



BATTLE LINES

NEWSLETTER OF THE SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER, SAR
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EDITOR'S NOTE

My apologies for the tardiness of this issue of the newsletter: my tax work load seemed to build up earlier than usual this year, and I was not able to get this issue out before becoming immersed in that work.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome the following new compatriots to the chapter:

George Howard Ballard – Malta, NY
James Robert House III – Averill Park, NY
David Anthony Marsh – Troy, NY
James Edward Van Buskirk – Waterford, NY

Congratulations on your acceptance into SAR and we hope that you enjoy your membership.

VAN SCHAICK MANSION

Our friends in our sister organization, the Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter NSDAR, would like to remind chapter members that we have free admission to the Van Schaick Mansion in Cohoes: just identify yourself as an SAR upon entry. This historic home, built in 1735 and a staging area for the battles of Saratoga, is the home of the Gansevoort Chapter. The house is located on Van Schaick Avenue in Cohoes, NY; this is on Van Schaick Island at the confluence of the Mohawk and Hudson rivers, and is easily accessible from I-787.

CHAPTER WEB SITE

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Dennis Booth and Duane Booth for all of their hard work in bringing our long-awaited chapter web site to fruition. It is a beautiful site and we encourage you to check it out for news of upcoming events, historical information, etc. Be sure to view and sign our Guest Book and let us have your comments. Parts of the site are still under construction, so please bear with us. Go to:

www.saratogabattle-sar.org

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DINNER AND ANNUAL MEETING

This annual event was held February 13 at the Century House Restaurant in Latham. We were honored to have the following special guests with us for the evening:

Odella (Dolly) Rogers, Regent, Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter, NSDAR
Diane Fullam, Registrar of the same chapter
Mrs. Henry (Alice) Goebel, NSDAR

Other DAR members in attendance included Kay Saunders, mother of outgoing president Rick Saunders; Karolina Haid, wife of compatriot Donald Haid; and Virginia Taylor, wife of compatriot Harry Taylor.

Our speaker was Mr. Karl Crannell, Special Event Coordinator at Ft. Ticonderoga, who reenacted an officer of the 2nd NY Continental Regiment and gave a marvelous talk on New York in the Revolution. Pres. Saunders presented him with a framed map of the battles of Saratoga as a memento of the event.

Service Awards were given to the following compatriots:

Lloyd L. Lininger – 25 years
Frank E. Moy – 20 years
Robert P. Crocetta – 20 years
Ronald E. Newton – 20 years

Both compatriots Crocetta and Newton are past presidents of our chapter.

A highlight of the evening was a 90th birthday celebration for our esteemed compatriot Carlton E. Covell. Carl has been there for our chapter from the beginning and continues to remain active with his work as a volunteer at the VA Hospital in Albany and at the National Cemetery in Stillwater. Check our web site for the text of the citation given to Carl. As a token of our gratitude for all that he has done for us, the officers voted to provide Carl with a National life membership in SAR. We hope that he has many more productive years ahead of him.

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED

The new slate of officers was installed at the Annual Meeting. The ceremony was led by compatriots Carl Covell and Lewis Slocum, both past presidents of the chapter. Installed were:

Duane P. Booth – President
Jonathan E. Goebel – V. Pres. & Secretary
Richard H. Fullam – Treasurer
Lt. Col. Peter K. Goebel – Chaplain
Dennis F.M. Marr – Registrar/Genealogist & Historian

Col. Goebel was away on active duty and Treasurer Fullam had another commitment, so their mothers stood in for them as proxies at the swearing-in ceremony.

The chapter extends its appreciation to these compatriots for volunteering their time to fulfill these duties, and we wish them well during their two-year term in office.

Past President Saunders was presented with an SAR gavel plaque and past president's pin in gratitude for his fine leadership over the past two years. Congratulations, Rick, on a job well done!

PRES. BOOTH ANNOUNCES COMMITTEES

President Booth wasted no time in organizing his committees for his term in office. Committees and Chairmen are as follows:

Audit – Dennis F.M. Marr
Awards & Medals – Jonathan E. Goebel
C.A.R. – Richard H. Fullam
Color Guard – Richard C. Saunders, Jr.
Eagle Scout/Knight Essay –
Richard C. Saunders, Jr.
Membership – Robert H. Fickies
Program – Stephen C. Coye
Publicity – Richard C. Saunders, Jr.
ROTC/JROTC - Dennis F.M. Marr
VA/National Cemetery – Carlton E. Covell

Help is always needed, so if you see a committee that you might be interested in serving on please contact Pres. Booth. His e-mail is:

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Or, you can call him at 413-442-7266.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Duane P. Booth

By my calculation, I am the 14th member to hold this important office since the chapter was formed 29 years ago. I am honored to be given the chance to serve as president. Although we have not been in existence for very long, at least compared to some other chapters in the Empire State Society, we have a strong and healthy chapter. Our membership rolls have steadily grown and we have a solid treasury. We can be proud of what our chapter officers and members, past and present, have accomplished. But, we need to continue to grow our membership and enhance our presence and visibility in the community.

Please support your Chapter by attending our meetings and events. Bring your family and friends. And please, be on the lookout for new members. For those who have access to the Internet, please check the Chapter's new web site often for upcoming events and highlights of events recently held. You can update your contact information in the Member Area and email the officers from the web site. We owe a debt of thanks to chapter member Dennis G. Booth who, with his wife Colleen, designed the site. Dennis has agreed to maintain the site and to be our Webmaster. The address of our site is:

www.saratogabattle-sar.org

Please add the site to your "favorites" folder.

Remember, our chapter is made up of members, and the more members are active, the stronger the chapter will be. Please be as active as your schedule permits.

Thank you for placing your confidence in me.

INTERESTING BOOK BY "ADIRONDACK IKE" AVAILABLE

One of the more colorful members that we have had in our chapter was the late Ira Gray, "Adirondack Ike" to all. Ike was a woodsman, hunter, author and nature lover who, in 1975, published "Follow My Moccasin's Tracks." We have learned that his Great Niece Sandra Gray Loychik, has expanded his book and republished it. 200 pgs. + photographs. \$15.95 each + \$3.00 shipping and 7% tax. Send orders and payments to:
Mrs. Carol Brown, 1 Shannon Way, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-5798.