

Boston Massacre 250th Anniversary Tribute Spokespeople

All spokespeople are available for interviews:

- Prior to March 4 via phone, or
- In person on March 4 starting at 9:30 p.m., Omni Parker Hotel, 60 School St., Boston, MA
- Denise VanBuren is also available March 5 at 9:30 a.m., Old Granary Burial Ground, Tremont St, Boston, MA



Denise Doring VanBuren President General, Daughters of the American Revolution

Denise Doring VanBuren is President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Prior to this appointment, she held the position of First Vice President General, DAR from 2016-2019. Previous to that, she was Organizing Secretary General, DAR from 2013-2016 and State Regent of New York from 2011-2013. She has also been Editor in Chief of *American Spirit* and *Daughters* Newsletter since 2004. Other DAR titles she has held include National Chairman: Public Relations (twice); DAR Magazine (twice); State Regents' Dinners. Other: DAR Women of History Award; Producer/Narrator, Today's DAR video; Editor, 125 Years of Service to America; Guardian Trust; Sustaining Supporter Charter Member; DAR speakers Staff; Congress Page; Honorary Senior State Chaplain, New York State C.A.R. Club Affiliations: Executive Club; National Officers Club; State Regents' Club; State Vice Regents' Club; National Chairmen's Association; National Vice Chairmen's Association; Heritage Club, Emerald Level. State Service: Honorary State Regent; Regent; Vice Regent; Historian State Outstanding Chapter Regent; S.A.R. Martha Washington Medal. Authored *Doorways to History: The Stories Behind the New York State DAR Chapters Houses and the Women Who Saved them* and *Daughters of the Empire State*. State Regent's Project: Project 1) Increase membership; Project 2) upgrade the DAR magazine Office; Project 3) honor "Uncle Sam" Wilson of Troy, NY; Project 4) place marker honoring Gen. Horatio Gates in Manhattan's Trinity Churchyard; and Project 5) support the restoration of New York State's battle flag collection.

She was charged with State Chairmanships: Public Relations, 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution, New York State Room at Memorial Continental Hall.

Her local Chapter Service includes: Honorary Chapter Regent, Chapter Regent, Vice Regent, Librarian. Chapter placed second in Chapter Achievement Award while Regent.



Robert J. Allison, Author of *The Boston Massacre* Keynote Speaker

Robert J. Allison is a professor of history at Suffolk University, where he has received three teaching awards; he also teaches at the Harvard Extension School, where he received the Petra Shattuck Distinguished Teaching Award.

In addition to *Stephen Decatur, American Naval Hero* (2004) his books include *A Very Short Introduction to the American Revolution* (2015), *A Short History of Cape Cod* (2011), *A Short History of Boston* (2004), and *The Crescent Obscured: The United States and the Muslim World 1776-1815* (2000). . He also produced "Before 1776: Life in the American Colonies" (2009) for The Teaching Company's "Great Courses," and "The Age of Benjamin Franklin" (2018). With Bernard Bailyn he edited *The Essential Debate on the Constitution: Federalist and Antifederalist Speeches and Writings* (2019) and he edited *The Interesting Narrative of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African* (3rd edition, 2016) as well as other books on American history.

He earned his doctorate at Harvard (History of American Civilization) and his under-

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Historical Society, vice president of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, a Trustee of the USS CONSTITUTION Museum, a fellow of the American Antiquarian Society and the Massachusetts Historical Society, and an honorary member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

He and his wife live in South Boston; their oldest son is a 2013 Suffolk alum, their younger son is in the U.S. Coast Guard.



Lynn Forney Young

NSDAR Honorary President General

U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission

Lynn Forney Young has been an active DAR member for over 40 years, serving in a variety of positions in Tejas Chapter, the Texas Society and the National Society. She served as State Regent of Texas 2006-2009 and as President General, NSDAR 2013-2016, leading more than 183,000 members in the U.S. and fourteen countries.

Highlights of her administration included celebrating the 125th anniversary of the founding of NSDAR, the first DAR Day of Service and achieving the Guinness World Record™ for patriotism during the 125th Continental Congress. Further, the generous support of members established a permanent endowment fund for the preservation, restoration and conservation of our historic headquarters near the White House.

She currently serves as National Chair of DAR's America 250! Committee. Lynn is honored to be one of 16 civilians appointed by the U.S. Congress as Commissioners to the [United States Semiquincentennial Commission](https://www.dar.org/national-society/250th-anniversary-boston-massacre), which was established to facilitate nationwide plans to observe the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding.

More information and full media packets are available at:

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/250th-anniversary-boston-massacre>.

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