

# CONNECTICUT SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## **CAPT. MATTHEW MEAD BRANCH #11**

September 30, 2015

The Matthew Mead Branch has not met since our 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in April, already reported upon. As conveyed in the April report, the Town of Greenwich has conducted a year-long celebration of the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding in 1640, and the Mead Branch had participated in the February re-enactment and General Putnam sign dedication which was the first of the year's events.

This past Sunday, 27 September 2015, the Town of Greenwich hosted a gala parade, featuring 1,200 marchers, nine bands, etc., in downtown Greenwich, organized by the Greenwich Historical Society. The Mead Branch participated with a new, 3 X 5 foot custom banner carried by our president, Marc Clapp Robinson, and treasurer, James Allen Walters, who is also the past Chief of the Greenwich Police Department; followed by the NSSAR flag carried by Vice President Wesley Marion Oler IV, with his teenage son, carrying a miniature NSSAR flag. Secretary Thomas Bartley Gorin followed dressed in the uniform of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Connecticut Militia. Several older members rode in classic, bright red convertibles: a '56 Ford and a '61(?) Impala Caprice. The DAR and CAR also participated, but the crowd really loved us. Our most recognizable members were front and center. It was a wonderful day.

Coming up, we look forward to our usual cemetery visits for Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Bartley Gorin  
*Secretary*