

The Connecticut Line

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President Perkins Attends National Congress



Congress was in Winston-Salem from July 8 to 13. Presi-

dent Perkins attended along with our Trustee George Cronk and our wives.

From the welcoming reception Saturday night through the installation banquet Wednesday, the host society North Carolina did a terrific job with

planning and running each day's events.

Connecticut did extremely

well this year, collecting flag streamers for C.A.R Activity, Flag Certificates, Officer Attendance and the Genealogist General's Award for the fewest pending applications by a state. Connecticut had zero! In addition Chris Nichols received the Liberty Medal and both Tim Jacobs and Ken Buckbee



received oak leaf clusters for their Liberty Medals. At the Tuesday night banquet, I had the honor of carrying the

North Carolina flag as part of the color guard for outgoing PG David Sympson and on Wednesday evening, Pat and I had the pleasure of sitting at the head table as the new VPG for the New England district. All in all it was a wonderful experience!

New England District Council & Opening in Newsletter Editorship

At the NEDC meeting on May 14th in Kittery, ME.; Connecticut took its scheduled turn to lead the NEDC for the next year. Your state president was elected as next VPG for the NEDC. Each state

submitted their reports, treasurer's report and minutes were approved. Annuals dues were once again suspended for the year. Special thanks to Chris Nichols for his two plus years as our newslet-

ter editor. We are looking for a volunteer to fill this roll. Chris will be able to provide templates and suggestions for any compatriot who is willing to step up and fill this important position.

Wolcott Branch Presents Flag Award



On June 18th, members of Gen. Wolcott's Sixth Militia Brigade presented the SAR Flag Certificate to the Buck's Hill Communi-

ty Club in Waterbury. The club has been properly displaying the Flag of the United States since it was founded in 1926. Buck's Hill Community Club members work together to form a better, stronger, and cleaner neighbor-

hood. They carry out various neighborhood projects, such as litter pick-up and landscaping along North Main Street and Buck's Hill Road.

In this picture, Ken Buckbee presents the SAR Flag Certificate to BHCC member Charlie Schmidt while BHCC President Jos R. Gagnon looks on. Charlie Schmidt is one of the many members who volunteer to take one-week assignments to raise and lower the Flag.

Baldwin Branch Presents Flag Award



As I write this note to all my branch presidents about the Adm. Furlong Memorial Flag award, it is nearly June 14th, National Flag day. I ask the question, have you made at least one flag certificate presentation this year? Every branch should have made at

least one by year end. Our branch just recognized Glenn Atkinson of Newtown, who shortly after 9/11 placed an American flag on display 24/7 on the slope above the shoulder of I-84 between exits 8 and 9. The flag flew for nearly 6 years until the owner was finally identified in the local



paper. When you see it displayed at night, it sends goosebumps up your spine. Motorists have stopped over the years to donate lights and some even have left money. Sadly, Glenn died in November 2010 at age 48 from a sudden heart attack. His parents received the award in his name and provided us with a complete history of the flag along the highway.

Wadsworth Branch Meets in Simsbury



The Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch #5 met in Simsbury over the Spring and inducted new member Aaron Richard, a DAR referral of his mother, Laurie Ann Drinkwater..



News From The Front—The Connecticut Line



6, 2011 we will once again be marching in the Veterans Day Parade in Hartford, Good Parade!

And we will finish the year with the annual Christmas Tree Lightings in New London, December 3, 2011 and Lebanon, December 4, 2011 and the Wreaths Across America Ceremonies throughout the State on December 10, 2011. This being the last newsletter for the year, I would like



As we head into Fall 2011, the Connecticut Line is nearing the end of the 2011 Campaign Season. It was another busy year for us, with a lot of interesting events. Our remaining calendar includes: a one day Revolutionary War En-

campment at the South Windsor Heritage Day Festival on Saturday, October 1, 2011. "Stark's Muster" at the Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown, NH. on October 8, 2011 - October 9, 2011. This event used to be our annual Training Weekend from 2000 to 2006 when we were part of the New England Contingent SAR, and then from 2007 to 2008 as the Connecticut Line CTSSAR. The Fort being closed in 2009 to 2010, it has re-opened this year, and we have been invited back. There will also be a Boy Scout Encampment



to thank all the members of the Connecticut Line, CTSSAR Living History/ Color Guard Unit for helping to keep the History and Ideals of the American Revolution ALIVE!!! Three Huzzahs!!!



going on outside the Fort during the same weekend. The Annual Massing of the Colors will take place in Hartford on October 30, 2011. On Sunday, November

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From The President's Saddle Bag



JROTC

The year the JROTC program in Connecticut awarded medals to units located in Danbury, Bloomfield, New London, Crosby, Naugatuck, Danbury, Norwalk and Bethel. Cadet Nick Damraksa from Bethel was selected as the State winner and receive a cash award of \$500 in addition to the medal and certificate. He also finished 3rd overall in the National award program. Cadet Gabrielle Devito as state runner-up from Danbury also received a cash award of \$100 from the Rev. Baldwin Branch at their annual luncheon in June. Naval Sea Cadets in New Haven and New London each received the Bronze Good Citizenship medal with ribbon bar for completing the national requirements. I would like to give special thanks once again to all my presenters this year; Bob Wolfe, Bill Breed, Harold Clarke, Paul Selnau, Paul Mangifico, and Harold Osgood.

Memorial

William A. Lang May 14, 1934 - May 13, 2011 Lebanon - William A. Lang, 76, of Lebanon, passed away May 13, 2011 at the Windham Hospital after a brief illness.



He was born in Willimantic May 14, 1934, the son of the late Arnold A. Lang and Louise (Adams) Rice. He attended Windham Schools and was a graduate of the University of Connecticut. Bill served in the United States Army and the Connecticut National Guard, honorably discharged on July 31, 1963. He was married to Celia B. Lang who passed away in 2008 after forty six years of marriage. Bill retired from the State of Connecticut as manager of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Norwich for over thirty years. Bill leaves a son Marc Lang and his wife Terri of Lebanon and a daughter Marcia Calcagno and her husband William of Silver Spring, Maryland. He also leaves three grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution serving as treasurer of the Huntington Branch. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 180 of Lebanon and a member of the Lebanon Historical Society. He served on the Lebanon Senior Center Building committee and volunteered on various boards and commissions.

April Annual Meeting

The meeting was the largest attended state meeting in quite some time with 43 members and guests. The highlight of the

meeting, our youth awards. Cadet Nick Damraksa for JROTC, Robert Brown for Knight Essay and Andrew Gelinas for Eagle Scout. Each read their essays, received their respective awards, including a cash award of \$500. Election of officers for 2011-2012 were completed, with the only change being that of George Cronk as our newest National Trustee, replacing Charles Riegle after two years. Charles is now President of the Saramana Chapter in Florida, we wish him well! Ken Roach has agreed to continue as Alternate Trustee. Secretary Robert Rivard was awarded the Meritorious Service award. Tim Wilkins and Don Rowland were awarded the Robert E. Burt awards for all their work on the Eagle Scout committee and with their local Boy Scout troops.

Guest Lecture

On April 26th Dave Perkins and Jerry Carroon were guest lecturers at the East Haddam Schoolhouse for Cmdr. Toni Gay and her 20 cadets from the USCGA. I spoke on Captain Nathan Hale from teacher to soldier to spy and Jerry Carroon spoke about Major Benjamin Tallmadge and the Culper Spy ring used by Gen. Washington in 1778. The class at USCGA is "2483 Intelligence & Democracy".

Activities

Patriot's Day parade in Concord, MA along with CTSSAR Color Guard
Attended luncheons for both the Roger Sherman and Matthew Mead branches in April.
Memorial Day parade in Lebanon and grave marking in New London later that same day.