

H-109 – “Dewey Day”

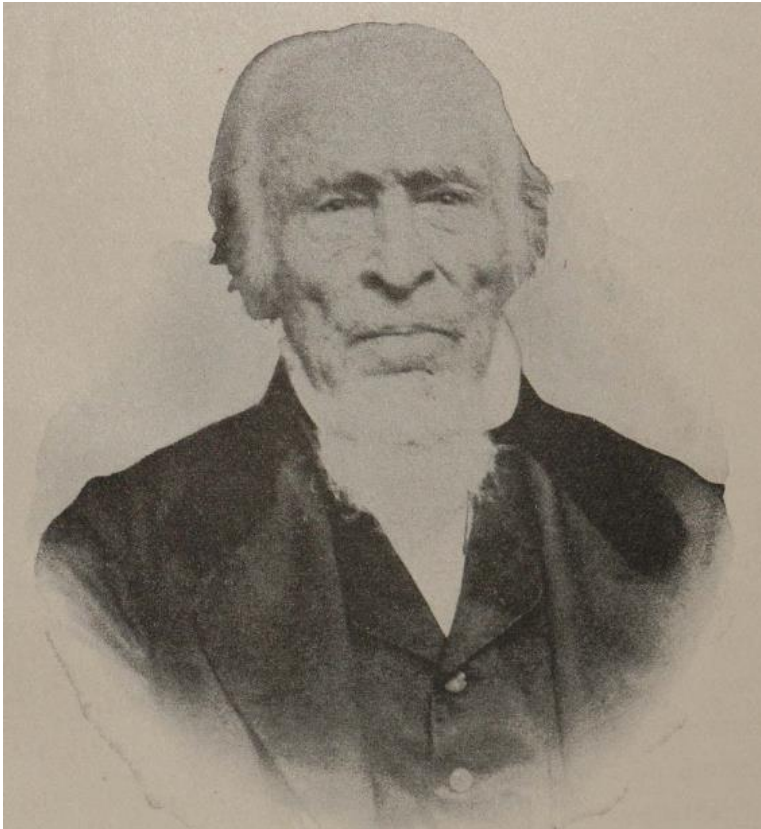


Brief History of Admiral George Dewey and “ Dewey Day”

Jason B. Gould

Brief Family History

Capt. Simeon Dewey



George Dewey's Grandfather

Fought in the same company lead by Ethan Allen. Took part in the famous surrender of Fort Ticonderoga.

Brief Family History

Julius Yemans Dewey



George Dewey's Father

Born in Berlin,
Vermont. Was a
surgeon for the 1st
Regiment of the
Vermont State Militia

Founder of National Life Insurance Company- Montpelier Vermont

National Life Insurance Company



Opened at 116 State Street-
Now Agency Of Agriculture

Expanded and built 133 State Street



Present location- National Life Drive

A company born and raised in Montpelier



George Dewey



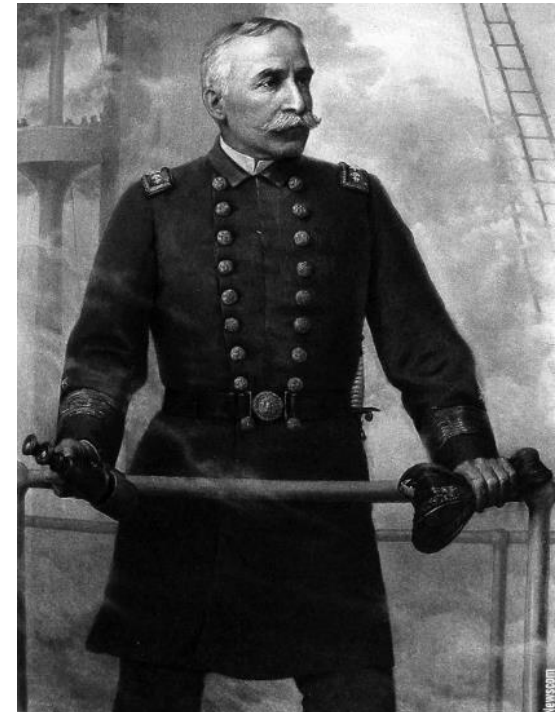
Born December 26th, 1837 Montpelier VT
at this house on State Street.
Vermont DMV is located upon the location now.

George Dewey- Growing up...



Dewey and his friends use to play on the front lawn of the State House

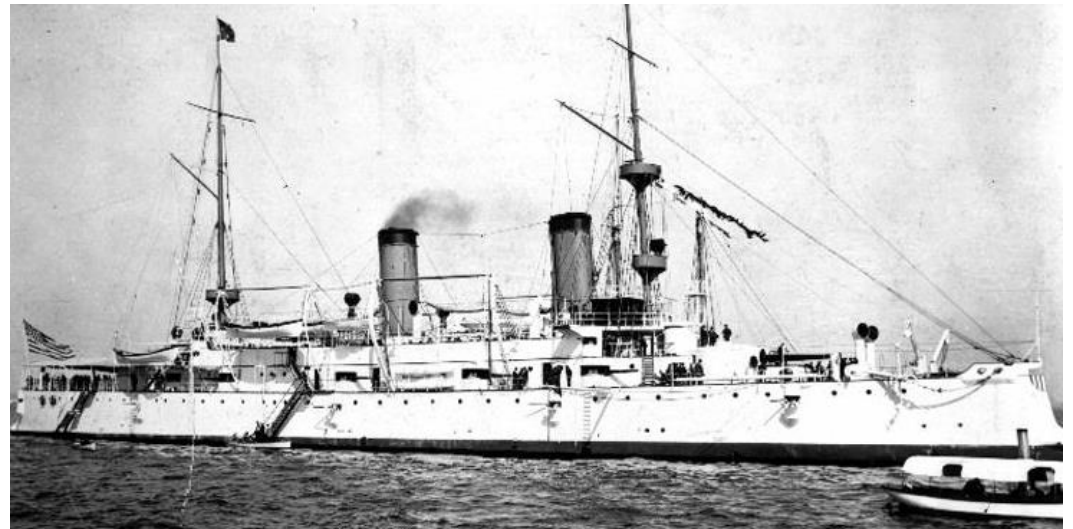
Attended Norwich University 2 years –
Graduated from the Naval Academy in 1857 and
Warranted a Shipman

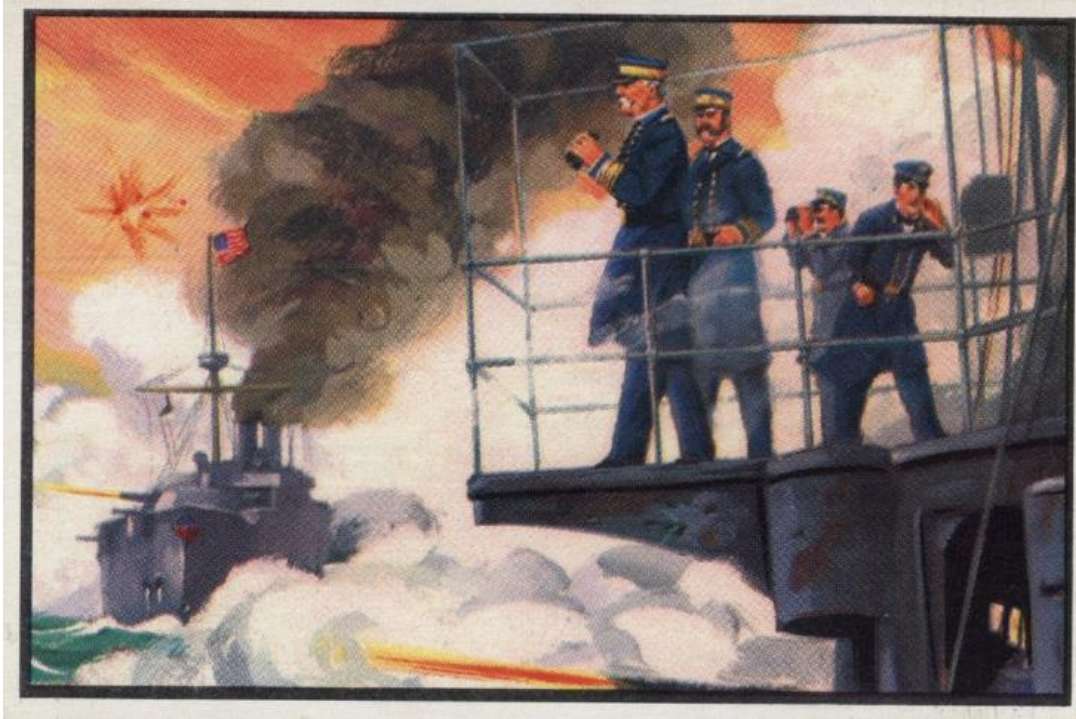


In 1896 Advanced to the Rank Of Commodore



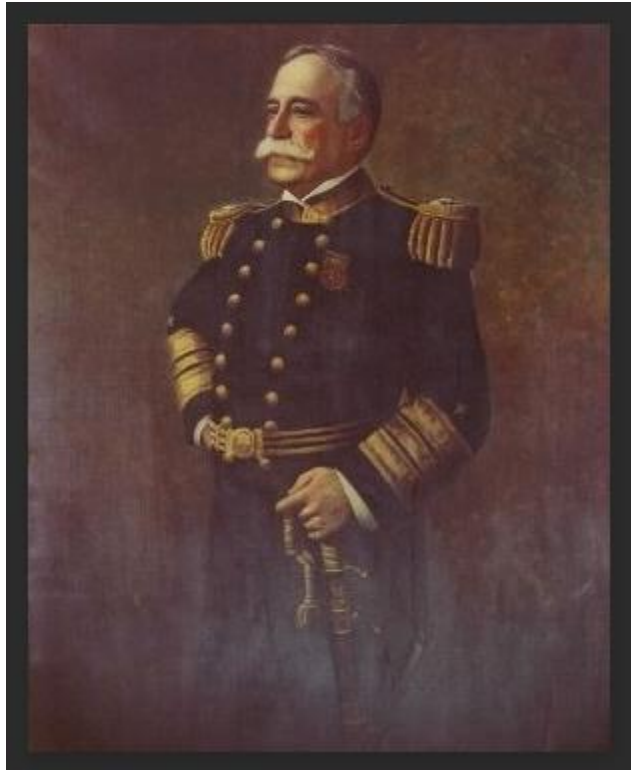
1897 Commodore Dewey was given command of the U.S. Navy Squadron and placed his Flag on the Cruiser U.S.S. Olympia





May 1, 1898 the U.S.S. Olympia took part in the Spanish American War, Battle of Manila Bay.

The Spanish Fleet was destroyed without a single loss of American Life



March 12, 1899- U.S. Navy
awarded George Dewey to the
Rank- Admiral of the Navy



October 12, 1899- “ Dewey Day”

Admiral George Dewey was welcomed home to Montpelier Vermont. A crowd close to 40,000 had gathered in the streets and at the Statehouse to celebrate this national hero and to welcome home their native son.



Photo by the THE STATE HOUSE AND GROUNDS,
Capital Electric Co.

October 12, 1899- “Dewey Day”



Streamers, Flags and Bunting all decorated The State House as well as several 4-star Navy Admiral flags.

October 12, 1899- “ Dewey Day”



Photo by Blanchard.

THE STATE HOUSE REVIEWING STAND.—ADMIRAL DEWEY REVIEWING THE PARADE.

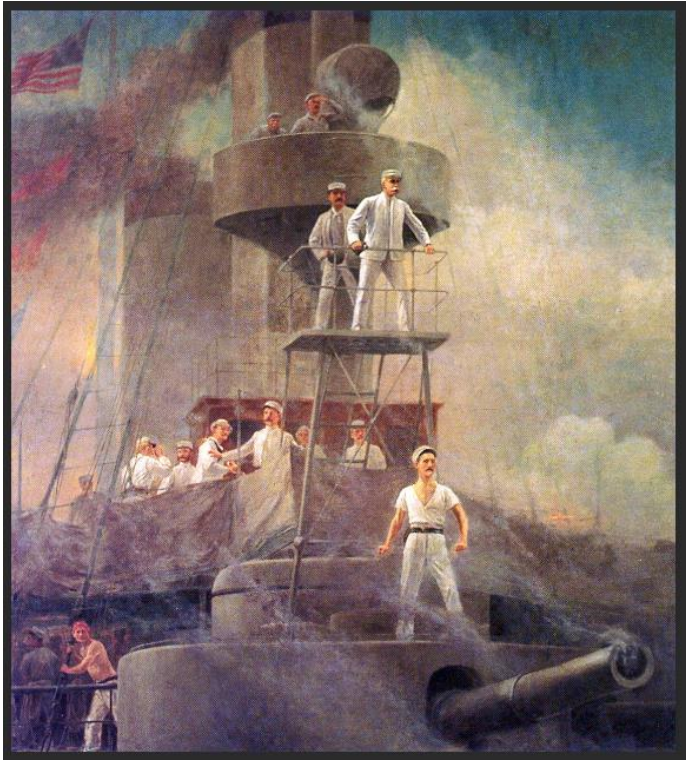
October 12, 1899- “ Dewey Day”



This statehouse was decorated with 2 cannons that were taken from a Spanish Cruiser that Dewey had sunk at Manila Bay



From 1907 to 1917 Admiral Dewey was the longest serving commander general of the navel order of the U.S.



Admiral Dewey is also the only person who is painted twice within these State House walls. Once in the Foyer in the Portrait of Battle of Manila Bay, and his portrait in the Cedar Creek room.

President Theodore Roosevelt



A man who contributed to the navy of the United States and to the glory of the entire nation in the Spanish war.

Admiral Dewey went into Manila bay, He had in him the raw material able to do so and the most material so he could meet the demands made upon him.

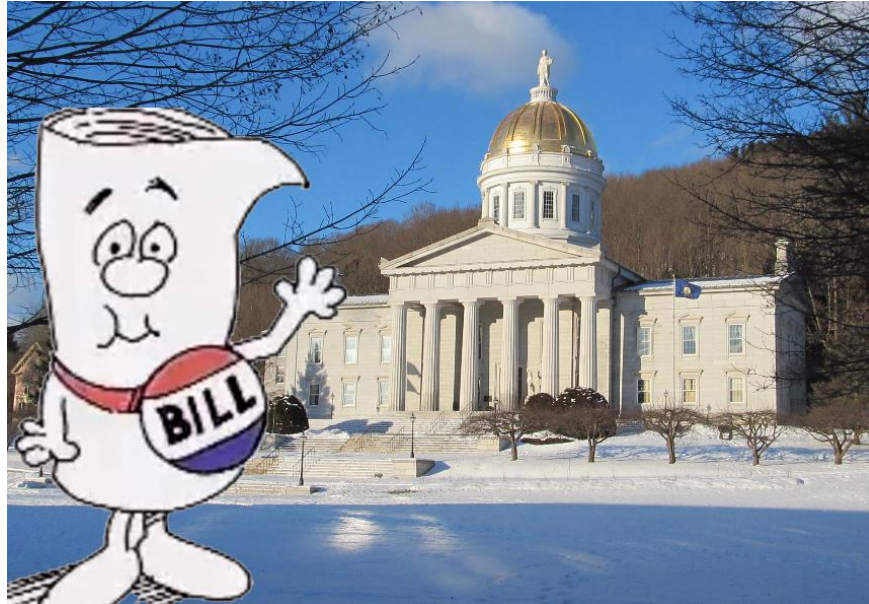
Excerpts – From Roosevelt speech
State House lawn , Montpelier 1902

The Path to H-109 “Dewey Day”



Sgt. Dale Manning and myself, wanted to honor Admiral Dewey , as being a Vermont native , born and raised near this State House, and achieving a Rank of – Admiral of the Navy, an honor that no one else has ever attained .

Our Plan



- Get a Bill passed allowing October 12th to be known as “ Dewey Day”
- Get Authentic U.S. Navy Flag and have wording in the Bill to allow us to fly the flag, Upon the Capitol Complex on every “ Dewey Day”

Step One- “ Dewey Day” 2018

U.S. Navy Admiral Flag



- Contacted the U.S. Navy
- Contacted our U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy
- Emailed EVERYONE I could think of

U.S.S Dewey

The Crew of the
U.S.S Dewey
(DDG 105)
donated a 4 Star
Admiral Flag for
the event.



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Ser00/196
September 13, 2018

ATTN: Deputy Sheriff Jason Gould
Vermont Supreme Court
111 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Mr. Gould:

SUBJECT: ADMIRAL OF THE NAVY GEORGE DEWEY DAY

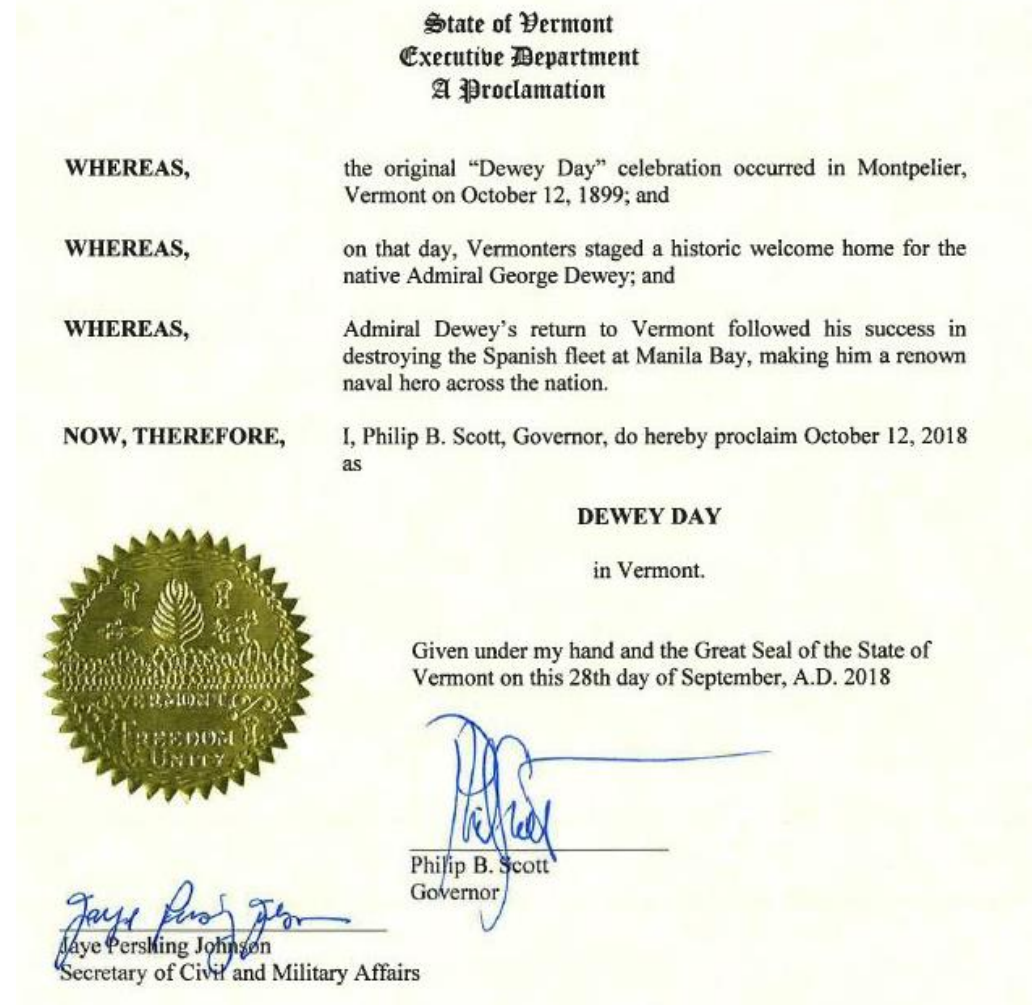
1. October 12th was a momentous day in 1899, as Admiral George Dewey was welcomed home to Montpelier, VT, following his actions in the Spanish-American War. Admiral Dewey successfully invaded Manila Bay, and destroyed the Spanish Fleet without a single loss of American life. As a native son of Vermont, thousands gathered in the capitol to celebrate this national hero's achievements in what would be the most influential action of the Spanish-American War.
2. Please accept this contribution from the Wardroom and Chief's Mess of USS DEWEY (DDG 105) of a Navy 4-Star Admiral's flag and two ship's coins to the Vermont "Dewey Day" celebration. DEWEY is the third hull of a US Navy warship to bear his name and with the proclamation of "Dewey Day" in Vermont; we will ensure Admiral Dewey's namesake lives on for generations to come in our great nation.

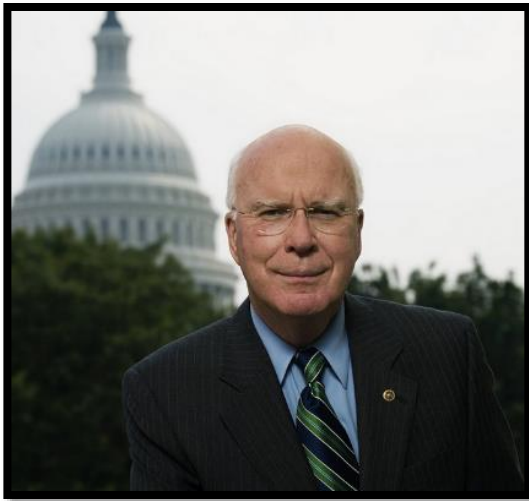
Sincerely,

G. P. LORIO
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Step one- “Dewey Day “ 2018

- Legislative Session was over- Too late to get a introduce a Bill
- Submitted paperwork to Governor Phil Scott to issue a Proclamation declaring Oct 12, to be knows as Dewey Day





PATRICK J. LEAHY
VERMONT



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 5, 2018

Dear Deputy Sheriff Gould:

Marcelle and I wish to extend our warmest wishes to our fellow Vermonters as we remember the life and achievements of Montpelier native Admiral George Dewey. Born across the street from the Statehouse, Admiral Dewey graduated from what was then Norwich Military School before embarking on his storied career in the U.S. Navy, eventually rising to the highest rank ever achieved in that service.

Following his famous victory at Manila Bay, Admiral Dewey returned to his hometown on October 12, 1899, which Vermont proclaimed Dewey Day. Today, 119 years later, we wish to join you and our fellow Vermonters in remembering the historic contributions that George Dewey made to this nation.

Sincerely,

Deputy Sheriff Jason Gould
Vermont Supreme Court
111 State Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05609

*As a child
my family
and I would
visit his home.*

“ Dewey Day – October 12, 2018



“Dewey Day” in the Future.....



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- Norwich University would honor Admiral Dewey by presenting Color Guard for the raising of the flag every year.
- Norwich University advised they would bring and showcase several Admiral Dewey artifacts they have in the Dewey Museum



Thank you for your time and work involving this bill.
Jason B. Gould