

## **Saratoga Battle Chapter, SAR Fall Meeting Minutes 18 September 2016, Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY**

Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Douglas Gallant.

The invocation was said by Charles Wheeler, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Douglas Gallant and the Pledge to the SAR was led by Jay Lacy. The Chair welcomed several guests in attendance:

- From the SAR
  - Empire State President Duane Booth
  - Empire State Vice President, Capital Section, Joseph Fitzpatrick
  - Empire State National Trustee Peter Goebel
- From the DAR (thank all DAR)
  - Heather Mabee, Regent Saratoga Chapter
- From the C.A.R.
  - Elizabeth Mosher – National Senior Vice President Eastern Region
  - Abigail Mosher – NY State President

President Gallant then outlined the changes in Chapter Officers that was required due to the resignation of now Past President George Malinoski. The Chapter by-laws stipulate that the First Vice President (Douglas Gallant) assume the role of President until next election of Officers. The by-laws also prohibit the same person holding both the positions of President and Treasurer (Douglas Gallant) simultaneously. The President is able to make an appointment of a new Treasurer to fulfill the current term. In consultation with the Executive Committee David Flint was appointed Treasurer. President Gallant chose to leave his former position of First Vice President vacant until the normally scheduled elections in February 2017.

ESS President Booth then formally installed both President Gallant and Treasurer Flint.

A roll call of Chapter Officers found President Douglas Gallant, Treasurer David Flint, Registrar Tom Dunne, Genealogist Dennis Marr, Historian Karl Danneil and Chaplain Charles Wheeler present. Second Vice President Michael Companion was absent and Secretary Patrick Reilly sent his regrets on being unable to attend.

3 new members were installed with President Booth assisting. The new members were John Dohring, Christopher Oxall (Junior member), and Steven Fullam (Junior member). Past President Richard Fullam accepted the certificate for Steven Fullam.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. There were no additions or corrections. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Douglas Gallant reviewed the current membership and financial status of the Chapter. No negative indications identified. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the report.

## MEMBERSHIP

Thomas L. Dunne reported that membership was at 207 members. There were eleven (11) new members. One member, Albert Goodwin, was reported as deceased resulting in a net gain of ten (10) members. A prayer in remembrance of Compatriot Goodwin was offered by Chaplain Charles Wheeler.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gallant noted his participation in several activities including the July 4<sup>th</sup> Citizenship ceremony, Schuylerville Turning Point Parade, Atlantic Middle States Conference, Battle of Bennington ceremony, ESS Board of Managers and Saratoga Battlefield wreath laying. President Gallant also identified areas that he intends to pursue – formation of an Audit Committee; good communication among officers and members; collaboration with other organizations especially SAR and DAR; Chapter document storage/scanning; and a new member one-page introduction document.

## OLD BUSINESS

None identified

## NEW BUSINESS

ESS President Booth thanked Chapter members for their assistance with the Atlantic Middle States Conference. He also discussed a National project to digitize existing paper records. ESS President Booth made a motion for a Chapter donation of \$500 for this project. Motion was seconded and carried.

C.A.R. State President Abigail Mosher presented her State Project "Dogs for Vets". A motion to donate \$500 to the State Project was made, seconded and carried.

Past President Malinoski requested a motion regarding the Carleton Covell Award. Covell was a Past Chapter President of Saratoga Battle Chapter as well as past commander of the Col. George L. Willard Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Evidence exists that the two organizations had an agreement to present a \$200 Award annually (\$100 from each organization) to a student demonstrating excellence in Social Studies/American History. However no Chapter minutes have been found substantiating that fact although there was a single payment in 2009 identified for this purpose. President Gallant presented a motion to continue this annual support of \$100 for the Carleton Covell Award. Motion was seconded and carried.

ESS National Trustee Peter Goebel presented the slate of National Officers seeking election. Motions to support the unopposed candidates, Bruce Pickette for Librarian General and Mark Anthony (a Chapter member) for Historian General were all made, seconded and carried. Trustee Goebel also made a motion for the Chapter to donate \$100 to the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency for advertising in conjunction with a veteran's breakfast that the organization holds. Motion was seconded and carried.

Past President Richard Fullam discussed his experiences with the Patriot Flight program and proposed a motion for the Chapter to donate \$350 (the cost for a single veteran). Motion was seconded and carried.

State Vice President Joseph Fitzpatrick informed members that an Empire State membership certificate can be obtained. Not only is it a good looking certificate but part of the \$20 list cost goes back to the State and the Chapter as a donation.

#### AWARDS

War Service Medal was presented to Joseph Fitzpatrick for Vietnam and Cold War service.

The Saratoga Chapter of the NSDAR Vietnam Certificate and Pin was presented to Patrick Festa.

With no additional business the Benediction was led by Chaplain Wheeler, the American Creed lead by Christopher Oxaal and the SAR Recessional led by Douglas Gallant.

The next meeting of the Saratoga Battle Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2017.

Meeting adjourned.

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Douglas Gallant, Acting Secretary