It was an honor for me to attend the 119th Annual Congress in Atlanta, GA. This was my first Congress and I am pleased to say it will not be my last. Compatriot George Cronk attended as well, serving as your Alternate National Trustee. I made new friends and George renewed many friendships.

I was very proud to represent you as it brought into focus for me just how much you do to promote the Objectives of the SAR and live up to the Pledge to the SAR.

I just want to highlight a few things that came out of the Congress. Most happily, the Genealogist General reported that the turn around time for applications is now down to 8 weeks and the backlog is corrected. This should please our Registrar and bring a small smile to Tim’s face. This was achieved even with a 35% increase in the number of applications over 2006.

The theme for the Americanism Award (Poster) next year is the Battle of Bunker Hill. I hope we will be able to have an entry given our reverence for that battle.

I accepted the Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award on behalf of the Connecticut State Society, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). They won the award for having the best newsletter for 2008-2009. The award included a check for $200. I presented the award to Connecticut Society C.A.R. President Nicole Drew Whalden at the New England Regional Meeting of the C.A.R. which was held July 24-25 in Mystic, CT.

On a business side, the Honorable Judge Edwin F. Butler, Sr., was installed as our new President General in a very impressive ceremony. The Congress passed small increases in national dues and application fees. The SAR Foundation continues to do well in spite of the downturn in the economy making the Center for Advancing America’s Heritage closer to fruition.

Compatriot Carlen Booth was installed as our New England Vice President General. Many of you know him. We look forward to working with him this upcoming year and inviting him to our future luncheons.

Finally, as a Society we were authorized 13 delegates at the Congress. Only Compatriot Cronk and I attended. Please consider attending next year’s Congress in Cleveland, OH, as a delegate of the Connecticut Society.
Have you met your CTSSAR Liaison?

A Watertown native, Carol became a member of the DAR, Trumbull – Porter Chapter in December 1999. She is currently the Chapter Regent there. She and her husband Tom live in Harwinton. Their son and 3 grandchildren live in Goshen. Carol has been the office manager for a Waterbury dentist since 1980.

On the state level, she served as state membership chairman for 3 years and is presently the State Organizing Secretary. She also serves as the state chairman of Conservation for the CT Society, Children of the American Revolution. On the national level, she presently serves as the National Vice Chairman of the Membership Committee for the Northeastern Division.

After serving as membership chairman for more than 3 years, she realized how important new members were for the continued growth of her organization. It became evident that those chapters who were open to change were those that flourished. So many new members are working women and young mothers who need alternative meeting times other than the usual weekday afternoon meetings. Carol has assisted her own male relatives join the SAR, and when she learned of our program, she thought it would be valuable to create a similar program for the CTDAR. Branch Presidents are encouraged to invite Carol to speak about the program and its recognition awards. It’s a great program and if you have female friends or relatives that you think would qualify for the DAR, contact Carol at ctdarmembership@charter.net.

Upcoming Events

228th Battle Of Groton Heights - Sunday, September 6th, 1PM - Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park, Groton, CT

Third Annual Grand Encampment Of The Continental Line CTSSAR - Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13th, Gov. Trumbull House/Wadsworth Stable, Lebanon, CT

CTSSAR Fall Meeting - Saturday, September 26th, Somers Inn, 585 Main St., Somers, CT

Fall Food Stroll - Wednesday, October 14th, Nathan Hale Schoolhouse, New London, CT

Annual Massing Of The Colors - Sunday, November 1st, First Congregational Church, Wethersfield, CT

CTSSAR Fall Meeting - Saturday, November 14th, Capt. Daniel Packer Inn, 32 Water Street, Mystic, CT

SAR trip to Spain planned for May

The National Society SAR is planning a trip to Spain in May 2010 to honor the contribution that Spain made during the Revolutionary War. Our travel agent is obtaining group rates for air from Washington, DC on May 10. We will fly into Madrid on May 11, and stay at the InterContinental Hotel. While in Madrid, we will tour Spain’s capital – the Royal Palace, the Ar- morey, the Plaza Mayor and the Old Quarter – and visit the US Embassy. We will travel to El Escorial, the palace from which King Philip II ruled the Spanish Empire, and view the tombs of Spanish Monarchs interred there, including King Carlos III, who assisted the Americans in their revolution against England. Plans are being made for an audience with the Royal Family. From Madrid, we will day-trip to Toledo, a former capital of Visigothic Hispania and the Spanish Empire. In Toledo we will see its famous Cathedral and the Jewish Quarter. On May 16, we will take the train to Granada, the last of the Moorish kingdoms to be re-conquered by the Spanish; while there we will tour the Alhambra, before continuing on to Málaga, on the Costa del Sol. On May 17, we will day-trip to Macharaviaya, the home town of Spanish General Bernardo de Gálvez, and visit the monument to Gálvez. On May 18, we will have a reception with the Málaga Town Council, and then tour the town. On May 19, we will visit the shipyard where a replica of the brig Galveztown is being built. The original ship was commanded by General Gálvez when he captured Pensacola from the British in 1781. We will continue on to Ronda, the birthplace of modern bullfighting three hundred years ago. In Ronda, we will tour the historic quarter. For those who want to stay longer, there is an optional post tour trip for three days to Marbella, including a day-trip to Gibraltar and an optional tour to Tangiers, Morocco.

For more information, see the flyer at www.californiasar.org/events/ or contact David Eld, Magic Meetings and Incentives, (703) 379-8071 or deld@magicglobal.com.
Congratulations to this year’s Liberty Medal recipients

Presented at the National Congress in Atlanta, compatriots Timothy Jacobs, and Daryl Verstreate Jr., were first time recipients and compatriots Stephen Shaw and Kenneth Buckbee were awarded Oak Leaf Clusters. The Liberty Medal, authorized in 1987, commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, reminds us of our liberty and is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR. The medal, along with a certificate, is presented by the National Society. Presentations take place at the Annual Congress; however, if a recipient is not present, it will be mailed to him. It is awarded to:

1. Anyone who has received the Florence Kendall Award at or before the Tampa Congress of 1986.
2. Any SAR member who after March 31, 1986, signed as first-line sponsor, the membership application of ten new members. For the purposes of this award, the person’s name signed as the first-line sponsor should be the person who recruited the new member, and it should not be the name of an officer of a state society or a chapter, or any other person, who did no more than receive the application in the course of his official duties then append his signature as first-line sponsor, and forward the application to the National Society for processing.

CTSSAR Compatriot recognized by NSDAR President General

CTSSAR Compatriot Captain Christopher Rehnberg was recognized by the NSDAR President General, Linda Gist Calvin, on National Defense Night at the NSDAR’s Continental Congress. Chris was in attendance in the Connecticut box with his mother, Jennie Rehnberg - CTDAR State Regent - and brother Alex, who is a past President of the Connecticut C.A.R. They were introducing from the audience military people with DAR connections. When they got to Chris and introduced him, it was announced that he had just gotten back from a 15 month tour of duty in Iraq and he got a standing ovation, and he was the only one that got a standing ovation! To quote his mother:

“He does not like the spotlight and prefers to leave that to his men. Chris received a very long standing ovation ... he was most impressed to see that Anne E. Dunwoody, U.S. Army 4-Star General led the standing ovation! The applause was thunderous!”

Thank you for your service Chris! God speed on a safe return

Connecticut DAR Liaison’s report

In February of this year, CTSSAR President Roach authorized the creation of a DAR liaison committee. As noted in page 2, a SAR liaison position was also created and authorized by current CTDAR State Regent, Jennie Rehnberg. As of July, we have received 35 referrals from the DAR ladies (28 of those for the CTSSAR). Of those submissions, 9 have already been approved. CTSSAR compatriots are urged to think of ways to explore and utilize the resources of our DAR counterparts. Not only do we have commonality in our heritage and historic properties, but we also desire to further promote patriotism and education in our school systems and grow our organizations. Furthermore, we have a virtually untapped resource of new membership in their male relatives. Please visit the updated connecticutssar.org website to learn more about the program.

Welcome New CTSSAR Compatriots!

Peter Wayne Davis
James Earl Rothegeb
Robert Todd Elliot
William Hall Savage
Glenn Stattuck
William George Hayes
John Adger Seel
Richard David Rouse
Charles B Lewis
William Frank Bone
John Marshall Patton
Jonathan Malcom Connors
David Kipling Ellis
George Thomas Ferguson
Archie Dean Bardwell
William Christopher Cooper
James Lee Pinkerton
Donald Yates Wynne
Mark Steven Littlefield
Arthur Lenz Thomas
Jeffry Lynn Stober
Kyle Wallace Selman
Marc Clapp Robinson
Roger William Ludwig
Andrew John Moscone
Roger Field Dowd
David Dawson Chapell
Brian Andrew Chapell
Perry William Caldwell
Jackson Alexander Delmore
Alexander Murray Marshall
Nicolas Carlo Saraceni
Jeffrey Reid Cross
George Benedict Howard

In Memoriam

Randall Montgomery Anderson
Paul Joseph Caravatt
Miles Britton Davis
Francis Howard Hunt
Norman Henry Jolicoeur
Donald William Slater
David Buhsnell Yale

“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it” - Thomas Paine
I brought CTSSAR greetings to the New England Region, Children of the American Revolution at their 51st Annual Meeting, July 24-25. It was exciting to witness first hand the enthusiasm and patriotism of these wonderful children and young adults. The National Society's theme this year is “Reflections of Independence”. I was privileged to present the Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award to Connecticut Society President, Nicole Drew Walden at the Banquet.

I look to keep all of our state committees intact but we need to reach out for some additional help. We have vacancies on some very important committees. The Knight Essay Committee and the Flag Committee are two in particular that we need help with. Please consider offering some time to keep these important projects thriving.

Several challenges I would like us to undertake is first, be watchful for opportunities to nominate and present awards to those in public service. These include the Public Service and Heroism Award whose recipient earns the Medal for Heroism, submitting nominees for the Law Enforcement Award, and submitting nominees for the Fire Safety Commendation Award and the Emergency Services Commendation Award. Finally, I ask that we all become more active in the Partners in Patriotism program. I ask the Branch Presidents to make an extra effort to support these endeavors.

In closing, please consider helping the Connecticut Society Children of the American Revolution (C.S.C.A.R.). Many of the local C.A.R. societies are in need of CTSSAR Compatriots to serve in leadership positions. They are in particular need for Senior Leadership in the Norwich and Hartford areas.

As always, I remain your obedient servant.

CTSSAR President

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The Somers Inn
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860-749-2256
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10:30 AM – Board of Managers Meeting (All members welcome)
12:00 Noon - Social (cash bar) (Members and their wives are encouraged to attend)
12:30 PM – Luncheon
2:00 PM – Speaker: John Callahan “Our Journey for Independence begins…here!” An entertaining and interactive “Town Meeting” regarding “This Question of Independence.”

Menu
Fresh Garden Salad with choice of two dressings on the table
Choose among 3 entrees:
Baked Stuffed Chicken, our own stuffing, topped with mushroom sauce
Broiled Boston Scrod, with our own seasoned topping
Baked Stuffed Pork Chop, served with pear-zinfandel sauce
Red Roasted Baked Potato and vegetable, served family style
Deep Dish Apple Pie with Ice Cream
Coffee or tea

$30.00 Per Person - Luncheon reservations must be received by September 21st

Name: ___________________________ Entree ____________________________
                                          ____________________________
Number in your party _______________ Amount Enclosed _______________

Please mail to: Bruce Lyon
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Coming from Hartford and New Haven:
Take I-91 north to exit 47E take ramp right for Route 190 East toward Hazardville/Somers. Bear right onto Route 190/Hazard Avenue 7.2 miles to 585 Main Street, Somers, CT.

Coming from Southwestern CT/New York: Take I-95 to New Haven exit 48 bear left onto I-91 north to Exit 47E and continue with above directions.

Coming from Southeastern CT: Take I-395, merge onto Rte 2/32 via exit 81W Toward Hartford. Follow Rte 32 North 30 + miles to Rte 190/Main St to #585

John Callahan, re-enactor and living history presenter, as “Welcome Jones”