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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A hearty welcome to the following new members.

Steven C. Leggett – Mechanicville, NY
Christopher G. Martin – Hamlin, NY
Edward B. Martin – Norwalk, CT
Edward L. Martin, Jr. – Angola, NY
Michael J. Martin – Hamlin, NY
Rev. Gordon R. Proper – Stuyvesant, NY
Richard A. Rose – Schenectady, NY
Samuel W. Rose – Schenectady, NY

Welcome, also, to new Dual State Member John T. “Jack” Manning of Scituate, MA.

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected at the Annual Meeting and Washington’s Birthday celebration held on 19 February 2011 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

President – Primitivo Africa
1st VP – Charles F. Walter IV
2nd VP- George F. Malinoski
Secretary – Raymond W. LeMay III
Treasurer – Michael S. Companion
Registrar – Thomas L. Dunne
Genealogist/Historian – Dennis F. Marr
Chaplain – Karl L. Dannell

The following non-elected appointments were also made.

Asst. Registrar (Supp. Apps.) – Duane Booth
C.A.R. Liaison – Richard H. Fullam
Newsletter Editor – Dennis F. Marr
Webmaster – Dennis G. Booth
Youth Contest Committee Chair-
Richard C. Saunders, Jr.

These men will need your support and participation during the coming two years.

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

We were delighted to welcome the following Honored Guests at our annual meeting in February:

Ms. Lexi Zerillo – President, N.Y.S.S.C.A.R.
Mrs. Sandy Zerillo – Sr. Pres., N.Y.S.S.C.A.R.
Mrs. Susan Szewczyk – Sr. Pres.
Bemis Heights Society, C.A.R.

Sandy Zerillo and Susan Szewczyk were presented with the Bronze C.A.R.~SAR Medal of Appreciation in recognition of their long-standing work on behalf of the two organizations.

Other SAR awards were presented as follows:

Bronze SAR Color Guard Medal-
Bret Trufant & Michael Companion
War Service Medal: Vietnam Bar –
Thomas Dunne
War Service Medal: Afghanistan Bar –
Col. Peter Goebel
Meritorious Service Medal –
Michael Companion; John Sheaff
Frederick Eckel
Past President Pin/Certificate –
Richard Fullam
Challenge Coins/Certs. of Appreciation –
Primitivo Africa; Charles Walter; Raymond LeMay, Michael Companion; Thomas Dunne; Dennis Marr; Richard Saunders; Duane Booth; Dennis Booth

The Schuyler Society C.A.R. presented Magazine Pins to Richard Fullam and Dennis Marr.
The Bemis Heights Society presented plaques to Richard Fullam and Dennis Marr.

Thanks to all who attended for helping make this a most memorable meeting.

N.Y.S.S.C.A.R. STATE CONFERENCE

Several chapter members attended portions of the N.Y.S.S.C.A.R. conference held in Albany the weekend of March 4-6. This was an outstanding affair, and a fitting tribute to Lexi Zerillo's term as NYS President.

Among Lexi's numerous accomplishments was the successful completion of her State Project: Cherish Our Freedom – Honor Our Veterans. Lexi raised over \$9,500 for her primary goals: the placement of a C.A.R. memorial marker on the Memorial Walk at the Saratoga National Veterans' Cemetery (\$3,225); the remainder of the funds was donated to the NYS Military Heritage Museum in Saratoga Springs for their Flag Preservation Project. The monument was dedicated on the afternoon of March 5.

At the Saturday evening banquet, the Schuyler Society was named the Most Outstanding Society in the state. Schuyler also took the Membership Bowl for the society with the highest net gain in membership (14 new members, a 35% increase).

Bemis Heights Society was named Third Most Outstanding Society in the state. They also were awarded 26 First Place contest awards and 5 Second Place ones; they received a check for \$126 for their contest awards.

While Lexi has completed her term as State President, her mother Sandy continues as Senior State President (a 3-year term). Congratulations to both ladies for outstanding service to their societies.

Also in attendance was ESSSAR President Bill Woodworth, and we were happy to see Ron and Helen Newton from Maine.

The deportment and attire of the children was most impressive, a tribute not only to their fine upbringings, but also to the ideals instilled in them by their senior officers and the C.A.R. Saratoga Battle can take pride in being a sponsor of both the Schuyler and Bemis Heights societies.

MEMBER HAS BOOK PUBLISHED

Chapter member Edward Lee Cox has had his book on Major General Fox Connor published. Entitled "Grey Eminence – Fox Connor and the Art of Mentorship," the book is available for \$16.95 at Amazon.com as well as from the author via his website: www.edwardleecox.com.

Connor was a mentor to Generals Eisenhower, Marshall and Patton during the period between the World Wars, but little was known about Connor himself. After a career spanning four decades, he ordered all of his papers and journals burned. This book combines existing scholarship with long-forgotten references and unpublished original sources to achieve a more comprehensive picture of this dedicated public servant.

This book will be of interest to all military historians and those with a more general interest in military history.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-PRIMITIVO AFRICA

As your new President of the Saratoga Battle Chapter SAR, I would like to take a quick moment to introduce myself and express my gratitude at the great honor that has been bestowed upon me. I would have never thought when first joining Saratoga Battle almost 6 years ago, that I would be holding office and doing my best to represent you all. I would like to thank Duane Booth, Dennis Marr, Rick Saunders, Jonathan Goebel, and Mike Companion for all their encouragement and support. Together with my Vice President Charles Walter, I intend to do my best to continue the great tradition that our Society, and especially our Chapter represent. It is not with a light heart that I have accepted this responsibility however. As a young member of our Chapter, I welcome all and any comments, questions or discussion about the course of our Chapter currently, and where we would like to see it continue into the future. As always, there are many incredible events coming up this spring and summer, and I am looking forward to meeting many more of you in person.