



Recipients Jim Eagan, Mike Tunison, Bob Coomber and presenter Steve Clarke enjoying the surprise presentation of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medals and Certificates at the Lehigh Restaurant, West Henrietta Road.

#### ROCHESTER-BUFFALO JOINT MEETING, 18 FEBRUARY 2012

More than 50 SAR and DAR members and other guests enjoyed the annual Rochester-Buffalo Joint Meeting held again as for the past several years at Bohn's Restaurant in Batavia. Buffalo President Carl Berg was the host this year and he chose to open the gathering by recognizing new members of the SAR. Of all the new members of the past year, only Compatriot Thomas Thompson was able to attend, but he was welcomed with a hearty round of applause and by the presentation of an SAR official identification device, a rosette of blue, white and buff ribbon, the colors of General Washington's uniform and the official colors of the SAR.



Buffalo President Carl Berg welcoming Compatriot Tommy Thompson to the SAR.

Guest speaker at the luncheon was Missy Clark who, in her persona of a housewife of the Revolutionary War era gave an animated and thoroughly enjoyable talk on the plight of the North Carolina Scotsmen who fought for King and Crown during the Revolution. The meeting ended with a second presentation of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Rochester Compatriots Mike Tunison and Bob Coomber for their work to preserve the Porter pastel paintings of Revolutionary War sites in New York State as mentioned above.



L to R: Rochester Compatriots Steve Clarke who made the presentation to Bob Coomber and Mike Tunison.

#### New Grave Marker Placement, 19 April 2012

While it is usual for Chapters to place new markers for Patriot Ancestors, individuals are certainly welcome and encouraged to do so if they can. On 19 April 2012, Compatriot Richard Eagleton drove to Herkimer County to install a new marker for his Patriot Ancestor, Abraham Woleben, in the cemetery of the South Columbia Reformed Dutch Church. The Chapter commends Compatriot Eagleton for his excellent work to keep alive the memory of his ancestor.





### Grave Marker Dedication for Roy David Goold, 27 April 2012

While Roy's great-niece, Sharon Worth, was in Brockport from her home in Arizona, the Chapter arranged a grave marker dedication ceremony for Ms Worth to attend. Roy served as Chapter and State Society Registrar for over 25 years, longer than any other person elected to the position in either group. President Tunison served as master of ceremonies, Chaplain Grosvenor provided an invocation and a benediction, Registrar Clarke commented about Roy's service to the Chapter and to the ESSAR, Treasurer Coomber and Data Base Chairman Fuller were color bearers and Compatriots Lee Harris and David Fairley were also in attendance. Unfortunately, while sunny, it was a cold and windy day and some members who planned to attend were unable to do so.





L to R: Compatriots Lee Harris, Dave Fairley and Bob Fuller, Sharon Worth, Compatriots Dave Grosvenor, Steve Clarke, Mike Tunison and Bob Coomber.



The SAR Compatriot marker  
at Roy's interment site.

Alexander Millener Recognition Program and Jacob Graves Marker Dedication, 3 May  
2012

As part of the first "Percussion Rochester at the Eastman School of Music" program, members of the SAR and re-enactor friends were invited to participate in a short musical ceremony at the grave of Alexander Millener in Rochester's Mt. Hope Cemetery. Millener was Gen. George Washington's drummer boy. A special feature of the program was the use of drum commands from the Revolutionary War that Millener would have used to direct a musket salute to honor him.





The C. A. Palmer Fife and Drum Corps, the Excelsior Fife and Drum Corps, Bill Cahn and John Beck of Percussion Rochester with Compatriots Brent Downing, Wayne Kidd, Bob Coomber,  
Steve Clarke, Mike Tunison, guest re-enactor Dave Austin and Compatriot Bill Brewer.





Compatriot Brent Downing, with help from a young fifer, places a wreath at the grave of Alexander Millener.







Compatriots Steve Clarke, Mike Tunison, Bob Coomber and Brent Downing dedicating the new marker

for Patriot Joseph Graves who never previously had any kind of marker. Also present were Compatriots Jim Eagan and Daryl Verstreate.



This is the first grave marker ever provided for the Patriot.

#### Fifth Annual Mt. Hope Cemetery Revolutionary War Grave Tour, 11 August 2012

On a warm and sunny Saturday, the Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery (Tour Guide Dennis Carr), the Rochester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (Tour Guide Steve Clarke), the Irondequoit Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (Tour Guide Robbie Dreeson) and members of the Ensign Robert Wilson Society, CAR led the fifth annual tour of Revolutionary War Graves in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Including the Guides, uniformed re-enactors and the members of the fife and drum corps, approximately 100 folks took the mile-long tour and braved the ups and downs of some of the Cemetery's hillier terrain to learn about Rochester's connections to the Revolutionary War. This was the largest and most enthusiastic turnout to date, and it is hoped to continue the tour for years to come. It has become one of the more popular and better known of all the tours offered by the Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery.





L to R: John Della Penna (Butler's Rangers); Bill Leed, Buffalo Chapter SAR; Dick Eagleton and Bob Coomber, Rochester Chapter SAR; Carl Berg, President, Buffalo Chapter SAR; Steve Clarke, Tour Guide, Rochester Chapter SAR; Brent Downing and Bill Brewer, Rochester Chapter SAR; Andrew Larsen (Butler's Rangers); Mike Tunison, President, Rochester Chapter SAR; Wayne Kidd, Rochester Chapter, SAR



Members of the Towpath Volunteer Fife and Drum Corps provided a musical escort for the tour.

#### ROCHESTER CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC, 15 SEPTEMBER 2012

On an overcast and blustery day, 24 chapter members and guests gathered at the Henrietta Town Park to review our past year's work, to elect and install new officers and a new Board of Managers, to present some special award and honor the service longevity of our members. Compatriot Dana Johnson was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his years of dedicated work on the Eagle Scout scholarship and recognition program and Compatriot Jim Eagan was awarded the Law Enforcement Medal and certificate for his many years of service as a New York State Trooper and as a Village and Town Court Justice of the Peace. Compatriots Red Fairley and Dick Bean were awarded the 25 and 35-year longevity pins respectively.





New officers and Board members L to R: Red Fairley, Bob Fuller, Bill Brewer, Dave Grosvenor, Jack Chambers, Jim Eagan Brent Downing, David Richardson, Wayne Kidd, Mike Tunison and Dana Johnson. Dick Bean and Steve Clarke attended, but are not in the photo.

#### MT. HOPE CEMETERY FLAGPOLE DEDICATION, 21 OCTOBER 2012

On a sunny, cool and windy Sunday, 21 October 2012, the Rochester Chapter SAR, the Irondequoit Chapter DAR and the Ensign Robert Wilson Society, CAR, joined members of the public at Rochester's historic Mt. Hope Cemetery to dedicate a new 25-foot flagpole at the gravesite of the Revolutionary War Patriots who were tortured and massacred at the Groveland Ambuscade in Livingston County, south of Rochester. The Ambuscade was the final encounter between the forces of the Clinton-Sullivan Campaign sent by General Washington to quash the British, Indian and Tory groups conducting raids throughout New York State. It was the only Revolutionary War battle fought west of the Genesee River and, despite the 15 deaths at the ambuscade, the campaign proved successful in discouraging attacks on Patriot homes in New York State.

The Rochester Chapter originally planned an afternoon repair and paint outing to work on the previous pole, but Compatriot Brent Downing, an engineer and former Navy Seabee, reported to the Chapter that the pole was too badly corroded at the base and needed to be replaced. Downing then took it upon himself to work with the Board of Managers to raise the \$2500 needed to remove and replace the old pole with a new one. The new pole was installed this past summer and plans for a dedication ceremony were drawn up with the able assistance of the ladies of the Irondequoit Chapter, DAR. The Empire State Society, SAR, made a generous gift of \$1500, but the Rochester Chapter accepted that donation in the spirit of a loan with the intent of repaying what was not needed after fundraising was complete. Of that donation, \$1000 was repaid to the ESSAR. It is to be noted particularly that the children of the Ensign Robert Wilson Society, CAR, made a remarkable donation of \$200. For their dedication to the

project, the decision was made to give the Society's officers the honor of being the first to raise Old Glory officially. A reception followed the ceremony at the historic DAR House on Troup St. in Rochester.

Those present to help with the dedication included an Honor Guard from the American Legion, Canandaigua Post 256, members of the Excelsior Brigade Fife and Drum Corps and a representative of the Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery. Compatriot Tommy Thompson led his fellow Compatriots Brent Downing and Bill Brewer in a musket volley followed by a volley from the American Legion Honor Guard. Thanks are also extended to the City of Rochester, NY, for its support and cooperation. Television coverage was provided by Time-Warner Cable's local YNN outlet.



Front Row L to R: Ensign Robert Wilson Society, CAR, members Kayla Richardson, Steven Zielke, Bridget Lasky, Leah Lasky, Emily Kleiner, Allison Feely and guest Brittney Maddison.

Back Row L to R: Rochester Chapter compatriots Steve Clarke, Brent Downing, Mike Tunison, Bill Brewer, Dick Eagleton and Bob Coomber.







Kayla Richardson, Allison Feely, Emily Kleiner, Bridget Lasky and Steven Zielke of the Ensign Robert Wilson Society, CAR, have the honor of being the first to raise Old Glory officially on the new flagpole.

#### DEDICATED CEMETERY WORKER HONORED, 24 OCTOBER 2012

Mr. Thomas Anderson was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and certificate for some 65 years of dedicated service to the Webster Union Cemetery at a surprise dinner held at Streppa's Bistro in Webster that was hosted by the Cemetery Association. Mr. Anderson's years of service and special attention to veterans' graves was brought to the attention of the Rochester Chapter by Compatriot Bob Fuller who brought a copy of a newspaper story recounting the story of Mr. Anderson's dedication. With the help of Mr. George Baker, President of the Cemetery Association, the dinner was organized without Mr. Anderson's knowledge and a complete surprise was achieved to everyone's delight.



L to R: Compatriots Mike Tunison and Steve Clarke, Thomas Anderson, Compatriots Bob Fuller,



Bob Coomber and Chapter President Jim Eagan. Absent from the photo are Compatriot Thomas Thompson and Mary Clarke, Irondequoit Chapter, DAR.

### VETERANS' DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY, 11 NOVEMBER 2012

Again, the Chapter joined other veterans' and civic organizations at the Rochester War Memorial on Sunday, 11 November, to recognize and remember those who served our Nation. We were joined by the DAR and the CAR, and were honored to be the first three groups selected for the presentation of wreaths. The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle's Monday edition had a large article with color a photograph on page B1 that featured Compatriots Tunison and Downing.



L to R, Front Row: Leah and Kayla Richardson, Ensign Robert Wilson Society, CAR, Carol Gridley, Irondequoit Chapter, DAR.

L to R, Second Row: Emily Kleiner, Brianna Klein, Ensign Robert Wilson Society, CAR; Bill Brewer, Brent Downing and Steve Clarke, Rochester Chapter SAR.

L to R, Third Row: Patricia Andraszek, Irondequoit Chapter, DAR; Robi Bensch, guest; David Richardson, Rochester Chapter, SAR;  
Gary Newman, guest; Mike Tunison, Rochester Chapter SAR.  
L to R Fourth Row: Robbie Dreeson and Sue Leighton, Irondequoit Chapter, DAR; Heidi Asarese, Caleb Hopkins Chapter, DAR;  
Wayne Kidd and Bob Coomber, Rochester Chapter SAR; Nancy Zwetsch, Caleb Hopkins Chapter, DAR.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, 19 DECEMBER 2012

The surprise presentation of Silver Good Citizenship Medal and certificate to the Hon. Culver K. Barr, Esq., was the highlight of the 2012 Christmas Luncheon.

## 2013

### GREECE ATHENA MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION, 7 FEBRUARY 2013

A request was received from the Greece Athena Middle School for us to do a presentation to their 7th grade Social Studies program about the Revolutionary War. Presentations were made by our compatriots dressed in period clothing to the classrooms. Those compatriots participating were William Brewer, Stephan Clarke, Robert Coomber, Brent Downing, Richard Eagleton, James Eagan, Dave Richardson, and Michael Tunison.



Kneeling: Brent Downing, David Richardson  
Standing: Stephan Clarke, Richard Eagleton, Robert Coomber,  
Michael Tunison, William Brewer, James Eagan



ROCHESTER-BUFFALO JOINT MEETING, 23 FEBRUARY, 2013

As in the past several years over 50 SAR and DAR members and guests met Bohn's Restaurant in Batavia, N.Y. for the annual Rochester-Buffalo joint meeting to celebrate President George Washington's birthday. This years event was hosted by Rochester President James Eagan



Joint Rochester-Buffalo Meeting  
**PARADES, 2013**

The Memorial Day Parade held Saturday, May 25, 2013 in Waterloo had, including the fife and drum corp .35 total participating from the DAR, CAR, and SAR. The SAR was represented by the Finger Lakes Chapter, Syracuse Chapter, Newton Battlefield Chapter, Finger Lakes Chapters, BuffaloChapter and the Rochester Chapter. Past President Miek Tunison brought his patriotic flags which were carried by the participants and also placed on the DAR float. We had eleven members participate: Jack Chambers, Steve Clarke, Bob Coomber, Jim Eagan, Dick Eagleton, Bob Fuller, Wayne Kidd, David Richardson, Tommy Thompson, and Mike Tunison.



Waterloo Parade, 2013

Fourth of July Parade, July 4, 2013:

Canandaigua, New York: This was the first year our chapter participated in their parade. The group was very well received by the crowd with near continuous rolling applause. Mike Tunison brought his flags which people carried and were also placed on the SAR/DAR/CAR float. There were a total of 15 participants of which 6 were from our chapter: Steve Clarke, Bob Coomber, Brent Downing, Jim Eagan, David Richardson and Mike Tunison. President Eagan and his wife treated all to a picnic lunch after the parade.



Marlene White, Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Mary Clarke,  
Our lovely standard bearers



# CONESUS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MAY 27, 2013



Front: Kayla and Leah Richardson  
Back: Mike Tunison, Bob Coomber, David Richardson

## DANIEL RAY LEVERING GRAVE DEDICATION GROVE PLACE CEMETERY, 9 JUNE 2013

A Dedication Service for Compatriot Daniel Ray Levering's Memorial Stone was held on 9 June 2013 at the Grove Place Cemetery Chili Avenue, Rochester, New York  
President Eagan welcomed everyone to the grave site. Compatriot David Grosvenor, Chaplain offered the invocation and the benediction. Daniel wife, Carole, told about the gravestone. Compatriot Stephan Clarke gave a tribute to Daniel and did the dedication.

## MOUNT HOPE REVOLUTIONARY WAR CEMETERY TOUR, AUGUST 10, 2013

Saturday, August 10, 2013 was a bright and cool day, perfect for trekking through the Mount Hope Cemetery for the annual Revolutionary War tour.

The chapter, along with Irondequoit Chapter, DAR, and the Ensign Robert Wilson Society, CAR, led by the Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery, conducted the annual tour. Escorted by the Towpath Fife and Drum Corp for the mile-long walk, the Friends of Mount Hope welcomed about 50 guests for the two-hour guided excursion. The highlight of the tour was the visit to the SAR-DAR Revolutionary War Memorial that honors 14 men killed at the Groveland Ambuscade. Compatriot Stephan Clarke was one of the presenters. Compatriots Bill Brewer and Brent Downing, assisted by Dae Austen, offered a three-musket salute. A cookies and punch reception was held after the tour.



Mike Tunison, Dave Austin, Bob Coomber, Stephan Clarke

## WADSWORTH HOMESTEAD TOUR AUGUST 24, 2013

Second Vice president David Richardson arranged for a private tour of the Wadsworth Homestead in Geneseo, New York on August 24, 2013. Those attending were Brent Downing and his wife, Stepha Clarke, and his wife, James Eafgan and his wife, Bob Coomber, Nate Thompson, and David Richardson.



# ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

## September 14, 2013

The annual meeting and picnic was held on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Groveland Ambuscade. It was a cool, partly cloudy windy day with temperatures reaching only the low 60's. 10 people were present. Meats were grilled by Compatriot Dave Richardson along with tasty pass-a-dish contributions by members and wives.

After the annual meeting a dedication ceremony was held at the Ambuscade Monument. Nine patriotic flags provided by Compatriot Mike Tunison were carried to the site and a wreath was placed at the Monument.



Left to right: Vi Harris, Lee Harris, Wayne Kidd and his wife, Bob Coomber, Steve Clarke, Mike Yunison, Bill Sebring, Brent Downing

**KELSEY BRIDGE CEMETERY DEDICATION, THERESA NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 2, 2013**





VETERAN'S DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY  
ROCHESTER WAR MEMORIAL  
NOVEMBER 11, 2013



Front: Kayla and Leah Richardson, Carol Gridley, Heidi Asarese, Barbara VanSice  
Rw 2: Brent Downing, Emily Kleiner, Allison Feely  
Row 3: Wayne Kidd, Nate Thompson, Bob Fuller, David Richardson  
Bob Coomber, Stephan Clarke

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FIRESIDE GRILL AND SPORTS BAR DECEMBER 18, 2013

The annual Christmas Party was held on December 18, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. at the Fireside Grill and Sports Bar. Approximately 25 people were in attendance. Gifts of toiletries and other supplies were brought to be sent to the veterans in the Va Hospital in Batavia. Most of the people were to be given awards were unable to attend so they will be awarded at a later date. Second Vice President David Richardson was presented with a Meritorious Service Award for his fine work on the Chapter Web page.



# 2014

At the January 15, 2014 meeting it was agreed to appoint Senior Solutions, Mr. Glenn Adams, representative, as our financial advisor and fiduciary representative for the sole purpose of managing the account known to the Chapter as the Livingston Fund. Senior Solutions will explain any major moves to be taken before they are made, will make status reports as needed, but not less than quarterly, to update the BOM on the fund's status and will provide sufficient advance notice of any change in Mr. Adams' status as financial advisor and fiduciary representative.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The annual Rochester Chapter, Buffalo Chapter joint meeting to celebrate George Washington's Birthday was held on February 22nd at Bohn's restaurant in Batavia, New York. Both Rochester and Buffalo chapters presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Award to Elijah Monroe. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Lindsey Donohue, a deaf ASL teacher and trainer of interpreters at NTID and to Kate Shaver, both for interpreting for the hearing challenged. Dave Hawley, a scout leader received a Bronze Good Citizenship award from our chapter. Second Vice President David Richardson offers the toast.



## SCHOOL VISITS

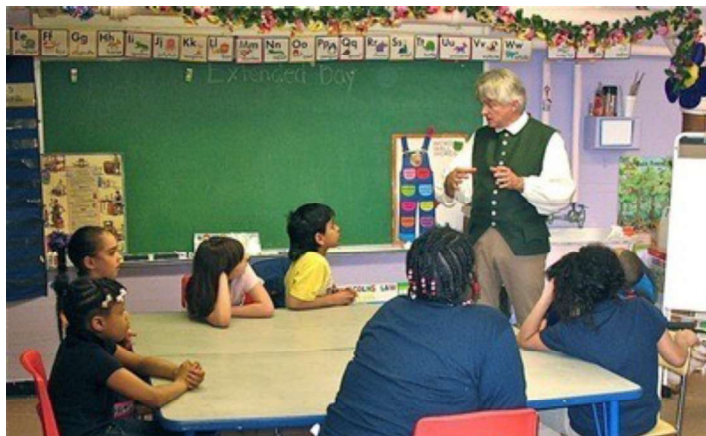
A visit to the Rochester School for the Deaf was made on January 31st. Compatriots Clarke, Brewer, Coomber, Downing, Eagan, Eagleton, Fuller and Tunison participated. The group shared stories about the adventures of their Revolutionary War ancestors, stories about the war in Western New York, about life in general during the Revolution. Greece Athena Middle School, February 7, 2014: a presentation was made to the 7th grade classes at the Greece Athena Middle School on February 7, 2014. Six compatriots Stephan Clarke, William Brewr, Robert Coomber, Richard Eagleton, David Richardson, and Michael Tunison attended. We were divided into two groups, each group speaking to three classrooms.



Richard Eagleton, Robert Coomber, Michael Tunison, Stephan Clarke,  
David Richardson, William Brewer

### ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL #22 HISTORY CLUB

On April 30, 2014 First Vp Brent Downing, President James Eagan, and Registrar Stephan Clarke participated in the 3rd and 4th grade History Club Lecture. They were invited by teacher Maria Garcia and spoke of minority participation in the American Revolution.





Compatriot Downing talking with students

LAKESHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HILTON, NEW YORK

Two one-hour speeches were presented to fourth grades at the Lakeside Elementary School on June 17, 2014. Those present and representing the chapter were President t James Eagan, Registrar Stephan Clarke, and Compatriot William Brewer.

CEREMONY TO REMEMBER AND HONOR  
SGT. ROBERT FRANKLIN LIVINGSTONE  
LIONEL MEILER LIVINGSTON  
and  
FRANCIS MARION LIVINGSTON

A ceremony to remember and honor Sgt. Robert Franklin Livingston, Lionel Meylert Livingston and Frances Marion Livingston was sponsored and conducted by the chapter at the Livingston Plot in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York.

Past President Michael Tunison prepared the program and served as MC.

Seven Rochester Chapter SAR members, all wearing Revolutionary War-era apparel were in attendance: William Brewer -Board of Managers, Robert Coomber-Treasurer, Hon. JamesEagan President, Richard Eagleton-Historian, Robert Fuller-Board of Managers, David Richardson-2nd Vice President, Michael Tunison-Past President,



Robert Fuller, William Brewer, James Eagan, Michael Tunison, Robert Coomber, Richard Eagleton, picture by David Richardson