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LIBERTAS ET PATRIA

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RECENT and UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

20 May 2024

Old Stone House

Jeffery Richmond the Green-Wood Cemetery historian updated us on the progress of documenting the Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots buried in Green-Wood. He recently published some biographies on the Green-Wood website and will be adding more in future as the documentation continues. Three new compatriots were inducted into the chapter, father and son Donald D. Short and Jason W. Short, through the patriotic service of Jeremiah Wood of Huntington, Long Island. Thomas Winant who has been a member of the chapter for awhile was also to be inducted on his planned visit from Florida, but was unable to make the trip, so an attempt was made to induct him over the phone but there was some miscommunications, so Tom was for the most part inducted “in absentia”. Gary Lane also received the Distinguished Service Medal. Congratulations to Gary, well deserved.

Link to Green-Wood Bios; [Revolutionary War Biographies – Green-Wood](#).



Jason and Donald Short with Dave Nelson

Gary Lane Receiving
the Distinguished
Service Medal from
Dave Nelson



N. Goben Photos

Memorial Day Parade
27 May 2021
Staten Island, NY



Michael Ante,
Dave Nelson, Jim
Sarfo, Thomas
Taylor, Brian Ante,
Dave Peters and
Gary Lane

D. Nelson Photo

The Battle of Brooklyn Chapter, the Richmond Co. DAR and CAR, joined together to march in the annual Staten Island Memorial Parade. We were well received by the patriotic Staten Islanders that lined the parade route. Among those marching were our friends from the Staten Island Sea Cadets and JROTC, plus numerous other veterans and patriotic organizations.

Liberty Pole Day
1 June 2024
New Utrecht Reformed Church

The New Utrecht Liberty Pole

“The church grounds are easily identifiable from miles around by the 106' tall Liberty Pole on its front lawn. The New Utrecht Liberty Pole is the sixth one erected in succession on the church grounds. A bronze tablet at the site is inscribed with the following:

"This Liberty Pole marks the spot over which the American flag first waved in the town of New Utrecht. The original pole was erected by our forefathers at the Evacuation of the British, November 1783, amid the firing of cannons and demonstration of joy.” From the Friends of New Utrecht Website [Friends of Historic New Utrecht](#)

This an annual event at New Utrecht, historian Dave Elligers gave a talk on the history the New Utrecht Liberty Pole. Norman Goben and I gave short presentation on the “Dress of the Riflemen” focusing on the “Hunting Shirt”. I spoke on the 1st Continentals aka 1st Pa. and their march from Boston, encampment at Brooklyn and skirmishes with the Hessian Jaegger Corp at Flatbush on the days leading up the Battle of Brooklyn. Norm finished up with a presentation of the “Defenses of New York Harbor, 1776”, focusing primarily the on Lower Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the British flotilla and landing at Gravesend from Staten Island prior to the battle. George Tonkin was also in attendance dressed as one of Glover’s “Marbleheaders”, also a big salute to George for mowing the knee high grass at the cemetery. In the fall I will be giving a more comprehensive lecture on the “Riflemen in Continental Army” at New Utrecht.

ROTC Awards

Maj. Kevin Johnson (USAF, ret.) our JROTC program director awarded two more JROTC Bronze Medals to cadets. Congratulations to Cadets Sugundo Quizhpilema of Curtis HS (top) and Ruslan Rovshanbekov (bottom) of New Dorp HS



K. Johnson Photos



Flag Day Parade
14 June 2024
Lower Manhattan

The annual “Flag Day Parade”, the Battle of Brooklyn and 1st Continental Chapters and DAR, CAR members marched in the parade, also marching was the New York Sons of the Revolution, the Lower Manhattan Historical Assoc. and the Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Compatriot, Norm Goben leading the parade dressed in his 2nd New York Continental uniform

Flag Day Parade Video Link [ReWave US V2 16x9 VO1 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReWaveUSV216x9VO1)

D. Peters Photo





D. Peters Photo

From my travels in the Northern Dept., fence picket Betsy Ross, near Jay, NY
in the Adirondack Mountains

Flag Retirement Ceremony
14 June 2024
BSA Camp Pouch
Staten Island

The Staten Island Boy Scout held there annual flag retirement ceremony. We support the scouts in this every year. Gary Lane and his sons both Scouts and CAR members, along with compatriot Thomas Taylor were present.



4th of July Parade
Battery Park, Lower Manhattan

A few pics of chapter members at the annual parade





Fort Niagara Reenactment and Marker Dedication
24 and 25 Aug 20

Compatriot Norm Goben made the 400 plus mile trek with some friends from the BAR (Brigade of the American Revolution, reenactment organization). This was to be 250th SAR event but unfortunately there was little SAR presence



N. Goben Photo

Norm with the 8th Pa., his patriot ancestor William Goben's regiment

UPCOMING EVENTS

In the upcoming few weeks there will be a number of events honoring the bicentennial 1824-1825 United States grand tour of General Lafayette.

Lafayette Historic Trail Marker Dedication

Thursday 10 Aug 2024

10:00 AM

Staten Island Reformed Church

54 Port Richmond Ave

See the attached flyer for more details, this is a chapter Color Guard event, muster is at 9:00 AM. The Masons and other organizations will be also participating. If anyone needs a lift from Manhattan, let me know I will be driving out. This is the kick off for a number of Lafayette events throughout August.

Lafayette's Arrival in New York
Brookfield Place
(formerly the World Financial Center)
401 South End Ave
Battery Park City, Manhattan
Color Guard muster at 9:00 AM

Multiple organizations will be participating, follow up event, Noon at City Hall Park. Other events throughout the weekend, TBA. We will probably adjourn to the White Horse for lunch and libations afterward.

Saturday 24 Aug 2024
Brooklyn Two Event Day

Prison Martyr Monument Memorial
10:00 AM
Fort Greene Park

Color Guard Muster at the Old Stone at 9:00 for transportation to Fort Greene or muster at 9:30 if you providing your own transportation. After the memorial we will remove to the Old Stone House for the second event.

Battle of Brooklyn and Maryland 400 Memorial and Commemoration
Old Stone House
336 3rd St. Brooklyn (4th and 5th Ave)
12:30 or arrive earlier
All Day Event

To our newer members and friends this is the biggest event of the year for the Battle of Brooklyn Chapter and I would urge you to attend if possible. Members of the Maryland SAR, DAR, and Society of Cincinnati will read the names of the fallen "Maryland Immortals" who sacrificed themselves in the final stand to allow the rest the overrun and outnumbered Continental Army to retreat.

Last year's event was great success with SAR compatriots from as far a Kentucky, Maryland and Virginia attending as well many local members

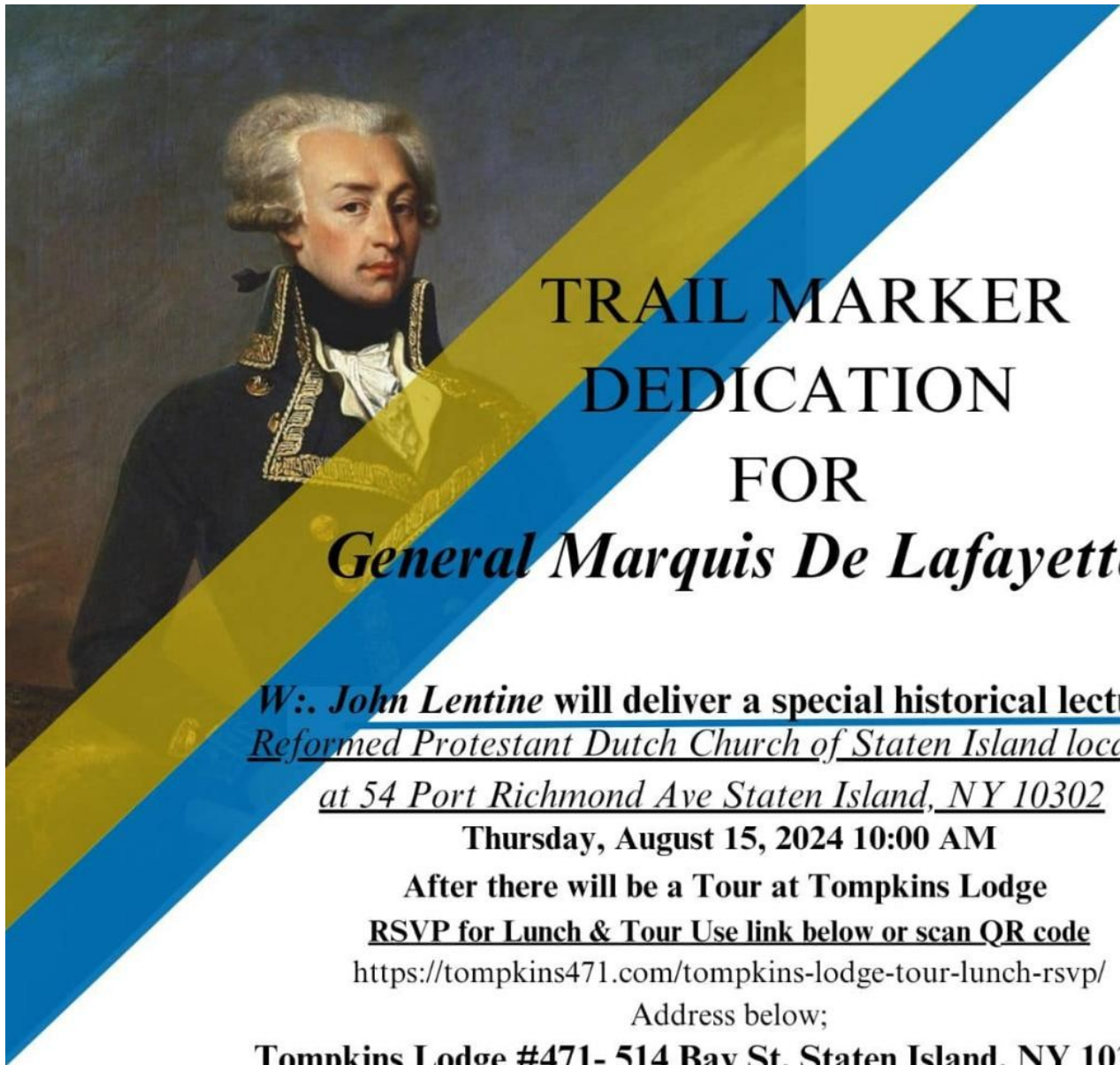
from New York City, Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut, and members of other lineage societies, reenactors, veterans and patriotic organizations. SAR officers Joe Vermalean, VP Gen. Mid-Atlantic Region, David Powell, ESSSAR President and Robert Meyer, Adjutant, NSAR Color Guard will be in attendance, this year to coordinate the event



Last Year's Event DAR and SAR



Last Year's SAR Color Guard, Musket Squad and Maryland National Guard



TRAIL MARKER DEDICATION FOR *General Marquis De Lafayette*

W.: John Lentine will deliver a special historical lecture
Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Staten Island located
at 54 Port Richmond Ave Staten Island, NY 10302

Thursday, August 15, 2024 10:00 AM

After there will be a Tour at Tompkins Lodge

RSVP for Lunch & Tour Use link below or scan QR code

<https://tompkins471.com/tompkins-lodge-tour-lunch-rsvp/>

Address below;

Tompkins Lodge #471- 514 Bay St, Staten Island, NY 10304

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Assistant Grand Lecturer





ONE LAST THING

I came across this vintage print in a thrift store and recognized the artist as Arthur Szyk (1894-1951) it shows George Washington as a Mason. Szyk

was Polish born Jewish illustrator trained the “illuminate Medieval manuscript style” He was best known for anti-Nazi cartoons, Judaica and book illustrations but also did quite a few illustrations of American patriotic themes such of this one of George Washington. He fled Europe in 1940 and settled in the U.S.

[Arthur Szyk - Wikipedia](#)

From Wikipedia:

“Another great historical series Szyk created was Washington and his Times, which he began in Paris in 1930. The series, which included 38 [watercolours](#), depicted the events of the [American Revolutionary War](#) and was a tribute to the first president of the United States and the American nation in general. The series was presented at an exhibition at the [Library of Congress](#) in Washington, D.C. in 1934. It brought another decoration to Szyk – this time the George Washington Bicentennial Medal from the American government. [\[18\]\[19\]](#) “

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Part I

Part Deux to follow

