



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

New Haven, Connecticut Founded
May 22, 1891

Meeting Summary November 2018 – February 2019

November 12 - This was our 8th joint meeting between the Freeloze Baldwin Stow Chapter of the DAR and the General David Humphreys Branch #1. Regent Davis recognized all our Veterans at the meeting. Regent Davis also spoke about their ceremony for the Wreaths across America held 12/15/22017 at Kings Highway Cemetery, Milford.

President Fenn read a thank you note for our donation to Wreaths Across America. President Fenn read off the nominations for the 2019-20 officers; Bill Fenn President, Ethan Stewart, Secretary, Asst. Treasure, and Registrar, Bruce Bathrick Treasure, Rich Kendall Chaplain, Greg Thomson Historian and Doug LeMay Neurologist. Chairman Marshall Robinson Law Enforcement Award, Ethan Stewart Outstanding Citizenship Awards, Tim Wilkins Eagle Scout, Chris Bandecchi Flag Award and Bill Lane Nominating. They were all accepted unanimously.

Ethan Stewart informed us that the General David Humphreys Branch has been awarded The Partners in Patriotism Certificate for Patriotic Outreach from National at the 128th Congress.

Ethan also spoke about the ceremony at the cemetery and how meaningful the work was. Ethan announced that the Derby Historical Society was having a fund raiser on Nov. 19th to finish the restoration of the Humphreys House. There was a motion put forth by Tim Wilkins for a donation of \$300.00 and second by Ethan Stewart. It was passed unanimously.

Ethan Stewart introduced our guest speaker Eric Chandler. He spoke about many different women who help in the Revolution. A few that he talked about were, Molly Pitcher, Anna Maria Lane, Sally St. Clair, Elizabeth Zane and Deborah Sampson. 44 people attended our meeting.

December 10 - State President Damien Cregeau swore in our new officers for 2019-20. They are President Bill Fenn, Secretary Ethan Stewart, Sr., Treasurer Bruce Bathrick, Asst. Treasurer Ethan Stewart, Sr., Registrar Ethan Stewart Sr, Chaplain Rich Kendall, Historian Greg Thompson and Necrologist Doug LeMay.

Flag Chairman Chris Bandecchi presented Rich Kendall with the Flag Award. Secretary Stewart introduced Carl Selvaggi, Jr. owner of Carl's Monument. Carl donated a lot of his free time with helping with the restoration of the Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery in Stratford, CT., such as moving a stone to their proper location, sand blasting and made two stones for free. They were the Patriot Daniel Jackson whose original stone was lost and marker with the SAR & DAR names in the new entrance way and with the year the project was complete.

For all his dedication we presented him with the Bronze Good Citizenship Award and Medal.

Dave Loda (AKA- Colonial David Humphreys) introduced our guest soprano Gretchen Tucker. She sang many Christmas carols and we sang along with them. It was enjoyed by all. President Fenn gave her a Certificate of Appreciation. 30 people attended our Christmas meeting.

January 14 - President Fenn spoke about Dick Reilly and his fight with cancer.

Tim Wilkins told us that we have 3 Eagle Scouts this year. He also talked about his project with the polo shirts for our branch.

We welcomed new members; George Esposito and Steven Chapman and they both spoke about their Patriot Ancestor.

Ethan Stewart introduced our speaker Janet Barrett. She is the author of "They Called Her Reckless". Janet gave a brief description of the mountain's ranges in North Korea and how difficult it was to get around without roads. The Marine's had difficulty carrying ammunition up the steep hills to the front line, so they got a real-life workhorse to carry the ammunition she was called Reckless. Reckless was made a Private in the Marine Fifth Regiment. She got so use to the trails that she would go up with the ammunition by herself and back down. She was awarded two Purple Hearts and promoted to Sergeant by the Commander of the Marine First Division.

Reckless was brought to the United States where she lived out her life. 20 people attended our meeting.

February 11 - Rich Kendall had a moment of silence for compatriot Dick Reilly.

Tim Wilkins told us that we have Eagle Scout recipient Curtis Brown for next month.

Ethan Stewart said that he sent out applications to 14 area High Schools for the Outstanding Citizenship Award. Ethan also said that he his wife, Barbara and Greg Thompson are working on a complete listing and pictures of all gravestone to give the church and Historical Society.

President Fenn and Doug Lemay talked about the Fisher House and if we could make another donation. Bill Lane made a motion for \$500.00 and was seconded by Tim Wilkins and all members present voted in favor.

Rich Kendall introduced our speaker Fred Kerson. Fred brought in 3 muskets and 1 rifle so that we could see the difference. He also brought many items that had to do with the muskets and rifle. Fred gave us a history lesson about the muskets and a demonstration on how to load them. Fred also said that the Kentucky Long Rifle was made in Lancaster, Penn. 15 people attended our meeting.

Respectively Submitted

Compatriot: Ethan A. Stewart, Sr. – Branch Secretary