



# EMPIRE PATRIOT

## Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution

*Preserving the Past, Forming the Future*

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***Duane Booth***

### President's Message

Greetings Compatriots:

Our Annual Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in New Hartford and was hosted by the Oriskany Battle Chapter. George Gydesen and his wife Kathleen did a great job as Oriskany Battle's new Chapter President Bob Wilson and Chapter Treasurer Tom Foley. The lunch was excellent! We heard a presentation from N.Y.S.S.C.A.R State President Abigail "Abbey" Mosher on her state project; we had Eagle Scout Contest winner Xerxes Libsch and his parents present and our Oration Contest winner Jack Ross Pilkington present and both winners gave presentations. Our Knight Essay Contest winner Ryan Richard could not be present. This was a successful year in the youth contest area and I would be remiss in not recognizing committee

chairs Dave Shields, Eagle Scout; Jim Eagan, Knight Essay; Jonathan Goebel, Oration and Brent Downing, ROTC / JROTC. On behalf of the Board and our members "Thank you".

Those on the ballot were elected / reelected and the question of the updated Constitution and Bylaws that, in my view, was long overdue was overwhelmingly approved. Our Society is well and financially secure. We continue to grow and continue to actively serve communities throughout New York State.

We are the host society for the 2016 Atlantic Middle States Association Meeting. The meeting will be held August 12-13, 2016 (Friday evening and Saturday) at the Radisson on Wolf Road in Albany. The reservation form is included in this newsletter and can be found at [www.ess-sar.org](http://www.ess-sar.org). This will be an enjoyable time and you'll see, and get to meet, many National officers as well as members from other societies in our region. Reservations close July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Plattsburgh and it is hosted by the Valcour Battle Chapter. The reservation form is on our website which is shown in the paragraph above. Please consider coming and know members are always welcome at all of our meetings.

Fraternally,

Duane

Duane Booth  
President  
Empire State Society  
Sons of the American Revolution



### Upcoming Events

#### **August 12-13, 2016**

Atlantic Middle States Association Meeting -- hosted by ESS-SAR  
Radison Hotel  
Albany, NY

#### **September 17, 2016**

ESS-SAR Board of Managers Meeting  
hosted by Valcour Battle Chapter  
Valcour Brewing Company  
Plattsburgh, NY.

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# Empire State Society 2016 Annual Meeting

The Empire State Society, Sons of the America Revolution held its Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn in New Hartford, NY on May 14, 2016. The meeting was hosted by the Oriskany Battle Chapter.

## Awards

**Addams Cup** -- Pres. Duane Booth presented the Addams Cup to Long Island Chapter President Joe Vermaelen. The Chapter won the Addams Cup for enrolling the most new members in 2015. A repeat winner from last year, they enrolled 27 members while the Saratoga Battle Chapter mustered only 18. The Addams Cup, first awarded in 1982, is named for Paul K. Addams a long time state registrar and is awarded yearly at the annual meeting to the chapter having the most members approved in the prior calendar year.

**Oration Contest Winner** -- Pres. Duane Booth congratulated our Oration Contest winner Jack Ross Pilkington. Jack will go on to the National Congress in Boston in July to try for the grand prize.



Pres. Duane Booth presents the Addams Cup to Long Island Chapter President Joe Vermaelen.



ESSSAR Award Winner -- Pres. Duane Booth congratulates our Oration Contest winner Jack Ross Pilkington.

## Youth Recognition



Eagle Scout Recognized -- Pres. Duane Booth (l.), Eagle Scout Xerxes Libsch with Mom Katayun and Dad Frank.



Pres. Duane Booth gives N.Y.S.S.C.A.R. Pres. Abigail "Abbey" Mosher a check in support of her project "Remembering Our Heroes of War" as Mom Beth stands beside her.

Abbey's goal is to provide a disabled vet with a service dog. If you'd like to make a donation in support of this very worthwhile project email Beth at [emosherdarc@gmail.com](mailto:emosherdarc@gmail.com).

### Good Citizenship Awards.



Col (Ret.) Peter K. Goebel (l.) receives the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Award from our State Society for his leadership roles in the US Army and in the community from Pres. Duane Booth.



Raynor B. "Ray" Duncombe, Esq. (l.) receives the SAR Good Citizenship Award from our State Society for his leadership roles in service to Schoharie County and many of its communities.

Meritorious Service -- Bob Fuller received the SAR Meritorious Service award from the State Society. Bob was recognized for ten years of service as a ESS Database Administrator. Bob has also served two one-year terms on the State Board. Bob Fuller will be a forty year member of the Rochester Chapter come this December.



Bob Fuller (center) receives the SAR Meritorious Service from the State Society from Pres Duane Booth as Jim Eagan, (l.) VP Western, looks on.

## Next ESS Meeting Scheduled for September

The Empire State Society Fall Board of Managers Meeting, hosted by the Valcour Battle Chapter, will be Saturday, September 17, 2016. in Plattsburgh, NY. The meeting and buffet will be held at Valcour Brewing Company 49 Ohio Avenue, Plattsburgh, NY 12903. Sign in, coffee and danish at 10 AM. The 11:00 A.M. business meeting will be followed by a buffet style lunch. For lunch details, reservation form and directions Please make checks payable to, "Valcour Battle Chapter SAR" and mail to Richard B. Wingler, Treasurer Valcour Battle Chapter, PO Box 224, Cadyville, NY 12918-0224. Please RSVP by Sept. 1, 2016.



The meeting is open to the general membership. Detailed information and reservation form is available at our website: [www.ess-sar.org](http://www.ess-sar.org)

## Empire Hosts Atlantic Middle States Association Annual Meeting

The Empire State Society is hosting the Atlantic Middle States Association - SAR 2016 Annual Meeting on Friday and Saturday, August 12-13, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel Albany, Albany, NY. Saturday events include an optional bus tour, as well as evening banquet. There is still a need for volunteers and if members can help they should call (518) 733-0830 or email President Booth at [Boots42@Fairpoint.net](mailto:Boots42@Fairpoint.net).

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday:

3 pm Registration begins at 3 pm\*; Social hour with cash a bar; Buffet; SAR meeting and a separate Ladies Program about women in the American Revolution

Saturday:

Breakfast (on your own); SAR meeting continues(if needed) with the start time dependent on unfinished business; Tour of the Saratoga Battlefield with a certified guide; Social hour with cash bar, followed by the gala banquet.

\* Additional registration times will be available as needed

Sunday:

Breakfast (on your own) and departure.



**Special Event:** Tour the Saratoga Battlefield - The "Turning Point of the American Revolution"



**Banquet Topic:** Title: "Arnold on Arnold, May 18, 1775: Benedict Arnold Saves America's Revolution"

This presentation highlights one of the most overlooked actions of the American Revolutionary War. We'll explore the events leading up to the day Colonel Benedict Arnold takes matters into his own hands and secures Northern New York's frontier from British encroachment. Arnold's early actions on Lake Champlain gave our new nation time. Time to come together as a people, time to form political institutions, time to organize an army and time to win a revolution.

**Registration deadline is Friday July 22, 2016.**



# THE ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF THE

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### 2016 Atlantic Middle States Conference

August 12-13, 2016

(Hosted by the Empire State Society, SAR)

#### Registration

Albany Radisson

205 Wolf Rd.

Albany, NY 12205

(800) 333-3333 or (518) 458-7250

We have negotiated a special rate of \$120.00 per night, plus applicable taxes (*please mention "Sons of the American Revolution"*). Room reservations must be made directly with the Albany Radisson, **prior to Friday July 22, 2016 at 3 pm.** to receive the discount rate. Flying in? Closest airport is Albany International (ALB) and hotel shuttle service is available.

Name:

Street:

City/State/Zip:

Chapter:

Guest Name(s):

Phone Number:

Email Address:

State Society:

SAR Office:

Number Total:

#### Conference Package

Registration (All SAR members must register): # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.

Friday Night Buffet Dinner: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.00 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.

Friday Night Ladies Program: No charge # \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch/Tour: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.

Included Subway® Lunch Choices:

# \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey / # \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef / # \_\_\_\_\_ Black Forest Ham

*Note: Tour is limited to the first 55 responses.*

Saturday Banquet Meal:

NY Strip Steak # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$85.00 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.

Salmon # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75.00 each. Total \_\_\_\_\_.

Total Amount Remitted: \_\_\_\_\_.

Kindly mail the registration form & payment made payable to "ESSSAR"

**No later than July 22, 2016 to:**

Empire State Society, SAR

C/o Timothy Middlebrook

57 Boulevard Knolls

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601






For questions please contact:

Duane Booth, Society President, [boots42@fairpoint.net](mailto:boots42@fairpoint.net) or 518-733-0830

# Get Your 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. Order yours today.

	<p><i>Empire State Society</i> of the <i>Sons of the American Revolution</i></p> 	
<p>This is to certify that <b>Joseph Brian Fitzpatrick</b> has been duly admitted a member of the Society by right of services rendered in the Revolutionary War by his ancestor <b>Peter Kimmur</b> who thereby aided in achieving the independence of The United States.</p>		
<p>In witness whereof, the signature of its President and Secretary and the corporate seal are hereto affixed</p> <p>Dated _____ in the year of our Lord and the independence of The United States</p>		
	<p>National Number 168760</p> <p>_____ President</p>	<p>State Number 13092</p> <p>_____ Secretary</p>
		

Please use the following form to order your Patriot Certificate.

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

- **Saratoga Battle Chapter --**

- JROTC/ROTC MEDALS PRESENTED --The SAR JROTC medal was presented at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany on April 21 and at LaSalle Institute on May 19. Presentations were also made at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Amsterdam High School.
- ESSSAR President and Past Chapter President Duane Booth recently presented the NSSAR Martha Washington Medal and Certificate to Ms. Gina Johnson, a long-time employee at Saratoga National Historical Park. Gina was a good friend of the chapter and facilitated our involvement in a number of activities at the Park. Gina has retired after 27 years with the NPS, 22 of which were at Saratoga.
- Compatriot Douglass "Tim" Mabee was presented the NSDAR Historic Preservation Recognition Award certificate and pin by the Saratoga Chapter NSDAR. Tim was recognized for his yeoman work in restoring headstones and preserving historical documents. Congratulations Tim!

- **Valcour Battle Chapter**

- Secretary Josh Wingler made a video using all local scenes for the Star Spangled Banner as played by the U.S. Army band. He made and uploaded the video for June 6th, the significance not being lost on our group. In it the post cemetery is featured, and closes out on the grave of the Revolutionary War soldier buried in the Post Cemetery. See it on <https://youtu.be/oEcPCwLMw9g>



Scene from Valcour video



Honor Guard at the Interment Service on 16 May at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, NY for Compatriot G. William (Bill) Glidden, a charter member and former VBC president. (l-r) Craig D. Russell; Treasurer Richard B. Wingler; Secretary Joshua D. Wingler; and Chapter Immediate Past President James T. Hays, Jr.

- **Walloomsac Battle Chapter**

- Chapter Pres. John Sheiff reported that the Bennington brochure is done.
- WBC will participate in the 12 annual Turning Point Parade on August 6, 2016 in Schuylerville, NY.

## Central Region Chapters

- **Binghamton Chapter** -- A hearty "huzzah" to the Vestal Museum for hosting the Binghamton Chapter's talk on "The American Revolution and Broome County" as part of its "I Love NY -- Path Through History" weekend activities on Saturday, June 18! A number of people in attendance asked how to find the online version of the book "Revolutionary War Veterans in Broome County", prepared by the Binghamton Chapter in 1960, which was referenced several times. Here is the link: <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.89067470716>



- **Oriskany Battle Chapter** -- The chapter hosted the Empire State Society Board of Managers Annual Meeting on May 14, at the Holiday Inn in New Hartford, NY.
- **Syracuse Chapter** -- The Syracuse Chapter conducted a grave dedication ceremony for Pvt. Elias Cady who served in the 17th Albany County militia. The ceremony took place at Merritt Cemetery, Grandby, Oswego County. Members of the Rochester and Thousand Island ESSSAR chapters, along with Betsy Baldwin, Kay-endatsyona - Fort Oswego, Ontario and Owasco NSDAR chapters were also in attendance. The colors were presented by the American Legion, Post 418 of Phoenix, NY. A number of wreaths were laid by the attending organizations. The NSSAR grave marker was provided by Elias Cady descendant David Rogers of Canada. The Central Region ESSSAR Color guard consisting of Bruce Coyne and Bob Gang and commanded by Parks Honeywell presented a musket salute. The event was held in conjunction with the bicentennial celebration of Oswego County.



Bob Gang (r.), Syracuse chapter president at the podium



Bob Gang fires musket as Parks Honeywell, Thousand Island watches.

### • **Thousand Island Chapter**

- The highlight of this period was the award to NYS Trooper Technical Sergeant Jay Cook of the SAR Law Enforcement Medal for the capture of the last escapee prisoner from Danemora, NY.
- Also noteworthy was the marking of 60 Revolutionary War veterans in St. Lawrence county in cooperation with local DAR chapters. Attention is now focused upon grave marking in Jefferson County. The chapter has purchased 106 cast aluminum markers and an order of 50 additional markers is being placed. Through a gift from a chapter member one gross of American flags has been secured to be mounted on the grave markers.
- Current chapter membership stands at 52, with an additional seven members expected momentarily.



NYS Trooper Technical Sergeant Jay Cook.

### Western Region Chapters

- **Rochester Chapter** -- Photos of recent Chapter activities at Photographer's Dream Day, Waterloo Memorial Day Parade, Henrietta Parade, and the Eagle Scout Essay Award presentation.



Photographer's Dream Day, June 11, 2016



Waterloo Memorial Day Parade May 28, 2016



Henrietta Parade May 22, 2016



Eagle Scout Essay Contest Award Presentation, April 4, 2016  
Compatriots Steve Clarke and Dana Johnson, Margaret Witt, Eagle Scout's mother, Eagle Scout Johannes Witt and Scoutmaster Hans Witt, Eagle Scout's father

## Metropolitan Region Chapters

- **Long Island Chapter** -- The Long Island Chapter held its 107th Anniversary Luncheon and Officer Installation Sunday, May 1st, 2016 in the Tipperary Room of the Irish Coffee Pub, East Islip, New York

## History Corner

### The Battle of Concord or How Patriot Thieves Started a Revolution

A lesser known story of what precipitated the first open conflict between American Patriots and British troops involves some stolen cannons. Two British cannons from the harbor defense battery in Charlestown, MA (present day Boston) were stolen and hidden in Concord, MA, soon followed by two more cannons from the Gun House in Boston. The second theft was even more galling than the first as it occurred from a secure facility right behind the backs of the British! The British desire to recover their stolen cannons is what brought British troops to Lexington and Concord on 19 April, 1776 -- and started the American Revolution.

According to the 1972 booklet *The Concord Independent Battery*, published by the Concord Independent Battery Organization, the patriots stole -- spirited away behind the backs of the British -- brass field cannons from the British Gun House on Boston Commons late in 1774, and hid them in Salem, MA. In February 1775 British General Gage heard of a cache of guns there and sent more than 200 troops to take them. Unfortunately for the British the troops were delayed at a drawbridge, and the weapons were safely removed by the patriots.



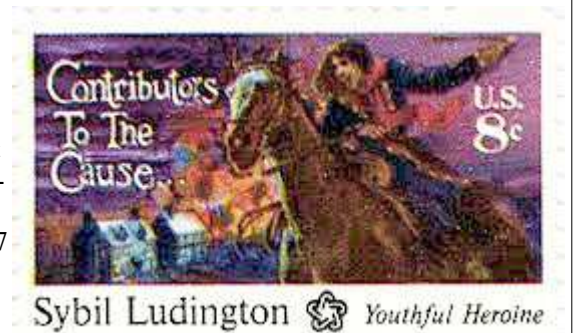
On 17 April 1775 the Committee of Safety ordered two of the cannons be mounted and raise an artillery company under Colonel James Barrett. It didn't happen because the patriots were too busy removing their supplies and weapons out of town ahead of the British. When the troops arrived two days later -- the Battle of Concord -- they were too late. The guns had already gone. The four cannons were carted to Stow, midway between Boston and Worcester, MA. another six guns and supplies were hidden in the outskirts in barns and cellars, or buried in furrows in the ground. It is assumed that some of the cannon made it back to Boston for the Battle of Bunker Hill, and joined with those from Ticondaroga at Dorchester Heights helping rout the British from Boston in 1776.

Reference: <http://www.concordbattery.org>

## New York in the Revolution

### "Contributors to the Cause"-- Sybil Ludington

Today Sybil Ludington of Dutchess County, NY is a recognized heroine of the American Revolution. Her contribution to the war was to mobilize the militia to help stop the advance of the British through Connecticut.. It wasn't until 1907, however, that details of Sybil's heroics appeared in an article written by her great-nephew, the Connecticut historian Louis S. Patrick. According to Patrick, Sybil rode about forty miles through the night of 26 April 1777 to rouse her father's militia regiment to muster at his house.



In the same year another author, Willis Fletcher Johnson, wrote:



Map by Meryl Ann Butler

*At eight or nine o'clock that evening a jaded horseman reached Colonel Ludington's home with the news [of the fall of Danbury].. . But what to do? [Ludington's] regiment was disbanded; its members scattered at their homes [for April planting]. He must stay there to muster all who came in. The messenger from Danbury could ride no more, and there was no neighbor within call. In this emergency he turned to his daughter Sybil, who, a few days before, had passed her sixteenth birthday, and bade her to take a horse, ride for the men, and tell them to be at his house by daybreak. One who even rides now from Carmel to Cold Spring will find rugged and dangerous roads . . . but the child performed her task, clinging to a man's saddle, and guiding her steed with only a hempen halter. . . There is no extravagance in comparing her ride with that of Paul Revere and its midnight message. Nor was her errand less efficient than his was. By daybreak, thanks to her daring, nearly the whole regiment was mustered before her father's house at Fredericksburgh, and an hour or two later was on the march [to Danbury] for vengeance on the raiders. (Johnson, Colonel Henry Ludington: A Memoir, pp. 89-91)*

At the time Sybil was recognized as a hero by friends and neighbors. It is said that later General George Washington and French General Rochambeau came to Sybil's house to thank her, and Alexander Hamilton wrote her a letter. But it wasn't until the 20th century that Sybil finally received the recognition she deserved. In the 1930s the New York State Education Department posted historical markers along her probable route and at her home site.. A

statue of her on horseback stands in Carmel, NY on Route 52. In 1975 she was honored with a US postage stamp recognizing her as a "Contributor to the Cause."

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V.T. Dacquino, *Sybil Ludington: The Call to Arms*

Map: <http://www.opednews.com/>