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Newsletter

August 2023

OUR TRIENNIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM ON
OCTOBER 28, 2023 AT 10 AM.

THIS NEWSLETTER INCLUDES THE AGENDA AND LIST OF NOMINEES FOR THE
ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

TRIENNIAL MEETING

The Violette Family Association will hold its 2023 Triennial Meeting on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM ET. This Triennial Meeting will be held as a virtual meeting since we will not be at a Re-union.

The main voting issue will be **election of officers**. All four elective officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be voted on. Brief biographical notes on the nominees are included in this newsletter on page 4. We can accept nominations up to 15 days before the meeting — October 13, 2023.

The tentative agenda is included in this newsletter. Members may submit additional agenda items to the Secretary for Board consideration. Such submittals must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2023 if mailed; emails must be dated no later than that same date to Pete Violette using information to the right on this page. The Board will decide if those items will be added to the agenda. The final agenda will be posted at the VioletteRegistry.com web site no later than October 13, 2023.

This meeting will be held using the Zoom meeting system. See details on page 3 for the tentative agenda and how to attend.

WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS IN 2024

Our next VFA newsletter will be available in electronic format only. If you are a member with no email address, you will need to reach out to a family member with an active email address to get next year's newsletters. Perhaps a cousin, or niece/nephew, or grandchild can help those of you with no computer. Another option is to visit your local community library and a librarian can help you access our website via one of their free computers.

Our newsletters are posted on the VFA website and available anytime by anyone for an easy download and home printing. Please remember to keep your member profile up to date with your most current email address by logging into your VioletteRegistry.com website account and going to the "Member Profile Editing" page. See page 5 for instructions. Otherwise, email updates to Michelle Archambault at Webmaster@VioletteRegistry.com. Thank you for your help.

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VOTING PROCEDURES

There will be two types of voting for this meeting: voting on accepting reports and voting on agenda items. Each will be handled differently, as described here. These instructions will also be displayed on the website VioletteRegistry.com.

Voting On Accepting Reports

The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports will be read aloud by those respective officers, and there will be an opportunity for discussion following the reading. Once all talk is done, the President will call for a motion to accept the report as read or amended. Anyone in attendance can make the motion, and another person may second it. The President will then call for a vote on the motion, and members can signify approval by raising their hand or voicing "yes" or "no." The President will determine how the members voted and state the outcome.

Voting On Agenda Items

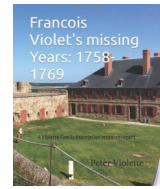
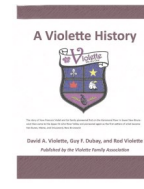
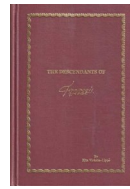
The agenda will be set 15 days before the meeting, and that final agenda will be published on the website VioletteRegistry.com. There may be items under Unfinished Business and New Business. New agenda items may only be added to the plan at the Triennial Meeting itself upon approval of the Board members at the meeting.

In each case, the President will call for any discussion on the agenda items in turn, and once satisfied debate can be closed, will call for a motion and a second on the item. He will then call for a vote on the motion, and members can signify approval by raising their hand or voicing "yes" or "no." The President will determine how the members voted and state the outcome.

Voting On Election of Officers

Due to the low number of volunteers for this term, the election of officers for 2023 will follow what was done at the 2014 Triennial Meeting — acceptance of the nominees via "acclamation." Therefore there will be no need to vote on officers before or at the Triennial Meeting itself.

VIOLETTE FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS



We have three (3) Violette family history books available from the Violette Family Association.

The first book is the "[Descendants of Francois Violet](#)" by Rita Violette Lippe which was digitized since the original books are no longer available.

Our second book is a narrative of the founders of the Violette family detailed in "[A Violette History](#)." The authors are David A. Violette (VFA #621), Guy Dubay (VFA #689) & Rod Violette (VFA #12).

The third book is by our VFA historian Peter Violette (VFA #1793) titled "[Francois Violet's Missing Years: 1758-1769](#)".

Peter did a deep dive into the years that the association had no records for our founder, Francois. The purpose was to gain an insight and better understanding of what was happening during those missing years and how they may have impacted our pioneer ancestor to New France, present day Canada.

The books are available in print and/or digital formats from Amazon. The print edition prices range from \$18 to \$38 and the downloadable electronic versions typically cost \$10.00.

The Violette Family Association receives a small royalty on each edition sold.



*The Violette Family
Association Coat of Arms,
adopted in 2014*

AGENDA / HOW TO ATTEND

Tentative Meeting Agenda:

1. Approval of meeting agenda
2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Corrections, if any, and approval
3. Reading of the names of nominations/volunteers
4. Motion from the floor to "accept all nominations/volunteers by acclamation," seconded & voted
5. Turnover of meeting to the new president/chairman
6. Report of the Treasurer
7. Report of the President
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Adjournment

The meeting link for Zoom meeting will be posted on this page 30 minutes before the meeting:

<https://violetteregistry.com/vfa2023>

We recommend that you set up Zoom **in advance** on your system if you don't already have it. A link to setup instructions can be found at the page above.

For the best meeting experience for everyone, we ask that you keep your microphone **muted** to minimize background noise. When muted, the microphone symbol on the bottom left of your screen should look like the below image, including the red/diagonal line to confirm you're muted. Click it to unmute if you need to speak during the meeting, then click on it to mute again after you've finished speaking..



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As with any organization, volunteers are so important and needed to meet the goals and desires of its membership. The Violette Family Association has been around since 1979 and it would not be here today without the effort and support of past and current volunteers who said 'Yes – I want to help keep the Violette Family Association going'.

Every three years elections are held to select our next officers and 2023 is the year. We currently need a Membership Secretary on the Executive Committee.

We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you!

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DONATIONS FOR VFA

The Violette Family Association charges no dues and relies on book sales and donations to keep the Violette Family Association active. In the last two years, our major expenses have been for website support amounting to about \$250.00 per year. Income has been smaller and only from the royalties we receive from the Violette books – which ebbs and flows with demand.

The main reason for going digital-only in 2024 for the VFA newsletter is the cost of mailing out paper copies.

To make a donation, please send your check to:

Violette Family Association
9436 Oakwood Manor Lane
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or use the QR code found on the back page of this newsletter.

Thank you!

Nominees for Election

President: Dr. David Violette VFA #1976

Dr. David Bruce Violette Jr (P6672) was born in Hackensack NJ to parents David Sr. and Nancy Violette (Gagnon). A graduate of Ramapo College of New Jersey in Biochemistry and Psychology, he pursued a Medical Degree at Virginia Commonwealth University finishing in 2005. He then pursued a Surgical Residency and subsequent fellowship in Trauma and Acute Care Surgery at Boston University. For the past decade plus he has been practicing medicine first in Virginia then his current home in Greenville, South Carolina. He is married to Jennifer Violette (Yarmchuk), and has 2 wonderful children, Emily (age 11) and Dylan (age 10) Violette. He has served as a board member of multiple community committees as well as several medical societies. In the late 2000's he enjoyed a quiet pilgrimage to Van Buren Maine to trace his roots, a trip he hopes to take with his children some day. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, entertaining and spending time with his family and pets.

Treasurer: Paul L. Violette VFA #1589

I am Paul Violette and I am running for reelection to the position of Treasurer.

I am an original member of the Violette Family Association and attended the first Violette Family Association Reunion in Methuen, MA in 1978 when I was 12 years old. In all I have attended eight VFA reunions.

Previously, I have held the offices of Treasurer for three terms (2005-2011, and 2020-2023) and Vice President for one term (2011-2014) and am pleased to be running for Treasurer again.

I currently reside in St Louis, MO - moving here seven years ago when my wife Deanna retired from the U.S. Air Force after 25 years of service. My daughter Annagrace graduated from the University of Colorado this year and is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force attending flight school.

Vice President: Peter R. Violette VFA #1793

Peter R. Violette served as the association's Secretary from 2020 to 2023 and is running for Vice President. He has served on his community's Board of Directors for eight years. In addition, he has served as the association's Genealogist and Historian from 2020-23 and will continue in those committee positions. Pete is a retired U. S. Marine Corps Officer who also retired from a second career with several Defense Industry companies, lastly serving 16 years with General Dynamics. He is the author of the association's research report on Francois Violet's Missing Years: 1758-1769 and has also authored several family histories. Pete hails from Northern Maine, having been born and raised in Littleton, Maine, a small town just outside Houlton, Maine. He and his wife, Elizabeth Paradis, now reside at Lake Anna, Virginia, where he keeps himself busy with numerous home projects and helping the Violette Family Association.

Secretary: Michelle Daley Archambault VFA #1989

Michelle Archambault (VFA #1989) was born in Methuen, MA to Thomas Daley and the late Rita (Dubois) Daley and is the granddaughter of Pierrette Anna (Annie) Violette. Michelle attended the University of New Hampshire, where she received her degree in Computer Science and has worked developing various types of software in the 30+ years since. She is married to Robert Archambault and together they have 3 children: Kyle (28), Keely (26) and Sadie (16). In addition to helping build the first VFA member database while her mother was the VFA secretary in the early 2000's, Michelle has also served as a board member and "webmaster" for many local non-profit organizations. She currently lives in Duxbury, MA and enjoys spending time with family and friends, rolling up her sleeves for almost any home improvement project and doing Pilates a couple times a week.

VERIFY AND UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE

Your Member Profile contains all we know about you EXCEPT for genealogical data. Genealogical data is stored in a different database and is not editable by members. To update your Member Profile you first have to sign in using your personal username and password. Those were provided to you in an email; if you did not receive them contact Peter Violette at peteviolette47@gmail.com to get new ones.

When you go to the web site VioletteRegistry.com you will see at the right end of the menu bar a selection called **Sign In**. Click on that and then enter your username and password where requested. Once signed in, you will see your name in the upper left, under the Violette Registry banner. Then go to **Membership, Member Profile Editing** to see your Member Profile.

There are four tabs at the top of the form. The first one shows **Personal Info**, which includes names and other personal information. Fields shown in blue cannot be edited by the member.

The second tab shows **Contact Info**, including address, phone numbers, and email address.

The third tab shows **Events** such as date and place of birth, date and place of death (if deceased), and marriage data and place. Members cannot edit this data since it comes from the genealogical database and is only shown here for reference.

The fourth tab shows **Preferences**. This is where you indicate how you want to receive newsletters and eNews.

On each tab page there is a **Submit changes** button; if you make any changes click the button for that tab **before** going to another tab.

Contact Pete Violette at peteviolette47@gmail.com for any questions.

AM I A MEMBER?

Are you sure whether or not you are a member of the Violette Family Association? Do you want to check on a family member? There's an easy way to do it. Go to VioletteRegistry.com, hover over the **Membership** button on the menu, then select **Am I A Member**. You do not need to be signed in to do this search.

You will see a screen with instructions to the right of some textboxes. You can do the search by entering your **Person ID** or your email address in the appropriate textbox.

If you do not know your **Person ID** the instructions tell you how to find it; you can do that search at VioletteRegistry.com as well. Your **Person ID** shows your inclusion in the Violette Family Tree and proves you are on record as a descendant of François Violette, and that is all that is necessary to be eligible to be a member of the Association.

When you enter your **Person ID** and click the **Check Status** button and are successful, a message on the screen will let you know that. A message in green above the textboxes shows two facts: a person with that **Person ID** is a member and that **Person ID** is in the genealogical database. If the **Person ID** was found and the person was not a member, only the second message would be shown. Below the text-boxes is a message giving the VFA # of the member.

Entering your email address and clicking the **Check Status** button will give similar results. This time the message above the textboxes shows the person with that email address is a member of the Association. Below the textboxes is a message giving the VFA # of the member.

MISSING MEMBERS

Over time if Members do not update us with a new mailing address, phone, or email we lose the ability to contact them. The following list shows those member we can no longer contact. If you would either let us know how to contact them now, or ask them to contact us to update their Member Profile, we would greatly appreciate the help! The city and state/province shown are from

the last information we had on the Member. Names are sorted by last name, then first name.

The contact for updates is PeteViolette (VFA #1793) by email at: peteviolette47@gmail.com.

Thank you for your assistance on this!

VFA #	Name	City
400	Lucille Audet	Sidney, ME
2085	Thomas Audet	St. Paul, MN
803	Shelby Baer	Swansea, MA
373	Richard Bartlett	Augusta, ME
684	Margaret Bedat	Chester, VT
2313	Tamatha Belanger	Portland, ME
493	Jean Bell	Mountain View, CA
464	Barbara Berube	Portland, ME
2239	Philip Berube	Saint David, ME
551	Elizabeth Betit	Hallowell, ME
1110	Norman Bilodeau	Naples, FL
1676	Yvette Blaisdell	Caribou, ME
1262	Mona Blanchette	Berlin, CT
2348	Kristen Britton	Lakewood, CO
2038	Nicole Brown	Buena Vista, VA
1198	Bruce Charette	Meriden, CT
2560	Christopher Cofelice	Eustis, FL
2555	Lynne Corwin	Santa Clarita, CA
2493	Frances Cote	Sanford, ME
2123	Eugenio Couillard	Lewiston, ME
2830	Gaylann Cropley	Presque Isle, ME
2888	Albina Cyr	Grand Falls, NB
2077	Linda Daigle	Plainville, CT
886	Diana Deperry	Coventry, CT
1072	Rachel Dubay	New Canaan, CT
461	Sylvia Fisher	Hartford, ME
859	Lynne Florian	Plantsville, CT
265	Lawrence Fontaine	Irvine, CA
499	Dorothy Gagne	Biddeford, ME
891	Patricia Gauthier	Sorel-Tracy, QC
119	Denise Hall	Elizabeth City, NC
1366	Suzanne Hilborn	West Hartford, CT
960	Monique Jeffries	Falmouth, ME
1436	Cynthia Kaiser	South Portland, ME
385	Audette Lambert	Sebring, FL
595	Mark Lambert	Dunwoody, GA
2628	Kristin Landry	Enfield, CT
947	Michael Lantagne	Brewer, ME
1385	Jeannine Lord	Oakland, ME
1212	Henrietta Martin	Terryville, CT
874	Gertrude McHenry	Madawaska, ME

VFA #	Name	City
719	Jean Melcher	Lake Worth, FL
767	Pamela Michaud	Van Buren, ME
2739	Rolande Miller	Sevierville, TN
1757	Philip Morin	Wheat Ridge, CO
971	Patricia Morrow	Washburn, ME
2824	Scott Oakes	Old Town, ME
783	Joan Ouellette	Van Buren, ME
919	Lea Ouellette	Vernon, VT
599	Richard Ouellette	Madison, WI
1759	Elmer Parent	Bradenton, FL
10	Irene Petit	Hudson Falls, NY
1082	Richard Petit	Rosemont, IL
105	Theresa Poulin	Kenneth City, FL
1784	Alan Redstone	Leominster, MA
95	Lorraine Robinson	North Yarmouth, ME
254	Greta Robitaille	Saint-Leonard, NB
1884	Sonia Robitaille	Montreal, QC
1017	Shelda Rossignol	Madawaska, ME
1505	James Roy	Olsmar, FL
918	Joyce Shenuski	Terryville, CT
1264	Bert Simard	Southington, CT
2629	Arianna Striniste	Enfield, CT
1455	Darlene Theriault	Bristol, CT
188	Elaine Theriault	Mt Desert, ME
2018	Michelle Thomas	Cookeville, TN
1900	Ivy TolisFountain	Hills, AZ
2284	Austin Violette	Brewer, ME
1580	Charles Violette	Hot Springs, AR
746	Claudette Violette	Pinellas Park, FL
1532	Dan Violette	Lexington, KY
2152	Daniel Violette	Whitehall, MT
2780	Daniel Violette	Lexington, KY
88	Donald Violette	Naples, FL
1774	Donald Violette	Van Buren, ME
1248	Eleanor Violette	East Hartford, CT
1518	Franklin Violette	Ft Myers, FL
620	Gary Violette	San Diego, CA
354	George Violette	Hallowell, ME
33	Gordon Violette	Prescott Valley, AZ

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The Sound of the Fortress

By Pete Violette - Violette Family Genealogist & Historian

Most of us who belong to the Violette Association know that our ancestors lived at the Fortress of Louisbourg from 1749 through 1758. But how much do we really know about what it would have been like for a young and impressionable boy such as François to have grown up within a fortress?

The sound of drums would have controlled every waking hour for young François. This is because the use of drums was intricate to the function of the military at Louisbourg. Each regiment was allocated several drummers, and like the soldiers, the citizens of Louisbourg would have been awakened each morning at sunrise by the sound of *reveille*.

(<https://youtu.be/6zdWtBqU-aQ>) Many of us today associate the bugle with the sound of reveille, but it was first performed with a drum, and that is the sound our ancestors would have heard. At each gate, drummers would perform *La Diane* (<https://youtu.be/qcKOcwgSn1k>) each morning for 15 minutes as part of the ceremony for the opening of the gate. Daily inspection of the guard was signaled by the playing of *La Garde*, which indicated that a new guard had to prepare for duty. Two hours later, the town would have heard the drumming of *Assembly* being played, calling the new guard to assemble for their inspection, as the drummers marched along a given route. Each evening a young François would have known when the day was over, and it was time for bed by the drummers who marched through the town playing *Retreat*.¹



Drummer at Louisbourg: Courtesy Author

The military person responsible for all the drummers was called the Drum Major. Even though there were fifers who also accompanied the drummers, it was the sound of the drum that stood out, as the “audible [sound] above all other sounds.”²

If you can't visit rebuilt Louisbourg, don't worry. This [YouTube video](https://youtu.be/1UwBqnStoAg) (<https://youtu.be/1UwBqnStoAg>) will give you a good overview of what it is all about. Now, pay particular attention to the sounds of the drums because your ancestor François would have heard these very same sounds.

¹ Donovan, Kenneth, “After Midnight We Danced Until Daylight: Music, Song and Dance in Cape Breton, 1713-1758”, *Acadiensis*, XXXII, 1 (Autumn 2002), PP. 3-28

² <http://www.krausehouse.ca/krause/FortressOfLouisbourgResearchWeb/behind/drummers.html>

MISSING MEMBERS (CONT.)

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VFA #	Name	City	VFA #	Name	City
999	Henry Violette	Bucksport, ME	820	Roger Violette	Grand Falls, NB
1948	John Violette	Des Moines, WA	1992	Ronald James Violette	Neillsville, WI
2254	Lauren Violette	Warner, NH	1807	Russell Violette	Van Buren, ME
1915	Marie Violette	Sebring, FL	2255	Ryan Violette	Warner, NH
1892	Mark Violette	Eagle Lake, ME	2544	Susan Violette	Pensacola, FL
1422	Michael Violette	Washington, DC	1324	Thomas Violette	Marshfield, MA
1620	Normand Violette	Lady Lake, FL	1959	Tiffany Violette	Vernon Rockville, CT
1351	Patrick Violette	Plantsville, CT	2748	Theresa Violette-Lee	Nebraska City, NE
26	Richard Violette	Warwick, RI			

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HAVE NEW FAMILY MEMBERS?

Don't forget to let us know so we can add them to the Family Tree and as members of the Violette Family Association!

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