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ESWWDA SUMMER MEETING

Friday, June 26, 2026

The summer meeting will be hosted by **Reliable Pump & Well Services** and **DNA Water Well Maintenance** on **Friday, June 26, 2024**. The meeting will be held at **Reliable Pump & Well** with events also happening next door at **DNA Water Well Maintenance**. There will be demonstrations on hydrofracking, well development and much more. We would like members to send us pictures of their companies from when they started, and current company pictures. Pictures can be emailed to **Julie** at jewels2564@aol.com.

com. We hope to have a slide show playing during the meeting. Please take a moment to read the minutes in *Hole Talk*. We hope to have a copy of the proposed regulations available for members at the meeting and there was a discussion tabled at the **General Membership meeting in April** regarding the number of meetings we have during a year. The Board will be looking for member feedback on both topics.

A block of rooms has been booked at the **Holiday Inn Express** in

Montgomery, NY. We have shortened this meeting into a one-day event due to the approaching **4th of July**. We are aware that some smaller communities will be holding fireworks the weekend before July 4th. With this year being the **250th anniversary of the American Revolution** did you know the town of Montgomery, NY was named in the honor of **General Richard Montgomery**, an American Revolutionary War general killed in 1775 at the Battle of Quebec? 🗨️



Mission

The ESWWDA is committed to taking a leadership role in protecting our natural resources through the promotion of the ground water industry. It strives to support a spirit of cooperation, communication, and education within the industry and with the consumers and regulatory agencies. 🗨️

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2026 Empire State Water Well Drillers' Association
Summer Meeting Agenda

Friday, June 26, 2024

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- 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting to be held at **Reliable Pump & Well**
- 10 a.m. Let the demos begin!
- Noon Lunch to be provided by **Preferred Pump**
- 1 -3 p.m. Drive Class and/or Brake Class
- 3 - 5 p.m. **General Membership Meeting**

Safe Travels and have a **Happy 250th Anniversary.**

Meeting location:

Reliable Pump & Well Services

35 West Corbett Road

Montgomery, NY 12549

716-937-7977 drillerfrey@aol.com

Hotel Information: Holiday Inn Express

2105 NY-208



Montgomery, NY

845-457-7373

Meeting code:

Rooms available until May
Rates: Thursday **\$139** and
Friday **\$189** plus tax.

Group code: EWD.

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The Board of Directors and membership of E.S.W.W.D.A. believe in the promotion of the ground water industry through:

**Professional Standards • Communication
Education • Integrity • Affordability**

The President's Thoughts
"My Thoughts"

Dear Members, here we are once again, spring is in full swing, the snow has finally left us, and we are staring down the barrel of our summer season! I hope everyone has lots of work filling their schedules.

I would like to share a few thoughts on what is going on within the ESWWDA. As I have stated before, water well drilling is not just a trade, it is a critical service that supports public health, agriculture, and economic development across New York. The reliability and safety of our groundwater systems depends directly on your skill, integrity, and commitment to doing the job right. We are operating in a time of change. Regulations continue to evolve, environmental expectations are increasing, and new technologies are reshaping how work is done. While these shifts can present challenges, they also create opportunities for us to strengthen our profession and reinforce the value that our association provides.

As an association, our priorities remain clear:

- * Advocating for fair and practical policies that support our work
- * Providing access to training and continuing education
- * Promoting high standards in well construction and safety/ protecting our states aquifers.
- * Supporting the next generation entering the field

Your involvement is essential. Whether you attend meetings, share your experience, or mentor newer drillers, your participation helps ensure that our association remains strong and relevant.

Staying on participation, I would like to send a well-deserved "Thank you" to the **Frey well drilling family**, their participation has been off the charts. They hosted a great spring meeting at their shop in the upper western part of NY state. With lots of rigs and all sorts of "iron" on display, there were interesting things in every direction including UP (the radio tower). **Bill Frey** drilled in an 8" well with a welded-on screen for a drilling demo. Bill gave a very good talk on installing smaller residential screens while in the field, on the fly, as only Bill could. It was



quite entertaining. Both of the speakers were very worthwhile with very good information as well. Separately from the meeting they even took on one of our "Veterans giving back" program recipients. They installed a complete well and pump system for a veteran from the finger lakes area. **Bill, Brian and Bonnie** and the **entire Frey well drilling team**, the ESWWDA thanks

you for your continued dedication and professionalism. The work you do matters, and it has a lasting impact on communities across the state.

Now, to be true to the title of this letter, "My Thoughts" I need to share some of my thoughts that I have had now for several years but did not really know the best way to bring it up to the membership. My thoughts are that it is time to have the "discussion" on whether or not we should consider going to just TWO general meetings a year, in-person.

For those who do not know, currently, we have had four quarterly board of directors / general membership meetings a year.

My proposed format would be to continue having our annual winter meeting in January as always, as this is by far our best attended and most productive meeting of the year. Then, we would need just one other meeting to be hosted by a member volunteer, and it could be moved around the state to different locations. This second meeting could take place either in the summer months or possibly late spring or early fall, to allow flexibility if there was a particular event or place that we wanted to host a meeting. We could adjust our time to line up with that event.

With just two General membership meetings a year, I feel that it would be in the best interest of the ESWWDA to make Board of Directors in-person attendance mandatory for both general meetings. This would be a very productive thing for the association as well, as how it looks when the full board is present at its meetings, not just the winter meeting.

We would then need to have two more Board of Directors meetings held quarterly via zoom. Which, ever since

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covid, has been the preferred method of attendance to these meetings already. Zoom meetings are effective in their ability to get the best attendance of directors so that we can have a quorum. A quorum is the minimum number of members often a majority required to be present for a group to legally transact business, vote, or make binding decisions.

To be frank, before Zoom we very rarely established a quorum at our three smaller meetings. Which leads to no productivity. For quite some time now, I feel that our board has struggled to move forward with decisions and could be much more effective by going to two mandatory in-person meetings and two private Zoom meetings.

I know that the argument to this proposal is that since its inception this association has been able to host our meetings all over the state of NY. This is to allow people from all areas of our great state to attend our meetings. Members DID just that. If I could take us back to the days of old I would! As I enjoy attending our meetings and seeing the people that share common stories and experiences. The honest truth is, the people just are not coming. I looked back at attendance records of our meetings going back 20 years and meetings used to pull on average around 20-30 people, some meetings even much, much larger. In the past 5-10 years we have had meetings with as little as 7 total people! That is not to say that we have not held very well-attended meetings, some with upwards of 60-100 people. We have had large numbers at certain meetings for different reasons.

I believe we have found ways to bring people in who want to attend these meetings. Many times, we are struggling to put together a venue or topic to bring people, and we are just trying to host a meeting to host a meeting to fill the void. You used to come to our meetings to see new products or see the latest innovation in the industry and just to exchange stories and experiences. Now you can get all the information you want off the "intergoogle". Heck, you can even ask questions and exchange stories with other drillers from all over the world on Facebook groups now.

So, in short, it is not that I want to see this happen to our association, but the fact is, that it has changed. Now we need to change with the times.

There are associated costs not only to the ESWWDA to put on these events but also to the people who take the

time to drive across the state to attend these meetings in-person. ESWWDA covers some of the costs at these smaller meetings such as the meeting rooms and meals. The three smaller meetings typically range from \$1,500 - \$3,500 per meeting. If our hosting members were not so gracious in covering many of these miscellaneous costs, it would be much more. I believe that focusing our efforts into two times a year with the same expenses, not only would the ESWWDA benefit, but so would the attending membership by attending a more planned-out show. Similar to our winter meeting with the ability to be outdoors.

So, there you have "My Thoughts" or my proposal. I wanted to broadcast this to the membership, and I felt like this letter was the best way to do this.

If you have ideas, concerns, or suggestions, I encourage you to reach out. This would require some reworking of the by-laws which will require the board to discuss and vote on these changes. But I would like to hear from the membership first! I look forward to working together to keep our association moving forward.

Chris Root, ESWWDA President 



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ESWWDA SPRING MEETING

Friday, April 24, 2026

The 2026 spring meeting of the *Empire State Water Well Drillers' Association* was called to order at 5:01 pm by President Chris Root with 25 members in attendance. The following officers and directors were in attendance:

President **Chris Root**

Director **Daniel Boyd**

Director **William Frey**

Director **Brian Frey**

Director **Zach Barlett**

Supplier Director **Dave Keough**

Supplier Director **Christopher Beatson**

Alessa Crover, with an assist from **Adrienne Boyd**, sold the 50/50 tickets. **Henry Boyd** made a motion to wave the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in *Hole Talk*. **Jim Dwyer** seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Treasurer Crover gave a detailed report to the membership with a discussion regarding obtaining a cyber security policy for the association. **David Root** made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and **Jim Dwyer** seconded motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The discussion continued regarding the cyber security policy. The Treasurer was asked to obtain a price. Treasurer reports are available to members upon request.

President Root thanked the membership for coming and the **Frey family** for putting on a great show. They provided very informative speakers and an excellent demonstration.

Hole Talk

President Root also thanked the membership for making our annual meeting this year one of the best attended. The association provided excellent classes for the members. We exceeded our goal for the large raffle and made some money for the association. We did learn several lessons for a future one. Also, the association had four people attend **Baroid Mud School** in memory of **Jeff Quinn**. The auction at the annual meeting was very successful. Since that meeting **Frey Well Drilling** has drilled a well for a veteran and even fixed her door. We now need to be thinking ahead with what classes we would like at next year's annual meeting. If you have ideas, please reach out to anyone on the Board. President Root updated the membership of the status of the revisions of the regulations to incorporate the geothermal industry especially the geo drillers. We will be getting the proposed changes to the membership to review. **NYS DEC** would like to see this wrapped up this year.

Communications: The association received thanks from the **Pioneer Oil Museum** for our donation last fall and a thank you from the family of **Marilyn Moravec** for a donation in her memory.

Sickness & Health: The association will be sending a donation to the **Montgomery Food Pantry** in memory of **Dan Demspey** who passed away on April 3, 2026

Insurance: No Report at this time

Membership: We have a total of **288 members**. Of that total **228 are paid members** and **60 are unpaid**. We had one new member this quarter.

Scholarship: No report at this time.

Government Affairs: Report was covered in President's report.

NEWWA: It was reported that there was a very good turnout in March at the **Expo** with more iron on the floor than we have seen in years. The **NEWWA Board** will be meeting at the end of September to review the financial breakdown on the event with election of officers.

Budget & Finance: No report at this time.

Education: A general drilling and pump installers' class was held at a meeting sponsored by **Joe Testa** and **Ground Water Systems, Inc.** in Waterloo, NY at the end of March with all proceeds going to the Veteran's program.

NGWA/WSC: **President Root** acknowledged that we had past **President Scott King** at the meeting. NGWA has been very helpful in working the **Government Affairs committee** on the proposed changes in the NYS DEC regulations. **Water System Council** has been keeping the association up to date of other proposed regulations changes in NYS and assistance with septic and water system upgrades due to PFAS.

Hole Talk: The next deadline for all submissions is **May 1**.

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Public Information: There was a discussion regarding privatizing part of our website to members only similar to what the NGWA has done. **Henry Boyd** made a motion to table the discussion until we determine what the membership would like to do, what the cost would be to update our website and how it would work. The motion to table was seconded by **Jim Dwyer** and unanimously carried.

DOT Issues: No report at this time. There was a suggestion that we have the speaker come back from this morning to the annual meeting. He was very good.

Continuing Education: It was brought up that NYS is putting continuing education in the proposed regulation revisions. Being a member of the voluntary accreditation program gets members into practice for obtaining and submitting points.

Geothermal: **President Root** stated that geothermal drillers will have to be certified both as a driller and a geothermal installer and they are currently looking at the NGWA certification. If drilling geothermal boreholes deeper than 500 ft, then

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Education ◦ **Integrity** ◦ **Affordability**

you refer to the **Division of Mineral and Mining** for the regulations which are in effect.

Veteran's Program: The association is looking for an official name for this program. If you have any ideas, please contact a **Board member** or **Julie. Frey Well Drilling** recently completed a job.

Past Presidents: No report at this time.

Old Business: The summer meeting will be held on Friday, June 26 at the office of **Reliable Well Drilling** and **DNA Water Well Maintenance** in **Montgomery, NY**. There will be a hydrofracking demo, hydrosurging of a well, drive school and much more. Members are encouraged to send digital copies of old pictures to Julie to go on a slide show to be seen at the meeting.

For the fall meeting we will be returning to **Cronin's Golf Course**

in **Warrensburg, NY**. Current plans include drilling a gravel well with new **Legion 5 Reich drill**. There will be room for suppliers to have tables top, and we will be staying onsite. Pencil in the dates as **October 23-24, 2026**.

New Business: We are looking for a host for the spring 2027 meeting.

The summer meeting of 2027 will be hosted by **Hawk Drilling Company** who will be celebrating their 100th anniversary. The meeting dates are **July 16-17, 2027**. At this time there was a discussion about changing the bylaws and moving to two in-person meetings for the membership and the Board meeting via zoom for two additional meetings or more if needed. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

At this time **Alessa Crover** drew the winning 50/50 raffle ticket with the winner receiving \$243. The winning ticket was sold to **Grandfather Chuck Crover**.

Zach Bartlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. **Christopher Beatson** seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Boyd

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May 2026

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PAID	UNPAID
Contractors	161	132	29
Suppliers/Manufacturers	53	39	14
Associates	74	57	17
=====			
Total	288	228	60

*Members in arrears for 2+ years
 will be dropped from active membership*

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There were no new members in the 1st quarter of 2026

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- **Educational programs in:** water well drilling, pump installation, general management.
- **Informative newsletter:** *Hole Talk* covers local, state and national issues and news.
- **Annual Tuition Scholarships**
- **A united voice:** ESWWDA speaks for drillers on issues of far-reaching impact.
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Pump Installer \$250	MGWC/CWD/CPI # _____
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Associate Company Member\$50	Sponsor: _____
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New York State maintains comprehensive, publicly accessible data on water wells through the **New York State Museum's ESOGIS Interactive Well Map** and the **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)**.

1. ESOGIS Interactive Well Map (for oil and gas wells only)

The ESOGIS map provides an interactive view of well locations, geological data, and other key information across the state. You can:

- Zoom in/out and filter by county
- Search for specific well sites
- View clickable data points for details such as well type, depth, and pump capacity esogis.nysm.nysed.gov

It is maintained by the NYS Museum in collaboration with the DEC to ensure accurate, up-to-date information.

2. DEC Water Well Completion Reports

Since April 2000, DEC has required registered water well drillers to submit completion reports. These reports include:



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**Two Locations:
West Frankfort, IL
Clarksburg, WV**

Wells in New York State

- Well location and specifications
- Depth and pump capacity
- Any subsequent work performed

The data is added as reports become available, and historical wells are mapped over time data.gis.ny.gov.

Over **145,500 completion reports** are now available online via **DECinfo Locator**. You can:

- Search by address or well number
- View a pop-up with basic well details
- Download the full PDF completion report (public water supply wells and wells without coordinates are excluded) www.nywelldriller.org

3. Accessing the Data

Interactive Map: [ESOGIS Well Map](#) (for gas and oil only)

- DECinfo Locator is on DEC's website at <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

- **DEC Completion Reports:** [DECinfo Locator – Water Wells Layer](#) (select “Water Wells” in the DEC Information Layers)

4. Limitations

- Some wells (e.g., public supply or those without coordinates) are not included in the public datasets www.nywelldriller.org

Tip: For field work or site-specific research, use the interactive map for visual exploration and DEC's completion reports for detailed technical data. This combination covers both location and engineering specifications for most registered wells in New York State.

Anyone can obtain additional information or assistance by contacting the **DEC office** in Albany at **(877)472-1619** or nyswaterwells@dec.ny.gov.

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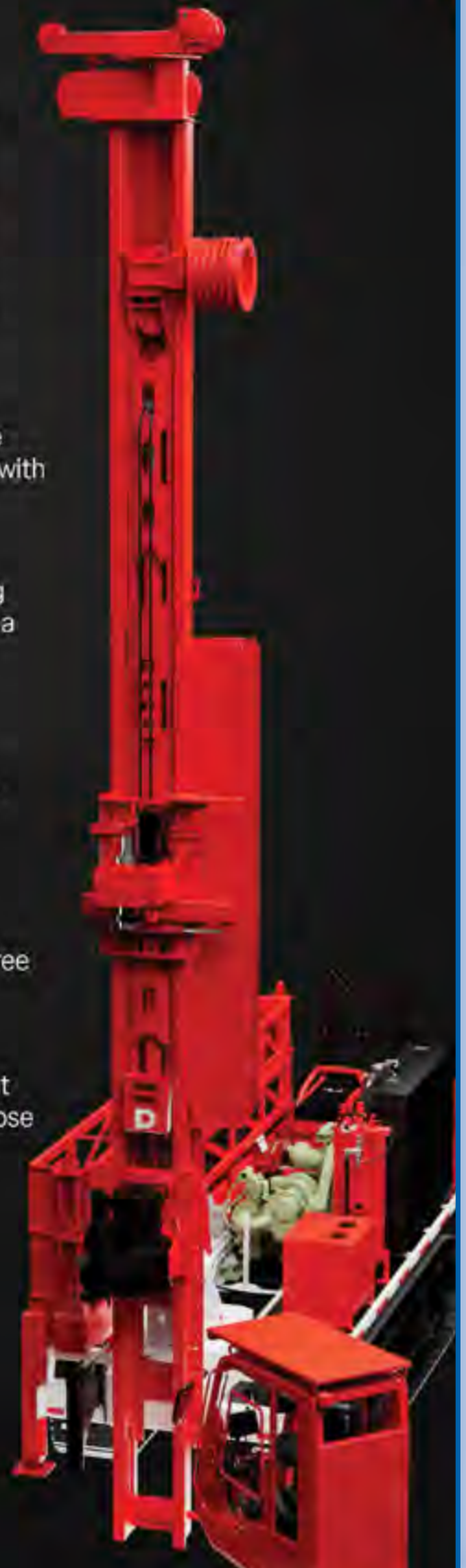
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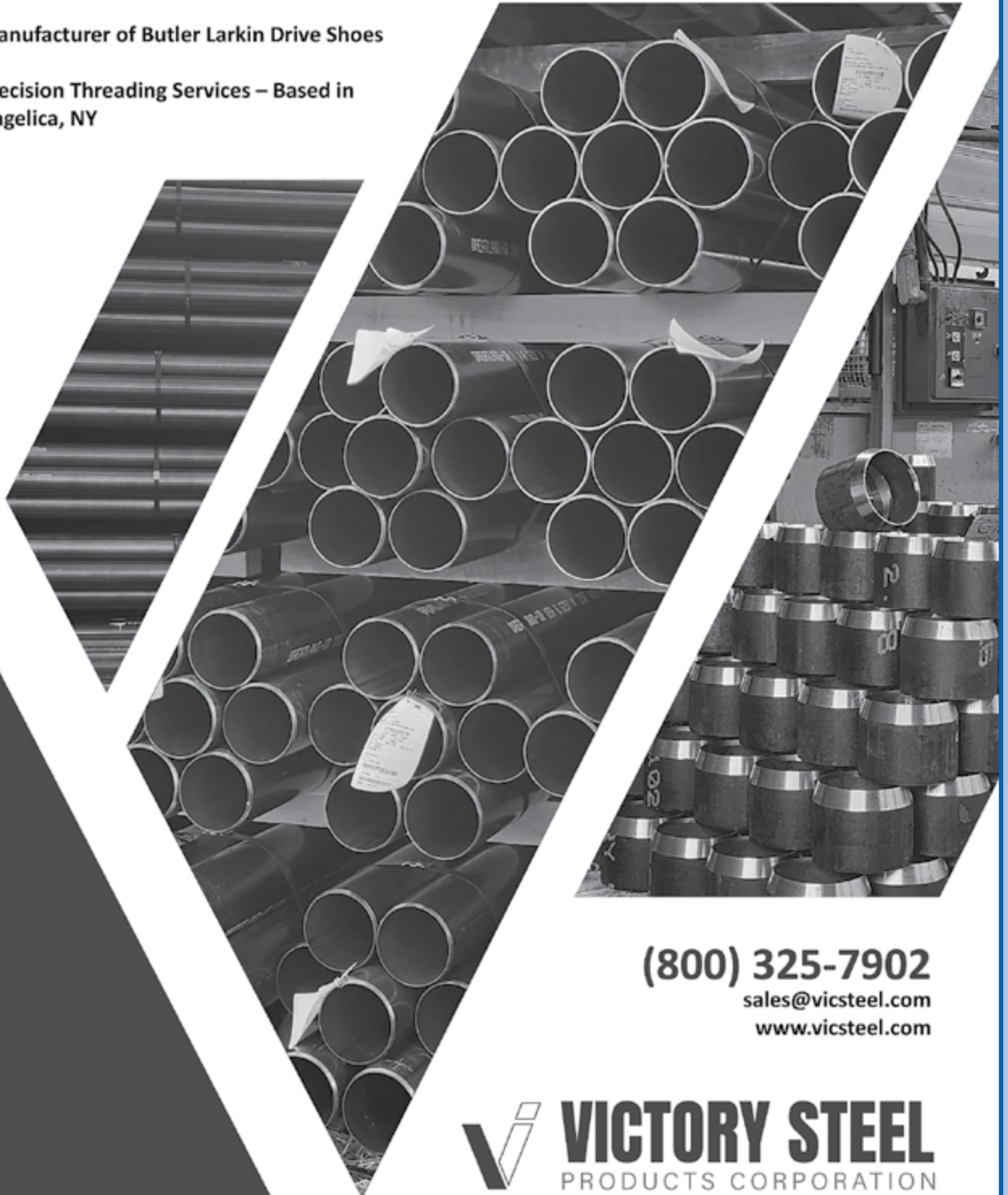
by Edward St. Germain

Even if you've studied the American Revolution in detail, the conflict is complex and intricate enough to still have interesting facts that you might not know. In this article, we've listed 15 of the best fun facts about the American Revolution, that many people aren't aware of.

1. According to some historians, one of the most successful spies for the Americans was a female operative named Agent 355, whose real identity remains unknown to this day. She passed along critical intelligence to the revolutionaries as a part of the Culpeper Spy Ring.
2. The oldest remaining Revolutionary War widows' pension was awarded to Noah Damon's widow, Esther Sumner Damon, in 1906. It was an astonishing 123 years after the war ended.
3. At age 22, Deborah Sampson disguised herself as a man and fought for nearly 18 months in the Continental Army before getting a fever and having her sex discovered.
4. Patriot leaders used printed pamphlets to spread Revolutionary ideals. These pamphlets were produced in huge numbers, and were often read aloud in pubs and taverns, meaning their messaging could quickly reach hundreds of thousands of people – similar to how we use social media today.
5. The Siege of Yorktown, which lasted from Sep 28 – Oct 19, 1781, is considered the longest battle of the Revolutionary War. Most battles only lasted a few days at most, given the nature of how warfare was waged.
6. The phrase “fog of war” first originated in an 1836 poem by McDonald Clarke titled The Battle of Bunker Hill. Due to the type of gunpowder used in muskets and artillery, Revolutionary War battlefields were often completely engulfed in smoke, making it difficult to see the enemy.
7. At the beginning of the war, most Patriot soldiers wore their own hunting shirts and other miscellaneous outfits. Only later in the war did the Continental Army begin to widely adopt its signature blue uniform.
8. Of the 12,000 people that entered camp at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78, it is estimated that about 2,000 died due to hunger, cold, and disease.
9. George Washington was plagued with dental problems throughout his life, beginning from the age of 22.
10. While France did not officially enter the war on the American side until 1778, secret aid began as early as 1776, including supplies, ammunition, and funds, largely coordinated by the playwright and diplomat, Pierre Beaumarchais.
11. It is estimated that the Revolutionary War cost the British £250m, about £31b (\$39b) in today's money.
12. While most Native American tribes fought for the British during the war, due to stronger existing relationships, many also fought for the Patriots, while others remained neutral during the conflict.
13. African Americans fought on both sides during the Revolutionary War – about 20,000 for the Loyalists, and 10,000 for the Patriots. Many on the Patriot side fought in exchange for their freedom from slavery. The British offered emancipation to all African Americans if they joined their cause in 1779.
14. Many historians believe that the American Revolution helped to inspire the French Revolution, which began in 1789. Many French Revolutionary leaders fought in the American Revolutionary War and brought revolutionary ideals back home to France when the war was won.
15. Rum was a crucial part of the colonial economy and military life. It was a popular beverage, which was also used as a form of currency and for medicinal purposes in the Continental Army.

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Satchel Paige, the former major league pitching star, once said something to the effect that he never looked back because someone might be gaining on him.

However, the practice of looking back has certain applications that are very important in promoting job safety. After you've been involved in a "near miss" accident, a look back at what brought about the incident can be valuable in preventing a repeat of the occurrence.

Many job injuries are caused by repeated "near misses" that went unchecked. The boxes that fall from the top of a storage rack whenever someone bumps into the shelves; the pieces of debris that peck away at a power saw operator; the sparks that fly when a maintenance worker turns on a power tool; these and all similar situations are "near misses." They will continue until someone does something about them, or until they result in an injury.

Success in a number of fields hinges on the retracing of events. The game films a coach studies on Monday morning are one example. Certainly, most of us can't devote that much time to reviewing past episodes, but a discussion with your supervisor about something that isn't working right, or reporting a "near miss," is a must from a safety standpoint.

An occasional review of job procedures is also a good investment in time. Are you handling your job

or running your machine the safe way, or have you substituted some shorter, but unsafe, practices?

The reporting of "near misses" may seem like a waste of time. After all, some people figure it's the other person who always gets hurt. However, if that's true, each of us should do everything possible to correct hazards before that other person does get hurt.


Possibly another reason for not reviewing a "near miss" is our natural tendency to avoid unpleasant memories. But, we have to look at the positive side and realize that a review of a "near miss" is important to safety.

You must give specific and clear information when you report a "near miss." A safety publication recently emphasized the importance of this by analyzing the statement: "One gallon of gasoline, properly vaporized, has the explosive energy of 192 sticks of dynamite."

But – what size gallon, imperial or U.S.? What kind of gasoline, leaded or unleaded? What kind of dynamite, high or low nitro content? What does "properly vaporized" mean?

Obviously, what wasn't said in the original statement was as important, if not more important, than what was said.

Nostalgia has become a fad. We all occasionally look back at the good old days. Remember when the value of a human body was only about seven dollars? Today a top grade skeleton alone sells for about \$500. Enough hair for a full wig is worth about \$150.

So, don't underestimate your value. When you have a brush with an accident, don't shrug it off. Look back to determine what really happened. Then report it to your supervisor. Your safety is worth the effort. 

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The ESWWDA would like to express their sincerest condolences to Judi and the family of **Daniel Dempsey** of Dempsey Steel Pipe Co., Inc. out of **Coldenham, NY**.

Dan passed away at home on **April 3, 2026** at the age of 78 with his family by his side. He grew up working in the family business and after school joined his parents, continuing to carry on until his retirement in 2025 due to illness.

Dan was active in his community serving as a councilman for 28 years and as a member of the **Coldenham Fire Department** for 60 years. He was a member of the **BPOE Elks** in Middletown, the **American Legion Post 521** in Montgomery and the **VPW 2064** in Maybrook. Dan was also a **Vietnam veteran**.

Dan is survived by his wife **Judi** of 50 years, his five daughters and eight grandchildren, one brother, one sister and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on April 11th at **Goodwill Church** in Montgomery, NY.

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