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RECENT EVENTS

New York Harbor Defense Presentation

6 March 2024

Compatriot Norman Goben gave a power point lecture on the “Defenses of New York Harbor 1776” at Brooklyn Borough Hall to the Society of Old Brooklynites, there was a nice turn among their members, despite the heavy rain that evening. Many thanks to Ted General and the society’s president Fred Monderson for hosting us and to future our mutual goals of keeping the history of Brooklyn alive. The Society of Old Brooklynites hosts the annual Prison Ships Martyr’s Memorial Commemoration every year at Fort Greene



L. Boyd Photo

New York Fire Museum
278 Spring St., Hudson and Varick, NYC
13 March 2024

Norman Goben and our friend Zeke (retired FDNY) from the Hercules Mulligan Awareness Society served as greeters for a group of about 45 school children for the opening of the special exhibition, “Colonial Firefighting and the American Revolution (1620-1785)” at the New York City Fire Museum. A multi-media video presentation of the “Great Fire of 1776” can be viewed at the museum and for further reading I would suggest Dr. Benjamin Carp’s book “The Great New York Fire of 1776”

Zeke and Norman at the Fire Museum

[Firefighting History | New York City Fire Museum | USA \(nycfiremuseum.org\)](https://www.nycfiremuseum.org)

N. Goben Photo



Battle of Brooklyn Chapter Meeting
21 March 2024

Our first meeting since 20 Dec 2023. It was a productive meeting and we covered a wide range of topics, chapter business, upcoming projects and events. Here’s the bullet points:

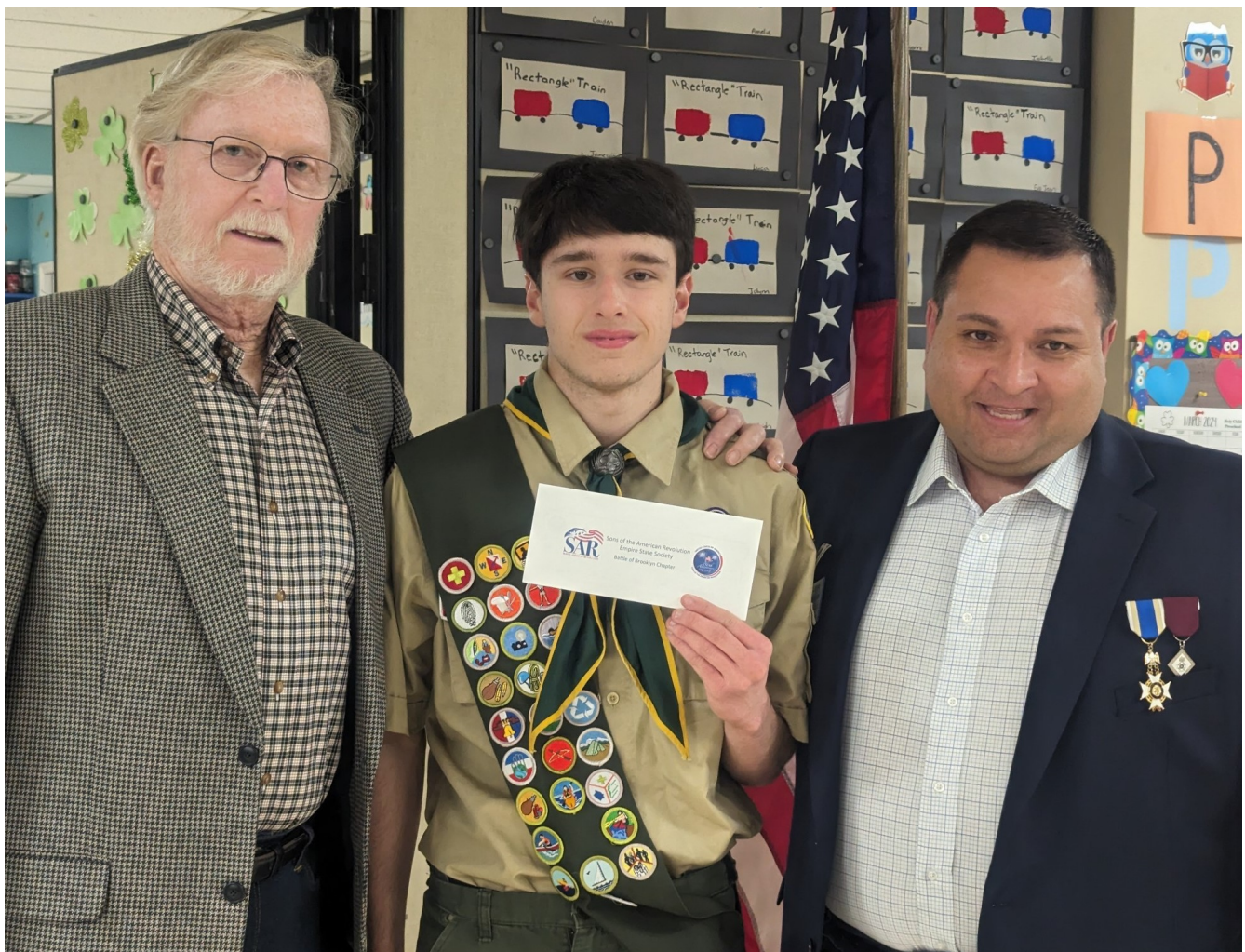
- ”Big Apple Honor Flight: Raising money with the Richmond County DAR & CAR to sponsor a vet. BAHF is a non-profit that flies veterans

from NYC to Washington DC to visit their war monuments absolutely free.

- Liberty Tree Program, Elm trees marked with a plaque will be planted courtesy of the chapter at various sites, proposed sites are Historic Richmond Town, New Utrecht Reformed Church, and the Old Stone House. Gary is point man on this. Let us know of other possible places.
- Eagle Scout Certificates were issued to Eagle Scouts P. J. Correa and Nick Kumbios of Troop 4 – Staten Island.
- Eagle Scout Joseph Gottlieb of Troop 132 – Staten Island was awarded a \$300 prize as the Empire State Society's, 3rd Place winner of the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Essay Contest
- Gary Lane and his sons attended the 105th NYS Conference/NYS Society Children of the American Revolution.
- Dave Nelson went over the proposed chapter by-laws which were adopted. Dave and chapter Chancellor Mike Morris have been working hard on this.
- Dave Nelson and Gary Lane attended the George Washington Annual Luncheon sponsored by the NJSSAR and ESSAR. Special Guests: President General John L. Dodd and General Vincent de Kytspotter, SAR France.
- David Peters, appointed the Empire State Society Historian
- Brian Ante, appointed chapter Secretary
- Mario Costagliola, has begun the application process through his patriot ancestor Capt. John Kellogg and our friend George Tonkin joined as an associate member.
- Later in the Spring but probably in the Summer, the chapter will host a “Family Waking Tour Day” of Revolutionary War historical sites and points of interest in Lower Manhattan, dates and details TBA
- Applications for the chapter and possibly some individuals will be submitted for a SAR National Historic Preservation Award. Application deadline is 5 June,
- Green-Wood Cemetery Plaque and Marker Project. Currently Jerry and John Meekins, Gary Lane and David Peters in conjunction with Green-Wood historian Jeff Richmond will be working on documenting Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Green-Wood for the installation of a roster plaque of patriots at the main entrance for soldiers buried in

Green-Wood, and individual tombstones, courtesy of the VA and markers installed were needed for the 250th Anniversary.

- Family Genealogy and Historical Display Open House and Workshop, probably at HRT or OSH, dates and details TBA, in the summer probably at the Revolutionary War Days at HRT
- There is a lot coming up in the next few months, numerous parades, Flag Day, the 4th of July, Lafayette Parade in August and other related events, the Lancaster National conference in June, May 20th chapter meeting and number of other events, we'll try to keep everyone posted



G. Lane Photo

Compatriots Jerry Meekins and Gary Lane presenting Eagle Scout Joseph Gottleib with a \$300.00 check for 3rd place in the Eagle Scout Essay Contest



G. Lane Photo

105th New York Children of the American Revolution Conference
L to R Gary Lane, son Preston Lane, ESSAR Pres. David Powell, son
Grayson Lane and ESSAR Vice Pres. Ken Anderson

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER NEWS

New Member Induction and Bi-Annual Awards Luncheon
7 April 2024

Irish Coffee Pub, East Islip, Long Island

Our compatriots from the Long Island Chapter inducted eleven new members, four new members were on hand to receive their certificates, including my long time friend of almost 50 years John Porter. Suffolk Co. Police Dept Detective James Ellis was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for over twenty years of service and his efforts to save lives. New officers were installed.



New Inductees to the Long Island Chapter
L to R – John Chandler, Christopher Winters, Eric Anderson, John Porter
with President Bryan Irrgang



R. Rossin Photo

President Bryan Irrgang Presenting Suffolk Co. Police Dept. Det. James Ellis the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate.

New Long Island Chapter Inductees and Patriot Ancestors

James B. Allan-Pvt. David Covill, Connecticut Line, Col. Samuel B. Webb's 9th Regt., Capt. Wooster's Co.

Eric Anderson- Pvt. William Mardis, Capt. Samuel Hawes Co. , Virginia Line, 1777- 1778 and served later in 1781 under Gen. Daniel Morgan in Va. Militia and was at Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown

James D. Barrack

William R. Barrack – Peter Barrack, Pvt. Maryland Militia

Stephen A. Bennett – Matthew Bennett, Col. Hathorn's 4th Regt., Orange Co. Militia

John W. Chandler – Joseph Chandler, Patriotic Service, Orange Co., NY, Signed Articles of Association

Dutch V. Eldridge -1st Lt. Jotham Wright., Lt. Col. Jeduthan Baldwin's, Battalion, Capt. Thomas Patten's Co. of Continental Artillery Artificers.

Charles W. Idol- Sgt. Jacob Idol, Rowan County, NC Militia, Mounted Light Horse Infantry

John P. Porter – Col. Thomas Spencer, Sr., Colonel Va. Militia and Committee of Safety

Christopher J. Winters- Sgt. David Youngs, Eastern Battalion of the Morris Co., N. J. Militia

UPCOMING EVENTS

BROOKLYN CHAPTER DAR ANNUAL TRIVIA CONTEST

Sunday 21 April 2024

Noon to 2:00

That Bar 47 5th Ave., Brooklyn

Form Teams of Four

20 Bucks a Head

Proceeds to fund the chapter's New Utrecht Reformed Church Cemetery marker project and American Veteran Dogs, There will also be a raffle.

Contact the
Brooklyn DAR for
further information

[Brooklyn Chapter,](#)
[NSDAR **](#)

brooklyndar.org

Will last year's
winners. Team Rev
and Battle of
Brooklyn retain
their crown?



LAFAYETTE BALL
Saturday 27 April 2024
7:30 to 10:30 PM
Historic Richmond Town
441 Clarke Ave, S.I.

Come Celebrate the Bi-Centennial of Gen. Lafayette's return tour of the United States in 1824. Check with HRT for ticket availability. I spoke with Luke Boyd recently and he said it is almost sold out.

[Lafayette Ball — Historic Richmond Town](#)



Join our New Jersey Compatriots @
THE NORTH NEW JERSEY AMERICAN
REVOLUTIONARY WAR ROUND-TABLE

Saturday 27 April 2024

Ehinger Center

Drew Univ., Madison, NJ

8:15 AM- 3:00 PM

Lectures

Pell's Point by Roger McCormack

Gen. Charles Lee in New Jersey by Christian McBurney

1777 New Jersey Campaign by Arthur Lefkowitz

Search for the Lost Revolutionary War Fort in the Plainfields by

Nanct Piwowar and Rich Palmatier

George Washington at Middlebrook by Paul Soltis

\$20.00 per paid tickets Contact Robert Wong at (908) 630-9614 or email at [aart.nj@gmail](mailto:aart.nj@gmail.com) for tickets.

HISTORICAL REENACTMENT OF THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT and MASON GEORGE WASHINGTON

Tues. 30 April 2024

Federal Hall 26 Wall St, NYC

11:45 AM

Sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New York. Color Guard, New York Sons of the Revolution and the Knickerbocker Grays. This is an annual event and is open to the general public



BATTLE OF BROOKLYN FAMILY TOUR

This tour is open to all the chapter members and their families and invited guest, this includes DAR and CAR, date and time, TBA. Donations to chapter are appreciated but not required. Norm Goblen, George Tonkin, Jim Sarlo and Dave Peters will be available to serve as tour guides and answer any questions you might have. New York City tends to get overshadowed by Boston and Philadelphia in terms of Revolutionary War history but to be perfectly honest a whole heck of a lot happened here.

Battles Fought in New York City:

1775 -Sons of Liberty Raid on the New York Armory, Sear's Raid on the Turtle Bay Depot, Hamilton and the Hearts of Oak Raid on the Battery

1776 -Long Island aka Brooklyn, Kip's Bay, Skirmish at McGowan's Pass(upper Central Park), Artillery Duel at Horn's Hook, Harlem Heights, Throgs Neck and Pell's Point, and Fort Washington

1777- Sullivan's Raid on Staten Island

1781- Stirling's Raid on Staten Island

Walking Tour Itinerary

- City Hall area, location of British barracks and Provost Marshal's jail and Rev. Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg's Lutheran Church burned in the Great Fire of 1776, he was the brother of Gen. Peter Muhlenberg and first Speaker of the House.
- St. Paul's and Trinity Churchyards, burial places of Generals Richard Montgomery, Horatio Gates and William "Lord Stirling" Alexander, additionally Alexander Hamilton, Hercules Mulligan, Capt. Michael Cresap, Francis Lewis, signatory of the DOI, Albert Gallatin and many others
- Federal Hall, first Capitol and site of Washington's Inauguration
- Location of the Battle of Golden Hill, John St., Ryder's Alley and Gold St. (Golden Hill St.)
- Locations of the British prisons where American POW were held, the three sugarhouses, Middle Dutch and Old Huguenot Churches and other locations.
- Bowling Green, where it began and ended, the reading of DOI in 1776 and the razing of the statue of King George and the British evacuation in 1783.
- Battery Park, where Alexander Hamilton, Robert Troup and the Hearts of Oak militia captured the British artillery battery under fire from British war ships.
- Fraunces Tavern, site of Gen. Washington's Farewell Dinner
- South St. Seaport site of the landing of the Continental Army on their retreat across the East River after the Battle of Brooklyn, Sons of Liberty firebrand Isaac Sears' Liberty Pole, whose removal sparked the Battle of Golden Hill in 1770 and the business offices of Gen. Ebenezer Stevens.
- Hercules Mulligan, the Culper and Mersereau Spy Rings
- Many other points such as Hamilton's home and law offices
- Patriots and Soldiers of Lower Manhattan, Isaac Sears and the Sons of Liberty, Alexander McDougall and the 1st New York Continental Regiment, the Livingstone Family, Marinus Willett and others

IN MEMORIAM



MARY L. BULLOCK

A Staten Island Civic Leader, Friend of Battle of Brooklyn Chapter and
Member of the Hercules Mulligan Awareness Society

Passed away tragically in an automobile accident this past March 2nd on Staten Island

[Founder/President of Port Richmond North Shore Alliance Dies in Vehicle Accident \(portrichmondstrong.com\)](http://portrichmondstrong.com)

[Woman dead after Staten Island crash identified as beloved community leader and 'guiding light' - silive.com](http://silive.com)

GEN. LAFAYETTE and the QUAKER

It was Col. John Hannum, commander of 1st Ballation of the Chester Co. Militia and his brother in-law and friend Thomas Cheyney on 10 Sept 1777 while coming from Martin's Tavern that first spied General Howe's Army moving across Trimble's Ford on Brandywine Creek in southern Chester Co. toward Philadelphia moving east from where he landed at Head of Elk, Maryland. Col. Hannum immediately sent word to Gen. Washington of Howe's troop movements. The following day on 11 Sept. Gen. Howe engaged Gen. Washington near the Birmingham Friends Meeting House and Chadd's Ford. The young General Lafayette had his quarters and at the farm of Gideon Gilpin, a Quaker. Gilpin's wife was Sarah Gregg, 1st cousin to my 5th great grandfather Isaac Gregg. Isaac Gregg and his brothers Solomon and Enoch served in Col. Hannum's Battalion, Isaac had been removed from the Friends Meeting a few years before, maybe for enlisting.

When Lafayette was wounded in the battle he was brought back to the Gilpin farm where his wounds were dressed. before he was sent to the Moravian Hospital in Bethlehem to recuperate. When the General returned to America in 1824 and 1825, one of his stops was to visit his old friend Gideon Gilpin, now near death at 86 years old, he died soon after the visit on 20 Aug 1825. An account of the visit from Gen. Lafayette from the "The History of Delaware County" by Dr. George Smith, published in 1862.

Gilpin Farm near the
Brandywine Battlefield



The quarters of La Fayette were at the dwelling of Gideon Gilpin, who was still living in the same house when La Fayette visited this country in 1825. The procession that accompanied the General to the Brandywine battle-ground, stopped in front of the house while he paid his respects to old Gideon, who was then on his death-bed. This property is now owned by Samuel Painter, who has erected a neat mansion near the old house, which yet remains in nearly its former condition.

[Brandywine Battlefield Historic Site \(ushistory.org\)](http://ushistory.org)

[The Battle of Brandywine: In Which the Rebels Were Defeated | Pennsylvania Center for the Book \(psu.edu\)](http://psu.edu)

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