



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

**New Haven, Connecticut Founded
May 22, 1891**

Meeting Summary September – October 2018

September 10 -

Secretary Stewart recognized past Branch President Tim Wilkins & John Towle.

We inducted new member Brian Burland and he spoke about his ancestor. His brother Tom was there as a perspective member.

Ethan spoke about the new Humphreys challenge coin that cost us \$575.00 that we have sold 65 coins for \$640.00 so we have made a small profit so far.

Massing of the Colors is on November 3rd check SAR web page for more information. The same day as our SAR State meeting.

The Cemetery is nearing completion if we could just get some good weather.

Rich Kendell introduced our guest speaker Bob Begin. He spoke about the war of 1812, primarily about Commodore Isaac Hull the Capt. Of the USS Constitution and his many exploits. He also spoke about the Royal Navy and how their discipline was very barbaric. Bob also talked about James Lawrence and the Chesapeake and Shannon engagement. 15 people attended

October 8 - President Fenn recognized our Past President Tim Wilkins & Past State President Ethan Stewart.

Ethan Stewart spoke about Wreaths Across America being on December 15th at 12 noon. Some of our members attend every year. Ethan Stewart made a motion to donate 10 wreaths the same as last year to Freeloove Baldwin Stow Chapter at a cost of \$150.00. and was seconded by Tim Wilkins. This was accepted.

Ethan also gave an historical moment. He bought 2 books called the Guide to the History & Historic Sites of CT. printed by Yale in 1937. These books were written by the CT. DAR over a 7-year period. There was information in there about Colonel David Humphreys that I had not heard before. At the battle of Yorktown, Humphreys received the English Colors at the surrender of Cornwallis. He also carried those colors to Congress, which voted him “an elegant sword” presented in 1787. This sword is in the New Haven Museum on the second floor.

Ethan also spoke about the cemetery. He had found General David Wooster’s father Capt. Abraham Wooster buried there and David’s oldest brother Col. Joseph Wooster & wife Mary was found by members of the cemetery group. Ethan would like to have a

Ceremony at the cemetery because of its completion and to honor 1 additional patriot David Jackson. He asked for help with this and Tim Wilkins said he would help. Ethan spoke about the Derby Historical Society having a fund-raising dinner and entertainment on Nov.19. This is to help with the restoration of the Humphreys house more detail will follow at the Nov. meeting.

Tim Wilkins spoke about the polo shirts that have the Humphreys Branch seal on them. He is still working on that and has a cost of about \$20.00.

Ethan Stewart introduced our guest speaker, Susan Marchese. He spoke about her group the Friends of Fort Wooster Park and what they did for the park. She also spoke about the significance during the Battle of New Haven and how important Beacon Hill was as a look out post. She went into many other details about the Fort Wooster Park. 17 people attended our meeting

Respectively Submitted

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