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Guy K. Dean III and his wife, Victoria, enjoy a fine meal at the Nassau Club with Nicolas Gilman and his wife, Deborah.

Ross W. Maghan Jr. reported that this year's history prize will go to Bruce Chadwick, Ph.D., for his book, *The First American Army*. He will speak to us at our fall dinner, which is scheduled for October 7 at Anderson House.

Nicholas Gilman reported that the long, ongoing issue of the Society's small strip of land with its monument to Pulaski at Little Egg Harbor, N.J., is moving toward final resolution. The monument and the land were transferred to the Affair at Egg Harbor Historical Society. After our meeting on Saturday, Company of Military Historians member Dale Denda, who is working with the Affair at Egg Harbor Historical Society, made a presentation outlining the site and explaining some of the history of the event.

In a fitting ending to our meeting in Princeton, William B. Brown III gave a short talk about the participation of the artillery officers of the New Jersey Continental line in the battles of Trenton and Princeton.

Our fall meeting, which will include a formal dinner and the presentation of the history prize, is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2006, at Anderson House.

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The Pennsylvania Society held its Standing Committee meeting at Anderson House over the weekend of April 1-2, 2006. It was delightful to be in Washington during the peak blossoming of the cherry trees. The weather cooperated and everyone enjoyed a splendid weekend in Washington and at Anderson House, where the ballroom was serving as the site of an event featuring the Cherry Blossom princesses.

The Standing Committee meeting began on Saturday after a light breakfast in the winter garden. Among the topics of discussion was a request for \$7,000 for a statue of the marquis de Lafayette in York, Pa., at the site of his historic toast to General Washington. A gift from the Pennsylvania Society would enable the town of York to complete the statue project. The committee also discussed making the two-volume treatise *Virtutis Praemium* available to members of the other constituent societies. *Virtutis Praemium*, exhaustively researched by John Dwight Kilbourne (Md.), former director of the Society's library and museum, is a compendium of all the original members of the Pennsylvania Society. The books have been made available and are listed under "Items for Sale" in the back of this issue.

After the meeting the committee members and their ladies made their way to Washington harbor for a spectacular tour of the presidential yacht, *Sequoia*,

where they were regaled with stories from its colorful past. The *Sequoia* has served as a milieu for countless historic events, including President Truman's decision to drop the



Lewis Sidney Graham Jr. (left) shares his experiences as a boatswain on the presidential yacht Sequoia, April 1, 2006.

atomic bomb on Japan, Nixon's decision to resign from office, and President Kennedy's final birthday party. It has hosted many international dignitaries, as well, such as Mikhail Gorbachev and the queen of England. Past president of the Pennsylvania Society Lewis Sidney Graham Jr. served as the *Sequoia's* boatswain during the Nixon administration. He shared many interesting anecdotes relating to President Nixon's frequent onboard dinner parties. Today the yacht is replete with historic photographs and memorabilia from the Roosevelt administration to the present-day Bush administration.

The group proceeded to the U.S. Navy Museum, where they were treated to a private guided tour. Exhibits included the naval history of the Revolutionary War, the ironclads of the Civil War, and the tremendous naval battles of World War I and World War II. A tour highlight was an original Cincinnati membership diploma, prominently displayed near the museum's entrance, that belonged to honorary member Stephen Decatur (N.Y.), an illustrious naval officer who served during the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812.

That evening the members and their guests were treated to a sumptuous meal in the grandeur of the Anderson House dining room under the watchful eyes of the giant portraits of Larz and Isabel Anderson



Members were excited to discover the Cincinnati diploma of Stephen Decatur on display at the U.S. Navy Museum, Washington Navy Yard.

that grace the room's rear wall. Guests of honor included President General Norfleet and his wife, Janie; Treasurer General Masterson and his wife, Sally; Nicholas Donnell Ward from the New Hampshire Society; and Giles Kelly, retired captain of the *Sequoia*.

Clifford Butler Lewis, the president of the Pennsylvania Society, concluded the meal by recognizing all those present who had served in some capacity in the armed forces. President Lewis noted with effusive pride that nearly 90% of the members present had served their country in some way. The evening ended with dancing to the music of the Andersons' Steinway piano in the ballroom.

The meeting concluded on Sunday with a delightful visit to the home of Bart and Hannah Cox on the banks of the Potomac, south of Washington. The Cox estate is perched on a commanding hilltop, giving guests a panoramic view of the rolling pastures and the Potomac River below. The guests were treated to an immaculately prepared southern brunch on the patio that overlooks the sun-drenched river. President Lewis presented Bart and Hannah with a striking bronze eagle in appreciation of their gracious hospitality.

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On the banks of the Potomac with gracious hosts Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartholomew Cox, April 2, 2006.