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JOSEPH DUELK, JR. DIVISION NO. 1

P. O. Box 337, Monroe (Orange County), New York 10950

NEXT MEETING: Friday, September 14, 2018 8 PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

I had the honor of attending the AOH national convention in Louisville Kentucky this past July; I would like to thank the Division and Tommy Flynn for their donations in help covering the cost of the convention and hotel. It truly was a privilege to represent, Joseph Duelk, Jr., Division 1, and Orange County New York at the AOH National Convention.

To be around such great Hibernians, who represented their divisions, states and our national board was truly a great experience, the kindness and welcoming arms of embrace from all I met even though this was my first time representing this division was amazing. There were courtesy rooms on every floor run by different states. As I entered these rooms I could see people who have been friends for years shaking hands, asking each other about their children, family, friends and organizations.

Every room I entered I was greeted with a smile, a hand shake and thanks for representing our division and travelling to the convention. It reminded me of the night I joined our division on May 10th, 1996 over 22 years ago. I still remember Jack Quinn greeting me before the meeting and after, walking me to the bar and buying me a pint. He asked where I worked and lived and brought members over to welcome me into this great organization. **We have been honored to have so many great Hibernians as members of our organization over the years and it was a special honor for me to be at the AOH National Convention to support Division 1 member of over 30 years, Denis Mulcahy, as he received**

**The John F Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award
from the National AOH in America Board.**

National Deputy Director for Recruitment and Division 1 member Keith Reynolds was there to assist and welcome everyone. Keith is transferring from our division to a Florida division where he now lives so he can continue his recruitment efforts and work on the AOH National Convention in Florida in 2020.

Please note our history page as September 13th is Commodore John Barry Day. Commodore Barry was the founder of the United States Navy.

On Sunday, September 9th at 2 PM an Orange County AOH meeting shall be held at Division 2 in Cornwall.

All members are encouraged to attend. Board officers please arrive at 1:30 PM. If you have anything to place on the agenda, please contact County President Edmund Burke before the meeting.

Our Division 1 meeting shall be held on Friday September 14th, doors open by 7:30 PM, meeting at 8 PM. I look forward to greeting everyone and planning our future months ahead.

In our motto, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Neil O'Riordan, President

Division 1 Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 9
County Board Meeting
Division 2, Cornwall
2 PM

Thursday, September 13
Commodore Barry Day

Friday, September 14
Monthly Meeting
8 PM

Saturday, September 22
County Picnic
Division 2
1 PM

Friday, October 12
Monthly Meeting
8 PM

Sunday, October 28
**Annual County Mass and
Breakfast**
Shrine of OLMC
Middletown
9 AM Prayers
9:30 AM Mass
Breakfast in Carmelite
Hall to follow

Saturday, September 22
County Picnic
Division 2
1 PM
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Division Events
AOH National Convention
John F. Kennedy Award Presented to Denis Mulcahy



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A Moment in Irish History

Brother Hibernians, with the anniversary of Commodore John Barry's death on September 12, 1803 quickly approaching I thought this would be an excellent time to go over some of the highlights of this extraordinary man's life.

Few Americans are well acquainted with the gallantry and heroic exploits of Philadelphia's Irish born naval commander. Obscured by his contemporary John Paul Jones, Commodore Barry remains to this day an unsung hero of the young American Republic.

Born in a modest thatched cottage in 1745 in County Wexford, Ireland Barry was immediately immersed in a strong maritime tradition. A salient event in Barry's youth led to a lifelong enmity of oppression and the British. At a young age, Barry learned of the massacre of some 3,000 Wexfordians under an invading force led by Oliver Cromwell in 1694.

Barry's first command was in 1766 sailing out of Philadelphia which Barry adopted as his home port. Chosen thanks to William Penn's legacy of religious freedom, Roman Catholics like Barry enjoyed greater latitude in religious worship.

When the Revolutionary War broke out, Barry was given the singularly important task of outfitting the first Continental Navy, which were put to sea from Philadelphia. Barry also served in the Continental Army. He served with a company of marines. But Barry's finest hours were naval service. Commodore Barry's most renowned naval encounter occurred off the coast of Newfoundland on May 28, 1781. Barry took on two British vessels. After a grueling four-hour battle, Barry triumphed accepting the surrender of British Commander, Captain Edwards

After the War Commodore Barry received Commission Number One by President George Washington. Among Barry's contributions to the young American Navy was a Signal Book which he authored, recommendation to create a separate Department of the Navy and to establish government-operated navy yards. Commodore John Barry was indeed the "Father of the American Navy".

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Heathwood
New York State Commodore Barry Chairman