

Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Real Property Committee Report

October 16, 2018

I am pleased to report that there were only a few surprises this visitor season. The gypsy moths didn't pay us a visit, avoiding the added expense. The one surprise that strikes me the most is the lack of visitors at the War Office (41). If it wasn't for the school program, adding another 539, it would look like a total loss.

Revenue from donations \$59 from visitors, \$100 from a DAR member and \$220 from the Lebanon Historical Society for school group visitations. Merchandise brought in only \$43. This is mainly due to the lack of Volunteers.

The school program, this year, yielded 456 students from 7 school districts. There was a timing issue with the New London Elementary Magnet Schools, therefore we are minus another 300 students. We will fit them into the spring 2019 program. This will make for a hectic schedule, we will cross that bridge when we get to it.

We are continuing our search for items that were removed from the War Office many years ago, that were either put into storage, went to auction, returned to their rightful owner or just plain lost. The goal is not to have these items returned, but to create a paper trail.

This committee will attempt to meet by the end of the year to determine the budget for 2019. In years past it was ready for May, making it difficult to work with end of year figures. Hopefully the Manross Committee can approve at the end of year, also.

The final numbers for visitors at all museums are 1,208 adults, 716 children (including 456 students) for a grand total of 1,924 visitors. Donations amounted to \$1,068 with \$484 in merchandise.

Projects at the Museums in 2019 will include the plastering and painting the 1st floor ceiling in New London. Also, in New London, the exterior wall shingles on the long sides will be replaced along with damaged trim. Complete exterior paint,

except dormers. All work to be completed under grants upon approval. The flagpole in East Haddam has become another issue, it will be fixed or replaced, pending estimates.

On September 22nd the Nathan Hale Award for Excellence in Strategic Intelligence was given to 1/c Cadet Cheyenne Philson at the U S Coast Guard Academy, in New London. Cadet Philson was given a certificate and a check for \$300.

Please join us for the property Fall Cleanup in East Haddam 10:00 am-4:00 pm on Sunday, November 18th. We will be joined by 6 Coast Guard Academy Cadets. This year a few trees need cutting, we could use a chain saw and some heavy-duty brush cutting tools. Lunch will be Pizza and Soda.

The Christmas Tree Lighting in Lebanon is on December 2nd. At 6:00 pm. The War Office will be open at 4:30 pm ready to greet visitors strolling the Green. Members of the Color Guard will be present, all are welcome.

This year CTSSAR docent participation was very disappointing. We had 5 members volunteer with 3 qualifying for dues reimbursement. The Lucretia Shaw Chapter DAR had 5 members qualify by working 4 or more days. In East Haddam the Nathan Hale Memorial Chapter DAR helped us with 12 members. There were another 2 members from other DAR chapters that assisted.

Next years opening day will be on Saturday, June 1, 2019.

We thank all that Volunteered in 2018 and look forward to seeing more of you in 2019.

Patriotically yours,
Dave Packard
CTSSAR Real Property Steward

See notes on School Visits and the Fall Cleanup at the East Haddam Schoolhouse.

School Program Attendance - 2018

Date	School	Students	Chaperones
4-May	Lebanon Elementary 3rd grade WO	60	10
8-May	Hickory School, Norwich WO	6	4
18-May	CREC Museum Academy, Hartford WO	48	10
29-May	Lebanon Middle School 7th grade WO	60	10
1-Jun	East Haddam Elementary 3rd gr. EH	65	12
4-Jun	East Hampton Elementary 5th gr. WO	60	12
7-Jun	East Hampton Elementary 5th gr. WO	60	7
12-Jun	East Hampton Elementary 5th gr. WO	50	12
1-Oct	Eastford Middle School 6 - 8 gr. WO	47	6
	Total	456	83



Nathan Hale Schoolhouse
East Haddam, CT



War Office
Lebanon, CT



Nathan Hale Schoolhouse
New London, CT

FALL CLEANUP --- NATHAN HALE SCHOOLHOUSE --- EAST HADDAM

Please join the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadets

SUNDAY --- NOVEMBER 18, 2018 --- 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For further information concerning needed equipment, chain saw, brush cutting, contact: Property Steward, Dave Packard at davidpackard@sbcglobal.net or at 860-334-2858.

~ HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE ~