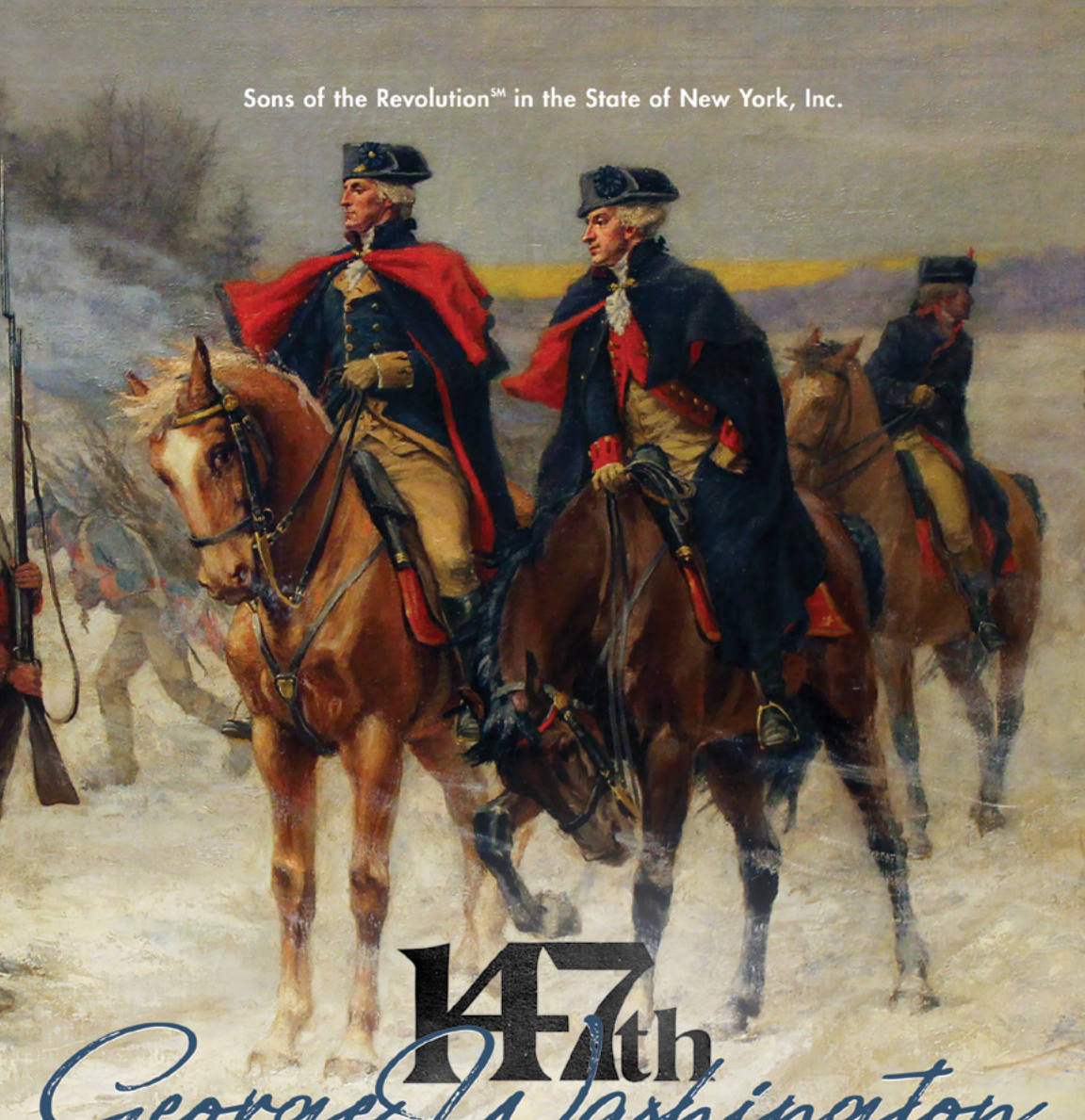


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177th
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Presentation of the National Colors

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Rampant Lion Pipe Band Colour Party

Led by Pipe Major David Palladino Sinclair

Hearts of Oak Independent Militia

March of the Knickerbocker Greys

Led by Commandant David Menegon

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Scott A. Jeffrey, Registrar

National Anthem

Ms. Deborah Thomas Shull

Invocation

The Rev. Christopher M. Cullen, S.J., Chaplain

Presentation of Distinguished Patriot Award

Captain Zeita Merchant

Commander, Sector New York

Captain of the Port

United States Coast Guard

Remarks by the President

Mr. Peter C. Hein

Remarks by the Executive Director of SRNY and its Fraunces Tavern Museum

Mr. Scott M. Dwyer

Traditional Toasts

Benediction

The Rev. Christopher M. Cullen, S.J., Chaplain

Retirement of the Colors

Wine Service

Appetizer

Vegetable Tian

Char-Grilled Eggplant, Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Bell Pepper
Basil Vinaigrette, Red Pepper Emulsion, Balsamic, Microgreens

Entrée

Char-Grilled Black Angus Filet Mignon

Pencil Asparagus, Parsnip Purée, Port Reduction

Dessert

Campfire Tart

Sweet Tart Shell, Milk & Dark Chocolate Ganache, Torched
Marshmallow Meringue, Gold Leaf, Raspberry Sauce

Coffee and Tea Service

Dietary alternatives are available upon request.

Featuring the music of the Paul Errico Orchestra

The Cocked Hat

By Edmund Wetmore

President, SRNY, Inc., 1904-1914

You may boast of your derbies,
your auto-fur caps,
Your Panama Straws, and
your shiny silk hats,
But none can compare, though
you search the world o'er,
With the three-cornered hat
that our ancestors wore.

We've nowhere its equal in beauty or style,
(Just think of George Washington wearing a tile!)
While this, graced the bow that swept down to the floor,
The elegant hat that our ancestors wore.

It matched the lace ruffles and black velvet suit,
It had no brim to hinder the lovers' salute,
In the rich squire's hall, by the cottager's door,
Hung this versatile hat that our ancestors wore.

They carried it jauntily through the quadrille,
They danced till the daylight and kept it up still,
Then cocked it on tipsily - hindside before -
This jolly old hat that our ancestors wore.

In the hot summer's sun, in the winter's cold damp,
In the smoke of the battle, the frost of the camp,
In fight or in foray, it waved at the 'fore,
The gallant old hat that our ancestors wore.

Then greet it with reverence, guard it with pride,
'Tis the symbol of days when brave souls were tried;
We hold it in honor and all it stand for,
The noble old hat that our ancestors wore.

Sons of the Revolution^{you} in the State of New York, Inc. Constitution & Officers

CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE: WHEREAS, it has become evident from the decline of proper celebration of such National holidays as the Fourth of July, Washington's Birthday, and the like, that popular interest in the events and men of the War of the Revolution is less than in the earlier days of the Republic;

AND WHEREAS, this lack of interest is to be attributed not so much to lapse of time as to the neglect on the part of descendants of Revolutionary heroes to perform their duty of keeping before the public mind the memory of the services of their ancestors, and of the times in which they lived, and of the principles for which they contended;

THEREFORE, the Society of the "SONS OF THE REVOLUTION IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK" has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of the men who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or counsel, achieved American Independence; to promote and assist in the proper celebration of the anniversaries of Washington's Birthday, the Battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, the Fourth of July, the Capitulations of Saratoga and Yorktown, the Evacuation of New York by the British Army, and other prominent events relating to or connected with the War of the Revolution; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to that War; to inspire among the members and their descendants the patriotic spirit of their forefathers; to inculcate in the community in general, sentiments of Nationality and respect for the principles for which the patriots of the Revolution contended; to assist in the commemorative celebration of other great historical events of National importance, and to promote social intercourse and the feeling of fellowship among its members.

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Distinguished Patriot

Captain Zeita Merchant

Commander, Sector New York

Captain of the Port

United States Coast Guard

Captain Zeita Merchant assumed command in May 2021, and directs all Coast Guard missions in the Port of New York and New Jersey. She is responsible for ensuring the safety and security of one of the Nation's busiest and most economically important port complexes. Sector New York's area of responsibility spans over 6,000 square miles from 200 miles offshore and inland to Albany, NY, and includes facilities and waterways moving hundreds of billions of dollars in cargo and tens of millions of passengers annually. Prior to joining Sector New York as Deputy Sector Commander in 2020, Captain Merchant was a National Security Fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

Enjoying over 26 years of active-duty service, Captain Merchant is a recognized authority in maritime safety and security, and crisis management. She has served in a variety of assignments at the operational and executive levels and has been certified as one of the Coast Guard's top Emergency Managers leading large-scale, multi-jurisdictional incident responses across the Nation.

In July 2023, Captain Merchant was selected for nomination to the rank of Rear Admiral, becoming the first African American woman to earn this achievement in the service's history.

Her operational assignments include commanding maritime operations across the southern tip of Lake Michigan at Marine Safety Unit Chicago. She also directed operations as the Executive Officer of Marine Safety Unit Texas City, Chief of Port Operations at Sector Miami and as a Marine Inspector and Port Operations Officer at Marine Safety Office New Orleans.

Her previous staff assignments include serving as the Special Assistant to the 27th and 28th Vice Commandants of the Coast Guard, Congressional Fellow on the Committee of Oversight and Reform and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Executive Strategic Planner for Coast Guard Flag and Senior Executive Service Corps.



Distinguished Patriot (continued)

Captain Merchant holds a Doctorate of Business Administration and Master of Quality Systems Management from the National Graduate School at New England Institute of Business, as well as a Master of Public Administration from George Washington University and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Tougaloo College. In addition, she is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Executive Education Leadership in Homeland Security Course and a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Seminar XXI National Security and Foreign Affairs Fellow.

She has been honored with numerous professional, academic, and community service awards, including the 2023 Conference of Minority Transportation Officials' Women Who Move the Nation Award, the 2023 BEYA Stars and Stripes STEM Award, the 2022 Sailing for Scholars Founders Award, the New York City's 2021 Women in Service Award, 2019 Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Outstanding Achievement in Public Service, 2018 Chicago Federal Executive Board J.F. Kennedy Leadership Award, 2018 US Coast Guard Captain Jarvis Inspirational Leadership Award, and many more. Her personal military awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, six Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, three Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals, and four Commandant's Letters of Commendation, Marine Safety Insignia and Commandant's Staff Identification Badge.

Biographical information provided by United States Coast Guard Sector New York.



Past Distinguished Patriots

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| 1961 | Senator Barry M. Goldwater | Arizona |
| 1962 | Hon. John Davis Lodge | Former Ambassador to Spain |
| 1963 | Hon. Henry J. Taylor | Former Ambassador to Switzerland |
| 1964 | Senator Kenneth B. Keating | New York |
| 1965 | Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Dunn | Commander, 1st US Army |
| 1966 | Hon. John M. Murphy | Congressman, New York |
| 1967 | James Thomas Flexner | Author |
| 1968 | Hon. Arthur Hobson Dean | Lawyer - Diplomat |
| 1969 | Hon. Henry H. Fowler | Secretary of the Treasury |
| 1970 | Gen. William C. Westmoreland | Chief of Staff, United States Army |
| 1972 | Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. | United States Air Force - Astronaut |
| 1973 | Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, D.D. | Senior Minister, Marble Collegiate Church |
| 1974 | Joseph Veach Noble | Director, Museum of the City of New York |
| 1975 | Hon. J. William Middendorf II | Secretary of the Navy |
| 1976 | Senator James L. Buckley | New York |
| 1977 | Hon. John Eisenhower | Ambassador |
| 1978 | Hon. John P. Humes | Ambassador |
| 1979 | Hon. William E. Simon | Former Secretary of the Treasury |
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| 1981 | Hon. Richard V. Allen | National Security Advisor |
| 1982 | Hon. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick | Ambassador to the United Nations from the United States |
| 1983 | Hon. Francis Kellogg | Special Advisor to the United Nations General Assembly |
| 1984 | Moorhead C. Kennedy Jr. | Executive Director, Council for International Understanding, Iran |
| 1985 | Hon. Clare Boothe Luce | Former Ambassador to Italy |
| 1986 | R.E. "Ted" Turner | Chairman, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. |
| 1987 | Hon. John F. Lehman Jr. | Secretary of the Navy |
| 1988 | Admiral William J. Crowe Jr., USN | Chairman, the Joint Chiefs of Staff |
| 1989 | J. Peter Grace | Chairman, W.R. Grace & Co. |
| 1990 | John J. Phelan | Chairman, New York Stock Exchange |
| 1991 | Clement E. Conger | Curator, Diplomatic Reception Rooms, State Department |
| 1992 | Walter B. Wriston | Retired Chairman and CEO, Citibank |
| 1993 | Hon. John L. Loeb Jr. | Former Ambassador to Denmark |
| 1994 | Senator Robert J. Dole | Kansas, Senate Minority Leader |
| 1995 | Hon. Christine Todd Whitman | Governor, State of New Jersey |
| 1996 | Rodney W. Nichols | President and CEO, The New York Academy of Sciences |
| 1997 | General Barry R. McCaffrey | Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy |

Past Distinguished Patriots (continued)

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| 1998 | General Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF (Ret) | Former Chief of Staff, United States Air Force |
| 1999 | Admiral James Holloway, USN (Ret) | Former Member, Joint Chiefs of Staff |
| 2000 | Commissioner Howard Safr | NYC Police Commissioner |
| 2001 | Peter Vallone | Speaker of the New York City Council |
| 2002 | General James L. Jones | Commandant, US Marine Corps |
| 2003 | Brian L. Stafford | Director, United States Secret Service |
| 2004 | Vice Admiral Joseph D. Stewart | Superintendent, US Merchant Marine Academy |
| 2005 | Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly | Commissioner, NYC Police Department |
| 2006 | Arnold Fisher | Chairman, Intrepid Foundation |
| 2007 | Hon. Peter T. King | Congressman, New York |
| 2008 | Joel Klein | Chancellor, NYC Schools |
| 2009 | Hon. G. Philip Hughes | Former Ambassador to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean |
| 2009 | Victoria Hughes | President, Bill of Rights Institute |
| 2010 | John M. Templeton Jr., MD | President & Chairman, John Templeton Foundation |
| 2011 | Salvatore J. Cassano | Commissioner, NYC Fire Department |
| 2012 | Fang A. Wong | National Commander, The American Legion |
| 2013 | Lt. Gen. Frank Gorenc | Assistant Vice Chief of Staff & Director, Air Staff, Headquarters US Air Force |
| 2014 | Jane Campbell | DAR Regent, New York City Chapter |
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| 2016 | Paul R. Dolan | Executive Director, ABC News International |
| 2017 | Paul W. "Buddy" Bucha | Former Army Captain and Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient |
| 2018 | Dr. Robert M.S. McDonald | Professor of History, United States Military Academy |
| 2019 | Elizbeth and Stanley DeForest Scott | Long-time Benefactors and Supporters of Frances Tavern Museum |
| 2020 | Dr. Laurence S. Simpson | General President, General Society Sons of the Revolution |
| 2021 | Rick Atkinson | Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author and Military Historian |
| 2022 | Hon. George E. Pataki | Former Governor, New York State |
| 2023 | David M. Rubenstein | Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of The Carlyle Group, Leader in Patriotic Philanthropy |

A message from the President of Sons of the Revolutionsm in the State of New York, Inc.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to our Society's 147th George Washington Birthday Ball, in honor of George Washington and to benefit our Fraunces Tavern® Museum. We are most grateful for your presence and support.

We are delighted to honor, as our Distinguished Patriot, Captain Zeita Merchant, who is the Commander of Sector New York, the largest United States Coast Guard operational field command on the East Coast. We are also pleased to recognize the USCG, which was established in 1790 by Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton as the Revenue Marine Service.

Our Society takes pride in its stewardship of Fraunces Tavern – over 300 years old – which is at the core of our complex of five historic buildings in which Fraunces Tavern Museum operates. Fraunces Tavern is a unique site which our Society uses to tell the story of the American Revolution to school children and adults alike.


We have operated a museum in Fraunces Tavern for over 100 years, since our Society acquired and restored Fraunces Tavern in the early 1900s. In the past year, we opened a new permanent exhibit - *The Birch Trials at Fraunces Tavern*. This exhibit describes the proceedings of a joint British and American commission that met at Fraunces Tavern in 1783 to review and deliberate upon the eligibility of some Black Loyalists to evacuate with the British Army, and also recognizes the thousands of Black Patriots who fought for American Independence.

This year, we will commemorate the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's 1824 return to America with a special exhibit scheduled to open in June displaying many of our Museum's collection of Lafayette artifacts. We are also working on exhibits and programs to commemorate the 250th anniversaries of key Revolutionary War events, including a series of special exhibits beginning in early 2025.

In the past year, our Society and its Museum featured robust programing, including special talks at our Tallmadge Day Meeting, our Battles of Lexington and Concord Dinner (including Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award Presentation), and our Constitution Week Meeting, as well as numerous lectures in our Davis Flag Gallery. We have also continued our traditional annual commemorations, including Flag Day (in June), our Evacuation Day Dinner (with the same 13 toasts given at a celebratory banquet at Fraunces Tavern on November 25, 1783, the day the British Army evacuated New York City), and General Washington's farewell to his officers (reenacted in our Long Room, where it took place on December 4, 1783).

Your support of this evening enables our work to continue. Thank you so much for your generosity and good will. Enjoy this wonderful evening!

Gratefully,



Peter C. Hein
President

A message from the Executive Director of Sons of the RevolutionSM in the State of New York, Inc. and its Fraunces Tavern[®] Museum

This past year capped off two years of work to refresh our museum's galleries with new exhibitions, objects, and narratives that further relay the people and events that defined the American Revolutionary Era and Confederation Period, specifically here in New York City and at Fraunces Tavern. Keeping our spaces fresh and finding new ways to interpret history is imperative for us to draw first- and long-time visitors so that we may deliver on our mission to preserve that history and perpetuate the memory of those who achieved American Independence.

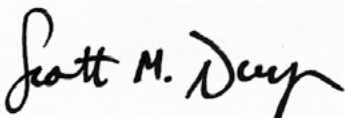
Our exhibition work coincided with our dynamic programming and events where authors, historians, reenactors, tour guides, volunteer docents, and school educators continued to engage our community of children and adults both online and in-person. We also continued to maintain our historic complex of buildings which require constant care, thoughtful planning, and significant resources.

Our newest permanent exhibition that opened last June *The Birch Trials* at Fraunces Tavern highlights the significant contributions of Black individuals during the Revolutionary War. It also demonstrates the impact George Washington's actions had on these individuals' lives both during and at the end of the War. Washington authorized the enlistment of Black Patriots in the Continental Army early in the War. His negotiations with the British Army in New York at the end of the War helped establish the Birch Trials and the creation of the Book of Negroes, allowing thousands of Black Loyalists to safely evacuate the City.

That we celebrate America's Black History and Washington's Birthday in February is apropos given the intersection of these individuals' lives during the Revolutionary War. Black History Month was first nationally recognized during the nation's bicentennial, and we will continue to tell these individuals stories as we plan for our exhibitions and events celebrating the nation's semiquincentennial.

Special thanks go to the Society's Museum and Art Committee members including Co-Chairmen Craig Hamilton Weaver and Ambrose Madison Richardson III, who spearheaded the development of the Birch Trials exhibition, the Museum staff, for successfully opening it to the public, and our community of supporters for enabling our work to continue.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Dwyer

Executive Director, Sons of the RevolutionSM in the State of New York, Inc. and its Fraunces Tavern[®] Museum

George Washington & Fraunces Tavern

George Washington's first recorded visit to Fraunces Tavern was on April 13, 1776, when the Continental Army first occupied New York City. During that summer, Washington frequented the Tavern and began to cultivate a close relationship with its proprietor, Samuel Fraunces. After suffering one of the worst defeats of the War at the Battle of Long Island, Washington retreated from New York City and it was seized by the British Army for the duration of the war. On November 25, 1783, two years after the American victory at Yorktown, the British Army evacuated New York City—the last British held city in the thirteen colonies. This day would eventually become known as Evacuation Day. Finally, after seven long years, Washington made a triumphant return to the city, greeted with great jubilation as he made his way down Broadway. Later that same day, Washington attended a dinner at Fraunces Tavern hosted by New York's first American governor, George Clinton.

The following week, on December 4, 1783, General Washington gathered in the historic Long Room of Fraunces Tavern with forty of his officers to attend one last New York celebration in his honor as Commander in Chief. There, Washington gave an emotional farewell to the men who had stood by his side through eight years of fighting. In the post-Revolutionary years, the relationship between Fraunces and Washington continued, and Washington brought Fraunces on as his chief steward at the first presidential mansion in New York City.

Since the institution of Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York in 1876 and the opening of its Fraunces Tavern Museum in 1907, SRNY has honored George Washington through a variety of events, exhibitions, and programming. Each November, SRNY holds an annual Evacuation Day Dinner at Fraunces Tavern, keeping the memory of that important event alive by ceremoniously reenacting the thirteen original toasts given at the 1783 dinner. Additionally, the annual Washington's Farewell to His Officers event is one of the Museum's most well-attended programs, and features a reenactment of the farewell by a George Washington reenactor. Most recently, General Washington was portrayed by one of the preeminent Washington historians in the country, Daniel Shippey, who also served as an on-set historian for the AMC television series *TURN: Washington's Spies*.

In 1984, Elizabeth and Stanley DeForest Scott graciously donated to the museum a collection of 18th century prints and engravings of George Washington which demonstrate the rich diversity of his likeness. In 2005, the George Washington Portrait Gallery Honoring Elizabeth and Stanley DeForest Scott was dedicated and the Scotts' donated objects were put on permanent display in an exhibition titled *A Stoic Countenance: Portraits of George Washington*.

For over 100 years, SRNY and its Fraunces Tavern Museum have helped to keep revolutionary history alive in New York City. For years to come, the public can visit 54 Pearl Street and experience for themselves the legacy of George Washington at Fraunces Tavern.



Washington's Farewell to his Officers
Lithograph. G.H. Buck. 1893. Collection of
Fraunces Tavern Museum.

About Fraunces Tavern

Built around 1719, the building that would become Fraunces Tavern was an elegant residence for merchant Stephan Delancey. In 1762, Samuel Fraunces bought the building and transformed it into one of the most popular meeting places in the city. The New York City chapter of the Sons of Liberty was founded in late 1765 and regularly met at the Tavern to organize protests against the British Parliament, which set in motion the changes that would lead to the Revolutionary War.

Once the War broke out and the Continental Army lost control of the city 1776, it was occupied by the British Army. Fraunces left the city, but was eventually captured and brought back, where he was forced to cook for British General James Robertson for the duration of the War. Recognizing the opportunity, Fraunces acted as a spy, listening to conversations during dinner parties hosted by Robertson. He also used his position as a chef to sneak food to American prisoners and gave them clothing and money when possible, and even assisted some with escape.

As the Revolutionary War drew to a close in 1783, a joint British and American commission—formed as part of the process to implement the peace—met at Fraunces Tavern to review and deliberate upon the eligibility of some Black Loyalists to evacuate with the British Army. These proceedings are now referred to as the “Birch Trials,” named after British Brigadier General Samuel Birch, Commander of the 17th Regiment of Light Dragoons and Commandant of New York, appointed to oversee them. The Birch Trials were part of a process whereby 3,000 Black Loyalists evacuated New York City between April and November 1783—many of whom had previously been enslaved—the culminating event in one of the largest emancipations of Black people prior to the American Civil War.

On November 25, 1783, after the British Army evacuated New York City, General Washington celebrated at Fraunces Tavern hosted by New York’s first American governor, George Clinton. The following week, on December 4, 1783, Washington gathered in the historic Long Room and delivered an emotional farewell to his officers in the Long Room.

Between 1785 and 1788, working under the Articles of Confederation, the Congress leased rooms at 54 Pearl Street for three government departments: War, Foreign Affairs, and Treasury. In the 1800s, the building served several purposes, and suffered from a series of fires. Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York took ownership in 1904 and completed a restoration to open Fraunces Tavern Museum & Restaurant in 1907. The building was designated a New York City landmark in 1965, the block was designated as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, and the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008.



Photo 1: The earliest known view of Fraunces Tavern at 54 Pearl Street, reproduced from Bryant and Gay's *Popular History of the United States*, 1854.

Photo 2: 54 Pearl Street when it was a boarding house owned by Jacob Etzel from 1881-1885.

Photo 3: 54 Pearl Street undergoing restoration in 1906.

Photo 4: 54 Pearl Street as it stands today, as a Museum and Restaurant.

About Fraunces Tavern Museum

Fraunces Tavern Museum's mission is to preserve and interpret the history of the American Revolutionary era through public education. Inside the oldest building in Manhattan, explore galleries and exhibitions focusing on America's War for Independence and the preservation of early American history, including the following:

- **The Long Room**, the 18th century public dining room where General George Washington said farewell to his officers at the end of the War, as well as Black Patriots.
- **Governing the Nation from Fraunces Tavern**, a depiction of the Department of Foreign Affairs, where John Jay negotiated treaties with foreign nations.
- **The Birch Trials at Fraunces Tavern**, an exhibition on the culminating event in one of the largest emancipations of Black people prior to the American Civil War, as well as Black Patriots.

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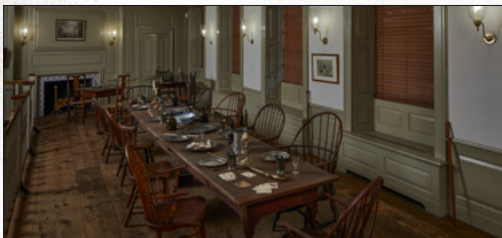
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New Exhibition

The Birch Trials at Fraunces Tavern

Opened June 2023

Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Educational Center for American History

In 1783, as the Revolutionary War drew to a close, a joint British and American commission—formed as part of the process to implement the peace—met at Fraunces Tavern to review and deliberate upon the eligibility of some Black Loyalists to evacuate with the British Army. Testimonies were provided by interested persons alongside documentary evidence for the commission to render a decision. These proceedings are now referred to as the “Birch Trials,” named after British Brigadier General Samuel Birch, Commander of the 17th Regiment of Light Dragoons and Commandant of New York, appointed to oversee them.

The Birch Trials were part of a process whereby 3,000 Black Loyalists evacuated New York City between April and November 1783—many of whom had previously been enslaved—the culminating event in one of the largest emancipations of Black people prior to the American Civil War. The names of Black Loyalists who qualified for evacuation were recorded in the Book of Negroes, the compilation of which was overseen by the commission.

This permanent exhibition highlights these significant events. Visitors enter the exhibition and observe chairs and a table, arranged as if waiting for the commissioners to enter and hear a case. Along the exhibition’s walls, art and written communications of the period highlight the role of Black Loyalists in the Revolutionary War.

“The Birch Trials were a significant event in the long and continuing story of Americans of African descent in the United States. Although the story of these individuals has been told, including by our own Museum, it is still not

widely known by the public. We hope this new permanent exhibition will change that.”

Ambrose M. Richardson III, Co-Chairman of the Museum and Art Committee

“The exhibition reflects two years of exhaustive research on both sides of the Atlantic into thousands of pages of existing original documentation, and provides the most comprehensive insight to date into this significant event in the history of Black emancipation in the United States.”

Craig Hamilton Weaver, Co-Chairman of the Museum and Art Committee

The new exhibition also recognizes the thousands of Black Patriots who fought to further the cause of American Independence. For example: Crispus Attucks, a Black sailor killed in the Boston Massacre, who is thought by many historians to be the first American to die in the rebellion; Peter Salem and Salem Poor, who were recognized for their valor in the Battle of Bunker Hill; James Armistead, who served in a unit commanded by French General Lafayette and provided intelligence on the British positions at Yorktown that was crucial to the American victory; and the 1st Rhode Island Regiment—including a large and visible body of Black soldiers, both free and previously enslaved—who fought bravely during the War, most notably at the Battle of Newport, Rhode Island.

This exhibition is an important addition to the narrative of the Revolutionary War and its aftermath, and provides powerful visuals and significant historical content for visitors.

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Other Current Exhibitions

George Washington Portrait Gallery Honoring Stanley and Elizabeth Scott

A Staic Countenance: Portraits of George Washington

George Washington's numerous accolades and virtues moved many artists to create reverent portraits during his lifetime. Reorganized in 2022, this permanent exhibition offers a rare glimpse into the popular attitudes and perspectives on Washington's life and legacy through a selection of late eighteenth-century artworks.

The Long Room

This permanent exhibition is the famous site of George Washington's Farewell to His Officers on December 4, 1783. Refreshed with new objects in 2022, it recreates an Early American urban tavern public room through authentic colonial artifacts and audio interactives.

Dunsmore Gallery

A Monument to Memory: 300 Years of Living History

This special exhibition explores the many roles 54 Pearl Street has played in the public life of Lower Manhattan, inviting visitors to discover how the stories we tell through historic preservation and inquiry shape our memories of the past.

McEntee Gallery

History of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York

When the Museum opened in 1907, this was the only gallery. Most recently reorganized in 2022, this permanent exhibition offers visitors an in-depth glimpse into the history and activities of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, Inc. Some of the most valuable objects in the Museum's collection from the American Revolutionary era are displayed in original early 20th century cases built by Tiffany & Company.

Governing the Nation from Fraunces Tavern Honoring Stanley and Elizabeth Scott

From 1785 to 1788, between the end of the American Revolution and the ratification of the United States Constitution, the Congress of the Confederation rented rooms at Fraunces Tavern for three government departments. During this time, Washington's compatriots in the Revolution, John Jay and Henry Knox, headed the Departments of Foreign Affairs and War respectively. Offices of the Board of Treasury were also located in the same building. This permanent exhibition depicts the Department of Foreign Affairs while it was headquartered at Fraunces Tavern and helps visitors understand the diplomatic, military, and financial challenges that all three departments faced during that time. The exhibition was made possible through a major gift from Stanley and Elizabeth Scott, longtime supporters of the Museum.

Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Educational Center for American History

To the Beat of Their Own Drums: American Regimental Flags of the Revolutionary War

Flags have long served as visual representations of human groups, expressing a collective experience and forming communities around a set of shared values and ideals. Before uniting around the Stars and Stripes, regimental battle flags bore special importance to their members. Reinterpreted in 2021, this permanent exhibition teaches the history and iconography behind the regimental flags of the diverse groups who fought for American independence. A selection of these flags is showcased in a digital exhibition of the same name, which features additional notes from the exhibition's curators.

Adeline Moses Loeb Gallery

An American Emblem of Magnanimity

Made famous on the Gadsden flag, the timber rattlesnake was adopted by many as a symbol of American resistance to British rule during the Colonial Period. This special exhibition offers a look at the history, significance and meaning of this striking flag.

McEntee Gallery

Private Dining at Fraunces Tavern

This permanent exhibition portrays one of Fraunces Tavern's private dining rooms in the late 18th century. Samuel Fraunces was providing food and hospitality above the rest of his peers, which attracted government officials and prominent members of society (including many of the country's Founding Fathers). The exhibition also showcases the influences a global port city like New York had on the Tavern's customs, décor and cuisine.

Mesick Gallery

Cloaked Crusader: George Washington in Comics and Pop Culture

George Washington's persona has been showcased in comics and pop culture; in traditional reenactments of famous events; and in appearances in modern times with the likes of Superman, Captain America and other famous heroes. He has become a mythical figure and super hero in his own right—a metaphor for good and justice in these tomes. The comic books and original artwork in this exhibition highlight Washington's continued relevance to our collective past, present, and future. Original artwork and comics on display feature pieces by Arthur Suydam, George Evans, George Perez, Neal Adams, Kurt Swan, Graham Nolan, Jose Marzan, Jr, Daniel Scott, Fred Fredericks, and many more! The exhibition is guest-curated and written by Renee Witterstaetter of Eva Ink Artist Group and Pros & Cons Celebrity Booking and is based on her book of the same name.

Upcoming Exhibition

Adeline Moses Loeb Gallery

Celebrating the Bicentennial of Marquis de Lafayette's 1824 Farewell Visit to the United States

Marquis de Lafayette, a young, wealthy French aristocrat, volunteered for and later led the Continental Army to victory with General George Washington during the American Revolutionary War. Before his death in 1834, Lafayette returned to the United States in 1824 as the last living American General from the War. His visit not only helped President James Monroe celebrate the nation's 50th anniversary, but also reignite its patriotism. He was welcomed with great fondness and fanfare by Americans in each of the then 24 states he visited over 13 months, especially in New York.

Fraunces Tavern® Museum joins with other peer institutions and organizations in celebrating the Bicentennial of the Farewell Tour of Marquis de Lafayette. This exhibition showcases objects illustrating both his heroic war-time service and his farewell tour of America.



General Lafayette
John Ward Dunsmore
Oil on Canvas

Gift of George A. Zabriskie Memorial, 1936
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Fraunces Tavern Society Children of the American Revolution

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (NSCAR), founded in 1895, is the oldest patriotic youth organization in the U.S. and is open to descendants, male and female, ages 0-22, of patriots of the American Revolution.

The CAR offers fun, family educational experiences and opportunities to learn about history. Members gain valuable leadership experience and build confidence while building a resume of activities and responsibilities.

The Fraunces Tavern Society CAR is co-sponsored by the New York City Chapter, NSDAR and Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, Inc.

In 2021, through the generous support of the NSCAR, the Museum was able to create an Activity Guide, bringing new methods of engagement and enrichment for children to the Museum's halls.

To learn more visit www.frauncestaverncar.org

Upcoming Programs & Events

Saturdays, April 13 and 20+

Washington & Hamilton in New York City Walking Tour

American history comes alive on the streets where it happened in historic locations critical to the lives of Alexander Hamilton and George Washington.

Led by New York City licensed tour guide Bruce Racond*

Monday, April 22+

Battles of Lexington and Concord Dinner (including Fraunces Tavern® Museum Book Award Presentation)

SRNY commemorates the Battles of Lexington and Concord and presents the Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award to the best author* of a newly published work on the American Revolutionary War, combining original scholarship, insight, and good writing.

Friday, June 14+

Flag Day Parade, Celebration, and Open House

Join SRNY as we host our parade, parade, celebration, and open house in Lower Manhattan to commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

Monday, June 24+

Exhibition Opening Preview and Lecture

Join us for the opening preview event for our special exhibition commemorating the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's return to America featuring a lecture, The French Are Coming! The Franco-American Military Alliance 1780-1782, presented by Général de brigade Vincent de Kytspotter, PhD, Head of Military and Defense Mission at the French Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Thursday, July 25+

Summer Tavern Night

An informal summer gathering, including other societies, celebrating Colonial and Revolutionary War Era Taverns, Tradition, Toasts, and Togetherness.

Monday, September 16+

Constitution Week Meeting and Optional Dinner

Join us for a reception and lecture on the formation and implementation of the United States Constitution by Tom Hand*, author of the book *An American Triumph: America's Founding Era through the Lives of Ben Franklin, George Washington, and John Adams*, and creator of the website *Americana Corner* that shares informative stories of the momentous events, significant documents and influential leaders that helped create and shape our country. An optional dinner will follow.

Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20+

George Washington's New York Walking Tour

Visit the New York City that George Washington would have known from 1776 to 1790! This walking tour explores the people and places of NYC during the Revolutionary War and Washington's first term as president, including the important contributions of women and African Americans.

Led by New York City licensed tour guide Bruce Racond*

Monday, November 25+

Evacuation Day Dinner

Join SRNY at our annual commemoration of the British Army's evacuation from New York City where we raise our glasses for the very same thirteen toasts given at the first Evacuation Day Dinner at Fraunces Tavern on November 25, 1783 given by Governor George Clinton, honoring George Washington and his officers.

Sunday, December 8+

Reenactment of Washington's Farewell to his Officers in the Long Room

Join us in the room where it happened for one of our special reenactments during the day and have an opportunity to converse with Washington himself before he returns to Mount Vernon!

† Visit our websites for more details: www.sonsoftherevolution.org/calendar
www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/events-calendar

*The views of the speakers are their own and do not necessarily represent the views of Fraunces Tavern® Museum or Sons of the RevolutionSM in the State of New York, Inc.

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Ethan George Allison honors

Private James Gordon, New Hampshire

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Phillip Burns

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Sherwin, Jr. of Townsend, Massachusetts

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County, Pennsylvania Militia

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Long Room Association (Planned Giving Society)

The Long Room Association was established as a planned giving society to recognize members who have documented an intended bequest or other planned gifts with an estimated value of \$100,000 or more.

We thank the following members to date of the Long Room Association:

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250th Anniversary Campaign Donors

To sustain our mission for future generations, our Society needs to substantially increase its endowment. We have launched a capital campaign, with the goal of increasing our Society's Endowment Funds to \$10 million by 2026 (our Nation's 250th anniversary). We are grateful to those who have made contributions as part of this campaign.

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Sons of the RevolutionSM in the State of New York, Inc.

cordially invites you to join us for our

134th Annual Church Service

To commemorate, in sacred gathering, the birthday of George Washington, to give thanks for the Society's many blessings, and to remember the Sons we have lost or whose loss we have become aware of since the last service.

We honor our members deceased since the 2023 Church Service:

John Badman III
John L. Beglan, Jr.
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Sunday, February 25th, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.
The Church of the Incarnation
209 Madison Avenue (at East 35th Street)
New York, New York 10016

(A livestream and recording will also be available at www.churchoftheincarnation.org.)

The service will be followed by a coffee hour at the Church and then, at approximately 1:00 p.m.,
an informal, Dutch-treat brunch at Mulligan's Pub, 267 Madison Avenue
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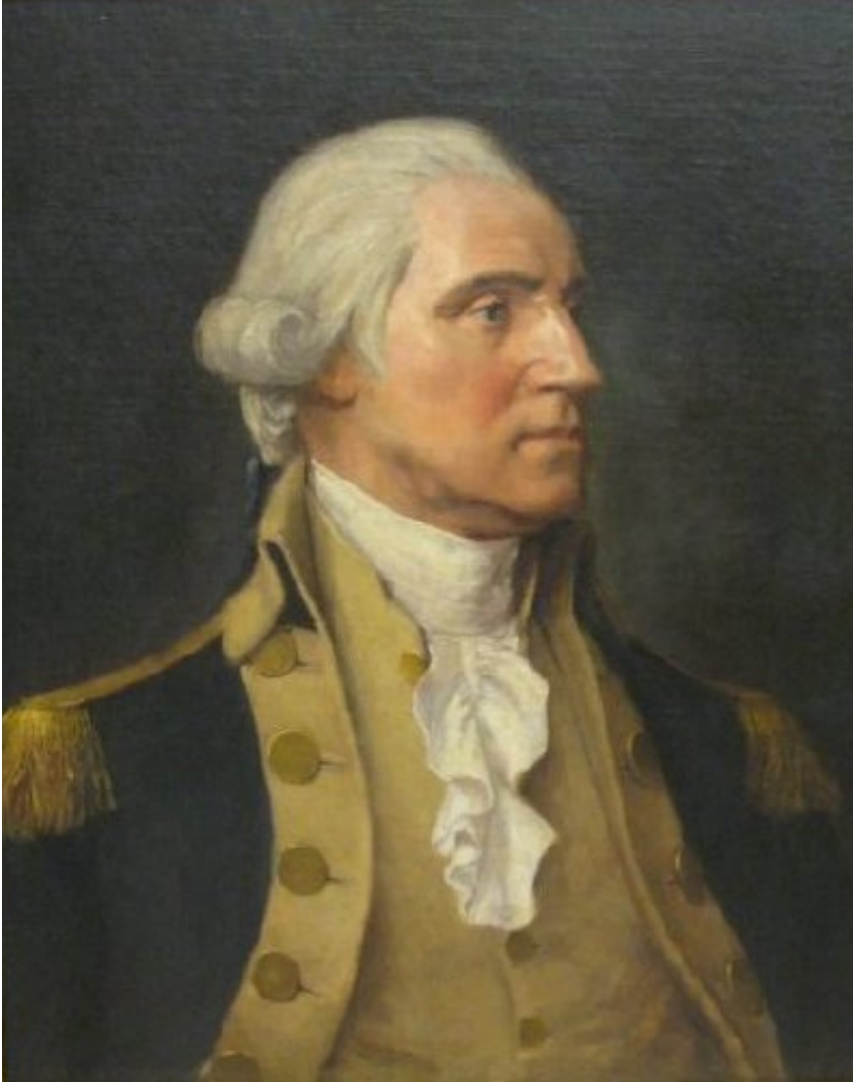
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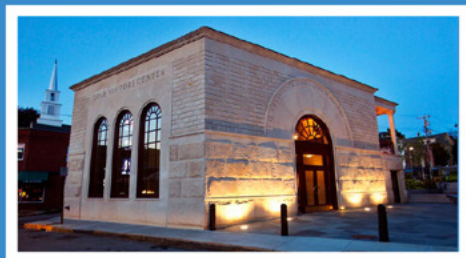
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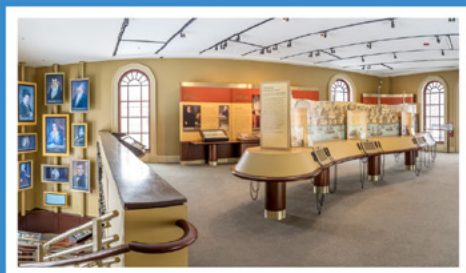
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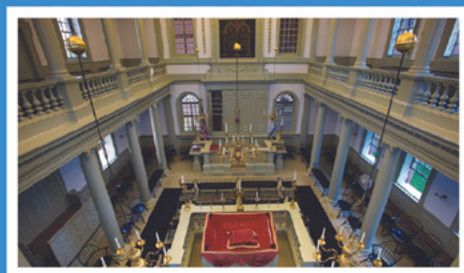
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- Watch video vignettes about life in Newport around the time the synagogue was built in 1763.

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