



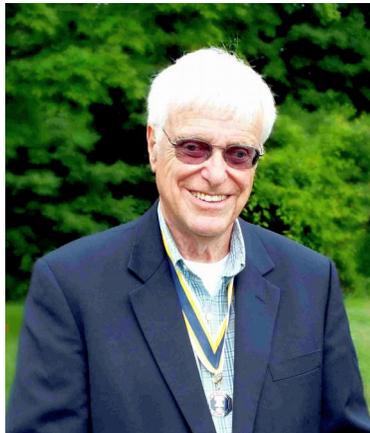
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Duane Booth

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Compatriots:

First, let me say thank you to Saratoga Battle Chapter member Karl Danneil and his wife MAJ(R) Eleanor Morris for offering to restart our Empire Patriot newsletter after an absence of more than three years. Both Karl and Eleanor have much experience in publishing newsletters and Karl also has excellent computer skills which are important to this task.

For now, because of the cost and effort in publishing a printed newsletter, the newsletter will be available on our website www.ess-sar.org and by chapter distribution to members mostly via email but that is up to each chapter. I thank the ESS Executive Committee for authorizing the restart of the newsletter and for agreeing to this method of distribution. Perhaps over time we can mail at least one issue per year to those without email. If you know

someone without email please feel free to print and deliver a copy of the newsletter to them.

Second, thank you for electing me as Society President, and thanks, too, for the many offers of support. Working together we will continue the mission of the SAR. Committees are already hard at work and soon I'll likely be reporting on their successes in my messages. Thanks to the Oriskany Battle Chapter for a great Annual Meeting!

Third, I hope by now that you've received word of the September 6th Society's Meeting at Fort Niagara. This is going to be a great time - a short business meeting Saturday morning, a quick lunch, passes to see the fort and an evening banquet. All meetings, including this one, are open to members and this is one not to miss. Visit the state website, noted above, for details, the reservation form and for places to stay. We can only accommodate 80 people so don't delay. Thanks to the Rochester and Buffalo Chapters for hosting this event – they're working hard to show us a great time.

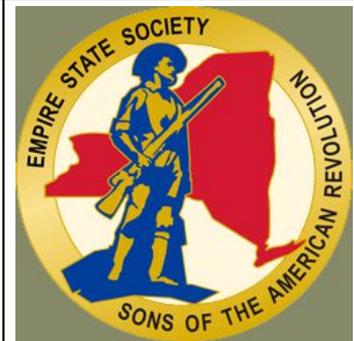
Finally, I look forward to serving you as President for the upcoming year as do my fellow officers. Please don't hesitate to call or email me should you have questions, concerns, suggestions, want to volunteer or if you want us to recognize someone for service to the SAR, for military service or for community service. My contact data is shown near this message.

Fraternally,
Duane

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Upcoming Events

July 18 – 24, 2014

National Society Sons of the American Revolution
124th Annual Congress
Greenville, SC.

August 03, 2014

Saratoga Battle Chapter & Walloomsac Battle Chapter
Annual Turning Point Parade
Schuylerville, NY

September 6, 2014

Empire State Society
Fall Meeting & evening banquet
Old Fort Niagara,
Youngstown, NY

November 1, 2014

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

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Empire State Society 2014 Annual Meeting

Society elects new Officers



Past President Col.(Ret.) Peter K. Goebel (rt.) installs newly elected officers and Managers

The Annual Meeting of the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held on May 17, 2014 at the Franklin Hotel in Rome, NY.

Elections

Mr. Duane Booth was elected President of the Empire State Society. Booth is a dual chapter member and Past President of the Saratoga Battle Chapter.

The full list of Officers of the Empire State Society for 2014-2015 is shown in the table below.

President Duane Booth	Secretary Jonathan E. Goebel	Alternate Trustee Joseph P. Vermaelen
V.P. - Capital Region Joseph B. Fitzpatrick	Treasurer Timothy S. Middlebrook	Historian Jonathan E. Goebel
V.P. - Central Region George A. Gydesen	Assistant Treasurer (appointed) Duane Booth	Chancellor Raynor B. Duncombe, Esq.
V.P. - Metropolitan Region Kenneth R. Stevens	Registrar William J. Woodworth	Chaplain Peter K. Goebel
V.P. - Western Region Thomas H. Eckberg	National Trustee Richard W. Sage	Webmaster (appointed) Dennis G. Booth

Awards

The Society presented four awards. Receiving honors were the Saratoga Battle Chapter, WODAR Mrs. Katherine FitzPatrick, Mr. Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, and Col.(Ret.) Peter K. Goebel.

The Saratoga Battle Chapter received the Society's Addams Cup for registering the most new members in 2013 (25). Mrs. Katherine "Kitty" Fitzpatrick, wife of dual chapter member Joseph B. Fitzpatrick, received the Daughters of Liberty Award for her instrumental contributions to the November 2013 State Board Meeting. Mr. Fitzpatrick, President of the Schoharie-Leatherstocking Chapter, and a member of

Saratoga Battle Chapter, received the Silver Good Citizenship award for his efforts for the Society during his term. Past Society Present Col. (Ret.) Peter K. Goebel received the Distinguished Service Award. Peter is a 20 year member of SAR and is active at all levels and was a great help to President Sage during his term.



Addams Cup -- Saratoga Battle Chapter President and Registrar Thomas L. Dunne (l.) receives the Addams Cup from Society Registrar William J. Woodworth



Daughters of Liberty Award -- Mrs. Kitty Fitzpatrick receives the Daughters of Liberty Award from Society President Sage.



Silver Good Citizenship Award -- Joseph B. Fitzpatrick (rt.) receives the SGC from Society President Sage.



Distinguished Service Award -- Peter K. Goebel (rt.) receives the DSA from Society President Sage.

Empire State Society Fall Meeting

The Rochester and Buffalo Chapters will host the Empire State Society Fall Meeting on September 6, 2014. The fall meeting and evening banquet will be held at OLD FORT NIAGARA, Youngstown, N.Y. See www.ess-sar.org for details and the reservation form.

Chapter News

Capital Region Chapters

- **Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter** honored 17 confirmed Patriots buried in the Terpening Family Cemetery on May 10, 2014, in Ulster Park, NY.

The Chapter will host the Empire State Society Board of Managers meeting on November 1, 2014 at Pegasus Restaurant, Coxsackie, NY.

- **Saratoga Battle Chapter** hosted the ES-SAR Board of Managers Meeting on March 29, 2014 at the historic Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction, NY.

During the meeting Jonathan Goebel received the Joseph Warren Medal and Certification for his service on the National Society's Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest Committee.

The chapter participated in the 10th annual Citizenship Ceremony, on July 4, 2014, at the Saratoga National Historical Park in Bemis Heights, NY. The event is a public recognition and celebration for naturalization candidates, their families and friends. More than 300 persons attended the ceremony.



Jonathan Goebel (l.) with his award.



Chapter Pres. Tom Dunne (2nd l.) sits with the dignitaries at the Naturalization Ceremony..

- **Schoharie - Leatherstocking Chapter**

Mr. Joseph Fitzpatrick, Chapter President, donated several items from his personal collection to the Old Stone Fort Museum on behalf of the Schoharie - Leatherstocking Chapter: A 1700 Flint Lock Pistol owned by one of the early families on Long Island and could have possibly been used during the battle of Long Island; an early 1800 percussion pistol, plus a Blunder Bust; and a tool used during the Revolution for bloodletting. These items will be displayed at the Old Stone Fort.

- **Valcour Battle Chapter** recognized its member Maj.(Ret) Bill Glidden with a 30 year membership pin and certificate.



Bill Glidden (rt.) honored

Central Region Chapters

- **Finger Lakes Chapter --**

On May 3, the Finger Lakes Chapter welcomed Cornell University's Kappa Alpha Professor of English, Robert Morgan to the Ithaca Ramada Inn for a special lunch meeting. Professor Morgan is author of numerous books, including critically acclaimed biography *Boone*, historical novel *Brave Enemies* (set around the Revolutionary War battle of Cowpens), and Oprah's Book Club best seller Applachian-based *Gap Creek*. He joined Chapter members on this day to discuss one of his more recent books *Lions of the West*, which has the subtitle *Heroes and Villians of the Westward Expansion*.

- **Oriskany Battle Chapter --**

On May 3, 2014 the chapter held a marking ceremony in the Olden Barneveld Cemetery for patriot Isaac Simpson, ancestor of chapter member Bob Wilson.



Honoring patriot Isaac Simpson

- **Syracuse Chapter** participated in the June 14-15, 2014 Peterboro Civil War Weekend. This annual educational event is a fundraiser for the Smithfield Community Association, a not-for-profit that preserves and promotes historic sites in the Town of Smithfield, NY.

Metropolitan Region Chapters

- **Long Island Chapter** held its 105th Anniversary Luncheon and Officer Installation on April 6, 2014 in New Hyde Park, NY.

Heads Up for 2015! Come join the Empire State Society and Long Island Chapter celebrate the upcoming 125th Anniversary of the Sons of the American Revolution by honoring President Theodore Roosevelt, a twenty year member of the SAR and a signer of our national charter, with a luncheon, a Presidential grave marking and a visit to Sagamore Hill -- September 15, 2015. Check the following web sites for updated information: longislandchaptersar.org and ess-sar.org.

Western Region Chapters

- **Rochester Chapter** conducted and or participated in a number of events this Spring including a school presentation, several parades, ROTC ceremony, and presented a Burt award.



Patriot's Day Parade, April 21 2014



SAR Presentation at School #22 April 30, 2014



Dave Hawley receiving the Burt Award, May 8, 2014



SAR ROTC Awards Presentation at U of R April 25, 2014

Who's News

What's happening with our members

Peter K. Goebel Appointed Director of Veterans Services in Rensselaer Co.

Peter K. Goebel, Past President, Empire State Society and current ESSAR Chaplain, has been appointed as the Director of Rensselaer County, NY. Goebel resides in Rensselaer Co.

The mission of the County Veterans Services Agency is to provide free assistance, service and representation to Veterans and their dependents, survivors, widows and orphans.

Peter is a 20 year member of the Saratoga Battle Chapter. He graduated from West Point in 1981. He advanced in the Army to the rank of Colonel before retiring. He has commanded military units ranging from a 40 soldier platoon to a 500,000 soldier Theater Army. Among his awards and decorations is the Bronze Star.

Congratulations to Peter.

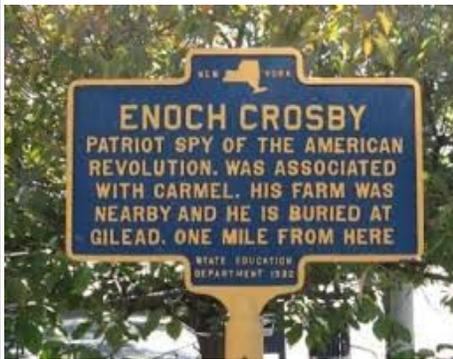


Col.(Ret.) Peter K. Goebel

History Corner

New York in the Revolution

Enoch Crosby -- Soldier and Spy.



New York State sign honoring Crosby

Enoch Crosby enlisted in 1775 in Danbury CT when the war began. He was in the invasion of Canada, where he served in St. John and Montreal. Following the capture of Montreal, his enlistment expired and he returned to Danbury. In August 1776 Crosby re-enlisted in the Continental Army, joining a Putnam Co. NY regiment. While on his way to the camp at White Plains in Westchester Co. NY he was mistaken by a stranger for a Loyalist and invited to join a meeting of local Loyalists who were intending to support the British efforts in the area. He reported this information to the local Patriot Committee of Safety. The committee, after learning that Crosby was a soldier, decided to excuse him from regular military duty if he would consent to aid in the apprehension of the local Loyalist company and "act in a different character as he could thus be more useful to his country." Thus began his career as a spy.

Crosby was employed in the secret service for a full nine months period, and paid by the Army for his service during that time. Crosby worked under cover in Dutchess and Albany Counties, and in what is now Bennington, VT from August 1776 through May of 1777. He followed the same pattern of infiltration, capture, and escape at least four times. The intelligence he provided was used both to capture Loyalists and undermine local support for the British. He was repeatedly captured by Americans who believed him to be a Loyalist, and repeatedly escaped.

After Crosby's spy career ended he continued to support the Revolution. In 1779 Crosby re-enlisted for six months and served in Westchester County. He again re-enlisted in 1780 for six months and served in Putnam County and in New Jersey.

Crosby survived the war. Later in Putnam County he built a house, which is still standing, and he lived on that land until his death in 1835.

(Source: Crosby Pension Affidavit, <http://external.oneonta.edu/cooper/articles/nyhistory/1966nyhistory-pickering.html>)