



# The Pound 'n Pint

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Newsletter of the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts



## Commodore's Log

It has been a busy summer, and the Fleet has risen to the challenge. Though we faced some questionable weather at times, we seemed to have fooled the meteorologists and avoided wash-outs. With more exciting events still ahead, we will keep a weather eye on the horizon and hope for continued success.

The last few weeks have presented some profound situations. With the passing of Ginny Larkin, members of the Fleet presented an Honor Guard at the wake, reflecting our support for the family and especially for Tim. I was proud to see so many who came and stood in remembrance and reflection of our shared connection. The loss of Tom Cottrell, at age 100, has also been a reminder of our deep connection to the origins of the Colonial Navy, and reminds us of the dedication and foresight of our historic members. The men who recognized the importance of restoring the Colonial Navy in the 1960s set in motion a lasting reminder of Fall River's history and the significance of its contributions to the community. This is a tradition I think we have aspired to maintain and to carry forward.

As we approach the last quarter of 2025 and look toward the celebrations certain to take place in 2026, we do so with the knowledge that the Colonial Navy will continue its place among other historical organizations that embody the spirit of imaginative truth. Providing visible and interactive appearances will provide the opportunity to foster a renewed and ongoing interest in our local and national history. By taking pride in representing our forefathers, we encourage acknowledgement and a deeper understanding of the sacrifices made by our ancestors in establishing the foundations of our country.

Pam Burlingame  
Commodore

## Colonial Parade in Newburyport

On the road to and during the Revolutionary War, Newburyport contributed significantly to the struggle for independence. The town sent men to Concord and Bunker Hill. It staged the ill-fated Quebec Expedition. An abundance of skilled shipwrights, seasoned sailors, savvy merchants, ardent spirits, and a protected harbor turned Newburyport into a hub for privateers, thus helping to disrupt enemy shipping and supply lines. It built one of the first thirteen frigates for the Continental Navy. On June 28, 2025, the CNM marched in Newburyport's "Road to Revolution" parade.



CNM had a great turnout for the parade in Newburyport.



A little wet weather did not dampen the spirits at Newburyport.



The Fleet with Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Martha's Vineyard

What other gigs start with a ferry ride through Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound, followed by a bus ride from Oak Bluffs to Edgartown, and a pre-parade party steps from the start of the parade? If it's the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we must be on Martha's Vineyard! What a fun parade! We extend a heartfelt thank you to Kathy Case for allowing us to use your yard at the start of the parade as the perfect spot for food, grog, and fun before the parade began. And a special thank you to Commodore Pam Burlingame, and Lee Singer for preparing (and delivering) the food and grog. You kept us well fed before the parade! Finally, welcome to our newest members, Jeff and Lynn Marie Dionne.



Whoever said you couldn't fit a 6' 4" adult on a school bus?



Our newest snare drummer, Jeff Dionne, and his wife, Lynn Marie, enjoying the pre-parade refreshments.



Clam chowder, cold cuts, cookies, and other snacks, plus Guinness stout and Harp lager (among other beverage choices). What more could you ask for before a parade?



Shark sighting on the Vineyard!



They have Pam-Sue-Lee on Martha's Vineyard too.



A little backgammon competition between Bill and Lee before the parade.



PJ and Frank open littlenecks for the hungry crew.



Getting the Fleet in position is sometimes like herding cats. But Commodore Burlingame does a good job at it as she patiently waits for the crew to line up at the start of the parade.



The award for the most photographed member of the Fleet at this parade goes to Chris Pietrakez.  
This photo even made it in the Vineyard Gazette.

## Deep River Ancient Muster

The Deep River Ancient Muster was held on July 19, 2025. The weather was hot and sunny as usual, but bearable. CNM was number 31 out of 41, so at least we weren't last in the parade or to go on stand. Before the start of the parade, we had the pleasure of some relaxing refreshments in the air-conditioned comfort of Landing & Main. And speaking of going on stand, although this isn't always the case at DRAM, we did go on stand with a small contingent that included one bass drum, one snare drum, and five fifers. Our rendition of *Salute to the Commodore* standpiece sounded great!



Commodore Pam and Captain Bill discuss important matters before the parade over a bit of grog.





Hey, some of you are in the wrong uniform!



The Commodore and Lee try to talk Don into marching with us.



The Color Guard looks sharp as usual.



Standing by, waiting for our turn to begin



And... we're off to *Drunken Sailor!*

## New Bedford Feast of the Blessed Sacrament

The CNM participated in the annual Feast of the Blessed Sacrament parade in New Bedford on August 3, 2025. The parade was held on the final day of what is advertised as the world's largest Portuguese festival, and the largest parade on the South Coast of Massachusetts. Whether either of those claims is true or not, it was a beautiful day for the parade. The parade route was packed with appreciative onlookers, the color guard looked impressive, and the fife and drum music from the Fleet sounded great. And what better way to end a parade than for the entire Fleet to head over to Fathoms Waterfront Bar & Grille after the parade for food, grog, and good company.



**Captain Bill is wondering when the heck is this parade going to start.**



**Captain Dave waits patiently for the parade to begin.**



The drum line is ready.



The fife line is ready.



Obligatory Pam-Sue-Lee photo.



**The Crew enjoying a post-parade feast at Fathoms**



**Ann gets a chuckle as Captain Bill looks at the check and wonders if putting it all on his credit card was a good idea.**

The following four photos were taken at the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament parade, and are provided here courtesy of Earl Hubbard Photography.





## Purple Heart Ceremony in Fall River

On August 9, 2025, the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts participated in a Purple Heart Ceremony in Fall River. We were made aware of the event by Mike Larkin. Thanks, Mike, for bringing this to our attention, as it gave the Fleet another opportunity to represent Fall River history at an important veteran-related event. Captain Bob Gregory reported that eleven members attended the ceremony, helping to make the event more meaningful by our presence and by playing music before, during, and after the ceremony. The Color Guard, as always, looked great and made us stand out, with Captain Dave Kiley leading us at the front.



**Captain Bob Gregory, fifer Laura Hadley, and Vice Commodore Bob Miorelli at the Purple Heart ceremony.**



## Westbrook Muster

August 23, 2025, was a perfect weather day for the annual Westbrook parade and muster. We had a good turnout of fifers and drummers.

Before the individual corps muster performances began on Saturday, the announcer invited everyone who had participated in the hobby for over 40 years to march on stand as a group playing *Road to Boston*. CNM was well represented in that group by Sue Glidden, Bob Gregory, and Bob Morielli. The Fleet had a few other 40+ year fifers on the sidelines, but we didn't want other corps to feel too bad about us overshadowing the others with so many of our talented long-time members.

For our actual music presentation, we were in position 25 out of 35 corps, which meant a late-afternoon performance. Those of us who performed would like to point out that Captain Bob Gregory switched from snare to bass drum for the performance (borrowing a bass drum from Nathan Hale), and he sounded impressive. Bill Hart and Don Heminitz joined our fife line to add some nice harmony. Despite being late in the day, our performance sounded great. Nice job by all hands!

**Special Note:** As the editor, I received a couple of videos and a few individual photos after Westbrook, but there were no group photos taken during the parade or performance. It is difficult for participating Fleet members (including me) to take photographs while performing. To our family and friends who join us at parades or events, I encourage you to take an occasional picture not just of your loved one, but of the entire group marching or performing together. Please forward those photographs to me at [capefifer@gmail.com](mailto:capefifer@gmail.com). I cannot promise every picture will be included, but it would be great to have a larger selection to choose from in future editions.



Sue, Laura, and Captains Bill and Bob patiently waiting for the parade to start.



Ron, Sue, and Pam walking to the Westbrook parade start.  
Photo courtesy of Roger's Pix Photography.



Vice Commodore Bob Miorelli conversing with someone from that other maritime group.  
Photo courtesy of Roger's Pix Photography.



The Commodore and Vice Commodore pondering the pressures of command before the parade.



The fife & drum corps members who had over 40 years in the hobby perform *Road to Boston*.  
CNM was represented by Sue Glidden, Bob Gregory, and Bob Miorelli.

## The Massachusetts State Navy During the American Revolution



*Protector* (left) engaging *Admiral Duff* on 9 June 1780

Vessel	Class	Date of Acquisition	Date of Leaving Service
<i>Machias Liberty</i>	Sloop	1775	Discharged Oct. 1776
<i>Diligent</i>	Schooner	1775	Discharged Oct. 1776
<i>Tyannicide</i>	Sloop, later brigantine	1776	Lost, Penobscot Aug. 14, 1779
<i>Rising Empire</i>	Brigantine	1776	1777
<i>Independence</i>	Brigantine	1776	Captured 1777
<i>Republic</i>	Sloop	1776	1777
<i>Freedom</i>	Sloop	1776	Captured 1777
<i>Massachusetts</i>	Sloop	1776	1778
<i>Hazard</i> , 14	Brigantine	1777	Lost, Penobscot Aug. 14, 1779
<i>Active</i> , 14	Brigantine (prize of <i>Hazard</i> )	1779	Lost, Penobscot Aug. 14, 1779
<i>Lincoln</i>	Galley	1779	1781
<i>Protector</i> , 26	Ship	1779	Captured by <i>Roebuck</i> , 44, <i>Meda</i> , 28, May 5, 1781
<i>Mars</i>	Ship	1780	1781
<i>Defense</i>	Sloop	1781	Unknown
<i>Tatar</i>	Ship	1782	Sold 1783
<i>Winthrop</i>	Sloop	1782	Sold 1783

## In Memoriam

**J. Thomas Cottrell, Jr**  
**April 12, 1925–May 30, 2025**

J. Thomas Cottrell, Jr. died at the age of 100 on May 30, 2025. Tom was the last of the original incorporators (plank owners) of the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts. Tom was the husband of the late Margot (White) Cottrell to whom he had been married for 69 years. Tom led a fascinating life. He served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II as a Bombardier-Navigator. He was an executive with Cottrell Paper Company, manufacturers of electrical insulating papers in Rock City Falls, N.Y., where he served as Chairman, CEO, and President for 30 years. He was a lifelong collector of historical memorabilia and served as a founder, Charter Life Member, past President, past Chairman of the Board, and Artifact Chairman of the Marine Museum at Fall River, Inc. Additionally, he was a board member and past President of the Fall River Historical Society. Tom was also a member of the Steamship Historical Society, the Friends of Martin House in Swansea, the Swansea Historical Society, the Olde Dartmouth Historical Society, and the Descendants of Whaling Masters.

Several members of the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts attended Tom's funeral service in uniform and, at the request of the family, played Minstrel Boy and the Battle Hymn medley. They also joined with the congregation in singing the Air Force Anthem.

**Virginia E. Larkin (O'Brien)**  
**December 17, 1959 – August 22, 2025**

Virginia "Ginny" E. Larkin, beloved wife of former Colonial Navy of Massachusetts Commodore Tim Larkin, passed away at home on August 22, 2025. Ginny was married for 37 years to her beloved husband, Timothy Larkin. She was the loving mother to Benjamin and Hannah Larkin, as well as their spouses, Kikho Zephania-Larkin and Nicholas Freeman. She worked as a School Adjustment Counselor at Southcoast Educational Collaborative for over 20 years, and as a Clinician at Hyland Behavioral Health for almost 30 years.

The Colonial Navy of Massachusetts provided an Honor Guard at Ginny's wake.

Fair winds and following seas to both Tom and Ginny.



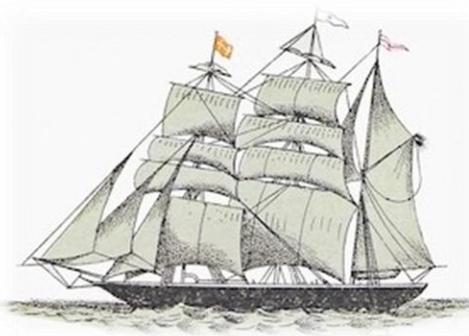
## The *Ditty Bag*

A *Ditty Bag* is a small, personal bag used to store a sailor's essential items on their ship. The Editor hopes that this column can be used similarly to collect and store items of humor or other flotsam and jetsam that may not pertain to official Fleet activities but may still be of interest to the Fleet.



The following was provided by Captain Bill Hart and is titled “**40 Things Baby Boomers Will Remember**”. While Bill may have missed being a Baby Boomer himself by just a whisker, he said he still remembers everything on this list.

Tuning into “I Love Lucy”	Talking to an operator
Licking S&H Green Stamps	Wanting to be as cool as Paul Newman
Driving into the movies	Seeing billboards advertising tobacco
Taking part in Beatlemania	The signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Following the Loving v. Virginia court case	Eating all kinds of weird Jell-O dishes
Watching “Wide World of Sports”	Watching the first season of SNL
Witnessing the “Miracle on Ice”	Looking up a number in the phone book
Watching the wild west world of “Bonanza”	Putting tinfoil on the TV antenna
Getting your mail twice a day	Riding a banana-seat bicycle
Marveling at electronic calculators	Watching Black athletes protest the National Anthem at the Olympics
Playing with a Howdy Doody doll, and watching his show	Listening to a transistor radio
Dialing a rotary phone	Dealing with round—the-block lines thanks to the gas shortage
Using a typewriter	Holding a “sit-in” to protest
Smoking on airplanes	Looking something up in the encyclopedia
Clipping baseball cards to your bike spokes	Eating Swanson TV dinners
Having to change the channels using the knob on the TV	Buying your first record
Waiting for the milkman to deliver to your house	Using a pay phone to call someone
Seeing the TV channels sign off at the end of the night	Riding in the family wood-paneled station wagon
Shopping at the five-and-dime store	Hearing the news that JFL and MLK had been shot
Watching “The Mary Tyler Moore Show”	Looking through the Sears catalog



## The Pound 'n Pint Publication Dates and Article Submissions

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**The Pound 'n Pint** will be published at least quarterly, or more frequently when additional communication to the Fleet is needed or when directed by the Commodore. Anticipated publication months are December, March, June, and September. The Editor will email a “Call for articles” to Fleet Officers approximately 14 days prior to publication. However, any member who would like to submit an article may do so at any time by contacting the Editor at [capefifer@gmail.com](mailto:capefifer@gmail.com).

## CNM Remaining Event Schedule for 2025

- 09/27/25 Sudbury Muster - Sudbury, MA
- 10/12/25 Columbus Day - Providence, RI
- 10/14/25 Monthly Fleet Meeting - The Narrows, Fall River, MA
- 10/18/25 Sarah Bradlee Fulton Day - Medford, MA
- 11/11/25 Veterans Day Parade - Fall River, MA
- 11/11/25 Bicentennial Park Ceremony - Fall River, MA
- 11/18/25 Monthly Fleet Meeting - The Narrows, Fall River, MA
- 12/06/25 Holiday Parade - Fall River, MA
- 12/06/25 Holiday Dinner
- 12/09/25 Annual Meeting - The Narrows, Fall River
- 12/13/25 Wreaths Across America - Somerset, MA



## Elected Staff 2025-2026

Commodore: Pamela Burlingame

Vice Commodore: Bob Miorelli

Chief of Staff: Bill Cary

Prizemaster: Tom Murray

Clerk: Bob Gregory

## Staff Appointments 2025-2026

Fife Master: Captain Bill Hart

Drum Master: Captain Bob Gregory

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Color Guard Captain: Captain Bob DelaFuente

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