



CONNECTICUT SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION COLONEL JEREMIAH WADSWORTH BRANCH #7

General Report and Meeting Summary, January 2020

I am pleased to have been a help in the reinvigoration of Wadsworth Branch #7. We have 52 members, and it is my intention to get more of them actively involved. In addition, my two adult sons, James and Will have been admitted as CTSSAR in 2020; making 53 & 54!.

The Branch's Fall 2019 Meeting was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at the 1st Co. Governor's Footguard Armory – 159 High St. Hartford, CT 06114.

The meeting was called to order at 11am by Branch President Bruce Donald, with the CTSSAR Pledge and Invocation following. A list of the eight attendees was compiled by Secretary Ankerman and a quorum was established. The president offered the branch's thanks to new compatriot Todd Unkefer for the venue and catering.

Old Business: Summary of last meeting of Wadsworth Branch Meeting, Jan. 2019, in Simsbury. Held at Abigail's, an historic tavern, with the induction of Tony Healy as new compatriot. Installation of New Officers of Wadsworth Branch by President Damien Cregeau: Bruce Donald, Branch President, Bill Baldwin, Vice President, Justin Ankerman, Secretary, and Lee Tryon, Treasurer.

New Business: The Branch was awarded the President General's Education Outreach Banner. It was installed on the Branch Flag. Discussion of possible future events for 2020: Plaque rededication for Maj. Gen. Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Farmington marked by CTSSAR and until recently hidden in trees and undergrowth. President Donald said he had been in contact with the Town of Farmington and the Village Green & Library Assoc. which controls the park. He hopes to have a date soon. Grave Marking – Identify cemeteries; Other SAR programs – general discussion.

Induction of new compatriots & awards. President Donald presented the credentials and inducted new Compatriot Todd Unkefer, who not only secured the Armory (as a member of the 1st. Co. Governor's Footguard) but was also responsible for the subsequent luncheon catering. President Bruce Donald then presented the Roger Sherman Medal and credentials to Compatriot Carrara for his contributions to CTSSAR. At noon the Branch had a break for lunch, and the Battle of Fort

Washington Buffet was served. All Proceeds benefited the Trustees of the 1st Co. Governor's Footguard.

The First Company Governor's Foot Guard (1GFG), the nation's oldest continuously serving military unit, provides ceremonial escort to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and other Elected Officials of the state as well as providing The Adjutant General a supplemental force for supporting the National Guard. We are pleased that MAJ Loren Schave gave a tour of the Footguard Museum after lunch beginning at 1pm.

At 2pm President Donald led the Branch in the SAR Recessional, said a Closing Prayer, and adjourned the Branch.

Respectfully Submitted: R. Bruce Donald, President