



# The Companion

Massachusetts Commandery of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

July 2017



Commander and Mrs. Dave Whittemore

## MOLLUS to Visit Eustis Estate

Mass. MOLLUS is planning a visit to Eustis Estate in Milton, September 23, 2017. A recent article in our local paper provides us with an opportunity to visit the Eustis mansion in Milton rather than going to the Crane Estate in Ipswich.

The Eustis house was purchased for 7.1 million by Historic New England which has spent another 5 million dollars bringing the house up to code and upgrading the infrastructure.

They have a positive approach towards guests, who will go through the house with little audio machines that will explain the various aspects of the house. There will be a group tour at 11:00 am for those who would prefer. There is an elevator for those who may not be able to walk the stairs to the second floor.

Costs are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for seniors. Then we would adjourn to the Blue Hills Grill nearby for a luncheon at 12:15 or after we have satisfied our visit to the estate. There is more information

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## The State of the Commandery

*Dave Whittemore (DOW), on the Annul Meeting, held May 13, at the Weston Golf Club*

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am. Past Commander, Fred Stevens, gave the invocation following the salute to the flag. In attendance were Past Commander Stevens; Commander, David Whittemore; Recorder, Ed Welch; Treasurer, Rufus S. Frost, III; Vice Commander, Mark Slayton; officers and councilors Ken Kane, Ron Morneau and Brendan O'Connell; our speaker, Peter Emerick, and wives, Betsy Stevens, Mary Whittemore and Mary Frost. Also Henry Hanlon, a winner of one of our five ROTC awards, who is attending MIT.



Ed Welch read the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes, which were approved. Welch gave a summary of our current membership – 32 Hereditary members and 7 Associate members. We decided to drop Bob Anderson as a dual member (belongs to CT chapter). Members who are delinquent in their dues will be contacted by Ed Welch and Commander Whittemore. DOW suggested we drop dues for members who live outside of the New England states and New York to \$25.00. Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's/Investment Committee Report

Treasurer Rufus Frost reported our expenses for 2016:

National Dues	\$ 420.00
National meeting reimbursements	\$ 3,195.15
Local Commandery meetings	\$ 1,785.57
Website	\$ 114.90
Brochure	\$ 184.00
Hingham Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Edwards Church (for vets)	\$ 500.00
ROTC Medals, awards, etc.	\$ 2,275.36

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Barron's Financial	\$ 199.00
Postage	\$ 20.06
Bank Fees	\$ 36.00
Accounting Fee	<u>\$ 530.00</u>
	<b>\$9,760.04</b>

Receipts were \$1,450.00 dues; payments for meals – members - \$860.00; book sale \$5.00; national payment for life members - \$50.00; and bank credit \$20.00 = \$2,385.00; draw on invested funds - \$7,375.00. Report accepted unanimously. He proposed a budget for 2017 totalling \$14,370.00:

Travel, fall & DC meetings	\$ 6,000.00
ROTC awards and medals	\$ 3,000.00
Hingham – Feb. Lincoln Day	\$ 520.00
Dues to National	\$ 500.00
Marketing & Companion Qtrly to Membership	\$1,200.00
Annual & Fall meetings & Officer meetings	\$1,500.00
Support for Veterans program	\$ 500.00
Accounting – US 990, Annual Report & Mass Administration – checking, postage & supplies	\$ 750.00
	\$ 400.00

After questions, budget as proposed accepted.

DOW reported for the Investment Committee: Brad Blaser, Rufus Frost, Brendan O'Connell, Fred Stevens, Marston Watson, and David Whittemore. Several meetings with UBS, holder of our funds. In February, 2017 we changed management within UBS to managers who will invest in Vanguard Funds. We set parameters of 60% equities and 40% fixed income. Current value as of April 30, 2017 is \$449,408.00.

Whittemore encouraged members to attend the MOLLUS Annual National meeting in Gettysburg, PA on October 27-29, 2017; find details in the National Quarterly. He has arranged for a dinner at the Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel at 6:30 pm on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Whittemore then spoke of having a meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Crane estate in Ipswich, MA. It



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was subsequently decided to go to the Eustis Estate, built in 1887, a restored mansion in Milton, MA. (See page 1)

We then held elections of officers for 2017-2018:

- Commander, David Whittemore
- Vice Commander, Mark Slayton
- Recorder, Ed Welch
- Treasurer, Rufus Frost
- Chaplain, David Hockensmith
- Surgeon (vacant)
- Judge Advocate, Ken Kane
- Chancellor, Lawrence Norris
- Councilor term ending 2020 – Eric Boothroyd
- Councilor term ending 2020 – Ron Morneau
- Councilor term ending 2019 – Scott Kerr
- Councilor term ending 2019 – Robert Schecter
- Councilor term ending 2018 – Brendan O'Connell

We then adjourned for lunch and a delightful talk by Peter Emerick on the role music, specifically fifes and drums, played in the Civil War.



# MOLLUS National Meeting in Gettysburg Oct. 27–29

The spring edition of the *Loyal Legion Historical Journal* has all the details of what will be happening the last weekend in October. It would be great if we could have 6 to 8 members of our Commandery attend. I have reserved a table at 6:30 for dinner at the Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel for our dinner Friday night. The meal will be paid for on a group basis with drinks paid for by each member as ordered. If you want to charge it to your room, you ought to tell the waitress

when she takes your order, otherwise calculate \$45.00 to cover the cost of the meal and service.

I would like to get a van on Saturday afternoon to take us around the battlefields. Please let me know if you would be interested in sharing the cost of same. We would hire a guide through the National Park service there so that we can watch while the guide talks and we do not have to worry about getting lost looking for some of the major battlefields.

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on their website, which is [www.historicnewengland.org](http://www.historicnewengland.org).

Cut out the coupon below and send it to DOW, so that he will know how many people to plan for lunch and attendance at the Eustis mansion. Cost for lunch will be shared equally, and members who wish alcoholic beverages will pay separately for same.

Any questions, call DOW, Commander, at 508-305-2395, or e-mail him your acceptance, coupon below, regarding participation in this event at [dwhitemore@wwattorneys.net](mailto:dwhitemore@wwattorneys.net).



Will attend on 9/23 Eustis Estate \_\_\_\_\_

Any time after 10:00 am, self-guided tour, number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 am Group tour \_\_\_\_\_

12:15 Blue Hill Grill lunch \_\_\_\_\_

## MOLLUS Awards to ROTC Cadets



*Associate Companion Bob Schecter presenting the Mass MOLLUS Award to Cadet Patrick Cottell at the 2017 ceremony held at Boston College.*

The Commandery in April presented our annual awards to outstanding ROTC cadets, nominated by their commanding officers. The awards consisted of a medal, a certificate attesting to the award, and a check for \$500. The winners were Henry Hanlon and John Gallagher, who both attend MIT; Patrick Cottell, Northeastern University, and Samantha Auriema, UMass Amherst.