



Anna Smith Strong Chapter, NSDAR, Setauket, Long Island, New York

250 Years Stronger: A Tribute to the Culper Spy Ring

The Mission: As we celebrate being 250 Years Stronger, we honor the quiet bravery that secured our nation's voice. Our chapter namesake, Anna Smith Strong, was a critical pivot point in George Washington's secret intelligence network. By choosing to sponsor this event, you are joining a modern "Ring" dedicated to preserving the American spirit and ensuring our local history is never forgotten.

Sponsorship Levels

THE BLACK HANDKERCHIEF | \$5,000+

The Premier "Signal" Sponsor: In the legend of the Culper Ring, a single black handkerchief hung on a clothesline in Setauket served as the ultimate signal that a message was ready for transport. As our top-tier sponsor, you represent the critical link in our mission.

- **Historical Note:** Inspired by our namesake, Anna Smith Strong, who used her daily laundry to signal the location of hidden whaleboats to the spies across the Sound.
- **Benefits:** 8 Event Admissions | Exclusive Spotlight Recognition during our keynote presentation and documentary screening | Premier placement in the event program and on our "Mission Board."

THE SECRET REAGENT | \$1,000+

The "Illumination" Sponsor: General Washington demanded the highest security, using a specialized invisible ink that required a specific chemical Reagent to make the writing appear. As a Secret Reagent sponsor, you are the catalyst for our success, transforming our hidden goals into visible results.

- **Historical Note:** This "sympathetic ink" allowed Culper Junior (Robert Townsend) to hide intelligence between the lines of ordinary merchant letters, safely moving secrets under the very eyes of the British.
- **Benefits:** 4 Event Admissions | Featured Bold Listing in the "Inner Circle" section of the program | Recognition on the event Mission Board.

THE WHALEBOAT BRIGADE | \$500+

The "Momentum" Sponsor: Intelligence was useless if it couldn't cross the dangerous, British-patrolled waters of the Long Island Sound. Our Whaleboat Brigade sponsors represent movement and action.

- **Historical Note:** Caleb Brewster's whaleboats were the "couriers" of the Ring, navigating secret coves to move letters from Long Island to Connecticut.
- **Benefits:** 2 Event Admissions | Listing in the "Courier Network" section of the program | Recognition on the event Mission Board.

THE SPYGLASS CIRCLE | \$50 - \$250

The "Vigilance" Sponsor: For our community members who keep a watchful eye on our local heritage, ensuring the flame of patriotism remains bright.

- **Benefits:** 1 Event Admission (at the \$250 level) | Line listing in the "Vigilance" section of the printed program.



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Sponsorship Form

Official Name for Recognition: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Email (for tax receipt): _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mission Support Levels:

- \$5,000+ | The Black Handkerchief** (Includes up to 8 admissions)
- \$1,000+ | The Secret Reagent** (Includes up to 4 admissions)
- \$500+ | The Whaleboat Brigade** (Includes up to 2 admissions)
- \$250+ | The Spyglass Circle** (Includes 1 admission)
- \$50 - \$249 | The Spyglass Circle** (Recognition only) Amount: _____

Mission Registry & Guest List: *Our venue capacity is limited to 100 participants. Please list the names of those attending as part of your Ring.*

Admissions Included with Sponsorship:

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Additional Revolutionary Guests: *If you wish to bring guests beyond your sponsorship allotment, individual tickets are \$50 each.* Names: _____

Total Additional Guests: _____ x \$50 _____

Final Contribution Total (Sponsorship + Additional Guests): \$ _____

*To secure your place in the Ring, please ensure your commitment form and check reach our Headquarters by **March 16, 2026**.*

Payment Information: Please make checks payable to: **Anna Smith Strong Chapter, NSDAR and mail to "Commissary General" (Chapter Treasurer). Attn: J. Ventimiglia PO BOX 1017, Setauket, NY 11733**

- Check Enclosed
- Email my tax receipt to the address provided above.