General Oliver Wolcott Branch #10
Connecticut Sons of the American Revolution
Annual Meeting Report
27 April 2024

Listing of all current branch officers, with term start and end dates:

President: Tim Hill -----April 2024 to April 2025
Vice President: Michael H Bird -----April 2024 to April 2025
Secretary: Derek Brockhoff----- April 2024 to April. 2025
Treasurer: Peter Stothart----- April 2024 to April 2025
Registrar: John Cox ----- April 2024 to April 2025
Color Command: Derek Brockhoff-----April 2024 to April 2025
Historian: Marin Spring-----April 2024 to April 2025
Chaplain: Martin Spring----- April 2024 to April 2025

Minutes from the last branch meeting:
See attached minutes. 20 April 2024

Copy of your filed branch 990N for 2023.
See attached document. Waiting for information

Branch net worth as of December 31, 2023.
Due to the fact that the Branch does not meet during the winter months, the net worth is taken from the meeting held on the 16th of March 2024
Account report Oct. 2023 to February 2024
Total Funds: $5,022.56
Less Paul Everett Living History Fund, $1243.02
General Fund total is $3779.54

The branch has more than one authorized signer on all accounts and that they are still active in the SAR.
Current signers are Michael H Bird and Peter Stothart, this will soon change to Tim Hill and Peter Stothart

Copy of branch By-Laws.
See attached copy of current By-Laws that are in the process of being updated.

List of Medals and Awards presented to branch members over the past year:
Bronze Roger Sherman- 5 medals awarded, waiting for names

Meritorious Service – Michael H. Bird
Martha Washington- Elieen Porter- Schmit

List of upcoming branch meetings and events for 2024;

We will have monthly branch meetings until late Autum when we go to quarterly meetings.
Events include:
The annual Warren Pre-Memorial School and Grave Marking ceremony
The annual Culper Spy Ring Day at Southwest School in Torrington, CT.
The annual 4th of July events in Litchfield and Bantum, CT.
The first ever "Let Freedom Ring" 2.0 version in New Milford on the 6th of July.
As we are of the Litchfield and New Milford 250th Celebrations, we are going to have events pop up over the next year.

Does your branch have an SAR flag and US flag, and how tall. We may need to use them for the 2025 Congress.

Oh Yes, we most surely do have flags, see attached list.

Submitted by Michael H Bird.
VP Wolcott Branch #10
23 April 2024

Bylaws
of the
Governor Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch #10
of the
Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

as revised March 23, 1997

PREAMBLE

We, the subscribers, descendants of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, members of the National and Connecticut Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution, for the purpose of promoting the objects of said Society as set forth in Article III of its constitution, do ordain and establish the following bylaws for the Government of this Branch.

ARTICLE I
Name

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Governor Oliver Wolcott, Sr., Branch #10, Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Quorum

Section 2. The members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Any member of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shall be eligible to membership in this Branch.

ARTICLE III

Annual Meeting

Section 1. The hour and place of the annual meeting prior to March 31st for the election of officers and for the transaction of any business properly coming before it, shall be designated by the President or by the Executive Board. The newly elected officers shall take over their duties at the annual meeting.

Special Meetings

Section 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President whenever he shall deem wise, or when directed by the Executive Board, or upon the written petition of ten members.

ARTICLE IV

Admission Fee

Section 1. The admission fee for membership to this Branch shall be five dollars or as established by the executive committee, which shall cover dues to the next annual meeting.

Dues

Section 2. The regular annual dues shall be five dollars or as established by the executive committee, payable per annum.

Arrears

Section 3. Members in arrears for current dues may be dropped from the roll by the Executive Board, and may be reinstated in their membership by the said Executive Board upon the payment of their current dues to the Branch.

ARTICLE V.

Officers

The officers of this Branch shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Chaplain, Registrar and any other officer or dual/officer as needed.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Board

There shall be a Board consisting of the officers of the Branch.

ARTICLE VII

Officer's Duties

Section 1. The duties of the officers shall correspond with the duties of like officers of the State Society.

Executive Board Meetings

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held whenever called by the President.

Powers of the Executive Board

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have control of the administration and financial affairs of the Branch. The Executive Board shall act as a planning committee to assist the President as to time, place and program for the Branch meetings and patriotic activities.

ARTICLE VIII

Elections

The nominating committee (executive board) will present the slate of officers in advance of the annual meeting. The officers will be sworn in at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Admission To Membership

Applications for membership in the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shall be received accompanied by:

1.) A check drawn to the CTSSAR for the National registration fee and State dues.
2.) A check drawn to the order of the Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr., Branch #10 for the payment of dues.

Following acceptance by National and State Societies, applicant may become a member of this branch.

ARTICLE X

The Seal

The Seal of this Branch shall be the same as the Seal of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE XI

Disposition of Assets on Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this Branch, it's records and assets shall be given to the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution to be permanently held and its' income accrue to the State Society. If, in the future a new Branch or Chapter is formed in the region we embrace, the principal of said fund may be requisitioned by it from the Treasurer of the State Society.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments to Bylaws

These bylaws shall not be altered, amended or replaced unless such alterations or amendments shall have been proposed in writing at a previous meeting of the Executive Board, and entered on the records, with the name of the member or executive board proposing the changes. Any amendment must also be adopted by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Branch or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

SAR Gov. Oliver Wolcott Branch 10: Minutes of meeting April 20, 2024

Call to order: 10:05/A at the Bantam Borough Hall, 890 Bantam Road, Bantam CT. Attending were (9) Pres. Mike Bird, VP Peter Stothart, Secty Derek Brockhoff, John Cox, Tim S Hill, John Lilley, Frank McClintock, Martin Spring and James Lewellyn.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, SAR Pledge conducted.

Approval of Minutes: October minutes approved with name corrections by P Stothart for his future grave markings. Goldfelic Silman corrected to Gold Selleck Silliman, Thaddeus Barr corrected to Thaddeus Burr and Julia Hancock noted as Aunt of John Hancock.
Motion M Spring, second Hill

President's report: Mike Bird
May events are the Warren school parade and grave marking on the 24th and the Litchfield Memorial Day parade on the 27th.
He provided copies of SAR brochures, Youth Award program brochures and SAR business cards provided online by NSSAR. The business cards are customizable for each member. These can all be used for SAR recruitment and awareness programs.
He displayed an SAR 250th Flag that is available through NSSAR for $35. He his looking to promote the 250th throughout the towns in CT.

Election of Branch Officers: Proposed slate of Candidates:
President - Timothy S Hill
Vice President - Peter Stothart
Secretary - Derek Brockhoff
Treasurer - Peter Stothart
Registrar - John Cox
Color Guard - Derek Brockhoff
Historian - Open
Chaplain - Martin Spring
No alternates for these positions were proposed.
Motion Stothart, second Cox

Treasurer's report: Peter Sothart
Provided written report for statement dated 3/2024. Starting balance of $5,022.56, total interest $0.20, no deposits or withdrawals for an Ending balance $5,022.76 of which $1,243.02 is the Paul Everett L.H.Fund.
The transfer of our account to the Webster Bank is continuing and will pause until our new Branch officers are elected and seated.
Motion Brockhoff, second Hill

Registrar's report: John Cox
Three applicants are in the process. We have a total of 96 branch members.
Motion Spring, second Brockhoff

Color Guard Report: Derek Brockhoff
Discussed recent Patriot's Day parade in Concord MA and upcoming 250th next year. Noted 2 May events as stated in the President's report. Additionally there is a Grave marking event on May 4th in Stratford Ct and a Veteran of the Month event in Bantam CT on the same day. Corporal Spring assigned to coordinate and operate the Bantam event.
NSSAR training for Safety Inspection and Youth Protection Policy Training were discussed and must be completed by all Color Guard members.
Motion Spring, second Cox

Historian's Report: Tim Hill
No items noted
Motion Bird, second Cox

Induction of New members: None

Old Business:
Memorial Day 2024: We will again participate in the Litchfield and Naugatuck parades.
Friday, May 24 - Warren CT school event will include 1 Patriot grave to mark.
Branches obligation to 135th Congress in 2025 to be $1,000. Coordinated by M Bird and D Brockhoff. E-mail or letter to be sent to all 96 members requesting donations to the Paul Everett Fund.
M Bird continues work on the Eagle Scout event on July 2nd.

New Business:
Dave Perkins requested an inventory of our flags and holders for potential use for the 135th Congress.
M Bird requested we order 5 flag ground stakes at approximately $25 each for use at events. These funds to be taken from the PELHF. Motion Bird, second M Spring
The Branch By-Laws were updated with the corrections in Article IV, Admission Fee and Dues. Both corrected to the current amounts of $10.
M Spring stated he received a request from the Glebe House, Roxbury Ct for an August encampment and for a possible Waterbury encampment - information continuing
T Hill queried our branch conducting School Presentations to educated students on the Revolutionary War - information continuing
J Lilley queried members who had knowledge of US Govt. headstone request policies of which no one had that information.
J Lewellyn requested information on transferring his membership from Connecticut to Alabama

The Proposed slate of Officers were sworn in by J Lewellyn.

Motion Brockhoff, second Spring

Benediction and SAR Recessional completed.

Meeting adjourned 12:30/P.

DB, Secretary

Branch #10 SAR items:

State,
One (1) ceremonial bugle with spare insert.

Branch,
One (1) Betsy Ross flag and 8’ pole
One (1) Branch Reg colors and 8’ pole
One (1) Branch parade banner and 8’ side pole
One (1) National colors and 8’ pole with eagle top piece
One (1) indoor flag stand

“Let freedom Ring”
Thirteen (13) original states flags with thirteen 8’ flag poles
Thirteen (13) inground outdoor flag stands
One (1) mallet
One (1) flag spacing rope measure

Items belonging to M. H. Bird
One (1) 4x6 SAR flag
One (1) 3x5 outdoor SAR flag
One (1) DVF flag
Ten (10) NSSAR 250th flags
One (1) CT State flag
One (1) Grand Union 3x5 flag
Two (2) wooden flag poles with spear tips
One (1) indoor flag stand
Two (2) inground outdoor flag stands

2023 events:

Warren CT.
Community Project:

- Supervised 15 kids from the local school with staff, and parents and town members to clean the headstones of all of the 31 Patriots and wives in the Old Cemetery.
- Conducted in school presentation for all of the 45 kids in the school. (MHB)
- Town wide school Pre- Memorial Day parade from school to cemetery with grave marking presentation and musket salute. 4 SAR color guard members present

Torrington, CT
Southwest Elementary School,

- Presentation of 18th century life to a total of 7 classes (150 kids)
- 15 entries to SAR poster contest, winner of Branch selection being the winner of the state contest.
- Annual Culper Spy Day program with 4 SAR members present.

West Cemetery,

- Located Patriot headstone for out of state SAR member and was POC for the removal of a very tree that threaten the distortion of over 60 headstones, some of which are Patriots.

East Cemetery,

- Gain permission from the cemetery association to start cleaning and repairing the Patriot and general population headstones.

Hartford,

- Massing of the Color. The branch was involved in representing the State SAR, the Branch SAR, and the State DVF.

New Milford,

- Cleaned headstones all 105 Patriots and wives and a large number of common folk for total of 201 headstones
- Branch was involved with the presentation of the local celebration of the Boston Tea Party on the 16th of Dec. 2024, 5 SAR members took part.

Litchfield,

- Memorial Day parade, 4 SAR members took part
- 4th of July, ceremony at East Cemetery, where 5 new Patriots were recognized.
- 4th of July “Let freedom Ring” ceremony in Bantum. 7 members of SAR took part

Easton,

- Grave marking ceremony for 5 Patriots. Ceremony led by Branch Historian Tim Hill