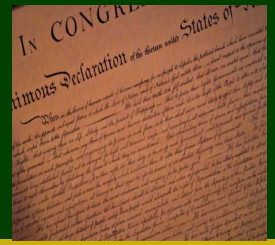




# JERSEY PATRIOT



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## President General Alter to Attend NJSSAR Meeting in Princeton

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It doesn't matter how intelligent or business savvy a leader is, that leader will never reach the apex of effectiveness operating in "silo" mentality. Communication is key to successful organizations regardless of their purpose, structure or size. Our new President General Warren M. Alter is well aware of this axiom as his style shows.

President General Alter's leadership philosophy has been described as collaborative, with a continuous focus on improving communication at all levels. He has been at the helm of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution since July of 2018 and has already made changes to improve communication; increasing interaction among Vice Presidents General, working to set up video recording of the training sessions at leadership meetings and supporting on-line training as a means of reaching a wider audience. He is no stranger to the leadership role either, having served as VPG of Rocky Mountain District back in 2013 followed by Inspector General, Treasurer General and Secretary General. He is now President General and Chairman of the SAR Foundation. His commitment to communication is evident in his willingness to travel the country in order to meet SAR leaders. Thanks to our own strong State leadership that includes a stop in New Jersey.



President General Warren M. Alter and First Lady Nancy Alter

We are proud to announce that President General Alter and First Lady Nancy will be traveling to New Jersey to be part of our next meeting. So please attend our State Meeting in Princeton on February 23, 2019. Say hello and introduce yourself to them. Let's show him our support for the many initiatives being advanced under his leadership. Let's communicate the NJSSAR way with a hearty welcome.

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## NJSSAR President's Message



### Robert C. Meyer - State President New Jersey Society Sons Of The American Revolution

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**My** fellow Compatriots, 2018 was a very busy year for the NJSSAR!

In March I attended the spring leadership meeting at our National Headquarters in Kentucky. While there, NJSSAR joined with the Georgia and South Carolina societies to work with the American Battlefield Trust (formerly the Civil War Trust) to assist in the preservation of the Camden-South Carolina Battlefield (14 acres), and Kettle Creek Battlefield in Georgia. Upon returning to NJ we attended a "living history" at the Battle of Bound Brook. The April State meeting in Princeton followed, which was very well attended and featured a great presentation by Stu Richel titled "Vietnam Through My Lens".



Summer brought many new venues. Springfield cemetery, once an SAR cemetery from 1889 to 1954 was turned over to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) when the Passaic Valley Chapter folded in 1954. The transfer included terms that the DAR would conduct a ceremony every flag day which they have since 1954. This past summer we brought three members of the NJSSAR Color Guard to the event and presented the DAR with a wonderful wreath.

Next on our long list of activities was the Cannonball House of Springfield where the NJSSAR Color Guard presented a wreath on the anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, Then it was on to the Battle of Monmouth reenactment on the 17th and 18th of June where we set up our booths, talked to visitors and joined the Kansas Society SAR and members of the German Society to place wreaths during a ceremony at the monument of General Friedrich Von Stueben. Shortly afterwards we were on to National Congress in Houston Texas, where the New Jersey Society did very well bringing home 9 streamers and 11 certificates. On the 4th of July we conducted our first ceremony at the Proprietary House in Perth Amboy, New Jersey on the 4th of July. This event is a National event called "Let Freedom Ring".

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*To Unite and Promote Fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American People, to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.*

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## ***(President's Message Continued)***

In August we attended the Mid-Atlantic conference in Virginia, where the New Jersey State Society challenged other Societies in our district to save Revolutionary War properties and structures. In September the Color Guard marched in the Labor Day parade in South Plainfield; they also attended a DAR luncheon in Princeton for new citizenship recipients.

In October we held our State meeting where among other actions we provided money to the Cannonball House and the DAR cemetery to help with upkeep. At that same meeting the Color Guard was issued their bronze medals and also given instructions on how to obtain a silver medal. Vice President General Lou Raborg was quite impressed to see the NJ SAR board give so much money to these structures. We had spoken about this effort with him at the Mid-Atlantic conference back in August and it demonstrates that New Jersey "puts its money where its mouth is". In a related matter, I worked with the South Jersey Chapter and VP General Raborg to help the Chapter in their efforts to get the Red Bank Battlefield listed as a New Jersey National event.

Your State President attended fall leadership in October in Louisville, Kentucky (Monmouth Battlefield was made a National Event at this gathering). November brought NJSSAR to Fort Lee, New Jersey where we laid a wreath for the first time ever. Finishing up the year, in December we attended Princeton Battlefield wreath laying ceremony for our 2nd year. The NJSSAR aims to have these battlefields listed as national events as Monmouth Battlefield has been.

I look forward to 2019 and New Jersey leading the way again.

**Respectfully, Robert C. Meyer, President, New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution**

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## **Upcoming Meetings of the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution Princeton Marriott - Hotel and Conference Center 100 College Road East, Princeton, NJ 08540**

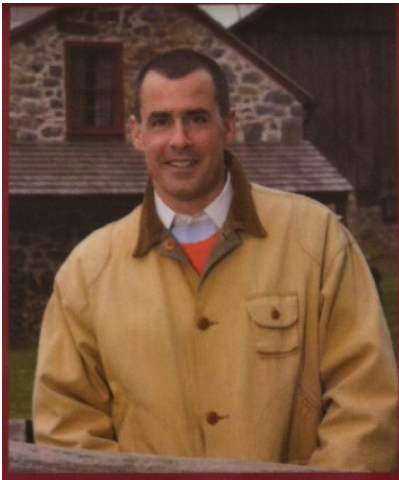
**April 27, 2019**      **Board of Managers Meeting 10:00 AM**  
**NJ Society Ladies Auxiliary 10:00 AM**  
**Luncheon 12:00 PM Speaker TBD**

**October 26, 2019**      **Board of Managers Meeting 10:00 AM**  
**NJ Society Ladies Auxiliary 10:00 AM**  
**Luncheon 12:00 PM Speaker TBD**

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## NJSSAR STATE MEETING IN PRINCETON FEBRUARY 23, 2019

### Author Jeffrey E. Finegan Sr. To Talk at NJSSAR Meeting Princeton Marriott on February 23, 2019



Jeffrey E. Finegan Sr. is a 1982 graduate of Seton Hall University with a Bachelors Degree in broadcast communications. A native of New Jersey, his interest in history spans from the Norman Conquest of England to World War II with a concentration in George Washington, the American Civil War and historic architecture. He resides in the historic village of Finesville, New Jersey with his wife, Kimberly Ollio Finegan and two sons, Jeffrey E. Jr. and Peter J. Finegan.

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### Nine Year Old Provides Coats For Homeless in Trenton “ I just want them to be like me”

Sandro Cunningham creator of Sandro's Coat Rack

Sandro Cunningham, a nine year old boy started a coat drive to help the homeless in Trenton two years ago. He will be attending our state luncheon and receiving the Silver Good Citizen Medal for the hard work that he has done over the last two years to help his community.

If you have a meeting coming up or way to contact your members that may be coming to our state meeting please ask them to bring a coat to give to this young man. He's an inspiration to say the least. Maybe we can make him proud of us.



**Come Join us at the Princeton Marriott as we acknowledge this inspiring young man for his good deeds with the “Silver Good Citizen Medal” on February 23, 2019**

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## West Fields Chapter Founded 1921

Covering Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties

### Chapter President's Report January 2019 - Warren C. Fristensky

Dear West Fields Chapter Compatriots, since my last report in May, I have attended the National Congress in Houston in July as well as the Atlantic Middle States Conference hosted by the VASSAR, in Newport News, Va. in August. We had a busy spring and summer, particularly with work on the Abraham Clark House, and we thank our volunteer corps for organizing and supervising the work at the house. **Please be sure to look at the events calendar at the end of the report and plan on attending as many events as you can.**

While I am the Chapter President, I also serve as the State Treasurer and am the National Vice-President General of the North Atlantic District (2016-2018). As such I attend the National Congress, Fall and Spring Leadership meetings and preside over the Atlantic Middle States Annual Conference.

This year, Julie and I joined many of our SAR compatriots from across the US on an extraordinary trip to France, for the Centenary of WWI, hosted by our SAR France compatriots. It was at times most moving, as we visited battlefields cemeteries and museums, and joyous, as we were warmly welcomed by our French compatriots wherever we went. I hope you enjoy some of the photos I have included here, although I truly cannot do the trip justice.

Several of our new members have become active and have also acquired Color Guard uniforms (3<sup>rd</sup> New Jersey) so that they can participate in uniform should the occasion call for it. Our Chapter Color Guard, led by Captain Richard Blundin, is the core of the State Color Guard and many of our members participate at the State level also. Should you wish to join the Color Guard, please let me know.

**Respectfully submitted, Warren C. Fristensky, President, West Fields Chapter, NJSSAR**



PG Larry Guzy, European VPG Patrick Mesnard and SAR France President Martin Boyer laid a wreath at the Oise-Aisne cemetery.



We were treated to a gala reception at Hotel de Ville (City Hall) by the Mayor of Reims. Standing at center is PG Larry Guzy.



Following the ceremony, we took the opportunity to do a photo-op. The SAR flag was presented by Patrick Mesnard (left) and Francois de Vaissière (right).

## Upcoming Events

23 February 2019 – State Meeting in Princeton – Color Guard,

1-4 March 2019 Spring Leadership Louisville Ky.

6 March 2019 – West Fields Annual Awards Banquet at Echo Lake CC

10 April 2019 – Spring Assembly with Westfield Historical Societies

27 April 2019 - NJ State Society Annual Luncheon in Princeton – Color Guard





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## Princeton Chapter Founded 1963

Covering Mercer County

## Chapter President's Report January 2019 - Roger Williams

### The NJSSAR Semiquin Project Report Update

There have been a number of questions about Assembly Bill 4250 sponsored by DiAnne Gove, Dist 9. The New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) and Crossroads of the Revolution (CR) have been tasked to actuate the bill's stated purpose of identifying the capital needs of New Jersey's historic sites. On Tuesday, January 29, Exec. Directors, Sara Cureton (NJHC) and Janice Selinger (CR) hosted a one hour webinar to update historic sites on their work. Crossroads is working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) on this initiative. You can see the framework of the capital needs assessment at

<https://revolutionarynj.org/crossroads-issues-rfp-for-evaluation-of-nj-revolutionary-war-sites/>

To purpose of all of this is to find the firm that will inspect, assess, and estimate costs to get NJ RevWar sites ready for now and the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Semiquincentennial. The RFP was developed by the Historical Commission and Crossroads working closely with DEP Div. Parks, Crossroads constituencies, including information obtained by the NJSSAR Semiquin Project. As you are having conversations with the AmerRev War sites under your stewardship, you should impress upon them to provide as much information on their site

assessments' for capital expenditures in report form.

This project is important as this will help those sites to remain viable and commemorate our founding. As we move forward, there will be a survey of Historical Education in NJ Schools, an effort to coordinate large-scale history projects and a study of heritage tourism models around the country. NJHC is hiring a historian to focus on this. This spring, survey current historical research relating to NJ and RevWar. The NJHC will convene scholars and educators and they will have "listening sessions" around the state to determine needs. We will asking chapters to host or attend these listening sessions. For questions regarding this statewide initiative, please contact NJSSAR Semiquin Project Chair, Roger Williams, [Roger@PrincetonSAR.org](mailto:Roger@PrincetonSAR.org) The next meeting will be in person at Morristown National Historic Park, Tue., Apr. 9th

*Respectfully submitted by Roger S. Williams, President Princeton Chapter, and NJSSAR Chair, with thanks to Tom Pyle of the Princeton Battlefield Society for his notes.*



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### SAR OUTREACH MISSION STATEMENT

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's patriotic education mission is to reaffirm and instill in others faith in the principles of liberty and our constitutional republic while honoring our patriotic ancestors who gave us our freedom and constitutional form of government. We will use our library and archives, youth awards programs, educational outreach facility, and American Revolution exhibits to collectively establish a national patriotic institution of learning dedicated to assisting our membership, schools, teachers, and the general public in their efforts to sustain and preserve our history and constitutional principles

# JERSEY PATRIOT

## First Mountain Chapter Founded 1928

Covering Essex, Bergen and Hudson Counties

### Chapter President's Report January 2019 - George Lindgren

## First Mountain Chapter To Meet in Building Dating To 1676

Was Once Farmhouse, Hospital, Church, Restaurant.

On March 12, 2019 at 12:30 PM the First Mountain Chapter will hold their Chapter meeting at the Bloomfield Steak and Seafood House located at 409 Franklin Street in Bloomfield, NJ. The restaurant, originally built in 1676 by Thomas Davis and formerly known as the "Old Joseph Davis House" has a tunnel in the basement that runs to the foot of Eagle Rock, formerly known as Orange Mountain. The tunnel was used as an escape route for women and children during the Revolutionary War\*.

Come join the First Mountain Chapter and enjoy the history, food and camaraderie as the descendants of the Revolutionary War meet one again to discuss matters of great importance for the preservation of our colonial heritage here in these "States United".

### First Mountain Chapter Led By Newly Elected Slate of Officers

At their recent meeting the Chapter leadership was elected anew. Elected to serve two-(2) year terms were the following compatriots:

- President: - George Lindgren
- Vice President: - Paul Ossou
- Secretary: - Richard Campbell
- Treasurer: - Eric Bal



*"A special thanks to Phillip Berg for great strides towards making the First Mountain Chapter an active organization"*  
George Lindgren, President

### Upcoming Meetings

Bloomfield Steak and Seafood House  
March 12, 2019  
at 12:30 PM

Zeppelin Hall Beer Garden, Jersey City  
May 19, 2019 at  
12:30 PM

Spring Leadership Conference / Trustees Meeting at the Brown Hotel

Louisville, Kentucky

February 29, 2019 to March 2, 2019

# JERSEY PATRIOT

## Colonel John Rosenkrans Chapter Chartered in 1956

Covering Warren and Sussex Counties

### Chapter President's Report January 2019 - Gerald G. DeGroat

#### Chapter Participates in Wreaths Across America

**Col. John Rosenkrans Chapter, NJSSAR**, joined with the Sussex County Historical Society, Newton, NJ in the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at the Old Newton Burial Ground, Newton, NJ on December 15, 2018. Chapter members laid wreaths on graves of Revolutionary War veterans buried at the site. Pictured headstones are that of Thomas Anderson, Esq. serving in the Sussex County Militia, and as Assistant Deputy Quarter Master-General for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War and Patriot Letitia Anderson, wife of Thomas honored for her service with the Ladies of Trenton in their efforts to support the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. The ceremony recognized and honored (10) Revolutionary War , (1) Pennsylvania Insurrection of 1794, (1) Quasi-War with France, (1) War with Tripoli, (6) War of 1812 and (22) Civil War veterans buried at the site.



The day's event began with the Hontz Family (5) piece brass ensemble performing patriotic and period arrangements. At noon, the American Legion Post 86 honor guard presented the colors for the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner by (7) year old Mia Sanchez followed by and the Pledge of Allegiance. RW George J. Stypolkowski gave the invocation and Wendy Wyman, DAR and SCHS event chair gave opening remarks and read the veteran and patriot names. Laying of

the wreaths preceded remarks by RW George J. Stypolkowski, Harmony Lodge No. 8 and James H.G. Naisby, Past President, Col. John Rosenkrans Chapter, NJSSAR. Greetings from Congressman Gottheimer were presented by Patrick Sheehan, and Wayne McCabe, President SCHS and Sussex County Historian gave the final remarks. The benediction was given by Jack Tripp, American Legion Post 86. The closing ceremony featured Sue Myett playing Amazing Grace on bagpipes, the American Legion Post 86 with a gun salute, and Susanna Hontz playing Taps for the final tribute.

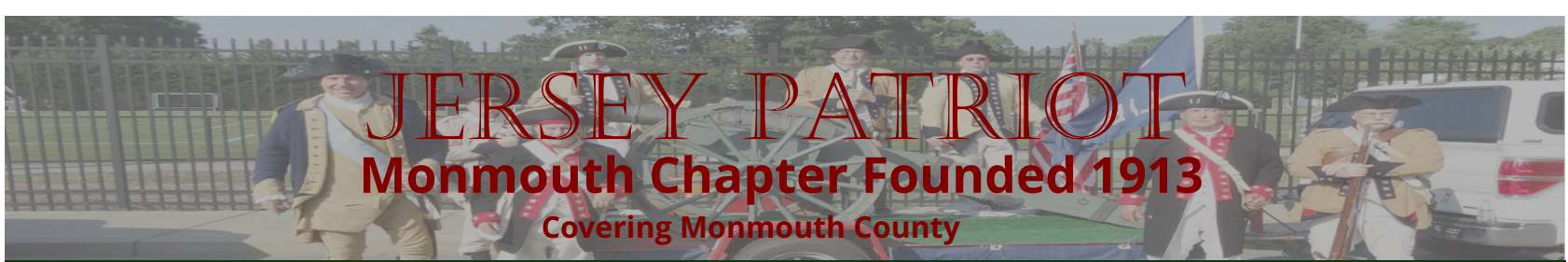
Additional support was provided by Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, and Daughters of the Union.

Revolutionary War veterans buried at the site: Thomas Anderson, John Couse, Matthew Davis, John Drake, Samuel Harden, Jacob Hendershot, John Holmes, Henry Johnson, Richard Lloyd, Theodorus Pulhamus, and Patriot Letitia Anderson (Ladies of Trenton).

Pictured from left to right, Francis J. Hennion, James H.G. Naisby, Clark W. Perry, Gerald G. DeGroat, Roger J. DeGroat, and Hixon H. Spangenberg, Jr.







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## Monmouth Chapter Founded 1913

Covering Monmouth County

### Chapter President's Report May 2018 - Edward Glidden

Compatriots, for those of you who may have missed our First Annual Meeting of 1914 please see the following minutes. To ensure you do not miss the upcoming meetings of the Monmouth Chapter please see our schedule to the right.

#### *Minutes from the meeting of January 3, 1914*

*Monmouth Chapter is only an "infant" and therefore has only a limited report to make. We organized temporarily on the evening of April 23rd, 1913, at the Metropolitan Hotel, Asbury Park, N.J. President Merrill attended and explained the objects of the Society. The installation of the Chapter was held at the Coleman House, Asbury Park, N.J. on the evening of June 27, 1913. President Merrill and other State officers conducted the ceremony in the presence of a large assemblance of people.*

*The members of the Monmouth Chapter acted as hosts during the celebration of the Anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth, both at Asbury Park and Tenment. During the summer our members were very busy as the locality is composed mostly of summer resorts, and consequently, no one has any time except for business.*

*On October 15th we held a meeting, and the matter of gaining new members was fully discussed and means were adopted to increase our membership. The territory is rich field for members in our Society, and we hope to increase our membership very materially. Our membership is now about sixty.*

*respectfully submitted  
William J. Osborn  
Secretary.*

The Monmouth Chapter of the NJSSAR meets at the Town and Country Inn on Route 35 in Keyport NJ.

Our meetings are often a Joint meeting of the Elizabethtown, Monmouth, Abraham Clark and Pinelands Chapters.

Upcoming meetings include:

- March 15, 2019
- May 17, 2019
- August 23, 2019
- November 15, 2019

All meetings start at 7 pm and often include Guest Speakers.  
Respectfully, The Chapter Presidents

Arthur Edward Glidden, Monmouth  
Clark D. McCullough, Elizabethtown  
Joe Hankins, Pinelands  
Bruce Ryno, Abraham Clark

### On this date - February 23, 1778

Baron Von Stueben Arrives at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania to Help Train the Continental Army

# JERSEY PATRIOT

## South Jersey Chapter Founded 1922

Covering Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties

### Chapter President's Report May 2018 - Richard Serfass

The September 22 2018 Chapter meeting was full of activities with NJSSAR President attending as our guest speaker. Robert Meyer and Rich Serfass, SJCSAR Chapter President welcomed Kyle Stewart into our chapter (L-R). Rob Meyer

also presented Rich Serfass with the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal for his Color Guard activities at the Chapter and State level.



The Battle of Red Bank was a success at two levels: The Continental Army under Colonel Christopher Green, Commander of the soldiers at Fort Mercer, won this annual reenactment on its 251 anniversary.

The second victory was the success of the Chapter's Recruitment Booth. With the help from Larrison Jackson (NJSSAR Recruiting Officer), and Chapter members Larry Nelson, Tim Oglie and Rich Serfass this effort gathered 12 potential SAR members. Signing up that day is one thing; getting them to complete an SAR application is another. However, it has to start somewhere.



However, it has to start somewhere.

The South Jersey Chapter SAR again participated with the Moorestown DAR in honoring fallen veterans at the annual Wreaths Across America event. This took place at the Beverly National Cemetery. Over 2000 wreath were laid. Participating this year were Rich Serfass, Larry Nelson, Jim Requa and Connor Day.



The presentation of the SAR Flag award to the Berlin Solid Rock Baptist Church in New Jersey for their patriotic display of the American Flag.



Two new members were inducted at this January meeting. Pictured l-r are President Serfass with Conner Day, Larry Godfrey (last attended a meeting in 1996, retired, and is back again), and Richard Abdill.

### Upcoming Meetings of the South Jersey Chapter

- March 23 annual chapter luncheon -Riverside Country Club in Cinnaminson. All are welcome . Contact Rich Serfass at [rserfass@comcast.net](mailto:rserfass@comcast.net) guest speaker: "General George Washington"

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## Jockey Hollow Chapter Founded 1914

Covering Morris, Hunterdon and Somerset Counties

### Chapter President's Report October 2018 - Roger B. Loomis

### Jockey Hollow Chapter Inducts 7 New Members At September Meeting

### Three Generations of Hollister Family Attend

On September 22, 2018 JHC held our quarterly luncheon/meeting at the Exchange Restaurant in Rockaway, NJ. Of particular note was the induction of seven new members. An eighth was unable to attend but promised to be at our December meeting. Compatriot Russell W. Hollister has brought four new members into the Chapter and Society.



L-R: Pres. Loomis, Matthew C. Garbarino, (brother Michael Garbarino unable to attend), Russell W. Hollister, James R. Hollister, and Russell J. Hollister. Marking three generations of the Hollister family.



L-R: President Loomis, David C. Weis, President Robert Weis, and Brian E. Weis. Past President of Jockey Hollow Chapter, Compatriot Robert Weis brought his two sons into the Chapter as well.



L-R: Pres. Loomis, Edward A. Schaible Jr, Matthew C. Garbarino, Edward J. Forbes, Brian E. Weis and David C. Weis

***"This was a great day for the future of Jockey Hollow Chapter, NJSSAR, and the NSSAR"***

Roger B. Loomis

Join the Jockey Hollow Chapter Luncheon/Meeting on March 2, 2019 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM At the Exchange Restaurant 160 East Main Street Rockaway, NJ 07866 Guest Speaker - Louis Picone will present:

***"Extraordinary Stories of the Birthplaces & Deaths of the Presidents of the Revolutionary Era"***

RSVP to [headstonehunter@optonline.net](mailto:headstonehunter@optonline.net) call 973-366-6367

Roger B. Loomis - President Jockey Hollow Chapter

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## Jockey Hollow Report (Continued)



L-R: (background) Vice President Jeff La Marca, President Roger Loomis, and Edward J. Forbes. Compatriot Edward Forbes' son, Edward John Forbes, was also inducted. Unfortunately, no photo of father

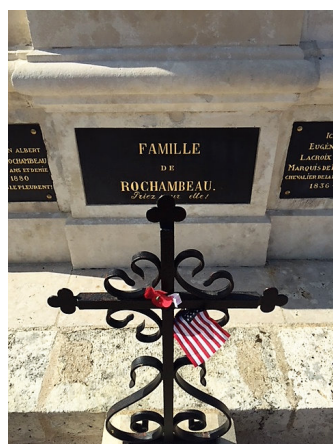


President Loomis presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Jeffrey E. Finegan. Mr. Finegan's presentation was based on one book from his three volume series, "I Knew George Washington,"



Two Eagle Scout Certificates and Badges were presented by Jockey Hollow Treasurer Patrick Reilly to twin brothers, Christopher J Scheri (left) and Thomas J Scheri (center).

**Jockey Hollow Compatriot Goes Abroad** On a recent trip to France this past Summer Compatriot David Parette and his Daughter Catherine Parette /Putztheir planned and worked an itinerary that enabled them to visit the estate and tomb of the Comte De Rochambeau in the Village of Thore La Rochette. It has been their quest to pay homage to our old French allies during the Revolutionary War . Compatriot David served in the Air Force in France and Catherine was born there.



Catherine Parette / Putztheir is a member of the NJSSAR Ladies Aux, the DAR, the Old Whitehouse General Frelinghuysen Colonel Lowrey Chapter, the AFL and W3R-org



"George Washington at Jockey Hollow" by Pamela White.

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## New Jersey Society Color Guard

### NJSSAR Color Guard Very Active Group- Richard Serfass

The New Jersey Society Color Guard was invited to the Camp Middlebrook Chapter, NSDAR 125th Anniversary Celebration at the Olde Mill Inn, Washington Ballroom on

Oct. 13, 2018. Pictured is Warren Fristensky and members of the CMC DAR.



The photo at the bottom left is the 242nd Commemoration of the Retreat from Fort Lee in 1776. The British campaign to control New York City and the Hudson River in July 1776 was begun on this site, named for General Charles Lee. Pictured upper right is the Fort Lee Monument and NJ Color Guard and Ft. Lee Major (L-R) Eric Scanlon - First Mountain Chapter, Gary Walling - Monmouth, George Lundgren - First Mountain, Ed Glidden - Monmouth, Eric Bal - First Mountain, Mark Sokolich - Mayor of Ft. Lee, Gary Beauregard - Monmouth, George wright - First Mountain, David Thompson - Godwin, Doug Thompson - Godwin

The New Jersey Society SAR Color Guard was invited to represent the SAR and attend the Liberty State Park Holmdel Vietnam Veterans Wall 'Wreath Across America' service. The

US Army Fort Dix Color Guard provided a three volley salute. Pictured are the ceremony with the NJ Vietnam Veteran Wall is in the upper back, and four members of the



NJSSAR Color Guard (l-r: Rich Serfass SoJersey Chapter, William Locke and Gary Beauregard Monmouth chapter

In the photo at the bottom right, the NJSSAR Color Guard participated in laying a wreath at the Princeton Battlefield on December 30, 2018 in commemoration of the Princeton battle near the site of Gen. Hugh Mercer's heroic stand against the British 17th Reg. Pictured from left to right Jay Hershey, William Locke, Sergeant Ed Glidden, Vice President General Lou Raborg Maryland society, Robert Meyer NJSSAR President, Larrison Jackson, Princeton Cranbury chapter, Roger Williams chapter president, David Christofferson past State president & national trustee, Mr. Wagner.



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## A Lost Opportunity, and National Disgrace

### Princeton Battlefield, Thomas Clarke House in Need of State Attention

As the nation begins to prepare for the Semiquincentennial, our 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, other Revolutionary War sites; Ticonderoga, Lexington, Saratoga, Brandywine, Cowpens, Yorktown and the nearby Washington Crossing State Park in Pennsylvania are all preparing and polishing their image. These sites are fixing their structures, adding services gearing up and taking advantage of the boon in heritage tourism. Princeton Battlefield lays dormant and in decay. The walls and ceilings of the Thomas Clarke House are crumbling. There are leaks in the roof and the foundation is in trouble. The part time state employee who is tasked only two and a half days a week at the site has tried to sound the alarm, but no one up the chain of command seems to be listening. And now, this part-time state employee's hours have diminished and there will be no one at the battlefield to highlight the significance of this hallowed ground. Letters have been sent to New Jersey Dept of Environmental Protection Commissioner, Catherine McCabe but there has been no response.

We, the proud sisters and brothers of the Princeton Chapters of the Daughters and the Sons of the American Revolution, call on Governor Murphy, Commissioner McCabe, and state legislators to respect the responsibility we as New Jerseyans have as stewards of the land that launched our nation. The state is fumbling an opportunity to teach our children who we are and why we are here. The investment in the park will generate heritage tourism revenue throughout the region. Repairing the Thomas Clarke Farm House is not just about our vanity, it is about our heritage. Staffing the Princeton Battlefield State Park with a full-time resource interpreter is not a difficult human resource challenge, but to leave this hallowed ground crumbling and vacant is a national disgrace.

Joanne Shypula  
Regent, Princeton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution  
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Roger S. Williams  
President, Princeton Cranbury Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Co-Founder of [TenCrucialDays.org](http://TenCrucialDays.org)  
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July 5 - July 10  
2019**

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## Portrait of an NJSSAR Patriot Ancestor Benjamin Glidden 6th Great Grandfather of Edward Glidden



Benjamin Glidden, my sixth generation great-grandfather, was born September 16, 1746 in Stratham, New Hampshire, the first of 14 children born to Charles and Abigail Glidden. The family moved to Northern Massachusetts (now Maine) prior to the French and Indian War. Benjamin's father was a Lieutenant in the Massachusetts Militia serving at Fort William Henry on the coast near what is now Pemiquad, Maine during the French and Indian war.

In April of 1771 Benjamin married Eunice Averill in Pownalborough, Massachusetts. In April of 1772 they had the first of their 10 children who arrived over the next 19 years. Benjamin was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lincoln County Regiment of the Massachusetts Militia. Records of his active service show paid service as a Private in September 1777 and July 1779.

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## Stories of Patriot Ancestors Wanted

If you have a Patriot Ancestor that you would like to highlight in a future *Jersey Patriot* Newsletter please e-mail your story to Robert C. Fischer, Newsletter Editor at [bfisch59@optonline.net](mailto:bfisch59@optonline.net). Tell your ancestor's story and keep his legacy alive.

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## From the New Jersey Newspaper Extracts

April 28, 1778 - Wanted Immediately

A number of good wagoners for the Continental Army; Those that are well skilled at driving teams and taking care of the cattle, and will engage for one year's service, shall receive Ten Pound per month for wages, and a suit of clothes for bounty, after six months service upon good behavior. Apply to the Wagon Master General to be engaged, in the camp at the Valley Forge. Nathaniel Greene, Q.M.G.

Readington, May 2, 1778

Whereas, I the subscriber did, on the 27th of last month, purchase a BLACK HORSE, known by the name of the Dutch ministers black, of Amwell, of a certain David Cock, of Readington, and in the evening of the said day, he delivered, in the dark, a horse 23 years old to defraud me, and now refused to give me the horse. This is to forewarn all persons not to trade with the said David Cock for the horse, as i am determined to have him. Nicholas Egbert

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