

Governor Samuel Huntington Branch News – April 2006

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The Future of the Branch

Compatriots are needed to step forward to lead the branch starting in 2007. I will be completing my second two year term and will not be serving as President again. We have not had a Secretary for over a year. Neither job is terribly difficult or time consuming. The Executive Committee meets 3-4 times a year and there is one annual meeting for the members. Most activities are handled by the Color Guard. In addition, it is time for some new blood to activate the branch.

Speaking about the American Revolution, John Adams estimated one-third of Americans opposed independence, one-third were indifferent or vacillated, and only one-third supported the War of Independence. I am sure that if any of you were in the first the two groups, you would not have joined the SAR. Now is your time to support the branch.

If you would like to volunteer to serve the branch, please contact me (see contact info under my name above). If we have interest soon, we can get Compatriots trained prior to next year. If no one steps forward, I am not sure what the future holds for the branch.

Upcoming Events

- Sat. & Sun., May 20-21 – Revolutionary War Encampment – Huntington Homestead, Scotland - This is not a branch event but a good chance to learn about our branch namesake, Governor Samuel Huntington, and the Revolutionary War. For more information, visit the event web site, <http://www.huntingtonhomestead.org/events.html>, or check the local newspapers prior to the event.
- Sunday, June 18th 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - 230th Anniversary of "Connecticut's Declaration of Independence", War Office, 149 West Town St, Lebanon. Meet Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Sr., hear the reading of "Connecticut's Declaration of Independence", see the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Gov. Trumbull's Tomb, view the Revolutionary War Exhibit, and visit the historic sites on the Lebanon Green. The Color Guard will participate.

New Members

The branch now has 53 members and we are proud to welcome the following new members:

- Scott Brookes
- Clifford Soucy