Annual Branch Reporting Request for the CTSSAR State Annual Meeting on April 27, 2004

Gen David Humphreys' Branch #1

1. Listing of all current officers – Attached

2. Minutes from the last branch meeting – Attached

3. Copy of file Branch 990N for 2023
   Our fiscal year runs 5-1-23 to 4-30-24 The report is being worked on and has not yet been filed.

4. Branch Net Worth as of December 31, 2023
   $161,439.00

5. Confirm that the branch has more than on authorized signer on all accounts and they are still active is SAR.
   Yes, Bruce Bathrick, treasurer, and Ethan Stewart. Both are active members of the branch.

6. Copy of by laws for the branch – attached

7. List of Medals and awards presented to branch members over this past year.
   There were none that we can recall.

8. List of upcoming branch meetings and events for 2024
   Our branch meets every month (except Jul & Aug) on the 3rd Monday of each month. We also have our 4th of July

celebration for Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven. (we have a few grave markings being organized but are not yet firmed up.

9. Does your branch have an SAR flag and US Flag, and how tall. We have a branch and state SAR flag and US flag but are of various sizes none more than 6 feet tall.

Respectfully submitted:

Gregory E Thompson

Gregory Evan Thompson
Humphrey's Branch Secretary

General David Humphreys Branch #1

New Officers for 2023-2024

President: Chris Bandecchi

Vice President: Steve Chapman

Secretary: Gregory E Thompson

Treasure: Bruce Bathrick

Asst. Treasure: Ethan Stewart, Sr.

Registrar: Greg Thompson

Chaplain: Rich Kendall

Historian: Steve Chapman

Neucrologist: Doug LeMay

Chairman

Law Enforcement Award: Marshall Robinson

Outstanding Citizenship Awards: Ethan Stewart, Sr.

Eagle Scout Award: Tim Wilkins

Flag Award: Chris Bandecchi

Nominating: Bill Lane

We have two open positions if anyone is interested please see Chris. They are Assistant Secretary and News Letter editor for a quarterly news letter.

General David Humphreys' Branch Meeting, 17 April 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Chris Bandecchi, 19 people attended. The opening prayer was said by Bill Lane, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge, led by President Bandecchi

President Bandecchi acknowledged past state and branch presidents, Ethan Stewart, past branch presidents, Don Hayden, Tim Wilkins and Marshall ?. Speaker Ed Kacey was acknowledged as well.

Mr. John Coleman was inducted as our newest member, sponsored by Ethan Stewart, however. Ethan yielded to Mr. Coleman's father who pinned the rosette onto his son's lapel.

Ethan Stewart mentioned that Jerry Wilson, Bob Donahue, and himself had gone over to the cemetery in Fair Haven, CT to clean the stone of the patriot Lucius Deming who will have his grave marked on May 13, 2023. Ethan will send out an email as a reminder and for participation in the event. He asked for volunteers to do the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge, Tim Wilkins will do the Pledge of Allegiance, and Greg Thompson will read the SAR Pledge. Ethan also mentioned the myriad of services that this patriot had participated in during his life.

Tim Wilkins talked about the Eagle Scout Award presentation for Adam Glassman at Putnam Park on Jul 2, 2023, at Noon.

President Bandecchi mentioned the Annual State meeting on April 22 at Jay Timothy's Restaurant in Plainville, Ct. Everyone who is a member is welcome.

New business: Marshall? discussed the National meeting being held in 2025 and asked that the branch consider donating $10,000 for the event. This will have to be discussed with the board before a motion can be made.

Tim Wilkins discussed the annual July 4 event at the Grove Street Cemetery and asked for people to volunteer to place new flags on all patriot graves. This is usually done the Saturday before the 4th of July.

Dinner was served.

After Dinner, our speaker, Ed Kacey from the West Haven Veterans Museum spoke about the "British invasion of New Haven" The museum is located at 30 Hood Terrace in West Haven.

Bill Lane said the closing prayer followed by the SAR closing pledge. President Bandecchi closed the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

BY – Laws of the
General David Humphreys Branch No. 1
Of the Connecticut Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution organized at New Haven, Connecticut
May 22, 1891

PREAMBLE

We, the subscribers, descendants of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, members of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, for the purpose of promoting in New Haven and vicinity the objects of said Society as set forth in Article 111 of its Constitution, do ordain and establish the following by-laws for the government of this Branch.

ARTICLE 1 – Name

Section 1. This organization shall be known as The General David Humphreys Branch No. 1, Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE 11 – Membership

Section 1. Any member of the Connecticut State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, shall be eligible for membership in the General David Humphreys Branch Number 1. Application shall be made in a manner established by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 111 – Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Branch shall be held the second Monday of each month from September through June inclusive; the place and hour to be designated by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The annual meeting for the election of Officers and any other business properly coming before it, shall be held on the second Monday in **November in the even numbered year, The elected Officers to start term in the following January.**

Section 3. Special meeting shall be called by the President when directed by the Executive Board, or upon the written petition of ten members in good standing

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Section 4. Ten members present and in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE 1V – Officers

Section 1. The officers of this branch shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Chaplain and Necrologist.

Section 2. The duties of the Officers shall correspond with the duties of the like Officers of the State Society.

ARTICLE V – Executive Board

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of three members, who shall be elected by ballot – initially one for three years, one for two years and one for one year. Thereafter, one member shall be elected annually for a term of three years. These three, with the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Registrar, Historian, Chaplain and Necrologist shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held whenever called by the President.

Section4. The Executive Board shall have control of the administration and financial affairs of the Branch. It shall have the power to suspend or expel any member of the Branch for sufficient cause, by a vote of two-thirds of the Board present at any meeting, provided that at least two weeks notice to him at his last known residence. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to a meeting of the Branch from the action of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V1 – Committees

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees consisting of at least three members each, to be appointed by the President annually: (A) Membership, (B) Auditing and (C) Nominating.

Section 2. Special committees may be appointed by the President, as voted by the members, when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE V11 – Admission fee and dues

Section 1. The admission fee for membership in this Branch shall be ten dollars ($10.00), which shall cover dues until the next annual meeting, and thereafter to be ten dollars ($10.00) annually. Any member having life membership in the State Society may become a life member of the Branch after paying a fee of fifty dollars ($50.00).

Section 2. Members twelve (12) or more months in arrears may be dropped from the rolls by the Branch after proper notice has been given, and may be reinstated in their

membership by payment of their indebtedness to the Branch if the individual is in good standing with the State Society.

ARTICLE V111 – Elections

Section 1. At the November meeting in the even number year, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of Officers to be voted upon. In the event of more than one nominee for any office, voting for that office shall be by written ballot.

ARTICLE 1X – Expenditure of money

Section 1. In the event that an expenditure of more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) is involved, notice of such intention shall be given to the members to be voted upon and shall be by the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Vice President shall provide guest speakers and entertainment for each branch meeting. The guest speakers and financial remuneration offered to them shall be subject to the following guidelines and must be approved by the President and the Secretary. Speakers shall be encouraged to keep their presentations within a time frame of twenty minutes, with variations up to thirty minutes allowable. Remuneration shall be within the following parameters;
University professors/lecturers – complimentary meal, branch certificate of appreciation, up to $100. stipend. Authors who are selling their books at the conclusion of the presentation- complimentary meal, branch certificate of appreciation. Requested traveling expenses are allowable depending upon distance. Entertainment for Ladies Night (June) and the Christmas meeting – up to $300. Exceptions are subject to the approval of the President and Secretary. The Vice President shall provide a list of the presenters and a brief synopsis of the entertainment six months in advance to the President and the Secretary. This list and synopsis shall be provided to the membership of the branch by the Secretary upon approval.

ARTICLE X – Seal

Section 1. The seal of this Branch shall contain the portrait of General David Humphreys.

ARTICLE X1 – Amendments to the by-laws

Section1. These by-laws shall not be altered, amended, or repealed unless such alterations or amendments shall have been proposed in writing at a meeting of the Branch and such proposal shall be included in the notice of the meeting at which it is to be voted upon. Two-thirds of the members present at such meeting shall be required for the suggested change in the by-laws.

Section 2. Any by-law may be suspended for a single meeting only by unanimous vote of the members present.

Revisions

(September- 1996) (December- 2001) (Article IX Section 2- 2013) (Dues- 2014)