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Message from Society President Ambrose M. Richardson III



One of the speakers at this year's commemoration of the Battle of Brooklyn expressed his surprise that New York was involved in the American Revolution. He was unaware that the Revolution began in New York 250 years ago with the Stamp Act Congress in 1765, and ended in New York, with the evacuation of the British Army in 1783. The turning point of the War occurred at Saratoga in 1777. Two-thirds of the Patriot deaths occurred in New York. New York has seventeen counties named after Revolutionary heroes. Massachusetts has one.

The Sons were formed in 1876 to keep history alive, and we are succeeding, not just by ourselves, but also with others who believe in the mission. The Daughters of the American Revolution arose soon after the Sons, as did the similarly



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named Sons of the American Revolution, both of which have a similar mission. One of our members and patrons, Ambassador John L. Loeb Jr., established the George Washington Institute of Religious Freedom in Newport. We support each other.

What makes us unique are two things. First, we are descendants of anyone actually at risk during the Revolution, regardless of rank or social status. This strikes me as quintessentially American. A large percentage of the Continental regulars were immigrants or African-American. When Hamilton stormed Redoubt 10 at Yorktown, he took the Army's best soldiers, who happened to be the 2d Rhode Island, an African-American regiment.

Second, we own and maintain an historic site, Fraunces Tavern, which served as a meeting place, place of celebration, court, executive office, and capitol, at various times during our nation's creation. Washington was inaugurated, and our nation's foundations, including the Bill of Rights, were established a few blocks away.

We were challenged by an unprecedented storm, and thanks to a government grant and the generosity of our members, particularly Stanley DeForest Scott and George Watson, we are recovering. Interest in the American Revolution is growing. French military representatives will be attending our Saratoga/Yorktown commemoration in Trinity Churchyard. Our annual celebration of Evacuation Day is spreading to other groups. It is an exciting time to be a Son.

Events Recap

This Society calendar year (Oct-Sept) is always full of wonderful community involvement and fraternal events, including those led by the Color Guard, Membership Committee and [Fraunces Tavern Museum](#). Below are a few highlights from this past season.

Independence Day Parade

The Society [Color Guard](#) marched on July 3rd in the Lower Manhattan Independence Day Parade. The event was well attended. It complimented the docking of [L'Hermione](#) at the [South Street Seaport](#).



SRNY Color Guard marching in the July 3rd, 2015 NYC Independence Day Parade

Commemoration of the Battle of Brooklyn

On August 3rd the SRNY Color Guard participated in the 238th anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Brooklyn in Brooklyn's [Green-Wood Cemetery](#). It was the first battle to be fought after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



SRNY Color Guard attending the Battle of Brooklyn Commemoration

Battle of Monmouth

The Society Color Guard joined the New Jersey Society of Sons in commemorating the Battle of Monmouth this summer at the battle site.



Speakers at the 2015 Battle of Monmouth Commemoration

Nathanael Greene State Unveiling

The [General Society of the Sons of the Revolution](#) commissioned a statue of Nathanael Greene, which was dedicated at a beautiful ceremony at the George Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge this summer. There was a touching service in the chapel followed by speeches and the dedication on the grounds. The New York Society was a major donor to the statue.



Statue of Nathanael Greene at Valley Forge

Nathan Hale Day Commemoration

On Tuesday, September 22 the Sons of the Revolution hosted the annual commemoration to martyred Revolutionary War spy Nathan Hale. Learn more about the day [HERE](#). The statue recently received conservation to the pedestal. Learn more about the project [HERE](#).



Members of the VCA and SRNY Color Guard in City Hall Park for Nathan Hale Day Commemoration 2015

Fraunces Tavern Facade Restoration Ribbon Cutting

On Saturday, September 26 the donors to the Facade Restoration Project were invited to Fraunces Tavern for a ribbon cutting ceremony. The event was followed by cocktails in the Flag Gallery. Learn more about the day [HERE](#).

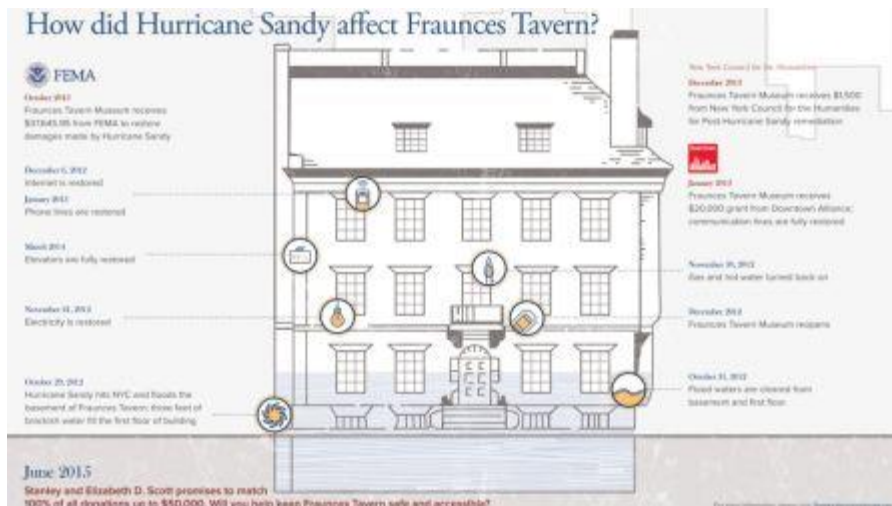


Janice Martin, daughter of the late Cornwell Martin, SRNY Member did the honor of cutting the ribbon.

Oldest Bar In New York City?

Fraunces Tavern Museum was featured in a video in the [Huffpost Travel Section](#). Watch the video [HERE](#)

Society Receives \$587,550 New York State grant for Post-Hurricane Sandy Electrical Replacement Project!



New York State awarded the Society \$578,550 to help with the costs of replacing the electrical systems that were submerged during Sandy in 2012. Learn more about the project and funding [HERE](#).

New York Society Color Guard



2014 Society Color Guard representing at the Flag Day Parade

Please consider becoming a Color Guard Member and showing your Society pride. Joining the Color Guard is easy - Learn More [HERE](#).

Fraunces Tavern Society of the Children of the American Revolution - Join Today

The Fraunces Tavern Society of the Children of the American Revolution (FTS-CAR) is off to a successful relaunch after a couple years of dormancy. We encourage any children, grandchildren or other qualifying relatives of Society members to join.



Brooksie Robertson, age 4 and Gabriel McCarthy, age 7, holding the FTS-CAR Banner at the George and Martha Washington Wedding Anniversary Luncheon in January 2015

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, founded in 1895, is the oldest patriotic youth organization in our country. Its objectives include acquiring knowledge of American history, preserving and restoring places of historical importance, honoring the memories of the men, women and children of rendered service to the cause of the American Revolution and promoting the celebration of patriotic anniversaries.

According to the by-laws of the NSCAR "*[a]ny boy or girl under the age of twenty-two is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution who is lineally descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United States, provided that the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society.*" (Article III, National Bylaws)

The FTS-CAR, is the society, or branch, that is affiliated with Fraunces Tavern . hence its name. Sometimes our meetings are held in the Fraunces Tavern Museum. The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in this case the New York City Chapter, appoints the Senior President of the FTS CAR. Holly Robertson is the senior president. She is the grown-up in charge! The children in the Society elect their own officers. Carl McCarthy, member of the SR, acts as liaison with the Society.

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Upcoming Events

Check the website for all upcoming and updated [Society events](#), including Museum and Color Guard events.

Saturday, October 17 . Wreath Laying
Commemoration of the Surrender at Yorktown
Color Guard Muster **1:30pm** . Grave of Alexander Hamilton
Contact Color Guard Chairman if can participate.

Monday, October 26 . Board Meeting
5:30pm . Flag Gallery, Fraunces Tavern Museum

Sunday, November 8 . Massing the Colors
Color Guard Muster **3pm** . Saint Thomas Church, 5th Ave at 53rd St.
Contact Color Guard Chairman, David Tisdale Woods if can participate.

Thursday, November 12 . Evening Lecture
*The Washingtons: George and Martha, "Joined by Friendship, Crown'd by Love"**
Presented by Flora Fraser
6:30pm (Doors open at 6pm)
A socially awkward young soldier woos and wins the heart of a charming (and very rich) young widow. Beginning with the early years of their marriage at Mount Vernon, their time together would behold a life of two determined figures who endured great hardships, joys, and immortal fame.

Wednesday, November 18 . Special Event
Celebrating New York City's Forgotten Independence Day!
Hosted by NYS Archives Partnership Trust & Fraunces Tavern Museum
Trust & Museum Members Event Only
6pm . 8pm
Celebrate New York's own Independence Day on November

18th at historic Fraunces Tavern in New York. Known as Evacuation Day, this holiday was once considered New York's equivalent of Independence Day and marks the withdrawal of the British from New York City in 1783. Please join us at a unique members only New York event! More details to be announced.

Saturday, November 21 . Walking Tour

Evacuation Day Walking Tour

Led by Fred Cookinham

11am – 1pm

\$15/Museum Members; \$20

New York City had been the main base for the British for over seven years of war. On November 25, 1783, they filed onto their ships to leave for good; the War for Independence was finally over. Led by New York City Tour Guide, Fred Cookinham, you will follow in the footsteps of General Washington and his troops as they entered New York in triumph. Learn about the people and sites of New York and what it was like to be caught up in a revolution. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. [Purchase tickets here](#). Ticket sales will end on November 20 or until sold out. Starting location will be provided on confirmation email.

Monday, November 23 . Board Meeting

5:00pm . Zabriskie Gallery, Fraunces Tavern Museum

Monday, November 23 . Dinner

Evacuation Day Celebration

6:30pm . Cocktails Flag Gallery, Fraunces Tavern Museum

7:30pm . Dinner, Bissell Room, Fraunces Tavern Restaurant

Early bird tickets (October 19/23): \$100

Regular tickets: \$125

After the British evacuated New York City, Governor George Clinton honored George Washington, the Commander-in-Chief, with a banquet held in Fraunces Tavern. Join the SRNY as they continue this tradition with the original thirteen toasts that celebrated a new country and served as a lesson to Princes.+Get your tickets early for this popular event!

Friday, December 4 . Annual Meeting

5:30pm . Flag Gallery, Fraunces Tavern Museum

Thursday, December 17 . Evening Lecture

The Henry Burbeck Papers: From the American Revolution to

*the Present**

Presented by Cheney J. Schopieray

6:30pm (Doors open at 6pm)

Henry Burbeck joined the American artillery service in the weeks following the Battles of Lexington and Concord, serving almost uninterrupted for the next 40 years. From 1802 to 1815, Burbeck held the title of service. The Curator of Manuscripts from the William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor will be leading a discussion about Brigadier General Burbeck and the Clements Library's recent acquisition of over 2,300 letters and documents pertinent to the life and career of this dedicated military officer.

SAVE THE DATE

**George Washington Birthday Ball, The Union League Club,
Friday, February 26, 2016**

If you would like to receive an invitation please email your mailing information to development@frauncestavernmuseum.org

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