On June 4th the CTSSAR had a virtual Special Annual Meeting using Zoom. Nineteen members participated in this event, including special guest NSSAR President-General John T. "Jack" Manning. The meeting was hosted by State Secretary Paul H. Selnau and moderated by State President Damien M. Creqeau. Given the unfamiliarity for many, it was a great success.

The following CTSSAR business was conducted:

- Draft minutes from the Feb 22, 2020 BOM Meeting were approved as written.
- The slate of officers for the 2020-2021 were approved with one addition (Tyler Smith) for the 2nd Auditor position.
- The delegates for the 2020 Congress were approved for the record, even though the 2020 Congress had to be formally canceled.
- It was noted that the Budget for 2020 was approved as proposed at the BOM meeting on Feb 22, 2020.
- The monetary distribution from the Manross Fund for the 2020 fiscal year was deferred for 2020 due to the effects of COVID-19 on the operations of our historical properties.
- President-General Jack Manning sworn-in the new slate of officers for the CTSSAR.

Congratulations to those compatriots that are stepping down and those who are stepping up:

- To outgoing State Treasurer Don Studley, who has helped us through some tough times for the past two years.
- To outgoing 1st Vice-President Tyler Smith, who after 2 years, will become the 2nd Auditor for the state society.
- To incoming 1st Vice-President Stephen Taylor for stepping up, as he is currently the Nathan Hale Branch President.
- To incoming State Treasurer Ted Nelson a member of the Nathan Hale Branch, past Real Property Steward in 2000-2003.

Please note an Annual Report reminder to all State Officers and Branch Presidents: As per the by-laws, all state officers, branch presidents, state committee chairman are expected to submit a report. For branch presidents, a current listing of all branch officers and their terms should be reported to keep the BOM roster current.

Just remember that if you need a branch roster to let me know, there have been about 25 new and reinstated members lately. If you have any questions about reports or rosters, please don’t hesitate to ask.

To those 70 plus compatriots who submitted their ballots via email and USPS, I want to thank you for your support and donations during this unprecedented time.
Two former CTSSAR Presidents Robert Rivard & Ethan Stewart, Sr. joined the National Patriot Research System as volunteers making data entries. Part of the duties of this committee is connecting members with their patriot ancestors (Indexing). This process required us to look at the member’s application and put that information about the Patriot into the Patriot Research System. We also have to try and find a grave for that Patriot and record the cemetery and his ID number and if possible his wives and children. Then we must look to see if the Patriot has a DAR number that we also add to the system. In doing this it will help future members to be able to look up information by accessing the Patriot Research System on the National web page under Genealogy. Robert and Ethan completed the New England District with the exception of Rhode Island; Glenn Russell, RI State Society Registrar, completed their state. The New England District is the first district in the country to be completed. PG Manning was very pleased with this outcome. According to the National records Robert has a total of 90 hours and Ethan has a total of 965 hours. Each of us has earned the National Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal.

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General David Humphreys Branch No. 1 of CTSSAR recognizes Eagle Scout
Timothy C. R. Wilkins

On Monday, July 13, 2020, the General David Humphreys Branch No. 1 of the CTSSAR recognized Eagle Scout Jason Luciani of Troop 907 Woodbridge as their 2020 Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest winner at the branch level. A recognition ceremony with almost 50 in attendance was held in the East Side Cemetery in Woodbridge, CT next to one of the three large placards that Jason created depicting the map locations of veterans interred in the cemetery from various wars from the French & Indian War through the Vietnam War and Peacetime/ Unknown Era. This extraordinary work was repeated in two other cemeteries in the town. Over 400 hundred manhours was expended by Jason on this project to learn a graphic software language to create the cemetery veteran map and to data mine the information to create a database of the locations of the veterans interred in the three cemeteries. In addition to the signs, new secure flag holders were installed as part of Jason’s Eagle project. There was a total of over 400 veteran makers that were identified.

Current CTSSAR 2nd VP/ Eagle Scout Program Chairman and Former Troop 907 Scoutmaster was instrumental in coordinating this event, and provided to Jason a signed recognition certificate, a NSSAR Eagle Scout Patch, and an engraved NSSAR Eagle Scout Medal Patch. A fiduciary award from the branch was also presented. Moreover, past CTSSAR President Ethan Stewart who is the current Gen. David Humphreys Branch #1 President presented to Eagle Scout Jason Luciani a CTSSAR Historic Preservation pin as further recognition of his eagle scout project. See the photos at: https://photos.app.goo.gl/B5Ap9JnCLGabD1MU7
The Connecticut Line on the 4th of July
David Perkins

The Connecticut Line, CTSSAR Color Guard Living History Unit celebrating Independence Day 2020 by marking the graves of 5 Patriots in Crary Cemetery, Groton CT. A military service award was given to Compatriot Alexander Metz by the Hale Branch President, Stephen Taylor. Huzzah!


Nathan Hale Branch #6 - Eagle Scouts & Grave Markings - June 06, 2020

On Saturday the Captain Nathan Hale Branch No. 6 hosted two Eagle Scout Presentations and performed a Patriot Grave Marking ceremony honoring Major General Joseph Spencer who is buried on the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse property overlooking the Connecticut River in East Haddam. The Eagle Scout presentations were arranged by State Eagle Scout Chairman, Tim Wilkins and Branch President Stephen Taylor. Leading the grave marking ceremony was Major Tyler Smith, along with Jim Rothgeb and Real Property Steward, Dave Packard. The Connecticut Line under the Command of Col. Dave Perkins provided a 3-volley musket salute. Following the Eagle Scout presentations and the Patriot Grave Marking, 2nd VP Tim Wilkins was awarded his Patriot Grave Marking medal for his involvement in state grave markings over the past four years. Following the event, Past State President Ethan Stewart showed off the newest state challenge coin for the 240th anniversary of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route 1780-1782. Photo Gallery was provided by Barbara Stewart, DAR: https://photos.app.goo.gl/2ve6AHYvwDydpvL39

Nathan Hale Branch Link: https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=559021588316231&id=100026251854135

Eagle Scout State Contest and Knight Essay Winners Honored by Wadsworth Branch #7 & CTSSAR

On June 27, 2020 at the historic home of CTSSAR President, Damien Cregeau, three youth contest awards were presented. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a smaller assembled group with social distancing and masks was required in this unprecedented time of health concerns. This is also evidenced in the attached group photo. The ceremonies started with the presentation of the CTSSAR Knight Essay award state winner to Matthew Breier of Woodbridge, CT. He is a Sophomore at Hopkins in New Haven. Matthew read his award-winning essay titled "Thomas Paine".

The 2nd award presentation was to Eagle Scout Jacob O’Reilly as he was recognized as the Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch #7 2020 winner for the CTSSAR Arthur M. and Berdena Eagle Scout Contest at the Branch Level. During that ceremony, both Wadsworth Branch President, Bruce Donald, and CTSSAR Eagle Scout Program Chairman, Tim Wilkins, presented Eagle Scout Jacob O’Reilly with a signed certificate of recognition, an engraved NSSAR eagle medal, a NSSAR Eagle Scout patch, and a Wadsworth Branch fiduciary award of $200. Afterward CTSSAR Eagle Scout Program Chairman, Tim Wilkins, recognized Eagle Scout Jacob O’Reilly as the CTSSAR Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest State winner by presenting him with a state winner signed certificate, an Eagle State Winner Trophy, and a CTSSAR State winner fiduciary award of $500.
President’s Report—Summer 2020

We will always remember which year our photos were taken with masks as part of our nation-wide “new normal.” Much like a century ago when our country and the world suffered with the “Spanish Flu” epidemic as a result of World War One, we are experiencing the current epidemic that has caused many changes and cancellations in our normal schedule. There was no NSSAR Congress held as scheduled in Richmond, Virginia, no annual Massing of the Colors scheduled for this fall, and our board of managers decided to keep our three museum properties closed for the entire season to ensure public safety. Furthermore, the two service academies where I typically present awards each year, including at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London both held graduations but cancelled their awards convocation.

Fortunately, not all awards and tasks have been postponed. I wish to commend the Captain Nathan Hale Branch, especially Tyler Smith and Stephen Taylor, for being active while staying safe by hosting several events, including a recent Patriot grave marking ceremony, and Eagle Scout Award, and a patriot grave marking ceremony for Major General Joseph Spencer. I was pleased to host our 2020 state award winners at my Wethersfield house for a ceremony then catered lunch in late June instead of at a public restaurant. The advantage was the town’s central location for our Eagle Scout Jacob O’Reilly from nearby Cromwell, as well as our Knight Essay Contest winner Matthew Breier from Woodbridge. They coincidentally both wrote about Thomas Paine and his famous short work, Common Sense.

Other ongoing efforts include Dave Perkins with JROTC in Danbury, and our Branch Flag Awards, which I encourage each branch to present this summer. Think about the various hospitals in your branch’s region, as we appreciate our emergency and hospital workers and the flag award is a great way to recognize their work. Finally, I wish to thank Donald Studley for the several years of fine work he performed as our state treasurer, refining and organizing our financial records and software. We will miss having his leadership but look forward to having Ted Nelson succeed him this summer. I look forward to seeing Compatriots at our board of managers meeting scheduled for September at the Griswold Inn in Essex, followed by the all-members’ meeting in November at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant in Redding.

Sincerely,

Damien Cregeau
President, CTSSAR

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2020 CTSSAR Calendar of Events:

- Sep 6, 2020: 239th Anniversary, Battle of Groton Heights
- Sep 19, 2020: CTSSAR BOM Meeting, Griswold Inn, Essex, CT
- Oct 17, 2020: Humphrey’s Branch, Grave Marking
- Nov 14, 2020: All Member Meeting, Spinning Wheel, Redding
- Feb 20, 2021: CTSSAR BOM Meeting, Griswold Inn, Essex, CT

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COMPATRIOTS!

You may be eligible for membership in a very select order: you must have a founding Ancestor prior to 1657 and a Revolutionary War Patriot in the same male line.

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