



# Society of Stukely Westcott Descendents of America

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## President's note

Cousins, spring is just around the corner and it's time to start making summer plans. I hope many of you will find your way to our 45th biennial reunion in July. You will find complete details in this issue.

This will be a super time to rekindle old acquaintances and make some new ones. We are really looking forward to visiting a new place (for us). and we really hope to see you there!

All the best,  
Bart Westcott  
Palo Alto, California



**Make your reservations to attend  
the 2026 SSWDA biennial family reunion**

**When: July 9-12, 2026**

**Where: Watertown New York at the Hilton Garden Inn**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/artgigi-hilton-garden-inn-watertown-thousand-islands/>

To make reservations you may contact the hotel by phone at this number: +1 315-788-1234  
Make sure you tell the customer service personal that you are booking a room for the Westcott Reunion. If you prefer, reservations may be made online, **use the code: SSWDA** to receive the discount room rate for the reunion.

**Come for the fun and comradery; meet with your Westcott cousins**

- **Thursday evening July 9th** the officers and board of directors meet to conduct society business.
- **Friday July 10th** is arrival and greeting day. When you arrive, stop by the hospitality room to pick up your name tag and a program of the activities and events for the reunion. Friday includes a morning [Sackett's Harbor History tour](#), a picnic visit for lunch to [Westcott Beach State Park](#) with the [Westcott Jug band](#) performing for our evening dinner.
- **Saturday July 11th** begins with the SSWDA general membership meeting. Tours and activities together or on your own in the afternoon. Suggestions include [Alexandria Bay](#) and [Island boat tours](#), then our family banquet. The evening ends with the gathering of the family to pose all together with our banner in celebration of another reunion.
- **Sunday July 12th** is departure day. One last chance to visit until the 2028 biennium.



**Welcome to our newest Westcott cousins:**

- Wendy L Dufrane - New York, 10/25
- Sarah F Wescott - Washington 10/25
- Cynthia JB Rumery - Connecticut 12/25
- Tracy A Howard - California 12/25



***IN MEMORIAM***

Richard "Coach" Hulkow: [February 2, 1950- June 5, 2025](#)

James W.Leflar Jr.: [December 14, 1946-Oct 10, 2025](#)





## Scholarship notes

Congratulations to our 2020 scholarship recipient. Alyssa Verruto who graduated from the Masters Professional Nursing program at University of Pennsylvania. She plans on staying in Philadelphia and is hoping to land a job in a cardiac care floor at a nearby Penn hospital.

## SSWDA Scholarship

### **SOCIETY OF STUKELY WESTCOTT DESCENDANTS OF AMERICA BARLOW MILES WESTCOTT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Spring 2026**

*“Raising future generations on the foundation of our ancestry”*

#### Description

Stukely Westcott, (1592-1677), planter-churchman-public servant, held strong beliefs about liberty, freedom of speech, and taking action to create a new way of life in Colonial America. His commitment to those ideals is recorded in the history of early New England, and has been continuously modeled within the diaspora of his descendants through time since then.

To honor and promote these continuing family contributions to our Nation, the Westcott Society is pleased to offer a minimum of one \$2500 scholarship to an applicant aged 16 to 26, who will be entering, or returning to, an educational program beyond the high school level. The recipient, or parent of the same, must be a member in good standing of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America, and have been for at least two years, with all dues up-to-date.

This scholarship is named in honor of **Barlow Miles Westcott**, a veteran and long-standing member, officer, and director of SSWDA. If the recipient is a veteran or a child of a veteran, an additional \$500 will be awarded.

The award will be paid directly to the Registrar of the institution where the recipient is enrolled.

Winning essays will be published in the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants of America Quarterly Newsletter.

[Scholarship Application Packet – New Applicants](#)

[Scholarship Application Packet – Returning Applicants](#)

**THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION, ESSAY  
AND ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS IS APRIL 30, 2026.**

Please contact the Scholarship Committee at [Scholarship@SSWDA.ORG](mailto:Scholarship@SSWDA.ORG) with any questions. Thank you for your interest in building the Westcott legacy.



To stay informed about the Society of Stukely Westcott descendents, share family events or contact the board of directors, check out the SSWDA website <https://www.sswda.org/>



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