



EMPIRE PATRIOT

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Duane Booth

President's Message

Greetings Compatriots:

It's been a busy summer for me. While I've not ventured far from my computer I did attend local events. One of the biggest was the August 16-17 re-enactment at the Bennington Battlefield which is actually located in the Town of Hoosick here in Rensselaer County, NY. Walloomsac Battle President John Sheaff worked with Peter Schaaphok of the Brigade of the American Revolution and Melisa Miller of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation for a very successful event. Small chapters working with others can do wonders.

The September 6th meeting at Old Fort Niagara was a great time. Carl Berg, Jim Eagan, Brent Downing Bob Coomber, and I'm sure others, put on a very successful meeting and broke even for the event. A resolution chartering the

Thousand Island Chapter was unanimously approved; we approved a \$500 donation to the Atlantic Middle States Association; appointed Jim Eagan as Assistant to the Chancellor and approved meeting dates - shown elsewhere herein. At our evening session Parks Honeywell, Chair of our Operation Ancestor Search Committee (OAS) gave a presentation on the project. Parks is having a lot of success with OAS and is looking for volunteers. Parks can be reached at: parkshoneywell@gmail.com.

Captain Zachariah Fike, President of the Vermont Society, and the founder of Purple Hearts Reunited, Inc. - www.purpleheartsreunited.org gave a heart-warming presentation on the success stories he has had reuniting the precious Purple Heart Medals (and other medals) with the next of kin of recipients. I urge you to visit his website and to consider making a donation.

Dues invoices are in the hands of chapter treasurers and many of you have already received yours. Donations at all levels of the SAR are needed and appreciated. Please consider a donation.

Our 2015 budget will be set at our November 1st meeting. I am also hoping the members of our On-line Database Committee will be ready with a presentation of what they've accomplished so far.

Fraternally,
Duane

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Upcoming Events

October 17, 2014

Empire State Society, Saratoga
Battle Chapter & Walloomsac
Battle Chapter
Surrender Day Ceremony
Ft. Hardy Park
Schuylerville, NY

November 1, 2014

Empire State Society
Board of Managers Meeting
Pegasus Restaurant
Coxsackie, NY

September 15, 2015

Empire State Society and Long
Island Chapter
125th Anniversary of the Sons of
the American Revolution
See the following websites for in-
formation: longislandchaptersar.org
and ess-sar.org.

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Empire State Society Fall Meeting

The fall meeting of the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held on September 6, 2014 at Old Fort Niagara, in Youngstown, NY. The event was hosted by the Rochester and Buffalo Chapters. Highlights of the meeting included the approval of a new chapter, presentation of the Liberty Award, and a memorial ceremony at the Ft. Niagara Cemetery.

New Chapter

The ESS-SAR Board of Managers passed a resolution chartering the Thousand Islands Chapter. The new chapter will serve Lewis, Jefferson and Lawrence counties. Their officers are:

President	Vice President	Secretary/Treasurer	Registrar	Chaplain	Historian
A. Parks Honeywell	Mark Friden	Joel Bixby	Bruce Coyne	Edgar A. Hunter	William Davidson

Following the morning meeting the SARs gathered for a photo outside the Officers Club at Old Fort Niagara to celebrate the resolution approving the Thousand Islands Chapter.



SARs Celebrating New Chapter -- (top row) Donald Farrand (member), Stacy Jackson (ESS Manager); (next row) John Sheaff (Wal-loomsac Battle President), Jim Eagan (Rochester President); (next row) Wayne Thurston (Binghamton President), J. Brian Fitzpatrick (S-L President and ESS VP-Capital); (next row) Wesley Oler (1st NY Continental Chapter President, Peter Goebel (VPG North Atlantic District and a Past ESS President), Bob Fuller (ESS Manager), Jonathan Goebel (ESS Secretary); (bottom row) Brenton Downing (Rochester VP), George Gydesen (Oriskany Battle President and ESS VP-Central), Duane Booth (ESS President), Parks Honeywell (Thousand Islands President), Richard Sage (President Battle of Brooklyn Chapter and Past ESS President), Mike Tunison (Past President Rochester Chapter), Steve Clarke (Past President Rochester Chapter).



Liberty Medal Presentation -- Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, (center) Schoharie Leather Stocking Chapter President, receives his award from ESS-SAR officers Duane Booth (l.) and Peter Goebel (r.).



Posting the Colors -- (L.- R.) Parks Honeywell, Thousand Island Chapter President and Duane Booth, ESS-SAR President post the Colors at the Ft. Niagara Cemetery ceremony.



Ft. Niagara Cemetery Salute -- Brent Downing fires musket saluting those who gave the ultimate sacrifice at Ft. Niagara. (photo Peter Johnson)



Unknown Soldiers Monument -- SARs gathered at the Ft. Niagara Cemetery Monument commemorating the unknown Soldiers buried in the cemetery.

State Society to Participate in Surrender Day Ceremony

The State Society together with the Saratoga Battle Chapter and the Walloomsac Battle Chapter will lay wreaths at the civic event commemorating Surrender Day, commencing at 10 AM on Friday, October 17, 2014 at Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville, NY.

This is a very well done event and includes a re-enactment of the sword surrender by General Burgoyne to General Gates.

Note: As this event involves young school children it is subject to cancellation if there is a threat of inclement weather.

Next Empire State Society Board of Managers Meeting

The Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter will host the next Empire State Society Board of Managers Meeting on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at the Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie, NY. Coffee and danish will be available at 10 AM. The business meeting will begin at 11 AM, followed with a buffet lunch

The meeting is open to the general membership. All reservations must be received by Oct. 24th. For

more details and to register see the COLUMBIA-MID HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER SAR (CMHVSAR) at www.cmhvsar.com.

Chapter News

Capital Region Chapters

- **Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter**



Revolutionary War Patriots Remembered -- (Far rt.) Andrew Middlebrook, VP Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter; Tim Middlebrook, President, Columbia-Mid Hudson Chapter; Joseph Fitzpatrick, VP Capital Region, Empire State Society SAR; Harold Delamater, Secretary, Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter; and four descendants of the Terpenning Family on the left.

(from Tim Middlebrook, President) On Saturday, September 13, 2014 a program honoring 18 Patriots that served this country in the Revolutionary War were remembered in a Grave Marking Ceremony. The program was sponsored by the Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter.

The ceremony was held at the Terpenning Family Cemetery in Ulster Park, NY. Fifteen of the 18 graves have been identified and all the Patriot soldiers have had their resting place marked with a Revolutionary War Flag marker and American Flag.

Guest speakers included a representative from Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk's office, 46th NY Senate District and VP Joseph Fitzpatrick, Capital Region, Empire State Society, SAR. Master of Ceremony was Tim Middlebrook, President of Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter, SAR. Four descendants of the Terpenning Family were present at the event. Color guard was provided by the First Ulster County Militia and American Legion Post 184 from Hudson, NY.

- **Saratoga Battle Chapter**

The chapter joined with members of the Walloomsac Battle Chapter to march in the annual Turning Point parade, August 3, 2014 in Schuylerville, NY. Several SBC members marched with the re-enactment groups.



Turning Point Parade -- (L-R.) Primitivo Africa; Jonathan Goebel; Tom Dunne, SBC President; Joe (aka Brian) Fitzpatrick; Peter Goebel; John Sheaff, WBC President; Tim Mabey; Harry Booth; Pat Festa; Doug Gallant; and Ford Oxaal. (photo – Kitty Fitzpatrick)

On September 20, 2014 the chapter joined with members of the Walloomsac Battle Chapter in the annual commemoration of the Battles of Saratoga, with a wreath laying at the Saratoga Battlefield National Park in Schuylerville NY



Saratoga Battlefield Commemoration -- Saratoga Battle Chapter members gather at the Revolutionary War monument in the Saratoga Battlefield National Park following their wreath laying ceremony

- **Schoharie Leatherstocking Chapter**

The Schoharie Leatherstocking chapter awarded the National Society of SAR Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition to Boy Scout Logan Jeffrey Largeteau for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Largeteau is a member of Boy Scout Troop 105 Esperance, N.Y. He is also a scholastic athlete at Delanson Junior and Senior High School where he played Baseball and Basketball.

Chapter President Joseph B. Fitzpatrick presented the certificate during a ceremony on July 27, 2014 at the Elks Lodge in Esperance, NY.



Eagle Scout Recognized -- *Logan Largeteau receives his SAR certificate from Chapter President Joseph B. Fitzpatrick.*

- **Valcour Battle Chapter**

Members of the chapter together with the Saranac Chapter DAR traveled to Fort Chambly in Quebec for the annual commemoration of the sacrifices made by withdrawing American forces during the Revolution.

- **Walloomsac Battle Chapter**



Battle of Bennington Remembrance --

On August 16, 2014 the Walloomsac Chapter commemorated the Battle of Bennington with a wreath laying ceremony at the Battle of Bennington Monument in Walloomsac, NY. The Ceremony was conducted by Walloomsac Chapter President John Sheaff.

Shown in the photo are (L.-R.) Douglas Wood, VPG New England District and Past President of the New Hampshire Society SAR; John Sheaff, Walloomsac Chapter President; Capt. Zachariah Fike, founder of the Purple Hearts Reunited, Inc. and President of the Vermont SAR; Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, Empire NY Capital Region Vice President; and Duane Booth, ESS-SAR President.

See story below for an account of the re-enactment.

RE-ENACTMENT AT SITE OF THE BATTLE OF BENNINGTON by Compatriot Duane Booth

On the weekend of August 16-17th the 237th Anniversary of the Battle of Bennington was marked with a weekend full of history and remembrance. Walloomsac Battle President John H. Sheaff (also a member here); Peter Schaaphok, a Colonel in the Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR), Grafton Lakes Park Manager Melissa Miller, which includes the NYS Battle of Bennington Historic Site and Town of Hoosick Supervisor Mark Surdam and his deputy Jeff Wysocki planned and coordinated the event. The private Rhodes Memorial Fund provided much of the funding for the event.

Saturday's events included entry into both the British and American encampments where visitors could view military life as it was in 1777. John Sheaff also displayed pictures of Revolutionary War era events and people of the era including Simeon Hicks who fought at the Battle of Bennington. Simeon Hicks died January 24, 1855.

At 4 PM at "the top of the hill" visitors were treated to a re-enactment of the two battles that occurred on August 16, 1777.



British troops including hired German Brunswickers, those with the pointed helmets, fire on the Americans as the battle begins.



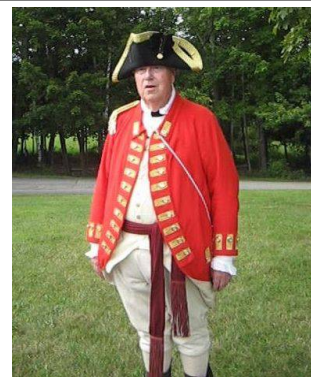
Loyalists who were present that day and fighting with the British retreat



Colonel Peter Schaaphok (r) talks with a soldier after the American victory.

Included with at least a hundred re-enactors were members of the 2nd Continental Artillery with whom chapter members Mike Companion, Bret Trufant, Pete Hormell and Mike Skelly are re-enactors. SAR Paul Loding is a member of His Majesty's 53rd Regiment of Foot re-enactment group.

At 5:30 PM a Remembrance Ceremony was held which included: Remarks by Col. Peter Schaaphok, John Sheaff, Melissa Miller and Jeff Wysocki; eulogies of BAR members Eliot Wachs and George Neumann; a wreath laying by members of the Ondawa-Cambridge Chapter, NSDAR; the New England District, SAR & the Vermont Society, SAR and the Empire State Society, SAR; a reading of John Stark's 1809 letter to those gathered in celebration of the Battle of Bennington and a concluding massed musket and cannon salute. This concluded day one of the two day re-enactment of the battles that occurred on August 16th, 1777.



Paul Loding, His Majesty's 53rd Regiment of Foot.

Central Region Chapters

• Binghamton Chapter --

(from Mark R. Burdick, Secretary) The 235th Anniversary of The Battle of Newtown was Friday, August 29, 2014. The SAR's Newtown Battle Chapter hosted its annual invitational picnic on Saturday, August 23 at the Newtown Battlefield State Park. In addition to the local chapter, there were guests from the Binghamton and Finger Lakes Chapters in attendance -- around 25 in all. In addition to the picnic and fellowship, Saturday park guests could watch demonstrations, visits and purchase wares and accoutrements from various sutlers and walk through the Patriot, Indian Tory and British encampments. Attendees could also participate in morning hour-long skirmish re-enactment, where you took on the role of a Tory refugee being escorted by a combined British and Loyalist unit. If you missed the AM action, the PM "woods walk" reversed the roles for attendees -- you were a Patriot refugee escorted by Continental and Militia units. There were some wounded and dead soldiers along the way and even a kidnapping, but miraculously, none of the refugees were hurt, and it was a fantastic day. The pictures tell the rest of the story.



• Oriskany Battle Chapter

(from George Gydesen, President) Greg Tirenin was presented with the 2nd Place award in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest and was presented with his award at the Empire State Society meeting held on the 17th of May in Rome, NY. Greg is also a resident of Rome.



Knight Essay Contest Award -- (L.-R.) Joseph Fitzpatrick, Greg Tirenin holding his award certificate; Carolyn Tirenin; Greg's Dad; and State president Richard Sage.

On May 3rd we held a marking ceremony in the Olden Barneveld Cemetery for patriot Isaac Simpson. Isaac is an ancestor of Oriskany Battle Chapter Bob Wilson. Bob's effort in locating and repairing his ancestor's gravestone deserves a "well done."



Marking Ceremony -- (L.-R.) George Gydesen; Nora Foley; Holland Patent Chapter DAR; Tom Foley; Ann Edwards, Holland Patent Chapter DAR; Rev. Terry Sheldon, Nancy Wilson and Bob Wilson at the Olden Barneveld Cemetery

- **Syracuse Chapter** will participate in the Central New York Veterans Expo and Parade, scheduled for November 8, 2014 at the N Y State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY.

Metropolitan Region Chapters

- **First New York Continental Chapter** elected its slate of officers and board members for the ensuing term at its Annual Meeting, held June 18, 2014 at the Union League Club, New York City. Mr. Wesley M. Oler, IV is the new president.
- **Long Island Chapter**

(from Joseph Vermaelen, President) The 3rd. Annual Liberty Luncheon, sponsored by Col. Aaron Ogden Chapter NSDAR, the Southampton Colony Chapter NSDAR, and the Long Is-land Chapter SAR Ladies Auxiliary was held on Saturday, September 13th, 2014 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Ronkonkoma, NY, when the SAR Liberty Bell award was given in recognition of outstanding service in Long Is-land. The event also raised money for home-less veterans at Suffolk County United Veterans/The Veterans Place.

The luncheon honored Mr. Rex Metcalf, a 50 + year member of the Long Island Chapter for his work in preserving Long Island history, especially the Town of Huntington. The guest speaker was JoAnne Massimo, Director of Programs, Suffolk County United Veterans/The Veterans Place.

This joint event raised over a Thousand dollars for the Veterans.



Liberty Luncheon -- Some of the attendees at the 3rd Annual Liberty Luncheon were (L.-R.) Mary Poole, Isabelle Smith, Wilkins Young, Joseph Vermaelen, Kathleen Vermaelen, JoAnne Massimo, Leslie Dimmling, and Gerri MacWinnie.

- **Stony Point Chapter** President Barry Brook and Treasurer Noel Haskell, were thanked by the Clarkstown Town Clerk for their work among the organizers of the Flag Retirement Ceremony for the town. Approximately fifty American flags were retired with proper respect on Flag Day.

Western Region Chapters

- **Rochester Chapter** conducted and or participated in several events this Summer including the Abraham Voorheis Tombstone Dedication on August 9th; Mt. Hope Cemetery Tour on August 9th; and the Ebenezer Crittenden Tombstone Dedication on August 23, 2014.



Abraham Voorheis Tombstone Dedication



Mt. Hope Cemetery Tour



Ebenezer Crittenden Tombstone Dedication

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Chapter Annual Picnic (photo by Binghamton Chapter)

Who's News

What's happening with our members

New *Empire Patriot* Editor

Karl L. Danneil, current Historian of the Saratoga Battle Chapter and a dual member of Valcour Chapter, has been appointed as the editor of the *Empire Patriot*, publication of the Empire State Society.

Danneil, a Vietnam Era Veteran, is the editor of the newsletter of the Capital District of NY Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army. The publication has won best in Region and runner-up for best in nation four years in a row in AUSA.

Since retiring as an electrical engineer with General Dynamics Co. (formerly General Electric Co.), Pittsfield, MA, he has operated his own computer consulting business, ecom-Venture, focusing on website and systems design and maintenance. He is currently the webmaster for his AMVETS post, J.J. Yager Post 797.

Danneil joined SAR in 2009. He was the SBC Chaplain from 2010 to 2013.



Karl L. Danneil

History Corner



G. William Glidden,

G. William Glidden, MAJOR (NYARNG Ret)
North Country Historian, NYS Military Museum
Historian, Valcour Battle Chapter, SAR
Registered Historian, Assoc. of Public Historians
Deputy Town of Plattsburgh Historian

ABSTRACT – IN THE BEGINNING (LIBERTY CORRIDOR – Chapter 1, #C)

At the beginning of the American Revolution, the Americans held their positions at Crown Point and at Fort Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain for eighteen months. They erected earthworks, prepared the staging areas of both locations for the invasion of Canada in the fall of 1775. In mid-winter of 1775-1776, of the thirty-nine cannon removed from both locations and transported to Boston by General Henry Knox, twenty-nine originated at Crown Point.

IN THE BEGINNING

In the spring of 1775, war broke out between Great Britain and the American colonies, known as the American Revolution. On May 3, 1775, the Albany County Committee of Safety resolved to raise troops for the defense of the New York colony. The following day, May 4th, the Committee of Safety appointed field officers in the Second Regiment (The Wemple Regiment). The roster consisted of Colonel Abraham Wemple, LTC Jacob Schermerhorn, 1st Major Abraham Switz, 2nd Major Nicolas Veeder, Adjutant Arent Van Patten and Quartermaster John Peck. The Second Regiment prepared for the Canadian expedition of 1775-1776. On May 10th, war began in the Champlain Valley with the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen. Two days later on May 12th, Arnold and Seth Warner together with a small force captured His Majesty's Fort at Crown Point.

Meanwhile, the Continental Congress decided to seek neutrality with the Iroquois. General Philip Schuyler, joined by Joseph Hawley, Turbutt Francis, Oliver Walcott and Volkert Douw, formed a commission to conduct negotiations and seize royal officers who attempted to turn the Iroquois against the colonists.

Through Schuyler's arrangements the Reverend Samuel Kirkland, a missionary to the Oneida and Tuscarora, testified on the means and methods of dealing with the Six Nations. The colonists would seek alliances with the various nations only if British officials induced native hostilities.

At Caughnawaga, near Montreal, in Quebec, Canada, the Mohawks at the mission remained neutral. The mission, however, became a major conduit for the passage of intelligence, and a key community in the contest for native allegiance. While at the Abenaki mission of Odanak, the natives successfully kept the conflict at arm's length, avoiding devastating losses. Unlike their parents during the Seven Years War, the Abenaki did not have to endure the burning of their homes and the destruction of their crops. British threats to burn Odanak remained just threats so long as the Abenaki gave evidence of loyalty to the Crown. Odanak survived the Revolution, politically divided but physically intact. In a conflict that tolerated no neutrals, internal turmoil became a small price to pay for group survival.

In Boston, Massachusetts, British General Thomas Gage began to plan offensive operations against the American colonists. Learning about British intentions, the Americans planned to seize and fortify the heights of Charlestown on the night of June 16th. At dawn of the 17th, Americans occupied a strong redoubt on Breed's Hill. At about 2:30 o'clock, two columns of British advanced to a simultaneous assault; they were received with a terrific fire, and twice repulsed in disorder. When the Americans had exhausted all their ammunition, they received the order to retreat. The battle known as the Battle of Bunker Hill, proved to the Americans that they were able to defend their liberties.

Four family members of the author of Liberty Corridor, Major William Glidden, historian of the Valcour Battle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, are to be found among the New Hampshire militiamen at Bunker Hill, noted for their abilities with frontier tactics. Among them are: (1) *Charles Glidden*, great grandson of Charles Glidden, grandson of Richard Glidden, son of Joseph Glidden, born in 1744, in 1760 a soldier in Goffe's New Hampshire Regiment, enlisted on 27 May and served to 1 August as a Sergeant in Captain Jeremiah Clough's company of Colonel Enoch Poor's Regiment; (2) *John Glidden*, great, great grandson of Charles Glidden, great grandson of Richard Glidden, grandson of Joseph Glidden, and son of John Glidden, born at Exeter about 1757, served as a private in Captain Winthrop Rowe's company of Colonel Enoch Poor's regiment from 23 May to 1 August 1775. He received allowances for 52 miles traveled and wages amounting to 2:15:9, and signed the payroll at Medford, Mass, 4 October 1775; (3) *Gideon Glidden*, great, great grandson of Charles Glidden, great grandson of Richard Glidden, grandson of Joseph Glidden, son of William Glidden, born in New Market about 1757, served as a private in Captain Henry Dearborn's company of Colonel John Stark's regiment from 4 May to 1 August; and (4) *Andrew Glidden*, great, great grandson of Charles Glidden, great grandson of Richard Glidden, grandson of Charles Glidden, son of Lt. Charles Glidden, born in Exeter about 1749, enlisted at Balltown in May as a sergeant in Captain Samuel McCobb's company of Colonel John Nixon's regiment and discharged in January, 1776.

By the end of August 1775 at a conference held in Albany with the Mohawks, Oneida, Tuscarora and the Stockbridge Mohicans, the commissioners chose Schuyler, known to the Mohawks as "Thoniyouda (his mind is old 'wisdom') and Volkert Douw to tend the council fire in Albany at which they would listen to the grievances presented.

They decided that the Americans would spill no blood in the Indian country unless their enemy invaded it. They further concluded that the Indian trade from Albany and Schenectady would be resumed, but the land disputes with the Albany Corporation and those of Connecticut and Pennsylvania over the Susquehanna would be referred to Congress. The commission further insisted on the legality of Albany's claim to territory based upon the municipal charter, and that no tribesmen had been driven off the land. They dismissed the native land grievances.

Schuyler successfully executed Congress's initial policy of neutrality between the colonies and the Six Nations. For the moment he had gained the assurances that there would be no Iroquois war at his rear. The Iroquois became content that both the Americans and Guy Johnson, Indian Superintendent for North America and nephew of the deceased Sir William Johnson, had pledged to keep the peace and to maintain the lines of trade.

On the last day of the conference, the Stockbridge Mohicans openly proclaimed their allegiance to the Americans. They severed their link in the Covenant Chain. In November Congress further ordered, while approving opening of native trade at Albany and Schenectady, that two tracts of land near Albany be restored to the Mohawks. Not until June, 1776, did Congress reverse its neutrality policy and permit the employment of natives whenever General Washington found that they might be useful.