2025-2026 Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin Branch No. 9 Annual Report

Branch 9 Meeting Agenda – Saturday March 14, 2026 at 1pm
1780 Rider house at the Danbury Museum
43 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Call to order by Branch President Dave Perkins

Invocation – Branch Chaplain Eric Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

SAR Pledge: "We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

SAR Mission Statement: The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

Establishment of a Quorum (5) – Branch Secretary reads the rolls

- Swearing in of new members and presentation of SAR rosettes
- Approval of Branch Meeting minutes – June 2025 meeting at SHP
- Branch Treasurer Fred Burke Report – March 14, 2026 Balance of $1,906.31
- Branch Presidents Report

New Business:

-Liberty Tree dedication at Mitchell Field in Bethel with Bethel Garden Club for Sun June 14

-Pomeroy Foundation - Grants for Cemetery Markers

-250th events in the greater Danbury area.

-Planning for June annual meeting

-Spirit of America! 250th anniversary public reading of the Declaration of Independence, July 8, 1776 – July 8, 2026.

SAR Youth Video Contest Entry from SA Troop 54 was submitted to National contest.

Presentation on Why Danbury was chosen for the Raid in April 1777by Robert Young

Benediction - Branch Chaplain Eric Johnson

Motion to Adjourn

SAR recessional: "Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men."

Liberty Tree dedication – Sunday June 14 – Bethel, CT – 1pm

The granite stone is about 14” x 8” and the approximate cost is about $180
The actual liberty tree (Elm) will cost about $85 to $100



IRS 990n filing for 2025:

Your Form 990-N(e-Postcard) has been submitted to the IRS

- **Organization Name:** NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
- **EIN:** 061378435
- **Tax Year:** 2025
- **Tax Year Start Date:** 01-01-2025
- **Tax Year End Date:** 12-31-2025
- **Submission ID:** 10215720260279415890
- **Filing Status Date:** 01-27-2026
- **Filing Status:** Accepted

Branch Banking: Closed Wells Fargo Account on Feb 17, 2026 and opened new account with Union Savings bank. Signers are David J. Perkins and Branch Treasurer Fred Burke.

Branch 9 Filed the new Smart Report with National on March 15, 2026, see last page for details.

Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin Branch No. 9
Annual Meeting
Sunday June 22, 2025
Stony Hill Preserve – Bethel

Minutes as of 25 August 2025

Call to order by Branch President Dave Perkins at 1:37pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by Historian Bob Young
SAR Pledge by Treasurer Fred Burke
Establishment of a Quorum by President David Perkins

Swearing in and pining of membership rosettes of new members since the last meeting in Feb 2025. They were Eric Johnson, Matt Cacace, Dylan Cacace and Dean Catalano (who is joining the Wadsworth branch and is the son of Dennis Catalano a member of our branch).
Compatriots Bob Young, Bob Yates, Fred Burke and Dennis Catalano pin the rosettes on the new members.

Branch Meeting minutes from February 23, 2025 meeting at SHP (oral review).
Motion 1 to approve by Bob Young, 2nd by Dennis Catalano, Minutes approved.

Branch Treasurer Fred Burke Report – May 31 Balance of $1,927.04
Branch completed its branch donation of $500 to the CT Sons of Liberty Campaign. Fred Burke requested that the Branch President be added a signer on the Branch bank account.
Motion 2 to approve by Dennis Catalano, 2nd by Eric Johnson, report approved.

Branch Presidents Report:
- Presented JROTC medals & certificates to both Bethel & Naugatuck units.
- Delivered an Outstanding Citizenship Pin for a student to the Newtown Middle School
- Flag Certificate for 2025 (June 22 – The Eberlin Family of Sandy Hook)
- 250th Celebrations: Attended Patriots Day 4/18-4/19 in Boston, Concord and Lexington. Recognized w/Gold Henry Knox medal for volunteering to organize the event. In Connecticut participated as State Color Guard Commander on to events June 6/7 & 6/14 events at War Office. And lastly Commanded the State Color Guard at the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill in Charlestown, Mass. on June 17.

Motion 3 to approve by Fred Burke, 2nd by Bob Yates, report approved.

Nomination and Election of 2025/2026 Branch Officers:

President –	Dave Perkins
Vice-President –	Mark Shisler
Secretary –	Mark Shisler (appointed by Branch President)
Treasurer –	Fred Burke
Historian –	Bob Young
Chaplain –	Eric Johnson
Registrar –	Dave Perkins

Motion 4 to close nominations & elect the slate by B. Young, 2nd by D. Catalano. Motion passed.

New Business:

Branch Bylaws

Motion 5 by Fred Burke to discuss the proposes bylaws as distributed and to include the changes as outlined by Fred Burke. 2nd Dennis Catalano. No discussion. Motion approved. Fred Burke presented a review of the changes and reviewed each of the sections of the new bylaws with the members present and answered all questions that were raised.

Motion 6 by Bob Yates to close discussion and accept changes, 2nd by Dennis Catalano. Motion passed.

Motion 7 by Fred Burke to approve the bylaws as amended, 2nd by Dennis Catalano. No further discussion. Motion passed and new bylaws were approved.

Recess for Lunch.

250th event for Danbury in 2026 – Historian Bob Young spoke on what we could do in 2026 for the 250th such as a grave marking. It was discussed as to what type of marker to use, bronze or granite. General discussion on what graves to mark. President Perkins noted that Pomeroy Foundation offers markers through a grant program, so long as the CTSSAR agrees to participate, will ask the state at the CTSSAR BOM in Sept.

SAR Youth Video Contest – State Winner Troop 54 of Bethel were presented a monetary award of $250 from the CTSSAR as the state winner. They were one of twelve entries at national.

Branch 9 Flag Award Presentation to the Eberlin Family of Sandy Hook. Roger Eberlin and his son Miles accepted the flag certificate.

SAR Poster Contest – 21 Posters were judged by the attendees at today's meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Benediction by Chaplain Eric Johnson

SAR recessional by President Perkins

Attendees 8: Dave Perkins, Fred Burke, Dennis Catalano, Bob Young, Bob Yates, Eric Johnson, Matt Cacace and Dylan Cacace.

We also had Richard Kendall and Dean Catalano of the Wadsworth Branch and 8 guests.

Total attendance 19.

2025 National Society Sons of the American Revolution
Americanism Award / President General's Activity Streamer Combined Score Sheet
Chapter or Society Entry

Deadline for Submission to the National Americanism Committee Chairman is **March 15th**

PLEASE READ THE SUMMARY PAGE FOR IMPORTANT DATA ENTRY GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

When opening the Workbook, if prompted, select "Do Not Update" / "Enable Editting" / "Enable Content"

When entering data, all cells must have some entry for the embedded formulas to properly calculate.

Chapter chairman should complete all information and submit the completed form to their State chairman. State chairmen should merge all chapter entries into a single state entry. Completed forms must be submitted via email to the National Americanism Chairman at *americanism@sar.org* . *All submitted forms must be in Excel or other editable spread sheet format.*

Winners will be notified prior to the Annual Congress so that representatives may be present to receive the award.

If additional rows are needed, and there are no stated maximums for the section where the rows are needed, please email the form along with the number of requested rows and the applicable section to the National Americanism Chairman. If there is an error or question about the data entry, please use the same email and provide the pertinent information and the form for review.

Chapter Name:	Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin		**Chapter President:**	David J. Perkins	
State Society Name:	Connecticut		**State President:**	Paul H. Selnau	
Contest Year:	2025		**Date Entry Submitted:**		
Membership as of:	**January-01**	45	**December-31**	58	
Submitter's Name:	David J. Perkins		**Contact Email:**	DPerkinssr8@gmail.com	
Telephone (Home):	203-797-1967		**Telephone (Work):**		
State or Chapter Entry:	Chapter				

Category	Category Title	Americanism	President General's Streamer
1	Media Publicity	100	
2	SAR Speakers Bureau	450	
3	Support of the C.A.R. and DAR		90
4	Youth Programs	590	
5	Public Service Programs	160	
6	Historic Sites & Celebrations	60	
7	Grave Markings	255	
8	Color Guard Activity	290	
9A	SAR Medals & Certificates Awarded to Non-Members	30	
9B	SAR Medals & Certificates Awarded to SAR Members		15
10	National Society Service		970
11	Membership, Reinstatements, Supplementals, Dues & Secretarial Returns		760
12	Attendance at State, District, and National Meetings		215
	TOTAL POINTS:	1,935	2,050
	Determination of potential eligibility for PG Cup	100.0% Eligible for PG Cup Consideration	100.0% Eligible for PG Cup Consideration

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