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### UNH History Professor Receives National Award From D.A.R.



The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) awarded W. Jeffrey Bolster, professor of history at the University of New Hampshire, its History Award Medal.

DURHAM, N.H. -- The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) awarded W. Jeffrey Bolster, professor of history at the University of New Hampshire, its History Award Medal. The award recognizes contributions that significantly advance the understanding of our nation's past through the study and promotion of an aspect of American History. The D.A.R. cited contributions Bolster made through his publications *The Mortal Sea: Fishing the Atlantic in the Age of Sail* (2012) and *Black Jacks: African American Seamen in the Age of Sail* (1997).

Bolster was nominated for the award by Debra Collar and her colleagues of the Portsmouth Ranger Chapter of the D.A.R. who had heard about Bolster's books and the scholarly recognition they had received.

*The Mortal Sea* is winner of the 2013 Bancroft Prize, the North American Society for Oceanic History's John Lyman Book Award for the best book in U.S. Maritime History, the American Historical Association's 2013 Albert J. Beveridge Prize, and the American Historical Association's 2013 James Rawley Prize in Atlantic History. *Black Jacks* is co-winner of the Wesley-Logan Prize of the American Historical Association and was selected as the Association of American Publishers Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division Best Book in History. *Black Jacks* also was named a *New York Times Book Review* notable book of the year.

The History Award Medal was presented to Bolster at the annual fall meeting of the New Hampshire D.A.R. Image to be downloaded: <http://www.unh.edu/news/releases/2014/11/images/bolster-3235.jpg>  
Caption: Phyllis M. Gagnon, NH State Regent, pinning the D.A.R. History Award Medal on W. Jeffrey Bolster, professor of history at the University of New Hampshire. At right: Andrea Abbott of the Portsmouth Ranger Chapter of the D.A.R.

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