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THE YEAR IN REVIEW AND AGENDA FOR THE COMING YEAR

We have had a busy years, the chapter is growing and active. Among the highlights were the Lafayette Bicentennial Tour Events; the Lafayette Ball, Staten Island Reform Church marker dedication and Lafayette’s arrival reenactment. Lineage Society Flag Service, Historic Richmond Town Welcome Home Fall Festival, Wreaths Across America and S. I. Reformed Church 250th marker dedication, 250th Reenactment of the Philadelphia Light Horse, Washington’s escort to Boston, Parades included the S. I. Memorial Day Memorial and NYC 4th of July and Flag Day. The Old Stone House, Maryland 400 Memorial and 250th marker installation, Prison Martyrs memorial, 250th 1st Continental Congress commemoration and Sect. Charles Thomson marker dedication in Philadelphia, JROTC cadet and DAR student awards, DAR marker dedication at New Utrecht Reformed Church, Evacuation Day commemorations at New Utrecht and Evacuation Plaza, Washington’s Inauguration reenactment at Federal Hall, Dave Peters’ “Sons of Liberty, walking tour, Norman Goblen and Dave Peters’ series of ongoing lectures and historical presentations.

NEW MEMBERS

From late 2023 and through 2024, fourteen members have have been added to the chapter, additionally at least two applications are at State and National for final approval and number of new members have been added to the 1st New York Continental Chapter

Battle of Brooklyn Chapter

Donald Short-Jeremiah Wood, Patriotic Service and Suffolk Co., Militia
Jason Short

William Caccese- James Morris, 1st NJ Cont. Line and 1st Monmouth County Militia Regt., POW at Navesink.

Michael Gibbons-Patton's Additional Cont. (Pa. and NJ) Regt. Doyle and Keene's Companies.

Davis O. Richardson- William Guy, Va. Continental Line, 5th, 11th, and 15th Regiments. Served under Colonels Russell, Morgan, and Buford

Devin Mas Shields -

Cory Way-Sgt. Nathan Perly, Alarm of 19 April 1775, march to Concord, Capt. Jones' Co. of Essex Co., MA Militia

David Kehler- Frederick Leiby, Berks County, Pa. Militia and Patriotic Service, Col. Heisters, 6th Batt., Capt. Baldy's Co. and Col. Ely's Batt., Capt. Ladich's Co.

Charles P. Kehler

Dean C. Kehler

James M. Kehler

Rodd Farhadi- John Mackey, Patriotic Service, Burke Co. NC

Nicholas A. Connell, John De Long, Patriotic Service, Berks Co., Pa.

Pending Applications

Emeric Du Mas- Col. Johannes Knickerbocker, Colonel the 14th Regt. Albany Co. Militia. Wounded at Saratoga, also a descendant of Col. Zebulon Butler of Connecticut, commander during the Wyoming Valley Massacre and Comfort Sands, NY Sons of Liberty

Evan Gottlieb- Daniel Provost, 5th and 9th Regts. Connecticut Cont. Line, WIA, Invalid Corp.

There also a good number of applications in the docket that need additional documentation and should be submitted soon.

1st NY Continental Chapter

Evan Cummings – Henry Knerr, Chester Co., Pa. Militia, Col. Evan's 4th Batt., Capt. Cypher's Co. and Lt. Col. Bull's 2nd Batt., Capt. Holman's Co.

Henri de Perignon – Transfer from the French Society, Galand de Longurerue, Sous-Lieutenant (2nd Lt.) Regiment du Martinique. Wounded at the Siege of Savannah

OVERVIEW OF THE CHAPTERS and WHO DOES WHAT

BATTLE OF BROOKLYN CHAPTER

OFFICERS

52 Members

President- David Nelson

1st Vice President -Kevin Johnson

2nd Vice President – Gary Lane

Secretary – Brian Ante

Treasurer- Wesley Oler

Asst. Treasurer – Peter Fontaine

Richard Rossin- Acting Registrar

Michael Morris- Chancellor (this who bails us out of jail, when we bust up a bar)

David Peters- Historian, Genealogist, Asst. Registrar, editor of the “Gowanus Gazette”.

Norman Goblen – Chaplain, Sgt. at Arms, and Safety Officer

COMMITTEES AND OTHER POSITIONS

250th Anniversary Historical Marker Committee

Norm Goblen and David Peters, co-chairs, Gary Lane, Jerry Meekins, We have installed two markers in the last half of 2024, at Staten Island Reformed Church and the Old Stone House and two additional markers are waiting for installation at Green-Wood Cemetery and the Rawley American Legion Post in Gowanus. We hope to install a good number more in upcoming year as we approach 2026. The Green-Wood marker and Liberty Tree dedication is tentatively 19 April 2025 Patriots Day, particulars TBA

Youth and Community Programs

JROTC – Maj. Kevin Johnson (USAF, Ret.) the program chairman and other members awarded twelve medals and certificates to JROTC and Sea Cadets in 2024

Boy Scouts- Gary Lane, Eagle Scout Awards Program and Flag Retirement Program

DAR/CAR – Gary Lane coordinates events with the DAR and CAR

Veterans -Newly formed, Scott Postell. Brian Ante and Gary Lane, USS Stark Veterans Award application, coordinates veterans events and programs

Speakers Bureau- Norm Goblen and David Peters, Historical lectures, presentations and displays for students, SAR/DAR and other civic and historical societies and venues.

Webmaster-Bill Caccese

Membership and Mentoring. If you have a friend or relative that wishes to apply to the SAR, please contact David Peters for genealogical help, documentation and beginning the application process, for finalized application processing and approval contact Richard Rossin.

Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriot Grave Verification Program
David Peters, Jerry and John Meekins. In 2024 sixty-four Soldiers and Patriots were documented as being buried in Green-Wood Cemetery, but this total may well exceed seventy as the research continues. The Port Richmond Reformed church cemetery Revolutionary War list is currently under review. See attached PDF for the Green-Wood list

[Verified Soldiers.pdf](#)

[Verified Patriotic Service.pdf](#)

[ADDITIONAL REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS BURIED IN.pdf](#)

COLOR GUARD

David Nelson, Commander, Norman Goblen, David Peters, Jason Short, Brian and Michael Ante

Regional Members, Robert Meyer, Julian Hershey, Clark McCullough and Chris Sands

Associate Members, James Sarlo, George Tonkin, Luke Boyd and Liam Ferguson

There are often SAR compatriots from other chapters that join us in regional and national events as well as local reenactment units that participate with the Color Guard

In past year the Battle of Brooklyn Color Guard participated in about sixteen events, commemorations, dedications, parades, awards ceremonies and memorials. In the upcoming year we hope be better deported in our discipline and maybe add a fife and drum from among our junior members.

To participate in the Color Guard you must dress in a Revolutionary War Continental Army uniform or as militia. If this interests you and would like to participate with the Color Guard please feel free to contact Dave Nelson about joining.

AMERICANISM AWARDS

Chapter officers and I have been logging chapter activities and events for 2024, we are still compiling the data which must be submitted to the National Society by March 15th, 2025, after review National will award medals, certificates and other citations to individual SAR members and chapters, that have accrued enough points based on chapter size.

Here are the twelve categories at this point and the approximate points total, 1. Media, website creation, 100 points 2. Speakers Bureau, public lectures by members, 210 3. DAR/CAR Support, 50 4. Youth Programs (JROTC and BSA), 180 5. Public Service Events(parades and other public events) 1070 pts. 6. Historic Sites, 250th events, OSH, etc. 545 7. Grave Markings, 60, more to be added 8. Color Guard, 580 9. Medals and Awards, 45 10. National Service, N/A, 11. Membership, new members, 435 12. Meetings, attendance at Regional, State, and National Meetings, 50. Drum roll, please for a Grand Total of 3,325 Points

1st NY CONTINENTAL CHAPTER

74 Members

The goal for this year is the revitalization of the chapter. Which has become progressively dormant over the past few years. At the 25th of Sept. joint meeting, new officers were elected and appointed. This is a directive from officers at the State and Regional level. In the upcoming year it would great see increased participation from chapter members.

OFFICERS

David Nelson -President
Thomas Taylor -Vice President
Scott Postell -Secretary and Asst. Treasurer
Wesley Oler- Treasurer
Rev. Evan Cummings- Chaplain

Nominating Committee
Evan Cummings
Scott Postell
Thomas Taylor

OUTLOOK FOR 2025

We are coming up soon on the 250th Anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolutionary War, “the shot heard around the world” 19th of April, the Battle of Lexington and Concord, this will kick off two years of 250th anniversary events, dedications, commemorations and memorials. This will be the main focus for not only the Sons of the American but also the Daughters of American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Cincinnati and many other historical societies, veterans and patriotic organizations. So, in the upcoming year, there will be plenty participate in. Among our goals this coming year is increased participation from older members of both the Battle of Brooklyn and 1st NY Continental Chapters and seeing our newer members out at the events. We generally hold chapter meetings on an approximate quarterly basis in a both Brooklyn and Manhattan at various locations.. David Peters, editor

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