

# FRIENDS OF SPRINGFIELD ARMORY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT 2023 WORK PLAN



One Armory Square  
Springfield, Mass  
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**Mission of the Friends**  
To support National Park  
Service programs at Springfield  
Armory through public  
outreach and engagement.

**Our Vision**  
To ensure Springfield Armory  
National Historic Site remains a  
place of historic significance  
and architectural beauty for  
this and future generations.

## Welcome 2023

On behalf of the Friends of Springfield Armory NHS, thank you for supporting our Mission and Vision in 2022. We have much good news from 2022 to report and ambitious plans for the future. We think you will be pleased.

During 2022 we debuted our first book, *Arms for the Nation, Springfield Long Arms*; thanks to the hard work of Roger Johnson our treasurer and the generosity of Scott Duff, the author, who donated his copyright to the Friends. Thank You!

Also, we made significant contributions to the museum collection with five major acquisition efforts and supported National Park Service education and outreach by underwriting six different programs.

Phase II of the clock restoration continues to move ahead as we work with the manufacturer to sort out logistics for the expensive project.

Looking ahead in 2023! We will hold a Friendraising event at the New England Antique Arms Society annual show, June 9-10 in Sturbridge; please come out and visit us. We will have Friends of the Armory there to meet. We are planning to hold a symposium on Henry Knox in the first half of the year and will continue to grow our membership.

Please review the details of our work completed and work planned in the following pages. I hope they will inspire your confidence in our efforts of good stewardship towards the Springfield Armory National Historic Site and move you to support us with a donation or membership, [you may do that here](#).

Many thanks to Jim Controvich and Josh Clark who will roll off of the board after many years of contribution to the Springfield Armory.

Thank You,

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Friends of Springfield Armory NHS  
One Armory Square  
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## What we Accomplished in 2022

### Arms For The Nation

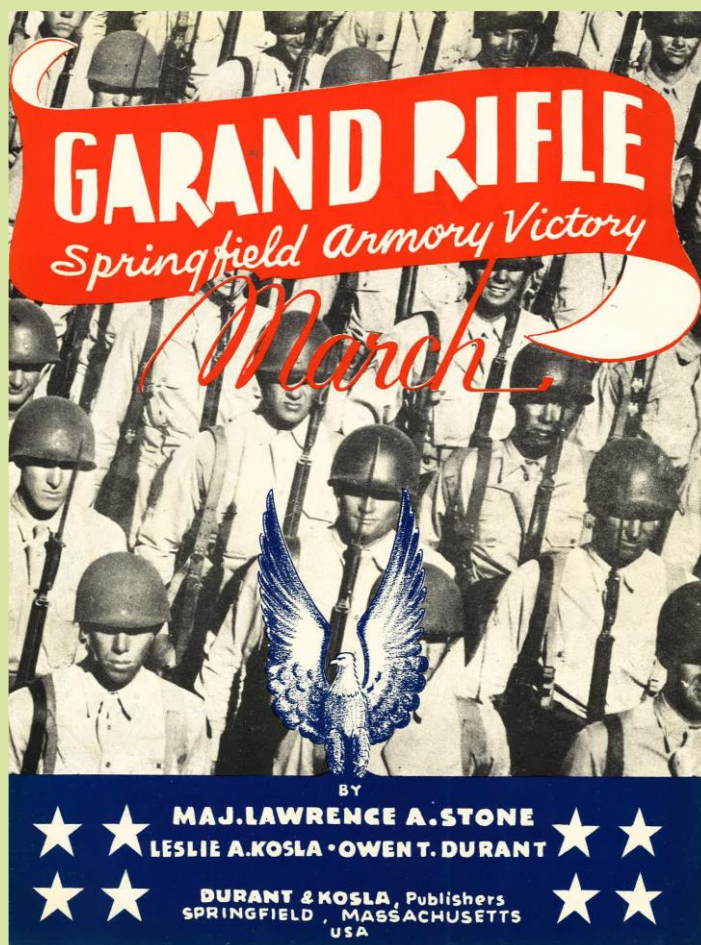
#### Springfield Longarms



In September, we acquired a long-lost copy of the Springfield Armory Victory March, written in the early part of WWII by then Major Lawrence Stone, Adjutant to General Gilbert Stewart. The Armory did not have a copy in the collection. We won the auction on this item and immediately digitized the copy and presented the hard copy and digitized file to the National Park Service. Now, we are transcribing the music through a composer by the name of Paul Coggsell in Chesapeake, Virginia.




We published our first book after receiving copy rights from the original author, Scott Duff. We are grateful to Roger Johnson, our Treasurer for the long hard work he devoted to this wonderful resource. The book will provide a stream of revenue for the future.






The Museum did not have a copy of the final issue of the Armorer printed in September 1967. The Friends sourced a copy, courtesy of Jim Controvich and presented a digitized and hard copy to the National Park Service. Friends also published this edition, which gives a brief history of the Armory's, as a sale item in the museum gift shop.





# ARMORER

## SPRINGFIELD ARMORY



FINAL ISSUE
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER, 1967

### ARMORY PIONEERED AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT

The advent of air assault tactics and the use of helicopters as gun platforms simultaneously brought the Springfield Armory into this new mission type activities during the early 1960's.

The mission essentially was to provide the weaponry necessary for the successful prosecution of this type tactics.

The Armory successfully developed many types of aircraft armament not only for helicopters but also fixed wing aircraft. In addition, it had the technical responsibility and supervision over all allied types of subsystems within this field and worked closely with American industry in providing Vietnam troops with their requirements.

Among the "hardware" provided were such items as the M1, M2, M5, the M75, XM134, XM21, XM19, XM20, XM23 and XM24, the M6, XM12 and XM13, XM14, XM15, XM25, XM18 and a host of others. The numbering may be difficult to remember, therefore, it can be summed up by saying that the armament ranged from variations on the M60 machine gun to rocket launchers, pods, and grenade launcher modifications.

A basic weapon used was the M60 machine-gun variation using 829; 1964-410; 1965-349; 1966-7162mm ammunition and helicopter-mounted in a variety of areas and positions. Using twin-handled the weapon system had great successes.

Another subsystem was the M5 with its "heart" of the M75 grenade launcher using the 40mm projectile. Mounted in the nose of the helicopter, the subsystem created havoc among the enemy.

On view also is the XM153 with its twin-machine guns mounted to the side of the helicopter. Each subsystem had a different use for a different occasion.

### ARMORY EMPLOYEES TOPS WITH BLOOD

Springfield Armory employees set a community relations participation record during the past 15 years with their generous contributions to the American Red Cross Blood Donor program.

More than 8,000 pints of blood were donated through the program since its record-taking inception in January, 1951 with a total of 7,736 pints alone being generated from January 1, 1951 through May, 1967.

This grand total represents a high-water mark for the Greater Springfield area and provides other area-based industrial, commercial, military and civic groups with a target for future attainment.

The Springfield Chapter, American Red Cross recognized the contributions of the Springfield Armory and its personnel throughout these recordbreaking years with the awarding of a bronze plaque on Sept. 6 to Col. Sweeney in behalf of the installation. The presentation was made by Bernard McMahon of the local Red Cross Chapter.

The official blood donor tabulation of this installation follows:

In 1951-303; 1962-639; 1963-829; 1964-410; 1965-349; 1966-7162mm ammunition and helicopter-mounted in a variety of areas and positions. Using twin-handled the weapon system had great successes.

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### ARMORY MADE HISTORY IN NATION'S GROWTH


**FINAL ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS HISTORICAL DATA; SPOTLIGHT ON PEOPLE, EVENTS AND DATES**

The Springfield Armory will pass into history by April 1968! This is not news to employees of this installation since of the 2400 who were on the installation rolls on November 19, 1964 when the phase-out order was announced nationally, there now remain 923 at this writing during the second week of September 1967. It should be noted that of these 923 present employees, only 720 are career Civil Service employees while the remainder are temporary hires.

There is much which can be noted during the life-span of the Springfield Armory from its official birth on April 2, 1794 to the present time and extending into the future toward April 1968. The following pages of information have been designed to provide those who remain together with the mailing list of retired personnel, a capsule treatment of this installation, its accomplishments and its people.

There have been contrasts in the career and destiny of this first

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Your editors suggest first reading the Editorial on Page 2 prior to continuing with the rest of this issue. The Editorial will set the theme of this final ARMORER and provide the basis for continuity.

## 1794 - COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE - 1968

Early in 2022 the Friends, in collaboration with the National Park Service, acquired a collection of ephemera from the estate of long time Armory employee Freeman Bull. Bull made many decades of contributions to the Armory and was a nationally ranked marksman. For more on his life in Springfield, click the link. [Freeman Bull](#)



In of 2022 we were made aware of a letter at auction from Robert Orr, an inspector at the Armory in 1803. We lost the auction to a much higher bidder but the full details of the letter are below, credit to Swan Galleries. The letter went to a private collector.

[Additional Details from Swan Gallery](#)

Robert Orr (1745-1811) was a master armorer in Springfield, MA who was contracted to inspect the weapons produced at Eli Whitney's armory in New Haven, CT. At the close of a chatty letter to his son, he remarks "I expect to go to New Haven next week to inspect armes made by Ely Whitney for Unkel Sam 500."

The main body of the letter is full of family news, all of which matches the known Orr family genealogy and local news events. He writes to his eldest son Hector Orr (1770-1855), a physician in Bridgewater, MA who was then serving as adjutant in the state militia. Orr makes it very clear that Eli Whitney's federally contracted rifles were being produced for Uncle Sam.

Springfield June 7<sup>th</sup> 1803

Sr. it is some time since that I have heard from you & I suppose it to be as longe since you heard from me, I have not read any News Paper but the Bridgewater Intelligencer, my Number for May is not come to hand, by its not coming I have no News to write you, I expected it before this time, so that I may know who is chosen Representative for your Town, But as you are so well bell I expect that you have chosen Bl<sup>k</sup> Daniel In stead of Baylis or Orr

I send to your ~~care~~ Caier two Sermons & one for yr Self which you may Read or lett Some body read it, one for yr Grand Mother, & the Other for the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Angier, I have not heard from Bob since the first May, he was then in Philid<sup>a</sup> teaching a Small School, we hear from Nobel every Week he is well & a doing Busines very well

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we are as well as eal, we have a Lev<sup>t</sup> Leonard sent on with 30 Artilheries & it is to be a Garrison Republik

you will pleas to present my Love to all my friends & to your wife & her children a the Same to your Self

Robert Orr

Doctor Ajut Orr  
3<sup>d</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Div<sup>n</sup> Count Polignac

I expect to go to New Haven Next Week to inspect armes Made by Ely Whitney for Unkel Sam 500



## Board and Committee Members 2022-2023

**President, Neil Daboul, 2024**

**Vice President, Brian Cosgrove, PhD., 2024**

**Treasurer, Roger Johnson, 2024**

**Secretary, Vacant**

**Robert Ford, PhD, Education Committee Chairman 2024**

**Robert Bartlett, Historic Preservation Committee Chairman 2024**

**Andrew Stolinski, Museum Collections Committee Chairman 2024**

**Peter DeRose, 2024**

**Fred Batchelder, 2024**

### **Education Programs Committee**

**Robert Ford, PhD, Chairman**

**Lindsay Schachenbach Regele, PhD**

**Brian Cosgrove, PhD. (Cand)**

**Jack Wheaton, MDiv**

**Josh Clark**

### **Historic Preservation Committee**

**Robert Bartlett, Chairman**

**Fred Batchelder**

**Neil Daboul**

### **Museum Collections Committee**

**Andrew Stolinski, Chairman**

**Richard Hosmer**

**Steve Popelar**

**Fox Benton IV**

**Kevin Blackhurst, New for 2023**

### **Other Committees**



# Fiscal Report

## FRIENDS OF THE SPRINGFIELD ARMORY NHS FY 2022 Annual Fiscal Report (10/1/21 to 9/30/22)

### General Account

Beginning Balance		\$22,305
Revenue		\$12,471
Coin Sales	\$6,480	
Dues	\$4,440	
Sale Bull Archives to Armory	\$1,123	
Donations	\$288	
Sale other items	\$140	
Expenses		\$10,130
1000 Copies Arms of the Nation Book	\$5,413	
Bull Archives	\$1,200	
Big Band	\$1,000	
Descendants Day	\$961	
Clock Tower Evaluation	\$550	
Chamber of Commerce Howdy Awards	\$300	
Dan Bullen Shays Rebellion Program	\$200	
Zoom Subscriptions	\$159	
Go Daddy	\$108	
PayPal Fees	\$70	
Button Supplies (250 Buttons)	\$56	
Mass Annual Filings	\$54	
Postage	\$60	
End of Year Balance		\$24,646

George and Rose Daboul Endowment (11/23/21) \$35,476

NP Grants Management – Ending Balance \$7,798

### Our Dependence on web applications and social media.

The continued use of web-based platforms permits the Friends to reach people across the United States. We use many applications that allow Friends to donate, pay memberships and sign up for events. We rely on these service providers to allow us to get the message out and expect to continue to do this going forward.

## 2023 Planning Dates

January 4:	Q1 Meeting by Zoom
March 18&19:	Henry Knox @ Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation, Russell, Mass.
April 5:	Q2 Meeting by Zoom
Summer:	Check these links for the latest events.
July 5:	Q3 Meeting and Friends Cookout
September 30:	End of Friends Fiscal Year
October 4:	Q4 Meeting by Zoom
October 4:	Annual Meeting by Zoom

## 2023 Work Plan

The work plan represents our lofty goals and aspirations, the path we wish to take to best support our Vision and Mission in support of the National Park Service. The plan is a working blueprint of the next year.

	Description (include PMIS # if applicable.)	2022 key milestones/ activities/schedule	Friends Donated Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)	Friends Revenue Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)	2023 key milestones/ activities/schedule
<b>Projects*</b>	Collection Development	Provide the ability through financial contributions or purchasing artifact that have significant historic value to SPAR.	\$1,000	\$1,000	Purchased Springfield Armory March Sheet Music, Digitized Final Armorer Newsletter, attempted to acquire Orr Uncle Sam Letter.
	Arms of the Nation: Springfield Armory Book	Republish 1000 copies of the book Arms of the Nation the Springfield Armory. Sell 100 in 2022	\$5,400	\$1,500	In process
	Phase II of the Armory Tower Clock Repair	Contract to have the Armory Tower Clocks repaired	\$20,000	\$0	In process



	* Required Work Plan Element. See <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859">https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859</a> for more information.	\$26,400	\$2,500		

Programs*	Description(include PMIS # if applicable.)	2022 key milestones/ activities/schedule	Friends Cost Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)	Friends Revenue Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)	2023 key milestones/ activities/schedule
	Communication Plan	Develop a joint plan to communicate Park and Friends activities throughout the year.	n/a	n/a	The goal of this objective is to develop a plan. The actual implementation costs would be reflected related to the specific projects and programs supported.
	Website and social media	Continue to develop the Social Media presence on Facebook and build Friends group website functionality.	n/a	n/a	Ongoing work but suggest developing a specific person in the board leadership as the Media and Membership director or committee chair.
	Big Band Concert	Provide financial support for the Big Band Concert	\$1,000	\$300	Provided \$1,000 in support this year. Revenue of \$172
	Provide Zoom Support for Armory Programs	Purchase Zoom and provide support during Armory programs requiring Zoom	\$150	\$0	Accomplished., primarily for book club programs.
	Descendants Day	Develop a program for former Armory Employees and their Descendants.	\$1,000	\$0	Conducted in 2022 with disappointing results. In the future, we will require more of a commitment from the public who

					identify as "attending".	
	Final Armorer Newsletter	Reprint the Final Armorer Newsletter and sell it through the Book Store	\$400	\$100	Reprint 100 copies and sell them to the Eastern National at cost, estimated at \$1 per copy.	
	New Exhibit Receptions	Support two new exhibit receptions.	\$400	\$0	Special use fee will be required. Moved to 2023 as no new exhibit it 2022.	
	Volunteer In the Park Recognition	Fund the meals for the Parks Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch	\$500	\$0	Scheduled for November 2022.	
	Shays Rebellion Symposium	Conduct the Shays Rebellion Program.	\$0	\$0	No Special Use Fee Required as Event is held at the Springfield Technical Community College. Deferred to 2024	
	Small Program Support	Provide financial support for small programs during the year.	\$500	\$0	Provided \$200 for Dan Bullen Shays Rebellion Program	
	* Required Work Plan Element. See <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859">https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859</a> for more information.		\$ 3,950	\$ 400		

<i>Fundraising Activities*</i>	Description (include PMIS # if applicable.)	2022 key milestones/ activities/schedule	Friends Cost Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)	Friends Revenue Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)	2023 key milestones/ activities/schedule	



	Grants	Develop 2 to 3 Grants to support Park and Friends Activities through the year, in particular related to the Big Band Concert, Armory Day, seminars, and special programs	\$0	\$1,000		
	Membership	Expand Friends Membership by 30 by the end of the year.	\$500	\$500	Will conduct recruiting at NEAAS in June,	
	Annual Book Sale	To be conducted on Armory Day	\$0	\$250	Books to be sold or donated in 2023 with no books being accepted in the future.	
	Maintain existing Memberships and Donations	Annual appeal for membership renewal.	\$0	\$4,000	We have changed to the MailChimp format of newsletter, it is free, easier to use than Constant Contact and is more user friendly.	
	Challenge Coin Sales	Sell 350 challenge coins through consignment with Eastern National	\$1,435	\$5,250	\$6,480 Received for coins in 2022.	
	Develop a five year development plan and analyze new fund raising initiatives	Develop one new fund raising initiative during the year.	\$500	\$0	Initial project is Reprinted Arms of the Nation Springfield Armory Book to be sold through the Book Store.	
	* Required Work Plan Element. See <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859">https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859</a> for more information.		\$1,935	\$11,000		

<b>Donor Cultivation Activities*</b>	<b>Description (include PMIS # if applicable.)</b>	<b>2022 key milestones/activities/schedule</b>	<b>Friends Cost Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or</b>	<b>Friends Revenue Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or</b>	<b>2023 key milestones/activities/schedule</b>	

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	Explore various options for cultivating donors. One option being explored would be working with the Greater Springfield Visitor Center, Springfield Armory, and Friends to explore having bus tours stop at the Armory.	Develop specific donor cultivation activities by the end of 2022.	\$2,000	\$0	Friends will attend the 2023 New England Antique Arms Society event in Sturbridge this summer.	
	* Required Work Plan Element. See <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859">https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859</a> for more information.		\$2,000	\$0		
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	<b>Description (include PMIS # if applicable.)</b>	<b>2022 key milestones/ activities/schedule</b>	<b>Friends Cost Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)</b>	<b>Friends Revenue Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)</b>	<b>2023 key milestones/ activities/schedule</b>	
	The Friends website has the capability for electronic giving, in 2022 the Friends will conduct the first electronic giving campaign.	Conduct campaign in 2022.	\$0	\$2,000	Conduct Clock fund drive using Facebook and web tools in 2023.	
	* Required Work Plan Element. See <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859">https://www.nps.gov/subjects/partnerships/rm-21-chapter-6.htm#CP_JUMP_5949859</a> for more information.		\$0	\$0		
<b>Board Development</b>	<b>Description (include PMIS # if applicable.)</b>	<b>2022 key milestones/ activities/schedule</b>	<b>Friends Cost Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or</b>	<b>Friends Revenue Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or</b>	<b>2023 key milestones/ activities/schedule</b>	



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	Board Development	Recruit six additional Board Members	\$500	\$150	\$500 estimated cost to support NPF Grant to recruit new Board Members, with \$150 revenue from six new memberships.	
	Board Development	Begin utilizing the Committee Structure	n/a	n/a	Started in 2022 with good success. Now using three committees, Education, Preservation and Clock Restoration.	
			<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$150</b>		

<b>Operating</b>	<b>Description (include PMIS # if applicable.)</b>	<b>2022 key milestones/ activities/schedule</b>	<b>Friends Cost Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)</b>	<b>Friends Revenue Amount (Note if Cost Share in Partner Role or Notes column.)</b>	<b>2023 key milestones/ activities/schedule</b>	
	Insurance	Purchase Insurance for the Friends for 2022	\$1,200	\$0	Evaluating	
	Misc. supplies, fees, and expenses	Purchase envelopes, stamps and other needed supplies	\$300	\$0		
	Annual NPCA Parks/Friends Conference	Send representatives to the annual Parks/Friends Conference.	\$500	\$0	Did not occur due to Covid.	
	Maintain Mass Nonprofit Network Membership	Renew MNN Membership	\$75	\$0		
			<b>\$2,075</b>	<b>\$0</b>		

