General David Humphreys Branch No. 1
Sons of the American Revolution

New Haven, Connecticut Founded
May 22, 1891

Meeting Summary May – August 2023

May 15 – Ethan Stewart said acknowledgement of past and current officers: Recognizing Past and current State Presidents, Paul Selnau, Ethan Stewart, David Perkins, and past Branch presidents, Tim Wilkins, John Crowell, and John Towle.

New State President, Paul Selnau addressed the group about his plans for the organization and talked extensively about the upcoming General Congress which is to be held in 2035 at the Mohegan Casino in Montville, CT,
President Selnau, was asked to induct new member, Gary Rowe, who came in under patriot, Seth Woodruff. Ethan Steward who pinned on his rosette sponsored him. Mr. Rowe then addressed the group.
President Selnau gave the Military Service Award to Ethan Stewart.
Ethan Stewart talked about some old business. Member Marshall Robinson had made a motion to pledge $10,000 to the 2025 Congress being held in CT. which was put on hold until the executive board could meet to discuss. A meeting was held and the board approved $12,000. It was decided that we would donate $4,000 per year for 3 years. After some discussion, it was approved and voted on by the membership. Ethan also discussed how members could make personal pledges and he pledged $2500 of his own money toward the Congress and asked others to do the same.
Ethan talked about the meeting on July 4 and asked two volunteers to do bios on the two member graves that will be marked. Greg Thompson and Rich Kendall offered to do the bios on these patriots and to read them at the meeting. The two patriots picked by Ethan Stewart are Abel Burritt and Joseph Darling. They are right across from each other on Maple Ave. After these two are completed, we will have only 5 more on Maple Ave out of 22 patriots that are buried there. Ethan mentioned that he has given out 11 Outstanding Citizen Award Certificates and Pins, they are:

1. Maeve Madura from Morgan School, Clinton, CT.
2. Jaden Rossi from Hamden Hall Country Day School, Hamden, CT.
3. Richard Ackom-Brew from East Haven High School, East Haven, CT.
4. Paras Dodd from Hamden High School, Hamden, CT.
5. Jackson Howard from Guilford High School, Guilford, CT.
6. Jerick Lagamao from Lyman Hall High School, Wallingford, CT.
7. Patrick LeBeau from North Branford High School, Branford, CT.
8. Suhail Irshad from Amity Regional High School, Woodbridge, CT.
9. Matthew Prato from Notre Dane High School, West Haven, CT.
10. Connor Rapuano from North Haven High School, North Haven, CT.
11. Jillian Sweeney from Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden, CT,

David Perkins talked about personal pledges for the 2025 General Congress and that $7500 in pledges have been pledged at the recent state meeting. These donors are called the "Son's of Liberty" It is hoped to raise at least $50,000 in pledges. Dave said that pledges could be paid in five equal installments.
Payments 1 and 2 would be paid in June and December 2023
Payments 3 and 4 would be paid in June and December 2024
Payment 5 would be paid in June 2025.
Please contact David Perkins for more information. His email is dperkinssr8@gmail.com.
After dinner, we had the privilege of having our own branch members, Vincent Pitts, do a talk on the Battle of Groton and the Ebenezer Avery House, which is located on the Battle Site in Groton, Ct. It was very interesting and informative.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and 34 people attended.

June 19 – The meeting began at 6:30 by Ethan Stewart because of the unexpected absence of president Bandecchi.

A 5-year certificate to honor his membership was presented to Brian Burland.

Announcements:

1. On 1 July 2023 at 9 a.m. we will be placing flags on the graves of Rev. War patriots at the Grove Street Cemetery. All are welcome to attend.
2. On 02 July 2023, there will be a SAR Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Putnam Park in Redding, Ct. Any questions contact Tim Wilkins
3. The 4th of July cemetery will start at 9 a.m. at Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven. Brian Burland offered to carry a flag.
4. Our Sept meeting will be a social meeting on the 30th at the Humphrey's House in Derby, CT. The Sarah Riggs Humphrey's Chapter is partnering with the Derby Historical Society honoring the memory of Margaret Monnie whose estate is

donating historic documents from the 1700's to 1800's to the society. The mayors of Derby and Ansonia as well as the DAR State Regent will be attending. We have been invited along with the state color guard. It will begin on 30 Sept 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

5. It was discussed and all members who attended tonight's meeting have approved the above date, place, and time of the Derby meeting.
6. Ethan asked if everyone was still ok with moving the meetings to the 3rd week of the month for the rest of the year, and all approved.

After dinner, Greg Thompson gave a short presentation on his Revolutionary War Patriot Colonel Jonathan Latimer.

July 4 – July 4, 2023

We had our 71th ceremony at Grove Street Cemetery. We were able to dodge the raindrops. At the ceremony, we also honored two Patriots with a grave marking ceremony they are Joseph Darling and Abel Burritt
We had about 50 people in attendance.

Respectively Submitted

Greg Thompson, Secretary