

## Captain Matthew Mead Branch Newsletter

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### Passionate Activist Dies at 98-

We celebrate the life of Compatriot Warren Jenkins Dennison, who died on October 14, 2003 at Greenwich Hospital. Warren was a friend to all and a man of action in all things. He belonged to the First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich, was an active Mason, held the Silver Beaver in Scouting, was a member of the Lions Club and had been a member of the Greenwich RTM, Police Auxilliary, Perrot Memorial Library board, Sound Beach Power Squadron commander, Community Concert Association, Old Greenwich Yacht Club commodore, Retired Men's Association of Greenwich and sang in the RMA chorus. And, Warren took all of these positions seriously. He joined the SAR in 1935 and became a LIFE MEMBER. We honored him with an Honorary LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the Captain Matthew Mead Branch on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Warren was President of our Branch in 1976 and 1977. He has held every job on the Board of Managers and was our Chaplain during this last year of his life. He never quit attending our functions, even when it pained him to do so. He was a contributor of time and talent and a mentor to all who asked his help.

We will certainly miss our brother and friend, Warren Dennison.

All who wish to remember Warren, please send a check in his name to our treasurer, Ken Brown for the Endowment Fund.

### FORT STAMFORD

Our most recent meeting was held at Fort Stamford, on September 13<sup>th</sup>, in the rain. We enjoyed the attendance of over 50 compatriots, dignitaries and Friends of the Fort. The meeting began with a bagpiper parading over the fort grounds to the skirl of his pipes. Then we had the Trooping of the Colors by our State Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Meredith Anderson, president of the Mary Bush Chapter of the C.A.R., and 7 of her group, who also led us in singing the Star Spangled Banner. Our Master of Ceremonies, Denis Patterson then introduced Ms. Joan Goss, Chaplain of the Putnam Hill Chapter of the DAR, who gave the Invocation. He recognized some special guests, Dolly Powers, Richard Bergstresser, Brian O'Neill, Sam Romeo, Ronald Marcus, Dane Pearson, Col, Serge Gabriel, Katie Bacon, Dee Jones, Tom Zoubek, Bea Crumbine, and Ann Cody. He also recognized Compatriot Bob Berthelson for his generosity in photographing the event. Our State President, Ken Buckbee then inducted 3 new members, Tom Gorin, Clarence Grebey and Barry Wood to our Branch. Our main speaker was Dannel P. Malloy, Mayor of the City of Stamford, who spoke on Stamford's Involvement in the American Revolution. Lastly we presented Good Citizenship Medals to Mr. Christopher Hughes and Mr. Timothy Curtin. After the President Riegle made his closing remarks, we were treated to TAPS on the trumpet of Chris Hughes and the Retreat of the Colors. The C.A.R. served refreshments when the meeting ended. Yes, it was wet, but nothing dampened the spirits of the attendees. Please make it a point to attend next year. The date will be announced in a later newsletter.

**Our Annual Meeting will be held at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club on April 17, 2004.**

**Please attend the reenactment of General Putnam's Escape from the British, which will be held at Putnam Cottage, Putnam Ave. Greenwich, on Sunday, February 22nd, 2004.**

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