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Few Americans are well-acquainted with the gallantry and heroic exploits of Philadelphia's Irish-born naval commander, Commodore John Barry. Obscured by his contemporary, naval commander John Paul Jones, Barry remains to this day an unsung hero of the young American Republic. As most naval historians note, Barry can be classed on a par with Jones for nautical skill and daring, but he exceeds him in the length of service (17 years) to his adopted country and his fidelity to the nurturing of a permanent American Navy. Indeed, Barry deserves the proud epithet, "Father of the American Navy," a title bestowed on him not by current generations of admirers, but by his contemporaries, who were in the best position to judge.

In the space of 58 years, this son of a poor Irish farmer rose from humble cabin boy to senior commander of the entire United States fleet. Intrepid in battle, he was humane to his men as well as adversaries and prisoners. Barry's war contributions are unparalleled: he was the first to capture a British war vessel on the high seas; he captured two British ships after being severely wounded in a

ferocious sea battle; he quelled three mutinies; he fought on land at the Battles of Trenton and Princeton; he captured over 20 ships including an armed British schooner in the lower Delaware; he authored a Signal Book which established a set of signals used for effective communication between ships; and he fought the last naval battle of the American Revolution aboard the frigate Alliance in 1783.

Prematurely aged from an arduous life at sea, Barry lived but 58 years. He died on September 12, 1803, at his country home "Strawberry Hill," some three miles north of Philadelphia, of a long-standing asthmatic affliction. On September 14, 1803, John Barry received his country's salute in a full military burial in Philadelphia's Old St. Mary's Churchyard. Such was the man, John Barry, a gallant mariner who served his Nation well and stood tall in the annals of American naval history.



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(The next Irish Breakfast will be held on October 11th)

A Message from the AOH Division 2 President

Dear Brothers and Friends,

September 2009

The passing of the summer brings us into fall and hopefully a new enthusiasm to promote our club and Irish culture follows. Thanks to Dennis Malone for all his past work as Financial Secretary. Thanks to Matt Flanagan for stepping up and filling the seat vacated by Dennis.

Thanks to all the members and friends who helped out at the two Irish-themed New Windsor Summer Concerts. It is always good to put our best foot forward in the community. Speaking of community, please come down and help out at the Cornwall (9/12) and New Windsor (9/26) Community Days. We are having a membership drive and your help at the division recruiting table would be appreciated.

Cooks are always needed for Friday nights and for our monthly breakfasts. Please help if you can.

Don't forget the NY-AOH Jack Burns Memorial Golf outing on September 26th as well. If you don't golf, try making it to the dinner down in Division 1 Hall in Monroe that evening. Call me for additional information.

John Greehy,
Division 2 President

Upcoming Events

(subject to change)

- Sept 12** Cornwall Community Day—Recruitment Drive. Main St.
- Sept 13** Irish Breakfast 9:30—12:30. \$7.00 adults—\$3.00 kids
- Sept 15** Irish Set Dancing Lessons resume. 7:00 pm at the hall. Lessons are \$10. p/p
- Sept 16** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Sept 26** New Windsor Community Day—Recruitment Drive
- Sept 26** NYS-AOH Golf Tournament—Middletown. See info pg 3.
- Oct 21** Monthly Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. Members are encouraged to attend.
- Oct 21** AOH-DJW Corp Meeting - Hall: Immediately following the monthly meeting. Members are encouraged to attend.

Irish Set Dancing for Couples & Singles

Learn how to “dance at the crossroads”—impress your friends at the next division dinner dance or family wedding!

Just a few of the Set and Ceili dances you will learn include the: Clare Lancers; Connemara; Corofin Plain; Fermanagh; West Kerry and Williamstown sets. Learn to dance Jigs, Reels, Hornpipes. Do the Stack of Barley, Siege of Ennis, Walls of Limerick.

Lessons are on Tuesdays **beginning Sept. 15th** at 7—9pm. For more information call Kevin at 562-8651 or John at 534-9315. Your first lesson is free!!! — Lessons are \$10.00 per person thereafter. Come on down to the hall on Tuesday nights—it's fun!!!

Lend A Helping Hand!

Our ever-popular monthly **Irish Breakfasts** are starting up again in September. Help with setting up and cooking is sought. If you can spare a few hours once a month—it would be very helpful and much appreciated. Stop by the hall and sign up or just show up on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 AM. A few hours is all we ask. Thank you!

DJW Corp. Quarterly Meeting Notice

Members are hereby notified that there will be a quarterly meeting of the AOH-DJW held immediately following the **October 21, 2009** division meeting. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

AOH Membership Drive

We are actively seeking new members for our Order. We urge all members to recruit a family member or friend. We need the help of all members to increase the size of our Order and our Division. Please consider helping with one of our membership drives—for applications—please call the Hall at 534-2528.

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Cornwall Community Day & Member Drive

The Town of Cornwall is planning a Community Day for **September 12, 2009**. The event will take place along Main Street. The event is day-long and there will be great food, crafts and activities available.

↑↑ Please consider helping with the AOH Membership Drive which will be held at both of these events!!! ↓↓

NW Community Day & Membership Drive

The Town of New Windsor Special Events Committee is planning a Community Day for **September 26, 2009**. This event will be held at the New Windsor Little League Complex, and will feature a great schedule of events. Already planned is a Craft / Antique Fair, great food by Schlesinger's and Mama Theresa's, and live music featuring DJ Jim Cunningham during the day and Nuts in a Blender headlining the music at night. There will be a kids area with bounce castles, face painting, pumpkin painting, rock climbing wall and many more great activities.

Children's Halloween Party

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