



== STEADY ON COURSE ==

FALL-WINTER 2025-2026

ATTENTION TO AWARDS



SEPTEMBER 2025

CAPT Ted Mason, USN (Ret.) received a certificate in recognition of his 50 years of membership in the New York Commandery and was presented with the Naval Order Cross affixed with the numeral 50 denoting his years of service and friendship. This date was especially memorable as it was exactly fifty years from his date of joining the Naval Order on 8 September 1975. The presentation was made by Don Schuld, past Commander of the New York Commandery and long-time Vice Commander General-Membership.



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OCTOBER 2025

The New York Commandery won the 2025 Lee Douglas Award as the best large commandery for year. This award recognizes commandery activities, growth and administrative timeliness. This is the New York Commandery's second award.



NOVEMBER 2025

Don Schuld received the New York Commandery Bravo Zulu Award. Don served many years as Vice Commander General-Membership and provided tireless mentoring which resulted in the New York Commandery receiving the Lee Douglas Award.



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COMMANDERY EVENTS

MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2025

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: Captain David L. Lersch, USCG (Ret.)

*DISASTER AVERTED ON JALINGA
Inside the Response Which Averted
A Potential Monumental Disaster*

David Lersch on a ship disaster which could have disrupted significant supplies shipping to US troops in the first Gulf War.



MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2025

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: CDR Daniel Cahill, USNR
*What We Know About Chinese
Capabilities & Intentions In The Western
Pacific*

Daniel Cahill gave an intriguing talk on the build-up of the Chinese navy and how they are maneuvering for control of the waters around them.



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RADM SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON AWARD FOR NAVAL LITERATURE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2025

Awardee: Katherine Epstein

ANALOG SUPERPOWERS

*How Twentieth-Century Technology
Theft Built the National Security State*



Kate Epstein's book examines how the U.S. and British Navies' piracy of a revolutionary British invention altered the balance of global power in the early 20th century. It highlights the role of naval fire-control technology, developed by English inventors Arthur Pollen and Harold Isherwood, in advancing gunnery precision and shaping modern warfare. Kate became a Life Companion of the Naval Order that evening.



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MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2025

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: Bob Ulrich

*Little Known Naval Actions
of the Revolutionary War*



Bob Ulrich shared history about battles in the American Revolution which were not well known. There was a focus on New York City and the Hudson Valley.



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Morison Committee Recognized



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THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2025

Event: Winter Holiday Dinner

Location: Tappan, New York



The New York Commandery held its annual holiday reception and dinner at the 76 House, America’s oldest restaurant and bar, Tappan, New York. The owner gave a brief talk on the history of 76 House, and two additional members of the Morison were recognized.



MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2026

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: CAPT William G. Armstrong Jr., USN (Ret.)
Communications Director for Sail4th250

SAIL4th: HOW AMERICA WILL CELEBRATE 250



Bill Armstrong discussed the many activities that are planned for New York during the Sail4th250 celebrations during the July 4th 250th anniversary.



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COMPANIONS IN OTHER PORTS

OCTOBER 2025

Naval Order Congress 2025, Philadelphia

John Cupschalk, Jim DeSalvo, Norm Keller and Don Schuld attended the Naval Order Congress 2025 in Philadelphia. The Congress held a luncheon onboard the tall ship Moshulu, and had tours of USS Olympia (C-6) and USS New Jersey (BB-62).



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WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mr. John C. Benigno
Ancestral

Mr. Douglas P. Brusa
Ancestral

CDR Daniel A. Cahill, USN

Mr. Norbert T. Hasselris
DC3, USCG

CDR Ander S. Helles, USN (Ret.)

CDR Michael J. Klimkowski, USN (Ret.)

Mal. Sean P. McCarthy, USMC (Ret.)

OSC Francis S. McFayden USCG (Ret.)

CDR James M. Pidgeon, USN (Ret.)
Posthumus

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