



**The National Society
Sons of the American
Revolution
New England District Council**



**SPRING MEETING
28 March 2020 Tele-Conference
Agenda**

1. **Opening:** Greetings, take attendance
2. **Invocation:** past VPG Roach
3. **Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Pledge to the SAR
4. **Appointment of Parliamentarian**
5. **Report of the VPG**
6. **Secretary's Report**
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jackson
8. **State Reports:**
 - a. NEW HAMPSHIRE: Cumbee -sent
 - b. CONNECTICUT: Cregeau -sent
 - c. RHODE ISLAND: Barnes
 - d. MASSACHUSETTS: Hoak- sent
 - e. MAINE: Mallar
 - f. VERMONT: Mullen - sent
9. **Old Business**
10. **New Business:** Election of President of NEDSAR to be nominated as VPG at the Annual Congress
11. **SAR Recessional**
12. **Benediction & Farewell**

Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

SAR Pledge

"We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

SAR Recessional

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men."



The National Society Sons of the American Revolution New England District Council



FALL MEETING MINUTES 26 Oct 2019

The New England District Council met on the 26th of October 2019, at the Fratello's, 155 Dow Street, Manchester, NH. Delegates from all New England States were present.

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18	Douglass Wood	NHSSAR National Trustee, Past NEDC VPG, NHSSAR	NH	doug.wood@comcast.net

13. **Opening: VPG Tim Mabee** greeted and welcomed the delegates at 10:00 AM.
14. **Invocation:** Given by **Wayne Mallar**
15. **Pledges:** Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag lead by **Ron Barnes** and Pledge to the SAR lead by **Dave Perkins**.
16. **Appointment of Parliamentarian:** VPG Tim Mabee appointed **Doug Wood**
17. **Report of the VPG: Tim Mabee** told the group about visits that he made in New York, Vermont, Connecticut, and Rhode Island in his capacity as the New England VPG. He also discussed his work on the NSSAR Branding Committee and showed examples of entries that have been made in the contest to develop a new logo. He also discussed his work on the NSSAR Facilities Committee.
18. **Secretary's Report:** The notes for the minutes of the last meeting have been misplaced.
19. **Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hans Jackson** gave the Treasure Report. The ending balance is \$3,011.63
 - a. No dues will be collected for 2019 from the six NE State Societies, per motion passed during March 23, 2019 NEDC Spring Meeting.

b. 990-N has been filed and accepted by the IRS and not due again until October 2020.

20. State Reports: Written reports were submitted and distributed for all the NEDC State Societies.

a. NEW HAMPSHIRE: Cumbee –

President Cumbee summarized the New Hampshire Society activities as follows: Nine Parades; One Genealogical Conference; Two DAR Events; One Historic Site cleanup; Ceremonial Presentation of a Challenge Coin to New Hampshire Governor, Chris Sununu; NHSSAR Booths at five events; Four Memorial Services; Two Grave Markings; Four members attending Fall Leadership in Louisville; Presentation of 13 ROTC, JROTC or Sea Cadet award presentations and One member becoming President General.

b. CONNECTICUT: Cregeau –

A detailed report was submitted by Connecticut Society President, Damien Cregeau. Compatriot Cregeau was unable to attend, but his report was previously distributed.

Compatriot David Perkins from Connecticut was present and addressed the following issues:

- i. The Patriot Medal and the State Distinguished Service Medal are no longer being tracked by HQ, the state is solely responsible for this. Patriot medal is awarded once per year per 500 members, or fraction thereof. State Distinguished Service medal can only be awarded once per term of the current State President. See NSSAR Handbook Vol 5.
- ii. States and Chapters should be awarding the Silver Roger Sherman (State) and Bronze Roger Sherman (chapter) medals for service on committees, etc. See NSSAR handbook Vol 5 for details.
- iii. Spoke about how the Connecticut Society is tracking both the patriots/compatriots being marked and which compatriots are participating in the ceremonies for use to record and award the Patriot Grave Marking medal and the Compatriot Grave marking medal.
- iv. Spoke about the two most recent events in Connecticut that were partially funded by the George Washington Endowment Fund and how the New England states should be taking advantage of this available funding for projects, grave markings, etc.
- v. Reviewed how the Connecticut SAR is funding their Color Guard insurance through member donations, parade and grave marking participation donations, and out-of-state dual member states dues. Such that for 2019, the funds raised exceeded expenses for the color guard unit.
- vi. Spoke on the upcoming 240th anniversary of the W3R (Washington Rochambeau Road) 1780-1782 from Newport, RI to Yorktown, VA and what Connecticut SAR is planning to do with a new coin for 2020.
- vii. Discussed NSSAR Sharefile and how it can be used as a resource to know what is happening within the SAR, and conducted a brief survey on using Sharefile.

c. RHODE ISLAND: Harrop –

A report summarizing the Rhode Island Society activities was submitted by President Daniel Harrop, MD. This report has previously distributed to attendees.

Highlights included: BOM meetings; DAR Annual Convention; Bus trip to Bunker Hill and surrounding sites; Flag Day Luncheon with the DAR; Annual Luncheon at the Clark Cooke House in Newport, where five new members were sworn in; Continued service by members on the Nathaniel Greene Homestead Association Board of Directors and the appointment of a Social Media Director.

d. MASSACHUSETTS: Bossart –

A report detailing the activities of the Massachusetts Society was submitted by President, Robert Bossart. This report has been distributed to attendees.

Highlights include: The President attending the NSSAR Fall Leadership Meetings in Louisville; The Society interest in the Patriot Chest Program; A donation to the Rev250 advisory committee at the Massachusetts Historical Society and a Color Guard Recruitment Seminar.

e. MAINE: Mallar –

A report detailing the activities of the Maine Society was submitted by President Wayne Mallar. This report has been distributed to attendees.

Highlights include: Inducting eight new members and having another ten in process; Being involved in several grave markings and rededications, including the General Knox Birthday Rededication and Planning for a statewide bicentennial parade to be held in Lewiston in early May.

President Mallar also expressed concern about the possibility of the National Society borrowing millions to complete the headquarters building in Louisville.

f. VERMONT: Mullen –

A report was submitted by Vermont Society President, Kevin Mullen. This report has been distributed to attendees.

President Mullen expressed the Society interest in doing more grave dedications, working on getting their Color Guard up and running again and having more involvement with the community by presenting Public Service Awards.

21. **Old Business:** Since the notes for the minutes of the last meeting have been misplaced, **Compatriot Mike Fishbein** made a motion to re-affirm the vote to accept the amended constitution made during the Spring Meeting. **Dave Perkins** seconded the motion with all voting in favor.
22. **New Business:** It was decided that the Spring Meeting will be held on **March 28, 2020** at a location to be determined by **VPG Mabee**. **Compatriot Dennis Walsh** from the NH Society shared information regarding the National Museum of the US Army Commemorative Brick Program. **Compatriot David Perkins** of the CT Society discussed grave markings, the State Distinguished Service Medal, the Patriot Medal, the Roger Sherman Medal and the George Washington Endowment Fund.
23. **SAR Recessional** led by **VPG Tim Mabee**
24. **Benediction:** Given by **VPG Tim Mabee**
25. **Dismissal for the Buffet:** Dismissal for the buffet was at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Russell B. Cumbee, Secretary

Approval _____



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Vice President General Report

I was elected Vice President General of the New England District at the 129th Annual Congress in Costa Mesa, California, held July 5-10 2019. New England was well represented and justifiably proud to have one of our own elected as President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, John "Jack" T. Manning.

On July 18, I participated in the Vermont Board of Managers meeting with Vermont DAR ladies at the John Strong House in Vergennes, Vermont.

From July 25-28 I represented the SAR at a Sons of Spanish American War Veterans meeting in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

On August 4, I was a participant in the annual Turning Point Parade in the Town of Saratoga, New York along with the Saratoga Battlefield Chapter SAR, various local DAR chapters and the local CAR Chapter.

On August 16, I participated in the annual Battle of Bennington Memorial Wreath Laying Service at the Bennington Battlefield Memorial. I was joined by Past VPG Wood of New Hampshire, Past VPG Mallar of Maine and many other SAR members and officers from New York and New England.

On September 15, I participated in the Commemoration of the Victory Ceremony at Saratoga National Historic Park. This annual event and wreath laying at the Monument, had as many as 14 participants from the DAR and CAR along with SAR groups from New York, Vermont and Ohio.

I attended the Annual Fall National Leadership and Trustees meeting in Louisville, Kentucky from September 18-22, 2019.

On September 26, I attended a Board of Managers meeting of the Vermont SAR in Middlebury, Vermont at the Fire & Ice Restaurant.

From October 4-6 I represented the society at a Descendants of Governor Thomas Welles Family Reunion in Essex, Connecticut.

From October 10-14, I represented the society at a gathering of 10 separate New England hereditary and lineage societies that gathered in Warwick, Rhode Island.

On October 26, I participated in the NEDSAR meeting in Manchester, New Hampshire that was attended by all states and a total of 18 members. We voted to donate \$300.00 to the NSSAR Service Academy Awards Operation Account in the name of the six New England States.

November 9, I attended and brought greetings to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Albany Colony at their bi-annual meeting.

On November 11, Veterans Day, I attended and brought greetings to a meeting of the Society of Cincinnati in New Haven, Connecticut.

On December 3, I was invited to attend and brought greetings at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Rhode Island at the Hope Club in Providence, Rhode Island.

On February 15, I was invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the RISSAR in Greenwich, Rhode Island. I brought greetings and swore in 6 new members of the Rhode Island Society.

From February 26-30 I was at the Spring Leadership Conference/Trustee Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

From March 4-7 I was in Boston participating in a number of events marking the beginning of the 250th celebration festivities beginning with the solemn ceremonies marking the anniversary of the Boston Massacre. A gala dinner was hosted by the MADAR and helped to represent the SAR along with President General Manning and Massachusetts SAR President Edward Hoak. Another ceremony was held at the Granary Cemetery marking the headstone of 5 of the people that were killed in front of the State House. As we left Boston the first 2 of many coronavirus victims were taken to a Boston Hospital.

Much has changed in the last three weeks.

Respectfully submitted

Douglass "Tim" Mabee



New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution

Report to the New England District Council

28 Mar 2020



Membership: As of this writing, we have 197 members in the New Hampshire Society. Since the last NEDC Meeting, we have added 14 new members. We also have six additional applications that are pending approval at National.

On 9 Nov 2019, a large group of NHSSAR Compatriots and spouses attended and participated in the joint **SAR, DAR, CAR Veteran Appreciation Luncheon** in Manchester, NH.

On 10 Nov 2019, Compatriots Sean Walsh, NHSSAR Color Guard Commander, Dennis Walsh; NHSSAR 3rd Vice President, Andrew Akers; NHSSAR 1st Vice President, Paul Ford; NHSSAR Secretary/National Trustee, Doug Wood and NHSSAR President, Russell Cumbee started the **Manchester City Marathon** with a musket volley.

On 29 Nov 2019, NHSSAR Color Guard Commander, Dennis Walsh; NHSSAR 3rd Vice President, Andrew Akers; NHSSAR 1st Vice President, Paul Ford and NHSSAR President, Russell Cumbee marched in the **Littleton, NH Annual Christmas Parade**. Compatriot Akers' mother, Adele Bausor and his sons, Bradley and Cooper also participated, as did Compatriot Ford's daughters, Brooke and Kendall.

On 7 Dec 2019, NHSSAR Past President and VPG, Richard Wright; NHSSAR President, Russell Cumbee; NHSSAR 3rd Vice President, Andrew Akers and NHSSAR Secretary/National Trustee, Doug Wood participated in **Wreaths Across America in Troy, NH**. Ceremonial musket volleys were fired at various memorials and wreaths were placed on the graves of more than 200 veterans. Spouses Pat Wright and Lydia Cumbee also participated, as did Compatriot Akers sons, Cooper and Bradley.

On 14 Dec 2019, Compatriots Tom Rogers; John Lighthall; NHSSAR Past President and VPG, Richard Wright; NHSSAR President, Russell Cumbee; NHSSAR Color Guard Commander, Dennis Walsh; Sean Walsh; Daniel Rinden and NHSSAR 2nd Vice President, James Veach participated in **Wreaths Across America in Dunbarton, NH**. Ceremonial musket volleys were fired and wreaths were placed on

the graves of more than 200 veterans. Spouses Pat Wright, Lydia Cumbee and Judy Colavecchio also participated.

On 3-4 Jan 2020, NHSSAR Past President and VPG(s) Hans Jackson and Doug Wood and NHSSAR 3rd Vice President, Andrew Akers attended and participated in the New Hampshire **Children of the American Revolution State Conference** in Concord, NH.

New Hampshire C.A.R. State President Emma Paige, N.S.C.A.R. National President Mackie Storage, and N.S.C.A.R. Senior National President Norma Griffin were presented the NHSSAR Challenge Coin. NH C.A.R. State President Emma Paige was awarded the C.A.R. – SAR Silver Medal of Appreciation for her work and partnership with the SAR.

On 20 Feb 2020, a **Naval Sea Cadet Award** was presented at the Londonderry Reserve Center by NHSSAR 2nd Vice President, James Veach and Compatriot Albert Lamson to PO2 Gabriel Romanuskas.

On 22 Feb 2020 2019, the NHSSAR held their annual **George Washington Birthday Meeting & Luncheon** at the Flag Hill Winery & Distillery in Lee.

Our guest speaker was Professor Stanley D.M, Carpenter, Professor of Strategy at the Naval War College.

We swore in two regular members, Douglas Haskell and Albert Lamson and two junior members, Cooper Akers and Bradley Akers. Four Life Saving awards were also presented. One of our Compatriots, George Sherwood was awarded the Military Service Award for having served in both WWII and the Korean War. Another Compatriot, Past President and Chaplain, Garrett Lear also received the Military Service Award. The Bronze Color Guard Medal was presented to Compatriot, Sean Walsh. Compatriot David Haskell was acknowledged as a Lifetime Member.

Between 27 Feb 2020 & 29 Feb 2020, Compatriot Charles McMillen; NHSSAR 3rd Vice President, Andrew Akers; NHSSAR Secretary/National Trustee, Doug Wood and NSSAR President General, Jack Manning attended the **NSSAR Spring Leadership Meetings** in Louisville, KY.

On 3 MAR 2020, a **Naval Sea Cadet Award** was presented at Army National Guard Building M in Concord, NH by NHSSAR 2nd Vice President, James Veach and NHSSAR Color Guard Commander, Dennis Walsh to PO Jonathan Keane.

On 7 Mar 2020, dual New Hampshire/Connecticut members: Connecticut Line Commander, David Perkins; NHSSAR Secretary/National Trustee, Doug Wood; NHSSAR 1st Vice President Paul Ford; NHSSAR Past President and VPG, Richard Wright; NHSSAR 3rd Vice President, Andrew Akers; and NHSSAR President, Russell Cumbee attended the **Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Line** at J. Timothy's Taverne in Plainville, CT. NHSSAR President, Russell Cumbee received his Silver Color Guard Medal at this event. Spouses Linda Wood, Lydia Cumbee and Pat Wright also attended.

Photographs of all but two of these events were provided by NHSSAR First Lady, Lydia Cumbee.

NHSSAR Upcoming Events:

2nd Annual Cleanup at Ft. Constitution

25 Apr 2020

25 Wentworth Road, New Castle, NH 03854

<https://www.nhstateparks.org/visit/historic-sites/fort-constitution-historic-site>

NHSSAR Annual Meeting

May 2, 2020

**Hart's Turkey Farm, 233 Daniel Webster Hwy, Meredith,
NH 03253**

<https://hartsturkeyfarm.com/>

Littleton Memorial Day Parade

25 May 2020

Littleton, NH

Cathedral of the Pines Memorial Day Service

30 May 2020

10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge, NH 03461

<https://www.cathedralofthepines.org/>

Bunker Hill Day

17 June 2020

A memorial service at Saint Francis de Sales Church

303 Bunker Hill Street

Charlestown, MA 02129

<http://stfrancisdesalescharlestown.com/tp50/Default.asp?ID=118962>

**Followed by a parade to the Bunker Hill Monument where
speeches will be made and ceremonial musket volleys
will be fired.**

<https://www.nps.gov/bost/playourvisit/bhm.htm>

Colonial Faire at Wyman Tavern

(Formerly Wyman Tavern 18th Century Festival)

20 June 2020

Wyman Tavern 339 Main St, Keene, NH 03431

<https://hsccnh.org/plan-a-visit/historical-society-of-cheshire-county-group-visits/our-buildings/wyman-tavern/>

Pulaski Park Celebration

(In honor of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski - Father of the American Calvary)

27 June 2020

Pulaski Park, 128 Bridge St, Manchester, NH 03104

<https://www.mymanchesternh.com/Resources/City-Places/Item/16269>

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell Beach Cumbee
President
New Hampshire Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

President's Report to the New England District

From Damien Cregeau, President, CTSSAR
To Douglas Tim Mabee, VPG, New England District, NSSAR
Respectfully Submitted, Friday, March 27, 2020

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Meeting group photos and summary can be provided upon request

J. Timothy's Grille (18th century) has a wooden sign up on the wall of the large room where we meet:

"Three can keep a secret...if two of them are dead." Ben Franklin

February 22, 2020 George Washington's Birthday Winter Meeting

Luce Restaurant, Middletown, CT

See Paul's minutes for summaries

NSSAR and CTSSAR Awards

Information provided below is more specific than in President Cregeau's packed Fall 2019 Report

2019's NSSAR Maj. Gen. Alexander Hamilton Award was presented by President Damien Cregeau to Cadet First Class Brooke Harkrader at the USCGA, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, in New London, CT, during graduation week in late May 2019. Cadet and now Ensign Harkrader graduated with a major in government. Her capstone project was on Article V of the U.S. Constitution, and she entitled her thesis "The Missing Article." Cadet Harkrader, who is from Kentucky, participated on the swim team, and as an ensign has begun her USCG career on the Cutter *Munro*.

Attach/Insert photo(s) Harkrader shared with me via email with her family

**State Society and Branch-Level Ceremonies Between Fall 2019 and March 2020
President General and Mrs. Jack and Sheila Manning, NSSAR, Visit to Connecticut,
September 2019**

President Cregeau provided a detailed, narrative overview of PG Manning's visit in his CTSSAR Fall 2019 report; a summary is provided below:

Commemoration of Patriot Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Senior's installation as colonial governor of Connecticut in 1769 upon the death of Gov. Fitch, as well as the creation of the honorary branch named in the honor of Governor Trumbull, Senior

Presentation of NSSAR's charter of Gov. Trumbull Branch by PG Manning to President Cregeau
Speeches by PG Manning, President Cregeau, Past President Dave Perkins (also Color Guard Commander), CTDAR State Regent Christy Hendrie.

Dave Packard provided fascinating and in-depth guided tours to PG and Mrs. Manning of the CTSSAR's three, unique, 18th-century properties operating as museums open to the public: the Captain Nathan Hale Schoolhouses in downtown New London, as well as overlooking the Connecticut River in East Haddam, plus our Governor Trumbull War Office located on the green in Lebanon, CT. The Mannings and other guests were very impressed with the efforts of Dave Packard, the Gerlanders and Stephen and Josh Taylor, all of the property committee, in improving the interactive displays with reproduction clothing, weapons and equipment to better educate the public, especially the many school students who come for their 5th-grade class visits.

Jeffrey Liberty, an African-American Patriot, *re-marked* with DOD-style headstone and NSSAR grave marker at a private cemetery in Washington, CT - For more details, please refer to Gov. Oliver Wolcott Branch President Peter Stothart's for his notes and photos; ceremony open to the public and included a strong attendance and local media coverage.



Massachusetts Society

Sons of the American Revolution

27 March 2020

Report from the Massachusetts Society

The Massachusetts Society experienced some unexpected challenges when our now immediate past president, Bob Bossart entered the hospital on 20 January. Bob suffered a near fatal heart attack on 28 January. He was subsequently resuscitated and underwent open heart surgery where multiple pumps were attached to take over from his failed heart. After the surgery and prior to the COVID-19 pandemic Bob was on the transplant list as a Status 2A priority. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and an internal infection he has been removed from the transplant list. On a positive note because of the pandemic AND being recently removed from the external heart pumps he will be discharged to home where he will continue convalescing and wait out the pandemic when he will hopefully be placed back onto the heart transplant list.

Edgar S Hoak, then 1st Vice President, assumed the responsibilities in accordance with the Article V, Section 1 of the MASSAR bylaws until the Annual Meeting held 22 February at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy where he was formally elected President. At the luncheon of the annual meeting Massachusetts Past President, Michael E. Fishbein was presented the Patriot Medal. The Keynote Speaker was Suffolk University Professor of History, Robert J. Allison. He spoke at length on George Washington in commemoration of his 284th birthday.

The Massachusetts Society participated in all 3 events of the 250th commemoration of the Boston Massacre – the first formal Rev250 event leading up to our nation's semiquincentennial. On March 4th, numerous members of the Massachusetts Society participated in the National DAR's 250th Boston Massacre Anniversary Reception at the Omni Parker Hotel in Boston. The Massachusetts Society's President and SAR National President General Jack Manning were seated at the head table for the reception. The Keynote Speaker was Robert J Allison who gave a very informative lecture on the events before, of, and following the massacre. The following day, March 5th, the Massachusetts Society's Henry Knox Color Guard, led by Commander John A Cunningham, presented the colors and participated in the laying of wreath at the Granary Burying Ground, the gravesite of the Boston Massacre Victims. Our Color Guard was covered by local news and the Boston Globe. The evening of March 7th Alan Van Wert participated in the Boston Massacre re-enactment at the Old State House in Boston.

1st Vice Caleb Blankenship led the MASSAR contingency including Christopher and Scott Tourtellot to the M.S.C.A.R. Annual State Conference held March 7th. 1st Vice President Blankenship presented the Massachusetts Society of the Children of the American Revolution our annual check of \$1,000 in support of the CAR. A Medal was also presented to outgoing Senior President Jackie Holmes.

As we were gearing up for our Annual Patriots Day Celebration in Concord, Massachusetts and firing of muskets at the North Bridge we were all impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sadly, all Patriots Day events were cancelled by the National Park Service and the Town of Concord Board of Selectman. The Massachusetts Society followed suit and canceled one of our most popular annual events which is also

attended by our President General. We have also seen numerous other activities cancelled as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic which include the Massachusetts DAR Annual Meeting and the C.A.R. National Convention to name two.

We are hopeful that we will soon see the end of the COVID-19 pandemic and are able to get back to work of living history and celebrating our patriot ancestors.

The 2020 Massachusetts Society calendar of events is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar S Hoak
President
Massachusetts Society
Sons of the American Revolution
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- ✓ 22 Feb – BOM, Annual Meeting, Luncheon **CG Event**
 - ✓ 27-29 Feb – Spring Leadership Meeting (Louisville)
 - ✓ 4 Mar – NSDAR Boston Massacre Reception (Boston)
 - ✓ 5 Mar – CG Granary 0830 hrs. Wreath Laying Ceremony. **CG Event**
 - ✓ 7 Mar – 103rd M.S.C.A.R. Annual Massachusetts State Conference (Hillside School, Marlborough)
 - ✓ 14 Mar – BOM (Concord)
 - ✓ 17 Mar – Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day - **CG Event**
 - ~~21 Mar – DAR Luncheon (Holiday Inn Foxboro-Mansfield)~~
 - ~~5 Apr – CAR/DAR Event at Concord Cemetery **CG Event**~~
 - ~~**19 Apr – CG Main Event Concord Bridge Firing/CG Luncheon @ Colonial (Mandatory)**~~
 - ~~**20 Apr – CG Auxiliary Event Cemetery Firing/Patriots Day Parade/Luncheon (Concord)**~~
 - 14 May – Constitution and Mayflower @ Charlestown Navy Yard **CG Event**
 - 16 May – Maine SAR/Knox Birthday Parade in Lewiston, Maine. **CG Event**
 - 25 May – Memorial Day Parade(s)- Westwood, unk. **CG Event.**
 - 12 Jun – BOM (TBD); Committee Reports, Bunker Hill, Annual Congress
 - 14 Jun – Bunker Hill (Boston) CG Event (Mandatory)**
 - 9-15 Jul – Annual Congress (Richmond, VA) **5 Grave Markings National CG Event.**
 - 12 Sep – BOM (TBD), Committee Reports, Yorktown, Annual Dues Kickoff, Appoint Nominating Committee
 - 12-13 Sep – American Heritage Museum reenactment, Hudson/Stowe. **CG Event.**
 - 12-19 Sep – General Society of Mayflower Decedents Congress / 400th Anniversary
 - 24-26 Sep – Fall Leadership Conference (Louisville)
 - 17 Oct – Yorktown Celebration (TBD – Plymouth Chapter) date tentative **CG Event**
 - 21 Nov – America's Hometown Parade (Plymouth) **CG Event**
 - 6 Dec – Color Guard Christmas and Annual Meeting/Elections Wayside Inn CG Event**
 - 12 Dec – BOM (TBD), Draft Constitution & Bylaw amendments, Draft 2021 Budget, Committee Reports, Dues Status, Draft 2021 Slate
 - 19 Dec – Wreaths Across America (Misc)
 - 9 Jan – BOM (TBD), Draft Constitution & Bylaw amendments, Final 2021 Budget, Committee Reports, Final 2021 Slate
- Bedford Pole Capping date?**



The Vermont Society of The Sons of The American Revolution

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President Kevin Mullen traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for Spring Leadership. He will be presenting the State Distinguished Service Medal to Seth Michael Hopkins at the Annual meeting. President Mullen, is planning to get more involved with the community by giving out Public Service Awards. We are up to 118 Members.

At the annual meeting Seth Hopkins will be receiving the state Distinguished Service Medal.

Sadly we've lost Dr. Bicknell early March.

John Buttolph is going to be our next president.

Newly retired Past President Mullen will be attending the UVM Awards night in Burlington on April 25th.

In Patriotism

Kevin

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Meeting group photos and summary can be provided upon request

J. Timothy's Grille (18th century) has a wooden sign up on the wall of the large room where we meet:

"Three can keep a secret...if two of them are dead." Ben Franklin

February 22, 2020 George Washington's Birthday Winter Meeting

Luce Restaurant, Middletown, CT

See Paul's minutes for summaries

NSSAR and CTSSAR Awards

Information provided below is more specific than in President Cregeau's packed Fall 2019 Report

2019's NSSAR Maj. Gen. Alexander Hamilton Award was presented by President Damien Cregeau to Cadet First Class Brooke Harkrader at the USCGA, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, in New London, CT, during graduation week in late May 2019. Cadet and now Ensign Harkrader graduated with a major in government. Her capstone project was on Article V of the U.S. Constitution, and she entitled her thesis "The Missing Article." Cadet Harkrader, who is from Kentucky, participated on the swim team, and as an ensign has begun her USCG career on the Cutter *Munro*.

Attach/Insert photo(s) Harkrader shared with me via email with her family

State Society and Branch-Level Ceremonies Between Fall 2019 and March 2020

President General and Mrs. Jack and Sheila Manning, NSSAR, Visit to Connecticut, September 2019

President Cregeau provided a detailed, narrative overview of PG Manning's visit in his CTSSAR Fall 2019 report; a summary is provided below:

Commemoration of Patriot Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Senior's installation as colonial governor of Connecticut in 1769 upon the death of Gov. Fitch, as well as the creation of the

honorary branch named in the honor of Governor Trumbull, Senior
Presentation of NSSAR's charter of Gov. Trumbull Branch by PG Manning to President Cregeau
Speeches by PG Manning, President Cregeau, Past President Dave Perkins (also Color Guard
Commander), CTDAR State Regent Christy Hendrie.
Dave Packard provided fascinating and in-depth guided tours to PG and Mrs. Manning of the
CTSSAR's three, unique, 18th-century properties operating as museums open to the public: the
Captain Nathan Hale Schoolhouses in downtown New London, as well as overlooking the
Connecticut River in East Haddam, plus our Governor Trumbull War Office located on the green
in Lebanon, CT. The Mannings and other guests were very impressed with the efforts of Dave
Packard, the Gerlanders and Stephen and Josh Taylor, all of the property committee, in
improving the interactive displays with reproduction clothing, weapons and equipment to better
educate the public, especially the many school students who come for their 5th-grade class visits.
Jeffrey Liberty, an African-American Patriot, *re-marked* with DOD-style headstone and
NSSAR grave marker at a private cemetery in Washington, CT - For more details, please refer to
Gov. Oliver Wolcott Branch President Peter Stothart's for his notes and photos; ceremony open
to the public and included a strong attendance and local media coverage.