



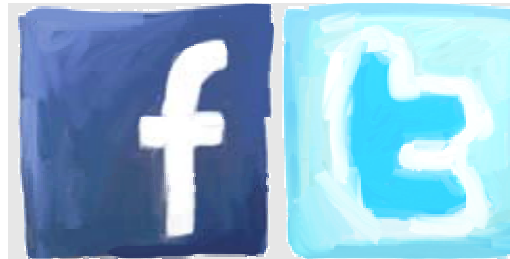
# The Patriot

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## Navy Officer Commissioned in Long Room

By: Jessica Baldwin, Museum Director

In the famous Long Room at 54 Pearl Street on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Ryan B. Weddle was commissioned up from the ranks as an enlisted sailor in the Navy Reserve to a Navy Officer at the rank of Ensign, attached to the US Naval Reserve. ENS Weddle was sworn in by his longtime colleague, LtCol Arthur V. Gorman, Jr. USMC (ret).



### Location

54 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10004

### Museum Hours

12:00 - 5:00  
Monday - Sunday

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The Swearing In

ENS Weddle & Lt Col Gorman

Ryan is a member of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire, a member of Holland Lodge No. 8 in Manhattan and a fourth cousin, nine times removed from George Washington. He has always had an interest in American history and could think of no better place to be commissioned than the historically significant Long Room.

After the ceremony Ryan and his family and friends met on the front steps of the Fraunces Tavern and had the 'First Salute' ceremony. This is where a new officer 'purchases' his first salute from an enlisted man with a new Silver Dollar, in this case Ryan received the salute from Chief Petty Officer Joshua Mangum of his reserve unit and presented him with a new silver eagle dollar engraved with the details of the occasion.

Ryan said of the occasion, "I truly appreciate the Sons of the Revolution and the Fraunces Tavern Museum affording me the opportunity to hold my commissioning ceremony in the Long Room."



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The First Salute

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## Docents Recognized at Annual Tallmadge Dinner

By: Jennifer Patton, Director of Education

On Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, members and friends of the SRNY gathered at Fraunces Tavern in celebration of the birth of Fredrick Tallmadge. It was also a special evening to thank the Museum's volunteer docents who contribute a great deal to our institution and educational mission on a daily basis.

Out of our 14 active docents involved in school and public programming, ten were in attendance. It was my pleasure to honor them and give them the praise they deserve. Last academic year, close to 4500 school children walked through our doors to take part in our education programming. This year we are well on our way to repeating if not exceeding that goal. Time and time again, teachers are pleasantly surprised and give monumental praise for the docents' interaction with their students by breaking them up into small groups to allow for more one-on-one interaction and discussion with fellow classmates. The docents make Fraunces Tavern Museum a memorable experience in thousands of young minds that last a lifetime.

Additionally, a very special ‘thank you’ was given to our docents that come in every weekend, rain or shine, to offer tours to the general public during our afternoon hours. This has undoubtedly made countless tourists’ and local residents’ visits here much more enriching and I am very appreciative for their dedication to this endeavor to reach out to more of the public.

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## **122nd Annual Church Service**

**The Committee on Church Service of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York invites you to attend the One Hundred Twenty-second Annual Church Service Commemorating the Birth of George Washington and in loving memory of our members who have died during the past year.**

**To be held at  
Church of Our Savior  
59 Park Avenue  
New York, New York  
(corner of East 38 St)**

**Sunday, February 19, 2012**

11:00 AM

**John D. Bowman, Chairman  
Committee on Church Service**

**James R. Grayshaw, President  
Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, Inc.**

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**Roll of those Members of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York  
Who have died since the last Annual Service**

**Mortimer Chute, Jr.  
Frank H. Cram, Jr.  
Henry Darlington III  
John Hagy Davis  
Warren E. Diefendorf, Jr.  
William C. Dwiggin  
Edwin Ridley Finch, Esq.  
Dr. Robert L. French  
Captain Harry Hahn  
Warren L. Hansley  
Edwin A. Howe  
Bruce A. McKay  
Robert M. Ogden III  
Edwin A. Ramsdell  
W. Scott Van Alstyne, Jr.  
Rev. Charles C. Wilcox III**

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**Fraunces Tavern® Museum & Restaurant Host Joint  
Forceheadquarter - National Capital Region**

By: Jessica Baldwin, Museum Director

On the weekend of January 19<sup>th</sup> about forty-five leaders from seven US Military

bases and forts on the eastern seaboard gathered at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY to attend and conduct the Commander's Conference, hosted by Fort Hamilton Garrison Commander Col. Michael Gould, with MDW Commanding General Maj. Gen. Michael Linnington and Commander Sgt. Maj. Michael Williams.

Those in attendance were schooled on the Fort Hamilton's history and current mission. It is the only secure federal foot print in New York City. It came into existence in 1825 after the War of 1812 when the country was aiming to protect New York Harbor from attack by enemy navies. At 120 acres and with approximately 350 garrison employees, the post may appear small and insignificant, but as Linnington said, "The reach of the garrison is phenomenal."

Just outside Fort Hamilton are 2.5 million people, and all five boroughs of New York City have 8.2 million people. There are 70,000 Department of Defense identification-card holders in the catchment area who use Fort Hamilton's post exchange and commissary benefits regularly. Fort Hamilton's PX and commissary do more business than any other in the region, Gould said.

"The reach of this garrison is phenomenal," Linnington said. It hosts 105 staff working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division and the nation's second largest recruiting battalion receiving 16,000 applicants annually. It also hosts elements of the Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Air National Guard, including Joint Task Force – Empire Shield of the New York National Guard, which provides homeland security and defense support to civilian authorities as needed.

There is a large Defense Intelligence Agency presence on Fort Hamilton, and the post has partnered with the FBI, secret service U.S. Marshals, Department of Homeland Security and other law enforcement, counter terrorism and counterintelligence agencies to operate in a secure federal location, Gould said.

One of the nights after the conference, the group of forty-five visited the famous Fraunces Tavern® Museum for tours lead by docents, Sami Steigmann and Larry Bauman. After the tour they gathered for cocktails and dinner in the Bissell Room at Fraunces Tavern® Restaurant. Gould presented Museum Director, Jessica Baldwin

with token of appreciation for hosting their special group.



Museum Director, Jessica Baldwin receiving token of appreciation from Col. Michael Gould

The group toured other important NYC sites, including the 9/11 Memorial before departing back to the National Capital Region or their home stations.

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## Comment Book Quotes of the Month

54 comments were written in the month of January. Here are two you might enjoy:

“Fantastic museum. I wish I had a time machine to see it in its prime! Meredith!” -  
01/06/2012

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not-for-profit  
corporation  
instituted in 1876 &  
incorporated in  
1884.

“Always great to visit this outstanding Museum. –Dan Hopping, NC SAR State Secretary, NCSSR State Sec.” - 01/18/2012

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## Annual George Washington's Birthday Ball



Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, Inc.  
and  
The Knickerbocker Chapter NSDAR

invite you to the annual  
**George Washington's Birthday Ball**

To be held on  
Thursday, February 16, 2012

at  
The Metropolitan Club, One East Sixtieth Street, New York, NY.  
The Reception begins at 7 PM and dinner follows at 8 PM.

Tickets are available at \$300 per person. Payment may be made by check payable to Sons of the Revolution/GWB and mailed to Sons of the Revolution, 54 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10004 or charged.

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