



NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES NEW YORK COMMANDERY



SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Companions,

The reopening of the Racquet and Tennis Club remains uncertain due to COVID-19. We have therefore taken the following actions:

- 1.)** The September luncheon meeting originally scheduled for September 14 has been cancelled.
- 2.)** The October luncheon meeting (annual business meeting) will likely be conducted online as a virtual meeting using Zoom. Details will follow.
- 3.)** The annual Morison Award Dinner, scheduled for November 9, 2020, has been cancelled. The award will be presented using a virtual award event with the winner making a presentation, along with Q & A using Zoom. It will likely be held on the original date and time as the dinner. Details to follow.
- 4.)** As a substitute for the Morison Award dinner, we are planning to host a formal dinner in the Spring with the Morison Awardee present, along with a possible additional honored guest.
- 5.)** We hope to be able to hold the regular December luncheon at the Racquet & Tennis Club on December 7, 2020. In the event we cannot get a commitment from the club, we will hold the meeting, with a guest speaker, at the regular luncheon time using Zoom. Details to follow.

Gathering in person is certainly preferable to on line conferences and we look forward to a time when we can all meet together safe from COVID - 19. It is suggested that those willing and able, consider gathering in small groups locally where the presentations can be viewed projected to a large screen or TV.

These changes, while unfortunate, are necessitated due to the uncertainty of the reopening date of the Racquet & Tennis Club and the allowed capacity and the need for ample time to prepare for these events, arrange for travel of speakers, etc.

CAPT Sally McElwreath Callo has advised us that the annual Pickle Night, scheduled for Friday November 6, 2020, has also been cancelled. A virtual tour of HMS Victory will be substituted. Details will follow.

The annual Naval Order Congress, scheduled for October 13 - 17, 2020 in Buffalo, NY has also been cancelled. Plans are underway for a Virtual business meeting and speakers. Details will follow.