

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –**

**Sons of the Revolution<sup>SM</sup> in the State of New York, Inc. honor Elizabeth and Stanley DeForest Scott at their annual George Washington Birthday Ball**

**New York:** On February 22, 2019 Sons of the Revolution<sup>SM</sup> in the State of New York, Inc. (SRNY) hosted the 142nd Annual George Washington Birthday Ball in honor of George Washington and to benefit Fraunces Tavern<sup>®</sup> Museum. The evening also launched a year-long celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the construction of Fraunces Tavern. This year's **Distinguished Patriot Award** was presented to philanthropists and dedicated Museum supporters **Elizabeth and Stanley DeForest Scott. Denise Doring VanBuren**, First Vice-President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, was also honored. The award ceremony and gala dinner took place at a private club in Manhattan and was emceed by NY1's **George C. Whipple III** and **William Whipple Rockefeller**.

It was a fantastic evening honoring the Scotts and VanBuren; and celebrating the 287th birthday of George Washington. **President of the SRNY, Peter C. Hein**, opened the evening by welcoming guests and thanking them for their valued support: "One of the principal missions of our Society is the operation and maintenance of Fraunces Tavern. [And so] tonight's celebration of George Washington's birthday also serves a second purpose: to raise funds to benefit Fraunces Tavern Museum. Your support allows us to maintain these treasured historic structures and ensure the funding of the museum's programs and operations."

**Museum Director, Jacqueline Maseo**, invoked the history of Fraunces Tavern to illustrate the Museum's dedication to educating the public and preserving the past: "As New York City's only Museum to focus solely on the American Revolution, it is a unique place that not only boasts a collection of over 8,000 artifacts, but has also seen many historic moments and founding fathers that helped to form a new nation. Through programming and public outreach, we are able to tell the stories of heroes from long ago as well-known as Nathan Hale, to the unnamed Molly Pitchers of the battlefield, all of whom will not be forgotten."

All funds raised from the event benefit Fraunces Tavern Museum, a program of the SRNY that has been serving the NYC community for over 110 years and home of the historic site where George Washington gave his final farewell toast to his officers on December 4, 1783. Some of the night's attendees included Russell Rich, Secretary, General Society Sons of the Revolution; Kevin Rooney, President, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick; and Benedict Gedaminski, President, New England Society; as well as esteemed members of Sons of the Revolution<sup>SM</sup> in the State of New York, the Knickerbocker, New York City, and Mary Washington Colonial Chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of America, and the Society of Colonial Wars, among others.

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**About Fraunces Tavern Museum:**

Fraunces Tavern Museum's mission is to preserve and interpret the history of the American Revolutionary era through public education. This mission is fulfilled through the interpretation and preservation of the Museum's collections, landmarked buildings and varied public programs that serve the community. You can stand in the room where General George Washington bid farewell to his officers and explore eight additional galleries that focus on America's War for Independence and the preservation of early American history. To learn more, visit our website at [frauncestavernmuseum.org](http://frauncestavernmuseum.org).

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