Connecticut Society’s Annual Meeting of the Color Guard at J. Timothy’s in Plainville, February 13, 2016

Fifteen compatriots and two wives as distaff/camp followers gather in front of J. Timothy’s for their annual group photo after their luncheon meeting at the historic, 18th-century restaurant.

The new officers included Past President, CTSSAR, Dave Perkins (inducted in Lebanon last October), CTSSAR Secretary Paul Senau, and Tyler Smith of the Nathan Hale Branch.
NSSAR Color Guard Medals Awarded to Three Compatriots

NSSAR’s silver color guard medal was awarded to Bob Rivard (above) & Dan Dudley (lower left)

Dave Packard received the bronze color guard medal
General David Humphreys Branch Hosts 32 for Christmas Meeting

Greg Thompson pins new compatriot Jerry Wilson while Humphreys Branch President John Towle leads the induction the ceremony with the assistance of branch secretary Ethan Stewart.

The ladies of the Silk’n Sounds (Barbershop Chorus) perform for the Gen. Humphreys Branch’s Christmas meeting on December 14th, 2015.
Ethan Stewart, CTSSAR President, and John Towle, President of the Humphreys Branch, present service certificates to Bill Lane (30 years) and Douglas LeMay (35 years) for their decades of active membership in the Humphreys Branch. 32 compatriots (including wives) attended the meeting.

Huntington Branch VP Dave Packard (L) & Huntington President Howard Wayland (R) present the 2015 Flag Award to Bill and Sandy Landon, owners of Lebanon Green Vineyard prior to Lebanon’s annual Christmas tree lighting on December 6th.
Flag Award to U.S. Army veteran and retired police officer on Christmas Day in Bethel

On Christmas Day, compatriot Dave Perkins presented the SAR Flag Certificate to Joseph Tenk Sr., a life-long resident of Bethel, Connecticut. The presentation was made on behalf of the Chaplain Ebenezer Baldwin Branch #9, and the certificate recognized Mr. Tenk for proudly flying the American Flag from a flagpole in the front yard of his home.

Joseph, age 84, was born in Bethel in 1931. He and his childhood sweetheart, Betty Robson, have been married for over 60 years. Mr. Tenk joined the U.S. Army during the Cold War/Berlin Crisis. In 1962, he began working for the Bethel Police Department. After retiring, he returned to the Bethel Police Department and worked there for many years as a civilian volunteer.
LITCHFIELD — American Legion Post 44 maintained a January tradition on Saturday, January 9th, by honoring a Revolutionary War soldier as its veteran of the month.

Recognized as the 325th consecutive veteran of the month during a ceremony at Bantam Borough Hall was Col. Benjamin Hinman, who hailed from Woodbury and participated in the Battle of Fort Ticonderoga.

Peter Stothart, right, vice president of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott Sr. Branch of the Sons of the American Revolution, presents a flag in memory of Revolutionary War veteran Benjamin Hinman to Wayne Wilson of American Legion Post 44 of Bantam during Post 44's veteran of the month ceremony on Saturday, January 9th.

Story & photo by John McKenna Republican-American
U.S. Postal Service Honors the Repeal of the Stamp Act - How Ironic!

Coming Soon! Repeal of the Stamp Act, 1766
This issuance commemorates the 250th anniversary of the repeal of the Stamp Act, British legislation that galvanized and united the American colonies and set them on a path toward revolution. The act required payment of a tax on a wide array of paper materials, such as newspapers, pamphlets, legal documents, licenses, mortgages, contracts, and bills of sale. A stamp would be embossed on these papers to indicate payment. #StampAct1766

Seven ceremonial wreaths were placed at the All Wars Memorial on Route 202 in Bantam, Connecticut to remember all soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who served; honor their sacrifices; and teach our younger generations about the high cost of our freedoms.

Specially designated wreaths for the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and POW/MIA were placed at the All Wars Memorial during a ceremony that was coordinated simultaneously all across the Country.

The Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored and conducted the Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 12th. Color Guard members of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch of the Sons of the American Revolution performed a musket salute. Story and Photo by Ken Buckbee, Wolcott Branch
**President’s Foot Notes**

A very happy New Year to you all!

2016 should be an exciting year with the preparation of 2 events in Lebanon. We will be celebrating the 125 years of the CTSSAR owning the War Office and the Massing of the Colors. This will take place on Oct. 2, 2016 in Lebanon.

**Summary of activities:**

* Paul Selnau and I participated in the Sherman Branch meeting and inducted their new officers and four new members.

* Attended Wreaths Across America in Milford with the Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter of the DAR.

* Attended Humphreys Branch Christmas meeting and participated in the induction of one new member and the ceremony for two, Year of Service Certificates. One for 35 years and one for 30 years.

* Judged History Essays for the DAR Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter for the 7th grade students. The essays were about the Stamp Act.

* Attended Properties meeting with 4 BOM members and had a short Executive meeting after.

* Working with Dave Packard and Todd Gerlander to locate and record all of our Artifacts.

**Visitation**

I have only attended three different branch meetings to date and would like to visit the other 6. So if the Branch Presidents could let me know their schedules I would appreciate it.

Patriotically yours, Ethan Allen Stewart, Sr. – CTSSAR President

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