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## From The State President

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*The following are highlights from the President's  
report to the New England District Meeting in  
Vermont in April 2014*

With the addition of our newest member last month, Herbert Foster Jr., our membership number stands ten over last year at 174. There are ten more in various stages of application submittance.

The presidency this past year was shared between two of us; Jack Neal took the first four months and I have held the post for the remaining eight. We've held five Board of Manager meetings and four membership meetings which are rotated among Portland, Augusta, Bangor, and coastal Maine locations such as Belfast. We decided to reintroduce a George Washington February 22 meeting, so we were grateful the winter was an "easy" one for travel. Our speakers have been superb.

April 2013 Renny Stackpole talked about the restoration of the John Paul Jones birthplace in Scotland.

June 22, 2013 Charlene Knox Farris discussed her biography of Samuel Huston Jr., a

bodyguard for George Washington, Searsport's Sam Houston.

Nov 9, 2013 Liam Riordan spoke about the loyalist influence on Maine revolutionary events. New England Vice President Charlie Brown joined us for this meeting.

Feb 22, 2014 Robert Bernheim reviewed the history of Germany, its geo-political "makeup," and 30,000 German troops hired by the British to fight the colonists. Most recruits were from Hesse-Cassel; hence, all the German soldiers were called Hessians.

April 12, 2014 The ever popular James L. Nelson will be teaching us about Benedict Arnold's naval battles on Lake Champlain and the battles at Freeman's Farm and Bemis' Heights in New York.

Our Color Guard, ably headed by Patriot Paul Salisbury, has been active this past year: five events for the 2013/2014 year and four already booked for 2014/2015. Events range from leading Machias' Margaretta Days parade to presenting talks on the history and uniforms of the Color Guard to the Mount Desert DAR. They present at ceremonies for grave dedications, General Knox site programs, CAR meetings, our SAR meetings, and will be marching in more parades, including Gouldsboro's 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Paul Salisbury and Court Dwyer in period uniforms and I attended the March 1<sup>st</sup> Maine C.A.R. Annual Conference where Compatriot Adam Bartow finished a very productive two years as Senior State President, Maine C.A.R.

Wayne Mallar is practically a one compatriot team heading up the J/ROTC program (6 high schools and 2 colleges), the Knight essay and the Eagle Scout essay scholarship. A major goal of mine is to meet every new Maine Eagle Scout, make a presentation of a George Washington book, and encourage more participation in the \$8,000 scholarship essay program.

I presented an SAR medal to Naval Sea Cadet Isaac Herman at the Cadet's annual inspection in South Portland. I was very impressed with their leadership development program.

Court Dwyer is developing a Maine SAR brochure to explain the purpose, goals, and membership requirements.

We amended our by-laws so only 7 members are needed to start a chapter. None have been started yet.

### New England District Meeting

*October 26, 2013, Manchester, NH*

Several members of Maine SAR joined compatriots from around the region at the New England District Meeting in Manchester. President David Manchester and Secretary Court Dwyer reported on the activities of Maine SAR.



*The Maine Delegation at the District meeting (the largest delegation from Maine at a District meeting in memory!)*

*From left to right: Adam Bartow, Court Dwyer, David Manchester, Ronald Johnson and Wayne Mallar.*

### Meeting In Augusta

Maine members met at The Senator Inn in Augusta in February. The program featured the induction of a new Compatriot, Herbert Foster Junior, and a wonderful talk about the Hessian involvement in the Revolutionary War by Professor Robert Bernheim.



President David Manchester welcomes Robert Foster, Junior to SAR and presents his membership certificate.

### Mark Your Calendar



Maine State SAR Annual Meeting – Saturday, April 12, 2014. Seasons Grille, behind the Howard Johnsons, Portland, Maine. BOM Meeting at 9, Presentation and Lunch at 11:30. *Details and registration available at [www.messar.org](http://www.messar.org)*

124<sup>th</sup> National Congress – July 18-24, 2014 in Greenville, South Carolina.



**From The Cash Box**  
Court Dwyer, Treasurer

We have completed as of January 25, 2014, the dues billing and collections for the year 2014. We had a record year as far as “drops” for nonpayment with only 16 members not sending in their dues. The good news is that already just 2+ weeks after reconciling our membership with the national Association, three of those 16 people have reinstated. This is very good compared to last year we had over 40 “drops” with 27 reinstatements.

It is very important that you keep us up to date with not only your mailing address but also your email address if you allow us to have it (see the "from the desk of the secretary" article about emails in this newsletter). Many of the "drops" over the years I fear come from people moving and not keeping us up-to-date with their new address. While reinstating your membership is a relatively easy process, in the long run it costs us more money (more of your dues) in both real terms (for instance stamps and envelopes and paper) as well as in volunteer time (both yours and mine) to fill out paperwork and keep things up to date.

We had five new Junior members (children of current members) who were added to our ranks. National regulations permit membership in the state society for children of members (defined as under 18) for just five dollars a year. This gives them a national and state number and facilitates their movement to the state and national Associations when they turn 18. They can, but don't have to, be members of the Children of the American Revolution as well. One does not have to be a member of CAR to avail themselves of this special membership category.

As a reminder, \$30 of the \$40 you send in dues is forwarded on to the national Association for their use. That makes our state dues just \$10 and we had decided not to raise that again this year. We have had only one state dues increase, from \$8-\$10, in at least the last 10 years I have been part of the state Association. We strive to keep the dues down for our membership and I believe we are among the lowest state membership fees in the nation for NSSAR. In addition, the board of managers long ago voted to cover both state and national dues for any MESSAR member who attains the age of 90 and for the remainder of their lives. We currently have nine members whose dues are being covered.

*The Secretary's Desk*  
Court Dwyer, Secretary



I have completed the email project that I was working on. If you recall this was to collect and use

as many emails of our membership as we can while getting their permission to communicate with them in this way.

We are doing this in an attempt to communicate with the MESSAR membership in a way by which they want to be communicated. Many are Email users. This not only makes it easier to communicate with you, but also helps us keep your dues as low as we can.

As a benefit to those who allow us to communicate with them electronically, this newsletter is only being distributed to those with Email addresses. The newsletter will also be available on the MESSAR web site ([www.messar.org](http://www.messar.org)) for those without an Email address; it will not be distributed on paper.

We have collected 133 email addresses which include people associated with SAR across New England; for instance the presidents and leadership of the five other state societies. About 45% of Maine's membership has given us their email addresses. Whenever I send newsletters or notices to those members we've gotten reasonably good "open" rates from 50% to 80%. Sometimes "open" rates can be deceiving as a recipient may look at the message in a preview pane without "opening" it and then deleting it straight to the trash bin. Depending upon the email client being used this may or may not register as an "open".

If we do not have your Email address, or you just want to check to make sure we have your correct email address, you may send an Email, from the account you want us to use, to me at [vcd3@midcoast.com](mailto:vcd3@midcoast.com) and give us permission to use that address. Please, give us an email address for you only for an account that you actually check often: giving us an email account that you check only once every other week or two or even less often does neither you nor us any good.

As I have stated before, we will NOT do anything except use any Email address you give us to communicate MESSAR/NSSAR information to you. It will never be sold or given to anyone else either singly or as a full list, including to our own membership. By this I mean requests to MESSAR for the full list by members (or non-members) will not be honored by MESSAR. Any NSSAR member in good standing can look up any other member and his information via the NSSAR data base on-line. You should expect to receive only MESSAR information,



or NSSAR information passed on by MESSAR, via Email.

*Adam W. Bartow was elected as a State Councilor by the Board of Managers at the September meeting.*



*President General Joseph Dooley salutes the grave of Gen. Thomas Nelson after the National Society SAR placed a wreath during the annual Yorktown Day celebration on October 19, 2013. State Councilor Adam Bartow also attended this celebration.*

#### Maine SAR Supports Maine C.A.R.



Maine Compatriots have shown continued support for Maine Children of the American Revolution. State President David Manchester brought greetings to the Annual Maine C.A.R. State Conference in Auburn in March and the State Color Guard under the command of Paul Salisbury presented the colors. They also got to meet Gov. Paul LePage and pose for a picture (which was published in the Lewiston Sun Journal). Additionally, Adam Bartow has served the last two years at the Maine C.A.R. Senior State President.

#### Collecting Stories of Veterans



If you are a veteran, would you be willing to share about your service? Maine C.A.R. is collecting the stories of veterans (as many first-hand accounts as possible) in order to compile a book that will be donated to area schools. If you are willing to share your story, please contact Senior State President Adam Bartow at [awbartow@yahoo.com](mailto:awbartow@yahoo.com).



Color Guard Commander Paul Salisbury (left) and State Secretary and Color Guard member Court Dwyer (right) pose with Gov. Paul LePage at the Maine C.A.R. State Conference.



L to R: C.A.R. Senior National President Hans Jackson (also past SAR NE VPG); SAR State President David Manchester; C.A.R. State President Kasey Holland; DAR State Regent Sandra Swallow; C.A.R. Senior State President Adam Bartow