

General Israel Putnam Branch #4
The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc.

The Independent Newsletter

Branch Annual Meeting

Saturday April 13, 2019

10:00 AM

Booth & Dimock Memorial Library
1134 Main Street
Coventry, Connecticut 06238

Following the meeting we had a casual lunch at the Bidwell Tavern (1260 Main Street, Coventry, CT 06238).

Annual Meeting Highlights:

7 branch members attended: Peter Faulkner (President), Todd Gerlander (Treasurer), Lee Gerlander (Chaplain), Evan Faulkner (Historian), Russell Wirtalla, Wayne Bickley, Randy Gerlander.

* Branch Treasury: \$543.05 Treasurer's note: The branch is waiting to receive 2019 branch dues from Connecticut SAR.

* President Peter Faulkner presented Compatriot Lee Gerlander his 45 year SAR membership pin and certificate. Compatriot Gerlander joined the SAR in 1974. (1st photo)

* President Peter Faulkner presented Compatriot Russell Wirtalla a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Society SAR for serving as Vice Chairman of the Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee 2017-2018. (2nd photo)

* President Peter Faulkner presented, "The Partners in Patriotism Certificate for Patriotic Outreach," from the National Society SAR to the Gen. Israel Putnam Branch #4 CTSSAR. The certificate was presented at the 128th NSSAR Congress in 2018. (3rd photo)

* President Peter Faulkner presented the branch's 2019 Flag Award to the Booth & Dimock Memorial Library, "In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America." (4th photo)

2019-2020 Branch Officers:

President: Peter Faulkner
Vice President: Mark Sheldon
Secretary: Bruce Lyon
Treasurer: Todd Gerlander
Registrar: (vacant)
Chaplain: Lee Gerlander
Historian: Evan Faulkner

* Compatriot Todd Gerlander discussed the creation of the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull Branch #13 CTSSAR. The branch is being raised for War Office preservation, and all Gen. Israel Putnam Branch #4 members are encouraged to join (as a secondary branch), and become charter members this year. Annual dues have not yet been determined, I would like to see \$13. More information was published in the latest issue of the CTSSAR Connecticut Line Newsletter.

* The General Israel Putnam 300th Birthday event last September was discussed. 12 members of the branch attended the event.

* The 2019 branch field trip was discussed. Locations of the War Office and Wolf Den were proposed.

* The 2020-2021 Branch Officer Slate was discussed. The consensus was to see a lot of new members step up to fill these leadership positions.

Nominations are being accepted. If you would like to serve, please let me know. If you are a current officer and want to continue, please let me know.

I will not be running as Treasurer next year, I have served as Treasurer from 2008-2020, and I am stepping down from the position. The Treasurer position will be open 2020-2021.

The President and Secretary of the Branch also serve as members of the Connecticut SAR Board of Managers.

President: Mark Sheldon

Vice President: (Wayne Bickley will serve unless another member comes forward)

Secretary:

Treasurer: OPEN

Registrar:

Chaplain:

Historian:

Patriotically,

Todd Gerlander

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