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NEWSLETTER OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY OF
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
131 SPENCER WOODS DR, EAST GREENWICH RI 02818



Calendar of Events:

February 18, 2017

11:30 AM Social Hour

*Luncheon, Meeting,
and Speaker to follow*

*RISSAR Annual
Meeting,*

Location:

1149 Restaurant

1149 Division Street

Warwick, RI

January 7, 2017

9:00 AM

*Board of Managers
Meeting,*

Location:

1149 Restaurant

1149 Division Street

Warwick, RI

A Message from President John Duchesneau:

Season's Greetings to All RISSAR Compatriots!

As we are in the Christmas season let us all be thankful for the many blessings we have both individually and collectively as Americans. Please enjoy this season of fellowship and celebration with family and friends and never forget those who have sacrificed to make it possible.

When I look at Christmas during the American Revolution I recall that Christmas of 1775 found the combined armies of Generals Arnold and Montgomery besieging Quebec City as part of a poorly planned and executed campaign. Christmas Day of 1776 found General Washington and the Continental Army preparing to cross the Delaware River to attack Trenton later that evening. A year later, Washington and the Army were in winter quarters at Valley Forge where disease and exposure would claim the lives of over 2,000 American soldiers before the spring. More recently, on Christmas Day 1944, the brave paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division were besieged at Bastogne, freezing in the cold and desperately awaiting airdrops of ammunition and food on which their survival depended.

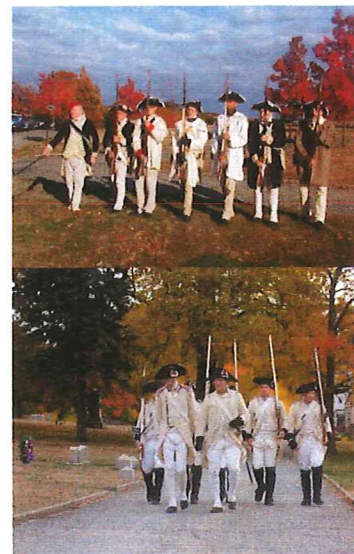
There are, undoubtedly, countless examples, in addition the above, of brave Americans facing arduous conditions on Christmas Day while defending freedom. I ask all of you to remember in your thoughts and prayers the hundreds of thousands of members of our Armed Forces who will be away from their families this Christmas.

I am personally thankful and humbled to be the president of an organization comprised of such a fine group of gentlemen. You have all been very friendly and supportive of me in my leadership of the organization and the hard work of the members of the Board of Managers has made my task as President not only easy but enjoyable. I find this to be the best present of all.

May God, Bless You and Your Families this Christmas!

Sincerely,

John Duchesneau
President, RISSAR



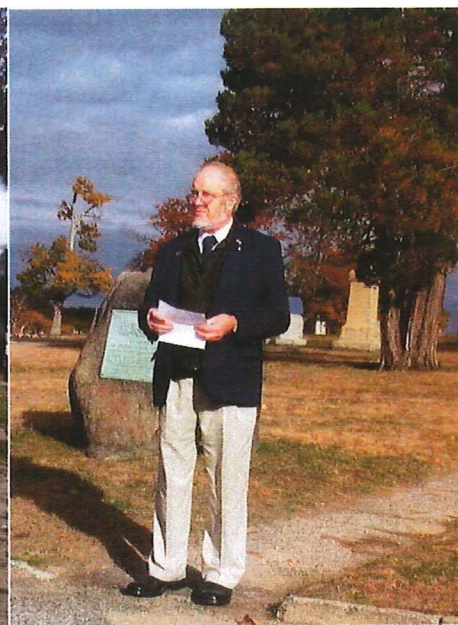
North Burial Ground Ceremonies, Veteran's Day 2016

RISSAR, and RI DAR Participation

The RISSAR along with members of the RIDAR celebrated both American and French burial sites as part of the 2016 Veteran's Day Remembrances. Also participating were members of the French, Le Régiment Bourbonnais, Rich Lincoln commanding, Norman Desmarais, Adjutant; and The Regiment de Saintonge, and American soldiers of the 2nd Rhode Island commanded by Carl Becker.

The ceremony consisted of the reading of Memorials for the French soldiers who died during the Revolutionary War in America, and a memorial for Colonel Israel Angell, read by Compatriot David Butler, RISSAR Chaplain. Rhode Island Compatriots were joined by several members of the Rhode Island Society of the DAR.

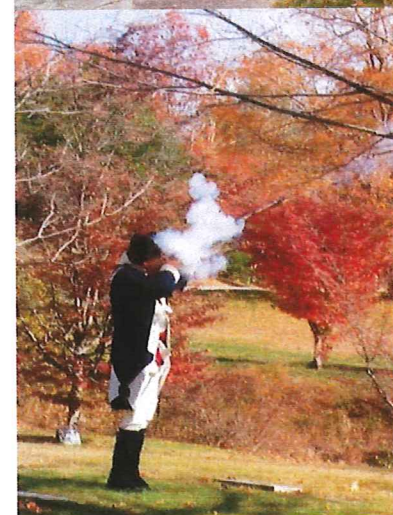
*National Society of the
Sons of the American
Revolution Congress, July
6-13, 2017, will be located
in Knoxville, TN*



Salute to Veterans, RI Veteran's Cemetery 2016

Members of the RISSAR, RIDAR, RICAR, RISR, and The RISOoff&PA participated in Memorials. Ceremonies consisted of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the Varnum Continentals provided trumpet playing for the ceremony as well as musket salutes. Wreath laying performed to commemorate the fallen soldiers by all the afore mentioned groups. The day included a New England mix of weather, from sun, to wind, to rain, to snow showers. But there was a considerable turnout for the event and very deserving to memorialize the fallen soldiers on Veteran's Day. Remarks at the ceremony were also made by representatives of all the organizations attending and were organized and led by RIDAR Regent Barbara Watrous.

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Cemetery
2016



**Happy,
Healthy,
and Safe,
New Year
2017!**

2016 Christmas Party, 1149 Restaurant

The RISSAR Christmas Party was a huge success with over 50 in attendance. The ceremony was opened with an introductory message and holiday well wishes by President John Duchesneau. This was followed by a prayer, led once again by our Chaplain David Butler, and President Duchesneau led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of America. A wonderful lunch was served followed by an interested presentation of significant monuments in the City of Providence by Author Paul Caranci, and his daughter Heather, using excerpts from his book *Monumental Providence*.

A brief ceremony was conducted for the induction of a new member Joel Quinn Hagenburg! Congratulations to Joel!

The Christmas party featured a delicious gift for everyone in attendance of Lindt Chocolate truffles!

Chaplain David Butler, proceeded to close the Christmas Party with a final prayer.



Photography credits for this issue: Compatriot and Ensign; Kevin P. England



2016 Nominating Committee Report:

The 2016 Nominating Committee consisted of Compatriots: Kevin England (Chair), Robert Butler, Carlen Booth, and John Adams. The following slate has been proposed by the Nominating Committee for Officers and Managers for 2017 – 2018, (Bold denotes new to position).

PROPOSED OFFICERS AND MANAGERS OF THE SOCIETY - 2017

President	John T. Duchesneau
First Vice President	Daniel S. Harrop, III
Second Vice President	Ronald W. Barnes
Secretary	Kevin P. England
Treasurer	Robert S. Butler
Registrar	Anthony Maietta
Historian	Thomas E. Greene
Chaplain	David B. Butler
Surgeon	Daniel S. Harrop, III
Genealogist	David M. Procaccini
Ensign	David B. Butler

Proposed Members of the Board of Managers

Living Past Presidents of the Society, and:

Term Ending 2020	Term Ending 2019	Term Ending 2018
Philip D. Rowell	Robert B. Baxter	Henry A. L. Brown
William Taylor, Jr.	Ralph C. Weiss	Harry J. Curran
Ronald C. Hillegass	Mark W. Gee	Jonathan K. Farnum

Proposed National Trustees from Rhode Island to NSSAR

Trustee	Kevin P. England
Alternate Trustee	Eugene S. Clauss II

Proposed Representatives of the Society as Trustees to the General Nathanael Greene Homestead Association

until February 2018	Daniel S. Harrop, III M.D.
until February 2019	Thomas E. Greene
until February 2020	Kevin P. England

Your State Registrar Carlen Booth reports the following:

New Members:

Charles William Wharton, III, Newport, RI, admitted August 9, 2016, national number 199522, state number 1801. Charles is descended from William Pratt, 1747-1808, Middleborough, MA - Sgt, Capt. Joshua White's Co, Col. Ebenezer Sprout's Reg't, served two alarms at Dartmouth, MA in 1778.

Joel Quinn Hagenburg, Coventry, RI, admitted November 4, 2016, national number 200426, state number 1802. Joel is a descendant of Ensign Nathaniel Chapin, 1738-1831, Enfield, CT - Ensign, 2nd Company, 3rd Battalion, Col. Comfort Sage's Reg't, Gen. Wadsworth's Brigade, 1776, Ct Militia.

Christopher Corey Sparks, Warwick, RI, admitted December 8, 2016, national number 200731, state number 1803. Christopher is descended from Benjamin Winans, 1722-1793, Elizabethtown, NJ - Capt. 1st Regiment, Essex Co. NJ.

In Memorium:

Donald Everett Devaney, Aiea, HI, admitted April 4, 2008, national number 171460, state number 1721. Donald was descended from Joseph Jenks, 1740-1821, Smithfield, RI - Private in Col Archibald Crary's RI Regiment.

He was born in Warwick, RI, served in the Army and was Provost Marshall for the Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii.

Walter Jenkins Whitley, Newport, RI, admitted March 31, 1960, national number 84275, state number 1617. Walter was descended from Henry Bonner, 1732-1779, Beaufort County, VA - Major, Beaufort County VA Militia.

Walter was born in Raleigh, NC and graduated U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1950. Following service in various locations, he was assigned to the Naval War College, Newport in 1963 and never left. He and his wife Susanne purchased and restored an 18th century home. He became active in the restoration movement and later specialized in historic homes in a real estate career. He was also an active member of many hereditary organizations. For over a decade, he read the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July from the steps of Colony House in Newport.

Robert Lincoln Smart, Lincoln, RI, admitted June 11, 1945, national number 64811, state number 1061. Robert was descended from Andrew Smart, b. 1742, NH - Private, Col. Crary's Continental Line 1776-77.

He was born in Providence, RI and lived most of his life in Lincoln. He was a WWII Navy veteran and had a nearly six decade civil engineering career at a number of major companies. He was also an active participant in various youth, veterans and masonic organizations.

Phineas Munsell Randall, IV, Westerville, OH, admitted January 13, 1975, national number 108231, state number 1456. Randy was descended from Achors Sheffield, Stonington, CT - Lt.

He was born in Massachusetts, graduated Hampden-Sydney College and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He retired from Dupont and Chemtron Corp and enjoyed ice skating, big band music, antique furniture restoration and computer programming to name a few. He gave his time and energy to a variety of youth, art and church activities.

From the Editor:

Hello fellow Compatriots;

My name is Kevin England and this is my first issue of **The Independent Man** which I have the privilege to edit. I have tried a new format using a newsletter template. I want to try to incorporate news of upcoming events, and coverage of events which RISSAR has recently participated.

I want to thank you for reading this Issue. And most importantly I hope that all of you have a very Happy Holiday Season!

And, lastly, I have written newsletters for a few organizations. I have a signature enhancement which has been a part of all my newsletters for over 30 years. So, in this issue there is a Word Search, sometimes I use a Crossword puzzle. I hope you like it!

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
from the RI
Society Sons of
the American
Revolution!**

Please send any
Newsletter comments or
suggestions to the Editor:
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Word Search

Revolutionary War Generals

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Cadwalader

Alexander

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Ward

Sterling

Scott

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Mcdougall

Wayne

Knox

Smallwood