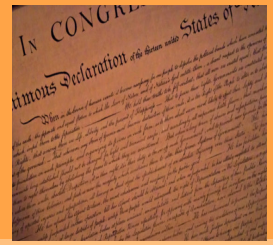




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President General John T. Manning - The 116th President of SAR

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There's a new SAR Leader and his name is John T. "Jack" Manning, the 116th President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriot Manning is a resident of Scituate, Massachusetts. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Master of Education in Computer Information Technology. He is also a Journeyman & Master Electrician and an Electrical Instructor at Quincy High School.

President Manning joined the SAR in 1994 and has held several positions at the Chapter, State and National levels, along with several National Committees. He is an avid history fan and very passionate about discovering the roles his ancestors have played in the American Revolution. President Manning's own home town has a rich history. Scituate, Massachusetts was settled in 1627 by a group of people from Plymouth, who were joined by immigrants from the county of Kent in England. They were originally under the governance of Plymouth until 1636 when the town incorporated as a separate entity. in the Summer 2019 Edition of the SAR MAGAZINE President Manning relates a local story of two brave young Scituate girls turning back the British with a clever rouse during the War of 1812, (see page 5 of the magazine for the story.) While you are at it check out the cover, that's President Manning and his wife, First Lady Sheila Manning on the cover



President Manning and his wife Sheila have two daughters of their own as well as two granddaughters. The NJSSAR welcomes President General Manning and First Lady Sheila Manning and we look forward to his leadership of this great organization.

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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 spring and summer went by quickly with so much activity from our great Society.

On Memorial Day weekend we met in Hasbrouck Heights to install a sign for the Battle of Fort Polifly. Shortly after that we were off to Monmouth County where we once again represented at the now National Event of the Re-enactment of the Battle of Monmouth. The Battle became a National Event in February of this year. NJSSAR handed out streamers at this re-enactment In addition to the Monmouth Battlefield we were also present to represent at the Springfield Battlefield and the Springfield Graveyard in Springfield, New Jersey. The NJ Color Guard was very busy at all of these locations.



In July our great contingent travelled to Costa Mesa California where we participated in the Annual SAR Congress from the 5th to the 12th

From August 9th through the 12th we were at the Atlantic Middle States Conference in Delaware. This was another well attended event for NJ with nine-(9) members of the New Jersey society in attendance. This was the largest contingent of SAR members at the AMS that I can remember.

A New Jersey Compatriot donated \$1,100 to complete the fund-raising needed from the AMS to complete the Rochambeau statue. As I write this President's message it is the first week of September and i am looking forward with anticipation to the 18th through the 21st of this month which will find us at Fall Leadership in our National Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Roger Williams of the Princeton Cranberry Chapter and William Locke of the Monmouth Chapter will be joining me in Louisville this year and i feel very fortunate to have them with me. i am also grateful and happy to announce that Peter Mollor, the Past President of Delaware SAR who is a dual member of the NJ and Delaware Societies, will take on an active role with the New Jersey Society. We are very fortunate to have his leadership and guidance available to us and we look forward to the fine work that will be accomplished with Peter on our State Board. The NJSSAR has a need for volunteers to help out with Registration, Eagle Scout Coordination, ROTC and Junior ROTC recognitions. If you can help please reach out to me or your Chapter President. Until we are together at the October meeting i remain,

Your faithful servant - Robert Meyer - President

*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. **SAR Mission***

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Photos of the National Congress Costa Mesa California

Left: Virginia President Col. Peter Davenport., Vermont President Kevin Mullen., Robert Meyer New Jersey State President, State President Col. Tilak of Hawaii.

Center top: Color guard lining up for the memorial service.

Right: William Locke and President Meyer

Center bottom: A Joint New Jersey - Delaware Dinner

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

February 2020

Board of Managers Meeting 10:00 AM

NJ Society Ladies Auxiliary 10:00 AM

Luncheon 12:00 PM Speaker TBD

April 2020

Board of Managers Meeting 10:00 AM

NJ Society Ladies Auxiliary 10:00 AM

Luncheon 12:00 PM Speaker TBD

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West Fields Chapter Founded 1921

Covering Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties



Chapter President's Report October 2019 - Warren C. Fristensky

Since my last report in April, the West Fields Chapter participated in the 4th of July concert in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield, along with the Westfield Community Band. A number of NJSSAR compatriots attended the National Congress in California in July, and a record number of NJSSAR Compatriots attended the Atlantic Middle States Conference, hosted this year by the Delaware Society.

Due to several surgeries this summer, I have been limited in what I could do and am a bit behind in organizing our program year, but please bear with me through this period. We will be organizing our Fall and Spring events shortly so stay tuned.

Several new members have been accepted into the West Fields Chapter so far this calendar year, and we welcome them to join in our Chapter activities. Welcome to Compatriots: Estel Lee Byrd, Ryan Andrew Cannon, Robert Grant Golden IV, Robert David Goldy, Charles Edward

Heinze, Tyler Parliman, and Stephen Charles Scharf. While I am the Chapter President, I also serve as the State Treasurer and have served as the National Vice-President General of the North Atlantic District (2016-2018). As such I often attend the National Congress, Fall and Spring Leadership meetings and the Atlantic Middle States Annual Conference. All members are welcome to attend any or all of the Leadership meetings, Atlantic Middle States or National Congress where you can meet Compatriots from all over the country as well as Europe. Its always an exciting experience and I encourage all to participate at the State or National level.

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

The Abraham Clark House

The Abraham Clark Memorial House is supported by several of our members who are also members of the Abraham Clark Chapter. Located in Roselle, on a portion of the property owned by Patriot Abraham Clark, the house participates in the Four Centuries Weekend program run by Union County, on Oct 19-20th in 2019.

A joint meeting is again planned for the West Fields and Abraham Clark Chapters. Volunteers were very busy organizing and managing a series of repairs and improvements to the house. Completed projects include: Exterior painting, new gutters and leaders, sprucing up the landscaping, installing a new roof, painting the tenant apartment and installing a new driveway.



Upcoming Events

19-20 October 2019 - Four Centuries Weekend
Abraham Clark House open

26 October 2019 - State Meeting in Princeton –
Color Guard



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Atlantic Middle States Conference

Warren Fristensky



Atlantic Middle States Conference

The 2019 Atlantic Middle States Association Annual Conference was hosted by the Delaware Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Newark, Delaware from August 9-11, 2019.

The Atlantic Middle States Association of the Sons of the American Revolution is composed of seven state societies in two districts. The Mid-Atlantic District is comprised of the Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and District of Columbia Societies. The North Atlantic District is comprised of the Empire State

(New York) and New Jersey Societies. The operations of the AMSA are overseen jointly by the Vice Presidents General for the Mid-Atlantic District (VPG Ernie Sutton) and the North Atlantic District (VPG Peter Goebel). The Mid-Atlantic District annually elects a Vice President General, while the North Atlantic District elects a Vice President General for a two-year term.

The 2020 Atlantic Middle States Association Annual Conference will be hosted by the District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Washington, DC in August, 2020.



Photo top center: Delaware Members gather with National Members at the Atlantic Mid States Conference

Photo left: The NJSSAR contingent assembled for the opening business meeting. Pictured are: Warren Fristensky, Richard Serfass, Charles Morgan, Larrison Jackson, Dave Christoffersen, Clark McCullough, Roger Williams, Bruce Ryno, Robert Meyer, Peter Moller, Ed Glidden. This was the largest NJSSAR contingent to attend an AMS conference in recent memory!

Photo bottom center: Compatriots were greeted at the registration table by DESSAR welcome committee members

Photo right: Color Guard assembles at the Mid Atlantic Conference from left Ed Glidden, Robert Meyer, Clark McCullough, Richard Serfass and Larry Jackson.



NSSAR Membership as of August 26, 2019 is 36,658

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Monmouth Chapter Founded 1913

Covering Monmouth County



Chapter President's Report October 2019 - Edward Glidden

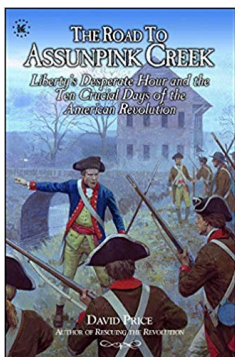
The Monmouth County Chapter of the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution meets at the Town and Country Diner in Keyport. The meeting is a joint meeting of the Elizabethtown Chapter, Monmouth Chapter, Pinelands Chapter, and the Abraham Clarke Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The next meeting of the Joint Chapter is scheduled for November 15, 2019.

By far the largest event that takes place within the Chapters territory is the re-enactment of the Battle of Monmouth which took place on June 28, 1778.

George Washington and his continentals left Valley Forge on June 19th camping near Englishtown on the 27th. On the 28th his continental forces attacked the rear guard of the British in what would forever be known as the "Battle of Monmouth". On June 22nd and 23rd the Battle re-enactment was once again held in Monmouth County at the site of the Battlefield. NJSSAR Compatriots and the Colorguard were in attendance to run an information booth and teach attendees about the battle and the Sons of the American Revolution.

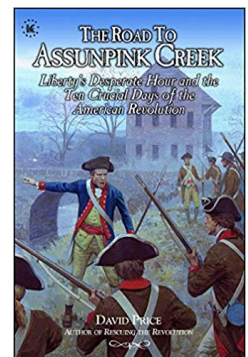


Author David Price To Speak at October NJSSAR Meeting in Princeton



Join the NJSSAR on October 26, 2019 for a luncheon at the Princeton Marriott - Hotel and Conference Center. The Guest Speaker will be David Price the Author of "The Road to Assunpink Creek"

The Battle of Assunpink Creek was fought on January 2, 1777. It was the second of three victories by George Washington's army during the "Ten Crucial Days" of the American Revolution.



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Colonel John Rosenkrans Chapter Chartered in 1956

Covering Warren and Sussex Counties



Chapter President's Report October 2019 - Gerald G. DeGroat

Revolutionary War Veterans & Patriot Honored

Armed Forces Day

The Col. John Rosenkrans Chapter, NJSSAR joined with the Chinkchewunsk Chapter, NJDAR on Armed Forces Day for a memorial observance and V.A. grave marker dedication ceremony on May 18, 2019. The event was held by the Sussex County Historical Society at the Old Newton Burial Ground, Newton, NJ. Three newly placed V.A. markers, one each for Lieut. Jacob Hendershot, Capt. Henry Johnson, and Corp. Theodorus Polhemus were recognized. The following biographical sketches for the (11) Revolutionary War Veterans and (1) Patriot interred at the site were read aloud during the ceremony.

Thomas Anderson located to Sussex County in 1765 after being admitted to the New Jersey Bar. He served in the Revolutionary War first as a Private, Minute Man in the Sussex County Militia, and then as an Assistant Quartermaster. While serving in this capacity, Gen. George Washington visited him on July 26, 1782. Anderson served as a delegate in New Jersey when the proposed U.S. Constitution was unanimously ratified on Dec. 18, 1787. Anderson served as a member of the Province of New Jersey's Committee of Safety. He also served as acting County Clerk from 1770-77, as the county's first surrogate from 1785 until his death in May 29, 1805. He was a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and as one of the incorporators of the Christ Episcopal Church in Newton. Thomas, Warrant Master (1788), served 13 years as Master for Harmony No. 8, F.&A.M. (1788-91, 1795-97, 1800-05).

John Couse served in the American Revolution as a Private under Capt. John Walton, Light Dragoons; and also in the commissary department. Enlisting in the militia when only 17, he fought in the Battle of Germantown. **Matthew Davis** served first as a Private in the 3rd Co., "The Line", 3rd Regiment of the New York troops under Col. James Clinton, and then as a Quartermaster in John Lasher's Regiment, N.Y. Militia. Davis fought in the Battle of Long Island. **John Drake**, served as a Private in Capt. Carle's Troop of Light Horse, and as an express rider passing messages between commanding officers.

Samuel Harden served as a Private in Lt. Col. J. Hasbrouck's Reg't., Orange County, N.Y. This regiment served with the Continental Army and saw action in the Battles of Saratoga and Monmouth. **Jacob Hendershot** served as a Private under Capt. Michael Bets, Sussex County Militia. Only a few pieces of his headstone remain, so the Department of Veterans Affairs issued a replacement. **John Holmes** served in several capacities and eventually as a Captain in the 1st Regiment, Continental Troops. Following the war, he held several civic offices including, Chosen Freeholder in 1794, Judge in 1801 and 1805 and as a Warrant member (1788) and Master for Harmony No. 8, F.&A.M. in 1792.

Henry Johnson initially served as Corporal in the 2nd Regiment, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Establishment of the New Jersey Line. He then served as a Quartermaster, followed by a promotion to Captain in the 2nd Regiment of the Sussex County Militia. Due to its condition, a new VA headstone was installed in his honor. **Richard Lloyd** served first as a 1st Lt. in Capt. Imlay's Co., 3rd Battalion, 1st Establishment. He then served as a Captain in "Hazen's Regiment," Continental Army. Engagements of Hazen's Regiment, also known as the 2nd Canadian, included the Battles of Staten Island, Brandywine and Germantown. **Charles Pemberton** born in England, served as a private in the Sussex County Militia. Following the war, he achieved the rank of Colonel, a title that he used the rest of his life. He twice served as Sheriff of Sussex County, from 1797-1800 and again from 1803-1806. (Continued on next page)

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Colonel John Rosenkrans Chapter Chartered in 1956



Covering Warren and Sussex Counties

Chapter President's Report - Continued

Theodorus Polhemus served first as a Private in the Orange County Militia and then as a Corporal. Following the War, he served as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Newton. For reasons unknown, Polhemus lacked a headstone; a new VA headstone was installed in his honor. **Letitia Thornton Anderson**, wife of Thomas Anderson, was one of several women from Trenton forming a selective group for the purpose of promoting a subscription for the relief and encouragement of the men serving in the Continental Army. The Sussex County Committee included Mrs. Thomas Anderson. Due to her efforts in raising funds, materials and more for men serving in the militia, Anderson is identified as a Patriot. Collaborative biographical sketches by Wendy Wyman, Jennie Sweetman, and Gerald G. DeGroat



Pictured are members of the Col. John Rosenkrans Chapter, NJSSAR & Chinkchewunska Chapter, NJDAR

A historical reminder from Reverend David Felts, Chaplain General NSSAR

As Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, General George Washington practiced his religion the first thing every day and encouraged every officer to do the same. He believed such practice among his officers would be a good example for the men. He also provided for all the soldiers to have the same opportunity to connect with and worship the Sovereign Creator of all things by having paid Chaplains available all the time. Washington wanted a nation that was full of vibrant meaning and hope, unlike those nations that were hopeless and lacked meaning in everyday life. England and much of Europe at that time were sufficient examples with their imposing governments and downtrodden people.

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South Jersey Chapter Founded 1922

Covering Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties



Chapter President's Report October 2019 - Richard Serfass

Please Join the South Jersey Chapter on October 27, 2019 for a Memorial Service for the 14 Continental Soldiers killed during the Battle of Red Bank which took place on October 22, 1777. For More information contact Richard Serfass at rserfass@comcast.net



Gloucester County Parks and Recreation conducts their annual 18th Century Day on **October 27, 2019 (10am – 3pm)** featuring battle reenactments, colonial demonstrators, vendors, food and activities for kids. At 1pm, between the two Reenactments of the *Battle of Redbank*, this Memorial service will be held.

Who is being honored:

This Memorial Service honors the 14 soldiers of the Continental Army (from the Rhode Island 1st & 2nd Infantry Regiments) that were killed during the *Battle of Red Bank* on October 22, 1777.

Why is the Memorial Service being held?

To honor the sacrifices made by these brave soldiers and to highlight the significance of this victory in the American Revolutionary War. The American victories at Red Bank and at Saratoga showed the Europeans that the American Revolution was not a lost cause. Soon after these victories, France and Spain joined the American cause providing much needed funding, supplies, arms, and support.

Who can attend?

Everyone!



George F. Will says of Princeton Battlefield "as a historic site it is shamefully neglected."

In his new book, "The Conservative Sensibility" Pulitzer Prize winning author and Washington Post Columnist George Will offers that the Battle of Princeton was one of the most consequential battles in world history because it helped shatter the British aura of invincibility (Washington had defeated Britain's Hessian mercenaries in Trenton only a week earlier) In Princeton, as the slightly outnumbered Americans were beating a panicked retreat from the British bayonets, Washington reversed the retreat and led a charge that saved a nation. Serving Washington there was a fellow Virginian, a future Washington biographer and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Marshall." It is said the artillery that day was commanded by a Washington aide named Alexander Hamilton.

Taken from "The Conservative Sensibility" by George F. Will

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Jockey Hollow Chapter Founded 1914

Covering Morris, Hunterdon and Somerset Counties



Chapter President's Report October 2019 - Roger B. Loomis *Jockey Hollow Chapter and NJSSAR Replace Stolen Plaque from 1952'* *"Surveyor Brigadier General Robert Erskine"*

About a year ago a bronze memorial plaque that was presented by the SAR in 1952, was stolen from its stone mount. The plaque was dedicated in honor of Brigadier General Robert Erskine, geographer and survey to General George Washington. Compatriot President Robert Meyer immediately agreed to replace the plaque and had an epoxy replica fabricated and delivered to Ringwood Manor State Park, Ringwood, NJ, the former home of General Erskine. Because of the outdoor nature of the stone and



The Unveiling - Ringwood State Park Historian Susan Schutte and Jockey Hollow President Roger Loomis

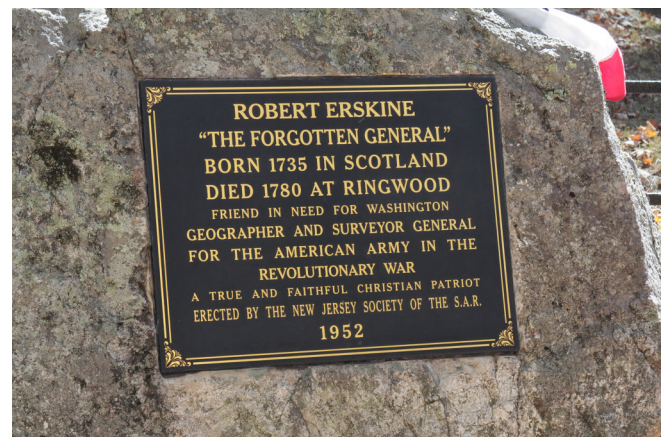
its year round exposure to the elements, stone preparation and mounting of the plaque was delayed until late summer.

Saturday October 5, 2019 a rededication ceremony was held at the family cemetery with full honors provided by members of the NJSSAR Color Guard and members of Heard's Brigade reenactment group. (see attachments) More than twenty people were in attendance.

Susan Shutte, Ringwood State Park Historian did a great job of organizing the event and I was honored to assist where I could and to speak on behalf of President Meyer and the NJSSAR.



Lower left : "Group" L-R frnt row JHC Secretary Phillip Oddo, JHC Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Perry, NJSSAR Color Guardsmen South Jersey Chapter James Howard, and JHC Larrison Jackson, JHC Compatriot David Peretti, Piper, JHC Chaplain James Naisby. Back row members of Heard's Brigade, and Jockey Hollow President Roger Loomis



"On behalf of Ringwood State Park and Ringwood Manor, we'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the NJ Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for replacing the Robert Erskine memorial plaque".

Susan Shutte, Ringwood State Park Historian

"Its a perfect example of how a State Society and Chapter should work".

Robert Meyer, President, New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution

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Jockey Hollow Report



Jockey Hollow Chapter Presents Eagle Scout Certificates - Replace Fallen Eagle

Receive Recognition from NJ Assemblyman

If you ask President Roger Loomis and the members of the Jockey Hollow Chapter of the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution they would say it was a quick summer. Time flies when you're busy and this Chapter appears relentless. In addition to the replacement of the stolen General Robert Erskine Plaque (see story on previous page), The Chapter was involved in replacing a mysterious Fallen Eagle from a flagpole in Morristown, NJ.

June 26, 2019 a ceremony was held to commemorate the replacement of the Fallen Eagle flagpole topper on the Green in Morristown, NJ. The Eagle had fallen from the pole several years earlier under mysterious circumstances. Jockey Hollow Chapter made a small donation to the fund raising effort for its replacement at

this historic location. Jockey Hollow Chapter received recognition from NJ State Assemblyman Anthony Bucco, the Washington Association of New Jersey, and the Trustees of the Morristown Green. Attending for Jockey Hollow Chapter were, Roger Loomis, President; Phillip Oddo, Secretary; and Richard Perry, Sergeant-at-Arms.

When not climbing poles or moving boulders the chapter involves itself with Eagle Scouts. Included below are photos of four of those ceremonies at Alexander Hamilton School in Morristown, St. Catherine of Bologna Parish Center in Ringwood, Mount Olive Senior Center in Budd Lake and Randolph, NJ. The Chapter was also present to hand out certificates in Succasunna and Milton, NJ.



On Sunday 2, June 2019 Jockey Hollow President Roger Loomis presented 2 Eagle Scout certificates and patches at a Troop 112 CoH to Joshua Fritts and Nicholas Middleton at the Alexander Hamilton School in Morristown, NJ. Joshua is the son of Jockey Hollow member Compatriot Paul Fritts, seated on the left.



President Roger Loomis made a presentation of an Eagle Certificate and Patch to Eagle Scout John Bigger of Troop 312 at the Mount Olive Senior Center in Budd Lake, NJ,



President Roger Loomis presents an Eagle Scout certificate and patch at a Troop 96 CoH to Patrick R. Quinn, St. Catherine of Bologna Parish Center in Ringwood, NJ. on May 23rd.



President Loomis presents Eagle Quinn Bataglia of Randolph NJ with an SAR Certificate and Patch

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New Jersey Society Color Guard



National and NJSSAR COLORGUARD Very Active Groups

Richard Serfass



National Colorguard assemble



James C. Fosdyck, NSSAR
Colorguard Commander
2019-2020



National Colorguard vigil at George Washington's
Tomb

The National SAR Colorguard was a busy unit at 2019 Congress. In addition to being greeters at the John Wayne airport they presided over the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest Finals, presented the colors for the opening business meeting of Congress, presented colors at the various banquets and were George Washington's Ring Detachment Honor Guard and most importantly presided over the change in command of the NSSAR Colorguard where James C. Fosdyck became Commander.

NJSSAR Colorguard at Princeton Flag Raising and other events in Spring/Summer

On October 5, 2019 there will be an installation / dedication of a gravestone plaques honoring General Robert Erskine, geographer and surveyor to General George Washington. The event will take place at the Erskine Cemetery in Ringwood State Park in Ringwood, NJ.



On October 12th and 13th the Artillery will be present for Somerset County's "Weekend Journey Through the Past". The event will take place at Van Veghten

House located at 9 Van Veghten Drive, Bridgewater, NJ.

On October 27th, the Color Guard will be attending the re-enactment of the Battle of Red Bank. The battle, which was

fought on October 22, 1777 celebrates its 242nd anniversary.

November brings Veterans Day celebrations and the Color Guard will be attending various wreath laying ceremonies throughout the State of New Jersey including a Fort Lee Wreath Laying Ceremony in November. On December 14th the Color Guard will be coordinating *Wreaths Across America* which is a national event and varies over 1100 locations, in the U.S., at sea, and abroad.



The Color Guard will also be present for the wreath laying ceremony at Princeton Battlefield in Princeton NJ at 12 noon on December 30th.

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A Special Outreach To Our Lady Veterans Carolyn Kircher - President of the Ladies Auxiliary

Prior to the Annual N.J.S.S.A.R Lexington-Concord Luncheon, the Ladies Auxiliary met to make gift baskets for a select group of in-patient lady vets at the Lyons VA Hospital. Each of these special ladies will receive a shower basket filled with a selection of health and beauty aids. In addition, the Ladies Auxiliary presented these wonderful Vets with a generous gift card to allow the team to share a meal at their favorite restaurant. Billy Locke volunteered to deliver the baskets personally. Thanks for a great team effort and thank you to the Sons for your generosity in funding this event.

The N.J.S.S.A.R Ladies Auxiliary is excited to welcome all SAR ladies to join us in our support of the Lady Vets at the Lyons V.A. hospital in-patient program. During our next meeting on October 26, 2019, we will be penning notes of encouragement and thanks to the roughly twenty-five members of the program. As part of the treatment plan, the ladies are encouraged to socialize in public places. Our gift-card donation enables these ladies to go to a local coffee-shop for coffee or a local restaurant for lunch. All are invited to join us in writing cards to these lady heroes at the next Ladies Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Kircher
President, N.J.S.S.A.R Ladies Auxiliary



Carolyn Kircher arranges gift baskets at the NJSSAR Luncheon. The Ladies Auxiliary has been a great success under her leadership. Carolyn and the ladies auxiliary will be penning notes to the Lady Vets at the Lyons VA Hospital. Thank you Carolyn for your compassion and energy.



President General Manning has reminded us that "on October 3, 1789, George Washington issued his Thanksgiving Proclamation, the first such proclamation from the government of the newly formed United States under its new Constitution. Washington issued the proclamation at the request of both houses of Congress, which is interesting considering the modern-day belief that the Founders advocated a complete separation of all things religious from the government. In the address, Washington asks Americans to thank God for His blessings, for civil and religious freedom and for His hand in the recently finished war. He also asks them to pray for God's continued favor, prosperity, peace and good government, and that America will always be a nation of "wise, just and constitutional laws."

Reverend David J. Felts - Chaplain General NSSAR

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Americas First Intelligence Officer LTC Thomas Knowlton (22 Nov 1740 - 16 Sept 1776)



LTC Knowlton was a patriot from Connecticut and America's first intelligence officer. Early in 1776 he participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill after which he was promoted to Major for his bravery. In Aug 1776, General Washington promoted him to lieutenant colonel. He received orders to select a group of men to carry out reconnaissance (intelligence) missions; that group was known as Knowlton's Rangers, America's first organized elite troops. During the Battle of Harlem Heights Knowlton and his troops were misdirected to the British right flank and not their rear and lost the element of surprise. During the ensuing fight, Knowlton was fatally injured.



The Knowlton Award

In 1995 the Military Intelligence Corps Association (MICA) established the LTC Thomas W. Knowlton Award

"The Knowlton Award recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of Military Intelligence in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipients, their superiors, subordinates, and peers. These individuals must also demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character, display an outstanding degree of professional competence, and serve the MI Corps with distinction. MICA is the sponsoring organization and provides financial resources, administrative control, and publicity." [mica-national.org]

In Feb 2006 I was awarded the Knowlton Award as sponsored by the U. S. Army Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca, AZ. As a civilian engineer at Fort Monmouth, I was engaged in the development of electronic equipment to support the soldier in the field. A good portion of that work was in support of Military Intelligence.

Submitted by Richard D. Brady



Richard D. Brady of the Monmouth Chapter receives the Knowlton Award for his work developing electronic equipment for soldiers in the field in 2006.

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Portrait of an NJSSAR Patriot Ancestor William C. Dilts Fifth Great Grandfather of Charles Heenan



William C Dilts was born on the last day of February 1754 on the farm of his father in Amwell, Hunterdon County New Jersey. In his youth he farmed alongside his Father Johann until the war came to the Jersey's.

He entered the service in the Hunterdon Militia as a private under Capt George Ely in 1775 as the Militia answered an alarm and marched to Staten Island. From there he was used as a scout in Elizabethtown and Bound Brook and as a waterman manning boats on the Raritan River with Capt David Jones's command.

In the spring of 1777 he was called out under now Col. George Ely. The troops met at Ringoes and marched to New Brunswick, Newark, Hackensack and Pompton responding to several alarms and scouting the British.

In June of 1778 he answered a general alarm and assembled with his company at Pennington under Lt John Rockafellow. They marched through Trenton to Crosswicks where they were destroying a bridge when met by troops of the British. During the fight that ensued they were assisted by artillery and fourteen British were killed in the fight. They were then marched to Monmouth where they were employed as flank guards during the battle there.

After the war he returned to the life of a farmer, marrying and raising twelve children. One son was named Rockafellow after his Lieutenant. He is buried in Flemington Presbyterian Cemetery in Hunterdon, New Jersey. His grave marker identifies him as a private of the Continental line. He is my fifth great Grandfather,

Submitted by Charles Heenan National #157052 State #6978

Vets Helping Vets

The Four Seasons at Smithville, N.J. have their own Veterans Club. They meet the 2nd Monday of every month and almost always have a guest speaker. They focus on supporting local veterans via cash donations to the Atlantic County Veterans Museum, Vineland Veterans Home, and a number of other Veteran charities. They ship four "shoe boxes" a month to troops

in war zones and they march as a group, usually about 60 of them, in the Galloway 4th of July Parade, one of the largest in NJ. Marco Polo Smigliani (black shirt in photo on the left) immigrated to America from Italy as a very young man. He was a Marine in Vietnam and was wounded four times. He is a staunch Veterans advocate.

Earl Cain, SAR Member



The Veterans Club at Four Seasons in Smithville, NJ, from left to right, Marco Polo Smigliani, George Washington (Sam Davis), Retired Brig. General Doug Satterfield and Earl Cain, NJSSAR member. The Veterans Club raise funds and ship four shoe boxes per month to "vets" in war zones. "Keep up the great work men"

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