



General David Humphreys Branch No. 1 Sons of the American Revolution

New Haven, Connecticut Founded

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Meeting Report

April 5, 2014 – April 18, 2015

April 14 – State President Shaw spoke about our 125 anniversary and our 3 properties. President Wilkins announced that he and his wife Mary and Ethan Stewart attended the Yale ROTC program. Wilkins gave out Certificates and Medals to Midshipman Samuel Cohen and Air Force recipient Steven Jones. Our guest speaker was John White. He spoke about a book he wrote The Gulf of Tonkin Events-fifty years later. We had 18 people attend our meeting.

May 12 – President Wilkins and Flag Chairman Ethan Stewart gave a Flag Award to Dr. William James. Ethan Stewart gave out 16 Outstanding Citizenship Awards to area High Schools. Our guest speaker was Greg Thompson. His presentation was how to publish your research. We had 17 people attend our meeting

June 9- President Wilkins and Flag Chairman Ethan Stewart gave a Flag Award to John Long. Ethan Stewart read a thank you letter from one of the Outstanding Citizen Awards recipients. This was our Ladies night and our entertainment was Magician Charles Hayden. We had 42 people attend our meeting.

July 4- We had our July 4th ceremony at Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, CT. Our event was covered by Channel 8 News.

September 8 – We had a moment of silence for the passing of two of our Compatriot's, Dr. William James & Lawrence Neumann. We had special guest Linda Wallace Senior State President, CT. Children of the American Revolution, DAR members and Tim Dillon and Paula Norton from the Derby Historical Society. We welcomed new members; Erick Louis Paul, Wesley Grant Augur, Ethan Allen Stewart, Jr. and Brian Lane Stanley. President Wilkins and Ethan Stewart presented a donation to the Derby Historical Society for \$500.00. Our guest speaker was Chris Nichols. He spoke

about the Hereditary Society Group, Son of a Witch. We had 27 people attend our meeting.

October 13 – We went to the Branford Armory to meet with the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard, Second Company Horse Guard, Second Continental Light Dragoons and Sheldon's Horse. We gave out two Good Citizenship Medals and Awards to SSG Robert C. Child III and 1SG Richard Wawrzeniak

November 10 – We had a moment of silence for the passing of Compatriot, Donald Rowland. We had our 4th annual meeting with the Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter of the DAR. Our guest speaker was Damien Cregeau. He spoke about Joseph Plum Martin a Revolutionary soldier from Milford, CT. We recognized our Veterans. The DAR installed a new member Melanie Dokla. The joint meeting attendance was 38 people.

December 8 – President Wilkins welcomed our new member Mark Jackson. President Wilkins & Flag Chairman Ethan Stewart gave a Flag Award to Tony Agvent. President Wilkins congratulated 3 new State Officers from our Branch, **Vice President:** Ethan Stewart, **Chaplain:** Bill Lane and **Chancellor:** William Fenn. Ethan Stewart spoke about the Flag Award at Sikorsky Headquarters given by our State Society. Election of Officers for 2015-2016, **President:** John Towle, **Vice President:** William Fenn, **Secretary:** Ethan Stewart, Sr., **Treasurer:** Brad Gesler, **Asst. Treasurer:** Ethan Stewart, Sr., **Registrar:** Ethan Stewart, Sr., **Chaplain:** Bill Lane, **Historian:** Richard Kendall, **Asst. Historian:** Dick Edwards and **Necrologist:** Doug Lemay.

New Chairmen Heads, **Knight Essay's** – William Fenn, **Eagle Scout Award** – Tim Wilkins, **Outstanding Citizenship Awards** – Ethan Stewart, Sr.

Flag Award – Eric Paul, **Law Enforcement Award** - Marshall Robinson.

That evening we were entertained by the Silk-in Sounds Ladies Barbershop Chorus with Holiday Cheer. We had 48 people attend our meeting.

January 12 – President Towle presented past President Timothy Wilkins with the Past President Certificate and Medal. Rich Kindell gave us a historical moment about Small Pox killing more soldiers than battles. Our guest speaker Damien Cregeau gave us a presentation about the Culper Ring in New York. 15 people attended our meeting.

February 9 – Canceled because of snow

March 9 – Ethan Stewart said in the last 7 years we have given out 94 Outstanding Citizenship Awards, He also read a poem from one of our members in Florida. Scout Chairman Timothy Wilkins gave out our Eagle Scout Award to William Weishaupt of Troup 701 of Milford, CT. Our guest speaker was Katherine Dimancesu. She has written a book The Forgotten Chapters (My Journey into the Past) and she is also a DAR member. Her presentation was her ancestors and how they were forced to move around Mass. to RI. And CT. 23 people attended our meeting.

April 13 – President Towle gave Richard Kendall a Certificate of Military Service. Rich Kendall gave us a historical moment about the battle of Ridgefield. Our guest speaker was Jerry Roberts. He talked about the Battle of Essex during the War of 1812. He also has written a book The British Raid on Essex. 20 people attended our meeting.