**Presidents Remarks:**

Dear Compatriots:

The Summer is coming to an end and we are now entering the time when we have a number of meetings scheduled. Our event attendance remains strong and the Board of Managers' usually has 18-20 people present to discuss SAR issues.

I hope you have time to look at invites that will come your way soon.

Please note that the Cooke House Newport event is now a Saturday luncheon, the Veteran's Day event is a Sunday luncheon and the Christmas event is a Saturday luncheon. The Cooke House will not have a speaker, the Veteran's Day may have one at Chianti's Restaurant, and the December event at 1149 will have a special speaker from Vermont.

All in all, we are forging ahead and our members are spreading out and helping other organizations with their activities. Of note,

- Bob Butler advising and working on cemetery grave restoration
- Peter Sarazin is helping out with the Varnum Continentals as a marching and musical member
- Bill Weaver is working at the Greene Homestead handling Cottage building and maintenance of the property
- David Procaccini is President of the Greene Homestead and leading them in a new direction where he has just completed acquisition of 4 additional adjoining acres to the property
- Bruce MacGungile is helping restore their membership and direction of activities for RISSAR
- John Duchesneau is helping at the Artillery Company of Newport
- Ron Barnes is Colonel of the Pawtucket Rangers and helps many groups
- Henry Brown is writing articles for The Bridge and being an historian in general
- Al Klyberg is working Nathanael Greene activities and will attend a Greene statue dedication in Valley Forge
- Mark Gee is a Rhode Island State Senator working to bring sensibility to the Rhode Island political scene
- Bob Baxter, Treasurer for the Colonial Wars of Rhode Island
- Jon Farnum works with the Narragansett Council of BSA
- Curtis Magee attends every lineage group function and lends his advice from years of experience
- Robert Allen Greene holds leadership position in the Howland Society as well as others
- Bob Merriam is keeping the New England Wireless and Steam Museum going strongly

You get the idea. We have a diverse membership that helps out others and works in the community. This spirit is what makes us a stronger group. Gentlemen, please continue with your good works.

See you in September.

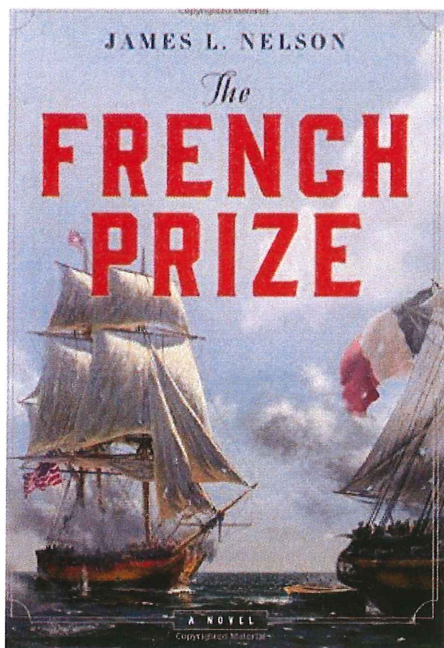
John W. Adams

Of Note:

Ken Carlson, Archivist at the State Archives at 337 Westminster Street, has displayed in the building's lobby some terrific Rhode Island artifacts, including (but not limited to) the following:

- Expense authorization associated with hanging 23 sailors in July 1723, including for the sheriff of Newport County for hanging them
- Expense authorization of the gibbet used to display the body of the murderer Thomas Carter, hanged in 1751

- HP Lovecraft's death certificate
- Original copy of the US Constitution ratified in Newport in May 1790
- Beautiful drawings by a French engineer in the 1790s of proposed fortifications at Howland's Ferry and Miantonomi Hill
- The exhibit will remain up through August. Parking is free for the first hour at the lot just north of the Archives, with a stamp from the Archives.



On the Bookshelves: James Nelson's The French Prize

The French Prize is the first book in a new series to feature Jack Biddlecomb, the nineteen year old son of Isaac Biddlecomb, protagonist of the Revolution at Sea Saga. The year is 1797 and Jack finally has a command of his own, the merchant ship Abigail, bound for the Caribbean. Unfortunately for him, the French have begun an undeclared war against American shipping, and Jack becomes a pawn in a bigger game of international intrigue.

The French Prize received a nice review in the Wall Street Journal, which said, among other things:

Sea novels have certain conventions. A storm or two will threaten to wreck the ship, and there must be at least one battle described in vivid detail. Both storm and battle must test the hero's nerve and ability to command. All this is more or less obligatory; the remarkable thing is that Mr. Nelson makes it seem fresh and new. His knowledge of sailing ships and how to handle them is profound, and he writes with such clarity and conviction that even a landlubber will be gripped by it.

Our President John Adams was recently contacted regarding the burial site of patriot Samuel Tarbox (1736-1789) of East Greenwich. John put fellow compatriot and East Greenwich Town Historian Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle on the case. Bruce was able to locate the plot, snap several pictures and forward the info to Samuel Tarbox's ancestor Kelly D. Fitzpatrick of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The following is an email from Mr. Fitzpatrick expressing his gratitude.

Dear RISSAR President JW Adams:

An ancestor of my paternal grandmother, Rena Sophia Tarbox Fitzpatrick (1900-1941), provided military service during the American Revolutionary War. My grandmother died when my father was merely 5 1/2 years old. She was gone for nearly 20 years before I was born so I never met her. I have done much to learn more about her and her ancestral lines.

The patriot ancestor, Samuel Tarbox (1736-1789), was of East Greenwich, RI. I would be so very grateful if someone in your organization could assist me in obtaining a couple of quality digital photographs of the gravesite and grave marker of Samuel Tarbox (1736-1789), of East Greenwich, RI, who served in the American Revolutionary War.

According to a review of your RISSAR Patriot Burial Records "Samuel Tarbox, RI Militia, was buried in John MacSpencer Farm, Moosehorn Road, East Greenwich, RI."

According to the RIHS Library, specifically the "Tarbox Family Papers," the source mentioned a government acquired grave marker had been placed to honor the memory and military service of Samuel Tarbox.

According to "East Greenwich, RI Historical Cemetery Inscriptions," by Bruce Campbell MacGunnigle, the source states the burial occurred at East Greenwich Historical Cemetery No. 3, the "Spencer Lot Cemetery," located on the East side of Moosehorn Road, est. 160 feet East in from the road at pole 16. It is reported to be behind a residence at 230 Moosehorn Road and is walled. The grave is reported to be on the north end of the cemetery.

It would mean so much to our family if we could obtain a few digital photographs of his grave/marker and remain hopeful that you and/or your organization could assist. Thank you so very much for your assistance and kindness.

Very Cordially,

Mr. Kelly D. Fitzpatrick, MBA, Cedar Rapids, IA



Photos of East Greenwich Historical Cemetery as well as the Samuel Tarbox headstone.

Your State Registrar Carlen Booth reports the following:

New Member:

Kevin Paul England, Providence, RI, admitted May 5, 2015, national number 194558, state number 1792. Kevin is descended from Edward Babbitt, Jr., 1763-1842, Killingly, CT - private CT Line serving under Capt. Cutler, Capt. Cady and Col. Sherman.

James Dennis Colleran, Bristol, RI, admitted July 8, 2015, national number 195442, state number 1793. James is descended from Gen. Robert Lawson, 1748-1805, Yorkshire, Eng. & Richmond, VA - served as a field-grade officer at the Battles of Trenton and Guilford Court House and the Siege of Yorktown.

Supplementary Application:

Daniel Smith Harrop, Providence, RI, approved May 26, 2015, national number 102271, state number 1421. Daniel is descended from Christian Wenner, 1760-1822, Whitehall & Sugarloaf, PA - Corporal, Company 8, Capt. Henry Reitz, 1st Battalion of Lt. Col. Stephen Balliet, and Northampton County Militia.

In Memoriam:

Dr. Stephen B. Smith, MD, Charlottesville, VA, admitted May 20, 1948, national number 70005, state number 1105. Dr. Smith was descended from Jesse Smith, 1752-1805, Smithfield, RI - Lt. in Capt. Sprague's Regt, 1777. He was born and raised in Providence and graduated Yale University in 1949 and New York Medical College in 1954. He was affiliated with a number of hospitals in the Boston Metropolitan area and the Harvard Medical School. He was in private practice for obstetrics and gynecology, completing a 41 year career in medicine in 1995. Dr. Smith also served as a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America and was a Freemason and an avid sailor.

RISSAR Plaque Tour

We are trying to put together a SAR Plaque Tour for September 5th or 12th. We would visit all the plaques put up by our Society--8 of them. We would meet in a central location and caravan to them and then go someplace for a Dutch luncheon. Please let Ron Barnes (revwarman@aol.com) know of your interest and which date works best for you.

L'Hermione Visits Newport



On July 8 and 9th the French ship L'Hermione visited Newport. Some twenty years ago, a small group dreamed of reconstructing an exact replica of the 18th century ship the Hermione that brought General Lafayette to the colonies. Today, the majestic vessel is the largest and most authentically built Tall Ship in the last 150 years. The Hermione set sail in France from the mouth of the River Charente, in Port des Barques, June, 2015, where Lafayette boarded on March 10th, 1780. The transatlantic crossing took 27 days in total, before making landfall at Yorktown, Virginia. The ship was making various ports of call along the Eastern seaboard. There were many activities and events surrounding the ship's arrival and stay in Newport. One of those ceremonies was a memorial for the French Soldiers and Sailors and for the Comte de Rochambeau at his statue in King's Park in Newport.



Rochambeau was selected by French King Louis XVI to command the army being sent to America. Surmounting the daunting logistical difficulties of moving 5,500 men across the Atlantic Ocean, Rochambeau arrived at Newport, Rhode Island, in July 1780. He established a good rapport with Washington and the local population. During the ceremony State Secretary Ron Barnes presented a wreath on behalf of RISSAR in memory of the French Soldiers and Sailors that helped us achieve our independence. Ron is shown here with re-enactors portraying MG Nathaneal Greene and his Aide-de-camp.

On July 9th, RISSAR Genealogist and Greene Homestead President, David Procaccini attended a reception for the replica French Frigate L'Hermione at Ft. Adams in Newport RI. The event was jointly hosted by the Society of the Cincinnati, Society of Colonial Wars and Society of Colonial Dames. The evening included a tour of the ship, talk by John Hattendorf and culminated in a cannon salute by the Artillery Company of Newport. The ship was splendid, the weather perfect, and a great time was had by all.



Compatriot David Procaccini is in the center of this picture taken that day flanked by re-enactors for Lafayette and Washington.

Litchfield Celebrates Independence Day



The annual Independence Day ceremony on the Litchfield Green was loud and colorful.

Beginning at 1:45 p.m., the cannons of the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment fired 13 times in a salute to the original 13 states that, as colonies, united for the cause of independence in 1776.

On display while the cannons boom will be the flags of the 13 states. They've been secured by Ken Buckbee (RISSAR provided funding for the purchase of Rhode Island Flag) of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott Sr. Branch of the Sons of the American Revolution, which will participated in the event.

First Selectman Leo Paul Jr. read the names of the 13 colonies before each cannon blast. Once the firing was completed, the bells of the town's churches rang at 2 p.m. as part of a national observance of Independence Day.

The Independence Day ceremony on the Green has been held since 1963, when Congress adopted the "Let Freedom Ring" resolution. Let Freedom Ring was inspired by First Litchfield Artillery Regiment co-founder Eric Hatch and Eric Sloane of Warren, who proposed the idea in an article they wrote for "This Week" magazine in February 1963.

Litchfield's Independence Day tribute began at noon when the Gov. Oliver Wolcott Sr. Branch and the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held their traditional ceremony at the graves of Oliver Wolcott Sr. and Col. Benjamin Tallmadge in East Cemetery.

Upcoming SAR events:

Cooke House: Saturday, September 26, 2015

Board of Managers: Saturday, October 3, 2015

Veterans Day: Sunday, November 8, 2015 at Chianti's Restaurant

Christmas Party: Saturday, December 12, 2015 1149 Restaurant.

Annual Meeting: Saturday, February 20, 2016 (Note the Annual Meeting is an evening event).

The Greene Public Library 179 Hopkins Hollow Road, Greene RI 02827
proudly presents:

The Civilian Conservation Corps

*"When thousands of city youths saved
the woods of Rhode Island"*
Thursday, September 17th 7:00 p.m.

During the 1930s a national jobs program (CCC) was the first nationwide effort to boost the desperate unemployment picture. In Rhode Island it meant that state parks and forests would be saved for generations to come.



Al Klyberg, retired Historian/Director of the RI Historical Society will describe this chapter of RI history when the Greene CCC camp was actually located near Foster.

*Reservations preferred.
Call 397-3873 or email
jean@coventrylibrary.org*

