

# Westerly Armory Restoration, Inc.



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## Dear Friends of the Westerly Armory,

From family reunions, anniversaries, Eagle Scout Courts of Honor, fundraisers, dances, wedding receptions, boxing, quilt shows, wrestling, and martial arts, the Westerly Armory is host to the most varied events in the community, as it was when it opened 116 years ago.

The building can be flowering, industrial, military, or eco-friendly in the way people and organizations design the drill hall for their use. Rental prices can be seen at [www.westerlyarmory.com](http://www.westerlyarmory.com) (then click on "Rentals").

These events are dear to the Armory since 1901 when it opened – and rental fees help keep the Armory open.

Since the new HVAC system went in place last August, the Armory has seen more use. That – in addition to large number of people touring the museum – has kept the building vibrant.

Some may forget what this building means to the community – all the couples who met and married because of the dances; what it means to the state and nation – all those who served in the Armed Forces. The Armory represents the best of America. Please visit and support this noble institution.

## The Armory's Eagle Scout

Brandon Perrone, 15 years old, has earned his Eagle Scout rating. The ceremony took place at the Westerly Armory on 2 July. Brandon is a full member of the Executive Board of Westerly Armory Restoration, Inc., and we are very proud of his accomplishments. Congratulations, Brandon.

## Upcoming Events

**September 14, Thursday**  
**Nautilus Night: A Tribute to Henry J. Nardone & USS Nautilus**  
Dinner, Presentations, History  
Tickets: \$30 pp

**September 23, Saturday**  
**Smithsonian Museum Day**  
People's Museum open from  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**October 13-15 Friday-Sunday**  
**Ninigret Quilters' Show**  
Gorgeous displays

**October 19**  
**Pitch Tournament**  
6:00 pm sharp; Forfeit time: 6:15 pm  
\$20 pp (includes supper)

**October 29**  
**Halloween Children's Concert**  
Westminster Youth String Ensemble  
Masking at 1 pm; Concert at 2 pm

**November 11**  
**Veterans' Day Ceremony**  
Following the parade

**December 3, Sunday 3 pm**  
**Holiday Concert**  
Westminster Youth String Ensemble  
Tickets \$10 adults, kids free

**December 11 at 2 pm**  
**Westerly Band**  
**Christmas Concert**

**\*\* April 28, 2018**  
**Member Appreciation Evening**  
Superb entertainment & dinner for  
Armory members. Mark your  
calendars.

## People ask:

1. If I volunteer, what can I do?
2. How much does it cost to visit the museum?
3. When was the Armory built?
4. How come it's so much bigger inside than outside?
5. What sorts of community things do you need in the museum?
6. Do you have a kitchen?

## And the answers:

1. You can help maintain the front and side gardens, help clean in the museum rooms, assist at events – from set-up to serving to take-down, design a new website, become a tour guide, join the board, re-organize (on occasion) items in the basement, write letters, catalog museum items, research some items that come into the museum, help market the Armory and its events and museum. (this is the short list) We welcome student volunteers. Volunteer one time or many. Tours are free.
2. Built in 1901 after a fire destroyed the wood-framed Armory on Main Street in 1898.
3. It isn't.
4. Things from the long and the recent past (Jim McCormick brought in some pictures and items from McCormick's Department Store; we have pencils from Immaculate Conception School; just got an ash tray from S&S Supermarket – **but** different generations need to bring "their" items.)\*\*
5. Yes, it's a state-certified catering kitchen. Stainless steel.

\*\*Note: we can no longer take uniforms or books because the places that are proper to store them at the Armory are full. If we eventually open the basement and do it properly, we will have room for much more.

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## Chair Covers & Bows

The Armory now has white chair covers and an assortment of colored chair bows for rent for special occasions. Bows come in pink, green, navy blue, red, and ivory-white. See website (rentals) for prices.



## What's new at the Armory

The Westerly Armory is the very first historic site in the State of Rhode Island to have interior storm windows.

All windows, except a small number in the basement, have been restored, but those complied with restoration standards and retained the rope-and-weight type of movement. This allows some air to enter the building. Storm windows will keep the building warmer in the cold weather and cooler in hot weather – and keep dust out which is wonderful for the museum rooms especially.

These storm windows are made in Oregon and will be installed in the main museum room, rest rooms, kitchen, 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor office, and 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor museum room to begin. If they work as they are supposed to, other areas in the Armory will be next.



The storm windows are paid for by a grant from the Forrest C. & Frances H. Lattner Foundation.

*Note that you can still purchase a window in honor of past or present – person or business. See [www.westerlyarmory.com](http://www.westerlyarmory.com) Purchasing a window gives you a brass plaque mounted on black walnut with your choice of sentiment. Price range is \$250 to \$500.*

# Nautilus Night: A Salute to Henry J. Nardone and SSN 571 USS Nautilus

Thursday, 14 September

Event at 6:00 pm ★ Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner ★ Presentations ★ History  
at the Westerly Armory



Tickets: \$30.00 per person

Limited Seating – Please buy tickets early

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mail to: PO Box 614 Westerly, RI 02891

or order online at: [www.westerlyarmory.com](http://www.westerlyarmory.com)

*Dinner: wedding soup, pork tenderloin, string beans, special rice,  
french bread, lemon chiffon delight*

*Wine and beer available at the Armory's bar.*

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## Member Appreciation Evening 2018



This coming spring, Member Appreciation Evening will take place on Saturday, **April 28** at 6:00 pm. The evening includes dinner, entertainment, and the honoring of four people who have given service to their community, state, and/or nation. The four to be honored are Rose Weston, Samuel Azzinaro, Mary Lou Serra (posthumously), and one more to be announced. Members are charged \$5 pp for the event; guests are welcome at \$25 pp. Membership has its privileges.



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