



*Connecticut Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution*



**First Vice President's Report
20 Feb 2021**

Report as First Vice President for the year 2020

It has been an honor and my humble privilege to serve as the 1st Vice President since April of 2020. COVID really impacted our society this year, limiting how much we could do. As the restrictions lessened, I was able to attend events safely and represent us at various state functions. I have also been strengthening our bonds with CTDAR, working with Vice Regent Patricia Smedley Buxton, the CTSSAR and CTDAR applied and **won** an in-kind grant to have 210 children visit our Lebanon Properties in October 2021. I will discuss more over the next few months as we plan the logistics of this endeavor. I will need all of your support with this project:

Feel the Rhythm; Reviving the Heartbeat of the American Revolution in Urban Youth.

6 September 2020 represented the Society by laying a wreath at the site of Col. Ledyard's massacre at the 239th anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights. I look forward to this year's 240th anniversary.

4 October 2020 I attended the Connecticut Society Children of the American Revolution (CSCAR) Fall meeting. I volunteered to assist the CSCAR by serving as the Chairman of their Nomination committee for the 2021-2022 slate of officers.

10 October 2020 celebrated the 310th birthday of our Rebel Governor, J. Trumbull as I presided over the 2nd meeting of the Jonathon Trumbull branch. Afterwards several members conducted a wreath laying and marked five graves.

11 October 2020, I attended the Roger Sherman DAR Chapter grave marking of two African American Patriots of the American Revolution, Samuel Phillips and Jeruel Phillips. NSDAR President General Denise Van Buren was present and spoke of the DAR's pledge to raise awareness of patriots of color. The biggest honor was to stand shoulder to shoulder with Compatriot William Fothergill (Col Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch) relative to the Patriots.

17 October 2020 I was a speaker for the Society at the Humphries Branch Plaque dedication at the Old Derby Uptown Burying Ground. This event was well attended and allowed me to visit the grave of my 9th great grandfather, Edward Wooster, Grandfather of David Wooster, my 1st cousin 9x removed.

24 October 2020 I brought greetings on behalf of our society, as I virtually attended the 10th anniversary of Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, John Paul Jones Chapter, in Bremerton, Washington.

3 December 2020 I attended the virtual dinner with the District of Columbia Sons of the American Revolution. A presentation was given by Dr. Jim Ambuske, on the Richard H. Brown Revolutionary War Map Collection. The Collection features over 1,000 individual objects that date between 1740-1799. To learn more, please browse:

[HTTP://catalog.mountvernon.org/digital/collection/p16829coll42](http://catalog.mountvernon.org/digital/collection/p16829coll42)

30 January 2021 I attended the Connecticut Society Children of the American Revolution winter meeting held at the First Governor's footguard Armory in Hartford. On behalf of the Society, I accepted a POW/MIA Flag donated to CTSSAR, to be flown at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in Haddam, CT.

The months of December and January have been spent learning new facets of our great society and planning our 2021 calendar of events. I look forward to continuing to serving you, our members and furthering our societies initiatives.

I am Compatriots, your most humble and obedient servant.

Stephen Taylor