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MARCH - APRIL 2026 REPORT

Sunday, March 1, 2026
Edward Eckert participated in the slide presentation for Women's History Month, "A Pocketful of Rosies, Stories of Three Rosie the Riveters and Their Revolutionary War Roots." Weston History and Cultural Center.

Sunday, March 15, 2026
Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Norwalk-Village Green Chapter NSDAR meeting. Guest Speaker: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director of Emergency Management of the Norwalk Fire Department Office of Emergency Preparedness. South Norwalk Public Library.

Saturday, April 11th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Weston History & Culture Center, 104 Weston Road, Weston, CT:

At 2:00 p.m., Edd Eckert presented:

> **The Sally - Exciting Adventures of a CT Merchant Sloop During the American Revolution.**
>
> Whereby we all experienced the true story of the "Sally," a Connecticut merchant sloop that was converted into a Continental Sloop of War. The audience discovered Fairfield County's maritime importance during this critical period of our nation's history and heard about the exploits of the Sally's four successive captains, some of her crew and notable passengers, including Connecticut hero, Nathan Hale, as they and he dealt in espionage, raids against the enemy, and privateering along the treacherous "Devil's Belt" of Long Island Sound.
>
> Edd due to his research was instrumental in the placement of a stone with inlaid brass plaque on lower Main Street in Norwalk telling of Nathan

Hale's mission departing from Norwalk and not Stamford as had been entered in Nathan Hale's brother's diary, with attendant confusion of the history. The Sally, re-rigged and re-dubbed Schuyler, left Norwalk taking Nathan Hale, making the patch of ground in Norwalk from which the mission commenced sacred and eternal as duly commemorated by the monument.

A 3:15 p.m., Laura Clark Murray presented:

Genetic Genealogy in Action: From Researching Patriots to Solving Cold Cases

Ms. Murray explored how DNA analysis, combined with traditional records, can resolve persistent family mysteries, reinforce lineage proof for patriot ancestors, and assist in identifying unknown individuals in cold cases. With more than 30 years of genealogical experience and active involvement in investigative genetic genealogy research, Laura highlighted the power of DNA as evidence in this slide lecture. The lecture was fascinating and drew extensive questions from the audience after the formal talk.

Respectfully submitted, this 21st of April, 2026.

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2026 REPORT

Saturday, February 21, 2026
VP Edward Eckert as proxy attended the CTSSAR Board of Managers meeting at Plainville Public Library. Also in attendance were Robert Clark and Peter Snyder.

Saturday, February 28, 2026
Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Department of CT American Legion Auxiliary Awareness Assembly Meeting and Luncheon. Guest Speaker: VFW Post 63 Commander /State Surgeon for VFW Sept. of CT: Matt Seebeck. Subject: OPSEC: Operations Security. The process of identifying and protecting information about military operations. American Legion Post #12, Norwalk.

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 2025 REPORT

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the outdoor American Legion Veteran of the Month Ceremony at Veterans Park, Norwalk.

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Edward Eckert attended the Veterans Breakfast at Old Well – St. Johns Lodge A. & F. M. in Norwalk.

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Edward Eckert participated in the slide presentation, Pocahontas: The Bridge Between Two Worlds. Norwalk Public Library. Norwalk-Village Green Chapter, NSDAR. Open to the public.

November 11, 2025

Edward Eckert attended the Veterans Day Commemoration at Norwalk Concert Hall, City Hall, Norwalk. Guest Speaker: Dan Rosenthal, whose father was a notable WWII Air Force veteran. Both of Mr. Rosenthal's parents served as prosecutors in the Nuremberg War Trials.

Sunday, November 15, 2025

Edward Eckert attended the CTSSAR BOM meetings as proxy for Dean Gaugler and CTSSAR All Member Meeting & Luncheon. Casa Mia at the Hawthorne,

Berlin, CT. Also in attendance were Robert Clark, Greg and Matthew Adkisson, Fred Lorthioir and Peter Snyder.

Monday, November 17, 2025

Edward Eckert as SAR guest attended and supplied the sound system for the Norwalk-Village Green Chapter, NSDAR meeting at South Norwalk Public Library. Was photographer for the Quilts of Valor ceremony.

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Edward Eckert attended Robert Clark's Holiday Party in Fairfield.

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Veteran of the Month ceremony followed by the Pearl Harbor Day program at the American Legion Post 12, Norwalk.

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Edward Eckert attended the Sherman Branch meeting at Darien Public Library and Wreaths Across America program at Spring Grove Cemetery. Also in attendance were Robert Clark, Steve Orban, Greg Adkisson and Peter Snyder.

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

At the funeral at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Darien of late SAR Compatriot Robert Edwin "Pete" Kenyon, III, (d. December 21st), Edward Eckert delivered a booklet of photos including Pete Kenyon taken throughout the events of June 7, 2025. This included the Wreath-Laying Ceremony in for Lt.-Col. Phil Morehouse and his brother Alan Randolph Morehouse (KIA on D-Day) and the following RSB Branch Meeting at the Darien Library where Pete was awarded the SAR War

Service Medal for his tours of duty in Viet Nam and during the years after his returning home in the Naval Reserve.

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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 2025 REPORT

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Edward Eckert, Robert Clark, Fred Lorthior, Peter Snyder, John Coleman and Harding Dies participated in two events at the East Norwalk Historical Cemetery, where Edd supplied the sound system and took photographs for both The Roger Sherman Branch #5, CTSSAR Flag Award and also the Connecticut Society of the U. S. Daughters of 1812 Grave Marking Ceremony. Edd coordinated the reception at Old Well – St. Johns Lodge #6, A. & F. M. After the flag award and the grave marking ceremonies, all made their way to the Old Well Lodge for refreshments and convivial conversation.

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Veteran of the Month ceremony at the American Legion Post 12, Norwalk.

Thursday, September 11, 2025

Edward Eckert attended the outdoor Patriots Day Ceremony held on Mary Roman Track and Field at Norwalk City Hall.

Monday, September 15, 2025

Edward Eckert as SAR guest attended and supplied the sound system for the Norwalk-Village Green Chapter, NSDAR meeting at South Norwalk Public Library. Also, Edward proposed the slogan to be screen printed on tee-shirts for NVG Chapter members to wear at the October 19, 2025 Breast Cancer Walk at

Sherwood Island in Westport. The slogan was unanimously accepted. About 20 tee-shirts were made and worn at the event.

The slogan:

Norwalk-Village Green Chapter, NSDAR

Walking To Make

Breast Cancer

History

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Edward Eckert took photographs of Mayor Harry Rilling and Norwalk-Village Green Chapter, NSDAR members for Constitution Day at Norwalk City Hall.

Friday, September 19, 2025. 7 pm.

Edward Eckert attended the Good Wife's River Chapter, NSDAR Annual Fall Chapter Meeting & Reception and presentation of the Hannah White Arnett NSDAR Medal to Sherman Branch President Robert Clark for his support of the GWR Chapter events.

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Edward Eckert attended the CTSSAR Board of Managers meeting at the Plainville Public Library as proxy for RSB President Robert Clark.

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Edward Eckert participated in the presentation of The Soaring Spirit of America: Our National Symbol, The Bald Eagle slide lecture for Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, NSDAR. Miller Public Library, Hamden.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Veteran of the Month ceremony at the American Legion Post 12, Norwalk.

Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Edward Eckert, as RSB CTSSAR guest, attended Connecticut Chapter Daughters of U.S. 1812 Meeting/Luncheon. Was acknowledged by President Sarah Bleasdale-Coleman for contributing to the success of the September 6th 1812 Grave Marking Ceremony and reception. Sans Souci Restaurant, Meridan.

Friday, October 17, 2025

Edward Eckert was interviewed by Southern Connecticut State University seniors for their upcoming documentary video on the subject of The Battle and Burning of Norwalk, July 11, 1779. Mentioned was a member of the SAR and explained that a number of SAR compatriots' ancestors fought in the battle. Handed out copies of the SAR brochure.

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Edward Eckert attended the Roger Sherman Branch #5, CTSSAR dinner meeting at South Bay in Fairfield.

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Edward Eckert attended as SAR guest and supplied the sound system for the Norwalk Village Green Chapter, NSDAR meeting. South Norwalk Public Library.

Tuesday, October 28, 2026

Edward attended as SAR guest at Connecticut Society of the Colonial Dames XVII luncheon meeting. Chuck's Steak House, Danbury. Guest speaker was Damien Cregau.

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MAY-JUNE, 2025 REPORT

July 12-18 the 135th Congress of the SAR was held at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville CT, hosted by the CTSSAR, and including the participation of several of the Roger Sherman Branch members.

July 13, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Veteran of the Month ceremony at the American Legion Post 12, Norwalk.

August 3, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Veteran of the Month ceremony at the American Legion Post 12, Norwalk.

August 6, 2025

Edward Eckert attended meeting with United States Daughters of 1812 President Sarah Bleasdale Coleman to discuss upcoming Saturday, September 6th SAR & 1812 programs at East Norwalk Historical Cemetery.

August 7, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the City of Norwalk Purple Heart Day Commemoration at Veterans Memorial Park. Special Guests included Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and CT Senator Richard Blumenthal.

August 21, 2025

Edward Eckert participated in the presentation of The Soaring Spirit of America: Our National Symbol, The Bald Eagle slide lecture for the Preserve New Fairfield/Hubbell House Museum/New Fairfield Senior Center organizations.

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MAY-JUNE, 2025 REPORT

May 4, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Veteran of the Month ceremony at the American Legion Post 12, Norwalk.

May 17, 2025

LIBERTY TREE DEDICATION at the Mather Homestead in Darien CT. The tree, a hybrid Dutch Elm, commemorating the original Liberty Tree in Boston, an elm at which Patriots met to stage protests against Crown overreaches in cluding the Stamp Act. Patriot Todd Gerlander was present at the ceremony, which took place perfectly by his instrumental guidance and assistance. Robert Clark, President of the Roger Sherman Branch of the SAR, made a speech invoking all of our deepest sentiments in respect of America's basis of Liberty, referencing the symbolism of the Liberty Tree just planted, to grow and thrive as American Liberty into the future. Several members of the DAR, Good Wife's River Chapter, Darien, were in attendance, and members of the Roger Sherman SAR Branch, including Robert Clark, Fred Lorthioir, Edd and Madeleine Eckert, and Peter Snyder. The day was perfect and the event delightful. Afterward, a tour was conducted at the Mather Homestead.

May 18, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at Norwalk-Village Green Chapter NSDAR Annual Meeting and Luncheon, at the Stamford Yacht Club. Took photographs.

May 26, 2025

Compatriots Dean Gaugler and Robert Clark manned the RSB presence in the Memorial Day Parade, chauffeured in style by John Cody of Fairfield in his BMW convertible. As the BMW passed by the review stand at the end of the parade, a clear announcement was made identifying the Sons of the American Revolution to the audience.

June 1, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Veteran of the Month ceremony at the American Legion Post 12, Norwalk.

June 6, 2025

Edward Eckert attended the D-Day Program officiated by Jeff DeWitt at the American Legion in Norwalk.

June 8, 2025

In honor of D-Day, Edward Eckert officiated at the Lt.-Col. Philip Morehouse Wreath Laying Ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery in Darien. (Phil was a beloved founding member of Roger Sherman Branch—his brother, Alan Randolph Morehouse was KIA on Omaha Beach on D-Day.) Following the ceremony, at the Sherman Branch meeting at Darien Public Library, Edward assisted in presentation of slide lecture: The Soaring Spirit of America: Our National Symbol, The Bald Eagle. Additionally, Pete Kenyon was honored for his naval military career, giving the gathering his biographical sketch including some of the salient events of his tours of duty in Viet Nam and during the years after returning home. Pete was awarded a war service medal for his deployments in Viet Nam. Pete kindly answered many questions asked of him, including questions relating to battleship maneuverability under heavy seas. Pete's wife Kathy and daughter were in attendance. The three events made for a super occasion in honor of D-Day and in honor of America's greatness.

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APRIL, 2025 REPORT
(MARCH, 2025 WAS SUBMITTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

April 6, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch the Veteran of the Month ceremony at the American Legion Post 12, Norwalk.

April 8, 2025. 12 Noon

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch and assisted in presentation of slide lecture:

A Sampling of Ladies' Reactions to the Boston Tea Party.

Deacon Stephen Hart Chapter, CDVII Century & Putnam Hill Chapter, NSDAR.

Gen. Israel Putnam Cottage/"Knapp's Tavern," Greenwich, CT.

April 8, 2025 6 pm

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Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Post 12, Norwalk, CT.

April 12, 2025

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April 16, 2025

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The Soaring Spirit of America: Our National Symbol, The Bald Eagle

Wadsworth Chapter, NSDAR. The Club Room @ Covenant Condo Complex, Cromwell, CT

April 19, 2025

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch and assisted in presentation of slide lecture:

The Soaring Spirit of America: Our National Symbol, The Bald Eagle

Mary Wooster Chapter, NSDAR. Bethel Public Library.

April 22

Edward Eckert attended the presentation by Ed Hynes on "The Writing of the Star-Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key" held at the Wilton Public Library. Spoke with members of Drum Hill Chapter, NSDAR. Robert Clark also attended Ed Hynes' talk.

April 28

Edward Eckert represented Sherman Branch at the Norwalk-Village Green Chapter, NSDAR meeting. South Norwalk Public Library.

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