



The Connecticut Line

The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Membership Renewals

The leaves are starting to fall, so it's time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Your membership is very important as it helps to support our contests for school children, color guard events, museums, the branches and so much more.

Please pay in a timely manner as it takes a lot of time and effort to drop and then reinstate a member who is late. You could consider a life membership.

Members who are 25 and under have their CT dues waived.

We pay the national dues and waive the CT dues for our members who are on active military duty. Our members on active duty are:

Bruce T. Cunard
Scot S. Graham
Joseph D. Hukill
Jay R. Rainer
Christopher H. Rehnberg
Kenneth D. Roach
David W. Towle
Mark S. Ulrich
Daryl Verstrete, Jr
Brett W. Wiseman

If you are not on the list, please let us know so we are correct.

Two of our members who have been with the SAR the longest, have just been given life memberships by the CT SAR. They are Charles F. Booth with 69 years and Grady E. Jenson with 63 years of dedicated SAR membership.

Lafayette's 250th Birthday

After one of our color guard members made it through a swarm of Capital Police, the Connecticut SAR Color Guard with members of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of



Connecticut held a very nice ceremony at Lafayette's monument in Hartford on September 6th.

Our own Jerry Carroon who is the President of both societies gave the remarks for this great patriot.

Mean As Ever

The first time I met George Hatfield over ten years ago, I asked him how he was and he said "Mean as Ever". This compatriot isn't mean at all, but when the Society of Colonial Wars were having their 100th anniversary, they called all the members for reflections and quotes and they printed his comment, so now it's his regular reply.

George is our eldest member now at the young age of 101 as of Sept 6th. His patriot ancestor is Capt Thomas Whitman who served in Mass. He joined the SAR when he was only 90 and has been to many of our events.

He has more character and wit than most people I have ever met. George is still sharp as a tack and is always ready to tell a story or two. I usually see him at the local breakfast place when he's charming the ladies.

George has just been awarded a National Life Membership for hitting his 100 year mark.

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Deadlines

Jan. 1st	Mar. 1st
Aug. 1st	Oct. 1st

New Compatriots

Frederick Floyd Nagle
Curtis Smyser Nagle
Christopher Mark Nichols
Emmett Judson Lyman, III
Emmett Judson Lyman, IV
Mr William Robert Lillie
Norman Eugene Crafts
Russell Forrest Crafts
Christian Robert Carlock
Montana Steven Carlock
Brian Harry Pattyson
Mark Andrew Pattyson
William Stephen Regnery
Robert John Regnery
Malcolm Weld Hill
Peter Bronson Foster
Andrew Dillon Elliott
Steven Philip Osgood
William Henry Robbins
Peter Bruce Lee
Timothy Oliver Ruh
Ryan James Delmore
Scott Baker Hadlock
David Walter Towle
Dermott Gould Luckner

In Memorium

George Miller Reed

From The President's Saddle Bag

Compatriots:

Thanks to all who attended the very fine meeting at the Colonial Tymes in Hamden on September 29. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves very much indeed. The ambience was just right for an SAR meeting, the food was excellent and the service by the wait staff was spectacular. Colonial Tymes has set a high standard and lets hope we can continue in that vein.

Compatriot Stephen Marshal's program on the restoration of the Nathan Hale School House in New London was outstanding. As we continue in the midst of our fund drive for the schoolhouses this was a very informative look at the history of the New London structure and what is being done to restore it. The hard work under Stephen's supervision is really paying off and we can begin to see how much remains to be done to preserve one of the most historic structures in Connecticut. Thanks to all the Compatriots who are helping with the physical labor and to all who are contributing to the Nathan Hale Campaign Fund.

We were reminded at the meeting that the 300th anniversary of the birth of Jonathan Trumbull of War Office fame is not far away as soon as we have completed the Nathan Hale projects, and even before as far as planning goes, we need to turn our attention to Lebanon and the War Office.

Congratulations are due to Col. Todd Gerlander for receiving the Silver Color Guard medal, which is richly deserved. Compatriot Gerlander and all the Color Guard deserve our thanks for turning out at the 250th Anniversary

of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette and for leading the outstanding ceremonies at the statue of the Marquis opposite the state capitol in Hartford.

Members of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Honorary Counsel of France for Connecticut and other officials joined us on the occasion and all

enjoyed the reception following at the Officer's Club at the State Armory, which opened an hour early to accommodate our group. Thanks to all and I look forward to seeing you at branch meetings around the state and at our next state meeting on November 17 in Somers.



Patriotically,
Robert G. Carroon, President

Upcoming Events

Veteran's Day Parade

November 4th 1pm
Hartford, CT

Connecticut SAR Meeting

November 17th 10am
Somers Inn Restaurant
Somers, CT

234th of the Boston Tea Party

December 16th
Old South Meeting House
Boston, MA

Connecticut SAR Meeting

February 16th 11am
Bulkeley House
New London, CT

Spring Leadership Meeting

February 22nd and 23rd
Louisville, KY

Application/Genealogy Workshop

March 15th 10am
Connecticut Historical Society
Hartford, CT

Connecticut SAR Meeting

April 26th 10am
Germania Schwaben Club
Bridgeport, CT

Connecticut Open House Day

June 14th
Nathan Hale Schools & War Office

The complete schedule is at:
www.ConnecticutSAR.org

Registrars Numbers

We are now just at the 600 member mark for Connecticut.

The society has also just passed the 6000 member point since we began in 1889. Just over 5000 patriot ancestors have been proven.

Tim Jacobs now holds the national record with 65 patriots.

I have been registrar since April 1997 and have approved over 500 new membership applications.

Formal, Yes or No

Last year we had a formal event for the first time in anyone's memory. The members who attended had a good time, but it was a financial loss because not enough members signed up and the costs were high.

The planning committee is willing to consider having it again with many changes, but only if enough members make a commitment to go.

Here are some of the proposed changes:

- Location - Officers Club in the Armory in Hartford.
- Saturday night instead of Friday night.
- Hold it in March to not conflict with the holidays.
- Cash bar instead of open bar.
- Coat and Tie allowed as well as Black or White Tie.

If you are interested or have suggestions, then please let Russ Wirtalla know at 860-763-0030 or ctssar@aol.com.

We must have positive feedback from enough members who really want to attend or it will not happen. Please reply by November 30th.

Connecticut SAR Museum Projects

The projects for the Nathan Hale schoolhouses are progressing and the War Office is next.

The grant from the Commission on Culture and Tourism is being worked through the bonding commission right now. When that moves forward, we will then be able to put the barn project out to bid. We are scheduled for a meeting with the East Haddam Planning and Zoning Commission at the end of November.

Restoration in New London had a good amount of work done during the summer by Stephen Marshall. We do have more demolition work to do this fall and winter, so keep your eyes peeled for email announcements.

The new permanent exhibits are moving forward as well. The exhibit scripts have been reviewed by historians and teachers, so they are clear and correct. The exhibits are on schedule to be ready for next season.

Plans for the move of the New London school are very positive. Our area will be called Nathan Hale Park and there is a new Hale monument in the plan. The cruise ships have helped boost our visitation to over 7,000.

The fund raising has collected over \$64,000 in cash, but we still have a long way to go. Grants will help fill the gap, but we really need our membership to support the projects as much as they can. Eleven SAR members have each given \$1,000 to \$5,000. Every amount helps.

As the schoolhouse projects move toward completion, attention is already being focused on the War Office in Lebanon. From a historical standpoint the War Office has more meaning and we must be ready for the 300th birthday of Governor Jonathan Trumbull.

Children of the American Revolution

To All CTSSAR Members ~

The Children of the American Revolution needs you. As the youth organization that mirrors both the SAR and DAR, it is important that each organization take an active part to support the members. Membership is open to children from birth to age 22. An active and happy CAR member is more likely to continue on to join the SAR or DAR.

The CAR encourages its members to learn about American Heritage, community services, and most importantly how to be good citizens. There are currently 10 active societies in our state that could benefit from the experience of SAR members. Maybe you have a knowledge of American Indian culture you can share, or help collect soda cans to raise money for the Mountain Schools. The possible ways to contribute are endless. It does not matter how big or small a part you play, but that you play a part in providing a foundation for our youth.

If you have children in your family that are not members of CAR, then now is the time to enroll them. Don't have a society in your area? Think about starting a new society. It only takes 6 kids to start one!

For more details on how you can get involved with CAR contact the CTDAR Chairman, Tricia Chapman-Herel at 860-434-2202 or email tricia@thefeedbag.net.

SAR Magazine

Win Williams is retiring and has published his final edition of the SAR Magazine.

Effective today all materials for the magazine should be sent to the new Editor Stephen M. Vest.

Stephen's information is as follows:

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You can now email photos to the new editor for submission in the magazine. They should be about 1mb to be usable in print format.

It is very important to submit items, so our membership can see how active the Connecticut SAR is.

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November Meeting/Luncheon

Saturday, November 17, 2007

In Remembrance of the Birth of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Knowlton, who was born on November 22, 1740. Connecticut Hero of the Battle of Bunker Hill and Commander of Knowlton's Rangers, Killed while leading his Rangers at the Battle of Harlem Heights, New York, September 16, 1776.

Somers Inn Restaurant
585 Main Street
Somers, Connecticut 06071
(860) 749-2256
www.SomersInn.com

10:00 AM – Meeting (All Members Welcome)

12:00 PM – Social (Cash Bar available)

12:30 PM – Luncheon (Members and their wives are encouraged to attend)

Col. Sir Dr. David Walter Towle, is in the US Army Medical Core will be our speaker. "A brief overview of Modern Terrorism with Historical References"

Menu:

- _____ Roast Native Turkey served with gravy and cranberry sauce
- _____ Broiled Boston Scrod topped with your own seasoned topping
- _____ Baked Ham served with your own raisin sauce

Fresh Garden Salad

Red Roasted Potatoes and family served vegetables

Dinner Rolls and Butter

Deep Dish Apple Pie with ice cream

Coffee or Tea

\$25.00 per person – Luncheon Reservations MUST be received by November 10th.

Name: _____

Entree _____

Entree _____

Number in your party _____

Amount Enclosed _____

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Connecticut SAR

Directions

From Hartford take I-91 North

Take exit #47E/HAZARDVILLE/SOMERS onto **HAZARD AVE(CT-190)** - go **4.8 mi**

Continue to follow **CT-190** - go **2.8 mi**

Arrive at **585 MAIN ST on the Left**

