



The Connecticut Line

The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Flag Award

The Flag Award is given to a resident in your area who flies the flag on a daily basis. The certificate needs the signature of the branch president and the flag or awards chairman in your branch. Also, the name of the branch and the date that you would like to give the award. If you can print them in your branch, you've got everything you need. If not, I can fill out the blanks on the computer and send them to the branches for signatures. All I need is the date for the record.



If five of our ten active branches present the award, the CTSSAR will receive a furlong (or streamer) to

put with our flag. I would like to submit the names at Louisville at the end of February. That way Connecticut would be recognized in July at Chicago. So far I've received the names of three recipients. George A. Firth, Raymond F. Widlak, and Frank E. Thomann. If you have a name, please get it to me as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Dick Anderson, Nat'l. Trustee

General George Washington's Birthday

On behalf of the General Israel Putnam Branch #4, I would like to invite you to our 8th Annual American Revolutionary War Exhibit and Muster Day in Celebration of General George Washington's Birthday. The Exhibit will take place at the Historic Old State House in Hartford on Saturday February 15, 2003. For those of you attending the State Meeting that day at the Goodwin Hotel, we are just a few blocks away. The Exhibit will be open from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Plenty of time to stop by after the meeting.

Participants will include Revolutionary War Living History Units such as the 2nd, 3rd and 6th Connecticut Regiments, Lebanon Militia, Sheldon's Horse, the New England Contingent SAR, etc., as well as Fife & Drum Units, and Patriotic Societies (SAR /DAR /CAR). Activities will include musket and cannon firing demonstrations, military drills, and Revolutionary War displays and exhibits.



We also have two special guest authors this year, Compatriot William Clotworthy, author of several books on George Washington will be speaking at the event on his latest release, "In The Footsteps of George Washington". We also have Compatriot Keith Jones, author of "Farmers Against the Crown, A Comprehensive Account of the Revolutionary War Battle in Ridgefield, Connecticut April 27, 1777".

Please accept this invitation, and join us in remembering the Birthday of the Father of our Nation, General George Washington.

Todd L. Gerlander
Exhibit Chairman

Strategic Plan and Grants

The Planning Committee and other compatriots have been working with Bev Accaro to produce long and short term plans for the state society that will be used to help us and all of our branches to grow and pursue our objectives.

We are looking for input from all of our members to

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Aug. 1st Oct. 1st

Geezers

“Geezers” (slang for old men) are easy to spot:

At sporting events, during the playing of the National Anthem, Old Geezers hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them. Old Geezers remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an Old Geezer on the sidewalk, he will apologize. If you pass an Old Geezer on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. Old Geezers hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make

President's Corner

Our most recent state meeting in Greenwich was very exciting because we had an opportunity to hear from Bev Accaro the grant writer our Planning Committee retained. Bev proved to be very insightful of our strengths and weaknesses and presented a draft strategic plan for comment and review. We will have updated copies of that document available for everyone who will be attending our upcoming State Meeting in Hartford on Saturday, February 15 (see details elsewhere in this issue). In addition to the normal business that will be conducted at the meeting, we will adjourn to the Old State House for the annual festivities in recognition of Washington's birthday. This an event not to be missed. The General Israel Putnam Branch, led by Todd Gerlander and his contingent, will present the 8th Annual American Revolutionary War Exhibit and Muster Day. The activities at the Old State House will run from 11:00-3:00.



I was able to attend the General David Humphrey Branch Holiday party in December during which Dick Anderson turned over the Branch President's gavel to Carlton Haddad. Dick has contributed much to his Branch and to our Society as a whole. In addition to representing us as our National Trustee, Dick has tirelessly helped countless prospective members with their application efforts. We are lucky to have Dick in our ranks.

Membership renewals have come in strong once again as we have appear to have finally become accustomed to the revised dues cycle. I'm proud that so many members continue to support our society year after year. Lastly, I remind everyone of the SNET Community Connections program and the benefits available to our members. The pricing is very competitive and 5% of a member's long distance bill flows to your State Society.

I wish everyone and their families a healthy and happy new year.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Dean".

Dean H. Gaugler
President, CTSSAR

certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth on TV or in movies. Old Geezers have moral courage. They seldom brag unless it's about their grandchildren.

It's the Old Geezers who know our great country is protected, not by Politicians or police, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old Geezers with their decent values. We need them now more than ever. Thank God for Old Geezers!

Upcoming Events

8th Annual George Washington's Birthday Celebration

Feb. 15, 11am - 3pm
Old State House
Hartford, CT
Contact: SAR Color Guard

CTSSAR Meeting

Feb. 15, 10am
Goodwin Hotel
Hartford, CT
Contact: Ben Thomas

National Trustees Meeting

Feb. 28, Mar 1
Louisville, KY
Contact: Dick Anderson

Application/Genealogy Workshop

Mar. 15, 10am - 2pm
Connecticut Historical Society
Hartford, CT
Contact: Stephen Shaw

Color Guard / Living History Unit Muster Day

Apr. 5, 9am
Nathan Hale School House
East Haddam, CT
Contact: SAR Color Guard

Flag Pole Dedication

Apr. 5, 1pm
Nathan Hale School House
East Haddam, CT
Contact: SAR Color Guard

CTSSAR Meeting

Apr. 19, 10am
George's
Vernon, CT
Contact: Ben Thomas

Patriot's Day Parades

Apr. 21
Concord, MA &
Lexington, MA
Contact: SAR Color Guard

Junior Members

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The 112th Congress amended the Constitution and Bylaws by removing the minimum age requirement for membership and establishing a Junior Membership category for those who have not yet reached their 18th birthday. Junior Members are required also to be members of the C.A.R.

Junior Members do not have the right to vote or the right to hold office in the SAR. They will automatically become Regular Members and start receiving The SAR Magazine when they become 18 years old. NSSAR fees and dues are the same for junior Members as for men joining at age 18, and they are collected by the Chapter/ State Societies in the same fashion as for Regular Members. Each year, SAR transfers an agreed upon amount per Junior Member to the N.S.C.A.R. to satisfy their dues obligations to the National Society C.A.R.

It is intended that all junior Members participate fully in the activities of local C.A.R. Societies, but it is the junior Member's responsibility to contact and join the local C.A.R. Society. Any local C.A.R. dues are paid by the junior Member directly to the local C.A.R. Society. Junior Members will be at-large members of the N.S.C.A.R. if they do not join a local C.A.R. Society.

Male C.A.R. members may now join the SAR at any age as junior Members by joining a Chapter / State Society, filing an application and paying regular SAR dues. NSSAR will accept a Certificate of Good Standing from C.A.R. in lieu of NSSAR's application fees. NSSAR will also accept a record copy of the applicant's C.A.R. application as proof of lineage.

Youth Registrants may become junior Members by joining a Chapter/ State Society, paying dues and completing the C.A.R. application process.

Application procedures are like those for Regular Members with few exceptions. For example, the application is made to a local chapter using the same application form as Regular Members and following the same requirements. Because Junior Members must also become members of the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, they must submit an application for C.A.R. membership simultaneously with their SAR application. Both sets of applications are sent through the normal SAR channels accompanied with SAR dues and application fees.

If the applicant is joining a local C.A.R. Society, that Society's approval signatures should appear on the C.A.R. application. Otherwise the appropriate SAR officers and sponsors will sign the C.A.R. application.

Applications for Junior Membership will be handled the same as Regular applications. When Junior Members are approved and receive their national numbers, accompanying C.A.R. applications will be transmitted (with appropriate application fees and dues) to N.S.C.A.R. A record copy of the SAR application will serve as proof (same as current practice).

Continued from page 3 Note to Chapters/ State Societies - Payments that NSSAR makes to N.S.C.A.R. on behalf of junior Members is funded out of NSSAR dues paid by the junior Members. State Societies and Chapters do not collect any C.A.R. dues or fees.

The amounts that NSSAR pays to N.S.C.A.R. were set in the negotiated agreement between NSSAR and N.S.C.A.R. At the time of this writing, the N.S.C.A.R. application fee is \$15.00 and the annual dues are \$8.00.

NSSAR now records the birth dates of all new members and will use this information to monitor annually how many Junior Members are on its rolls and to know when to start The SAR Magazine subscription.

Immediately after State Societies submit their annual membership

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The Lebanon Consortium which the CTSSAR is a part of has been selected to receive a large grant. The money will be used to help us do some thorough research for the War Office and to rewrite the scripts for tour groups.

We don't have to put in any money, only our time. If you are interested in helping, please let Stephen Shaw know.

reports, NSSAR will determine the number of Junior Members on its rolls and send N.S.C.A.R. the agreed upon amount per Junior Member and their names and addresses. It is intended that payment of N.S.C.A.R. dues by NSSAR occur only once per year and be accomplished as early as possible in the membership year, but in no event later than October first. Drops for non-payment of dues and reinstatements are handled just like Regular Members.

SNET's Free Money

The CTSSAR is participating in the SNET Community Connections program. Now, when you sign up with SNET for all your long-distance calling - or confirm that you're already using SNET All Distance, the Connecticut SAR will get 5% of your monthly long distance bill.

Signing up is easy. Just call SNET at 1-800-635-7638, or sign up on the web at www.snet.com/community. Our organization code is # 3585.

www.ctssar.org



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CTSSAR MEETING
Saturday, February 15th 10am
The Goodwin Hotel
One Haynes Street
Hartford, CT
800-922-5006

All compatriots and their spouses are welcome to join in at state society meetings.

The meeting will be followed by a luncheon. Then we will head up two blocks to hear Bill Clotworthy speak at the George Washington Birthday Exhibit at the Old State House.

The fee for lunch is \$30 and will consist of:

- € Pierpont's Clam Chowder
- € Warm Rolls and Butter
- € Baked Scrod with a Horseradish Crumb Crust
- Or
- € Teriyaki Grilled Chicken Breast with Jasmine Rice
- € Vanilla Bean Crème Carmel
- € Coffee or Tea

FROM I-84 WESTBOUND:

Take exit #50, (Main Avenue) - Go straight to the third light and turn left onto Trumbull Avenue- continue to the fourth light and turn right onto Asylum Avenue. The Goodwin Hotel is the red brick building, one block down on the left.

FROM I-84 EASTBOUND:

Take exit #49, (High Avenue/Ann Avenue) - Go straight to the third light and turn right onto Trumbull Avenue. Continue to the third light and turn right onto Asylum Avenue. The Goodwin Hotel is the red brick building, one block down on the left.

FROM I-91 SOUTHBOUND:

(Bradley International Airport)

Take exit #32B, (Trumbull Avenue) - Go straight for eight (8) lights and turn right onto Asylum Avenue. The Goodwin Hotel is the red brick building, one block down on the left.

FROM I-91 NORTHBOUND:

Take exit #32, (Trumbull Avenue) - Go straight for eight (8) lights and turn right onto Asylum Avenue. The Goodwin Hotel is the red brick building, one block down on the left.

Name: _____

Number in your party _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Please mail to: Jeffrey Hessler
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