

Dedication of SAR Grave Marker for Stanley Engle Kraft, Jr.

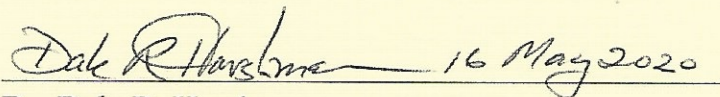
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We are here on this occasion to honor Stanley Engle Kraft, Jr., USN, as we recognize his patriotism and courage, his faith and loyalty, and his willingness to sacrifice for the liberties and privileges, first secured for us by our Revolutionary War ancestors, that we, as Americans, enjoy.

Stanley E. Kraft, Jr. was buried at sea in 1993 by his son, Master Chief John Kraft, Sr., and other USN personnel on board the USS Abraham Lincoln.

If the past is indeed prologue, then a glimpse into the past can provide a source of wisdom and inspiration for the future. As we honor our Compatriot today, let us remember the service provided to our Nation by Stanley Engle Kraft, Jr., in a tradition honoring his Revolutionary War ancestor, Jonathan Button, and the Nation whose history and principles we hold sacred.

The members of the George Washington Chapter, WA State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, therefore dedicate this marker in recognition of the memory of two American Patriots, Stanley Engle Kraft, Jr. and Jonathan Button. As we go from here, may this marker remind all who pass by of the devotion and dedication of all those who have made our Nation great. May all be humbled and encouraged by this marker to esteem and perpetuate these virtues.

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