



**Connecticut Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Nathan Hale Branch #6**

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To the office of the President of the CTSSAR and the CTSSAR BOM:

This report covers the time periods between October of 2020 and February of 2020 for the Nathan Hale Branch.

The Hale Branch held one official meeting during this time period with an event on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in East Haddam at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in which 3 new members were sworn in, given their rosettes, and their membership certificates. They spoke a bit about their Patriot ancestors and were informed about the types of events that the Hale Branch involves itself in. Upcoming, and October 18th in Lyme.

Members of our branch and our Color Guard detachment, the 7<sup>th</sup> CT Regiment, participated in events which included October 10th in Lebanon and October 17th in Derby. In addition, a Veterans' Day Grave Marking and Remembrance Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot David Dart, interred in the Ames (Cuheca) Cemetery, Waterford, CT was held.

The Nathan Hale Branch and the 7th CT Regiments of the CTLine participated in Wreaths Across America hosted by Lebanon's American Legion Post in which 3 volleys of musket fire were executed. At the conclusion of this event we presented the American Legion Post with a certificate of recognition for Flag Retirement ceremonies that they have been conducting for many years. Harold Nelson, who is the Post Commander, accepted the certificate with many other members in attendance.

Following WAA, we relocated to the War Office at which time Francis Kunz was inducted as our newest member. Stephen Taylor awarded a series of certificates and medals to the following individuals who were not in attendance at the previous BOM meeting at the Armory in Hartford. Both Bob Rivard and Jim Rothgeb received Lafayette Service medals for their 40+ hours of Patriot research. Dave Packard received the Patriot medal for his 8 years of service at the Property Steward. Josh Taylor was recognized with the Patriot Grave Marking medal and Stephen Taylor will be presenting him this at Christmas time. Tyler Smith was awarded the Roger Sherman medal. Lastly, the branch was presented a streamer for our flag in recognition of the President General's Educational Outreach program.

Our final event of the day was to post 9 wreaths at the Trumbull Cemetery along the front wall and conduct a 3-volley musket salute to Revolutionary War Patriots buried there. Dave Packard and Bob Rivard returned once the snow melted and placed 8 of the 9 wreaths on Patriot graves while keeping the 9th hanging on the cemetery's sign. Since Dave Packard received 27 wreaths from WAA, we distributed them to those in attendance to take to their own towns and to place them on either cemeteries or veterans' graves.

Upcoming Hale Branch events will include the marking of 3 newly located and identified Patriots' graves, awarding the Flag Certificate, and a branch meeting in February. Once it is safe to do so, we hope to hold the Nehantic Tribal member Patriot grave marking in Lyme, CT.

Patriotically,  
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