



# **== STEADY ON COURSE ==**

**SPRING-SUMMER 2025**

## **ATTENTION TO AWARDS**

**JUNE 2025**



Richard P. Kaye, Esq. and James DeSalvo received the Commander's BRAVO ZULU Recognition and the Commandery's BRAVO ZULU lapel pin for their exceptional support of the New York Commandery over the last two years. Hank Warnke (past commander) read the citation and presented the awards.



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## COMMANDERY EVENTS

**MONDAY, 3 MARCH 2025**

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: Thom Johnson

*Francis Bannerman and the History of Bannerman's Island Arsenal*



Thom Johnson, Co-Founder of the Bannerman's Island Arsenal Trust, and published photographer of the castle, gave a talk on the history of the island, and how it purchased artifacts and salvaged parts of the USS Maine, as well as gunpowder.



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**MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2025**

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: LCDR Thomas C. Hinkley, USCG (Ret.)

*Serving In The United States Coast Guard*



LCDR Hinkley discussed his Coast Guard experience, including serving as the first helicopter rescuer and on-scene commander during the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in 2010.



**MONDAY, 5 MAY 2025**

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: David F. Winkler, PhD  
CDR, USNR (Ret.)

*THE MIGHTY A*  
*The Short, Heroic Life of the USS Atlanta (CL-51)*  
*America's First Warship Commissioned After Pearl Harbor*



David F. Winkler, PhD, a noted naval historian and retired USN commander, spoke about his new book, *The Mighty A: The Short, Heroic Life of the USS Atlanta (CL51), America's First Commissioned Warship After Pearl Harbor*.



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**MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2025**

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: Jack Sherry as BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

*Ben Franklin, His Role in the Founding of the American Navy and Friendship with John Paul Jones*



Jack Sherry portrayed Benjamin Franklin, sharing highlights of Franklin's life, his role in founding the US Navy, and his friendship with John Paul Jones.



**SATURDAY, 19 JULY 2025**

Event: Summer Reception

Location: Tappan, New York



The New York Commandery held its summer reception in the 76 House, America's oldest restaurant and bar, Tappan, New York.



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## COMPANIONS IN OTHER PORTS

**MARCH 2025**

*Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Commandery*

John Cupschalk attended the PDV luncheon, where Nick Lambert, winner of the 2024 Morison Award, spoke about his book *The Neptune Factor*.



*Saint Patrick's Day Parade*



Liam Murphy and Jim DeSalvo attended the 2025 Saint Patrick's Day Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. After the service, they watched the Saint Patrick's Day Parade from His Eminence, Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan's viewing stand in front of the cathedral.



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**APRIL 2025**

*Battle of Manila Bay Remembrance, USS Olympia, Philadelphia*

John Cupschalk, Jim DeSalvo, and Don Schuld joined the annual Battle of Manila Bay Remembrance aboard USS Olympia (C-6), followed by lunch at Hilton Penn's Landing. The Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Commandery hosts the annual event, regularly attended by National Capital and New York Commanderies.



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## JUNE 2025

*United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York*



Matthew Bonvento, a professor at the academy, presented two graduating brigade commanders the New York Commandery Award during their commencement

## JULY 2025

*COGAP and Journeys Onward, New York City*



Karen Lowe, Richard Kaye and Jim DeSalvo attended the *COGAP* and *Journeys Onward* events at the Salmagundi Club. Both of these events are connected with support to the Coast Guard.



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*Ancestral*

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**LTC Stanley L. Warrick, USA (Ret.)**

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