

Connecticut SAR Colorguard News – October 1 to December 14, 2019

5 October 2019 – 250th Anniversary of the Appointment of Jonathan Trumbull, Sr to Governor - Lebanon, CT.

On about this date in 1769, Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. was appointed the Governor of the Colony of Connecticut following the sudden death of the current Governor and would remain in office until 1784. His office in Lebanon became known as the War Office where Gen. Washington and others would meet with the Governor during the American Revolution. President-General John T. “Jack” Manning attended this event and presented the new branch charter to the officers of the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. Branch #13. Following the signing of the charter and the swearing-in of the officers, a wreath was placed at the base of the stone plaque honoring the Governor and his 250th anniversary. A tour of the historic home of Governor Trumbull now owned by the local DAR chapter was made and then the day was completed with a visit to the Gov. Trumbull cemetery where Gov. Trumbull and two other patriots were commemorated with a 3-volley salute and the placing of a wreath by PG John T. “Jack” Manning and State President Damien M. Cregeau.



Color Guard Salute at the grave site of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull

19 October 2019 – Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for Private Jeff Liberty - Washington, CT.

The Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch #10 conducted a grave marking for African-American patriot Private Jeff Liberty at the Old Judea Cemetery in Washington, CT. Jeff Liberty was born into Slavery in 1725 and was offered his freedom if he would enlist, so at age 55 he did just that, joining the all black 2nd Company of the 4th Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line and served until November of 1782. Following the war, Jeff was granted land in Washington, CT and farmed there until his death in 1797. He was survived by his wife and 2 daughters. Proclamations were read by CT State Senator Eric Berthel, and CT State Representative Pat Wilson Pheanious. Following an unveiling of the new headstone supported

by the GWEF and a wreath laying, the Connecticut Line gave a 3-volley musket salute, which was followed by taps.



Compatriot Mike Bird of the Wolcott Branch along with CT STATE Rep Pat Wilson Pheanious



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14 December 2019 – Wreaths Across America in Milford, CT.

Every December, DAR member Barbara Stewart gets a little closer to honoring all the veterans buried in the Veterans Circle of Kings Highway Cemetery. Stewart chairs the Wreaths Across America effort for the Freeloze Baldwin Stow chapter of the Daughters of the America Revolution, based in Milford. Each year around the holidays, she and others involved in the project raise money to buy wreaths to place on the 370 graves in the Veterans Circle. The project has been around since 2008, and each year more money is raised, and more wreaths are bought. This year, on Saturday Dec. 14, the chapter was able to place wreaths on 210 of the graves in the circle. “This (project) is getting more and more popular,” said Stewart, 67, of Stratford. “And it should be. This is for the vets, to honor all the sacrifices they’ve made for us so that we can live in freedom.”

The forecast called for rain all day, but two members of the Connecticut Line (Chris Bandecchia and Dave Perkins) were there to honor the veterans and fire a 3-volley musket salute.

Additional events were held in Bantam and Lebanon, CT by the local SAR and DAR chapters.



Connecticut Line members Chris Bandecchia and Dave Perkins