



# ==STEADY ON COURSE==

**2023-2024**

## **September 2023**

The New York Commandery opened its 2023-2024 year on 11 September with a full house. Guest speaker COL Tom Pike, US Army, Ret. gave a talk on his experiences following the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, his commands in Afghanistan, and how the intel community was transformed and adjusted to the War on Terrorism. The Commandery was introduced to “gray” warfare or military operations other than war. A lively Q&A followed.



## **October 2023**

The Commandery held its monthly luncheon on 2 October. The guest speaker, introduced by Companion Daniel Thys, MD was RADM Mike Manazir, US Navy, Ret. Admiral Manazir gave a most interesting, yet sentimental, talk recounting stories from his book *Win to Lead*. A former Top Gun Fighter Pilot and Captain of USS Nimitz (CVN-68), Admiral Manazir shared his experiences and insights gained from his successful careers in the military and corporate world.



### 13 November 2003

The New York Commandery held its annual Morison Award celebration with a gala reception with the Honoree and a full house of guests. An excellent cocktail party was followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner. The ceremonies included a **Remembrance of the Missing Soldier/Sailor Table** led by Past Commander Bill Schmidt.



During the event, CDR John F. V. Cupschalk, US Navy, Ret., was sworn in as the Commander (second tour) by the Commandery's Judge Advocate, Richard P. Kaye, Esq. After the Change of Command, Past Commander Don Schuld gave a toast to the American Flag and to USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides", America's Ship of State.



The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the RADM Samuel Eliot Morison Award to author Eric Jay Dolin. Morison Award Co-Chairs Past Commander Bill Schmidt and Dan Thys, MD, introduced the award, he was presented with the Award Plaque and a Lifetime Membership in the Naval Order of the United States as a Companion by Past Commander Don Schuld.



Winner of many literary awards and "must read" mentions, Mr. Dolin gave an intriguing talk about his latest book, *Rebels at Sea: Privateering in the American Revolution* and presented a slide show discussing the role of privateers at sea during the American Revolution. The presentation was followed by an engaging Q&A session.

### December 2023

The December luncheon on 4 December was a full house with Companions and their guests sharing early holiday cheer. Companion Jim DeSalvo introduced guest speaker Burchenal Green of the National Maritime Historical Society, an organization dedicated to a wide scope of seafaring topics including maritime and naval history, marine archaeology, maritime museums and historic ships, sail training, and the maritime industry. Ms. Green presented a slide show about the NMHS followed by Q&A.



### February 2024

The New York Commandery's 2024 calendar kicked off with a luncheon featuring a presentation by Bill Sestrom, a member of the Board of Hudson Valley Honor Flight, an organization that sponsors expense free trips for Veterans to war memorials in Washington, D.C. by plane and bus. To date, Honor Flight has flown 31 missions to Washington, escorting over 2,000 Vets for these meaningful visits. Mark Giordano, head of Big Apple Honor Flight, accompanied Bill for the presentation.



### March 2024

In March, Dr. David Lersch (Capt., USCG Ret.), was our guest speaker. Dr. Lersch recounted the intriguing investigation into the disappearance of the commercial fishing vessel (CFV) Linda E. which, together with her crew of three, was lost with barely a trace on Lake Michigan in December 1998. The CFV Linda E disappeared on a cool, calm, sunny day without sending any emergency call and leaving behind no debris other than four stenciled buoys. The incident and following investigation attracted national media attention and drew criticism of Coast Guard search and recovery policy and the extent of statutory required investigations. Dr. Lersch's interesting presentation explained how the Linda E. was ultimately located by U.S. Navy minesweeper in June 1999 leading to revealing the likely cause of her sinking



### April 2024

The Commandery's April guest speaker was Dr. Katherine Harvey, who completed her PhD in Middle Eastern Studies at King's College London and is a former Naval Intelligence officer. Dr. Harvey provided an excellent historical background presentation for the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Her book *A Self-Fulfilling Prophecy: The Saudi Struggle for Iraq*, based on her dissertation, was published in the UK by Hurst in 2021 and in the U.S. by Oxford University Press in 2022.



### May 2024

The Commandery's May luncheon commenced with a brief remembrance of the Battle of Manila Bay. Our guest speaker was Robin Bartlett, a Vietnam veteran who, as a First Lieutenant, served as a platoon leader with the U.S Army's 1st Cavalry Division and shared intriguing and moving stories of his combat experiences which included more than sixty helicopter combat assault and search and destroy missions. He is the author of *Vietnam Combat: Firefights and Writing History* (Casemate 2023). At the conclusion of the lunch, he left the group with an important thought based on his experiences: when you see a Vietnam Vet, do not say "Thank you for your service," but rather "Welcome Home."



### June 2024

On Monday, 3 June, the New York Commandery held its final luncheon of the 2023-24 season. The meeting opened with a Remembrance of the Battle of Midway (4 June 1942) and D-Day (6 June 1944). Our speaker, Captain Robert Anderson, a 40-year veteran of the Merchant Marine, discussed the significant changes in the shipping industry during the course of his career, including cargo containerization, GPS navigation, and the trend to larger ships with smaller crews. He cited as one example that when he first went to sea container ships might carry 350 containers while some now have the capacity for more than 12,000 containers (24,000 TEUs). It was a very interesting session with many questions from an attentive audience.





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### OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

#### September 2023

Commander John Cupschalk of the New York Commandery attended an award ceremony in Philadelphia for past New York Commander Jonathan C. Jones who was honored with the Commander General's Medal for his work in reestablishing the Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Commandery. Due to Jonathan's health issues at the time, his wife, Marjorie accepted the medal, certificate, and a special plaque from the P/DV Commandery on his behalf.



#### April 2024

Four members of the New York Commandery, Roger Crossland, John Cupschalk, James DeSalvo, and Donald Schuld attended a ceremony sponsored by the Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Commandery aboard USS Olympia to remember the Battle of Manila Bay. Following the ceremony a festive luncheon was held at a nearby restaurant.



**May 2024**  
Fleet Week NYC 2024



On Saturday 25 May, during Fleet Week NYC 2024, Richard P. Kaye, Esq., the Commandery's Treasurer and JAG, and a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, served as a tour guide for members of the public visiting USCGC Sturgeon Bay (WTGB 109) moored at Pier 86 in Manhattan. Richard led more than a dozen tours including one for the Admiral assigned as commander of the Coast Guard Atlantic Area and his entourage. Sturgeon Bay, commissioned in 1988, is a 140-foot (43 m) Bay-class ice breaking tug. Homeported in Bayonne, New Jersey, the cutter's primary missions are Winter ice breaking on rivers and in harbors, port security, search and rescue, and enforcement of boating regulations for recreational and commercial vessels. Richard also marched with members of his Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla (Stamford, CT) and the City Island flotilla in the Stamford and City Island, New York Memorial Day Parades.

**June 2024**

Convocation, United States Merchant Marine Academy, King's Point



On Friday, 21 June, the Commandery's Treasurer and JAG, Richard P. Kaye, Esq., awarded two graduating midshipmen at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, King's Point, NY, selected by the Academy's leadership, awards for their outstanding performance as Regimental Commanders. Each midshipman received a Certificate of Recognition, a monetary gift card, a New York Commandery Challenge Coin, and the best wishes of the New York Commandery for fair winds, following seas, and success in their new careers.



## July 2024

### Journeys Onward

On Thursday evening, 18 July, Richard Kaye, Esq., the Commandery Treasurer represented the Commandery at the Salmagundi Club for the Journeys Onward veterans' art program. The evening began with a reception and viewing of art in the Rockwell Gallery and mingling with the artists. Afterwards, the veteran artists presented a number of powerful poetry readings and enjoyed a moving dance program also performed by veterans.

The New York Commandery has been a sponsor of this event for several years and looks forward to continuing support of this important and meaningful event. Companion Karen Loew is on the Board of Directors of the Salmagundi Club and sponsors this annual event.



**Journeys Onward: Military Veterans' Experiences**  
*A veteran-curated exhibit of military veterans' art and words*

**Salmagundi Club of New York**  
Rockwell Gallery  
47 Fifth Avenue @ 12th Street in Greenwich Village, NYC  
Monday, July 1st - Friday, July 26th, 2024

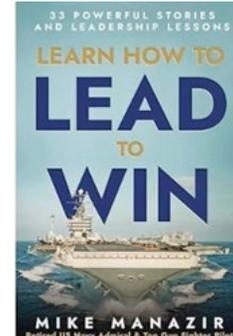


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BOOKS BY OUR SPEAKERS**

***Learn How To Lead To Win***

*33 Powerful Stories  
And Leadership Lessons*

**Mike Manazir**

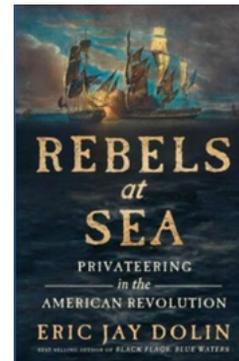


**Winner of the 2023 Morison Award**

***Rebels at Sea***

*Privateering in the  
American Revolution*

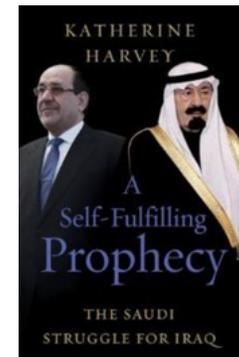
**Eric Jay Dolin**



***A Self-Fulfilling Prophecy***

*The Saudi Struggle for Iraq*

**Katherine Harvey**



***Vietnam Combat***

*Firefights and Writing History*

**Robin Bartlett**





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**NEW BOOK RELEASES BY OUR MORISON AWARD WINNERS**

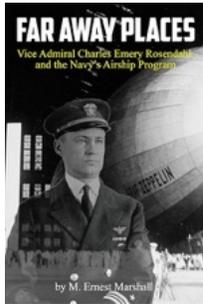
*1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024*



**M. Ernest Marshall**

October 2023

***Far Away Places:  
Vice Admiral Charles Emery Rosendahl  
and the Navy's Airship Program***



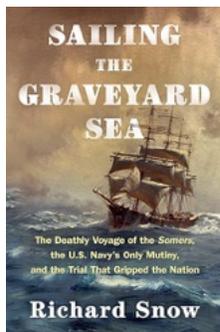
Following the First World War, it was expected that the next war would be between Japan and the U.S. for control of the vast Pacific Ocean. Responsibility for conducting surveillance over the Pacific to detect Japanese fleet movements fell to the Navy. The Navy's challenge was that its surface ships were limited in number and slow in speed while fixed wing aircraft lacked the range to conduct the needed reconnaissance. Based upon the Germans' experience with dirigibles (Zeppelins) in WWI, which demonstrated that airships could range for thousands of miles on a single tank of fuel, the Navy turned to rigid airships to solve its problem. M. Ernest Marshall won the 2021 Morison Award for his book *Rear Admiral Herbert V. Wiley*.



**Richard Snow**

November 2023

***Sailing the Graveyard Sea: The Deathly Voyage of the  
Somers, the U.S. Navy's Only Mutiny, and  
the Trial That Grippped the Nation***



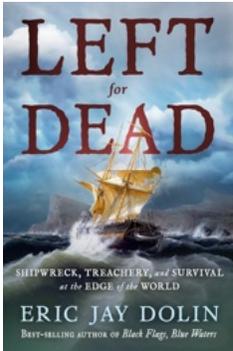
On December 16, 1842, the US brig-of-war *Somers* dropped anchor in the New York Harbor at the end of a voyage intended to teach a group of adolescents the rudiments of naval life aboard a warship. But this training cruise ended in a catastrophe which directly led to the establishing of the U.S. Naval Academy when Commander Alexander Slidell Mackenzie came ashore claiming he had prevented a mutiny that would have left him and his officers dead. Some of the thwarted mutineers had been held under guard, but three had been hanged at sea, including the accused leader of the insurrection, Acting Midshipman Philip Spencer, whose father, John Spencer, was the U.S. Secretary of War. Richard Snow won the 2017 Morison Award for his book *Iron Dawn*.



## Eric Jay Dolin

May 2024

### *Left For Dead: Shipwreck, Treachery, and Survival at the Edge of the World*



Eric Jay Dolin, bestselling author of *Black Flags*, *Blue Waters* and 2023 Morison Award winner for *Rebels at Sea*, tells the story of a wild encounter between an American sailing vessel, a shipwrecked British brig, and a British warship in the Falkland Islands during the War of 1812—an encounter fraught with misunderstandings and mistrust that left three British sailors and two Americans, including the captain of the sealer, Charles H. Barnard, abandoned in the Falklands for eighteen months. A tale of intriguing complexity, including a perilous thousand mile open-ocean journey in a seventeen-foot boat, with surprising twists and turns and legal battles over a dubious and disgraceful wartime prize—*Left for Dead* shows individuals in wartime under great duress acting both nobly and atrociously, and offers a unique perspective on an important moment in American history.



## CONGRESS 2024

Consider joining your fellow companions at the 2024 Naval Order Congress in Buffalo.



The Naval Order's 2024 Congress of the General Commandery will be held from Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel & Conference Center, in Buffalo located about 11 miles from the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport (BUF).

The 400 room Hyatt Regency Buffalo is within walking distance to the waterfront, KeyBank Center, and Shea's Buffalo Theatre. It is the perfect base for our Congress and for Companions to enjoy Buffalo's rich history, culture and museums. We currently have a room block of 50 rooms reserved at \$179 per night plus taxes of about \$25/night. These rates apply for Congress registrants for up to 3 days before and after the Congress from Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Hotel parking is currently priced at \$29.50 valet per day and \$15.00 self-park per day. Registration and hotel reservations can be made at the national website: <https://www.navalorder.org>.





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**NEW MEMBERS**

***Class of  
2023-2024***

***We welcome aboard our new members.***

**Thomas Breglia**  
Commissioned Officer, USMS

**Katherine S. Harvey, PhD**  
Lieutenant, USN

**Perry E. Brown**  
Lieutenant Commander, USN

**Albert H. Konetzni, Jr.**  
Vice Admiral, USN (Ret)  
*Secondary Commandery*

**S. Patrick Deviney**  
Hereditary

**David L. Lersch**  
Captain, USCG (Ret)

**Michael P. Golden**  
Major, USMC, NYNM  
*Transfer*

**John P. Lyden, MD**  
Lieutenant Commander, MC, USN

**Burchenal Green**  
Hereditary

**Pietro (Peter) D. Marghela**  
Captain, MSC, USN (Ret), NYNM

**Andrew C. Haight, Sr.**  
Hereditary

**David J. Warager**  
Brigadier General, NYG

**Andrew C. Haight, Jr.**  
Hereditary

**James R. Zatwarnicki, Jr.**  
Captain, USMS



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### CHALLENGE COIN

We are pleased to announce the striking of the New York Commandery challenge coin. Details will be forthcoming on how you can get yours.





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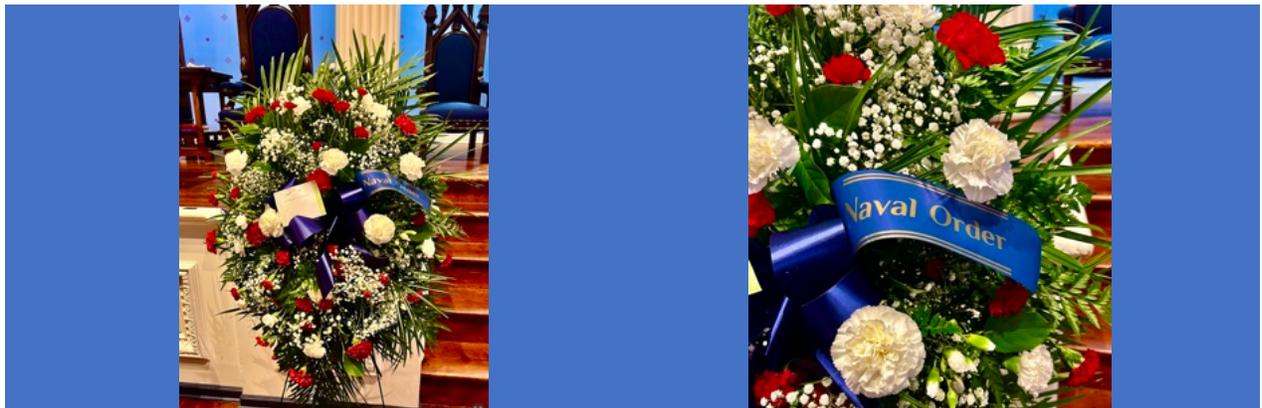
Jonathan C. Jones  
Commander 2002-2005

### **JONATHAN JONES**

It was with great sadness that the New York Commandery learned of the passing, on February 22, 2024, of Jonathan Jones, age 78, at his home in Philadelphia, PA following a long battle with cancer. Jonathan was Commander of the New York Commandery from 2002-2005 but in 2014 moved to Philadelphia where he brought the Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Commandery back to a vibrant life.

A graduate of Lawrenceville School, College of Wooster, Fordham Graduate School of Business, he served in the Navy as Communications Officer on destroyers during the Vietnam conflict. Pursuing a banking career, he specialized in corporate lending before turning to executive recruiting in New York and then Philadelphia. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, a stepdaughter, Suzannah Evans, and two step-grand-daughters.

Jonathan's mark on the New York Commandery was distinctly important and memorable.





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**Scheduled Event Dates for 2024-2025**

**Monday, 9 September 2024**

Event: Luncheon

Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch, 1200hrs

**Monday, 7 October 2024**

Event: Luncheon

Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch, 1200hrs

**Monday, 4 November 2024**

RADM Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature

Time: 1630hrs

**Monday, 2 December 2024**

Event: Luncheon

Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch, 1200hrs

**Monday, 3 February 2025**

Event: Luncheon

Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch, 1200hrs

**Monday, 3 March 2025**

Event: Luncheon

Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch, 1200hrs

**Monday, 7 April 2025**

Event: Luncheon

Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch, 1200hrs

**Monday, 5 May 2025**

Event: Luncheon

Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch, 1200hrs

**Monday, 2 June 2025**

Event: Luncheon

Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch, 1200hrs

All luncheons are held at the **Racquet & Tennis Club**, 370 Park Avenue (between 52<sup>nd</sup> & 53<sup>rd</sup> Streets). Club rules require gentlemen to be attired in coat and tie.

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