

Captain Matthew Mead Branch Newsletter

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Holiday Meeting- Sunday, December 15th

The **Roger Sherman Inn** will be the site of the first **joint** Captain Matthew Mead, Roger Sherman and General Silliman Branch luncheon meeting. This historic Inn is located at 195 Oenoke Ridge (CT Rte 124) in New Canaan.

The festivities will begin at 12 Noon, with Black Tie, uniforms and SAR decorations optional. Ladies and family are most welcome.

We plan to have Colonel Serge Gabriel speak on the latest plans for the Washington/Rochambeau Revolutionary Route and its official opening on the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown in 2006.

Connecticut Society president, Dean Gaugler and members of the CTSSAR Board of Managers will attend.

The Nominating Committee will present the candidates for office for 2003/2004 and it is important that we all turn out to support our Branch and VOTE for the new Board of Managers.

5 new members will receive their certificate of membership and lapel rosette from our president. They are: Frank Mott Johnson, Benedict Nelson Smith, Michael Christie Huebsch, Ronald Preston Huebsch and Richard Alan Williams. Welcome aboard Compatriots!!

Send your check for \$30.00 per person to our Branch Treasurer, Kenneth Brown, 160 Park Drive, East Chester, NY 10709-5109

DON'T FORGET

The CTSSAR Meeting at Luca's Steak House Restaurant on November 16th, beginning at 10AM

This meeting is one of the first statewide meetings to be held in the Greenwich/Stamford area and we should show the state Board of Managers that we are interested in the affairs of our state organization. This meeting is part of a series of Planning Meetings to consider the future of your state SAR and will be held as an open forum in which to secure your ideas for that future. Please plan to attend.

For reservations, contact State Secretary Ben Thomas,
bwthomas@snet.net

and Treasurer Jeffrey Hessler
jeffrey.hessler@snet.net to arrange payment for the luncheon.

Mark your Calendar

Saturday, February 22nd, 2003 –

***Geo. Washington's Birthday
Celebration***

Joint meeting and luncheon for Branches #3, #5
and #11.

Details will follow in our next newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I feel honored to have served the Branch for the past two years as the President. This has proved to be a special time of patriotic feeling for our community because of the historic events and because our nation is once again at war. To have had the opportunity to represent the Branch at the flag dedication at Fort Stamford just after the attack on the Twin Towers, and again at the Memorial Service on the first anniversary of September 11th is something I will always hold special.

The Branch is in special need of someone to step forward to lead us in the next two years. I know that whoever becomes President will have the same kind of wonderful support that I have enjoyed. Thanks to all my compatriots for making my two years as president so special to me.

Kelly Loyd Stewart

President

Captain Matthew Mead
Branch #11, CTSSAR

DUES NOTICES FOR 2003

HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVEN'T YET PAID YOUR DUES FOR NATIONAL, STATE, AND BRANCH MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY. WHETHER YOU ARE AN ACTIVE MEMBER WHO ATTENDS MEETINGS AND EVENTS OR JUST WANT TO BELONG TO THIS FINE ORGANIZATION IN MEMORY OF YOUR REVOLUTIONARY ANCESTORS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR DUES ARE PAID PROMPTLY.

THERE ARE NOW SOME 26,000 MEMBERS OF THE SAR NATIONALLY. THERE SHOULD BE MANY MORE. IF YOU HAVE A SON, BROTHER, COUSIN, UNCLE, ETC. WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER BUT ISN'T YET, PLEASE LET ONE OF YOUR OFFICERS KNOW. WE WILL TALK WITH HIM AND HELP HIM WITH THE NEEDED PAPERWORK. THE GROWTH OF OUR ORGANIZATION IS A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM FOR OUR COUNTRY. IT IS A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THEM OR THE TRUTH FOR WHICH THEY SACRIFICED SO MUCH. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO BELONG TO THIS HEREDITARY ORGANIZATION. LET'S HELP TO MAKE IT GROW.

Have you considered becoming a **LIFE MEMBER** of National, State and Branch? Ask your editor for the one time cost, based on your current age. This step will save you a lot of dues notices and be financially helpful to all concerned.

ATTENTION SNET USERS:

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What a great gift from you to the SAR.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

November:

Harrison R Glennon - 4th

Kelly Loyd Stewart - 9th

December:

George L. Sterling - 1st

Denis W. Patterson - 5th

Norman Wesley Merritt - 6th

Michael D. Sutcliffe - 12th

James Allen Walters - 14th

John Phillips Archibald - 15th

George E. Van Brunt - 20th

Kent Close Smith - 31st

Editor's Note:

As I was checking birth dates for the Happy Birthday column, I began to wonder just how our membership has served our country in the past. I found that over 20 of our 58 members were born in the 1920s and probably were the right age to serve during World War II. There are also members who served in the Korean Conflict, Vietnam and the more recent desert and Middle Eastern campaigns. Please, email or mail me a résumé of your military or non-military service during these periods in our nation's history. I will publish them in an upcoming newsletter. And, if you have comments or anecdotes to offer on the time or specific incidents, please include these. This will be of great interest to our membership. Thanks and don't forget to do this today.

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