

# **“THE GOWANUS GAZETTE”**

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## **RECENT and UPCOMING EVENTS, PART I**

Lafayette Ball

27 April 2024

Histrionic Richmond Town

Honoring the Bicentennial of Gen. Lafayette’s

Return to America and Staten Island

1824-1825



N. Goben Photo

From L to R Michael and Brian Ante, Jim Sarlo, Dave Peters, Luke Boyd and Norm Goben

A nice size crowd attended from various historical clubs and societies., many dressed in late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century period attire. 19th century historic dance instructor Lorraine Danischewski instructed the crowd in various styles of French dance popular in the early 1800s. Norm, Jim and I raided Luke’s stash of Sam Adams.

[Lafayette Ball Richmondtown SI 4.24 \(rumble.com\)](https://www.rumble.com/10000000000000000000/Lafayette-Ball-Richmond-Town-SI-4-24)

Video courtesy of Norm Goben



P. Hein Photo

Battle of Brooklyn Color Guard David Peters, Scott Postal with Fifer



Washington's Presidential Inauguration Reenactment  
30 April 2024  
Federal Hall, NYC

Free and Accepted Masons of New York

Color Guard, the Knickerbocker Grays, Sons of the Revolution in NY and Battle of Brooklyn Chapter ESSAR. Chapter Color guard was Scott Postal and Dave Peters. Dave Nelson, Norm Goben and new member Jason Short, who is also a Mason were in attendance. This is the first time our chapter has participated in this event and I wanted to thank the Masons, Peter Hein and Sons of Revolution on behalf of the chapter for extending the invitation for us to participate in this year's event



D. Nelson Photo

Reenactment of Washington's Inauguration  
Chancellor Robert Livingston and Senate Sect. Samuel Otis. Presiding  
Clergyman Bishop Samuel Provoost

### Bishop Samuel Provoost (1742-1815)

A little aside on Bishop Provost he was the nephew of Gen. William “Lord Stirling” Alexander and son of Stirling’s ½ brother John Provoost, their mother who married twice was Mary nee Spratt Provoost Alexander. Samuel Provost was ordained to the Anglican priesthood in 1766 and was appointed Associate Rector at Trinity Church, his outspoken Whig politics rubbed the Loyalist vestry the wrong way and he was dismissed in the early 1770s. After the war and British occupation in 1784 he was appointed Rector at Trinity and consecrated Bishop of New York in 1786.

[Samuel Provoost - Wikipedia](#)



D. Nelson Photo

Sons of the Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution combined  
Color Guard





D. Nelson Photo

Array of Flags

## BATTLE of BROOKLYN SAR JROTC AWARDS

Compatriot Kevin Johnson Maj., USAF (Ret.) has been working on developing an awards program with the JROTC in New York City High Schools. He awarded two JROTC cadets with medals and certificates.

Army  
Cadet Harrison Tan  
Ft. Hamilton High School, Brooklyn  
@ the school auditorium  
1 May 2024  
Unit Commander Maj. Sang Lee

Air Force  
Cadet Jay Li  
Aviation High School, L. I. C., Queens  
@ the Ft. Hamilton Community Club  
3 May 2024  
Unit Commander MSgt. Joe C. Kyle



[Fort Hamilton - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Hamilton)

Maj. Kevin Johnson presenting award and medal to JROTC AF Cadet Jay Li





Brooklyn DAR Chapter Meeting  
7 May 2024

Old Stone House, Brooklyn

Updates on the DAR's patriot grave marker project at New Utrecht and Aug, Old Stone House event were given. Compatriots Gary Lane, Kevin Johnson, Dave Nelson and Norm Goben were in attendance.



N. Goben Photos

Beth Fitzgerald being sworn as chapter registrar and Dave Nelson receiving a certificate and medal from chapter Regent Kathy Fontaine.



Richmond County DAR Student Awards Ceremony  
10 May 2024

Staten Island Reformed Church

DAR chapter officers serving as award presenters Elaine Dean, Leona Lane, and Kaitlyn Thompson. Compatriots Brian Ante, Norm Goben, and David Peters served as the Color Guard.



L. Lane Photo

Richmond Co. DAR w/ Battle of Brooklyn SAR Color Guard and Gary Lane



L. Lane Photo

Erick Abatte, DAR Good Citizen Award Winner with his Mentor/Teacher

Richmond Co. DAR Student Essay and Award Winners  
American History Essay, "Stars and Stripes Forever"  
David Paul 5<sup>th</sup> Gr., Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Thomas Backis, 6<sup>th</sup> Gr., Academy of St. Dorothy  
Lilla Maselli, 7<sup>th</sup> Gr., Home School  
Conner Kukal, 8<sup>th</sup> Gr., Our Lady Star of the Sea



NY State Flag Essay  
“What the Flag Means to Me”  
Chloe Adrielle Mosley, 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. P.S./I.S. 48

High School History Essay  
“Patriots in the Revolutionary War”  
Priscilla Andes, S.I. Tech., Junior

DAR Good Citizen  
Erick Abatte Msgr. Farrell H.S., Senior

Outstanding Cadet Medal  
Mia Morales, C.S.I. H.S. for International Studies, Sophomore  
S.I. Sea Cadets

Big Apple Honor Flight Mission #4  
La Guardia Airport  
11 May 2024





The Greater New York DAR, the Battle of Brooklyn SAR, other Patriotic Organizations and Families greet the U. S. Military Veterans returning from their tour of Washington, D.C. Photos are courtesy of Nick Tan Photography







## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Battle of Brooklyn Chapter Meeting

Old Stone House

Monday 20 May 2024

6:00-9:00 PM

3<sup>rd</sup> St and 5<sup>th</sup>, Brooklyn

The guest speaker will be Jeff Richmond the Green-Wood Cemetery Historian, he will discuss the progress on identifying and documenting Revolutionary War soldiers and patriot interred there. I would urge everyone to attend to hear Jeff, this in an ongoing project with the chapter for placement of markers, gravestones, and a plaque at the main entrance for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our last chapter meeting was quite productive

Two new members will be inducted father and son Donald D. Short and Jason W. Short, they are descended from Jeremiah Wood (1743 -1819) of Huntington, Suffolk, Long Island, they qualify through his patriotic service but Jeremiah Wood seems to have served early in Col. Josiah Smith's 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. of Suffolk Co. Minute Men, 1775-1776.

Huntington Militia Flag



### Memorial Day Parades and Events

Staten Island

Monday 27 May 2024

Forest Ave. and Hart Blvd.



Chapter members and color guard will march with the Richmond Co. DAR and CAR. Time TBA. Contact Gary L. or Dave N. for more information  
Bay Ridge

Muster 78<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave

If anyone can't make Staten Island and would like to march in the Bay Ridge Parade contact Dave Nelson ASAP and he will register you for the event.

### Memorial Day Veterans Flag Placement

Increase Carpenter Chapter of the DAR will be placing flags on veterans graves in St. Michael's Cemetery, near La Guardia. If you are in Queens or Nassua County this would be a good thing to do.

Liberty Pole Weekend

Saturday 1 June 2024

New Utrecht Dutch Reformed Church

1827 84<sup>th</sup> St., Brooklyn

1:00 PM Flag Ceremony

2:00 PM Revolutionary War Lectures

David Peters on Hand's 1<sup>st</sup> Continentals, Skirmishes and Scouting at New Utrecht and Flatbush

Norman Gobon on the Defenses of Brooklyn and New York, 1776



Flag Day Parade

Friday 14 June 2024

Muster City Hall Park, NYC, Time TBA

We are registered to march

Organized by the Sons of the Revolution and Lower Manhattan Historical Assc.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

BSA Camp Pouch, Staten Date and Time TBA

FINIS PART I





Lafayette and Walt Whitman

## GENERALOGY CORNER

### Revolutionary War Vocabulary

You may across these ranks and designations in your research

Spy- When one thinks of a spy, they might think Hercules Mulligan, Robert Townsend's Culper or Mersereau brother's spy rings and with clandestine intelligence gathering. It can also refer to scouts and rangers who gathered intelligence on British troop or their allied Indian movements. They were often local militiamen that "who knew the lay of the land" as in the case of James Fitz Randolph in New Jersey (see James Longstreet). They usually worked in small squads of a few soldiers and watched known points of traverse, river fords and ferries, roads and trails or gaps and passes in mountains, Two noted Indian Spies were Capt. Sam Brady of the 8<sup>th</sup> Pa. and Capt. John Montour, a Metis who commanded a company of allied Delaware scouts, both attached to the Western Dept under Col. Brodhead. Indians spies dressed in Native American style, if noticed from distance they would seem to be Indians. Surveyor is a similar term applied to militiamen or sailors involved in coastal defense who watched the coast, bays and ports for British naval and merchant ship movements

Captain Lieutenant- This rank was a carryover rank from the British Army command structure and was used by some regiments in the Continental Army or Militia. A Captain Lieutenant was in between a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and Captain in rank, his duties were the command of a Colonel's 1<sup>st</sup> company, he ran the companies administrative duties on the day to day basis and in the Colonel's absence. Captain's duties and 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenants pay. Caleb Brewster of the Culper spy ring courier held this rank in the 4<sup>th</sup> New York Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Commandant – This was a term adopted later about 1780 in the Continental Army and Militia. This was a senior Lt. Colonel that

commanded a regiment. In the British command structure a Colonel often commanded a regiment made up of two battalions commanded by two Lt. Colonels, about twice the size of an American regiment commanded by a Colonel, in other words a British Battalion was about the size of an Continental regiment. This designation was used to facilitate prisoner of war exchanges of Colonels and Lt. Colonels. In the 1780 organization of the Pennsylvania Militia redesignated all their Colonels to Lt. Colonels in command of battalions.

## Revolutionary War Soldiers, Patriots, Sailors, and their Famous Descendants

David Crockett (1786-1836)

American Legend, Soldier, Frontiersman, Congressman and  
B'ar Killer at age 3

David Stern Crockett was born in what is now Greene Co., Tenn., he was the son of John Wesley and Rebecca nee Hawkins Crockett. The Crockett family branch was of Huguenot ancestry that sought refuge in Northern Ireland from persecution.