohio Chapter SAR
- Bridget Lasky, President New York State C.A.R.
- Alexandra Oxaal, President Schuyler Society C.A.R.
- Tim Mabee, Vermont Society SAR
- Shaun Smith, New Hampshire Society SAR
- Jack Bredenfoerder, Germany Society SAR

Following the ceremony we progressed to the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs for fellowsip and a chapter business meeting.

The Registrar's report revealed that we had 222 members in our chapter as of September 16, making us by far the largest chapter in the Empire State Society.

The Treasurer's report indicates that we are on firm financial footing and were able to make charitable donations totaling \$1,650 since the February meeting.