

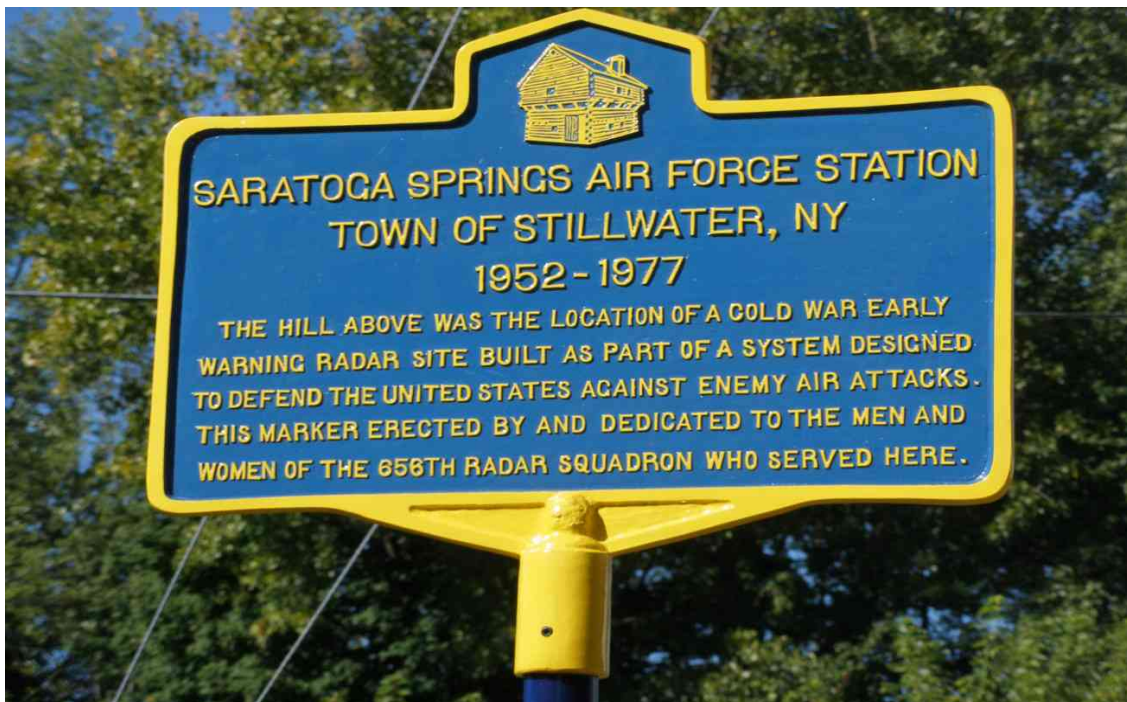
# 656<sup>th</sup> radar squadron newsletter

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## Historical marker issue

Thanks to your generosity and the generosity of others, the Saratoga Springs Air Force Station historical marker is a reality. On September 22, 2015 the marker was dedicated at a ceremony at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY. The following morning, a group of 656<sup>th</sup> Radar Squadron veterans drove to Ketchums Corners and placed the marker on its mounting pole.



The fundraiser brought in over \$8000.00. Those funds paid for the marker and for other expenses such as printing, postage, and a donor-appreciation dinner that was part of the dedication. Excess funds were left in the SARATOGA REUNION checking account.

The following individuals contributed to the fundraiser. Thank you for your generosity.

<i>Lou Basani</i>	<i>Shirley Bohannon</i>	<i>Ed Boudreau</i>	<i>David Boyle</i>	<i>Phyllis Butts</i>	<i>Jim Carero</i>
<i>Dennis Cave</i>	<i>Don Chaffin</i>	<i>William Chick</i>	<i>Bill Collins</i>	<i>Julian Cornell</i>	<i>Ken Cornish</i>
<i>Chuck Corson</i>	<i>Steve Cradic</i>	<i>John Crumb</i>	<i>John DeAngelo</i>	<i>Joseph Dennis</i>	<i>Tom DiGangi</i>
<i>Dan Donohue</i>	<i>Mike Dougherty</i>	<i>Bob Ernewein</i>	<i>Ron Etchells</i>	<i>Dave Fiedler</i>	<i>Donald Fox</i>
<i>Chuck Gillum</i>	<i>Ferdinand Greco</i>	<i>Bill Glode</i>	<i>Mark Gransden</i>	<i>Patrick Gleason</i>	<i>Brian Herrick</i>
<i>Michael Hydak</i>	<i>Ralph Hightower</i>	<i>Bill Indelicato</i>	<i>Timothy Jones</i>	<i>Ken Lorman</i>	<i>Richard Lemire</i>
<i>Jerry Nelson</i>	<i>Rein Kosenkranius</i>	<i>Curtis Martin</i>	<i>Scott Martin</i>	<i>John Michell</i>	<i>Leo Milligan</i>
<i>Skip Mootz</i>	<i>Norma Lineback</i>	<i>Branko Nikolich</i>	<i>Chip Norton</i>	<i>Mary Ommen</i>	<i>Dwight Pardee</i>
<i>Bill Pettigrew</i>	<i>Charles Plymale</i>	<i>Dennis Potts</i>	<i>Allen Schuh</i>	<i>Gene Showalter</i>	<i>Bill Sparks</i>
<i>Jack Taff</i>	<i>Doug Spannbauer</i>	<i>John Tianen</i>	<i>James Tygard</i>	<i>Mike Van Dyke</i>	<i>Gary Young</i>
<i>Ron Willard</i>	<i>Zelmar Underwood</i>	<i>Ted Wilming</i>	<i>Rudy Zantopp</i>	<i>Dorothy Wattering</i>	

*Anthony Wallaitis*

**Bill Pettigrew**, a resident of Saratoga Springs and friend of the 656<sup>th</sup> Radar Squadron, was presented with a plaque in recognition of the help he provided at the local level to help make it possible for us to install this marker. We could not have done this without Bill's help. Several Saratoga County veterans' organizations also contributed to the fundraiser. They are listed below. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

**American Legion Post 70 – Saratoga Springs**

**American Legion Post 91 – Mechanicville**

**American Legion Post 235 – Waterford**

**American Legion Post 490 – Stillwater**

**American Legion Post 533 – Corinth**

**VFW Post 420 Auxiliary – Saratoga Springs**

**VFW Post 1498 – Clifton Park**

**VFW Post 358 – Ballston Spa**

**VFW Post 358** was presented with a plaque recognizing the very generous contribution they made to our fundraiser. The **Town of Stillwater** was well represented at the dedication. Town government at various levels worked with our team to help us reach our goal of erecting the historical marker. Special thanks to **Linda Sanders**, Town Historian, and **Mark Minick** of the highway department. We were advised by the Town of Stillwater that the marker could be placed in the Radar Road right-of-way, but we would need permission of the landowner adjacent to the right-of-way. That landowner, **Thomas Gorsky**, is a dairy farmer who lives near Ketchums Corners. We are grateful to him for granting us permission.

The morning after the dedication ceremony, several 656<sup>th</sup> veterans went to Ketchums Corners and installed the historical marker on its pole. A video of the dedication and other photos can be viewed by going to the 656<sup>th</sup> Radar Squadron website <http://saratogaradar.org/> Once the home page opens, click on the link titled “656<sup>th</sup> Historic Marker”. When that page opens, click on the “Photos” link.



Dedication ceremony at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY



Donor-appreciation dinner



Team members left to right: Mike “Doc” Dougherty, Chip Norton, John Tianen, Dave Fiedler

**Notes from Doc, our webmaster:** <http://saratogaradar.org/>

Have any old 656<sup>th</sup> photos to share? Forum member follow the instructions *How to Upload a Photo*. To join the Forum, follow the link on the website titled “656<sup>th</sup> Vets Forum”. You can also email photos to [doc@saratogaradar.org](mailto:doc@saratogaradar.org), or mail them to Michael Dougherty, 16 Alder St., Milford, NH 03055. Please include identifying information.

**To save photos from our website:**

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**iPhone:** Save a photo by holding a finger on the photo. Zoom using "Pinch to Zoom".

**Android:** Save photo by holding a finger on the photo. Hold finger on enlarged photo to Save

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**Dolphin** - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dolphin-web-browser-fast-download/id452204407?mt=8>

**The 656<sup>th</sup> is on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/256662934155/>

**2016 Reunion – The 656<sup>th</sup> Radar Squadron 2016 reunion will be held in Branson, MO from October 3 thru 6. Details will be announced soon on the website.**