

Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution

Trustee Report for BOM Meeting November 21, 2015

I attended the Fall Leadership Conference September 25-26, 2015, in Louisville, KY, and plan to attend the Spring Leadership Conference in February 2016. At the Leadership Conference, I actively participated in the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC) and attended other Committee meetings relevant to the CTSSAR.

During the Veterans Recognition Committee (VRC) meeting we discussed the newest Veterans Corps recognizing those that served in the Cold War and/or during a conflict in which they did not serve in-country and did not receive a campaign medal. These Veterans are eligible for the SAR Military Service Medal. This is known as **Military Service Veterans Corps**.

Additionally, a new Corps, named the **Special Ops Veterans Corps**, is formed to process of *Certificates of Patriotism* for past, current and future operations which are associated with less known campaigns, service and/or expeditionary medals. Read this to include those Special Operators/Submariners whose missions are classified.

I invite all Branch Officers to visit the VRC web site. At the site you will see a link to the Multi-Corps Survey Form. You will also note that the original intent was for the Survey Form to be certified/submitted by the Chapter/Branch President. To date I have been making the submissions. As more Compatriots learn of the Veterans Corps, I encourage the Branch Presidents to make these submissions themselves and advise me so that I may produce our CTSSAR *Certificate of Military Service*. All the information about the Veterans Corps can be found at the following web site: <http://www.vetcorps.info/>

Finally, if a Compatriot veteran passes please let us know as the Vice President General for New England is responsible for advising Headquarters of those that have "Flown West".

I attended the Americanism Committee meeting. The committee discussed the success of their two youth programs, specifically the Poster Contest and Brochure Contest. I urge each Branch President to appoint a committee chair to promote these two contests. A natural Compatriot for this tack would be those who have children in the C.S.C.A.R. The links below provide information on these contests.

http://www.sar.org/Youth/Americanism_Poster_Contest

<http://www.sar.org/Youth/Brochure>

I also recommend that each Branch enter the Americanism contest and participate as a Branch. I know that certain Branches have many activities that would qualify them for recognition. The Americanism web site is: <https://www.sar.org/node/46>

Finally I attended the Veterans Committee meeting. The USS Stark Award, the General William C. Westmorland Award and the Service to Veterans Award are the main focuses of this committee. Chapter/Branches are recognized for their activities supporting veterans. Those Branches that have a VA Hospital in their geographical area are best positioned to support veterans at these hospitals, i.e. VA Hospitals in Newington and West Haven; VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics, and Veteran Centers. The web site for the Committee is: <https://www.sar.org/node/334>

Additionally, the web site for VA Facilities in Connecticut is:

<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?dnum=ALL&STATE=CT>

At the Trustee Meeting, a proposal to enter into an agreement with the United Kingdom's King's College London was debated at length. The agreement provides for the NSSAR to establish a SAR George Washington Visiting Professor at King's College London. The NSSAR would fund a portion of the costs associated with the position. The Visiting Professor would play a leading role in studying the personal papers of King George III. While this potentially raises the profile of the NSSAR and could provide insight into events of the 18th Century and the American Revolution, I voted against the project because of the cost and the uncertainty of what the papers would reveal about the American Revolution. However, a large majority of the Trustees voted in favor of the proposal and it passed. The 2016 Budget was then approved at the Trustee Meeting with Operating Expenses of \$1,477,235. I voted in favor of the budget.

Again, I plan to attend the upcoming Spring Leadership Conference and the 2016 Congress in Boston, MA. The host hotel is the Westin Copley Boston. If you plan to attend make your reservations as soon as possible. Information is posted on the Massachusetts Society SAR web site.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Secretary, CTSSAR,
Board of Managers