



In honor of the *243rd Annual Flag Raising*

Somerville Historic Preservation Commission in collaboration, with the Somerville Museum present:

Was the name “United States of America” possibly first proclaimed on Prospect Hill on New Year’s Day in 1776?

A Talk and Book Signing

by author Byron DeLear

All Welcome & Free!



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THE FIRST AMERICAN FLAG:
Revisiting the Grand Union at Prospect Hill

• **Somerville Museum: Thursday, January 3rd, 2019, 7pm**
One Westwood Road, corner of Central Street
&

• **Remnant Brewing: Saturday, January 5th, 2019, 4-6PM**
In the new Bow Market (Entrance next to 345 Somerville Avenue)

Author interview with Somerville Media Center on January 3rd to be broadcast on channel 3 throughout January. (www.somervillemedia.org/watch/)



Visiting briefly from his home in St. Louis, Missouri, author Byron DeLear will tell the fascinating story about how our nation came to be known as “United States of America”, amidst events occurring right here in Somerville in 1776! Talk with the author and obtain a personally signed copy of his book at two uniquely Somerville sites. Byron DeLear is an author, enviro-entrepreneur, media producer, and twice former US House candidate. He is a member of the Organization of American Historians and the Missouri Lodge of Research, and is past Editor-in-Chief for *NAVA News*, the newsletter of the North American Vexillological Association.



Book purchase possible online at www.somervillema.gov/HistoricShop.

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