

MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES
Massachusetts Commandery

February 2014 report to C-in-C for activities October 2013 to February 2014

The Massachusetts Commandery membership is currently at 39. Death has again taken from us a distinguished member, Lenahan O'Connell. On behalf of MOLLUS C-in-C and our Commandery, I presented a wreath at the interment ceremony, held January 9th, a sunny but very cold day. Our newest members are Robert Schecter and Perley Mellor. We continue recruiting, with two men now in line as prospective members.

Our fall meeting was held on October 5th at Ken's Steak House in Framingham, MA. At that meeting we mourned the loss of members Steven Kelsch and George Barner.

Changes included (1) The address and telephone number for my new residence in a senior living community, namely 290 Kings Town Way, #173, Duxbury, MA 02332. Telephone number 781-422-3171. (2) The Massachusetts Army National Guard Archives and Museum is now at 91 Everett Street, Concord, MA 01742.

From a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, I received an original MOLLUS medal. As I also have an original MOLLUS certificate, number 1537 which came to our family via John Wesley Wolcott, I will put them together for display on appropriate occasions.

We continue to co-sponsor Lincoln Day in Hingham. This year it was held on February 8th, after this writing. I expect to again present a wreath at the statue of Abraham Lincoln and attend the ceremony at "Old Ship" church. The keynote speaker is Thomas J. Carey, Jr. His topic is "The Eloquence of Abraham Lincoln: Reflections One Hundred and Fifty Years after His Gettysburg Address". MOLLUS brochures will be made available.

We continue to present outstanding ROTC cadets at MIT, University of Massachusetts and Northeastern University with a medal and a cash award of \$500 (formerly \$100).

The project to restore our old (1870?) banner was started in 2010, with an estimated completion in 2013. It is not completed. The difficulty stems from the use of acrylic tape and adhesive which is much more difficult to remove than ordinary cellophane tape. The current prediction for completion is by the end of March.

Our newest development, done by companion Mark Slayton, is a website and a blog, at massmollus.org.

As we head down the final stretch toward the National Congress in October, planning continues, with focus on publicity, hotel arrangements for the Companions and the Dames, transportation, welcoming gifts, menus, special guests, etc. Please ask any questions that come to mind.

Frederick A. Stevens, Jr., Commander