Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Nathan Hale Branch #6

Annual Report 2025-2026

To the CTSSAR Board of Managers:

This serves as the 2025-2026 Annual Report of the Captain Nathan Hale Branch #6 of the CTSSAR.

1. All Branch Officers (Terms through March 2026)
    a. President – Dayne E. Rugh
    b. 1st Vice President – Timothy Burke
    c. 2nd Vice President – Marcus Larkin
    d. Treasurer – Theodore Nelson
    e. Recording Secretary – Matthew Fergione

2. Minutes from last annual branch meeting held on March 15, 2025 are attached for reference

3. 990N Postcard is filed by the Branch Treasurer, Ted Nelson

4. Branch net worth as of December 31, 2025: $39,934.38

5. The Branch has two authorized signers on all bank accounts: Treasurer Ted Nelson, and Compatriot Damien Cregeau

6. Branch bylaws are unchanged c. 2004 – previous version sent is still the current version. The Branch will aim to convene a newly-formed Bylaws Committee for revising and updating the Hale Branch Bylaws.

7. List of medals and awards presented to branch members between 2025 and 2026:
    a. Timothy Burke: Patriot Gravemarking Medal, Silver America 250 Medal
    b. Matthew Fergione: Silver America 250 Medal, Silver Congress Appreciation Medal, Emergency Medical Service Medal, Fire Safety Commendation Medal, Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Patriot Gravemarking Medal
    c. John Keeney: Patriot Gravemarking Medal

d. Other Recognitions: Hale Branch President Dayne Rugh presented the ROTC Silver Medal to Cadet Rhys Thornell, a member of the UCONN Air Force ROTC Detachment 115 on April 16, 2026



8. List of upcoming events and programs:
    a. Hale Branch held a regular business meeting on January 24 and held its annual meeting on March 21, 2026. The meeting featured guest speaker Tricia Staley, author of *Norwich in the American Revolution* who presented on her book. Picture are attached of the annual meeting below:





b. The Hale Branch and members will be partnering with the following events in commemoration of America 250
    i. May 3, 2026: Liberty Tree Dedication, Norwich, CT – commemorating Revolutionary War officer, Colonel John Durkee of Norwich
    ii. June 7, 2026: Liberty Tree Dedication, Norwich, CT – commemorating Revolutionary War sailors and shipbuilders of the *USS Confederacy*
    iii. June 13, 2026: Liberty Tree Dedication at the Jabez Smith House, Groton, CT in commemoration of Continental Marine Officer Jabez Smith
    iv. July 4, 2026: Groton 4th of July Parade, Groton, CT
    v. July 19, 2026: Wreath Laying and Commemoration of Declaration of Independence Signer, Samuel Huntington of Norwich, CT
    vi. August 22, 2026: Patriot Gravemarking, Preston, CT
    vii. Hale Branch has planned business meetings for September 19, 2026 and November 21, 2026 – the Branch will also be planning a 250th Commemoration Event for the 250th Anniversary of the death of Nathan Hale in September 2026
    viii. Installation of a memorial bench deciated to the Groton patriots of the American Revolution in the Fall of 2026 at the Groton, CT war memorial complex

Respectfully submitted,

Dayne E. Rugh
President, Captain Nathan Hale Branch #6