



== STEADY ON COURSE ==

September 2021

After 15 months of the pandemic preventing the New York Commandery from meeting, the commandery held its first in-person luncheon in September 2021. The first meeting was well attended with the attendees sharing sea stories and more.

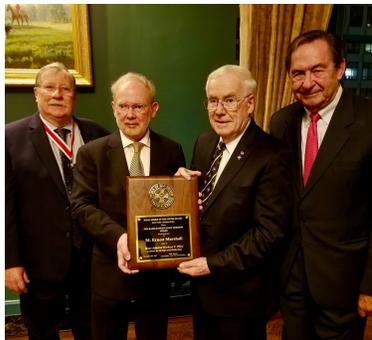
October 2021

At the October luncheon, author and companion Dale Jenkins spoke on his new book *DIPLOMATS AND ADMIRALS*. This was also a talk given for the Naval Order History Nights. At the luncheon, a short business meeting was held to vote on the upcoming slate of officers for 2021-2023. The slate presented by the Nominating Committee was unanimously elected.



Dale Jenkins.

November 2021



*2021 RADM Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature
William H. Schmidt, M. Ernest Marshall, MD, Henry Warnke,
Daniel Thys, MD.*

In November, the **2021 RADM Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature** was presented to author M. Ernest Marshall, MD, for his book *Rear Admiral Herbert V. Wiley, A Career in Airships and Battleships*. Although the book was selected in 2020, the award was moved to 2021 due to the shutdown of New York City during the COVID-19 pandemic. The history and criteria of the Morison award was made by Daniel Thys, MD, and presentation made by William H. Schmidt, both co-chairs of the Morison committee. Following the award presentation, there was a Change of Command from Henry Warnke to CAPT Lawrence Brennan, USN, JAG (Ret.).

December 2021

At the December luncheon, CDR John F. V. Cupschalk, past commander, opened the meeting with a Remembrance of the 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. This was followed by a brief talk by the commander, CAPT Lawrence Brennan, announcing plans for the upcoming months. Afterwards, members shared holiday companionship.



CDR John F. V. Cupschalk led the Remembrance of the 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor



CAPT Lawrence Brennan, Commander, addressing members of the commandery.

March 2022



Vice Commander General Don Schuld

The New York Commandery held its March 2022 luncheon, the first after a second halt of in-person meetings due to a surge of COVID-19 over the holiday season. Although the group was small, good fellowship was had by all. The luncheon was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the traditional New York Commandery blessing. CDR John F, V. Cupschalk, past commander, gave a brief talk on the seven commissioned warships in the United States Navy named USS New York. Following, Don Schuld, past commander and current Vice Commander General - Membership, gave a short talk on the prisoner of war camps in the United States during World War II.

April 2022

At the April luncheon, longtime Naval Order companion of the Commandery, retired Navy SEAL captain, and internationally noted author, Roger Crossland, gave a talk on his latest book, “The Abalone Ukulele: A Tale of Far Eastern Intrigue”, (New Academia Publishing, 2021). “The Abalone Ukulele: A Tale of Far Eastern Intrigue” is an historical novel set in 1913 Shanghai, where four cultures are about to collide: China, Korea, Japan, and the US. The point of collision is three tons of Japanese gold ingots meant to undermine an already collapsing China. The luncheon was attended by about twenty members and guests.



CAPT Roger Crossland

May 2022



Guest Speaker Karina Verna with Vice Commander General Don Schuld and Hank Warnke, both past commanders.

On 2 May 2022, the New York Commandery met for its monthly luncheon meeting. After the reception, there was a remembrance held for the Battle of Manila Bay, a stated commemoration of the Naval Order. The guest speaker was Karina Verna, Programs and Administration Manager for the New York Council of the Navy League of the United States, who provided an overview of the upcoming Fleet Week NYC. This is the first Fleet Week to be held in the City since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. We were honored to have in attendance the President of New York Council, Frank Russo. Important information was shared and good fellowship was had by all who attended.

June 2022



Guest Speaker Richard Snow with Vice Commander General Don Schuld and Hank Warnke, both past commanders.

The Commandery held its final luncheon of the season on Monday 6 June 2022. Attended by nearly two dozen companions and guests, the guest speaker was Richard Snow, who gave a talk on his father's experience of going into the Navy during World War II. He pulled together letters his father, a New Yorker, had written to share what he was thinking at the time, being an architect in the civilian world, then putting on a uniform to serve on a destroyer: USS Brennan (DE-13). Naval Order Companion Richard Snow is a noted American author, contributor to motion pictures, and retired editor and chief of Heritage magazine. He was the winner of the 2017 RADM Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature for his book *IRON DAWN: The Monitor, The Merrimack, and the Civil War Sea Battle that Changed History*, presented by the New York Commandery.



OUR MEMBERS SERVING OUTSIDE THE COMANDERY

The New York Commandery is represented at both the Naval Order national level, and at other naval and maritime events throughout the year. Among these events this year were speakers for National's popular *Naval Order History Nights*.

Naval Order History Night

10 November 2021

Dale Jenkins spoke in November about his new book *DIPLOMATS AND ADMIRALS, From Disaster at Pearl Harbor to Victory at Midway*.



Battle of Manila Bay Remembrance

30 April 2022

Vice Commander General Don Schuld joined other Naval Order commanderies to attend and speak at the annual remembrance aboard USS Olympia, in Philadelphia.



Naval Order History Night

11 May 2022

CAPT Roger Crossland gave a presentation on his new book *THE ABOLONE UKULELE, A Tale of Far Eastern Intrigue*.





**NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES
NEW YORK COMMANDERY**

Scheduled Event Dates for 2022-2023

FALL 2022

Monday, 12 September

Event: Luncheon
Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch 1200hrs

Monday, 3 October

Event: Luncheon & Business Meeting
Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch 1200hrs

Monday, November (Date TBD)

Event: Morison Book Award
Time: 4:00pm

Monday, 5 December

Event: Luncheon
Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch 1200hrs

SPRING 2023

Monday, 6 February

Event: Luncheon
Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch 1200hrs

Monday, 6 March

Event: Luncheon
Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch 1200hrs

Monday, 2 April

Event: Luncheon
Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch 1200hrs

Monday, 1 May

Event: Luncheon
Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch 1200hrs

Monday, 5 June

Event: Luncheon
Time: Reception, 1130hrs, Lunch 1200hrs

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

Become a member of the ad-hoc **Speakers Bureau** and introduce a guest speaker to address the commandery.

Keep in touch with the latest news by visiting our **New York website at <https://navalordernyc.org>** and on social media via **Facebook** and **LinkedIn**.

National Congress: think about joining both your New York companions and other national companions at this year's Naval Order Congress, scheduled to be held in Alexandria, Virginia. Information on the Congress, registration and hotel bookings can be found on the Naval Order national website at <https://navalorder.org>, or our own website at <https://navalordernyc.org>