

Resume of Roderick J. Fraser Jr., PDC

Life Member

Service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Awards

- Awarded the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star (2022)
- Awarded the Department of Massachusetts Roger L. Olsen Brother of the Year Award (twice awarded)
- National Aide Award (twice awarded)



Positions of Leadership in the Order

- National Council of Administration (2023-2026)
- Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief (2025 - 2026)
- Commander, Department of Massachusetts
- Senior Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts
- Junior Vice Commander, Department of Massachusetts
- Camp Commander, Col Robert Gould Shaw, Camp 54, Dept of Massachusetts
- Junior Vice Commander Governors Elisha Dyer Camp 7, Dept of Rhode Island
- Camp Secretary, Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54
- Lt, Public Information Officer, 1st Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve
- Member, National Committee on Promotions & Marketing
- Chairman, National Committee on Promoting the Order
- Chairman, National Special Committee on the 250th Birthday of the USA
- Member, National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the US
- Editor of the Department of Massachusetts Newsletter *The Clarion Call*
- Editor of the 1st Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve Newsletter
- Charter member of the Col Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54 in Boston, MA
- Member of the Encampment Host Committee for the 2018 National Encampment in Framingham, MA.
- Member of the Encampment Host Committee for the 2023 National Encampment in Nashua, NH.
- Member of three Departments: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Florida

Projects

- Initiated and led a Department project to raise funds and erect a Memorial Monument to the first African American Union Army Nurse, Susie Baker King Taylor, who was buried in Boston without any notation of her name and accomplishments.
- Initiated and led a Camp and Department major project to restore the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post No. 7 burial plot at Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston.
- Authored a Camp Secretary's Handbook for the National Organization

- Built and administered the official SUVCW YouTube Channel
 - I created 11 of the 62 videos for the National YouTube Channel
 - Filmed and edited a series of video interviews with SUVCW members for the Order's "What Makes Us Sons" video series on the SUVCW's YouTube channel.
 - Edited videos for other Departments.
- As a member of the Committee on Promotion and Marketing, I worked to secure the sponsorship of the podcast "The Civil War and Reconstruction: A History podcast."
- As a member of the Committee on Promotion and Marketing, I worked to secure the sponsorship of the podcast "Civil War Curious," a Podcast of the Civil War Monitor magazine.
- As a member of the Committee on Promotion and Marketing, I designed the one-page recruitment ad that ran for one year in the "Civil War Monitor" magazine.

Professional Career

- Vice President of Sales; Rolls-Royce Marine North America, Inc. (2019 - 2025)
- Senior Consultant; Professional Leadership and Management Services (2016 - 2019)
- Director of Business Development; Veolia North America, Inc. (2014 - 2016)
- Commissioner, Boston Fire Department, City of Boston, MA (2006 - 2014)
- Surface Warfare Officer, United States Navy (1986 - 2006)
 - Commanding Officer USS UNDERWOOD (FFG 36) during Operation Iraqi Freedom
 - Director Of Engineering & Damage Control, Surface Warfare Officers School Command
 - Executive Officer, USS THOMAS S GATES (CG 51)/Staff Executive Officer, NATO Standing Naval Forces Atlantic
 - Director of Navy Engineering Training
 - Director of Navy Fire Fighter and CBRN Training
 - Chief Engineer, USS YORKTOWN (CG 48)
 - Chief Engineer, USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49)
 - Engineering Instructor, Surface Warfare Officers School Command
 - Division Officer, USS FORRESTAL (CV 59)

Education

- MA, National Security Affairs and Strategic Planning, U.S. Naval War College
- MA, Master of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island
- BS, Marine Engineering, Maine Maritime Academy

Personal Awards

- Meritorious Service Medal - 2
- Navy Commendation Medal - 3
- Navy Achievement Medal - 2
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Meritorious Unit Commendation - 2
- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- United Nations Service Medal
- Pistol Marksmanship Medal

- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- Nato Medal

Organizational Memberships

- Society of the Cincinnati
- General Society of Mayflower Descendants
- Jamestowne Society
- Society of Colonial Wars
- Sons of the American Revolution
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Life Member
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Life Member