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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome the following new compatriots to our chapter.

Roger W. Helmer – Remsen, NY
Timothy L. Virkler – Watertown, NY
Stuart G. Wolter – Cohoes, NY

MEMBER NOTES

We have learned that compatriot William G. Loveday, Jr. of Gloversville has moved to a long-term care facility. Bill has served SAR at the chapter and state level over many years. If you would like to drop Bill a note his address is:

Wilkinson Residential Health Care Facility
4988 State Hwy 30
Amsterdam, NY 12010

We have also just recently been informed that Compatriot Ronald E. Newton of Maine is seriously ill. Ron is a past president of this chapter, as well as a past president of the ESSAR. For many years Ron has been heavily involved in NSSAR programs, including the Eagle Scout and Knight Essay contests.

Your sentiments can be sent to Ron at:

1 Thompson Road
Kennebunk, ME 04043-6130

NEW NORTHERN NEW YORK CHAPTER?

Compatriots Joel Bixby and Parks Honeywell are exploring the possibility of establishing a new chapter in northern New York. A few preparatory meetings have been held along with participation in the Veterans' Day events.

Anyone interested in learning more about this project can contact Joel at:

Jbtoo10@gmail.com

NORTHERN NEW YORK SAR MEMBERS ATTEND MONUMENT DEDICATION

By
Joel E. Bixby

SAR members in Northern New York recently took part in the Veterans Day dedication of the Swe-Kat-Si Chapter NSDAR monument honoring Revolutionary War Patriots buried in St. Lawrence County New York. DAR member Jennifer Bixby raised the funds for the newest addition to Groulx Park in Ogdensburg where veterans of US wars are recognized. SAR members present were Joel Bixby and Mark Friden both of Saratoga Battle Chapter, John Miller III of Long Island Chapter, Bruce Coyne of Clearwater Chapter in Florida and Kyle Hartman Buffalo Chapter. The event was well attended by about 150 members of the Ogdensburg community.



Pictured are Swe-Kat-Si members, Long Rapids Fife & Drum Corps, representatives of veteran groups and others who were donors to the fund raising effort and SAR members John Miller III (in uniform, far left), Joel Bixby (right of center in flat brimmed hat) and Mark Friden (2nd from right). Missing from picture are SAR members Bruce Coyne and Kyle Hartman. Photo by Don Merrit.

**CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

By
Duane Booth

For the past several years, as part of the National Wreaths Across America Program the Schuyler Society, C.A.R. has been collecting donations to lay wreaths on veteran graves at our National Cemetery, in the Town of Saratoga and volunteering to help place the wreaths. This year the Society collected enough money to purchase over one hundred wreaths.

On Saturday, December 15th, chapter members joined forces with Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter NSDAR members and Schuyler Society C.A.R. members to lay wreaths on veteran gravestones at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. We arrived along with hundreds of other volunteers around 8:30 am and received our assignment. We were to lay 125 wreaths in Section 2 with a few others from our organizations helping out in another area of the Cemetery.

Note: The Schuyler Society, C.A.R. is proudly sponsored by the Gen. Peter Gansevoort Chapter NSDAR, the Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR and the Lawrence I & Blanche H Rhodes Memorial Fund."



Front Row (left to right)

Nicholas Oxaal, Benjamin Gallant, Teresa Gallant, Dolly Rogers, Harold Rogers, Susan Hare, Christopher Oxaal, Lorraine Pratt

Back Row (left to right)

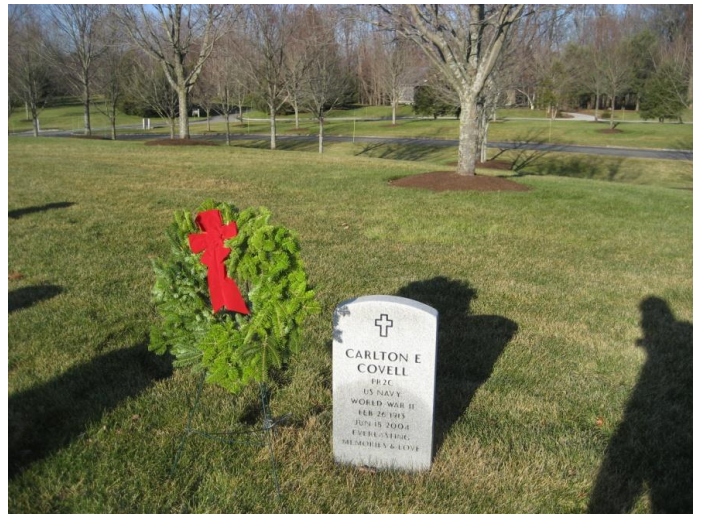
Duane Booth, Douglas Gallant, Bob Zerrillo, Mary Oxaal, Paul Hare, Sandy Zerrillo.

Nicholas, Benjamin and Christopher are Schuyler Society Members.

Teresa, Dolly, Susan, Mary and Sandy are Gen. Peter Gansevoort DAR Chapter Members.

Duane, Doug and Harold are Saratoga Battle Chapter SAR Members.

A wreath was also placed at the grave of Carlton E. Covell, a long-time beloved member of our chapter. Carl was instrumental in reviving the chapter in the early 1970's after it had gone inactive.



INTERESTING REVOLUTIONARY WAR BOOK

My son, Compatriot Kevin M. Marr, has a knack for finding interesting books for me as gifts at Christmas, birthday, etc. This past Christmas he gave me a wonderful new book: *Reporting the Revolutionary War: Before It Was History, It Was News*, by Todd Andrlik; 2012; Sourcebooks, Inc., PO Box 4410, Naperville, IL 60560-4410.

Actual newspaper articles are reproduced covering all of the major aspects of the war. These articles stretch from May of 1764 to November of 1787. Throughout, the author places the articles into historical context with explanatory material. A blurb on the jacket calls the book "a stunning collection of primary sources detailing what it was like to experience a revolution as it happened."

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