



Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution

Trustee Report for the Annual Meeting April 27, 2019

I attended the Spring Leadership Conference March 1-2, in Louisville, KY. At the Leadership Conference I actively participated in the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee meeting as a member of that national committee and attended other Committee meetings relevant to the CTSSAR.

The Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC) took up the issue of expanding the eligibility of the Military Service Medal to include commissioned officers of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Despite the very clear definitions in the United States Code relating to veterans, the Committee voted to not recommend expansion. I voted in favor of expanding the definition.

The Certificate of Patriotism offered by the President General incorporates all the various "Veteran Corps", i.e., WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, Cold War, Special Operations recognized to date. This form is available at <http://www.VetCorps.Info/>. All Branch Presidents, Secretaries, and Registrars should take *personal responsibility* to inquire their current membership and new members about their military service and submit the Survey Form if applicable. Additionally, the State Society also recognizes our Veterans with a Certificate of Military Service. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Remember each Branch should double their efforts to ensure every eligible member receives either the SAR Military Service Medal or the SAR War Service Medal as appropriate. ***The Survey Form should be completed and submitted by the Branch Presidents.***

I picked up a large 13 Star Flag that the NSSAR Headquarters was returning to the CTSSAR. This is an ongoing effort by the Museum Committee to return items that were presented to the NSSAR by the various State Societies.

I attended the Congress Planning Committee as a non-voting member to observe President Cregeau's presentation for hosting the 2023 SAR Congress. We were not selected for the 2023 Congress. Please see President Cregeau's report for further information.

There is still little progress on a GRS site which is the NSSAR effort to develop a site similar to the DAR GRS site. I am not hopeful that we will have a site anytime soon. A proposed “requirements” spread sheet is out for review and comment.

The Genealogy Committee has proposed a *new* application form. The form will be out on Sharefile for comment very soon. All State Society and Branch Registrars are encouraged to review and comment on the form. Interestingly there are currently 5 different forms that can be used for membership or supplemental applications. One major proposed change will be using 8½” x 11” sized paper (Letter Size).

Membership in the NSSAR as of the Trustee Meeting was 36,937.

The Trustees were given a report on the current status of the funds raised for the build-out of the SAR Education Center and Museum. Additionally, we were updated on the funding for the SAR-King’s College Partnership funding. The later effort has met expectations and is cost neutral.

The 2019 Congress registration information will be available after May 1. I will be attending the Congress that will be held this year in Costa Mesa, California.

The Insurance and Risk Management Committee reported that it has formed a subcommittee to evaluate the idea of establishing national coverage of all State Societies.

The Trustees were provided with an in-depth briefing on the current status of the NSSAR Information Technology efforts. It was interesting to learn the NSSAR databases reside on three separate servers, which only two talk to each other. One is the Headquarters Database, another is the membership information database, and the third is the website. The Trustees voted to go forward with a Statement of Work and an RFP, i.e. go forward with the buildout of one system.

After approving the new SAR Logo last year, several complaints about the new Logo placed a proposal before the Trustees to authorize a contest to generate yet a new Logo. Interestingly Branding Committee members indicated they were not aware of the complaints and the proposal for soliciting a *new* Logo through a contest.

Finally, several new medals and criteria were approved: the 2020 Congress Medal (Seattle, Washington), the Georgia Society Centennial Medal, and the Delaware Medal. Also, the NSSAR requirement to track the issuance of the SAR Patriot and SAR Distinguished Service Medals was eliminated. The State Societies are still required to track the issuance of these medals.

I attended the New England District Council March 23 that *nominated* our Vice President General (VPG) for the New England District. The *election* of the VPG will be held at the NSSAR Congress in Costa Mesa.

Respectfully submitted:

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