



Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution

Trustee Report for the Board of Managers Meeting November 2018

I attended the Fall Leadership Conference September 27 - 29, 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) reviewed the VRC Policy and Guidance that began under the leadership of PG Sympton and updated and amended by every PG since. With the passing of the previous Chairman, the process is still struggling to recover after being compromised but progress is being made. Certificate of Patriotism that incorporates all the various "Veteran Corps", i.e., WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, Cold War, and Special Operations recognized to date can be accessed and submitted. The Recognition Form is available at <http://www.VetCorps.Info/>. **All Branch Presidents, Secretaries, and Registrars** should take **personal responsibility** to survey their current membership and new members about their military service and submit the Recognition Form if applicable. A change in the naming of the Special Operations Corps is currently under consideration. The name change is designed to end confusion with those veterans participating in operations for which a specific Campaign Medal is not issued.

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 Recognition Form should be completed and submitted by the Branch Presidents.***

This will be my last year serving as the CTSSAR Veterans Committee Chair. Please advise the CTSSAR President if you are interested in assuming this very important and self-rewarding task.

I will also be stepping down as the CTSSAR Americanism Chair. Again, if you are interested in taking on this task, please notify the incoming President.

NSSAR membership as of September 4 was 36,543.

The build-out of the second floor at the NSSAR Headquarters was approved. This buildout includes Executive Offices for the staff.

Due to the nomination for the office of President General at the 2018 Congress from the floor, a motion was made to only allow nominations from the floor only if paper work was submitted by June 1 prior to Congress. The motion was defeated. I voted no because to limit nominations from the floor limits the election authority of Delegates.

Changes to the NSSAR Handbook were approved to include changes previously adapted to the Memorial Membership category.

The NSSAR is moving forward with a contract to redesign and update the membership data base software. Updating the Web Site will be addressed separately after the new improved membership data base has been released.

Funding for the next phase of Solidlight, the interactive museum planned for the first floor of the Headquarters in Louisville, KY, was approved

I attended the GRS Committee Meeting and was disappointed in the lack of progress with this very important feature. The DAR GRS is the model for this effort but will take more time to develop.

The 2019 Costa Mesa Congress (5 – 10 July 2019), registration information should be available soon. Keep checking the web site. Please consider attending as a Delegate. If you plan to attend, make your hotel reservations now.

Maine Society Trustee and Past Vice President General for New England, Wayne Mallar, was selected to serve on the NSSAR Nominating Committee

I will be attending the 2019 Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted:

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