



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

New Haven, Connecticut Founded  
May 22, 1891

Meeting Summary March 9, 2020 – November 9, 2020

**March 9** – This was our last in person meeting due to the Covid Pandemic.

President Stewart has arranged with the “Second Company Governors Foot Guard”, to have our October 12, 2020 meeting at the Armory, Branford, CT.

Doug LeMay asked for a donation to the Fisher House for \$500.00 as we have done for the last few years. Greg Thompson made a motion to donate again and seconded by Tim Wilkins. The motion was approved.

VP Bandecchi was at the annual Color Guard meeting and informed them that the town of Stratford was celebrating William Samuel Johnson day on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. He is a signer of the U.S Constitution.

VP Bandecchi introduced our guest speaker Robert Novak. Robert read some of Humphreys manuscripts that he had written about his life especially in the Revolution. He put this into his own words and relayed them to us. 17 - People attended our meeting.

**July 13**, the General David Humphreys Branch No. 1 of the CTSSAR recognized Eagle Scout Jason Luciani of Troop 907 Woodbridge as their 2020 Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest winner at the branch level. A recognition ceremony with almost 50 in attendance was held in the East Side Cemetery in Woodbridge, CT next to one of the three large placards that Jason created depicting the map locations of veterans interned in the cemetery from various wars from the French & Indian War through the Vietnam War and Peacetime/ Unknown Era. This extraordinary work was repeated in two other cemeteries in the town. Over 400 hundred man hours was expended by Jason on this project to learn a graphic software language to create the cemetery veteran map and to data mine the information to create a database of the locations of the veterans interned in the three cemeteries. In addition to the signs, new secure flag holders were installed as part of Jason's Eagle project. There was a total of over 400 veteran markers that were identified. Current CTSSAR 2nd VP/ Eagle Scout Program Chairman and Former Troop 907 Scoutmaster was instrumental in coordinating this event, and provided to Jason a signed recognition certificate, a NSSAR Eagle Scout Patch, and an engraved

NSSAR Eagle Scout Medal Patch. A fiduciary award from the branch was also presented. Moreover, past CTSSAR President Ethan Stewart who is the current Gen. David Humphreys Branch #1 President presented to Eagle Scout Jason Luciani a CTSSAR Historic Preservation pin as further recognition of his Eagle Scout project.

**Oct 12** – We had our first zoom meeting. President Stewart said that our annual meeting in Nov. with the DAR has been canceled. We also talked about the Oct Grave Marking ceremony in Derby.

President Stewart asked for a motion to donate \$150.00 to the Frelove Baldwin Stow DAR for the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Jerry Wilson made the motion and it was seconded by Doug Lemay and approved by all. This is an event that the Humphreys Branch always attends.

We also had our nominations for the new slate of officers starting in January. 12 members attended the zoom meeting.

**Oct 17** - General David Humphreys Branch #1 convened a Grave Marking Ceremony Honoring 54 Revolutionary War Patriots at the Old Uptown Burial Ground in Derby, CT on Saturday with over 65 people attended on a sunny fall morning. The program included a Posting of the Colors by the Connecticut Line. Opening remarks were made by Ethan Stewart, Sr. Branch President.

The CT-SAR 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Stephen Taylor provided greetings from the State Society. Although he could not attend, a Proclamation was read and received by the Mayor of Derby, CT Richard Dziekan. Greetings from the DAR were given by Connecticut State Regent Christy Hendrie. We also now have our own Legacy Song. All other information about the Humphreys events can be found on our web page [www.connecticutsar.org](http://www.connecticutsar.org)

**Nov 9** – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> zoom meeting. We had a discussion about the Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Grave Marking Ceremony. Rich Forselius wrote an article about the event for the National Magazine. This article and pictures along with our own Legacy song written by Tom Callinan is also on the state web site [Connecticutsar.org](http://Connecticutsar.org) We received many thank you notes from people who attended this event. We also received a thank you note from Frelove Baldwin Stow for our donation to Wreaths Across America.

Steve Chapman gave us an historical moment about CT in the Revolution.

President Stewart announced that he and Barbara finished their book on the Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery and presented two books to the church on Sunday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. We also mail one to Columbia University and they responded with a thank you. We are working on a link so that everyone will be able to view the book.

Wreaths Across America is on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 and will take place at the Kings Highway Cemetery 271 Cherry Street, Milford and Frelove Baldwin Stow DAR will be the Host. 9 people attended our meeting.

Respectively Summited

Branch Secretary: Ethan A. Stewart, Sr.