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From The Chapter President

The new year is off to a great start for our chapter. Most importantly, our membership is growing. We have already welcomed a few new members and several others are in the works that will hopefully be approved in the next several months. Thank you to everyone who is working hard to recruit new members and complete the paperwork – especially Chapter Registrar David Manchester.

We have developed a plan for the efforts of our chapter moving forward – with members expressing a desire to be actively involved in the community. This will include service projects, promotion of youth projects in area schools, presentation of the Color Guard in parades and special events, and through having an informational table at area fairs, festivals, etc. Combined, these activities will make our chapter more visible and invested in our community which will in turn make us stronger – and hopefully attract more members.

We are, of course, always interested in learning about our heritage and history. If you would be interested in giving a short (5 to 10 minutes) presentation at a Chapter meeting about your patriot ancestor, please let me know.

If you have any possible content for this newsletter that you think would be of interest to other members, please share it with me. This includes your own activities to promote SAR and our ideals, details about ways to honor patriots, and promotion of history and patriotism. I am always looking for pictures, too. Especially of member activities.

Please note – I have created a new email address for Chapter use: SARSouthernMaine@gmail.com. This address will be used for Chapter communications moving forward and will be used for public outreach as well. Having a chapter specific address will help us look more professional and will also make it so that accounts can be transferred to future leaders, thus creating a record for the chapter.

Remember, this is *your* chapter. Together, we will make this a great experience for us all.

Adam W. Bartow
President, Southern Maine Chapter

Welcome New Members!

Approved for the Southern Maine Chapter

Anthony Blasi
Todd Ketcham
Finnegan Ketcham (junior member)
Andrew Palmeri





Congratulations to each of you! We look forward to sharing your heritage and to getting to know and working with you.

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Mark Your Calendar



The Southern Maine Chapter holds regular meetings on the second Saturday of each month that does not include a State Meeting.

May 12 – State Annual Meeting. 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Manchester Grange, 943 Western Ave, Manchester, ME. *To include voting, awards, and lunch. You should have received a mailing from the State Secretary. If you did not, please contact Adam*

May 28 – Memorial Day. The Southern Maine Chapter Color Guard plans to march in the Windham

Parade. If you are interested in taking part, please contact David Manchester davidlmanchester@outlook.com

June 9 – Chapter workday cleaning up a local cemetery. *Details TBD. Likely in Cape Elizabeth. Will last for a couple of hours*

June 26-27 – New England Regional Meeting, Children of the American Revolution. South Portland. Contact Adam for more information on how you can support the event or to attend.

July 13-18, 2018 – SAR National Congress, Houston, Texas. *Look for more details on www.sar.org*

July 14 – 9 a.m. Regular chapter meeting. Location TBD.

July 21 – Gen. Henry Knox Day. 10:30 a.m. Village Cemetery and the Knox Museum Route 131, Thomaston. *SAR Color Guard typically appears. Maine C.A.R. may also be involved this year*

Member Project

From Chapter Member Timothy Lunney:
My Revolutionary War Patriot ancestor Elias Taylor and his eldest son John Taylor both died while serving in the Continental Army at Fort Ticonderoga in 1777 and are buried there in a mass grave. There is no grave, marker or memorial for them in Maine. I have offered to provide a Revolutionary War Soldier historical marker at the site of his home in what is now Manchester, Maine. The Manchester Maine Historical Society is verifying the exact location of his home and has offered obtain the necessary permissions from the current property owner and the Town of Manchester for placement of the marker.

Chapter Banner

The Chapter has voted to purchase a multi-purpose banner to be used for such things as parades and special events. Your input is needed to help pick a design. A few options are presented here. However, if anyone has any ideas for a better design (or if someone has expertise with graphic design and wants to create or improve on a design), we are certainly open. Please

provide feedback to Chapter President Adam Bartow at SARSouthernMaine@gmail.com

Approved Motions From Recent Meetings

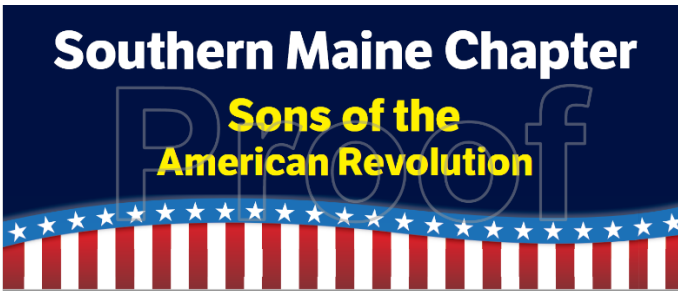
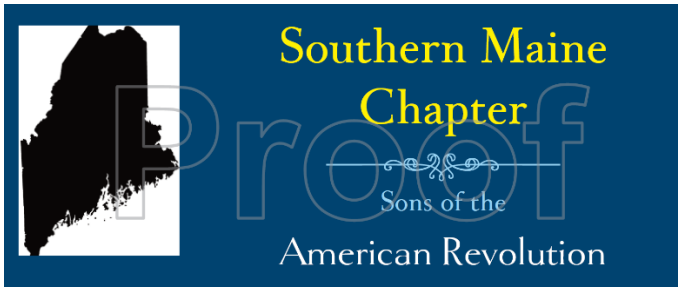
March 3

Motion #1. Craig Hawkins moved that the Southern Maine Chapter meet on the second Saturday of every month, except those months during which there is a state meeting. Seconded by Ernie Packard. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion #2. Ernie Packard moved that the Southern Maine Chapter purchase a Chapter banner. Seconded by Ron Johnson. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

April 14

Motion #1. Ronald Johnson moved that the minutes of the March 2018 meeting be approved as distributed. Seconded by Bruce Roullard. The motion carried unanimously.



Youth Programs

SAR sponsors several youth programs, appealing to all age ranges. We have decided as a Chapter to focus our attention on one youth program for now, but we need to agree on which one. Please go to sar.org and read about each of the options (available under the "Education" tab). Once you have read up, please give your feedback to Adam, or be prepared to talk about your ideas at an upcoming meeting. The goal is to start promotion with the start of the new school year in the fall of 2018.