



A HISTORY OF THE
ROCHESTER CHAPTER, SAR,
2ND CENTURY, 3RD DECENNIVM

2015-121ST YEAR

ROCHESTER CHAPTER, SAR

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2014-2016

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2015-2016

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ROCHESTER- BUFFALO CHAPTER
JOINT MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2015

The annual Rochester-Buffalo Chapters George Washington Birthday Dinner was held on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at Bohn's Restaurant, 5256 Clinton Street, Batavia, N.Y. A social hour began at 11:00 A.M. with luncheon served at noon. A toast by David Richardson, 2nd Vice President, Rochester Chapter SAR in memory of George Washington was offered with wine from his Mount Vernon Estate. Forty-one people attended the event. Two raffles were held to defray the costs of the meal. Compatriot Michael Tunison won the matching pair of candlesticks and Compatriot Stephen Clarke won the adult beverage.



Robert Fuller, Brent Downing, Stephan Clarke, Michael Tunison, Robert Coomber, William Stewart, Carl Berg, Bill Leed, Tommy Thompson

SCHOOL VISITATIONS

Again this year we will be visiting classrooms to talk to the students about the American Revolution

- A. Greece-Athena Middle school held on 12 February 2015. Compatriots Downing Clarke Brewer, and Tunison attended. They were set up in groups of two and covered 10 seventh grade classes.
- B. School for the Deaf: 26 February, 2015. Compatriot Downing and Fuller attended the event run by the students themselves. Activities included a balance with weights for unfair taxes on clothing, sugar, tea, etc. VD Downing reported on the Battle of Oriskany.
- C. Hilton School, 9 June 2015. This was attended by Compatriot Brewer, Stephan Clarke, James, Eagan, and Michael Tunison
- D. Harley School Middle School, 11 November 2015. A program with questions and answers following presentations was offered. Brent Downing, Bill Brwer, c Jim Eagan, and Mike Tunison were resent.

CALEB CARR TOMBSTONE DEDICATION August 9, 2015

A grave rededication was held on 9 August 2015 for Caleb Carr, believed to be buried in the Nettle Valley Cemetery near Potter Center. His SAR descendent is from the state of Alabama. He and his wife along with 19 other descendants were in attendance Six members in uniform along with four others were also present.



Standing: Charles White, Robert Coomber, Bill Sebring, Brent Downing
Wayne Thurston, Michael Tunison, Gary Fague, James Eagan



Compatriot Robert Coomber playing Taps.

TOMBSTONE DEDICATION AT MILLER BARKER CEMETERY
AUGUST 29, 2015



Robert Coomber, Robert Fuller, James Eagan,
Brent Downing, David Richardson

AWARDS DINNER, APRIL 15, 2015

An awards dinner was held On April 15, 2015 at the Radisson Inn on Jefferson RoadA social hour was between 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. followed by dinner. 40 people attended

the dinner. President Eagan presented awards and medals to the following people:

Jeremy Cushman, MD Emergency Medical Service Medal; Charles "Deed" Richardson Fire Safety Commendation Medal; Rochester Honor Flight Distinguished Service Certificate, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.



President Eagan presenting Compatriot Gary O'Dea with the awards for the Rochester Honor Flight.



Compatriot David Richardson, President James Eagan, Charles "Deed" Riichardson

PARADES, 2015

DRUMMER'S HERITAGE DAY

HONOR FLIGHTS

The honor flights will be held again this year for the World War II veterans and veterans from other wars who may not be able to eat for their time.

Mission 40" May 3, 2015:

Mission 41 May 32, 2015:

Mission 42 June 21, 2015"

Mission 43, September 13, 2015:

Mission 44, September 27, 2015: It was attended by President Eagam, Former President Tunison, and Treasurer Coomber as well as members of the DAR.

Mission 45, October 25, 2015

RISLEY/GOOLD RESIDENCE PROJECT

On Friday August 14, 2015 Compatriots Bob Coomber, Leon Harris, Mike Tunison and Dick Eagleton, under the direction of Compatriot Steve Clarke met at the Compatriot Ray Goold residence to retrieve documents related to the Risely family. The group managed to pack about 16 boxes of files, a computer, and two scrap books to send Attorney Risley in California. It cost \$912 to ship the materials UPS. Steve was reimbursed by the attorney. In addition a \$1000 gift donation was made to the chapter by the attorney of the Risley Family Association in appreciation for the help.

ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

The annual meeting and picnic was held on September 5th at the Martin Road Park in Henrietta. Twenty-three were in attendance . This was the first year in many that the weather was actually hot. After a delicious meal tellers Compatriot Stephen Clarke and

Leon Harris counted the votes to approve the amended Constitution and Bylaws. There were forty acceptable votes, all unanimously in favor of the proposed changes.. The following awards were presented: Richie Van Vliet- Meritorious Service Medal; Robert Coomber,-Distinguished Service Award; James Eagan, Distinguished Service Certificate(1000 Island Chapter).



President Eagan presenting Compatriot Richie VanVliet with Meritorious Service Award Medal



President Eagan presenting Compatriot Ro/bert Coomber with thDistinguished Service Award

VETERAN'S DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY 11 NOVEMBER 2015

the chapter joined other veterans' and civic organizations at the Rochester War Memorial on Wednesday November 11 to recognize and remember those who served our Nation. We were joined by the DAR and CAR and were honored to place wreaths at the Memorial.



Front row: Carol Gridley, DAR, Kayla Richardson, CAR, Leah Richardson, CAR, Heidi Asrese, DAR, Susan Leighton, DAR.

Second Row: Rebecca Klein, DAR, Allison Feely, CAR, Emily Kleiner, CAR, Stephan Clarke, SAR, William Brewer, SAR, Gary O'Dea, SAR,

Third Row: David Richardson, SAR, James Eagan, SAR, Brent Downing, SAR, Wayne Kidd, SAR, Mike Tunison, SAR, Bob Fuller, SAR.

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT THE BLUE CROSS ARENA AMERKS HOCKEY GAME NOVEMBER 6, 2105

Four Compatriots, 2nd VP David Richardson, his daughters Kayla and , Bob Fuller, Bill Brewer, Brent Downing, and Steve Clarke participated in the opening ceremonies to the Amerk's game by holding the US flag.



Bill Brewer, Bob Fuller, Steve Clark, Kayla Richardson, Maya Richardson, Dave Richardson, Brent Downing

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY 04 DECEMBER 2015

The annual Christmas party was held At the Raddison Inn on Jefferson Road On December 4, 2015. A social hour at 5 P.M. was followed by dinner at 6.P.M. Fifty-three people were present including 6 guests.

Todd Baxter, Veterans Outreach Center CEO and former Town of Greece Police Chief, was the guest speaker. He talked about his time with the Rochester Police Force and his time on the SWAT team and then his experiences taking over the Greece Police Force.

Todd was presented with a Distinguished Service Medal and the Law Enforcement Medal.

Carol Gridley and Patricia Andraszek were presented with Martha Washington Medals. A 50/50 raffle was held which netted \$84.00.

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ANNUAL GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Board of Managers elected this year not to have a joint meeting Washington Birthday Celebration with Buffalo. The meeting place in Batavia was no longer available and travel to Buffalo is tricky this time of year.

Our celebration took place at the Fireside Lounge on Saturday February 17, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. 10 people were present.

Compatriot and former president Michael Tunison offered the toast in the memory of General and President Washington with Revolutionary Red wine.

ANNUAL CLASSROOM VISITS

The Board of Managers is continuing the practice that began in 2013 of making presentations about the Revolutionary war to students in our area.

Wendy Barton-Novellin School Visit: Those board members in attendance were Mike Tunison, Bill, Brewer, Gary O'Dea and David Richardson. They were divided into two groups and made presentations to the seventh graders throughout the day. A comment was made on the excellent mannerisms of the teaching staff and the polite comportment of the students

Rochester School for the Deaf: Those board members in attendance were Bob Fujller, Jim Eagan, Brent Downing, Gary O'Dea, and Bob Coomber. Four students were present from the school- those in Gene DeVinceo's class. The students interviewed our compatriots regarding life at the time of the revolution.

2016 EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

The winner of the 2016 Eagle Scout Award is Jacob Witte of Troop in Gates, New York. He was presented is award and check at a regular troop meeting on March , 2016 by Compatriots Dana Johnson and Stephan Clarke.



From left to right: Compatriot Stephan Clarke, Compatriot Dana Johnson, Margaret Witte, Eagle Scout Johannes Witte, Scoutmaster Hans Witt

ROCHESTER HONOR FLIGHTS

Again this year we are participating in welcoming the returning Honor Flights of our veterans from their visits to the War Memorials in Washington D.C.

May 1st 1P.M. Rochester Airport. Those in attendance were Compatriots Stephan Clarke, Robert Coomber, James Eagan, Gary Fague, and Michael Tunison

May 21st 1:00 P.M. Those in attendance were Compatriot James Eagan

MEMORIAL DAY AND INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADES

Henrietta Parade, May 22nd, 1P.M.



Micheal Tunison, Gary Fague, David Richardson, Gary O'Dea, Edward Lord, Robert Fuller, Mrs. Brancato, James Brancato

Waterloo Parade, May 28th, 11 A.M.:

It was a hot, hot day for the parade. Brent Dowing provided his truck and float with all of our signage and a display of Mike Tunison's flags. There were a total of 16 people in the parade: 12 SAR members, 2 Dar members, 2 family members and friends. Those attending were: Bob Coomber, Bob Fuller, Michael Tunison, Blaine Elke, William Sebring, Gary Fague, Gary O'Dea, Wayne Kidd, Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Wayne Thurston, Bill Leed, Karen McKee, James Eagan, Brent Downing, and Philip Shays.



Conesus Parade, May 30th, 9 A.M.

Six compatriots attended the Conesus Memorial Day parade: Michael Tunison, Brent Downing, Robert Coomber, Robert Fuller, Gary Fague, and James Eagan. All were in period apparel. Brent Downing drove his truck and float. Downing and Fague took part in the gun salute with their period weapons at the close of the memorial program.

Canandaigua Parade, July 4th 10 A.M.

A total of 17 people attended the parade. Eight SAR members: William Brewer, Robert Coomber, Brent Downing, Blaine Elke, Gary Fague, Robert Fuller, Michael Tunison, and Wayne Thurston; DAR members Erin Hathaway, Mary Lou Mees, Cynthia Schwab, Nancy Zwetsch, Jackie Lowe, Glenna Larson, Mary Jaison, and Mary Lynn Martin; and a guest Scott Hathaway.

Gary Fague, Bob Coomber and Bill Brewer led our delegation. The SAR float was pulled by Brent Downing's truck. Our SAR 4th of July banner was mounted on the front of the truck, 12 flags were mounted on the truck, and patriotic music was playing from Brent's new sound system.



PHOTOGRAPHER'S DREAM DAY

11 JUNE 2016



Kneeling: William Brewer; Standing: Michael Tunison, James Eagan, Gary O'Dea

GRAVE DEDICATIONS 2016

CRAFTS GRAVE DEDICATION

Craft's Family Cemetery, Fitch Road, Rushville, New York. The grave being dedicated is that of Major Edward Crafts (1746-1806). He gave testimony

regarding the Boston Massacre, was an officer in Gridley's Artillery Regiment, and was an officer under General Knox when the General succeeded in forcing the British out of Boston by transporting cannon overland from Fort Ticonderoga, and then mounting them on the hills surrounding Boston. There were 54 people in attendance at the dedication. It was thought that this was the best one we have ever had. There were 10 compatriots dressed in kit and 4 guns present. There were 11 SAR members present including Michael Tunison, Gary O'Dea, James Eagan, Robert Fuller, Brent Downing, Robert Coomber, Gary Fague, William Sebring, William Brewer, Norman Steinbaugh, and Daniel Olson. Bill Brewer, Brent Downing, Gary Fague, and Gary O'Dea gave a flintlock salute and all 4 guns fired. Bob Coomber was the bugler for taps.



Gary Fague, William Brewer, Brent Downing, Gary O'Dea, Michael Tunison
Robert Fuller, William Sebring, Robert Coomber, James Eagan, Norm Steinburgh

MILLEN BARBEN CEMETERY DEDICATION, 6 AUG, 2016, 10 A.M.:

The day's event was good. About three dozen people attended and the DAR hosted a reception after the dedication. Two patriots, Henry Courter and John Moore, Jr., who both served in New Jersey, were honored. Seven compatriot from the Rochester Chapter SAR were in attendance: President Jame Eagan, Gary O'Dea, Gary Fugue, Treasurer Bob Coomber(with the Bugle), 2nd Vice President David Richardson,,Michael Tunison, and Lee Harris. Except for Harris all were in revolutionary War apparel.



Gary O'Dea, Mike Tunison, Dave Richardson Jim Eagan
Robert Coomber, Lee Harris, Gary Fague

DANIEL SHAY GRAVE DEDICATION