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Descendants of America's First Soldiers

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## THE CONCLUSION OF . . . THE PHILADELPHIA CAMPAIGN

*In Summary: We started this journey several issues ago beginning with . . . .*

**LANDING AT THE HEAD OF ELK** - Over 260 British ships arrived at Head of Elk, Maryland. Washington was ready. The trip took overly long, horses died by the hundreds. British General Howe was anxious to move on, but first he had to unload his massive armada.

**ON THE MARCH TO BRANDYWINE** - Howe heads for Philadelphia. Washington blocks the path. On the way to their first engagement of 1777, Washington exposes himself to capture, Howe misses an opportunity, the rains fall, and everyone seems prepared for what happens next.

**THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE**- The first battle in the campaign. Howe conceives and executes a daring 17 mile march catching Washington by surprise. The Continental Army is impressive, but the day belongs to the British.

**THE BATTLE OF THE CLOUDS** Both armies were poised for another major engagement Five days after the Battle of Brandywine, a confrontation is rained out

**PAOLI MASSACRE** Bloody bayonets in a midnight raid Mad" Anthony Wayne, assigned to attack the rear guard of the British army, is himself surprised in a "dirty" early morning raid.

**MARCH TO GERMANTOWN** Washington prepares to win back the capital Congress flees Philadelphia as the British occupy the city amid chaos and fear.

**THE BATTLE OF GERMANTOWN** The battle is fought in and around a mansion. For the first time the British retreat during battle, but fog and confusion turned the American advance around.

**FORT MIFFLIN** "Men split open like fish A staggering 3 week bombardment for control of two American forts on the Delaware. The British needed these to get food and supplies to occupied Philadelphia.

**WHITEMARSH ENCAMPMENT** Court martials, prisoners of war, and skirmishes The final stand of the campaign sees over a month of minor scrapes and posturing. Time for fighting draws to a close.

*. . . . and concludes with **The British in Philadelphia and What Happened at Valley Forge.***

### **The British in Philadelphia**

*On September 26, the British proudly marched into Philadelphia. In anticipation of their arrival, the capital was abandoned by the Patriots and many in the business community. Things were in turmoil until the forts held by the Patriots were taken by the British and a steady supply of food and equipment flowed into the city. They were ready to fully settle in for a warm, cozy, and party-filled winter. When the French Alliance was announced, the occupying British feared an attack from the French armada and quickly abandoned the city, leaving the Tories unprotected and frightened.*

#### **The British Occupy the Capital**

On September 26, the British occupied Philadelphia. In anticipation of their arrival, many Patriots and businessmen had abandoned the city. Further, Washington's soldiers had looted Philadelphia, taking anything that might have been of use to the British.

Those citizens who remained were a mixture of Loyalists, Quakers, and the poor. Three fourths of the population were woman and children. Most looked forward to British rule — after all they had always considered themselves loyal English citizens. Moreover, they had long chafed under the excessive zeal of the Patriots who had been running the city.

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British officers quartered in the finest houses, merchants from other towns started moving in, and a puppet government composed of naive Tories was established.

## A City in Turmoil

But the city was in turmoil. Churches were turned into hospitals as wounded from the Battles of Brandywine and Germantown were tended to. The Walnut Street Gaol was filled with American Prisoners of War. Food, clothing, and firewood were scarce as an American blockade effectively kept supplies from the city.

## The River is Opened

But on November 16, the British captured two forts along the Delaware River which had kept supplies from coming into the city — now they were ready to fully settle in for a warm, cozy, and party-filled winter.

But most Philadelphians had something new to worry about. While food started to trickle in, it was outrageously expensive. Most did not have the hard money necessary to pay for goods. An ever-increasing amount of looting began occurring, as did assaults and other crimes.

## Quakers in the City

Quakers, who did not gamble, dance, or go to theater were now living in a city of revelry where plays were performed, affairs were carried on in public, weekly balls were held at City Tavern, and gambling was a main form of entertainment.

## Scrapes and Minor Attacks

Lord Howe, instead of attempting a winter assault on the cold, vulnerable Americans instead chose to concentrate on dubious foraging expeditions and attacks on isolated posts. While they attacks were often successful, they cast a predatory character upon the British and aroused a whole bunch of bitterness.

## Farewell Howe, Hello Clinton

The British government grew dissatisfied with the results of Howe's campaign and recalled him to England replaced by Henry Clinton.

Howe's fond officers prepared a party called the Meschianza for their departing leader. The Meschianza attended by the Tory belles of Philadelphia featured jousting, flower-festooned floats, and the most sumptuous meal in the city's history.

That very night, Howe prepared an assault against the Marquis de Lafayette at Barren Hill. He promised his guests they would be dining with the captured Frenchman the following day. They didn't.

## The French Alliance

Late in Spring news of the French Alliance reached the British who feared being trapped in Philadelphia by French warships blockading the Delaware River and they opted to leave for New York.

Tory citizens were appalled that the British had decided to leave. They offered to raise 3,000 men if 2,000 British would stay to occupy the city. Howe left them hanging by urging them to make terms with Congress. The most active Tories left with the British. In the end, the British slipped out of town. "They did not go away, they vanished."

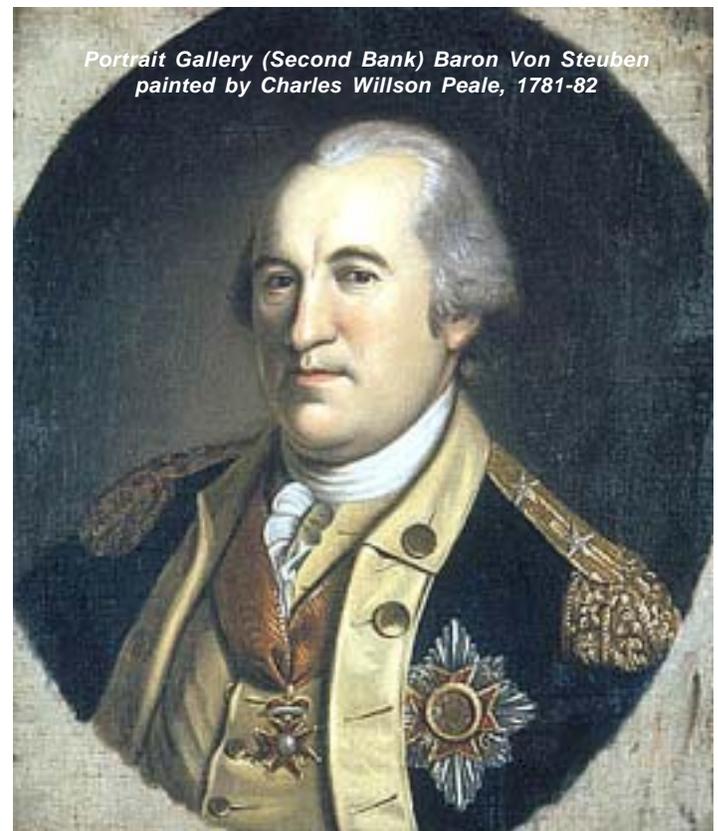
## What Happened at Valley Forge

No battle was fought at Valley Forge. Yet, it was the turning point of the Revolutionary War. It was here that the Continental army was desperately against the ropes — bloody, beaten, battle-weary — and ready to quit. Even General Washington conceded, "If the army does not get help soon, in all likelihood it will disband." The question must be asked, "Why didn't they disband?"

We know what happened here. Early into the six-month encampment, there was hunger, disease, and despair. Raw weather stung and numbed the soldiers. Empty stomachs were common. Cries of "beef" echoed throughout the camp. The future promised only more desperation and starvation.

Some couldn't take the cold, hunger, and uncertainty any longer. There were dozens of desertions. Disease debilitated. Death descended in droves.

But by February the weather eased somewhat — moving from brutal to merely miserable. In March, General Nathanael Greene was appointed head of the dismal Commissary Department and



Portrait Gallery (Second Bank) Baron Von Steuben painted by Charles Willson Peale, 1781-82

magically food and supplies started to trickle in. By April, Baron von Steuben, a quirky mercenary who was not really a baron, began to magically transform threadbare troops into a fighting force. Also in April, the **Conway Cabal**, a plot to remove George Washington from power, was quashed for good. May, brought news of the French Alliance, and with it the military and financial support of France.

On June 19, 1778, exactly six months after they Americans arrived, a new army *anxious* to fight the British streamed out of Valley Forge toward New Jersey. They had been transformed from Rebel into a Mature Army.

At Valley Forge, we read of words like "sacrifice" and conjure up images of bloody footprints, but the concept of suffering for freedom isn't easily to understood. What kept these men going? What happened at Valley Forge? See Page 4

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Compatriots,

As winter comes to New York State, I hope that you all are well and that all of the goals which have been set for the Sons of the American Revolution are being fully achieved through your hard work and cooperation. My thanks to each of you who contribute to the completion of these goals and to all the goals and objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution. We must always think about the SAR and what it means to each of us as an individual, and what it means to our communities and to our country.

Since my last report, I have been quite fortunate to have been able to travel to many different places across the State of New York and across the Nation to represent the Empire State Society and each of you.

I attended the Annual SAR Fall National Leadership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky from 27 September to 30 September. Many items of business were accomplished during this time.

In October I was able to represent the Empire State Society at the Chartering Ceremony for the newest chapter in our Society in Schoharie, New York. The Schoharie Leatherstocking Chapter joined our ranks after much hard work by many individuals. This is two new Chapters in one year for

our Society as they join the Valcour Battle Chapter from Plattsburgh. It was indeed very inspirational to be able to be at this stirring patriotic celebration with so many others honoring our patriot ancestors and the vital contribution they made to the founding of our nation, and to the wonderful life which we all enjoy today. Please continue to honor them and remember what our existence would be like if they had not made the sacrifices which they made. We must also make as many sacrifices as we possibly can to insure that our nation remains the best place on the earth. Thank you to those who work so hard.

In November I was able to honor our veterans at two ceremonies in Maryland and at the New York State Capitol Building.

These moving and poignant ceremonies will never be forgotten. Of course, I also thank those of you who saluted our veterans this year, and also thank those of you who were in attendance at the ESSSAR Board of Managers meetings on 22 September and on 17 November. We must all remember that the SAR is more important than individuals.

On 07 December I represented the SAR at the Saint Nicholas Day Dinner of the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany. Other genealogical societies, especially ones in the original 13 States, are prime recruiting areas for the SAR.

It is now time to collect any dues for those have not paid as well as get those Knight Essays and JROTC Contest submissions in to the State chairmen. Send your Chapter records of C.A.R. support to ESSSAR C.A.R. Chairman Jonathan Goebel or to me - samples are in the SAR Handbook on line under C.A.R. Please support C.A.R. State President Schuyler Van Buren in his State project.

All SAR Chapter Color Guard service should be registered with ESSSAR Color Guard Commander Jonathan Goebel. Please do so at your earliest opportunity.

Let's all keep up the hard work of recruiting new members and starting new chapters. It is vital to our existence.

My special thanks also go to all those Compatriots who donated funds to the ESSSAR and to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville and to those Compatriots who returned the postage paid cards showing support for the SAR and for all of the SAR programs. All Chapters and Compatriots should donate as they are able.

Congratulations to the Saratoga Battle Chapter for being the first Chapter in the ESSSAR to join our State Society and the North Atlantic District (first District in NSSAR to donate), in the donation of at least \$ 1,000 to the building of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. This is quite appreciated and noteworthy.

I hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and that you will all continue to have a very happy and blessed New Year. I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting and having you as an active member. We must all continue to work together for our country and we must all continue our patriotic service to honor our Patriot Ancestors.

A big thank you to Hank Croteau as he Steps down as Editor of the Empire Patriot. Job well done, Hank.

Peter K. Goebel

State President

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# Considering the conditions at Valley Forge, how were the soldiers able to sustain their morale?

Q. Considering the conditions at Valley Forge, how were the soldiers able to sustain their morale?

A. There is a misconception about Valley Forge that it was the worst winter during the American War for Independence. This is not so. There were actually two separate winters where the weather was much worse and thus conditions, harsher. There was certainly suffering at Valley Forge: lots of it! It was not a pleasant winter by any means. Valley Forge was still very unique — immediately and for what it has become today. The concentration of men at Valley Forge was significant. 11 of the 13 colonies had troops stationed at these winter quarters, AND all thirteen colonies were represented by men in some form or another.

The army arriving at Valley Forge on December 19, 1777 straggled in ... they had some structure to their forces, but these organizational units varied widely — physically and theoretically. The structure included officers and a hierarchy, BUT many of these in charge had very little experience or knowledge regarding their responsibilities and duties in that capacity. Training was sporadic and fragmentary; there was a high turnover rate in personnel due to short term enlistments (as well as deserters, casualties, and illness); and military law was primarily punishment ... so, in turn, the army was not actually an ARMY.

In contrast, the ARMY leaving Valley Forge six months later was named an ARMY rightly so. There were several reasons: One was von Steuben. He had the ability, training and the authority to begin a comprehensive training — reorganization — standardization of the Continental Army. Because the men were on “hiatus” they had the time and focus to concentrate on becoming an army. Credit certainly goes to the Commander-in-Chief as well. General Washington had to deal with the Conway Cabal at Valley Forge — a test of his authority. The officers and men had faith in Washington’s leadership.

The suffering at Valley Forge actually had more to do with indifference, graft and speculation as well as American mismanagement. But with all the suffering and hardship, death and disease, the men of Valley Forge left their winter quarters and marched into Monmouth demonstrating the tactical expertise learned during the winter.

A couple of statements of men who were at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-1778:

Ebenezer Wild: “We had no tents, no axes to cut wood and make fires. It was a very bad snow storm when we stopped.”

Gouverneur Morris (on a commission to examine the camp for the Committee of Conference): “An Army of skeletons appeared before our eyes, naked, starved, sick, discouraged”

The Marquis de Lafayette admired their fortitude: “The patient endurance of both soldiers and officers was a miracle which each moment served to renew.”

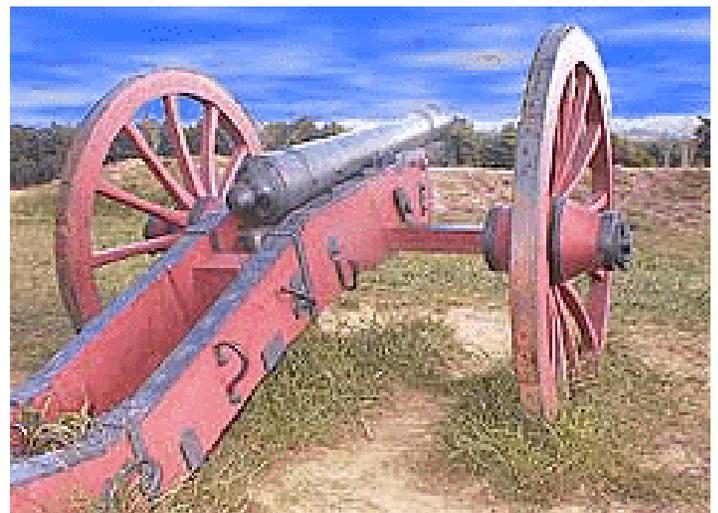
Surgeon Albigeance Waldo from Connecticut said of the Continental Soldier: “With what cheerfulness he meets his foes and encounters every hardship — if barefoot — he labours through the mud and cold with a song in his mouth extolling war and Washington — if his food be bad — he eats it notwithstanding with seeming content, blesses God for a good stomach, and whistles it into indigestion.”

General Washington grieved to see his men “without clothes to cover their nakedness, without blankets to lie on, without shoes, by which their marches might be traced from blood of their feet...” He said that it is “a mark of patience which, in my opinion, can scarce be paralleled ... naked and starving as they are, we cannot enough admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiers...” (Note that “nakedness” in the 18th century meant a proper lack of clothing, not particularly the meaning we think of it today!)

## What kind of drill did Baron von Steuben give?

Q. What kind of drill did Baron von Steuben give to the troops and how did the troops respond to them?

A. Baron von Steuben was a trained, military specialist who changed the way the Continental Army worked during the American War for Independence. He did not speak English, so he used an aide to interpret for him. He streamlined the use of the firearm. He began by training a core group of soldiers and they in turn, trained the rest of the army in a descending pattern. The key: simplicity. He reduced the motions in the manual of arms to ten...the number of motions to reload to fifteen (shaving off four motions from the original nineteen). He implemented a standard pace and cadence and to keep step in a march without the use of a drum simply by watching the officer at the head of the column. You can read more about it in the copy of the Steuben drill manual, also known as the “Blue Book” it has been published in various forms, but the most accessible is “Baron von Steuben’s Revolutionary War Drill Manual” The response of the troops is seen in how they performed at the Battle of Monmouth after leaving Valley Forge. They were successful!



## 2 ESSAR COMPATRIOTS RECEIVE SAR'S TOP AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SCOUTING SERVICE

The National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) today honored two Rochester area men with its Robert E. Burt Award for distinguished service to the Boy Scouts of America. The award is that organization's top recognition for Scouting service. Only 18 have been so honored in the entire United States. The awards were presented today by the Rochester chapter's president, Michael L. Tunison, at the Society's annual Christmas luncheon.

**Robert R. Fuller** of Henrietta recently completed his 50th year of membership as a Boy Scout and as an adult leader. Fuller earned his Eagle rank in 1963 in Evanston, Illinois, along with a bronze palm, and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow. He later earned Scouting's God and Country medal.



At the time, he was the only totally deaf person in greater Chicago, earning his Eagle rank without any help from note takers or interpreting services. Then, while a student at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) in Rochester in 1972, he volunteered as Scoutmaster of the Rochester School for the Deaf's Troop 29. He served in that role for almost seven years, and is believed to have been the first deaf Scoutmaster in the area, and if not the first in the nation, certainly one of the very earliest.

In addition to his Scouting service, Fuller has served as secretary, board member, and warden of Ephphatha Episcopal Church for the Deaf; president and secretary of the Rochester Civic Association for the Deaf; secretary, board member, and vice president of the NTID Alumni Association of Rochester; board member of the Rochester Tel-Com Association for the Deaf; member of the Rochester Fraternal Society of the Deaf; membership chairman of the World Recreation Association for the Deaf for seven years; and subscription manager for *Rochester Deaf News*. He also currently serves on the Board of Managers of the Rochester chapter of the SAR, as well as the board of the Lothrop Family Foundation, the only deaf person to do so.

He has been married to the former Barbara Lee Menge of Natick Massachusetts for over 29 years. Formerly employed by Eastman Kodak and Munro Muffler and Brake, Fuller currently works at Wegmans and the Christmas Tree Shops.

**Logan M. Cheek** of Pittsford recently passed his 60th year of membership as a Boy Scout and as an adult leader. Cheek earned his Eagle rank in 1953 in Cincinnati, Ohio, along with a Gold palm, God and Country, and Lincoln Trail medals. He subsequently served

in a number of adult Scouting leadership roles in Cincinnati, Europe, New York City, and Westchester County, then locally as Cubmaster of Pittsford's Pack 2 and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 167. Most recently, he has served as Dean of Merit Badge Counselors for Monroe County's Otetiana Council, as a merit badge counselor, as member of the Council's Advancement Committee, chairman of several of its Eagle Review Boards, and Chair of its annual Eagle Scout banquet. In addition to his Scouting leadership roles, he has served for the last decade as the SAR's state Eagle Recognition and scholarship competition chair. The latter has awarded over \$25,000 in Eagle Scout college scholarships during his tenure.

In addition to other community service activities with the Cornell Club of Rochester's board, Cheek is Senior Managing Director of the Pittsford Group, where he currently leads a \$400 million investment partnership focusing on venture capital and other private equity opportunities in the so-called BRIC economies (Brazil, Russia, India, and China), as well as a domestic venture capital partnership focusing on health care and medical informatics.

Contrary to a widely rumored belief among his Scouts, (possibly triggered by his long tenure in Scouting, gray hair and high forehead), Mr. Cheek's skill in teaching young Scouts how to build campfires on their first camping trip does not devolve from his "being around when fire was discovered."

The Sons of the American Revolution was founded in New York in 1888, and consists of men descended from an American patriot who served in the American Revolution. It is actively engaged in a number of community services and outreach programs,



including education, historic preservation, youth award and recognition programs, gravesite restoration, color guard, and battlefield and historic property maintenance. Its past local members have included J. Warren Cutler, who endowed the Otetiana Council's Camp Cutler Scout Reservation, and Frank E. Gannett, founder of Gannett Newspapers. (Gannett was descended from Deborah Sampson Gannett, one of a handful of women in the first 150 years of the US Army, who disguised herself as a man and fought in the combat infantry during the American Revolution.) Other distinguished New York SARs have included Mortimer Loeb Schiff and John Loeb Schiff, Wall Street investment bankers considered active in the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, whose estates in Long Island and New Jersey were donated to the Boy Scouts; John D. Rockefeller; his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., his grandson, Governor and US Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor Chauncey Depew, Cecil B. DeMille, William Randolph Hearst, and Walter F. Chrysler. ■

Dear Sons of the American Revolution in the Empire State Society,

Thank you for supporting the State President's Program of N.Y.S.S.C.A.R. President Schuyler P. Van Buren. His project has been a great one and we all look forward to the unveiling. If any Chapters or individuals would still like to support his project, see the accompanying article. For information, call 845-831-2740. Thanks again for honoring our American Heroes.

Katharine D. Goebel, New York State C.A.R. - SAR Chairman

New York State Society Children of the American Revolution  
 2007-2008 State President Schuyler VanBuren's Project to  
 Benefit the Purple Heart Hall of Honor

Theme:

*Honoring our American Heroes*

Project:

*Revive Sergeant Elijah Churchill*

Our goal is to raise approximately \$2,000 to authentically clothe and equip a Revolutionary War re-enactor who will portray Sergeant Elijah Churchill at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and in local schools.

Please support our work by purchasing a Purple Heart lapel pin and/or silver key chain:

**Just \$5 each!**

*What is the Purple Heart Hall of Honor?*

In the closing days of the Revolutionary War, General George Washington ordered the creation of a new award that recognized enlisted men for unusual gallantry, extraordinary fidelity and essential service. He ordered his men to assemble at the New Windsor Contonment and there awarded the first Badges of Military Merit, symbolized by pieces of purple wool in the shape of a heart. More than 150 years later, in May 1932, a new award, called the Purple Heart, inspired by the Badge of Merit and emblazoned with the image of Washington, was bestowed upon 138 veterans who had been wounded during World War I, at the Contonment.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor was dedicated on Veterans' Day 2006 at the New Windsor Contonment State Historic Site as the permanent national archives, museum and memorial to the nearly 2 million Americans who have earned the Purple Heart in service to our nation. The 7,500-square-foot facility features interactive displays and the stories of some 12,000 veterans — with hundreds of new additions arriving each week.



*Who was Elijah Churchill?*

Churchill, who was born near the Pennsylvania/New York border at the "source of the Delaware River," was a 32-year-old carpenter living in Connecticut who entered the service as a private on July 7, 1775. He reenlisted for the duration of the war in 1777 as a corporal in the 2nd Continental Light Dragoon Regiment and was promoted to Sergeant on October 2, 1780. He was cited for gallantry in action at Fort St. George on Long Island, at Coram in 1780, and at Tarrytown in 1781.

On November 21, 1780, Sergeant Churchill and his unit crossed Long Island Sound in whaleboats, and marched to Fort St. George at Mastic. Sergeant Churchill was in charge of one of three attacks. Shouting "Washington and Glory," he and his dragoons ran across the parade ground and stormed the fort. Three hundred British soldiers were taken prisoners, the fort destroyed, and heavily laden British vessels at the wharf were burned.

On October 2, 1781, Churchill took part in a second raid, crossing from Westport to attack the British outpost at Fort Slongo, near present-day Northport and a notorious rendezvous for Tories and Loyalists. The successful attack, which resulted in the destruction of artillery and munitions, resulted in the capture of 21 prisoners. Sergeant Churchill was the only American wounded in the assault.

Churchill was awarded one of the first four Badges of Military Merit by Washington in 1783. His badge was handed down within his family for generations, as was his sword. Both the badge and sword were purchased by the New Windsor Contonment State Historic Site in the 1960s. Churchill's Badge of Military Merit is the only surviving example from Washington's inaugural presentations.

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Name	Ancestor	Chapter		
Ahearn, William Thomas	Cpl. Ezra Stanford NY	FIRS	Hansen, Keith Thomas	Pvt. Jacob Lent NY STON
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Davis, William Clair	Pvt. Nathaniel Davis NY	FING	Romo, IV, Thomas	PS James Holloway VA WEST
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DeWitt, Sr., Mark Brendon	Col. Pierre Van Cortlandt NY	SCHO	Sheehy, Timothy Patrick	Lt. William Tapp NY FIRS
Dinnel, Thomas Hoagland	Sgt. Barent Stryker NY	NEWT	Soulier, Sr., Edward Gerard	Pvt. George Frederick Woolf France SARA
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Everett, Jr., James William	Soldier Benjamin Colton MA	SARA	Stone, Christopher Wells	Pvt. Ebenezer Fitch NY SARA
Fitzpatrick, Joseph Brian	Sgt. Peter Kinnan NJ	SARA	Swano, Jeffrey Stephen	Pvt. Samuel Palmes CT WALL
Flachbarth, Charles Thomas	Pvt. Abraham Heydrick PA	NEWY	Swano, Joseph Francis	Pvt. Samuel Palmes CT WALL
Franks, Philip James	Pvt. Nathaniel Bryan Gardner NY	LONG	Swano, Peter Lawrence	Pvt. Samuel Palmes CT WALL
Gage, Floyd Higley	Cpl. Samuel Gage MA	ROCH	Thomas, John Mastin	Pvt. David Ogden Jr. NJ BING
Gifford, Alexander Michael	Pvt. Chandler Burgin CT	VALC	VanBuren, Schuyler Paul	Pvt. Jerome VanVoorhees NY NEWT
Glenn, David Carter	Lt. Thomas Witherbee MA	VALC	Virtue, Sr., Paul Ensign	POW Matthew Cornell MA WALL
Gustafson, Albert Katsuaki	PS William Coffin NC	SCHO	Waldron, Peter Ethan	Pvt. Lemuel Robinson MA NEWT
Haidvogel, Tyler Patrick	Pvt.. Thomas Akeley MA	ROCH	Ward, Richard Walter	Sgt. Medad Hitchcock MA VALC
Hallock, III, Eugene DeForest	Pvt. Daniel Hallock NY	SARA	Weaver, Craig Hamilton	Pvt. Johannes France NY FIRS
Hallock, IV, Eugene DeForest	Pvt. Daniel Hallock NY	SARA	Wells, Jeffrey Brian	Pvt. Asa Wells MA ORIS
Hamilton, Jr., Douglas Wood	Cpl. George Hamilton NY	SCHO	West, Richard Lee	Capt. John James Jamieson PA FIRS
Hanley, Robert Ronald	Sgt. Winant Van DenBergh NY	ROCH	Winegar, Wells Randall	Pvt. Ebenezer Fitch NY SARA
			Wood, III, John Edward	1st Lt. Joseph Chadbourne ME NEWT
			<i>New Member Count =</i>	119



Empire State Society, SAR Report of New Dual State Members 2007 - 2008				
Name	Ancestor	Chapter	Abbreviation	Home Society
Ballard, Jr., James Gilbert	Soldier Gilbert Carrigan NY	SARA		MD
Brown, Kenneth Edward	Pvt. Daniel Rowland CT	WEST		CT
Fallon, Jr., Arnold Eugene	PS John Tuthill NY	VALC		VT
Mabee, Douglass Mather	Pvt. Johannes Mabee NY	SARA		VT
Oler, Stephen Scott	Pvt. Lemuel Clarke CT	FIRS		MA
Smith, Elbridge Milton	Pvt. Caleb Hazen NY	SCHO		HI
Smith, Elbridge Wright	Pvt. Caleb Hazen NY	SCHO		HI
Smith, Elbridge Zenichi	Pvt. Caleb Hazen NY	SCHO		HI
VerStreate, Jr., Daryl Vincent	Pvt. Thomas Beadle Jr., NY	ROCH		CT
Webb, Phillip Robbins	Pvt. Francis Carlton NJ	FIRS		TX

**While we mourn the loss of our departed Compatriots, let us also rejoice as we welcome 119 new members, 11 new dual members and 7 new transfers to the ESSAR. Welcome aboard Friends!**

BING	=	BINGHAMTON
BUFF	=	BUFFALO
CHAU	=	CHAUTAUQUA
COLU	=	COLUMBIA-MID HUDSON VALLEY
FING	=	FINGER LAKES
FIRS	=	FIRST NY CONTINENTAL
HUNT	=	HUNTINGTON
MEMB	=	MEMBER AT LARGE
NEWT	=	NEWTON BATTLE
NEWY	=	NEW YORK
ORIS	=	ORISKANY BATTLE
ROCH	=	ROCHESTER
SARA	=	SARATOGA BATTLE
SCHO	=	SCHOHARIE-LEATHERSTOCKING
STOA	=	STONE ARABIA BATTLE
STON	=	STONY POINT
SYRA	=	SYRACUSE
VALC	=	VALCOUR BATTLE
WALL	=	WALLOOMSAC BATTLE
WEST	=	WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM

Empire State Society, SAR Report of Transfer In Members 2007 - 2008			
Name	Ancestor	Chapter	
Beling, Gary Robert Staudt	Soldier James Pearsall NY	FIRS	
Bell, Clark Thomas	Pvt. Oliver Bell VT	SARA	
Carter, III, Peyton Franklin	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Seth Barton RI	FIRS	
Dorfman, Mark X.	Soldier James Bostwick NC	FIRS	
Jones, Euclid H.	Oath Adam Barnes MD	VALC	
Moore, II, Robert Howard	Scout James Wilcox VT	FIRS	
St.Germain, Edward Alan	Lt. Abijah Morehouse CT	WEST	

Almighty Father, we ask thy Blessing on the Souls of our departed Compatriots, we thank thee for making them part of our lives these many years. And now that they have passed on to that greater light, that light which we cannot receive while here in the body, we ask thee to receive them more and more into thy faithful service and keep them under thy protected care to the Honor and Glory of thy Holy Name. *Amen*

Empire State Society, SAR Report of Deceased Members For 2007 - 2008

Nat'l No.	Name	Hometown	Chapter Affiliation	Additional Remarks	Date Of Death
153368	Freeland, Donald	ONEONTA, NY	Saratoga Battle		06/02/2007
158479	Gehringer, John	LAKEWOOD, WA	Oriskany Battle		07/13/2007
136715	Halm, George Cleveland John	PAINTED POST, NY	Newtown Battle		12/18/2007
149504	Hauck, George William	ELMIRA, NY	Newtown Battle	State Chaplain	08/23/2007
131647	McCandlish, David Bowen	ROCHESTER, NY	Rochester		11/12/2007
122163	Pace, Jr., Charles C.	CLIFTON PARK, NY	Oriskany Battle		03/21/2007
92124	Phillips, Robert E.	STONY POINT, NY	Stony Point		12/29/2007
111109	Poore, Eugene Everett	PRATTSBURG, NY	Rochester		12/18/2005
145068	Raiman, Theodore R.	SUMMERVILLE, SC	Rochester		11/24/2007
66517	Rigoulot, Kenneth G.	INVERNESS, FL	Long Island		03/04/2007
161763	Salmon, David Benedict	GLENFIELD, NY	Oriskany Battle		09/11/2006
117980	Scott, Thomas Dewitt	GALES FERRY, CT	Binghamton		02/11/2007
150612	Smith, Edwin	REMSEN, NY	Oriskany Battle		09/20/2007
111946	Springstead, Ralph Edward	GENEVA, NY	Rochester		07/10/2007
152794	Warren, Donald Edward	TONAWANDA, NY	Buffalo		03/10/2007
142596	Watts, Jr., Harry	PITTSFORD, NY	Rochester		09/11/2007

## WALLOOMSAC BATTLE CHAPTER HOLDS CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> the Walloomsac Battle Chapter closed its 2007 program with their Christmas Dinner at the recently reopened Cambridge Hotel – the home of apple pie ala mode! It was a delicious meal and a festive affair. We give special thanks to John & Lois Sheaff for organizing the dinner.



Chapter President John H. Sheaff in his recap of the year noted that our successes were many and made possible by the cooperation of, and joint participation of, other groups both public and private. Without that cooperation, events such as this year's Celebration of the 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Bennington would not be possible. *Submitted by:* Duane Booth ■

## WESTCHESTER- PUTNAM CHAPTER

The Westchester-Putnam Chapter held our Fall Luncheon meeting on Saturday, October 20 at the Brasserie Swiss Restaurant in Ossining. Our guest speaker and recipient of the society's Bronze Good Citizenship medal was Compatriot George C. Whipple III. George is an employment attorney who is a Managing Director for Credit Suisse First Boston in New York as well as reporting on celebrities for NY1 on Time Warner cable. His many contributions to preservation of Putnam County history include founding Preserve Putnam County, helping to build the Spain Cornerstone Park and replanting the elms in front of the Historic Putnam County Courthouse. He also oversaw the demolition, storage and now reassembly in the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park in Kent of the historic Red Mills Church. Most recently Compatriot George has published a picture postcard history of the Town of Carmel, available at local Barnes and Noble stores.

We also welcomed our newest member, Raymond Hinkley of Katonah, at the October meeting. The chapter now has 64 members, up 23% in less than three years. Other new members include Dr. Thomas Romo III of Bronxville, his three sons, Thomas IV, Robert and Daniel, Dennis Damon of Pleasantville and Kyle Mange of Hartsdale. Ed St. Germain of Ossining transferred from the California Society and Bob Butcher of Pound Ridge has become a dual member. Welcome to all our new members!

The Harvey Birch Chapter of the DAR extended their annual invitation to the chapter to join them at their holiday luncheon at the Scarsdale Golf Club on Saturday, December 8. I was privileged to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and also presented an update on our 2007 chapter, region, state and national activities. Compatriot Barry Mabie and his wife Gloria also attended the luncheon.

In closing, I would like to recognize the efforts of retiring Empire Patriot editor Hank Croteau. He has done a yeoman's job for over a decade putting out an award winning quality publication four times a year. Many many members have told me how much they enjoy the Patriot and how important a communication channel it is. It is also a great recruiting tool, for prospective members. Best wishes on your retirement, Hank! You deserve it.

*Ken Stevens, President Westchester-Putnam Chapter* ■



New member Raymond Hinkley receiving his membership certificate from President Stevens.



President Stevens presenting Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Compatriot George C. Whipple III at Westchester-Putnam Chapter Fall Luncheon on October 20

## COLUMBIA-MID HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER

On November 4, 2007, the Hendrick Hudson Chapter NSDAR and the Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter ESSSAR coordinated the Hudson City Cemetery ceremony involving 43 Revolutionary War Soldiers in Hudson, NY. President Rodney S. Andrews hosted the event. All Bronze grave flag markers were from the



*Past Regent, Dorothy Avery, Hendrick Hudson Chapter, NSDAR and Retired Major Vincent Wallace, NY State National Guard*

Fund Granting check we received from the Hudson Wal Mart store. The seven grave stones were from the Veteran's Administration. Boy Scout Troop 102 of Hudson, NY, as a troop project, assisted Vincent Wallace in installing all the grave markers and stone grave stones. Rev. John Perry, Pastor of the Christ Church Episcopal, gave the Invocation & the Benediction. National NSDAR Vice President Elizabeth McKee gave the greeting. The First NY Regiment Continental Army of the Kinderhook Reenactment Group presented Arms, had a musket salute and played traditional period music for the attending crowd of thirty-five people. There were a total of nine DAR members including Mary Lou Zimmermann,



*The First NY Regiment Continental Army of the Kinderhook Reenactment Group*

Regent of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, Mary Hallenbeck, Dorothy Avery, Beatrice Croteau, Virginia Winnie, Elizabeth McKee, Judy Snow, and Mary Murphy. Pat Coon, Chancellor Livingston Chapter of Rhinebeck was also present. In attendance were six

SAR members: Henry Croteau, Jr., Roger Bradley, Alan Coon, Ralph Avery, Matt Murphy, Member-at-Large and Rodney S. Andrews. Alan Coon was the Chapter photographer for the event.

Major (retired) Vincent Wallace, New York State National Guards, was presented the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for organizing, coordinating and procuring the grave stones and markers for the Hudson City Cemetery. The Chapter presented Dorothy Avery the SAR Medal of Appreciation for outstanding genealogy research and coordinating the Hudson City Cemetery ceremony.

Our last Chapter meeting for the year was held at the Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie on December 8, 2007. Attending the meeting were five DAR members, five guests and thirteen SAR members.



*Eagle Scout Andrew Middlebrook was presented his SAR certificate by President Rod Andrews while his parents, Judy and Tim Middlebrook observed.*

Dorothy Avery, genealogist and DAR member since 1977 was the guest speaker. Mrs. Avery has been a DAR member since January 28, 1977 and has held many officer positions in the Hendrick Hudson Chapter NSDAR including two Regent terms. She has also held several officer positions at the New York State DAR. Mrs. Avery told the group that she got interested in genealogy when she moved up from Alabama and has been deeply involved ever since. Along with another genealogist, they recorded nearly all the cemeteries in Columbia County. That project took eight years to complete. Mrs. Avery has done numerous genealogy researches for many people including two from Europe and one from Australia. She is currently is working on two major projects, one being the Copake Methodist Cemetery in Copake, NY. Our Chapter will be working with her DAR Chapter for the ceremony honoring Lieutenant James Robison which will take place in 2008.

Eagle Scout Andrew Middlebrook was presented his SAR certificate by President Rod Andrews while his parents, Judy and Tim Middlebrook observed. Rodney Gage, past president in 1973, was reinstated into the SAR. This brings our Chapter membership up to forty-three.

Past presidents pins and certificates were presented to Henry W. Croteau, Jr., 1996, 1997 and 1998; Richard L. Wambach, 1993, 1994 and 1995. Past President Herman Witthoft, 1999 and 2000 and Paul Haynes, 2001 and 2002 were unable to attend so President Andrews mailed their pins and certificates to them in late November.

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The Financial Review Committee, appointed at our September Chapter meeting, presented their findings. The committee and attending members complemented Chapter Treasurer, Alan Coon, on his fine record keeping since 1997. The Treasurer's balance is in the best financial shape since the Chapter's creation. The 2008 budget was reviewed by the members and the Chapter's 2008 schedule were presented to the members. Planned are five events and three chapter meetings for 2008. Richard Wambach presented all the charts, records with PowerPoint which was very impressive to the group.

Compatriots Bud Weaver, Alan Coon, Tim and Andrew Middlebrook will be ordering the gravestone for Capt. James (Jesse) Eames and will contact the Mills Mansion in Staatsburg, NY to define the location of the stone in 2008.

The distribution of George & Stella Knight Essay forms that encompasses 40 forty high schools will be changed in order to reduce mailing cost to our Chapter. With the approval of members present, The George & Stella Knight Essay

Committeeman, William Shepherd, will now mail a cover letter with one set of George & Stella Knight Essay Rules and let the high schools make their own copies.

Mrs. Avery announced that the Hendrick Hudson Chapter NSDAR may reactivate their CAR (Seth Jenken's Society) in the near future. If anyone has children, grandchildren who are interested in becoming a CAR member please contact her at "dottiea@mhonline.net".

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2008, on the east side of the Hudson River. Restaurant site will be announced in the spring.

Rodney S. Andrews, President

Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter ■

## NEWTOWN BATTLE CHAPTER



On October 3, 2007, at the State Board of Managers Meeting, held in Binghamton, NY, William J Woodworth, left, current Chapter President of Newtown Battle Chapter and Past ESSAR President is presented with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Liberty Medal by State President Peter Goebel for the recruitment of 10 new members for his Chapter. Congratulations Bill! ■

## ORISKANY BATTLE CHAPTER REMEMBERS JEDEDIAH SANGER

Jedediah Sanger was remembered on October 13th when thirty or so members of the New Hartford Historical Society met in Forest Hill Cemetery. Among those who gathered there that afternoon was Burke Muller, the Rev. Terry L. Sheldon both past presidents of the Oriskany Battle Chapter and Lt. Col. John Rhude, current president. The occasion was the dedicating of a new grave marker for this very important member of the local community. Jedediah was a Lt. Col. in the New Hampshire Militia during the Revolutionary War. He came to New York State in 1788 and founded the village of New Hartford after purchasing 1000 areas of land from New York State Governor Clinton and George Washington for 50 cents an acre. Washington had originally received the land as a gift after the war.

Jedediah was the founder of New Hartford and was added in the founding of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He died in 1829 and his resting-place was moved three times over the years until it found its final resting-place in Utica. Recently the Historical Society discovered that the gravestone was unreadable and couldn't be restored without major damage so a campaign was launched to purchase a new one and place it at the foot of his resting place.

The new marker, which contains the same words as the original reads as follows:

"In memory of Jedediah Sanger-who died-June 6, 1829-Founder of New Hartford. His charities are widely extended. His munificence has reared and supported several offices devoted to the services of his maker. His virtues are indelibly impressed on the hearts of his countrymen."

Oriskany Battle Chapter was proud to be among those who honored this American Patriot.

Terry Sheldon, Chapter President ■



## WOMEN IN THE REVOLUTION

*Lydia Darrah, Quakeress of Philadelphia, is one of those. This is a condensation of her story.*

It was 1777. A British officer came to the home of William and Lydia Darrah. The door was opened and when the mistress opened to him he gave an order that a room be prepared for a reception that evening of himself and his friends.

"And be sure, Lydia," he concluded, "that your family are all in bed at an early hour. When our guests are ready to leave the house, I will myself give you notice, that you may let us out." He then departed.

Lydia began getting all things in readiness but the words she had heard rang in her ears; and she was sure something of importance was in agitation.

The officers came and Lydia herself admitted the guests, then retired and threw herself upon the bed. However, she became more and more uneasy till her nervous restlessness amounted to absolute terror then, taking off her shoes, approached cautiously the apartment applying her ear to the key-hole. A voice was heard reading an order for the troops to quit the city and march out to a secret attack upon the American army.

Lydia retreated softly to her own room and laid herself quietly on the bed. Soon there was a knocking at her door. She knew well what the signal meant, but took no heed. It was repeated, still she gave no answer. Again, and yet more loudly, the knocks were repeated. Then she rose and opened the door. The adjutant-general informed her they were ready to depart. Lydia let them out and, fastening the house, and extinguishing the lights and fire, returned to her chamber thinking of the danger that threatened the lives of thousands of her countrymen, and of the ruin that impended over the whole land. Something must be done.

At the dawn of day she waked her husband, and informed him flour was wanted for the use of the household. Walking through the snow she first stopped at head-quarters for written permission to pass the British lines. Lydia's feelings may be better imagined than described.

She reached Frankford, deposited her bag at the mill. Now commenced the dangers of her undertaking. She pressed forward to apprise General Washington of the danger and met an American officer, who was assigned to gain information respecting the movements of the enemy. When he recognized her he got down from his horse and Lydia disclosed the secret. The officer thanked her and, with a heart lightened and filled with thankfulness, the intrepid woman pursued her way homeward, carrying the bag of flour.

Time never appeared to pass so slowly as between the marching out and the return of the British troops. A sudden loud knocking at her door was not calculated to lessen her apprehensions. She felt that the safety of her family depended on her self-possession. The visitor was the adjutant-general, who summoned her to his apartment. With a pale cheek, but composed, for she placed her trust in a higher power, Lydia obeyed.

"Were any of your family up, Lydia, on the night when I received company in this house?" the officer asked. "No," was the unhesitating reply. "They all retired at eight o'clock."

"It is very strange" he said. "You, I know, Lydia, were asleep; for I knocked at your door three times before you heard me-yet it is certain that we were betrayed. On arriving near Washington's encampment we found his cannon mounted, his troops under arms, and so prepared at every point to receive us, that we were compelled to march back without injuring our enemy, like a parcel of fools."

It is not known whether the officer ever discovered to whom he was indebted for the disappointment. But the pious quakeress blessed God for her preservation, and rejoiced that it was not necessary for her to utter an untruth in her own defense. ■



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