



Presidents Remarks:

Dear Fellow Compatriots:

Spring is upon us and Summer is right around the corner. On April 26th, the Olney-Lippitt Chapter hosted a successful luncheon at the Anawan Club in Rehoboth, MA. Chapter President Carlen Booth entertained us all with a wonderful story of the founding of the Club and their personal chef served a fantastic meal.

Compatriot Ken Dunlap from WASSAR has requested the RISSAR do a grave dedication for his ancestor in a cemetery in Shannock. As soon as he is able to supply us with a marker, some of us will get together and travel there to do the service. The owner of the Historical Cemetery is thrilled that we are going to do this service. Secretary Ron Barnes will send out an email when the date is determined and all are welcome to attend.

Our next social event will be Flag Day, June 14th, at the Dunes Club in Narragansett (invite enclosed). You will not want to miss out on hearing J.L. Bell speak that day on Washington spies and their relationship to people in Rhode Island. If you watch Sunday night TV, the program *Turn* is all about his topic. *Turn* is a [period drama](#) based on [Alexander Rose's](#) historical book [Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring](#) (2007).

Compatriot John Duchesneau is doing a good job keeping the ROTC and JROTC Program going. John has all of the contact information and the dates for the events and we are still soliciting members to do presentations. If anyone would like to do one, please email John at jtd7@yahoo.com or myself at JWAdams148@aol.com.

The next Board of Managers meeting is July 12th at 1149 Restaurant in Warwick. The meeting starts at 9:30AM and all are welcome to attend—just please let me know in advance for seating arrangements. If you have something that you would like to present to the Board, please let me know.

On August 2nd, a new event will be held at the Asprey Boathouse in Pawtuxet. This day will be a Family Day for all RISSAR members and guests and will include a luncheon, a tour of the Pawtuxet Ranger's Armory by compatriot Col. Ron Barnes and a tour of historic Pawtuxet led by Compatriot Henry Brown. Please mark the date on your calendar and information will be forthcoming in late June.

I hope to see many of you at our functions this Summer....



On April 25th, Compatriots Carlen Booth, Jim Moore and John Adams joined with the RIDAR in the Common Burying Ground, Newport, to place a marker at the grave (pictured at left) of Lt. Charles Spooner—a Revolutionary War Patriot. RISSAR were invited guests to this event.

Massachusetts SAR Event:

When: Saturday, May 10th, 2014 – 11:00 AM – 2 PM

Where: The Common Market Restaurants

97 Willard Street

Quincy, MA 02169

Telephone # (617) 773-9532

<http://www.massar.org/boston>

Guest Speaker: Richard Wiggin

Author: "Embattled Farmers: Campaigns and Profiles of Revolutionary Soldiers from Lincoln, Massachusetts, 1775-1783."

Embattled Farmers acquaints the reader with many aspects of the Revolutionary War that rarely appear in traditional histories, and that are not widely understood. Through individual stories, the reader comes face to face with service by under-age boys and by slaves, with economic depredation, smallpox, desertion, and capture by the enemy.

The reader learns about the widespread practice of substitution, about recruitment, the draft, lengths of service, and the frequency of reenlistment.

Through the example of a specific but representative community at the heart of the opening events of the war, the story re-examines the root causes of the war, the incentives to serve and the extensive networks of kinship that characterized New England communities. *Embattled Farmers* is a story defined not by time or by geography, but by human experience.

CAR Annual Meeting March 29th, 2014 Varnum Armory:

William J. Weaver, Jr., Honorary State President, Rhode Island State Society Children of the American Revolution, received the CAR SAR Silver Medal of Appreciation from Rhode Island Society Sons of the American Revolution. William received this award in recognition of his service as a Docent and Volunteer at Major General Nathanael Greene Homestead in Coventry, Rhode Island. Compatriot Ronald W. Barnes, RISSAR State Secretary presented the award.



Your State Registrar Carlen Booth reports the following: In Memoriam

The Reverend Kenneth Roderick of Warwick, Rhode Island died on March 20 at Phillip Hultar Hospice Center. He was 81. Father Franklin was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1932, the only son of Rachel and Ellis Franklin. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Birmingham Southern College. After service in the army, he earned two graduate degrees in theology from The General Theological Seminary in New York. Father Franklin was ordained a deacon in 1959 and a priest the following year. He served Episcopal parishes in Alabama and Connecticut before being called as Rector to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Warwick. He served faithfully for 33 years, retiring in 2001 at which time he was named Rector Emeritus. Father Franklin was predeceased by his wife, Diane Lyn Franklin, whom he married in 1981, and his son Kenneth Reeder Franklin. He is survived by his daughter Elizabeth Franklin Keeler of Great Falls, Virginia, her husband Michael and their three children Jack, Jamie, and Elizabeth Lee. He is also survived by his wife's brother Gordon Young of Springfield, Massachusetts, his wife Elizabeth, and their two daughters Heidi and Karen.

Arnold Wade Durfee 89 of Barrington, RI, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 30, 2014. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Alicia (Harrington) Durfee.

He was born in Fall River, MA to the late Henry and Helen (Wade) Durfee. Arnold grew up in East Providence and was a Barrington resident for the past 60 years. He graduated from East Providence High School in 1943, Rhode Island College of Education and received his Master of Education from Boston University. Arnold served in England during World War II with the Mighty 8th Army Air Force and in the Air Force Reserve.

Arnold loved to travel cross country with his family in their 1968 VW camper. He was an avid sailor and raced from Rhode Island to Bermuda twice. He established youth sailing programs at the Bristol Yacht Club and Barrington YMCA in the 1960s. He was a lifetime member of the Narragansett Terrace Yacht Club.

Arnold taught social studies in the Barrington School System for 30 years, retiring in 1983. After retirement, he continued to be an activist for civic and educational issues. He served as a lobbyist and on the Board of Directors for the

National Education Association (NEA). He also served as a regional chairman and lobbyist for AARP, a voting poll supervisor, and a delegate to the 1976 Republican National Convention and 1986 RI Constitutional Convention. He was an active member or agent of the Coalition for Consumer Justice (CCJ), the Barrington Teachers Association, The Rhode Island Retired Teachers Association, NEA Rhode Island, RI Silver Haired Legislature, The RI Political Action Committee for Education and The RI Forum on Aging. He was a recipient of the prestigious Jefferson Award for Public Service, a Nobel Prize for community and public service in the United States. Local winners are "Unsung Heroes"—ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition.

Arnold embodied the essence of being a gentleman, citizen, patriot, and teacher in his personal life. He had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed studying local and world events and as well as documenting his family genealogy. He was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Riverside and The Sons of the American Revolution.

Arnold is survived by his children Matthew Durfee and his wife Carolyn of Cumberland, RI, Anne White of Meredith, NH; and Maisie Morey and her husband Chris of Bristol, RI; his grandchildren Chris White and his wife Kelsey, Abigail Morey, Emily Durfee James and her husband Chris, Mason Durfee, Evan White, and Ben Morey; a brother Charles 'Chic' Durfee of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his cherished sister, Susan Leger.

The burial and graveside ceremony will be held at 10:00 AM on May 3, 2014 at the Mt Hope Cemetery, Hortonville Rd, Swansea, MA. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Arnold's memory to the Evangelical Covenant Church of Riverside, RI.

Marvin Hunter Taylor, 85, of Barrington, Rhode Island, died peacefully at home Saturday, April 26, 2014, leaving his beloved wife of 58 years, Elaine Doris (Tucker) Taylor.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, son of the late Marvin Hunter and Emma Katherine (Schmitt) Taylor, he was educated in Maryland and Ireland before moving to New England to attend college and law school. He lived for many years in Lexington, Massachusetts, while practicing as an attorney with Itek Corporation; he moved to Rhode Island in 1984 and was with Nortek, Inc., until retirement in 1998.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Marvin Hunter Taylor of Gelsenkirchen, Germany, and Nathaniel Lane Taylor, and four grandchildren. Interment will be at Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky.

Merriam's Corner Annual Meeting, April 12, 2014 at Noah Brooks Tavern

Compatriot Bob Merriam passed along the schedule of events for the above date for the gathering of the Merriam Family. For those of you that do not know, the Merriam House at Merriam's Corner is where the Battle Road Trail starts in Concord and extends 5 miles to Lexington. The Merriam Family parades behind a Family Banner to Merriam's Corner and are joined by representatives of the Town of Concord, the National Park Service, local marching bands and historical re-enactment groups including the Concord Militia and Bedford Regiment to commemorate April 19, 1775. Nancy and Bob Merriam continued their tradition of marching in the parade again this year.

Sgt. Josiah Merriam's flintlock from that April engagement is in the Concord Museum. When Bob was a boy he can remember seeing it standing on end in the corner of the front hall of his grandfather's house in Framingham.

Nathanael Greene Homestead Association

An Eagle Scout Certificate was presented to Noah Zachary Fitter on April 5, 2014 at the Varnum Armory, East Greenwich, RI where the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony took place. Scoutmaster James Essex made the presentation during the Ceremony where 120 people attended. Eagle Scout Candidate Ryan Costa descended upon the Greene Homestead to complete Mr. Costa's Eagle project.

On May 17 and 18 the Gen. Nathanael Greene Homestead will be holding our 2nd Annual Raid on Spell Hall, Battle for the Greene Homestead Revolutionary War Reenactment. There will be an authentic colonial era military camp, period Artisans and music. Meet General (portrayed by Lt. Cmdr Dave Loda UNSR Ret.) and Mrs. Greene, Tour Spell Hall, the 1770 home of Gen. Greene. Watch Continental and militia troops repel a Red Coat raiding party.

There will be a two battles daily, book signings and lectures by historical authors Janet Uhlar and Pamela Bauer Mueller each day at noon.

Admission: \$6 Adults, \$4 Children, Seniors, Students and Military with ID.

Save this date - NEDC meeting on November 1st in Wethersfield, CT

This year the meeting is held one state away! Wethersfield is only a little more than hour and half from Providence! Any and all may attend, so let's have a solid representation. The meeting will start at 10:00AM at Lucky Lou's Tavern. <http://www.luckylousbarandgrill.com/orderze/default.aspx>

Tours will be arranged for later in the day at <http://webb-deane-stevens.org/> Tour four very special 18th century homes!



Wethersfield is Connecticut's Oldest and Largest Historic District. Visit online Wethersfield Historical Society, <http://www.wethhist.org/index.htm>

SAR Membership Ring

The SAR Membership Ring is now available to Compatriot members after a \$30.00 donation to the SAR Foundation. Description: Raised hand carved profile of Cameo of General George Washington, on Black Onyx or Red Agate stone. SHOULDERS: SAR Logo on one and American eagle with 13 stars on the other.

Around the CROWN: Motto: LIBERTAS ET PATRIA (Liberty and Patriotism) Dates: Revolutionary War 1775-1783, and Founding of the SAR 1889.

All orders require a new donation to the SAR Foundation of \$30.00. An e-mail notice will be sent to the Compatriot member for ordering verification and manufacturing.

Please go to the NSSAR Main page and click on Donation Tab or to the SAR Foundation page for mailing instructions. Please note in remarks section SAR Membership Ring.

Price: Sterling Silver: \$355.00 Gold plated Sterling Silver: \$395.00 Gold 9K \$1750.00

To View SAR Membership Ring Pictures: <http://www.regnasjewelry.com>



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Points of Interest:

L'Hermione Project - What was Hermione? The Hermione was a 12-pounder Concorde class frigate of the French Navy. She became famous when she ferried General Lafayette to the United States in 1780 to allow him to rejoin the American side in the American Revolutionary War. She grounded and was wrecked in 1793.

What is L'Hermione Project? (www.hermione2015.com)

Twenty years ago a small group met together and discussed the idea of reconstructing an exact replica of L'Hermione. Now it is almost completed - originally one of the most authentically built Tall Ships ever. Meantime, the idea grew that L'Hermione should sail to the USA - bringing to life the voyage made by LaFayette in 1780 and re-affirming the historic relationship between the United States and France. L'Hermione's first voyage will take her across the Atlantic - voyage 2015.

The Flagon and Trencher: Descendants of Colonial Tavern Keepers (<http://www.flagonandtrencher.org/>)

This society might be of interest to our membership.

The Objectives of the Society. To establish the good repute of colonial tavern keepers through:

- The collection of information concerning taverns, tavern keepers, tavern customs, recipes, menus, and all other data that may pertain to colonial taverns and their keepers.
- The dissemination of such information to the Society's membership, and eventually to other interested persons and organizations.
- The building a body of genealogical records showing descent from colonial tavern-keeping ancestors.
- The creation of a spirit of good fellowship and friendship among members through meetings and other means inherent, in these purposes.

East Greenwich Historic Cemetery Commission

For any Compatriots interested in Historic Cemetery volunteering, please contact the following.

My name is Jason Beaumier (jwbeaumier@yahoo.com), and I sit on the newly formed East Greenwich Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission. We are an official town board and part of our duties will be to restore, rehabilitate, and clean the area historic cemeteries to the conditions they should be in.

As part of doing this, we are reaching out to local groups, organizations, and businesses to gauge their interest in helping us in this endeavor.

Any participating group would be doing the following:

- Cleaning/rehabilitating an EG Historic cemetery (a board member(s) would be present) most likely on a weekend day
- Raking, trimming, possibly mowing, etc.
- Some are in worse shape than others and would be more labor intensive
- Options would be to do this as a 'one-time' event, or to adopt a cemetery which would involve multiple cleanings over a period of time.

Upcoming SAR events:

Board of Managers: July 12, October 4, January 3, 2015

RISSAR Spring Meeting: April 26

Flag Day Luncheon: June 14

Family Day: August 2

Cooke House: September 29

Celebration to commemorate Captain Stephen Olney's service to the Revolution: October 18

Veteran's Day: November 9

Christmas Party: December 13

