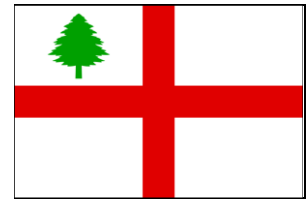




Sons of the American Revolution
New England district (NEDSAR)

23 September 2017



The New England Council met on the 23th of September 2017, at the **Deerfield Inn** in Deerfield, Massachusetts.

ATTENDEES

Ken Roach	Connecticut	VPG New England District (NED)
John "Jack" Manning	New Hampshire	NSSAR Historian General & Secretary, NH SAR
Hans Jackson	New Hampshire	NED Treasurer
Doug Wood	New Hampshire	Past VPG NED, Acting Secretary
Wayne Mallar	Maine	Past VPG NED, Maine Delegate
Tim Mabee	Vermont	Trustee, Vermont SAR, VT SAR
John "Jack" Cunningham	Massachusetts	President MA SAR
David E. Schrader	Massachusetts	VP, MA SAR
Thomas P. Vincent	Massachusetts	President, Pomeroy Chapter, Chancellor MA SAR
Sandra T. Schrader	Massachusetts	MA SAR Ladies Auxiliary
Sonia Mallar	Maine	ME SAR Ladies Auxiliary
Linda Wood	New Hampshire	NH SAR Ladies Auxiliary, 2 nd VP NSSAR Ladies Auxiliary

1. **Opening:** VPG Ken Roach greeted the delegates.
2. **Invocation:** Given by Dave Schrader
3. **Pledges:** Pledge to the American Flag and Pledge to the SAR were recited.
4. **Secretary's Report:** Compatriot Doug Wood, Acting Secretary, presented a report of the Spring, 11 March 2017, meeting. A motion to accept the report was approved. (Motion) Mabee, (Second) Manning, Approved with 1 abstention.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jackson presented a written report, noting the following:
 - Treasury Balance a/o 23 Sept: \$2,852.32
 - The IRS 990-N was submitted and accepted by the IRS
 - No dues to be collected from the New England, however a \$25.00 assessment was approved. As of this date only VT, ME, NH and MA have sent in the assessment.
6. **Report of the VPG:** VPG Roach reviewed his activities with the group.
7. **State Reports:**
 - a. **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** President Garrett Lear was unable to attend due to ongoing medical problems. He submitted a written report presented by Compatriot Wood.
 - Membership in NH reached 200 for the first time in several years.
 - Compatriot Wood discussed the New Hampshire coin and presented each attendee with one.
 - Activities planned: (1) 4 Nov 2017 – Veteran Day Meeting w/ Molly Stark DAR
 (2) 12 Nov 2017 – Firing the opening shot at the Manchester Marathon (3) 24 Feb 2018 – Washington Birthday Meeting
 (4) 24-25 March 2018 – NH SAR booth at the Colonial Fair, Redhook Brewery, Pease Tradeport, Portsmouth
 - b. **CONNECTICUT:** A scheduling conflict, a recurring problem, prevented any CT SAR representation other than VPG Roach. A very comprehensive written report covering the State SAR and its 5 branches was submitted by President Ethan Stewart Sr. He reviewed accomplishments and the schedule of activities of the Connecticut Line,

the color guard and living history unit, over the previous six months and discussed upcoming in 2017-2018 activities. The CT SAR maintains a good website (connecticutsar.org) where information on upcoming activities may be found.

c. MASSACHUSETTS: President Jack Cunningham presented a written report and gave a verbal overview. He emphasized the MA SAR Henry Knox Color Guard's varying successes. Jack also discussed his new premier (sic) medal- The Legacy of Patriotism Medal, designed for presentation to Father & Son, Grandfather & Son, etc. color guard members. Discussion ensued highlighting issues including: no NSSAR approval, format does not meet SAR standards, and the pool of potential awardees is very limited. However, the medal, already produced, is impressive.

d. MAINE: Past VPG Mallar presented a short report from the Maine SAR. ME SAR was unable to attend and did not submit a written report. VPG Mallar discussed improvements in ME SAR operations, ongoing, including 3 new chapters. The June Margareta Days celebration, a Silver Color Guard event, was highlighted.

e. VERMONT: No report submitted. Compatriot Maybee represented Vermont and discussed ongoing activities and leadership challenges. Maj. Fike was returned to the VT president position, but disaster-related VTARNG activities and his Purple Hearts Reunited charity take precedence. Upcoming: Schuylerville, NY, Turning Point parade - August 6. Battle of Bennington commemoration - 17 August. Vermont fighters were heavily involved in the whole Saratoga campaign. Current membership \cong 122.

f. RHODE ISLAND: No representation. No report.

8. Old Business:

a. Opening the NED Constitution for revision for such issues as "per capita dues" was briefly discussed, but no formal action was taken, and nothing was sent to the societies. Action was deferred again to the Fall meeting.

b. Requirements for VPG were discussed. Compatriot Joe Gauthier was acting as Secretary, a position usually occupied by the next VPG. Joe does not qualify for VPG nominee, since the nominee must have been president of either a SAR Society, a chapter, or a National Officer (e.g. State Trustee). Joe later asked to withdraw from the position (by phone to Compatriot Wood).

9. New Business:

a. National SAR: historian General Jack Manning discussed SAR Application processing. Turn-around time is down to 4 weeks. For applications submitted after September 2017, dues are the current plus following year. He emphasized that all State Societies must individually submit a form 990-N to the IRS. The Treasurer General can pull the charter for failure to file. All State Societies need both a Conflict of interest and a Dissolution Policy.

b. The Council decided that NED meetings will no longer be sponsored by the individual State Societies. The VPG and staff will set up meetings, beginning with the Spring, 24 March 2018, meeting, tentatively planned for *The Old Mill Restaurant* in Westminster, Massachusetts.

c. Compatriot Wood was elected to fill the position of Secretary until the Spring meeting. (Motion) Mallar, (Second) Jackson.

Respectively submitted:

Douglas M. Wood

Doug Wood, NSAR NED Secretary Approval_____