



==STEADY ON COURSE==

FALL-WINTER 2024-2025



COMMANDERY EVENTS

MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2024

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: COL David Menegon, USAR (Ret)

The History of the Knickerbocker Greys in New York City



The season began with an intriguing talk by COL David Menegon, USA (Ret.), who is the Commandant of the Knickerbocker Greys. The Greys are the oldest continuous afterschool program in New York City, teaching leadership skills to young men and women.



MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2024

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: CDR Walter Johanson, USNR (Ret)

History of the Naval Reserves



CDR Walter J. Johanson, USNR/NYNM (Ret) spoke about the history of the first 75 years of United States Naval Reserve.



MONDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2024

Event: RADM Samuel Eliot Morison Book Award for Naval Literature

Honoree: Nicholas A. Lambert

The Neptune Factor: Alfred Thayer Mahan and the Concept of Sea Power



The New York Commandery held its annual RADM Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature celebration with a gala reception with the Honoree, Nicholas A. Lambert, his wife and a full house of Companions and guests.

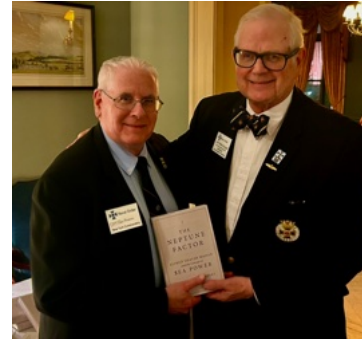
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The Neptune Factor is the biography of an idea—the concept of “Sea Power”, a term first coined by Capt. A.T. Mahan and the core thread of his life’s work. His central argument was that the outcome of rivalries on the seas have decisively shaped the course of modern history. Although Mahan’s scholarship has long been seen as foundational to the systematic study of naval power, *The Neptune Factor* is the first attempt to explain how Mahan’s definition of sea power developed over time.



MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2024

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: CWO3 Lester Chang, USN (Ret.)

The New York Naval Militia

Chief Warrant Chang gave a presentation on his work while serving on active duty with the New York State Naval Militia at the Jacob Javitz Center during the COVID-19 pandemic. He currently serves as a delegate in the New York State Legislature.





New York Commandery 2024

TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2024

Event: Commandery Winter Holiday Party

Location: 76 House, Tappan, New York

America's Oldest Restaurant/Tavern



Built in 1668, the 76 House played a significant role during the Revolutionary War. Although not a prison, it held the notorious Major John Andre before his trial and subsequent execution and, on various occasions, accommodated every General of the Continental Army, including Commander-in-Chief and future President, George Washington.



MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2025

Event: Luncheon

Speaker: Jonathan A. Bernz
Commander, Stamford Connecticut Flotilla 014-07-04

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



Jonathan Bernz, Flotilla Commander, gave a brief history of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and explained the Auxiliary's focus on boating safety and public education, including boat inspections, and its operations such as maritime and private aids to navigation (PATONS) and bridge inspection patrols, support for public events such as Fleet Week and the NYC Marathon, and other activities, all of which contribute to the Auxiliary being a 'force multiplier' in support of the active-duty U.S. Coast Guard.



COMPANIONS IN OTHER PORTS

AUGUST 2024

NYC Navy SEAL Foundation Swim Across the Hudson

CAPT Roger Crossland, USN, (Ret.) participated in the 2024 NYC Navy SEAL Foundation Swim Across the Hudson. Participants entered the Hudson River at Liberty State Park, NJ, and swam to the Statue of Liberty, where they did 100 honor pushups and 22 pull-ups, before swimming to Ellis Island, where they did another 100 honor pushups and 22 pull-ups. The participants then swam across the Hudson River to Battery Park from where they ran to the World Trade Center carrying American Flags.



OCTOBER 2024

Naval Order Congress 2024, Buffalo, New York

John Cupschalk, Jim DeSalvo and Don Schuld attended the Congress which included a visit to Niagara Falls, and tours of USS *The Sullivans* and USS *Little Rock* at Buffalo Naval Park. Don Schuld was assigned to USS *Little Rock* from 1960-1962 and is a Past President and Co-Founder of the USS *Little Rock* Association. After days of committee meetings, history talks and two award luncheons, the Congress concluded with a festive gala dinner.



NOVEMBER 2024

Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Commandery

John Cupschalk attended the November luncheon of the Philadelphia / Delaware Valley Commandery. Hon. John F. Lehman, Secretary of the Navy under President Reagan winner was the guest speaker. Secretary Lehman is a Companion of the New York Commandery, and he was presented with the New York Commandery Challenge Coin at the luncheon.





WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Maj. Daniel L. Hooker, USMC (Ret.)

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