



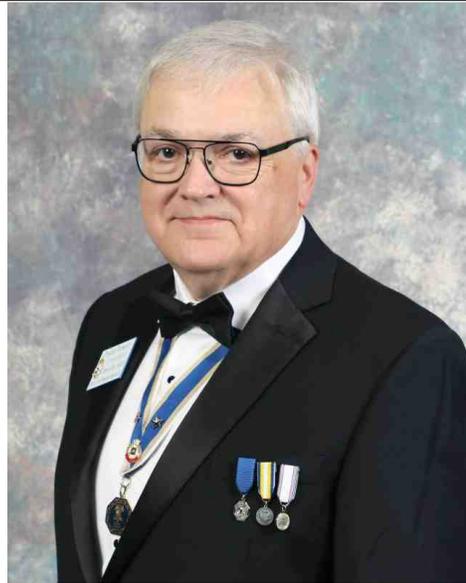
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David W. Powell, President

President's Report

David's Final Words:

Compatriots,

Let me say that the past 2 years have flown by. It has been a great honor and privilege to hold the office of state president.

Let me remind you that I am a relatively new member of the SAR. My 10th year membership anniversary will be coming up this fall. It still amazes me that you entrusted the leadership of this society to such a new member. I hope that I have humbly and adequately represented the society before the public and our peer organizations, that I have made the tough decisions, when necessary, and that I have answered your diverse

questions. I have always tried my best to protect and to promote our society.

I have some statistics to share with you. Since my election on May 6, 2023, 104 weeks ago, I have attended:

- 116 Events where I represented the SAR in some capacity, of which includes
- 8 BoM Meetings – (24 straight BoM meetings over the past 6 years)
- 2 AMS Conferences where I gave the President's report before the National Officers
- 1 NY DAR State Conference
- 2 National Congresses, each lasting a week
- 3 SAR Leadership Conferences in Louisville
- 2 N.Y.S.C.A.R. Conferences (and 4 while VP)

Not counted towards the above total of 116, but was included in some of the above events:

- 6 Meetings of the National Trustees
- 5 Meetings or meals of the George Washington Endowment Foundation



Upcoming Events

ESSSAR BOM Meeting

September 6, 2025
Rochester TBA

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6 Meetings of the National Bylaws, Rules and Proclamations Committee

4 Meetings of the National SAR-CAR Committee

7 Council of State Presidents Meetings or meals.

And I have attended at least one function or chapter meeting of 15 of the 20 chapters.

As I leave office, I of course know the society is in great hands. Tim will be an outstanding state president, and the new officers will support him and the missions of the SAR just as the officers and managers assisted me and the society.

I do leave disappointed that during my time in office our state society has had a decrease in membership. As I leave office, please remember the three "R's". And unfortunately, during my term we have lost an old and historic chapter, the NY Chapter. And there are so many projects I am leaving undone. I am proud that under our society's officers and members that our society has developed a robust 250 program with exciting events to occur. And I do believe I have somewhat closed the gap in the relationship between our state society and the national society and its various programs. I have never wavered from my personal goal of making sure to instill the necessity of honoring the Patriots who gained our independence and founded our nation, and I have emphasized that we must remember their sacrifices and the risks they took to allow us to live in this great country.

There are so many in this society including most of you in this room who have assisted me during these past two years. Many of you have transported me, feed me, and took on the diverse projects I have asked you to complete. You have kindly listened to me drone on from the podium, like you are now, and you have, maybe, read my lengthy reports and emails. I have looked around and seen so many of our members quietly and humbly toil to keep our society moving forward and allowing it to fulfill our purposes and goals. There are too many of you in this room to call you all out individually by name to give you my heartfelt thanks. But please know your efforts are so appreciated by me and the society.

But, as I leave this office today, I will never forget the friends I have made in the chapters, in the State Society and at the National level. Having these friendships is the most rewarding gift that holding this office has given me.

I will, however, thank one person in particular. I wish to publicly call out the one person who supported me over the last two years. That is my lovely wife, Susan. She has defined herself as a SAR Widow. She has been patient with me as the SAR has consumed more and more of our time. She has heard me practice too many speeches and greetings. She has gone hungry while I have been on endless Zoom meetings with various groups and committees. She has gone to bed while I answered or wrote dozens of emails into the late-night hours. She has tolerated my long trips to our headquarters in Louisville, to National Congresses and various CAR and DAR events. She has kept everything going on the home front while I attended events nearly every weekend, sometimes up to four per weekend. I could not have been state president without her behind the scenes constant support.

Susan is a shy introvert, and while I am embarrassing her here today, I want to publicly thank her for being every bit a part of the SAR, for her being my rock and for her being the love of my life. Thank you, Susan!

David W. Powell, President

Empire State Society, NSSAR

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ESSSAR News

National Society Awards Recognition Report by President David Powell

The ESSSAR was represented by several members at Congress including LI Chapter President Bryan Irrgang; State Secretary and past VPG Jonathan Goebel; LI Registrar and Gold Florence Kendall Medal

Recipient Richard Rosin; State VP and past VPG Joe Vermaelen; and one other member who I did not get to chat with.



Photo from the Congress

I was so proud of the ESSSAR. Every time the ESSSAR was mentioned as a winner I stood up before the delegates to receive recognition for our society. The Empire State (NY) Society has now participated in all but one of the youth contests. In fact, the ESSSAR entry in the Orations Contest won third place at the final competition in front of Congress.

Of course I'm proud of the ESSSAR to receive awards and streamers given out at Congress. These recognitions and awards are the result of work by the Chairmen and committees at the chapter and state level.

I thank all of the Chairmen and committee members who made these programs possible. The Society owes you our collective gratitude.

ESSSAR received 11 awards as follows:

- C.A.R. Activity Award and Streamers
- Council of Youth Programs Poster Contest
- SGT Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest
- The SAR Youth Video Contest
- Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest
- John C. Haughton Award
- The George S. & Stella M. Knight Award

- Tge Marian L. Brown Eagle Scout Award
- Council of Youth Programs Outstanding Participation Award
- The Senator Robert A. Taft Award
- Florence Kendall Award

Some notable awards are: Erik Kruger to receive the gold Henry Knox Medal; Richard Rossin, LI Registrar, tied in winning the Florence Kendall Award for top three Compatriots who recruited the largest number of New Members. The Empire Society received the C.A.R. Activity Award and Streamer. And Ken Stevens, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Richard Rosin received Oak leaf clusters for their Bronz Liberty Medals.

Winter Board of Managers Meeting Report

The Columbia-Mid Hudson Chapter hosted the ESSAR's Winter Board of Managers Meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at the Pegasus Restaurant, in Coxsackie, NY. .

Chaplain Smith gave the Invocation and there was a moment of silence for the Compatriots who passed away. Compatriot Bedford led the Pledge of Allegience. President Powell read the SAR Mission Statement. Manager Rossin led the Pledge to the SAR. Manager Lane led the American's Creed.

Compatriot Larry Arnold gave a presentation about the Repose of the Fallen: A reinstatement of Patriot remains at the Lake George Battlefield Park. Memorial Day 2026 is planned for this event and the website is www.reposeofthefallenlg.org

Vice President Middlebrook gave the 250th Committee Report. The committee continues to work on the 2025 statewide programs and the 2027 Saratoga program. Two granite benches are planned with one to be placed at Fort Hardy Park where General Burgoyne surrendered his sword after the Battle of Saratoga, and the other at the Van Schaick Mansion. These are planned to be dedicated in October. A bronze plaque for the Liberty Tree at Green-Wood Cemetary is also planned for 2027. All budgeted funds are in the 250th Committee Liability account. The bus deposit has been made for the Saratoga 2027 event and the hotel contract has been finalized. The Knox Trail Cannon reenactment will take place in December, 2027.

Awards and Decorations

President Powell reported that two gold 250th medals have been ordered.

By-Law Changes

Chairman Haynes reported that the approved changes will be on the ballot for a vote by the membership.

New Business

President Powell swore in new Junior Members Preston and Grayson Lane and presented them with their member certificates.

Next Meetinge

The Oriskany Battle Chapter will host the Annual Meeting on May 3, 2025 at the Fort Plain Museum and Historical Park.

Presient Powell adjourned the meeting at 3:25 PM.

ESSSAR Annual Meeting Held May 3, 2025.

The Oriskany Battle Chapter hosted the ESSSAR Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 at the Fort Plain Museum and Historical Park, in Fort Plain, NY.

The following officers were elected. Other details of the meeting will appear in the Summer newsletter.

Officers of the Empire State Society 2025-2027

Timothy S. Middlebrook President

Joseph Sicluna V.P. - Capital Region

Robert Crandall V.P. - Central Region

Joseph Vermaelen V.P. - Metropolitan Region

Brenton W. Downing V.P. - Western Region

Jonathan E. Goebel Secretary

Edward Munger Jr Assistant Secretary (appointed)

David Foster Treasurer

John W. Eisenhauer Assistant Treasurer (appointed)

Gary Fague Registrar

David W. Powell National Trustee

Timothy S. Middlebrook Alternate Trustee

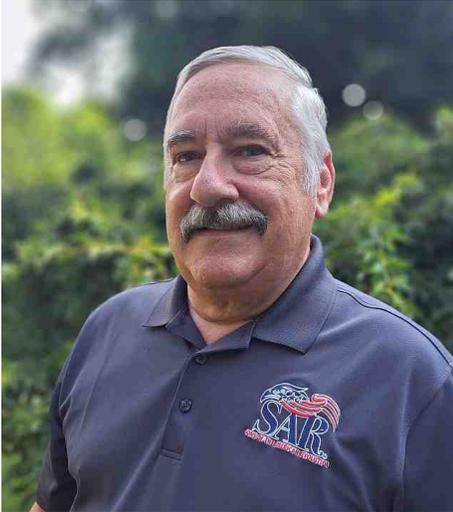
Jonathan E. Goebel Historian

Paul Haynes, Esq. Chancellor

Richard Smith Chaplain

Erick Krueger Webmaster (appointed)

New President's Report – Tim Middlebrook



**Timothy S Middlebrook,
President**

Compatriots,

I am honored to have been voted as your State President for the next 2 years. Little did I know 17 years ago when I joined that I would be State President of the Empire State SAR.

First, I must thank Dave Powell for his term as President for the past 2 years. Dave worked tirelessly to promote SAR in New York, and I hope to continue where he left off.

We have a very busy time ahead as we head into the 250th Anniversary of our country and beyond. There are many things planned and, in the works, and I hope as many of our members who can attend will.

The Annual Battle of Oriskany ceremony will be Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30. The Atlantic Middle States Conference that New York is part of will be in York, PA this year on Aug. 15th-16th. Many of the officers and members will be attending, along with members from 6 other states and the newly installed National Officers.

Sunday, Aug. 17th will be the Trinity Church grave marking event in NYC. The National Officers will be coming from Pennsylvania for the event along with the DAR, CAR, Sons of the Revolution and Society of Cincinnati.

August 23rd will be the Annual Battle of Brooklyn ceremony at 11:30 am.

September 6th is the next Board of Managers meeting in Rochester. The invitation will be out shortly.

September 21st is the Wreath Laying Ceremony with the DAR at stop 2 on the Saratoga Battlefield at 1 pm, followed by the Saratoga Battle Chapter's Fall meeting.

In October we have a Pomeroy sign dedication on Oct. 11th in Clifton Park, celebrating Canal Days and the 200th Anniversary of the Erie Canal. That's a very busy weekend for the Saratoga area. On the 12th we have a bench dedication in Saratoga and the 13th is the Van Schaick bench dedication.

More information on these events will be coming out as we get closer. The 250th Committee is working hard on events for 2026, 2027 and beyond,.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events and others in the near future.

Tim Middlebrook, President
Empire State Society, NSSAR



Pomeroy grave markers
Amenia, NY



Get Your ESS-SAR Patriot Certificate

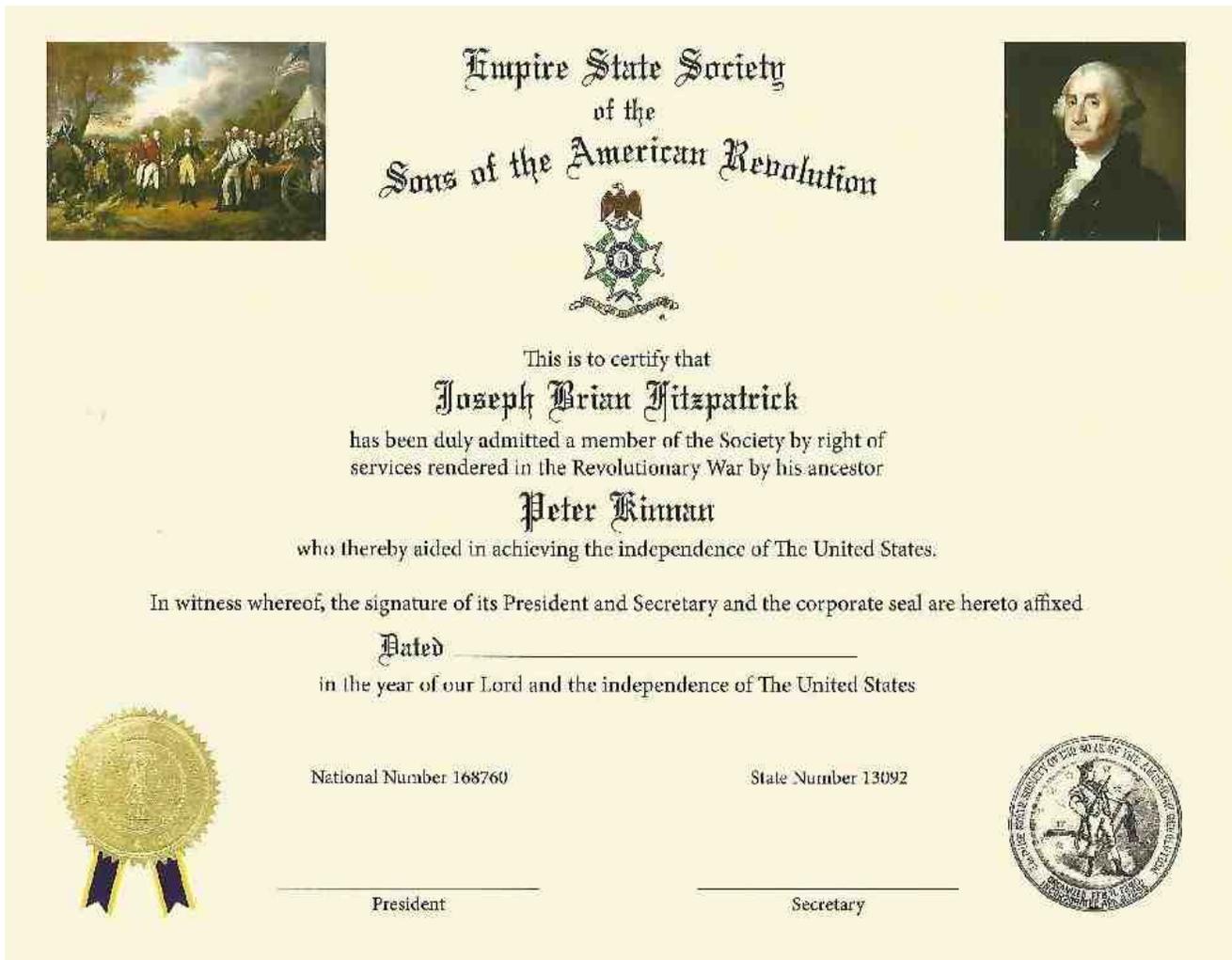
This certificate is personalized with your name, your ancestors name, with your state and national member numbers. The certificate is custom printed using the highest quality professional equipment available. This is an heirloom-quality document suitable for framing.

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, former Vice President of the Capital Region, ESSAR., and former Empire State Society President.

Below is a sample of the Patriot Certificate, which will be printed on premium quality heavy paper.

Patriot Certificate



Empire State Society SAR
Patriot Certificate

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C/O Joseph B. Fitzpatrick
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Esperance, NY 12066

Chapter News

Capital Region

- **Columbia-Midhudson Valley Chapter**

- – We had a presentation at our spring meeting from the Hudson Valley Nurses Color Guard who provided information about their organization and demonstrated two services they conduct for those in the nursing field who are at end of life or recently passed away. The chapter's Eagle Scout entry, Noah White, who took 3rd in the state was present and was presented with a check for being our chapter winner and his check for 3rd place from the state.



Hudson Valley Nurses Color Guard presentation at our spring meeting.



(l.) Eagle Scout Noah White receives check from (rt.) President Middlebrook.

- On April 26th 2025 we attended a Pomeroy Grave sign unveiling at the Amenia Rural Cemetery in Amenia, NY..



(left) President Middlebrook at the Amenia Grave Marker sign.

- **Saratoga Battle Chapter**

- On May 17, 2025 the chapter and the Saratoga Chapter DAR participated in a marker dedication at Rock City Falls Cemetery honoring three Revolutionary War veterans buried there. Veterans so honored: Lemuel Herrick, Pvt. Connecticut State Militia; Daniel Rathbun Jr., Pvt. Massachusetts State Militia; Abel Whalen, Capt. 9th Regt., Albany Co. Militia. The marker placement was the work of Milton Town Historian and New York State Color Guard Commander Michael Companion.

- On May 14, 2025 the Chapter Color Guard participated in a ceremony at the Gerald B. Solomon National Cemetery for Revolutionary War soldier Ebenezer Sinkler, who was killed in action at Bemis Heights Oct 7, 1777 while serving with the 1st New Hampshire.



Color Guard at Solomon National Cemetery.

- On June 29, 2025 in conjunction with the Washington County 250th Committee, the Color Guard participated in a wreath laying ceremony at Riverside Park in Whitehall, NY to mark the 200th anniversary of General Lafayette's visit to Whitehall.

- **Valcour Battle Chapter**

- The chapter participated in the Wreathes Across America program.
- Our book donation went well on February 26, 2025 in Rouses Point.
- Have received a grant for programs for local students.
- Applied for grants for the 250th celebration, and to reproduce boats for the battle reenactment.

Central Region

- **Binghamton Chapter –**

- Ordered Marker for three veterans (Jesse Pike, Jonathan Mead, Samuel Haight) for Plasterville Cemetery, North Norwich, Chenango County NY.
- May 17 –Pomeroy Patriot Burials Marker dedication, Pratt Cemetery, Harpursville, Colesville, Broome County, NY for Ezra Pratt.
- June 7 – Pomeroy Patriot Burials Marker dedication, Kirkwood Cemetery, Broome County NY for Ezra Conklin, Elias Bevier and Cornelius Snedeker.

- **Syracuse Chapter –** Held their Annual Heritage Meeting in April. and participated in a Lafayette event in June.

- **Thousand Islands Chapter**

- Applied the 3R's and were able to reinstate seven members.

- Our chapter presented ROTC medals to: Clarkson Army ROTC cadet, Ryan Loughan, Clarkson Air Force ROTC cadet, Tanner Castillo. A Carthage High School JROTC cadet will receive his award later in May

Metropolitan Region

- **Battle of Brooklyn Chapter** – The chapter participated in a number of events, including:
 - A Liberty Pole Commemoration, and a Wreaths Across America event in Staten Island.
 - Installed a 250th Commemoration sign at the Rawley American Legion Post in Brooklyn.
 - US Grant Birthday Commemoration and Honor Guard with SUVCW, Grant’s Tomb, Manhattan, and a George Washington Inauguration Commemoration, Federal Hall, Manhattan.
- **First New York Continental Chapter** – The chapter participated in the annual Flag Service at St. James Church in Manhattan, and a Wreaths Across America event in Staten Island with the Battle of Brooklyn Chapter
- **Long Island Chapter** – On April 19th, 2025, ten Compatriots from the Long Island Chapter hosted a wreath laying and 250th Anniversary sign unveiling ceremony honoring ten Patriots at the Old Burying Ground in Cutchogue, NY. Scouts from local troops 39 and 214 formed the color guard. The keynote address was given by the Executive Director of the Cutchogue and New Suffolk Historical Society. The Southold Town Supervisor read the names of the patriots and eight reenactors from the 3rd New York Regiment rendered honors with musket volleys. Following the ceremony, Chapter President Bryan Irrgang presented a Bronze 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution medal and certificate to the Executive Director of the Cutchogue and New Suffolk Historical Society in appreciation of his efforts helping to organize the event. Attendance was about 60. A major newspaper in the metropolitan region interviewed several compatriots and published an article.
- **Westchester-Putnam Chapter** –
 - Compatriot George Carroll Whipple III is co-chairman with former Governor George Pataki of Putnam 250. The CAR/DAR (Brook Hanna & son Grant and Jen Pollock) were also present. President Stevens and Compatriot Allan Warnecke (past Putnam County Historian) attended the kickoff of Putnam 250 at the Putnam County Courthouse in Carmel on April 19 commemorating the midnight ride of Paul Revere and the 250th anniversary of Lexington and Concord. Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne’s SAR application is being finalized, his great grandfather was a SAR member. President Stevens presented Compatriot Whipple and County Executive Byrne with SAR 250 pins.
 - Participated with the DAR in the annual Rochambeau Festival in Yorktown May 17.

Western Region –

- **Buffalo Chapter**

- Andrew Peirce in a wreath laying ceremony for Vietnam War Veterans Day at the Veterans National Cemetery in Western New York.



- April 18-20, 2025. attended the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord and visited Masons of Corinthian Lodge, Concord Massachusetts,



Masonic Aprons worn by Gen. Lafayette, 1825

- Presented Eagle Scout Awards in North Tonawanda



(l.) Andrew Peirce at Eagle Scout ceremony

- Participated in the Masonic War Veterans Color Guard Sunday, June 8th with a wreath laying at

the George Washington Monument in Buffalo as part of the Marquis de Lafayette celebration.

- **Newtown Battle Chapter** – The chapter elected new officers.
- **Rochester Chapter** – The chapter has installed a Pomeroy Foundation historical marker, and is continuing to support the Honor Flight program, grave dedications, and youth contests.

History Corner

The following article was written and contributed by James Brancato of the Rochester Chapter ESSAR

The Minuteman Monuments

By James Brancato

The Minuteman is the most recognized image associated with citizen soldiers of the American Revolution. Men from all levels of society and professions joined together in a common cause to form colonial militias in defense of their freedom.

The Minuteman stands as a reminder that our freedom comes at a cost and is to be preserved whatever the cost. The likeness of the Minuteman has adorned the uniforms of our nation's National Guard as they serve around the globe. This image of the "embattled farmer" is prominently used by many patriotic organizations, especially the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The following is an overview of the Minuteman monuments honoring the citizen-soldiers of the American Revolution.

This list currently does not include several Minuteman statues that can be found on various National Guard Bases.

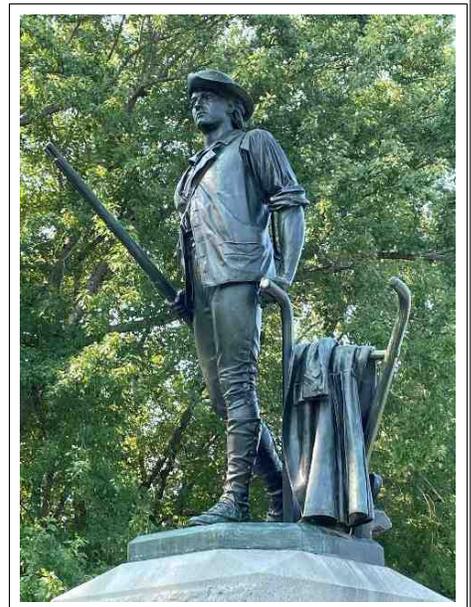
Figure 1 Minuteman Statue Concord -Image by James Brancato >

Concord, Massachusetts – Minuteman Statue North Bridge Dedicated April 19th, 1875.

The earliest Minuteman statue dedicated is located at the North Bridge in Concord, MA. The statue faces North across the Concord River where patriots engaged British Regulars. The statue was erected to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first battles of the American Revolution. Sculpted by Daniel Chester French, the statue was cast from old Civil War cannons by the Ames Foundry of Chicopee Massachusetts. The statue is a 7-foot-tall representation of an "embattled farmer" grasping his rifle standing near his plow ready to answer the call. Inscribed on the front of the monument is the first stanza of the poem "The Concord Hymn" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The inscription reads:

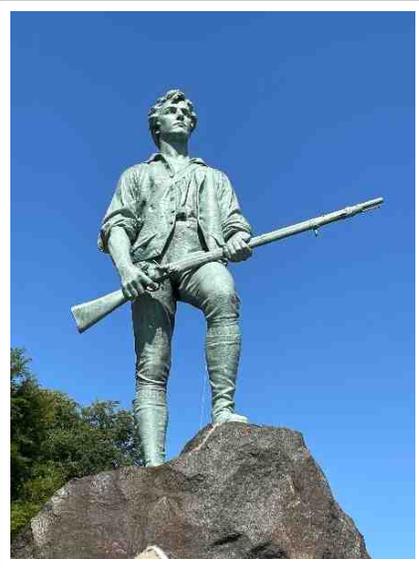
*BY THE RUDE BRIDGE THAT
ARCHED THE FLOOD,
THEIR FLAG TO APRIL'S
BREEZE UNFURLED,
HERE ONCE THE EMBATTLED*



*FARMERS STOOD,
AND FIRED THE SHOT HEARD
ROUND THE WORLD.*

This is the first mention of the phrase “the shot heard round the world”. The poem was read publicly for the first time during Concord’s Independence Day celebration on July 4, 1837, during the dedication of the Concord Battle Monument that stands just yards from the Minuteman statue.

Figure 2 Minuteman Statue Lexington - Image by James Brancato v



Lexington, Massachusetts – Minuteman Statue Lexington. Dedicated April 19th, 1900.

The second Minuteman monument is a bronze life-sized statue of figure of a colonial farmer holding a musket looking outward for the advance of British Regulars. The figure is at the southeast corner of the Lexington Battle Green facing the direction the British Regulars would have approached Lexington. The monument was erected April 19th, 1900, commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington. The statue was given at the bequest of Francis Brown Hayes to the town of Lexington and was sculpted by Henry H. Kitson. This would be the first of three Minuteman sculptures created by Kitson. There is no image of Captain John Parker, a leader of the militia in Lexington, however the statue has been sometimes referred to as a representation of Captain John Parker who is famously quoted as saying “Stand your ground. Don’t fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here.” There is another monument on the Lexington Green with an image of a rifle and powder horn bearing these immortal words.

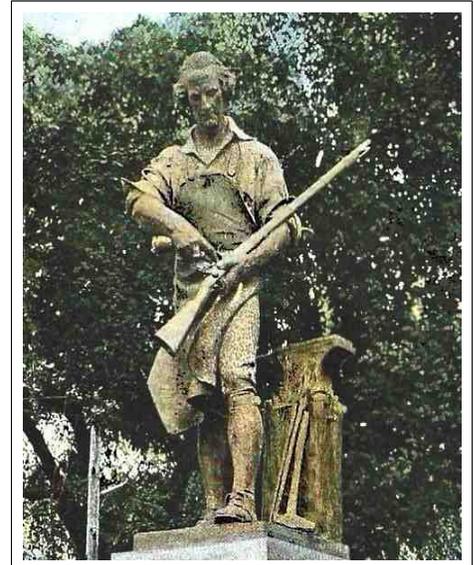
Figure 3 Minuteman Statue – Framingham Image circa 1910 printed by the Metropolitan News Co from the authors private collection. >

Framingham, Massachusetts- Framingham Minuteman. Dedicated June 17th, 1905.

This is the third known Minuteman monument. The statue is of a blacksmith prepared to leave his forge, holding his musket in his open hand and pouring powder to prime his weapon. Sculpted by Henry Hudson Kitson and Theo Alice Ruggles Kitson, this is the second Minuteman statue sculpted by Kitson.

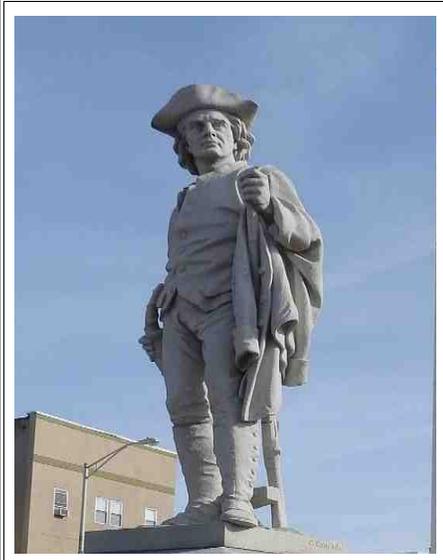
The granite pedestal at the base of the statue is inscribed:

‘In Memory of the American Revolution Soldiers of South Framingham. Erected by the Town of Framingham and Framingham Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, MDCCCV.’



The statue was unveiled on Bunker Hill Day, Saturday, June 17th, 1905. The statue is found at Buckminster Square, the site of the old training grounds where the Framingham minutemen would have drilled before heading to Lexington and Concord during the Revolutionary War. There is a historic mile marker nearby that reads: "23 miles from Boston 1768".

Figure 4 Minuteman Statue Elizabeth NJ. Image courtesy of Jim Henderson V



This is the fourth known Minuteman Statue erected in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Dedicated on April 21, 1905.

This statue commemorates the brave efforts of the Continental forces and Militia forces that gathered at Elizabeth, NJ, specifically during the battle of June 8, 1780. At that time, the town was known as Elizabethtown. Continental and militia forces faced off against a column of British Regulars, managing to hold them off and even wounding the British General, Lord Stirling before being overwhelmed by the British forces.

The Elizabeth Minuteman statue is also known as the “Revolutionary War Soldier”. The statue was sculpted by Carl H. Conrad and sits on the intersection of Elizabeth Avenue and High Street at Union Square. The statue was funded by the State of New Jersey. The 5-foot-tall figure depicts a uniformed Minuteman from the Revolutionary War standing at parade rest, holding the barrel of his rifle and his jacket in

his right hand and his powder horn in his left hand.

The following is inscribed on the plaque’s granite base:

“Elizabethtown. On this spot, at Daybreak, June 7, 1780, began the fighting against the British forces moving toward Springfield. Here fell General Stirling at the head of the advancing column on June 8, after the British retreat from Springfield. General Hand here attacked and drove back the 22nd Regt. to the British main position at the Point. Skirmishing on this ground continued until the British retreat to Staten Island, June 23rd.”

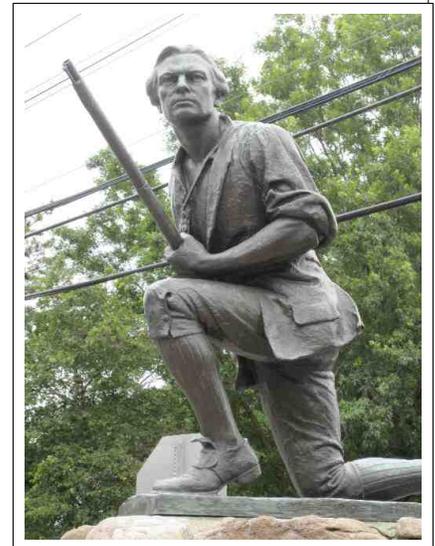
Figure 5 Minuteman Statue Westport CT. Image courtesy of Edward Eckert & Madeleine Eckert >.

Westport, Connecticut – Compo Minuteman Statue Westport. Dedicated June 17th, 1910.

This is the fifth known Minuteman monument. A life-sized bronze statue sculpted by H. Daniel Webster. The stature is of a Minuteman with his powder horn and musket – kneeling atop a grassy knoll facing Danbury from the heights rising above Compo Point, the location where the Westport Minuteman statue now exists.

Erected on June 17th, 1910 (Bunker Hill Day), the statue was erected by the Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution.

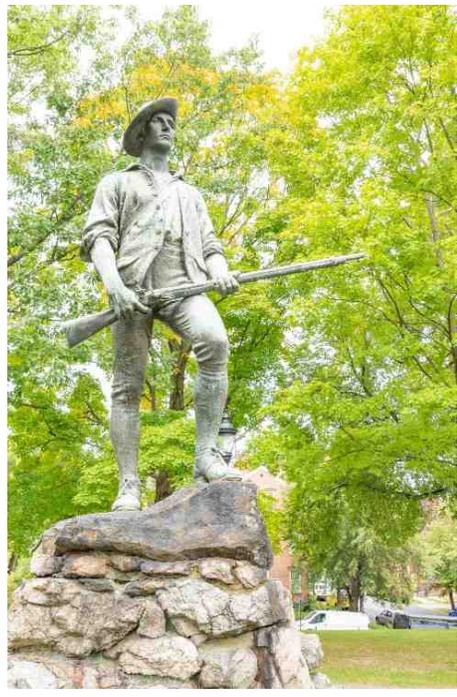
British troops and loyalist had set sail with twenty-six ships from New York City in 1777 with plans to capture patriot ammunitions and supplies held in Danbury, Connecticut. British General William Tryon on with a force of upwards to 2000 men landed at Compo Point on April the 25th 1777. Several days after destroying supplies and attacking targets the British expedition returning to Compo were met with heavy resistance by patriot militias. The ensuing engagement is known as the Battle of Compo Hill. This statue is a monument to the brave patriots who fought for freedom in response to the invasion led by General Tryon.



The plaque at the base of the statue is inscribed as follows:

“TO COMMEMORATE THE HEROISM OF THE PATRIOTS WHO DEFENDED THEIR COUNTRY WHEN THE BRITISH INVADED THIS STATE APRIL 25TH 1777. GENERAL DAVID WOOSTER, COLONEL ABRAHAM GOULD AND MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED CONTINENTALS FELL IN THE ENGAGEMENTS. COMMENCING AT DANBURY AND CLOSING ON COMPO HILL.

Figure 6 Minuteman Statue Newburgh – Image courtesy of James Sabulsky v



Newburgh, New York – Minuteman Statue Washington’s Headquarters. Dedicated November 11, 1924.

This is the fifth known Minuteman monument and is the third Minuteman sculpture by Henry H. Kitson. The statue is located on the lawn of Washington’s Headquarters State Historic Site in Newburgh, New York, where George Washington resided at Hasbrouck House with his wife Martha from April 1st, 1782, to August 19th, 1783.

This was the longest length of time during the war that General Washington ever stayed at one camp.

The life-sized bronze statue of a typical citizen soldier was erected on the grounds of Washington’s final headquarters as Commander-In-Chief during the War for Independence. “The Minuteman” was erected with formal honors on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The significance of the date will be remembered in time immemorial, recognized now as Veteran’s Day, this date was initially commemorated as Armistice Day to remember the cost of defending freedom.

A nearby plaque reads “The Minuteman – Given by Avid Barclay November XI MCMXXIV.”

Figure 7 Minuteman Statue – Louisville, KY image courtesy of the NSSAR. >

Louisville, Kentucky – Sons of Liberty Statue National Society Sons of the American Revolution

The ‘Sons of Liberty-1775’ statue represents our founding patriots' determination amidst the struggle for American independence. Gifted from individual contributions by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter (PASSAR) compatriots to the national SAR Headquarters in 2009. The Sons of Liberty statue was rededicated November 20th, 2015, and prominently installed in front of the NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, KY along Museum Row.

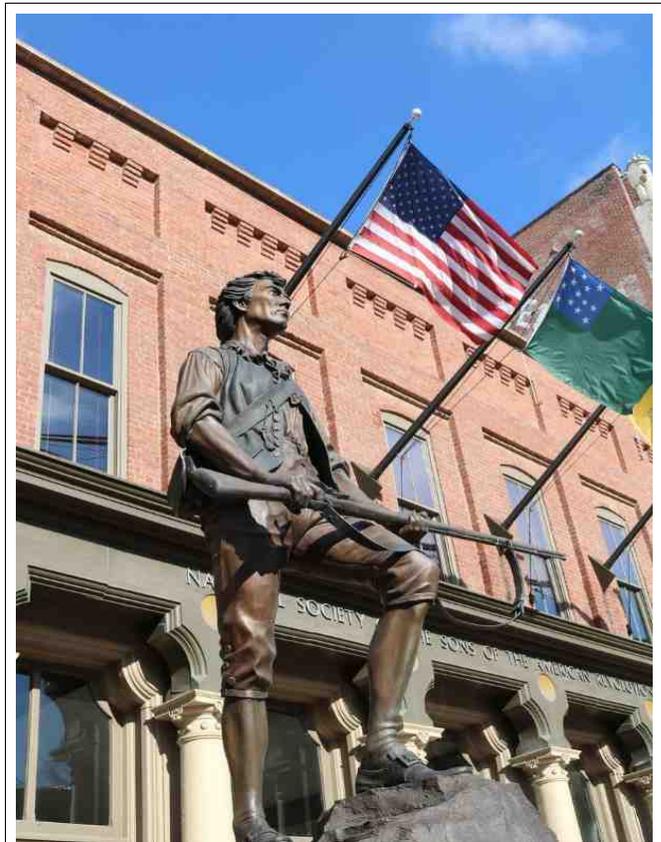
The plaque on the back reads:

Sons of Liberty—1775

To Honor the History of Philadelphia Continental Chapter 1901

Pennsylvania Society Founded 1893

By its Compatriots 2009



The statue was created by renowned artist, Compatriot James N Muir, and was commissioned and paid for by the contributions of individual Compatriots of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, who donated it to the NSSAR Headquarters in 2009. The statue stands almost 8 feet tall and rests upon a quarried Kentucky limestone base.

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