

## **Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**

### **240th Anniversary of "Connecticut's Valley Forge" General Putnam's Encampment, 1778-1779, Redding, Connecticut**

#### **All-Member State Meeting**

**Mark Tuain Library, Redding, Connecticut Saturday, November 3, 2018**

President Damien Cregeau called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Following the invocation, a moment of silence was observed for our compatriots who have passed away this year.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, and the SAR Pledge, the SCTSSAR Secretary, Paul Selnau indicated that, with 16 members in attendance, a quorum was present for the meeting.

The minutes from the September 3, 2018 Board of Managers Meeting were presented at today's meeting and posted on line. Tim Wilkins made a motion to approve the minutes, Ethan Steward seconded the motion. All members approved the motion.

#### **Committee and Branch Reports are posted on our web site:**

No additional reports, all reports submitted are posted on line.

President Report: The Presidents report has handed out and is posted on line. In addition, President Cregeau noted that he attended the Ft. Griswold, and USCGA ceremonies for MG Alexander Hamilton Statue, and attended the New England District Meeting in Massachusetts via phone.

#### **Treasurer Don Studley Report**

Two reports were provided to the members today indicating that we are proceeding under budget. Investments have gone down and are in line with the market.

All members should have received the dues notices. The notice has been sent out by the Communicating Secretary, payments will be sent to him, he will make note of it in the database and forward the checks to the treasurer. David Perkins noted that 59% of the dues have been received as of today's date and we have received \$2,000.00 in donations. Don will be staying with QuickBooks but will be simplifying the accounting after the first of the year. Ethan Steward asked Don if he had reviewed how we are paying the properties employees; Don noted that we need to review the process. We are paying over \$1,000.00 payroll fees for three months of salaries that total approximately \$3,000.00. Don will be talking to the properties committee about taking them off payroll, providing them 1099 forms, and increasing their wages to account for the tax paid by them.

The Budget was submitted for the review by the members. The budget will be reviewed at the February 2019 meeting and approved at the April 2019 meeting. Tyler requested and received a clarification on the Grave Marking fund that was under budget. Secretary Selnau clarified the value in the Secretaries budget is a financial check, and is used by other budgeted areas upon request.

## **Property Steward Dave Packard's Report**

The property Report has been posted. David Perkins noted that on November 18<sup>th</sup> The Coast Guard Cadets will be helping clean up East Haddam, all are encouraged to attend and assist.

### **Old Business**

Ethan Stewart provided an update on the ceremony at the Milford Cemetery Project marking its completion and the installation of the new gate. Ethan did bring challenge coins for members to review and purchase. Ethan updated the members on July 2019 ceremony of the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of New Haven. Ethan is looking into options for replacing the state plaque the was stolen several years ago. He is also looking into funding opportunities at National.

### **New Business**

David Perkins noted the following: starting November 1, 2019, National will only be accepting application submitted on the new form. An electronic copy needs to be submitted to our registrar. New members documents were presented to the Branch members present today. It notes how long several members have been waiting for their certificates and rosettes. The State Web site domain ins under the control of the past treasurer. Dave will be working with Don to correct the situation. On October 14, 2019 grave marking was done in Lebanon, one of the markers that Ethan Stewart found were used. Dave made a motion to have the color guard purchase four markers from the grave marking fund to replace the temporary markers placed. The motion was seconds by Tim Wilkins, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Ethan Stewart noted that the mold made for the markers was a temporary mold. A permanent mold would cost approximately \$300.00. He recommended that membership consider having this done. After a general discussion, Ethan Stewart made a motion to have a permanent mold made, the cost expected to be approximately \$300.00. Bill Lane seconded the motion, all members voted in favor of the motion.

### **Awards and Inductions**

Ralph Green was inducted into the CTSSAR at today's meeting.

David Perkins presented the grave marking medals to Ethan Stewart and Damien Cregeau. Dave noted that we have seven members who have received this award.

President Damien Cregeau presented the flowing awards:  
Admiral Furlong Memorial Award Certificate and Star -  
C.A.R. Activity Award Certificate and Streamer -  
Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest Certificate and Streamer  
JROTC Outstanding Cadet Contest

Kenneth A. Buckbee Chairmen  
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Timothy R. Wilkins Chairmen

David J. Perkins Chairmen

Certificate of Appreciation  
Vice President General Certificate of Appreciation -  
Gold Roger Sherman Oak-Leaf cluster  
ROTC/JROTC & Service Academy Comm.  
Eagle Scout Committee  
Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

Kenneth D. Roach  
Vice Chairmen David J. Perkins  
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Russell W. Wirtalla

Liberty Medal Oak-Leaf Cluster - Kenneth A. Buckbee 1st Line Signer on 154 New Applications  
Liberty Medal Oak-Leaf Clusters Gregory E. Thompson 1st Line Signer on 79 & 58 New Applications  
David J. Perkins Liberty Medal Oak-Leaf Cluster 1st Line Signer on 12 New Applications  
Liberty Medal - Ethan A. Stewart, Sr.

Partners in Patriotism Certificates of Appreciations  
CTSSAR and All Branches (1,4,5,6,7,9,10,11& 12)

Speaker Robert Hubbard, author, Major General Israel Putnam: Hero of the American Revolution

### **Members Present**

#### **Humphrey Branch; One**

Ethan Stewart, Don Studley, William Lane, Richard Kendall

#### **Hale Branch; Six**

Tim Wilkins, Tyler Smith, Robert Carrara

#### **Wadsworth Branch; Seven**

Damien Cregeau

#### **Baldwin Branch; Nine**

David Perkins, Fred Burke, Fred Ball, Ralf Green

#### **Wolcott Branch; Ten**

Paul Selnau, Ian King, Peter Stothart, Derek Brockhoff

Following the SAR recessional and the benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20

Respectfully submitted: Paul H. Selnau, CTSSAR Secretary

Lunch at Spinning Wheel Restaurant, Redding, CT