

Rochester Chapter SAR
End of the year 2013
President's Report

Your chapter has seen many changes during the year of 2013. I am pleased to say most were of a very positive nature. I will make efforts through 2014 to keep all of you up to date, but please don't hesitate checking out our web page www.RochesterSAR.org for up to the minute information on our activities.

So let me begin with the most recent Christmas party! Those in attendance all seemed to have a grand time. For me, there was a feeling of having somehow come full circle since we were back in the same building where I first attended a Rochester SAR meeting. What was once called "F.D.R.s" on East Henrietta (Rt. 15A) is now under new management as "The Fireside Grill & Sports Bar". As mentioned before, the interior has been completely renovated. The food was outstanding, especially the Chicken French, and the staff did everything in their power to make the affair both enjoyable and memorable. We anticipate having most of our future board meetings there, beginning at the same time as in the past, commencing about 11:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, while the formal meeting will begin closer to noon. As always, everyone is welcome to join us.

Sadly, most of the folks we planned on honoring at the Christmas party were unable to attend, so the awards portion was a little sparse. Hopefully we can catch up with them at the George Washington Birthday joint meeting and celebration with the Buffalo Chapter on February 22. We were pleased to present longevity pins to a few members, and the Meritorious Service Award to our Second VP David Richardson in appreciation for all his efforts especially with respect to our webpage. His arranging the visit to the Wadsworth Homestead in Geneseo was also noted. He also brought to the party some posters the middle school students had completed which honored our patriot ancestors. They were a big hit when passed around.



President Eagan presents Meritorious Service Award to Second VP Richardson

Our welcome guests of honor were Mr. & Mrs. Glen Adams. Glen is a prospective member who is working with Registrar Stephan Clarke to complete his application. He is also the owner of a financial investment company called "SeniorSolutions." Your Investment Committee is presently considering placing some of our finances with his business. Both Glen and his wife Cheryl were a welcome addition to the festivities.

As in past years, the attendees managed to donate a full car trunk of gifts to the veterans at Batavia. That car trunk belonged to our Registrar, Stephan Clarke who graciously played Santa Claus and delivered everything to the Batavia V.A. the very next day. His subsequent email to me was quite insightful and our gifts will be even more appreciated this year. It seems that the company which had a contract with the VA to supply them with crafts, models, etc., has ceased to fulfill that function. This leaves many of the patients with a pretty good sized void. I am told the gentleman to contact if you are interested in helping is Mark Francis at (716) 862-8667 or mark.francis@va.gov. It sounds like a good opportunity to do some real good for our veterans. I plan on covering this matter in more detail at our next board meeting.

Many thanks go out to Compatriot E. Ritchie Van Vliet who has kindly offered to take on the Chapter Secretary duties commencing at our upcoming meeting this Wednesday. Hopefully he will enjoy the job and choose to stand for election next September. Your chapter's accomplishments are directly related to the degree of volunteerism we receive and there is always more work that can be accomplished. We are presently inaugurating a number of new programs such as welcoming home the WWII Honor Flight groups and expanding our school visit program, while also rewriting the chapter bylaws & officer duties. Interested parties are always welcome to join the board. Thanks to Compatriot Tunison, please take note of our calendar.

Best Wishes to All and a Belated Happy New Year,

Jim Eagan, President
Rochester Chapter SAR

Rochester Chapter SAR Calendar of Upcoming Events

Planned Events for 2014

In addition to events and activities organized, sponsored and promoted by the Rochester Chapter SAR, this calendar may include items from the Buffalo, Syracuse, Newtown Battle and Finger Lakes Chapters. Other SAR chapters, especially those in Western and Central NY, are encouraged to submit events for inclusion in our calendar. (In addition to Revolutionary War events, other historic or patriotic events are often included for your consideration.)

- Rochester Chapter Board of Managers meetings are held at 11:30am on the third Wednesday of each month, at the Lehigh Restaurant on West Henrietta Road. The first monthly meeting of 2014 will be held on Wednesday, January 15. All chapter members are welcome to join us.
- George Washington's Birthday Luncheon will be again sponsored by the Buffalo and Rochester SAR Chapters this February. It will be held at Bohn's Restaurant in Batavia on Saturday, February 22nd. All SAR, DAR and CAR members and guests are welcome!
- Graveside ceremony honoring the Livingston family at their family plot in Mt. Hope Cemetery. (Date TBD.) Father and son were members of the Rochester Chapter SAR; son died in POW camp during WWII; mother's will established the Rochester Chapter's Livingston Fund.
- Celebrate/Commemorate Memorial Day Parade in Waterloo, May.
- Rochester Chapter SAR Celebration of American Independence, late June or early July.
- Celebrate/Commemorate Independence Day Parade in Canandaigua on July 4th
- Battle of Newtown SAR Chapter Picnic and Annual Battle Reenactment, August.
- Rochester Chapter SAR Annual Meeting and Picnic in September.
- Annual Wreath-laying Ceremony at Rochester War Memorial, November.
- Annual Christmas Luncheon and Collection of Gifts for Batavia Veterans Hospital, December.
- *War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration*, throughout 2012-2014.