

# Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution

## Trustee Report for the 125<sup>th</sup> Congress

I attended the 125<sup>th</sup> Congress in Louisville, KY, held June 27th to July 1, 2015. At the Congress, I actively participated in all meetings of the Trustees.

The highlight of the Congress was listening to *Connecticut's own* Matthew Penza read his essay at the Youth Awards Luncheon. Matt was the Knight Essay Contest First Place Winner and received a \$2,000 scholarship.

Most notable business conducted at the Congress evolved around dues. After much debate annual dues were raised \$5.00. As the Connecticut Trustee, I voted against the increase. However it passed by a slim majority.

NSSAR membership as of July 1 was 32,623.

There were several contested elections. New Hampshire's John (Jack) Manning was opposed by two other candidates for the position of Historian General. Jack was elected by a clear majority. There were *three* candidates for *two* At-large positions on the SAR Foundation Board. The At-large members serve a 4 year term on the Board. The candidates were Rick Hollis of Tennessee, Michael J. Elston of Virginia, and President General Lindsey Brock. Rick Hollis and Michael Elston were elected to the Board. The last contested election was for Vice President General (VPG) of the New England District. Douglas Wood was nominated from the floor opposing Bruce C. MacGunnigle. Doug Wood was elected to serve a second term as VPG.

I was honored to accept many awards on behalf of the Connecticut Society. I accepted the Liberty Medal for Ken Buckbee (2 OLC), Russ Wirtalla, Tim Jacobs, and Stephen Shaw. Additionally I accepted The George S. & Stella M. Knight awards for participating and sponsoring the winner of the Essay Contest, The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award Certificate and Streamer, the ROTC/JROTC Participant Certificate and Streamer, and the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest Participant Certificate and Streamer. I was disappointed that we did not receive the C.A.R. Activity Award and Streamer as the report may not have been submitted. We annually exceed the requirements for that award. We also received the Partnership in Patriotism (PIP) Award as well as PIP Awards for the Wolcott and Huntington Branches. And finally, we received a President's Initiatives Streamer for submitting the requisite percentage of patriot biographies to the Patriot Index.

Our newly elected President General Thomas E. Lawrence was installed in ceremonies at the Installation Banquet.

The 126<sup>th</sup> Congress will be held in Boston, MA, 7 July to 13 July 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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