

# EXPEDITION MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
ARNOLD EXPEDITION  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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## Annual AEHS Meeting To Be Held

On Saturday, Oct. 1 our annual meeting will be held. The meeting will be in Augusta at Rooster's Restaurant in its function room. It will begin at **1:00 PM**.

To reach Rooster's it is just off ME Rt. 27 near the Augusta-Belgrade exit of I 95. At the first light, turn onto Civic Center Drive. Rooster's is about 100 yds. on the right. Some may elect to have lunch here.

The program will commence with a business meeting, a description of various programs, then election of officers and directors (see slate elsewhere in this newsletter). Then the program will continue with a presentation by **Robert Cunningham**, one of the founding members of the AEHS. He will discuss the famous 1975 Reenactment to Quebec, in which he participated. Members will find this most interesting. Hope to see you there!

A directors meeting will be held in the morning at the same location, commencing at 9:00 AM. All m are invited to attend and learn more details of the various projects being undertaken by the AEHS.

## Nominating Committee Presents Slate

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, John Parsons has completed the committee's work and presents to the membership, a slate of officers and directors for the coming year. This slate will be presented to the membership present at the Annual Meeting in October.

John has submitted the following slate.

### Officers nominated for a one year term.:

President, Jay Robbins, Richmond, Maine  
Vice President, John Parsons, Monroe, NY  
Treasurer, Alan Burnell, Eustis, Maine  
Secretary, Steve Clark, Scarborough, Maine

### Directors, nominated for a term of three years

Rusty Arsenault, Skowhegan, Maine  
Sherri Clark, Scarborough, Maine  
Steve Clark, Scarborough, Maine  
Robert Donovan, Emden, Maine  
Guy Grant, Orono, Maine

## HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

- **Annual Meeting To Be Held**
- **Nominations, Officers & Directors**
- **New Flag and Pole at Nichols Cabin**
- **A Dedication At Lac Megantic**
- **Article Review, Valcour Island**
- **New Directors**
- **The Bronze Plaques, feature article**

At the annual meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor.

We would like to thank **John Parsons** for a job well done.



Left to Right:  
Rusty Arsenault  
Ron Gamage  
Kenny Wing  
John Parsons  
Jim Thomas  
Steve Clark  
Vernon Voter  
Alan Burnell  
Guy Grant



The 1775 Expedition Flag at the AEHS Nichols Cabin  
( Photo, by Duluth Wing)

### The Flag Flies at Middle Carry Pond

One of the improvements that has been needed at the AEHS Nichols Cabin at Middle Carry Pond has been a new flag pole, and of course an appropriate flag.

Founding member Dude Wing of Eustis has generously taken care of this. In July of this year, he was able to purchase at his own expense, a fine new telescoping flag pole. He, along with director, Guy Grant went up to the cabin and installed a new concrete base for the pole.

What flag to fly there has been an issue, as early in the Revolutionary War, the traditional stars and stripes flag had not yet been christened. Director Tom Desjardin had indicated that most likely, the flag that was used, was a red flag with a corner of white and a green pine tree in the white field.

No evidence has been unearthed to determine exactly what flag was used by the expedition. However it is known that a flag was a part of the expedition. This is so because at the cabin of Natanis, the troops arriving there, did state that they raised a flag. This was at what later would become Flagstaff Village, on the Dead River.

So the flag that will be used on the new pole at Middle Carry will be the red flag of the early Revolutionary War. It would be interesting to know if this is the first time in 237 years that this flag has been raised along the route of the expedition!

Thanks from the AEHS go to directors, Dude Wing and Guy Grant.