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David W. Powell, President

Message from the President

Brother Compatriots,

I wish to thank the membership with entrusting me with the office of State President. I have my work cut out to fill the shoes of my predecessor Joseph Fitzpatrick. I thank Joe for his loyal and capable service to our state society. I also wish to thank Past Presidents James Eagan, George Gydesen, Joseph Fitzpatrick, and Duane Booth for their guidance and for teaching me so much about leadership in the SAR. Finally, thank you to the Nominating Committee who, through much effort, produced a slate of capable officers for the State Society for the next two years.

While the Nominating Committee has found a slate of talented officers, I remind all the members that the State Society depends on the deep bench of volunteers in order to function. Every member should appreciate the efforts of

these numerous volunteers. And I remind you we are always looking for help. There are plenty of committees that can use members. We have special projects that need volunteers. And you can support the State Society by being a leader or volunteer at the chapter level. Chapter leaders are especially needed.

It is an exciting time to be a member of the Empire State Society. We have the Atlantic Middle States conference coming up on August 11- 13 in Tarrytown, NY. You can come to the AMS Conference and see members from the seven state societies that make up the Atlantic Middle States Association. You will also be able to meet and chat with the National Officers who lead the NSSAR. Thanks to VP Tim Middlebrook for making this event happen. We are also on the eve of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. We should see an increase in chapter and state level activities as we approach 2025. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer and participate in the celebration of the Revolutionary War and of our Declaration of Independence. Please participate in the 250th, even if you can only just attend events near you. We should continue to find ways to support and coordinate with our fellow DAR and CAR chapters and societies. Combined together we can make a bigger contribution to making sure we preserve the history of the Revolutionary War and most importantly in honoring our patriot ancestors, so they and their sacrifices are never forgotten. I hope to over the next two years meet with as many of you personally as possible. I will be at chapter events, meetings, and gatherings over the next 24 months. See you there!

David W. Powell, President

Empire State Society, NSSAR

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Upcoming Event

TBA September 2023

ESS-SAR Board of Managers Meeting

Pegasus Restaurant
Coxsackie, NY

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ESS-SAR Elects New Officers at Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (ESS-SAR) was held on May 6, 2023 in Fort Plain, NY. The event was hosted by the Oriskany Battle Chapter.

A new slate of officers was elected to serve for the next two years.



Pres. Joseph installs the newly elected ESS-SAR President David W. Powell.



2023 – 2025 ESS-SAR Officers – (Rt to L,) Outgoing President Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, incoming President David W. Powell, and the officers of ESS-SAR .

The new officers are:

Officers of the Empire State Society 2023-2025

[David W. Powell](#) President

[Timothy S. Middlebrook](#) V.P. - Capital Region

[Wayne Thurston](#) V.P. - Central Region

[Kenneth R. Stevens](#) V.P. - Metropolitan Region

[Brenton W. Downing](#) V.P. - Western Region

[Jonathan E. Goebel](#) Secretary

[Edward Munger Jr](#) Assistant Secretary (appointed)

[John W. Eisenhower](#) Treasurer

[David Foster](#) Assistant Treasurer (appointed)

[William J. Woodworth](#) Registrar

[Joseph P. Vermaelen](#) National Trustee

[Jonathan E. Goebel](#) Alternate Trustee

[Jonathan E. Goebel](#) Historian

[Paul Haynes, Esq.](#) Chancellor

[Richard Smith](#) Chaplain

[Erick Krueger](#) Webmaster (appointed)

Congratulations to the officers.

A number of awards were presented, including the prestigious National "Distinguished Patriot" Award and Certificate from SAR President General Bruce Pickett to William Pomeroy. (Details in the following article.).

Several members were recognized for their contributions to ESS-SAR. Pres. Joseph Fitzpatrick presented awards to Past Presidents Duane Booth, James Eagan, and George Gydeson for their support during his Presidency.

The following members received the National Silver Meritorious Medal sets:

Vice President General Robert Meyer, former President of the Battle of Brooklyn for representing ESS-SAR at the Stone House Battle of Long Island and the reactivation of the Battle of Brooklyn Chapter; Compatriot John Eisenhower for his work as Treasurer of the ESS-SAR; Compatriot ESS-SAR Chaplin Robert Smith for his dedication and serving as the Chairman of the Knight Essay Program; Compatriot Eric Krueger for his dedication and work on the Patriot Database. Note: Com-

patriots Kruger and Smith will receive their certificate and medal at our next meeting.

VP Timothy Middlebrook received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his work as Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee, Chairman of the Atlantic Middle States Convention, and Chairman of the 250th Battle of Brooklyn Chapter Pres. David Nelson was presented with the Bronz Roger Sherman Medal for his work assisting VPG Meyer with the reactivation of the Battle of Brooklyn Chapter and having members of the 1st NY Continental attending meetings with the Battle of Brooklyn Chapter.

A number of other certificates and awards were also presented. The following are some photos of the award presentations.



Past Pres. Duane Booth



Past Pres. John Eagan



Past Pres. George Gydeson



VP Timothy Middlebrook received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal.



Long Island Chapter Registrar Richard Rossin receives the Adams Cup for highest new member recruitment.



Jonathan Gobel, ESS-SAR Secretary receives Certificate of Appreciation.



VP David Powell receives CAR Silver Medal.

President David Powell began his administration by presenting Past State President Joseph Fitzpatrick with a National Past President Certificate and Medal.



State President David Powell (rt.) presenting the Past State President Medal and Certificate to Joseph Fitzpatrick.(l.)

The next Board of Managers meeting will be held in September, date and location to be announced.

Mr. Pomeroy Receives 'Distinguished Patriot' Award



William G. Pomeroy (l.) receives the National Distinguished Patriot Award given by PG Bruce Pickett. (l to rt.) William Pomeroy, ESS-SAR Pres. Joseph Fitzpatrick, ESS-SAR VP David Powell and VPG Robert Meyer.

At the May 6, 2023 Annual Meeting of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, William Pomeroy received the Distinguished Patriot Award and Certificate from SAR President General Bruce Pickett.

The award was presented to William Pomeroy in person by VPG Robert Meyer, ESS-SAR President Joseph Fitzpatrick, and ESS-SAR VP David Powell.

Note: See the President General's letter below

May 3, 2023

Compatriot Pomeroy,

My sincere regrets that I am unable to be with you for the presentation of our Society's Distinguished Patriot Award.

Thank you for all you and your Foundation are doing to help communities celebrate and preserve their history. Your many Marker Grant Programs, with their focus on historic research, preservation, and historic and cultural heritage, are both needed and deeply appreciated. Through your generosity those programs awarded \$10,000,000 in the period 2020 – 2022. Several chapters and state societies of the Sons of the American Revolution are now participating in the Patriot Burials Marker Grant Program and I sincerely thank you for your support of the grants and markers they have requested.

I had the pleasure of meeting your daughter, Deryn, at the luncheon of the New Jersey SAR Annual Meeting in February. The New Jersey Society proudly displayed a marker obtained through the Foundation. The marker's quality and beauty are unmistakable and unsurpassed.

We are proud you are a fellow SAR member of the Empire State SAR since 2004. I hope our paths cross in the future so that I may thank you in person.

Sincerely,

C. Bruce Pickett

President General 2022-2023

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



VPG Meyer (l.) reads the President General's letter to William Pomeroy (rt).

Atlantic Middle States Conference Coming in August

The Atlantic Middle States Conference will be hosted by New York this year. It brings together members from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland and the Dist. of Columbia as well as the National Officers who will be inaugurated in July in Orlando.

The conference runs Aug. 11-12 in Tarrytown. There will be meetings with the National Officers on Friday night and a program for the ladies and a meeting on Saturday morning with the members from the Atlantic Middle States and a second ladies program. We then board buses for a trip to the New Windsor Cantonment and the National Purple Heart Hall of Fame. Saturday evening is the formal banquet with a keynote speaker.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend and see what the SAR and our member states have been doing this past year. Information on the hotel and registration can be found at amssar.org under the conferences tab. The hotel website is SleepyHollowHotelNY.com . Check "Availability", click on special codes, click on "Promo Code" then choose "Group Rate", enter 0811SAR.

Any questions, please contact Tim Middlebrook, tmiddlesar@gmail.com.

A form to sign up for the 2023 Atlantic Middle States Conference follows. Please download, print, fill out and mail with your check per form instructions.

Note: Applications must be submitted by July 29th, 2023.

Join the fun and be part of history at the 2023 event. Formal wear and period dress are encouraged.

Photos below are from the Atlantic Middle States Convention held in Albany, in 2016.



Opening Ceremony 2016



Formal Dinner 2016

2023 Atlantic Middle State Conference

Sleepy Hollow Hotel and Conference Center, 455 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 631-5700

All boxes in yellow are required to be completed

Compatriot Full Name	
Guest/Spouse Full Name	
Compatriot State	
National/State Office title	Current Title _____ Former Title _____
email	
Phone	

NOTICE: Every member attending must complete this registration form.

	Cost Per Person	Quantity	Total
Conference Registration: Members only = \$70. (Guest/Spouse need not register)	\$ 70		\$

Friday August 11th

Women's Program	Hidden Treasures of the Hudson Valley by Anthony Musso	FREE		FREE
Buffet Dinner	Farmer's Market Chopped Salad Chef's Seasonal Soup Creation Cage Free Natural Chicken Breast, Dark Cherry Compote Apricot Chili Glazed Salmon, Cilantro Chutney Mini French Pastries Seasonal Fruits and Berries Brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee & Tea Assorted Soft Drinks and Bottled Water	\$ 75		\$

Saturday, August 12th

Women's Program	Patriots and Spies in Revolutionary New York by AJ Schenkman	FREE		FREE
Outing	Tour National Purple Heart Hall of Honor & New Windsor Cantonment	\$ 35		\$
Outing Box Lunch	For Purple Heart and New Windsor Cantonment	\$ 21		\$
	Choose one of the following selections provided in advance:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Italian Wrap - ham, salami, provolone, roasted red pepper, lettuce & balsamic dressing			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maple Turkey Wrap - honey-maple turkey, swiss, lettuce & tomato			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuscan Roast Wrap - roast beef, lettuce, tomato, sun-dried tomato, onion, garlic & oil			
Evening Banquet	Evening Banquet plated: Mezzi Rigatoni Bolognese Pan Seared Chicken & Petite Filet of Beef served with sides Red Velvet Cake Brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee & Tea Assorted Soft Drinks and Bottled Water	\$ 80		\$

Total \$

Please make checks for

payable to
"ESSSAR"

Remit to:

ESSSAR c/o Richard Wambach, 232 Starbarrack Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571

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Get Your ESS-SAR Patriot Certificate

This certificate is personalized with your name, your ancestors name, with your state and national member numbers. The certificate is custom printed using the highest quality professional equipment available. This is an heirloom-quality document suitable for framing.

The price for this valuable family record document is very modest at \$20. When you purchase a certificate, five dollars of the purchase price is donated to your chapter. This beautiful heirloom certificate was designed by compatriot Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, President of the Leather Stocking Chapter, Vice President of the Capital Region, ESSAR., and current Empire State Society President.



Above is a sample of the Patriot Certificate, which will be printed on premium quality heavy paper. To order your Certificate/s, please print and complete the form below.

Empire State Society SAR
Patriot Certificate

ORDER FORM

Please Print

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

National Number_____

State Number_____

Patriot Name_____

Chapter Name_____

Cost \$20.00 make check out to ESSSAR

Send to : Schoharie L-S Chapter SAR
C/O Joseph B. Fitzpatrick
PO Box 193
Esperance, NY 12066

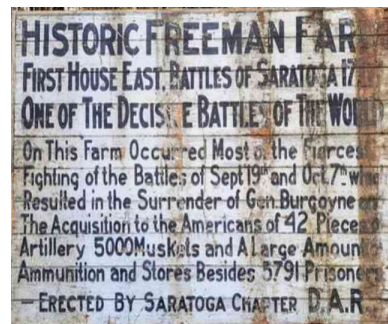
Chapter News

Capital Region Chapters

- **Columbia – Mid Hudson Valley Chapter** – The chapter dedicated a Pomeroy sign at New Hackensack Reformed Church Cemetery, honoring 9 Revolutionary War veterans. In attendance were members of the SAR, DAR, American Legion and Dutchess County Legislator Joseph Cavaccini.

- **Saratoga Battle Chapter** – Recently the Chapter partnered with the Saratoga DAR, Empire State DAR, and Adirondack Trust Bank, in purchasing an historic sign describing the Battle of Saratoga.

The Chapter participate in the June 25th Memorial Service in Whitehall for a Grave marking ceremony to honor William Miller II, Revolutionary War, hosted by the Falls Church, Virginia Chapter DAR. Photo from “Battlelines”, the SBC newsletter.



- **Valcour Chapter** - Thanks to all individuals and groups for making our 3rd annual Declaration of Independence reading a big success. We're especially grateful to Hometown Cable for recording the program.



Central Region

- **Binghamton Chapter** – We have three new members: Merwin Fuller, George Yarns, and Chris Seavey, transferring from Georgia. George Yarns was awarded the fire service commendation medal for over 70 years in the Fire Service.

Declaration Reading

- **Finger Lakes Chapter** – Chapter member Col. Dean Swartwood presented three SAR ROTC medals to the Cadets and Midshipmen at Cornell University on May 4, 2023.

Photos from the Atlantic Middle States Convention held in Albany, in 2016. **Syracuse Chapter** – 2023 Mar 31 – Presented two ROTC Silver Medals to Army cadet Zander Lipsey and Air Force Airman James Hardy.

2023 May 6 – Chapter member Bill Rose represented our Chapter at the Patriot Burial Marker Dedication ceremony at the Madison Center Cemetery. We had applied and helped them with this Marker.



Metropolitan Region

- **Battle of Brooklyn Chapter** – The chapter conducted a Flag Retirement ceremony with the Boy Scouts in June



Scouts preparing flags for disposal. Flag burning in progress.

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Note from the Editor: If your chapter would like to have your stories, events and photos published in the *Empire Patriot* send your material to Editor Karl Danneil at kdanneil@att.net