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Dear Compatriots:

Welcome to a new year. Enclosed you will find the announcement for our Annual Meeting on February 12th at 1149 Restaurant. Hopefully, you will be available to attend this important meeting and all others that occur during the coming year.

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Our Registrar, Compatriot Carlen Booth, reports that National has had a difficult time processing applications due to their move to new headquarters. However, he reports that they have told him that they would be working hard to catch up with the backlog.

We have two new members:

Roger Lee Grinnell
Palm Springs, CA

Nathan David Grinnell
Palm Springs, CA

Frank Hassell of Osprey, FL has transferred his membership to that State, but has maintained Dual Membership in Rhode Island.

We also have two re-instatements:

James Robert Masog
Bradford, RI

Jonathan Mason Paquette
Jamestown, RI

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In Our Memory

F. Perry Davis, Jr., December 13th, 2010
National # 70019, State # 1119 Admitted June 2nd, 1950
Patriot Ancestor: John Davis 1753-1829
Prov. RI-Matross in Capt Thos Carlisle's Co.
Col Robt Elliot Rgt Arty 1778-79

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A special article on the alliance between www.Ancestry.Com, and the SAR is in the SAR magazine issue Fall 2010. Please read this article as it pertains to all members, and specifically as to what information will be available online through Ancestry. The information is especially important to those with applications approved before 1970.

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By the time you receive this newsletter, your plans for the coming year are probably organized. However, one of the great events that takes place in our area is the Patriots Day Weekend, April 15th-19th, 2011. To participate in these events that commemorate the historic battles of Lexington and Concord, one should contact Bill Battles, BBattlesIII@massar.org, or Steve Perkins, Patriotmarcher@gmail.com, for more information.

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Returning George Washington to the classroom is the topic of discussion in the SAR Magazine Fall 2010 issue on page 10. Please read the article about the efforts to get the portrait of George Washington back into our schools. The article refers everyone to Stephen McLeod in the office of president at www.MountVernon.Org. for further information (703-799-8686).

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The Attleboro Chapter DAR will be hosting a Patriotic Dinner Dance at the Highland Country Club in Attleboro on Sunday, April 10th from 5:30 to 10:30. Please wear your Revolutionary Era Garb for this family style seated buffet at \$45.00 per person. Their objective is to promote their patriotic organization while preserving a bit of Attleboro history (their meeting house was built in 1723 and needs some TLC). For information, contact Jane E. Nerney, 508-699-2724, or jenekn@aol.com.

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From our President John Eastman:

On Tuesday, December 7, 2010, Carlen Booth and I attended the third annual **Wreaths Across America** ceremony at the Ponaganset Middle School in North Scituate.

Upon our arrival we were met on the walkway to the school by a long line of students waving American flags and cheering us as we walked into the lobby. We were directed to a table where we found our nametags and because we were pre-registered as veterans, we were presented with special veteran's nametags.

Both Carlen and I remarked that we had never been thanked so profusely for our service before this day. Complete strangers who noticed our nametags immediately thanked us and made every effort to recognize us as veterans.

When the **Wreaths Across America** caravan arrived everyone went outside to witness the spectacle of 5 or 6 eighteen wheelers proceeded by 40 motorcycles with their Patriot Guard Riders and to cheer the drivers and the other members of the caravan into the building.

When we went up to the second floor auditorium/cafeteria space we were ushered to priority seating and as we sat down our names, along with the names of the rest of the veterans in the audience, were flashed on a big screen over the stage. The stage was filled with the middle school chorus and the middle school band and they put on a splendid performance.

The ceremony itself was not long due to time constraints for the caravan but it was very expressive and educational. The middle school children learn a great deal about service and patriotism during the school year. They have a chance to meet veterans in the classroom and to question them about their service. Accompanying the caravan this year was a group of gold-star mothers who were recognized on stage for their family's sacrifice.

I felt that the ceremony was very meaningful and I urge a greater participation by the Rhode Island Society of the Sons of the American Revolution next year. It is well worth it!

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Also, from our President, please note that at the Annual Meeting a vote will be taken to change the by-laws as follows:

Present by-laws – as of 02/19/06

ARTICLE V – FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1. The application fee shall be \$15 in addition to that required by the National Society at the time of application and the annual dues of this State Society shall be \$20 in addition to that charged by the National Society.

Suggested change – as of 02/12/11

ARTICLE V – FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1. The application fee, *and the fee for supplemental applications*, shall be *an amount set by the Board of Managers and approved by a majority of the membership at the annual meeting of the organization* in addition to that required by the National Society at the time of application.. The annual dues of this State Society shall be *an amount set by the Board of Managers and approved by a majority of the membership at the annual meeting of the organization* in addition to that charged by the National Society.

This by-law change will be set forth at the annual meeting (as required by ARTICLE XXII – AMENDMENTS, SECTION 1) as long as it has been announced to the general membership

at least ten days before the meeting. It will become effective only on approval of two-thirds of the members present.

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For those of you that have often wondered about those Indians that took part in the Boston Tea Party, Benjamin L. Carp has written the “Defiance of the Patriots—The Boston Tea Party & the Making of America” published by Yale University Press. Here is a review from Amazon: “Carp masterfully tells the whole story of the Boston Tea Party. It was not just about "taxation without representation" and part of the linear progression from the French and Indian War to the Revolution. The tea in the harbor was a cog in the global empire's system of taxation and trade directed from London. The East India Company spanned the globe in its pursuit of profits- a veritable 18th century vampire squid. The sale of the tea would enhance their monopoly and the custom duties would pay the salary of the despised Governor of the Massachusetts colony. Interestingly, patriots in Philadelphia, New York and other cities had similar plans. But the always anxious Bostonians beat them to the punch. A great yarn.”

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From Carlen Booth, former VP New England District Council SAR:

The 2011 meeting schedule for the New England District Council of the Sons of the American Revolution is as follows:

Annual Meeting: 15 May 2011 hosted by MESSAR in Maine with the exact location and further details to be announced.

Fall Meeting: 15 October 2011 hosted by VTSSAR in Vermont at the Basin Harbor Club on Lake Champlain in Vergennes, VT. Also included will be a tour of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum on Saturday afternoon following luncheon.

These meetings are usually quite interesting and are open to all Compatriots and guests (except for the morning business meeting). Mid October should be a great time to visit Vermont.

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Please note the Annual Meeting Notice with this newsletter. Your attendance is most appreciated. If you need further guidance to the restaurant, you can refer to their website:

<http://www.elevenfortyninerestaurant.com/1149.html> Let us know if you plan on attending so that we may have sufficient seating arranged.

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John W. Adams, Editor