The Connecticut Line, the living history unit of our CTSSAR, had their annual meeting at J. Timothy’s in Plainville on Saturday, February 10th. Among those receiving awards were:

- Bronze Color Guard Medal: Jonathan King
- Silver Color Guard Medals: Jonathan King, Martin Spring, Paul Selnau, Tyler Smith, Derek Brockhoff
- Molly Pitcher Medal: Linda Wood
- Patriot Grave Marking Medals: Martin Spring, Dave Perkins
- Color Guardsmen of the Year:  Derek Brockhoff
- New Recruit Certificates: Eric King, Bob Donahue, Benn Bullock
Members of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch participated with various other patriotic and military organizations in a Veterans Day program by placing wreaths to honor our veterans. Color Guard members, Jim Klaneski and Jon King, represented the SAR at the ceremony which was held at Coe Park in Torrington, Connecticut on November 11, 2017. The Torrington Veterans Support Committee organizes this ceremony annually.

SAR members that attended the 125th State Conference on March 9th in Cromwell, CT. Richard Hubert (Baldwin) Ethan Stewart (State President) and Ben Bullock (Hale). All of our wife's are either Regents or past Regents. This was a dinner to honor all the Chapter Regents.
CTSSAR Donates to CTSCAR and Homes for the Brave

On behalf of the Connecticut SAR, we are making a donation of $50 to State President Caileigh Murray’s project "Patrolling the Deep". The attached pdf was mailed out today to Dr. Niki Rittenhouse along with a $50 check. Please forward this on to State President Murray with our hardest congratulations on the success of her project.
Patriotically, Dave Perkins

Dear Homes for the Brave,
At our state board of managers meeting on February 10th, the board approved a request to donate $200 to your organization. Each the CTSSAR looks to recognize a volunteer organization that makes a difference in our local communities. Homes for the Braves has been one such organization for several years now.

For me this is also a personal choice. My wife and I are parents to two combat veterans sons from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. My wife has been a member of Blue Stars Mothers of America for about 15 years now and remembers working with her local chapter to support Homes for the Brave when it first started.

We wish you continued success in your mission to provide much needed food, shelter, support and training within our homeless veteran community.
Sincerely and patriotically,  David J. Perkins

Crowd of Patriots Enjoys a Fun Night as Gen. David Humphreys Branch Hosts First Joint Christmas Party in North Haven

Compatriots Justin Ankerman, John Towle, Damien Cregeau and their wives enjoy colonial dancing

HODARs and Regents at the Hodown
Wreaths Across America in December in Lebanon for the Captain Nathan Hale Branch Remembering Recent Veterans as well as those patriots who suffered at Valley Forge & other winter encampments during the Revolutionary War, such as Putnam’s in Redding
What’s in a Name?  The Curious Case of Matthew Mead…both of them

Most compatriots of the CTSSAR are well aware that our Mead Branch is named after Captain Matthew Mead of Greenwich.  He was born in Greenwich in 1734, and was a militia captain during the American Revolution.  He died in Greenwich in 1812 and is buried in Putnam Cemetery.

But wait…there’s another Matthew Mead!  In this case he’s born in Wilton in 1735 and died in 1816 in Wilton, so one could understand the confusion.  There appears to be no close relationship.  In this case, Mead achieved the rank of colonel in the Continental Army, including captain in the 5th CT Regiment, being wounded at St. John’s Canada in 1775, and Lt. Col. of the 5th CT Regiment under Ridgefield’s Col. Philip Bradley.  The 5th CT has been portrayed by reenactors since 1975, including the current composition that includes CTSSAR’s Eric Paul and Damien Cregeau as well as their wives as camp followers.

General David Humphreys Branch
February Meeting

February 12th 2018 we welcomed new member Steve Saleski who was sponsored by his father Mike Saleski who became a member last September.

Our guest speaker Major Richard Greenalch of the 2nd Company Foot Guard who gave us a brief history including events that the Foot Guard does. The Foot Guard has escorted every governor of Connecticut since 1775.
President’s Foot Notes

Our fall and winter season has started with a lot of activity. I have been in touch with the Friends of Wooster Park in New Haven, CT. At the top of this park is a spot that they call Beacon Hill. This was a lookout station for our Revolutionary Patriots. From Beacon Hill they were able to warn the city of New Haven that the British were landing. Hence the Invasion of New Haven 1779. To this day there is still an underground room at the top of this hill when they kept their supplies.

In 1895 the State Society placed a Tablet at this location and the Humphreys Branch performed the Ceremony. Unfortunately, the Tablet has been missing for decades. The BOM has voted to replace this Tablet with a sign near the original location and have another Ceremony. We will be having the Ceremony in 2019 on the 240th Anniversary of the battle of New Haven. This should really be something to look forward to.

At our State BOM meeting we past a new State Budget and eliminated the Assistant Secretary position and created a Corresponding Secretary’s position which should better serve our Society and be a great help to our State Secretary.

Summary of activities:

· 23 September – BOM Meeting · 21 October – Massing of the Colors
· 22 October – Hale Branch Meeting · 18 November – All member State Meeting
· 1 December – DAR History Essay Reader (Freelove Baldwin Stow)
· 11 December – Humphreys State Christmas Party · 16 December – Wreaths Across America · 10 February - BOM Meeting in Plainville · 24 March – New England District

Patriotically yours,
Ethan Allen Stewart, Sr.
CTSSAR President

President Stewart presents on his work with a Stratford cemetery at the New England District Meeting in Mass.