



EMPIRE PATRIOT

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Winter Issue



George Gydesen, President

Message from the President

Spring is finally coming to the North Country and with it our annual meeting.

This year the annual meeting will be held May 22, 2021 in a Hybrid form.

State Officers are attending live and in person at the Half Shire located in Richland, NY. A link will be provided for

managers and members not able to attend in person.

I would like to thank all the officers and members who have helped the society weather through the Covid crisis.

Hopefully we can all meet in person this coming Fall with people being immunized. Hopefully all will be healthy and confident to once again travel and be able to demask.

With these words I close. I hope to see you all.

George Gydesen



Upcoming Event

May 22, 2021

ESS Annual Meeting

hosted by the Syracuse Chapter
Half-Shire Historical Society
Richland, NY.

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Empire State Society Winter Meeting

The Winter virtual meeting of the Empire State Society SAR Board of Managers and the ESS-SAR Board of Managers Special Meeting required to vote on the amendment to the by laws changing the Quorum and approving the use of virtual meetings was held on March 27, 2021. Both amendments were approved.

The approved changes are as follows:

SECTION X QUORUMS

Fifteen members of the Society shall constitute a quorum at its annual meeting or any special meeting of the society

SECTION IV MEETINGS

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

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

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.

ESS-SAR Annual Meeting Will Be in May

The Syracuse Chapter will host a hybrid Empire State Society Annual Meeting on May 22, 2021 at the Half-Shire Historical Society in Richland, NY. Coffee and danish will be available at 10 AM during sign-in. The business meeting will begin at 11 AM with a lunch following.

EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ANNUAL MEETING – May 22, 2021

HYBRID Meeting

Hosted by Syracuse Chapter and the
Half-Shire Historical Society

1100 County Rt 48 Richland, NY 13144

www.halfshire.org - Shawn Doyle - spdinpul@hotmail.com

NOTE: Meeting Reservations Needed by May 15, 2021

Lodging:

- 1) Tailwater Lodge in Altmar (big discount if you are a Hilton Rewards member)
- 2) Sanctuary Inn in Pulaski
- 3) Super 8 Hotel in Pulaski
- 4) If you prefer to be closer to Syracuse there are ten hotels off Carrier Circle at NYS Thruway Exit 35

Important Notice about this Meeting:

This meeting will be presented by a ‘HYBRID’ method. The State President and other officers are attending live in-person at the Half-Shire.

A link will be provided for Managers and members who are unable to attend in-person to be able to participate on a virtual platform. The virtual attendees will be able to see the live meeting and will be able to speak to the live attendees.

It is required that all officer and chapter reports be supplied to George Gydesen, Jonathan Goebel, and Karl Dannell via email by Thursday, May 20, 2021 so that they can be emailed to the Board before the meeting.

Schedule:

10 AM - Socially distanced gathering with coffee, tea, pastry.

11 AM – Annual Meeting Starts

Lunch to be served AFTER the business meeting.

NOTE: Due to precautions regarding Covid-19, an exceptional lunch will be served to the table instead of the traditional buffet lunch.

Menu

Oysters Rockefeller

Tomato basil soup & bread

London broil and portabella mushroom slices, served with sherried snow peas and parsnips, side of seasoned shrimp,

Light salad

Frozen dessert drink and gingerbread

\$25.00

Directions:

From the north: I-81 south to exit 36, Pulaski. Take a left at the top of off ramp. Travel 5 miles east on county Rte. 2; at the “T” in the center of Richland, turn left (north) and go about 500’—the building is on the right.

From the south: I-81 north to exit 36, Pulaski. Take a right at the top of off ramp. Travel one mile until the first left turn, cross River and go around the transfer station, turn right, on to Centerville Rd, then left on to Peck Rd. At the end of Peck Rd. turn right on to County Rte. 2 and enter Richland hamlet. Turn left at the “T” and building is 500’ on right.

To Register for In-Person attendance, please send in the Following Form:

May 22, 2021 ESSSAR Annual Meeting In-Person Reservation Form

Reservations - RSVP By May 15, 2021 – Make Checks Payable to Syracuse Chapter SAR for \$25.00.

MAIL TO: Tom Henry, 103 Kline Road Pennellville, NY 13132-3180

Email: Tom_henry@peoplepc.com

Yes! I am coming to the Half-Shire Historical Society and the Syracuse Chapter of the SAR for this meeting!

Name: _____ Lunch (\$25)

SAR? Y / N DAR? Y / N CAR? Y/N Guest? Y/ N

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Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94622735986?pwd=aDhRTWN4K3AvZDJhaGpJRDZkWnJ6dz09>

Questions?

David Powell, President, Syracuse Chapter,

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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

Chapter News

Capital Region Chapters

- **Columbia-Mid Hudson Chapter** – The chapter planned to host the Spring meeting scheduled for March 27, 2021, which was revised to a virtual meeting.
- **Saratoga Battle Chapter** – We did hold a Chapter Meeting in February which was well attended. In the course of the Meeting we amended the constitution of the Chapter to allow virtual Meeting, when necessary. We also approved a resolution to postpone the election of new officers(one year). We will meet in the September meeting to create a committee to nominate candidates for offices. Election will be held in the February 2022 Meeting.

We authorized the purchase of pins and certificates to distribute to Chapter membership in recognition for continued participation in the Chapter for members: 10, 15, 20, 25 years and so forth. This was to recognize their support to the Chapter. This has not been done inn over 10 years.

We also approved several donations to CAR Confrence – increasing our support from previous years. We also approved an additional donation to the DAR Van Schaick Mansion for their restoration project. This brings the Chapter to \$1,000.00. We also supported the idea of asking for funds from the State Chapter for the Project.

We approved the idea of holding hybrid meetings in the future, to increase membership participation.

We welcomed one new member, Patrick Morris of Glens Falls, NY.

Central Region

- **Syracuse Chapter** – 2021 Feb 20, Dave Powell hosted a virtual Heritage Luncheon via Zoom. Twenty-eight folks (thirteen from the Syracuse chapter) attended and were thrilled by a wonderful talk by Rochester compatriot and Western Region VP Brent Downing. Brent commissioned Our chapter Registrar, Chris Sheldon, is continuing to work with individuals to get applications completed and submitted. He, along with vital assistance by Duane Booth, were able to successfully appeal pended applications for five members of the Kerstetter family, thus boosting our chapter membership by 5 new members.

Metropolitan Region

- **New York City chapters** – The highlight for the New York City chapters in the first quarter of 2021 was the 144th George Washington Birthday Ball, which was held virtually on February 19, 2021. The GW Ball is held annually by the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York as a benefit for the Fraunces Tavern Museum, and as in previous years members of the 1st New York Continental and the Battle of Brooklyn Chapters were invited to attend. This year nine members of these two chapters bought tickets to the event or otherwise provided donations for the cause.

Westchester – Putnam Chapter

- Chapter Board of Managers virtual meeting was held in April.
- Will be recognizing our newest Emeritus member (50 years in SAR).
- Our chapter Eagle Scout scholarship winner will be awarded his \$100 prize and medal and all scouts entered in the competition will receive a participation patch.

History Corner

Exerpt from https://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/madison/aa_madison_war_1.html

Second War of American Independence

On June 18, 1812, James Madison signed Congress's official declaration of war against England. Why?

Great Britain and France had been at war, off and on, since 1793. The United States, which traded with both countries, was caught in the middle. Britain blocked all French seaports and insisted that U.S. ships first stop at a British port and pay a fee before continuing to France. Britain was also interfering in the affairs of Canada, America's neighbor.

The War of 1812 came to be known as the second American war of independence.

1812 Sons & Grandsons of Revolutionary War Patriots

by David Morton, Syracuse Chapter SAR

When I was a boy, my father received newsletters from the General Society of the War of 1812. Growing up, I knew that my great3-grandfather, Lewis Wade, was a soldier in the War of 1812. In front of the home he built in Newark Valley, there was a New York State sign recognizing his service.

In 2008, I began collecting the necessary vital records and proofs to join the Society of the Second War with Great Britain in the State of New York (SSWGBSNY) discovering that Lewis Wade's grandfather, Ichabod Wade, had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Records for Lewis Wade could be used by me for Ichabod Wade to join the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

As members of the ESS-SAR, our proven lineages for Revolutionary War patriots often include sons or grandsons who served in the War of 1812. General Winfried Scott, who served with distinction in the War of 1812, also had a father, Captain William Scott, who served in Virginia and Georgia during the American Revolution. If you would like to recognize your ancestor in the Society of the Second War with Great Britain in the State of New York, you may use a record copy of your SAR application. If additional proof is required for a particular generation, the registrar will notify you.

If you wish more information to recognize your War of 1812 ancestor, please do not hesitate to contact our SSWGBSNY Registrar or myself.

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