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

Annual Report 2024

To the office of the President of the CTSSAR and the CTSSAR Board of Managers:

This Annual Report of the Nathan Hale Branch #6 covers the period of April 2023 to April 2024.

- All current Branch officers as of April 2024 are as follows:
  - President – Dayne E. Rugh
  - 1st Vice President – David Jones
  - 2nd Vice President – Frederick Rivard
  - Treasurer – Theodore Nelson
  - Recording Secretary – Matthew Fergione

- Please see attached report of minutes from the last annual branch meeting

- Please see records of past 990 postcards filed

- Branch Net Worth as of December 31, 2023 - $32,049.12

- Authorized signers on all accounts – Ted Nelson is currently a signer and we will look to add an additional signer

- Please see the attached copy of the branch bylaws

- List of Medals and Awards presented to branch members (2023-2024)

  - Stephen Z. Taylor was awarded the Hannah White Arnett Bronze Medal of Distinction Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution on April 13, 2024
  - Dayne Rugh was presented a 250th Boston Tea Party Anniversary medal at the SAR New England District Council meeting on March 23, 2024
  - David Jones was presented with a grave marking medal in 2023

- List of upcoming branch meetings and events:
  - The next business meeting of the Nathan Hale Branch will be held on May 25, 2024

- Branch Flags and US Flags – The Hale Branch has a branch flag and we are currently looking for an American flag

Respectfully submitted,

Dayne E. Rugh
President
Nathan Hale Branch

Nathan Hale Branch #6 – Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2024

In attendance: Dayne Rugh, Damien Cregeau, Ted Nelson, Marcus Larkin, David Jones, Harry Clarke, Fred Rivard, Tim Burke, Roger Sherman, Bill Follett, Greg Peck, John Morgan

Damien Cregeau called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

Quorum established by Secretary Dayne Rugh

President's Report
-Member introductions

Secretary's Report
-Ted Nelson moved to accepted minutes from October, Roger Sherman seconded – motion carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report
-Ted moved to accept the report, Dayne Rugh seconded – motion carried unanimously
-Ted moved to allow all Branch members to contribute $10.00 towards lunch, Dave Jones seconded – motion passed unanimously

Old Business
-Brief update on Congress planning

New Business
-SAR wooden racks and flags – searching for them – possibly at Nathan Hale schoolhouse
-USCGA graduation award to cadets
-Next Branch meeting – May 25, 2024
-Damien discussed possible meeting speakers for future programs and branch meetings
-Ted moved to allow the secretary to cast one ballot for officers
---Matthew Fergione – Secretary
---Ted Nelson – Treasurer
---2nd Vice President – Fred Rivard
---1st Vice President – David Jones
---President – Dayne Rugh

Marcus asked about the possibility of using GW endowment funds to put a plaque at the Starr Cemetery in Groton – Fort Griswold bench and Col. Ledyard's officer's sword

John Morgan inquired about researching grave markings for Revolutionary War soldiers

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CT, US, 06320

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CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
of the NATHAN HALE BRANCH, No. 6
CONNECTICUT SOCIETY,
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
as amended March 20, 2004

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the Nathan Hale Branch, No. 6 of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II. Connecticut Society

The Nathan Hale Chapter Branch, hereinafter denoted as this Branch, is a Branch of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, hereinafter denoted as CT SOC, SAR. This Branch is organized under the constitution of the CT SOC, SAR and recognizes other duly organized Branches of the CT SOC, SAR as co-equals.

ARTICLE III, Object

The objects of this Branch are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational. The objects are intended and designed to:

a. Perpetuate the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;

b. Unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;

c. Inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;

d. Encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;

e. Acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the War of the American Revolution as well as documents, relics and landmarks;

f. Mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials;

g. Celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the War of the American Revolution and of the Revolutionary period;

h. Foster true patriotism;

i. Maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and

j. Carry on Boy Scout programs with interest income from the Harry J. Hewitt, Jr. Memorial Fund, a trust set up by the Hewitt family to honor Harry who, for many years, was branch Boy Scout Chairman until his death in 1994.

k. Seek out unmarked Patriot grave sites and properly mark them with formal dedication ceremonies.

l. Carry out the purposes expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America and the injunctions of George Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

Section 1. Any member of the CT SOC, SAR shall be eligible for membership in this Branch.

Section 2. Upon request, widows of former members may be placed on the mailing list to receive notices and are welcome to attend meetings and events of this Branch.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section 1. Regular business and or social meetings shall be held normally in the third weeks months of January, March, May, September and November at such times and places designated by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The annual meeting for the election of officers and for the conduct of such business as may properly come before it shall coincide with the regular March meeting and shall be held at the same time and place.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called by the President when directed by the Executive Committee or pursuant to written petition signed by ten or more members of this Branch.

Section 4. No regular business meeting shall be held in June, July or August. With the approval of the Executive-Committee, social meetings may be arranged during those months. Urgent business may be conducted at a social meeting if notice of such business is set forth in the announcement of the meeting.

Section 5. Five members present shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at any regular, annual or special meeting of this Branch.

ARTICLE VI. Officers

The officers of this Branch shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Branch Registrar, an Historian and a Chaplain. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting for a term of two years. Each officer shall continue in office until his successor is elected.

ARTICLE-VII. Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of Past Presidents, the President, the two Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Branch Registrar, the Chaplain, the Historian and three at large members. The at large members shall serve for a term of two years and shall continue as members of the Executive Committee until their successors are appointed and approved.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have the duty to manage, control and conduct the affairs of the Branch.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint any committees or officers, other than those elected, and to fill any vacancies occurring among the officers of the Branch.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President or pursuant to a written petition signed by five or more members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended by written resolutions presented to and approved by at least two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee present at a meeting of said committee called for such purpose and provided that said written resolutions are subsequently approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at any regular business, annual or special meeting of this Branch called for such purpose. Whenever this constitution is to be amended, notice thereof, describing said changes, shall be included in the call for such meeting of the Executive Committee and this Branch. Such meeting calls shall be mailed at least fifteen days before said Branch meetings.

BY-LAWS

FEES AND DUES

Section 1. The dues of the Branch shall be established by the Executive Committee. Dues shall be payable to the CTSSAR Treasurer on the first day of January of each year for that year along with the State and National dues.

Section 2.. Members joining this Branch during the months of October, November and December shall not be liable for the current year dues.

Section 3. Any member of this Branch may become a Life member of this Branch by paying the Life member fee determined by the following formula: 100 minus age, times three dollars plus current year dues. Examples are:

Age 70	100 - 70 = 30 X $3 = $90 + $10 = $100
Age 50	100 - 50 = 50 X $3 = $150 + $10 = $160
Age 40	100 - 40 = 60 X $3 = $180 + $10 = $190

Regardless of this formula, the maximum Life member fee shall be $185.

Section 4. Any member two year in arrears in Branch dues shall be dropped from membership in this Branch. The Treasurer shall report to the Executive Committee and to the First Vice President the names of all members who are in arrears for one year or more dues. Any such dropped former member of this Branch may be reinstated as a member by the Executive Committee upon payment of arrears in dues provided said dropped former member is currently a member in good standing of CT SOC, SAR.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. Application for membership in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and in CT SOC, SAR shall be made on forms provided by the National Society accompanied by the prop admission fee and dues of the National and CT SOC, SAR. The Branch Registrar will assist in the preparation and handling of these forms. Upon approval of the application and assignment of national and state membership numbers by the National Society, applicant shall be accepted as a member of this Branch, by payment of the appropriate Branch dues and a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

Section 6. The President shall, be the chief executive officer and official head of this Branch.

The President shall make the following appointments:

A. Three at large members to serve on the Executive Committee, one of which will be Boy Scout Chairman.
B. Two members to serve as the Branch auditors.
C. At least two members to serve as the Branch Nominating Committee.

The President may appoint any other special committees as he may deem necessary. The President is, ex officio, a member of the Board of Managers of CT SOC, SAR under their constitution. If unable to attend a meeting of said Board, the President may provide a written proxy to a member of this Branch to represent this Branch at such meeting.

DUTIES OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Section 7. The First Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings of this Branch and Executive Committee. He shall act as Chairman of the Membership Committee and shall appoint such additional members to aid committee as he may deem necessary. He shall assist the Branch Registrar with the preparation of applications for membership. He shall use his best efforts to revive the interest of those members who have surrendered their membership by resignation or otherwise, and endeavor to have such compatriots reinstated to active membership.

DUTIES OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Section 8. The Second Vice President shall assist the President and First Vice President and, in their absence, preside at meetings of this Branch and the Executive Committee. He shall act as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee under the guidance of the President and shall appoint such additional members to said committee as he may deem necessary. The Entertainment Committee shall make arrangements for luncheon, dinner, picnic and social meetings, obtain speakers or other appropriate entertainment, plan seating arrangements, decorate the meeting place and display the Branch flags. As such, he shall be keeper of the flags.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

Section 9. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of this Branch. He shall notify members of their election and other such matters as the Branch may direct, the Secretary shall record and maintain the official minutes of all general business, annual and special meetings of this Branch and all meetings of the Executive Committee. Said official minutes shall include the reports of the Treasurer, other officers and committee reports presented at the meetings as well as the names of members present at each meeting.

The Secretary shall, under direction of the President or Executive Committee, give notice of the time, place and agenda of all general business, annual, special and social meetings of this Branch.

The Secretary shall, pursuant to the constitution of CT SOC, SAR, provide to the Secretary of CT SOC, SAR, at least one month prior to the annual meeting of CT SOC, SAR, a certified list of the names and addresses of all members of this Branch and the names of the President and Secretary of this Branch, The Secretary shall send the secretary of CT SOC, SAR a true copy of the minutes of each annual meeting of this Branch.

The Secretary shall keep all general correspondence of this Branch. He shall provide the Historian with all relevant material.

The Secretary is, ex officio, a member of the Board of Managers of CT SOC, SAR. If unable to attend a meeting of said board. The Secretary may provide a written proxy to a member of this chapter to represent this Branch at such meeting.

All records of the Secretary shall be open to the inspection of the President and Executive Committee at all times. He forwards address changes and deaths of compatriots to the CTSSAR Secretary. He sends letters of condolence to families of deceased compatriots.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURE

Section 10. The Treasurer shall receive and have charge of all funds of this Branch. He shall deposit funds in the name of this Branch and shall pay out for the benefit of this Branch only, in such amounts as this Branch or the Executive Committee may direct.(any expenditure not provided for in the annual budget must be presented to the Executive Committee for approval before any action can be taken by the membership at a regular meeting). He shall keep a true record of all receipts and disbursements , make these records available to the Audit Committee for an audit before each Annual Meeting and at each Annual Meeting make a full report to this Branch.

The Treasurer shall prepare and recommend a budget for this Branch for the forthcoming fiscal year and submit same to the Executive Committee on or before the first day of February of each year.

In December of each year, the Treasurer shall send each member, who is not a life member, a bill for Branch dues for the forthcoming year. The Treasurer shall report to the Executive Committee and First Vice President the names of all members who are in arrears for Branch dues.

All records and accounts of the Treasurer shall be open to the inspection of the President, the Executive Committee and the Branch Auditors at all times.

DUTIES OF THE BRANCH REGISTRAR

Section 11. The Branch Registrar is the official point of contact for applicants to membership in the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution being sponsored by a member of this Branch. He shall examine all applications and fees from said applicants for conformance with the current standards. Acceptable applications and fees shall be forwarded to the Registrar of CT SOC, SAR. Unacceptable applications and fees shall be returned to the applicant or sponsor with an explanation f he unacceptability.

The Branch Registrar shall have custody of all genealogical books and papers of which this Branch is possessed.

The Branch Registrar shall make a report in writing at each annual meeting.

All records of the Branch Registrar shall be open to the inspection of the President and Executive Committee at all times.

DUTIES OF THE BRANCH HISTORIAN

Section 12. The Branch Historian shall be the custodian of the archives; historical and geographic books, papers and relics; and any other historical materials and properties of this Branch.

The Branch Historian shall keep a record of all facts, activities and occurrences in connection with this Branch that he may judge, to be of historical value.

The Branch Historian shall make a report in writing at each annual meeting. Said report shall be incorporated in the copy of the minutes of the annual meeting forwarded to the Secretary of the CT SOC, SAR and a separate copy sent to the Historian of CT SOC, SAR. All records of the Branch Historian shall be open to the inspection of the President and Executive Committee at all times.

The Historian shall forward to the SAR Magazine any pictures of interesting branch activities such as the Student Awards dinner, grave markings, etc..

DUTIES OF THE BRANCH CHAPLAIN

Section 13. The Branch Chaplain shall perform such devotional and religious duties as may be called for by the President or Executive Committee in the course of business, exercises and observances of this Branch.

DUTIES OF THE BRANCH AUDITORS

Section 14. The two Branch Auditors are appointed by the President to serve for a term of one year or until their successors are appointed, the Auditors shall audit the records and accounts of the Branch Treasurer for the fiscal year following the date of their appointment. The results of said audit shall be reported in writing at the annual meeting of the Branch. Said audit report shall be filed with the official minutes of the annual meeting.

DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 15. The Nominating Committee consists of two or more members of this Branch appointed by the President to serve for a term of one year or until their successors are appointed. The Nominating Committee shall make nominations for all elected officers of this chapter at the annual meeting.

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 16. The Executive Committee shall judge the qualifications of applicants for membership and they shall manage, control and conduct affairs of this Branch.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member of this Branch for sufficient cause by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Committee present at any meeting, provided that at least two weeks' notice of such proposed action shall have been given to such member by notice mailed to him at his last known address. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal such action by the Executive Committee to the Branch membership at a regular meeting of this Branch.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the prudent conduct of the financial affairs of this Branch. The Executive Committee shall review and act on the budget prepared by the Branch Treasurer for the forthcoming year. Such review and action shall include examination of the cost of annual Branch dues and Life Members fee formula including any recommendations for changes in Section 1 and 3 of these bylaws. Said review and action shall be completed in sufficient time for presentation to the members of this Branch at the annual meeting.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Section 17. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of this Branch and Executive Committee unless this constitution or bylaws state to the contrary.

FISCAL YEAR

Section 18. The fiscal year of this Branch shall begin in the first day of March and end on the last day of February of each year.

AMENDMENTS

Section 19. These by-laws may be amended by written resolution presented to and approved by at least two-thirds of the Executive Committee present at any meeting of said committee called for such purpose and provided that said written resolutions are subsequently approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at any regular business, annual or special meeting of this Branch called for such purpose. Whenever these bylaws are to be amended, notice thereof, describing said changes, shall be included in the, call for such meeting of the Executive Committee and this Branch. Such meeting calls shall be mailed at least fifteen days before said Branch meetings.