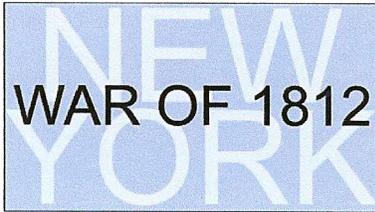




**2015–2018 Research, Document &
Preserve
War of 1812 History & Properties
State of New York Society, N.S.U.S.D. of 1812
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Public Relations Report

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2016 Reporting (2nd year of administration)

2016 MISCELLANEOUS P.R. NOTES

The War of 1812 in New York

Trade Restrictions and British support of American Indian tribes against the expansion of America were just two of several reasons the U.S. fought the British a second time not too soon after the Revolutionary War. Perhaps no other state played a greater role in the 32-month long War of 1812 than New York.

From Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence Seaway, to Old Fort Niagara, the war impacted New Yorkers and the rest of the country from both land and sea. Sackett Harbor Battlefield was a key defense location for American troops and marked one of the pivotal battles of the war. Costumed re-enactors and interpreters are present at many sites and provide visitors with a glimpse into the life of a soldier during that challenging time period.

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**STATE OF NEW YORK SOCIETY, NATIONAL SOCIETY UNITED STATES
DAUGHTERS OF 1812**

As a whole, all NY Daughters and Chapters have made wonderful contributions to the National Society, the State of NY Society, as well as individually at the chapter level serving their local communities. Each woman should be proud of her own accomplishments, as well as working together as a member of her chapter (and 1812 team). As the saying goes, "Together, we can accomplish great things", and NY Daughters have done exactly that, as is evident by the activities highlighted in this report.

NY Daughters continue conducting valuable research for the **2015-2018 Research, Document & Preserve Administration**. The goal is to uncover State of NY Society history. State President Sterling-

Affinati is collecting the files on a thumb drive and will release the completed work for all NY Daughters to access when the 2015-2018 administration ends.

New York Daughters take great pride in our State's role in the War of 1812 and continue to assist State Officers and Chairman in fulfilling the purpose of the National Society, N.S.U.S.D. of 1812:

The United States Daughters of 1812, founded in 1892, is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving and increasing knowledge of the history of the American people by the preservation of documents and relics, marking of historic spots, recording of family histories and traditions, celebration of patriotic anniversaries, teaching and emphasizing the heroic deeds of the civil, military, and naval life of those who molded this Government between the close of the American Revolution and the close of the War of 1812, to urge Congress to compile and publish authentic records of men in civil, military, and naval service from 1784 to 1815 inclusive, and to maintain at National Headquarters In Washington D.C., a museum and library of memorabilia of the 1784-1815 period.

NY Chapters continue to award JROTC medals to deserving cadets; presenting nineteen (19) medals in 2016. The Gen. Jacob Brown chapter added one additional medal to its presentation, and the Niagara Frontier Chapter adopted a medal which previously had been provided by the State. Ten Broeck-Van Rensselaer provides a medal, and NYC chapter awards multiple medals in and around the NYC area. State Chairman of National Defense, Anne Farley, who is also Treasurer National, has done an outstanding job recording the JROTC activities. Further, the NYC chapter held two (2) National Defense programs in 2016. Another chapter had a National Defense minute at each meeting and covered the History of Veteran's Day; Blue Star Mothers; and Veterans National Cemetery; and all NY Daughters have taken extra measures to thank active duty military members, and Veterans for their service to our country. One member alone encouraged all other members in the State to hand out thank you notes & stars whenever they saw a Veteran. Additionally, we have one member who served in the U.S.A.F.

The State of NY Society currently has a fun JROTC activity in play, and will be awarding some lucky Daughter a \$30 gift certificate to her favorite restaurant at the 2017 State Council. The object is to answer three questions about the medal correctly. Two questions (and their answers) have been provided to Daughters already, with only one question (and answer) yet to be revealed.

In the Spring of 2016, the State of New York Society introduced an Incentive Program in which to encourage NY Daughters to attend State Council and become more familiar with the overall operations and proceedings that take place at the State level, as well as to develop leadership skills. The incentive Program is a grant application which will allow two (2) NY Daughters who have never previously attended a State Council session to do so, and be reimbursed for participating. This application is available to NY Daughters for each of the three years of the 2015-2018 administration. The purpose shall be to:

- Promote active participation in the work of the State of NY Society
- Allow recipients to observe the operations of a U.S.D. of 1812 State Society
- Hear the reports of State Officers, State Chairmen and Chapter Presidents
- Promote enthusiasm and the desire to return to a member's own chapter, and to play a more active and engaging role at the chapter and state levels
- Develop leadership skills for future State Officers

- Assist with designated State Council fees and expenses.

It is our hope that this Incentive Program will thereby help contribute to and ensure the continued strength of our State of New York Society, N.S.U.S.D. of 1812.

Laura Sandino, Whitney-Hungerford Chapter and State Newsletter Chairman for the State of NY Society, continues to produce electronic newsletters which are exceptional in content, language and graphics. She has injected a great deal of her creative self into each issue and the State of NY Society is proud to share her outstanding work with other State Societies.

Additionally, the State of NY Society is always looking for new members to join our State Society. We welcome sisters, cousins, aunts, friends and any women eighteen years of age or older, of good character and who is descended from an ancestor who rendered civil, military or naval service to our country during the years of 1784 to 1815 inclusive. The State Society is actively promoting membership.

From the 2016 Fall State of NY Society Newsletter –

The more we can do to help members understand our organization, and see the benefits of joining, the more likely we are to increase our ranks. This includes doing things as simple as enclosing a SASE in writing correspondence, listing our website and contact details in brochures and letters which are mailed out or distributed to the public, having your own personal business card ready to hand to a prospective member, and little things of this nature.

The War in New York State: Many of the war's most important engagements took place on New York soil: Ogdensburg (1812, 1813), Sackets Harbor (1812, 1813), Black Rock (1813), Buffalo (1813), Fort Niagara (1813), Big Sandy Creek (1814), and Plattsburgh (1814), arguably the most important battle of the war. The conflict touched every part of the state. Western New York served as a staging ground for crucial battles on both sides of the Niagara frontier. On the state's northern and eastern borders, naval clashes between Great Britain and the United States took place on Lakes Ontario, Erie, and Champlain. To the south, part of Great Britain's Navy blockaded New York Harbor, seized cargoes from ships leaving Sag Harbor, and raided Gardiners Island and Riverhead, Long Island.

[Excerpt taken from: <http://newyorkhistoryblog.org/2014/04/17/a-special-new-york-history-journal-war-of-1812-issue/>].

Individual chapters activities and achievements follow:

COMMODORE THOMAS MACDONOUGH CHAPTER –

- The Commodore Thomas Macdonough Chapter met twice in 2016 and had 16 members on January 1, 2016 (including FADDS and Junior Members).
- The chapter gained no new members and lost 1 member due to resignation.
- The chapter has 2 new member application papers pending.
- The chapter has two members over 90 years of age who will become "Life Members"

- The chapter is proud to have two members serving at the State level
- Two (2) historical programs were presented which emphasized the period of 1784 to 1815.
 - June 7, 2016, there was a program on the War of 1812 hospital and graves in and around Battery Park in Burlington, Vermont. Chapter members met at Battery Park and had lunch at the BPOE in Burlington, Vermont.
 - September 6, 2016, there was a program on General Samuel Strong, who was with the Vermont Militia at the Battle of Plattsburgh. A tour of the General John Strong Mansion Museum was also provided where the program was held in West Addison, Vermont. Samuel Strong was the son of John Strong.
- The chapter produces two newsletters annually: both spring and fall.
 - Copies include president's message, trivia, ancestor profiles, chapter news, state news, events, and more. The ancestor profiles feature War of 1812 Veterans. *What a great way to preserve 1812 history!*
 - Along with its members, editor Ann Gray sent a copy of both issues to NY State President
- The chapter purchased buttons to support President National Schulman's Patriotic Education project and were given out at our Spring meeting. Three extra were available for sale.
- Two members attended the Spring and Fall State BOD meetings.
 - For the Spring meeting, Chapter President Faye Lawes and Vice President Ann Gray attended the March 19th BOD Meeting in Albany at the Ten Broeck Mansion. Ann was appointed as Patriotic Education Committee State Chairman.
 - For the Fall meeting, Chapter President Faye Lawes and Chapter Vice President Ann Gray enjoyed dinner with State President Beverly Sterling-Affinati and her mother, Wilma Sterling. in Baldwinsville [near Syracuse] the evening of October 21; attended the State BOD meeting on the 22nd; and enjoyed a day at (1812 historic site) Sackets Harbor on Sunday the 23rd.
- Ann Gray, State Chairman of Patriotic Education, developed a brochure that she plans to share with NY Daughters in 2017.
- The chapter will host 2017 State Council in Plattsburgh, NY with President National Jacque-Lynne Schulman attending.

Members of the Commodore Thomas Macdonough Chapter had a very successful year, and look forward to another successful year in 2017.

The War of 1812 In the Adirondacks:

It was at the [Battle of Plattsburgh](#) that the British advance into the northern states was stopped. The Battle of Plattsburgh Association interprets and displays artifacts and materials significant to this battle and the entire War of 1812 era. Learn the stories of the battles here and the significant role they played in the final peace negotiations through chronologically arranged exhibitions. Also see original works of art related to the battles by nationally known and local artists.

Overlooking Plattsburgh Bay is Macdonough Monument, a 135-foot memorial commemorating the decisive victory of Commodore Thomas Macdonough in the Battle of Plattsburgh and Battle of Lake Champlain, the final naval engagement of the War of 1812. On the interior walls, six interpretive panels greet you as you climb the 156 steps to the top to take in a 360-degree view of the battle grounds and surrounding countryside.

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GENERAL JACOB BROWN CHAPTER -

- The chapter started 2016 with 14 members and gained 1 new member.
- Unfortunately, one of the charter members, Linda Saiff, passed away.
- The chapter has 1 application pending, and another prospective member working on her papers
- The General Jacob Brown Chapter held two official meetings, (spring and fall).
- The chapter was pleased to have 2 members serving on the State of New York Society USD 1812 BOD's.
- The chapter kept members informed via email and through conference calls.
- Chapter President, Anne Davis, attended Associate Council in 2016 to support our state and national officers.
- The General Jacob Brown Chapter's hosted the 121st State of NY Council in Oswego; 21 national and state officers, and members, attended. Site Director of Friends of Fort Ontario, Paul Lear, provided a guided tour of the Fort to everyone in attendance. Site Director of Sackets Harbor Battlefield, was guest speaker Friday night. Both received Spirit of 1812 Awards from the chapter.
- Chapter goals are to heighten its presence in local communities, honor veterans, increase membership and develop new leaders.
- The chapter awarded two Spirit of 1812 Awards to:
 - Paul Lear, Fort Ontario's, site manager (who also provided members and guests with a special guided tour of the Fort during 2016 State Council).
 - Constance Brennan Barone, Manager of the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic site (and also guest speaker on Friday night prior to 2016 State Council)
- On June 7, 2016, the Chapter presented two JROTC medals and certificates to 2 very deserving senior cadets, one male and one female, at the Carthage Central School Award ceremony.
- Chapter members presented programs at each of the following:
 - Historical and Genealogical Societies (2016 JCNYS History Fair)
 - Town Board meetings
 - with children's programs at the Sackets Harbor Battle Field
 - Oswego War of 1812 Symposium
 - History and Genealogy Fairs; (Sandy Creek and Watertown)
 - the Central New York Veterans Parade and Expo; (Syracuse)
 - and serve as museum docents (Sackets Harbor in Jefferson County; Martinsburg, Lewis County and Little Falls in Herkimer County).
 - The chapter placed wreaths at Veteran Memorials; honored our 1812 soldiers
 - placed nearly 250 flags on veterans' graves
 - re-dedicated and restored cemeteries in three counties.
- Chapter fundraisers included a spring basket raffle at the Oswego Symposium and a "No Bake Sale". The proceeds were used to support the President National's project for which we purchased Star Spangled Banner Day Buttons and patriotic educational materials.
- Members participated in Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, 4th of July celebrations, SAR's Heritage luncheon, participated in essay contest, set up display table at the Oswego County War of 1812 Symposium, attended unveiling of the 10th Mountain Division Freedom Monument in Watertown NY's Thompson Park and participated in three cemetery dedications.

- The chapter members placed wreaths at several grave marking ceremonies, served as museum docents at the Commandant House (War of 1812 Tactical weekend encampment).
- Chapter members also volunteered at food pantries, outreach centers, church suppers, summer festivals, delivered meals to seniors, collected and delivered comfort items to veterans, visited the VA Hospital, USO, drove veterans to doctors appointments, volunteered at museums, historical societies, libraries, organized and raised funds for cancer, Heart disease and other illnesses.
- Chapter members worked with boy scouts, the humane society, prepared income tax returns for seniors and veterans, collected books and other items for hospitalized veterans, welcomed home soldiers, organized clothes pickup for needy families,
- And wrote grants for special funding for cemetery restoration.
- Members also placed flags on veteran graves.
- The chapter fundraisers included a basket raffle at the Oswego Symposium and a "No Bake Sale", of which the proceeds went to support the President National's project. Members purchased buttons and patriotic educational materials.

Many of the Gen. Jacob Brown chapter events were published in local newspapers, as well as the *JCNYGS Informer* quarterly magazine, Face Book and in the State of New York Society Newsletter (spring and fall issues). Four members continue to write articles for publication relating to the War of 1812.

The chapter is proud of its War of 1812 heritage; and look forward to another exciting year representing the State of NY Society, N.S.U.S.D. of 1812.

The War of 1812 in the Thousand Islands-Seaway, Central New York and Finger Lakes:

Discover military history at the Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site. The 70-acre site saw battle in the War of 1812, and today offers exhibits, tours, and the restored 1850 Navy Yard and Commandant's House. During the summer months, guides dressed in military clothing of 1813 reenact the camp life of the common soldier.

In 1812, at the confluence of the St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie Rivers, British forces launched a naval attack on Ogdensburg and were repelled. In 1813, 300 men moved from the area into Canada in an effort to release American prisoners and take military stores. On February 22, the British troops retaliate, marching across the ice-covered St. Lawrence River to capture Ogdensburg. Today, interpretive signs and the historic Abbé Picquet Monument commemorate Fort de la Présentation and the important battles fought there. Numerous reenactments and other programs are held throughout the year.

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Also in Sackets Harbor NY –

Madison Barracks - Although not a fort in the traditional sense of the word, the Madison Barracks in Sackets Harbor in the North Country is truly a remarkable place with a great bloodline that runs deep through America's military history. This sprawling military

installation was built following the War of 1812 to protect America's northern border and named after President James Madison who actually came here to visit "his fort." The buildings are constructed out of native limestone and they have withstood the test of time in good fashion. There is a large parade ground and several buildings which date back to the camp's beginning. President U.S. Grant served here as a young 2nd lieutenant. Today his barracks are marked with a plaque in his honor

[excerpt taken from the following public internet site:

http://www.newyorkupstate.com/historical-sites/2015/07/battlefields_military-forts_upstate_ny_historical_sites_visit.html].

NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER

- The chapter met twice for business meetings
- On December 31, the chapter had 14 members, unchanged from the previous year.
- One application was submitted for membership, still pending.
- One perspective member is near ready to submit her application.
- A national defense report was given at every chapter meeting.
- The chapter met February 23rd. Two cadets from St. Xavier high school came to give presentations. Four prospective members were guests at the meeting.
 - Paul Gargiulo, a senior, gave a presentation on the history of the St. Xavier Regiment with pictures. It included just the right amount of historical events about the contributions of St. Xavier graduates to the military
 - Matthew DuBois, a freshman, gave a presentation on Napoleon, giving us hints into the man that went behind the military battles.
- The chapter searched for 1812 veteran graves in the Bronx Cemetery, owned by NYS Parks. It was not accessible to the public without a permit.
- On March 31, four members (Anne Farley, Carol McQuinn, Debbie Kopinski, Linda Burroughs, and Betsy Bloomer) went to the old West Farms Soldiers Cemetery in the Bronx where a few 1812 soldiers gravesites exist. Two graves were located: Nicholas Wilson and Capt. John Butler. US flags were placed by their headstones. There are said to be two more: Samuel Adams and Joshua Tuthill, which were not located. Some of the headstones have been moved from their original positions; others are unreadable or in a position where they could not be seen. Chapter members joined together in a memorial prayer for all 1812 soldiers interred there.
- Three chapter members (Betsy Bloomer, Anne Farley and Karen Kane) participated in the 96th Annual Flag Ceremony for Patriotic and Historical Societies in honor of those who have given their lives and served in the Armed Forces of our country. Karen carried the chapter flag in the procession of St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue. They were joined by the Boys Choir - the only boarding choir school in the country.
- On November 18 the chapter toured the Park Avenue Armory and presentations about the history of the Armory. It was built from 1877 to 1881 by the seventh National Guard Regiment and is used today for concerts and art presentations. After the tour members enjoyed lunch at nearby Asian house in Museum restaurant, followed by the chapter's business meeting. Chapter member, Jamia Jasper took care of the lunch arrangements.

Chapter members are working hard to recognize War of 1812 soldiers interred in local cemeteries in their region of New York City, and proud of their War of 1812 history:

The War of 1812 in New York City, Long Island and Hudson Valley:

Acknowledging increasing tensions with the British in the run-up to the War of 1812, American harbor cities began building forts for protection against a potential British invasion, and New York City was no exception. Four forts were built to defend the harbor, including Castle Williams on Governors Island in the heart of New York Harbor. On March 27, 1812, General Joseph Bloomfield was appointed to the command of all the fortifications and successfully kept the British Navy at bay

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NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER -

- The Niagara Frontier chapter met three (3) times in 2016 (May 21, June 11 and October 15).
- At the October 15th meeting, it was agreed the chapter would meet twice annually: the months of May and October
- Chapter President, Elfreda Stangland, does keep members up-to-date on chapter (member) activities and news electronically
- Chapter members are encouraged to participate in patriotic activities or visit veterans at nearby VA clinics & hospitals.
- On December 31, the chapter had 22 members (including 4 Junior members).
- The chapter gained two (2) new members in 2016, and lost one (1) member due to resignation (who would be reinstated January 3, 2017).
- The chapter has five (5) prospective members
- Two members donated to many veteran organizations throughout the year
- One member attended a Veterans Breakfast at a nearby University
- Tickets worth \$2,000 were donated for Daughters to use in order to see the Genesee Country Museum in Mumford NY.
- The Chapter is proud to have started out the year with three of its members serving at the State level and two at the National level: Jeanette Sanger Brooks became NY's Honorary Vice President National; Beverly Sterling-Affinati is Chairman National Old Fort Niagara and Membership Certificates as well as NY State President; Fredi Stangland was State Recording Secretary and Chairman Flag House and Star Spangled Banner Museum, and Doreen Cesari is State Chairman Correct Use of the Flag.
- The Chapter had a busy year highlighting the following events:
 - Three members attended Spring State BOD meeting and two members attended the Fall State BOD meeting
 - One member visited Albert Gallatin's home, Friendship Hill (Gallatin was one of the signers of the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium)
 - Three members attended 2016 State Council
 - Fredi Stangland oversaw Art Contest for 1st and 2nd years as the Flag House and Star Spangled Banner Museum Chairman

- One member attended dedication of a marker at the original location of an Iron Foundry, Pittsburgh PA by invitation of the Dolley Payne Madison chapter.
- One member was recognized for her work with Vietnam Veterans
- Two members visited Dunkirk Lighthouse, site of a new marker the State will dedicate April 1, 2017 in honor of Celea Sampson "Widow" Cole, a War of 1812 Heroine
- One member located several War of 1812 markers in Williamsville
- One member, Esther Prudden, turned 100 years old.
- One member attended 75-year U.S.D. of 1812 member marking of former 3rd Vice President National Gertrude Phebe Brooks Lux,
- Two members were recognized as Blue Star Moms
- One member, Chairman National Sterling-Affinati, attended West Virginia's State Council to speak about Old Fort Niagara
- Two members placed flags at Faling (Failing) Cemetery, in Tonawanda, NY
- Three members, and one prospective member, attended a 100 year-old plaque ceremony at the French Castle, Youngstown, originally placed by the Niagara Frontier Buffalo Chapter, U.S. Daughters of 1812, Saturday September 16, 1916. A fourth member, unable to attend, developed all of the marketing materials for the event.
- One member visited the site of 'The Siege of Fort Harrison' in Terre Haute, IN
- One member visited Erie PA, site of the Battle of Lake Erie, supervised by Oliver Hazard Perry at that time. Perry is noted for the sayings, "Don't Give Up the Ship" and "We have met the enemy and they are ours."
- One member attended the Fall National BOD meeting in D.C.
- Members plan to recognize their 45th Anniversary event upcoming in 2017
- Several members attended Veteran Day programs including one which took place at a National Cemetery

Niagara Frontier Chapter Members have been working together to preserve the history of the War of 1812 forever, and look forward to another successful year in 2017.

The War of 1812 Greater Niagara and Chautauqua-Alleghany:

Jutting out into Lake Ontario, not far from Niagara Falls, Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown has dominated the entrance to the Niagara River since 1726. In American hands since 1796, Fort Niagara was recaptured by the British in 1813, and then ceded to the U.S. a second time in 1815 at the end of the War of 1812, the fort's last armed conflict. Repeated bombardments across the Niagara River and a surprise nighttime attack by the British made this fort a hotly contested 1812 site. Today, visitors can discover an amazing collection of military architecture, including the oldest building in the Great Lakes region: the "French Castle." The fort is a New York State and National Historic Landmark and hosts several reenactments each year.

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ONONDAGA CHAPTER

- The Onondaga Chapter reports 22 members, including a newly transferred member
- The chapter has one prospective member actively working on her papers.

- One chapter member attended a grave marking in Connecticut
- Three Chapter members attended a War of 1812 grave marking for (former) 3rd Vice President National Gertrude Phebe Lux.
- One chapter member attended the marking of the McClurg Iron Foundry in Pittsburgh
- Three Chapter members participated in the State Council tour of Fort Ontario in Oswego, NY and learned about the different uses of the Fort throughout our nation's history.
- Four Chapter members attended the 2016 SAR annual Heritage Luncheon in Syracuse commemorating the birthday of George Washington.
- One member attended the December SAR Pearl Harbor Commemorative Luncheon and participated in the program on WWII era music.
- Members used last year's patriotic education materials to distribute at the 2016 State of NY Society Daughters of 1812 display/booth at the CNY Veterans' Expo in Syracuse, NY at the NYS Fairgrounds on November 12th. The chapter is proud to report that the members of Onondaga Chapter were the FIRST women's lineage society in CNY to sponsor a Patriotic Education/ War of 1812 History display/booth at the CNY Veteran's Expo. We have now participated in the Expo every year since its inception.
- 4th Vice President National and Chapter President, Mary Raye Casper, researched and created the Powerpoint program on the Heroines of the War of 1812 on the National website
- The CNY Veterans expo booth, Onondaga Chapter members distributed 'Thank you for your service' cards with flag pins to veterans, gave out bookmarks, patriotic toys & candy, as well as American flags to children. A Vietnam Anniversary Commemoration flag hung on the curtain wall behind our Daughters of 1812 booth, along w/ a SUPPORT OUR TROOPS banner, plus our State banner for 1812. We participated in the expo with the Gen. Jacob Brown chapter.
- The chapter reports participating in multiple veteran observances
 - CNY Veterans Parade & Expo (Distributed cards thanking veterans in attendance)
 - Pearl Harbor Day Luncheon
 - Honor Flight programs
 - Veteran Certificate of Appreciation
 - Contributed to courtesy room, Syracuse Airport for returning service personnel
 - Flag donations, Wegmans – a flag was donated for a member's brother-in-law killed 21 years ago. His name was John A. .Byrnes III)
 - Delivered coffee and treats to VA Hospital
 - Toured Fort Ontario in Oswego
 - Visited site of British invasion of Essec, CT, War of 1812
 - Participated in wreath laying ceremony for Revolutionary War veteran, Colonel Bigelow Lawrence, Marcellus NY
- Several program were participated in by 4th Vice President National Mary Raye Casper
 - Presentation given to Friends of Marcellus Library
 - Program on genealogy and researching Revolutionary War and War of 1812 veterans to Boy Scouts of America Troop 52 in Elbridge, NY
 - led a tour of DAR members in the Old Marcellus Village Cemetery to locate the grave site of Lieut. Edward Annable, b. 1753, bur. 10 Jun 1836, ae 83y, Revolutionary War Veteran, one of the Guards at the Execution of British Major Andre during the Revolutionary War.
 - participated in the National Society's Fall Board Meeting tour of Fort McHenry and the Star-Spangled Banner House in Baltimore, MD, and toured George Washington's home, Mount Vernon.

The Onondaga Chapter shares its chapter meeting with the local chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists, and at each meeting they have a presentation about the Flag of the United States of America.

Thousand Islands-Seaway, Central New York and Finger Lakes:

- Star-shaped Fort Ontario was attacked and destroyed by the British during the War of 1812, in 1814. Located on the east side of the Oswego River on high ground overlooking Lake Ontario, the fort was originally built by the British in 1755 and was under their control until 1796. Today at **Fort Ontario State Historic Site** you can tour the fort, which appears as it did in the early 1840's with improvements made 1863-73. Guests can see underground artillery casemates and rifle galleries, the powder magazine, east and west guardhouses, the storehouse and the ramparts, featuring magnificent views of Lake Ontario.

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TEN BROECK-VAN RENSSELAER CHAPTER

- The Ten Broeck–Van Rensselaer Chapter met 2 times in 2016.
- On December 31, the chapter had 12 members including 1 FADD and 0 Junior Members.
- The chapter gained 1 new members and lost members due to resignation or death.
- The chapter had 1 new member application and 0 supplemental applications pending.
- One (1) historical program was presented that emphasized the period of 1784 to 1815; November 11th, the chapter program was called, “Who Were Our Ancestors”, and presented by all Chapter members. It was also the chapter’s annual meeting.
- New officers were elected and installed. Carol A. Felsen, President, replaced Melinda McTaggart who became Vice President. Kristen Moore was elected Secretary.
- A National Defense report and short report on the work of a National Committee was given at each chapter meeting.
- The Chapter awarded one JROTC award in April 2016 to a cadet at Christian Brothers Academy, Albany, NY
- The chapter President kept members informed via email.
- Three Chapter members ordered \$320 of insignia.
- The chapter is proud to have two members who serves/serve on the state society level.
- In the August 2016 issue, State President Beverly Sterling-Affinati published an article on the 1812 room at Ten Broeck mansion which the State of NY Society Daughters are maintaining (refer to supporting documents). A photo accompanying the article shows an old room set up as a bedroom, taken in 1937. The room was said to be # 209.
 - Chapter President, Carol Felsen, also State Chairman of Ten Broeck Mansion and a member of the Albany County Historical Association (ACHA) provided regular updates on the room, and indicated it is currently being restored. Ten Broeck Mansion is a 218-year-old historic mansion, headquarters of the a non-profit state chartered organization

that helps preserve and exemplify the history and heritage of New York's Capital Region. The mansion was built between 1797-1798 and is designated by New York State as a "historic house museum". The State of NY Society is maintaining the room once more, and hope having a presence there will promote membership to women in that area.

- At the chapter's meeting, mention was made of wallpapering the room, and a donor would be matching funds for the restoration, up to \$2,500. The possibility of a grant was also being considered. Carol does have items for sale if Daughters (wine glasses, ornaments, books and more) are interested. Proceeds will go toward the "wallpaper fund".

Chapter members are proud of their connection to the Albany region, and look forward to another successful year promoting its history:

The War of 1812 in the Catskills and Capital-Saratoga:

Established in 1813 to support the War of 1812, the Watervliet Arsenal, located along the Hudson River just a few miles north of Albany, continues to be a valuable resource for world class defense manufacturing. At the **Watervliet Arsenal Museum**, discover the story of the arsenal as well as the history of the large caliber canons it produces, along with many one-of-a-kind guns from the past 400 years, including 60mm lightweight company mortars and the massive 16-inch guns of World War II battleships.

In Troy, visit the **Uncle Sam's gravesite**, the final resting place of the man who, according to legend, served as the inspiration for the famous national personification of the American government that came into use during the War of 1812. Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, supplied rations for the soldiers and had to stamp them "U.S." for United States; it was joked, however, that the U.S. stood for "Uncle Sam" Wilson

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NY Daughters reported that they include the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Salute to the Flag of 1812, the 1812 Ritual, the American's Creed, and the Purposes of the Society at each of their chapter and state meetings.

NY Daughters continue **collecting box tops for education** on behalf of her chapter, and giving them over to her Chapter President who, in turn, forwards them to State Chairman, Anne Davis.

The State of New York Society, N.S.U.S.D. of 1812 does not have enough good to say about the work of its members, as is obvious by the number of additional pages and supporting documents supplied in the 2016 Public Relations report. We can only hope that all NY Daughters receive the credit they so fully deserve.

Thank you, Ladies, for always giving 110% of yourself.