



THE FRIENDS OF SAGAMORE HILL

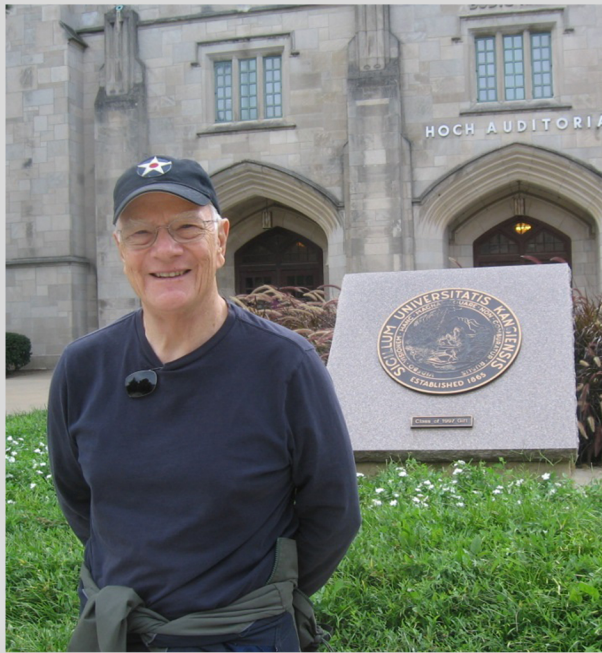
2018 John A. Gable Memorial Lecture Series

Thursday, November 1, 7PM

Christ Church Parish Hall, 61 East Main Street, Oyster Bay

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Dr. Richard F. Welch



Richard F. Welch received his doctorate in history from Stony Brook University and taught American, military and Irish history at Long Island University and Farmingdale State College. He was editor of the Long Island Forum from 1991 to 2014, and a contributing editor of the Journal of Long Island History. The author of numerous articles and reviews, he has written six books, the most recent being Long Island and World War One (2018). He was also a contributor to the Encyclopedia of New York State. Currently, Dr. Welch is a trustee of the Suffolk County Historical Society where he curated an exhibition of Long Island and World War One.

Dr. Welch's talk is titled: "Long Island and the Great War". The Great War, the World War, later World War One (1914-1918) was one of the most transformative events in world history. Once the United States entered the war in April 1917, Long Islanders enthusiastically played their part in the national war effort. As hundreds of young men from Nassau and Suffolk counties entered the armed forces, existing military facilities such as Camp Mills and Hazelhurst Field in Mineola were expanded, while Camp Upton, a massive training center, was created almost overnight from the East End pine barrens. On the Home Front, Long Islanders supported the war through patriotic rallies, subscriptions to Liberty and Victory Loan drives, and establishing "soldiers' clubs" -- recreation and social centers for troops in the different villages and hamlets. While Long Island factories turned out torpedoes, freighters, and clothing, the Island's vibrant agricultural sector contributed national and global demand for food. Meanwhile, Long Islanders in the fighting services saw action in the ferocious fighting in France which led to victory and the armistice in November 1918. These events and more are presented in a newly created power point prepared to commemorate the centennial of the Great War.

Free to all. Light refreshments will be provided.