



# EMPIRE PATRIOT

Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution

*Preserving the Past, Forming the Future*

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Fall Issue



*George Gydesen, President*

## Message from the President

During these times of Shutdowns, cancellations, travel restrictions, it reminds me of how easily we can lose our freedoms.

During these times we found it necessary to cancel meetings. But a few of us got together and decided to try a hybrid meeting. Some of the members in person at the meeting and others through virtual attendance via zoom.

Thanks to the efforts of Duane Booth, David Powell, Tim Middlebrook, and Shawn Doyle of the Half Shire located in Richland, Oswego County we held a very successful meeting.

Our next meeting will be held at the Pegasus Restaurant located in Cossackie New York. This will start with a Special Meeting to start at 10:30 am to vote on an addition to bylaws to allow the use of virtual meetings.

I hope to see all there either in person or virtually.

Pro Patria,  
*George Gydesen, President*

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## Upcoming Event

**November 7, 2020 -  
Board of Managers Meeting**  
hosted by the Columbia-Mid  
Hudson Chapter  
Pegasus Restaurant  
Cossackie, NY

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# Empire State Society Fall Meeting

The Fall meeting of the Empire State Society SAR Board of Managers meeting was held on September 19, 2020, in Richmand, NY. It was hosted by the Syracuse Chapter SAR. It was the first meeting of its kind for ESS-SAR – a hybrid one with both actual and virtual attendance. The new format was necessitated by the continuing problems of the COVID-19 pandemic, and was permitted by an edict of the NYS Governor.



*ESS-SAR Board Meeting – The first hybrid meeting with actual and virtual attendees gets under way.*



*Spirit of '76 --Some members showing the old SAR Patriot spirit by attending in person.*



*New times, new techniques – 13 board members participated electronically.*

## New Business

A motion was made by Joseph Vermaelen, Long Island Chapter President, to create a new annual State Society award named “The Duane Booth Award for Retention” to recognize the chapter with the best retention rate of members over a given year.

A motion was made by Karl Danneil, member of Saratoga Battle Chapter, to create an ESS-SAR award named the “Empire Patriot Spirit” to recognize those chapters (and individuals) who most exemplify our founding principals of patriotism, courage, initiative and self-sacrifice.

Both motions were sent to our Awards Committee for review.

A motion was made and approved to hold a Special Meeting required to vote on the amendment to the by laws changing the Quorum. The Special Meeting will be held on the morning of our next Board of Managers meeting, prior to that meeting. See details below.

## **ESS-SAR Board of Managers Special Meeting**

November 7, 2020, call to order at 10:30 AM EST. Sponsored by Columbia Mid-Hudson Valley, NY and via Zoom, at the Pegasus Restaurant, Coxsackie, NY.

Articles to be voted upon

### **SECTION X QUORUMS**

Fifteen members (~~twenty-one~~) of the Society shall constitute a quorum at its annual meeting or any special meeting of the society

### **PROPOSAL ON VIRTUAL MEETINGS:**

Summary: During these trying times it is necessary that a change of by-laws be entered to allow us to use a virtual medium to conduct business. A proposal by Past President Duane Booth has been re-worded by our Chancellor Raynor Duncombe and is put forward as follows:

### **SECTION IV MEETINGS**

New subsection 7:

7. It is the intention of Section IV that all meetings either regular or special are to be held in the State of New York with the physical attendance of the members. However, the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee may determine due to existing circumstances, that any meeting of members may be postponed or canceled and may be held partially or solely by electronic communication such as Zoom or any other electronic platform. The platform on or by which the meeting is held shall be considered the place of the meeting. It shall be verified that each person participating in the meeting electronically is a member and that each participating member is given a reasonable opportunity to engage in the meeting including an opportunity to propose, object to and vote upon any action to be taken by the members and to see, read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with the proceedings. A record shall be made of the proceedings consisting of minutes containing any votes or other actions taken by electronic communication. All notice and posting requirements contained in Section IV shall be adhered to for all non-physical attendance meetings.

If a biennial election is scheduled and then canceled and the ballots have not yet been mailed, the election shall be canceled and current officers and managers shall remain in office until the next year’s

annual meeting. If ballots have been mailed and the biennial election is then canceled, the election process shall continue with modification as described in Sections VII and VIII of those By-Laws.

## **SECTION VII VOTING PERSONALLY OR BY MAIL**

Revised subdivision 1:

1. When in physical attendance, members may vote for officers and managers to be elected at the annual meeting of a biennial election year either by casting their ballots personally as prescribed in Section IX of these By-Laws or by mail in accordance with instructions on or with said ballot. When not in physical attendance, only ballots received by mail, within the dates allowed, will be counted.

## **SECTION VIII INSPECTORS OF ELECTION**

Revised Section:

Prior to the Annual Meeting of a biennial year, the President shall appoint three inspectors of Election. Failure of an Inspector to attend at the opening of the polls at a meeting with physical attendance of the members shall make place vacant. Any vacancies shall be filled by the President or presiding officer at the meeting and in the case that none of the inspectors attend, other Inspectors shall be appointed by the President or presiding officer at the meeting. When a biennial election occurs at an Annual meeting without physical attendance, the Secretary or other individual who receives the ballots and who has inspected the envelopes shall deliver the unopened envelopes to one of the inspectors prior to the meeting. The Inspectors will then meet prior to the meeting and follow accepted procedures to inspect and count the ballots. The results will then be reported in writing or by email, prior to or at the meeting, to the President or presiding officer at the meeting. If it is impossible due to existing circumstances for the ballots to be delivered to an Inspector or for the Inspectors to meet, the process shall take place as soon as possible when circumstances permit, with the results of the election reported to the President in writing or by email.

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The General Meeting will commence at 11:00 AM EST.

The registration form follows.

**Pegasus Restaurant**  
10885 Route 9W - Coxsackie, NY 12051  
Phone 518-731-9200

*(From the South: NYS Thruway to Catskill Exit 21, take Rt. 23 east to Rt. 9W, go north 8 miles, on left)*  
*(From the North: NYS Thruway to Exit 21B, take Rt. 9W south for 5 miles, on right)*

Motels available in Coxsackie, NY order on line for better rates  
*Holiday Express - one tenth of a mile north off Exit 21B on 9W- Phone 518-719-1999*  
*Best Western – two tenths of a mile south off Exit 21B on 9W- Phone 518-731-8100*

**ESSSAR BOM MEETING SATURDAY- November 7, 2020**  
Hosted by  
**COLUMBIA-MID HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER SAR (CMHVSAR)**  
[www.cmhvsar.com](http://www.cmhvsar.com)

**COST OF BUFFET IS \$24.00**



**10:00 A M SIGN IN**  
**COFFEE & DANISH until 11:00 AM**



***Special Meeting called for 10:30 am***  
**GENERAL MEETING 11:00 AM**  
**Buffet Menu**

**Chicken Marsala**

**Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy**

**Beans, Tossed Green Salad, rolls & butter**

**Dessert- Apple Pie al a mode**

**Includes Coffee, Tea, Milk, Tax and Gratuity**

**Any wine, beer or alcohol drinks or extras, pay cash to the Server.**

**\$5.00 EXTRA CHARGE AT DOOR FOR UNSCHEDULED ARRIVALS**

**FOR NON-EATING ATTENDEES - \$5.00 CHARGE FOR USE OF FACILITY**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

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Buffet \$24.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Using Facility only \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Detach, fill in names, and check to “CMHVSAR”**

**Richard Wambach - 232 Starbarrack Road, Red Hook, NY 12571-2252 - Please, no later Oct. 30, 2020**

# Get Your ESS-SAR Patriot Certificate



To commemorate your ancestral patriot. The Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution has designed this beautiful certificate. 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.

Printed on premium quality heavy paper. A perfect reminder to you and your family who your revolutionary ancestor was. 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, and Vice President of the Capital Region, ESSAR. Please use the following form to order your Patriot Certificate today.

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 ESSAR

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

“Keep Calm and Carry On” may be a British WWII slogan, but it's still applicable. Be prudent but be courageous. See what some Chapters have been accomplishing in spite of the times.

## Chapter News

### Capital Region Chapters

- **Columbia-Mid Hudson Chapter** – Will host the November Board of Managers Meeting on November 17, 2020 in Coxsackie.
- **Saratoga Battle Chapter** – Saturday, Nov. 07, 1:00 pm - Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony at Veteran's Park, Stephentown, NY. A dedication ceremony is planned at Veteran's Park, Stephentown, for new historic markers honoring Revolutionary War soldiers. Burial sites were recovered by volunteers and documented by Stephentown Historian Patricia Flint to win grant funding from the Pomeroy Foundation. The Saratoga Battle Chapter Color Guard plans to attend, and a cannon fire salute is possible.
- **Schoharie – Leather-Stocking Chapter** – September 26<sup>th</sup> the chapter held its meeting at the Bulls Head Inn. Cobleskill, New York. The chapter closed nominations for the election of the 2021-2022 Board of Officers. Nominations were closed, ballots were counted and a hand vote was held. The new Board of Officers were elected unanimously. The new President Joseph D Sicluna and the newly elected Board of Officers were administered the oath of office by Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, VP Capital Region of the Empire NY Society.



President Joseph D Sicluna receiving the Oath of Office



Newly elected Board of Officers (L-R) President Joseph Sicluna, Registrar Joseph Fitzpatrick, Chaplain Donald Schaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Glenn Mosier, Secretary Richard Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Treasurer Bryan Braun not in photo.



President Sicluna presenting Registrar Fitzpatrick with the NSSAR Past President Certificate and Medal for his ten years of service as President of the chapter.



Compatriot Charles Shoemaker was administered the NSSAR Oath by VP of the Empire NY Capital Region Joseph Fitzpatrick at the Bulls Head Inn. Schoharie, NY



President Sicluna and chapter Pomeroy Historical Marker Committee members Mark Stolzenburg and Richard Conway discuss the placement of Patriot George Zimmer's marker at the Stolzenburg farm in Schoharie County.



(L.- rt.) President Sicluna presents the NSSAR Certificate to Judge Richard C Smith after administering the NSSAR Oath.

### Central Region

- **Binghamton Chapter** – Wayne Thorton, Registrar, reported that with the help of Craig Brown of the DeRuyter historical society, they have installed the David Davis Historical sign donated by the Pomeroy foundation in the Burdick #2 cemetery in the Town of DeRuyter. David Davis is the 4<sup>th</sup> Great grandfather of Thorton's wife Sherry and her sisters Brenda and Sonia.



- **Rochester Chapter** -- Isaiah Northrop tombstone dedication, May 22, 2020.



- **Thousand Islands Chapter**

The Thousand Islands chapter applied for and received from the Pomeroy Foundation, Syracuse, NY, the following roadside markers.

- St Lawrence County Pomeroy Signs
- Garfield Cemetery, Potsdam, NY, 4 Patriots
- Bayside Cemetery, Potsdam, NY, at least 4 Patriots Media link- <https://www.northcountrynow.com/hometown-photos/potsdam/historic-marker-erected-potsdam-cemetery>
- Jefferson County Pomeroy Signs
- Old Theresa Cemetery, Theresa, NY, 6 Patriots
- Kelsey Bridge Cemetery, Theresa, NY, 3 Patriots
- Evergreen Cemetery, Adams, NY, 4 Patriots

We were also involved in the following events.

- Flag Certificate Presentation
- Kring Family, Kring Nursery, Rt 12, Alexandria Bay, NY, 4 July 2020 Media link- [https://www.nny360.com/communitynews/communitygiving/a-bay-route-12-flag-display-honored-by-sons-of-the-american-revolution/article\\_f365b378-2492-5a9c-9976-f23f61905a92.html](https://www.nny360.com/communitynews/communitygiving/a-bay-route-12-flag-display-honored-by-sons-of-the-american-revolution/article_f365b378-2492-5a9c-9976-f23f61905a92.html)
- On July 4th, the Thousand Islands Chapter presented the NSAR Flag Certificate to Tad and Catherine Kring in the Town of Alexandria for their exceptional display of the flag as a sign of their patriotism and as a greeting to visitors in the Thousand Islands area. At the same presentation ceremony, the Chapter assisted the Krings in retiring the 2019 honorary flag dedicated to Jack Sweet, an Alexandria Bay native who was killed in action in February of 2008 at the age of 19 in Iraq.

In 2016, Tad J. and Catherine Kring installed a 50-foot flag pole in front of their home at 44341 state Route 12. Flying from it is a 10-foot-by-15-foot American flag. In 2019, the Thousand Islands Chapter began an active flag certificate program to recognize individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the U.S. flag “for patriotic purposes.” The Krings are the second recipients of a Flag Certificate from the Chapter. This year’s ceremonial SAR flag was dedicated to Kaelani Antini Poland, of Florida, who is Mr. Kring’s niece. The Tuesday following the presentation ceremony, she left to enter military service at U.S. Naval Station Great Lakes, near Chicago.

- Evergreen Cemetery Event dedicating Pomeroy Sign 13 September 2020

We currently have 9 membership applications awaiting approval.

## History Corner

### The LaFayette Trail



If you haven't seen the signs along US route 20 announcing The Lafayette Trail you soon will. And they will also be present in 23 other states. What's it all about?

The year 2024 is the bicentennial “Farewell Tour” of the United States by Major General Lafayette, the French hero of our American Revolution. The tour was not only a diplomatic feat but a remarkable historical and physical event.. Lafyette, his son an their entourage covered 5,000 miles and included all 24 states of the union at the time. There was no railroad yet. They traveled by coach, horse, and river boat/barge. It was a great patriotic and diplomatic success. And a significant event in American history.

The “Lafayette Trail” is the commemorative initiative of Monsieur (Mr.) Julien Icher, a historian, and native of France, in conjunction with the French Consulate in the US. The project memorializes that 1824-25 visit of General Lafayette during his fourth and final visit to the United States. That tour was at the invitation of President James Monroe.

“This Franco-American endeavor is spearheaded by The Lafayette Trail Inc., a nonprofit organization whose missions are to raise awareness about General Lafayette’s critical contribution to the founding of the US; to increase mutual understanding between the peoples of France and of the US; and to document, map, and mark the footsteps of General Lafayette in the United States during his Farewell Tour from August 15th, 1824 to September 9th, 1825.” according to the French Consulate in New York.

The Consulate website states that Icher, a 25-year-old geographer, web developer, historian, is the founder and president of The Lafayette Trail, Inc. In March 2017, Icher created The Lafayette Trail project at the Consulate General of France in Boston and documented over 170 events across the New England states. His idea was so well received in New England that he expanding the Lafayette Trail to the entire 24 states visited by Lafayette during his triumphal tour.

Of particular to us is that Lafayette visited Yew York State twice during his tour. He started his monumental tour in New York City, where he landed by ship in Staten Island. The following year he traveled the state from Buffalo eastward to Massachusetts on his way to Boston.

Lafayette visited Buffalo, then from Lockport he and his entourage barged along the new Erie Canal. On the way he visited the Tuscarora Reservation where he greeted longtime friend Chief Nicholas Cusick. He made his way to Albany. According to his chronicler they left Albany on horseback at 6:00 a.m. and arrived in Lebanon Springs (now New Lebanon, NY) at 2:30 p.m, After lunch at the Columbia Hotel, at the famous warm spring, his New York delegation accompanied him to the state line where the Massachusetts delegation took over and escorted him by coach to Pittsfield in time for dinner.

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation, a New York-based nonprofit organization, is providing fully funded historical markers that will be installed along the trail in dozens of U.S. communities as part of a multi-state Lafayette Trail roadside historical markers project.

Some Sources:

<https://newyork.consulfrance.org/Mapping-The-Lafayette-Trail>

[http://www.rareflags.com/RareFlags\\_Showcase\\_IAS\\_00367.htm](http://www.rareflags.com/RareFlags_Showcase_IAS_00367.htm)

<https://www.concordmonitor.com/Sununu-signs-bill-establishing-Lafayette-trail-25833125>

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