

N.Y. SOCIETY MIL. & NAVAL OFFICERS  
WORLD WARS  
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1. War Governor's Perpetual Membership Award. Live up to it. Honor of war service. Comradeship of fighting men.
2. Responsibility to interpret past and present. <sup>future</sup> Combat cynicism. Danger of out-dated alumnus. Prefers to report past. Danger of remin. Kaspar/Peterkin. Battle of Blenheim.  
*It was a summer evening  
of Caspar's work and drink*  
"But what good of ~~it~~ came at last?"  
Quoth little Peterkin <sup>of it</sup>  
"Why that I cannot tell", said he,  
"But 'twas a famous victory."  
  
Need to interpret future. Keep current.
3. Turning point in nat'l defense. Why change necessary?
4. Discarding MR. New conditions. Missile gap. Convent. gap. Kennedy. NATO.
5. Requirements. Reorientation of thought. Dependence on gadgets. Establish requirements & priorities. Will to sacrifice. Co-existence as inferior.