CTSSAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

Sestercentennial (250th Anniversary) Report #1 – February 2024



Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution

Committee members present (from left):
Mark Sheldon, David Jones, Todd Gerlander, David Packard, David Perkins

At the War Office with the Trumbull 13-star flag and SAR 250th Anniversary flag

Following the meeting the committee visited the gravesite of Eliphalet Dyer, a Connecticut delegate to the First Continental Congress in 1774, Windham Center Cemetery, Windham, Connecticut. Eliphalet Dyer was also a member of the Connecticut Council of Safety that met with Gov. Jonathan Trumbull at the War Office during the American Revolution.

The Connecticut Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

Committee Meeting, February 10, 2024
10:00 AM, War Office, Lebanon, Connecticut

AGENDA

The SAR Sestercentennial: Discussion on how the NSSAR **Sestercentennial (250th Anniversary) Recognition Award** system works for individuals, branches, and state.

1. 250th State/Branch Participation Streamers (Gold, Silver, Bronze)
2. 250th Event Streamers
3. 250th Medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze)
4. 250th Challenge Coin

Event Subcommittees and Subcommittee Chairman: Discussion.

Proposed 250th Aniversary Events/Projects: See event proposals sent previously. Discussion and vote on each of the following:

1. The Intolerable Acts 250th (2024)
2. The First Continental Congress 250th (2024)
   a. 250th Ceremony for Roger Sherman – Humphreys Branch/Sherman Branch
   b. 250th Ceremony for Eliphalet Dyer – Trumbull Branch
3. The Lexington Alarm 250th (2025)
4. Eleventh Connecticut Regiment 30th Anniversary (2025) in conjunction with 250th
5. Fort Ticonderoga and Fort Crown Point 250th (2025)
6. Gov. Jonathan Trumbull's Sword 250th Project
7. The First Connecticut Council of Safety Meeting 250th (2025)
   a. USPS 250th Special Postal Cancellation Stamp
   b. CTSSAR 250th Bench and/or Plaque for War Office/Lebanon
8. The Birth of the Connecticut State Navy 250th (2025)
9. The Oliver Cromwell 250th (2026)
10. Connecticut Independence Day 250th (2026)
11. The Declaration of Independence 250th (2026)
12. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Knowlton 250th (2026)
    a. 250th Monument/Marker/Bench
    b. SAR/BSA 250th Scout Encampment/Dedication Ceremony
13. The Defence 250th (2026 or 2029)

Other Events: Captain Nathan Hale 250th (2026), etc. Thoughts on 2027 (1777) to 2033 (1783) commemorations?

1. CTSSAR 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution History Symposium?

Other Topics:

1. Committee Budget Draft. (see attached)
2. State and Town proclamations.
3. Event advertising, press releases, etc.
4. Event photography (picture resolution requirements for SAR Magazine, etc.).
5. Partnering with other Societies/Reenactment Units.
6. Next committee meeting date and location.

Committee Photo: Outside War Office with SAR 250th flag.

Following the meeting, etc., for anyone interested. Check the gravestone of Eliphalet Dyer, whether we need to purchase a Patriot grave marker or not. Probably a ten-minute drive from the War Office. Eliphalet Dyer is buried in Windham Center Cemetery, Windham, Connecticut. Find-A-Grave has a photo of his gravestone. From the photo it looks like there is no Patriot grave marker there. The cemetery is on route 203 off route 32.

Committee Members:

Todd Gerlander, Chairman
David Perkins (CTSSAR Color Guard Commander)
David Packard (CTSSAR Property Steward)
Gary Pitcock (CTSSAR State Historian)
Dan Dudley
Mark Sheldon
Matthew Fergione
David Jones

The meeting started at approximately 10:15 AM and ran for a little over three hours.

The first order of business was discussion on the SAR Sestercentennial (250th Anniversary) Recognition Program and how it works for individuals, branches, and state. Included in this report is a simplified explanation of the SAR point system. Compatriot David Perkins showed the committee the "America 250 SAR Award" streamer for the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull Branch #13 CTSSAR 250th anniversary event held at the War Office in 2019. We are now looking into the SAR 250th participation streamer. If SAR is awarding these the branch qualifies for a GOLD streamer with over 50% branch participation at that event.

The second order of business was discussion regarding each of the proposed CTSSAR 250th anniversary events listed on the meeting agenda. I have included the two original proposals for 2024 (1774) in this report. These need to be updated since event details have changed.

The committee decided to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Intolerable Acts, Lebanon's response to the Boston Port Act (June 1, 1774 – June 1, 2024) on Saturday June 1, 2024, at the War Office in Lebanon, Connecticut. This event will be held in conjunction with the War office's opening day. Compatriot David Packard will serve as subcommittee chairman for this 250th event.

The committee decided to hold 250th anniversary ceremonies commemorating the First Continental Congress in 1774. The Gen. David Humphreys Branch #1 CTSSAR and the Roger Sherman Branch #5 CTSSAR are in the process of planning a 250th anniversary ceremony for Roger Sherman, a Connecticut delegate. This ceremony will take place as part of the annual Gen. David Humphreys Branch #1 CTSSAR Independence Day Ceremonies at Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, Connecticut.

The committee will hold a 250th anniversary ceremony for Eliphalet Dyer, a Connecticut delegate to the First Continental Congress in 1774 on Saturday October 12, 2024, at Windham Center Cemetery in Windham, Connecticut. This will be the program for the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull Branch #13 CTSSAR Annual Meeting. Eliphalet Dyer was also a member of the Council of Safety who met with Gov. Jonathan Trumbull at the War Office. Compatriot David Perkins will serve as subcommittee chairman for this ceremony. Compatriot David Jones visited the cemetery prior to this meeting, which saved us a lot of time searching for the gravestone when we visited the cemetery after the meeting.

The committee will focus on organizing these two CTSSAR 250th anniversary commemorations this year. Compatriot David Perkins mentioned that there will be a NSSAR commemorative medal for the 250th anniversary of the First Continental Congress available this year for members to purchase.

The committee will organize a CTSSAR Patriot grave marking ceremony for Col. Ebenezer Williams, Colonel of the 11th Connecticut Regiment and Patriots who served in the 11th Connecticut Regiment and/or Lexington Alarm to commemorate both the 250th anniversary of the Lexington Alarm and the 30th anniversary of the Gen. Israel Putnam Branch #4 CTSSAR color guard detachment (11th Connecticut Regiment). Compatriots Mark Sheldon and Dan Dudley will serve as subcommittee chairmen.

The committee is investigating SAR 250th anniversary ceremonies commemorating the capture of Fort Ticonderoga and Fort Crown Point on May 10-11, 2025, at both historic New York sites. Compatriot Todd Gerlander will serve as subcommittee chairman, and he is currently in discussion with Fort Ticonderoga regarding the possibilities of holding these ceremonies next year. If this plan fails, the committee has another plan to commemorate this event since Connecticut was so involved with this venture, some form of commemoration is needed. Fort Ticonderoga does have plans to hold a 250th reenactment of the capture.

In an e-mail discussion regarding having Gov. Jonathan Trumbull's sword photographed, Compatriot Gary Pitcock (CTSSAR State Historian) raised the possibility of having Gov. Jonathan Trumbull's sword displayed at the NSSAR Congress next year, or other location such as the War Office during the congress tour, or during the first Council of Safety meeting at the War Office 250th anniversary event next year. This idea is still in its infancy. May or may not happen. Compatriot Gary Pitcock will serve as subcommittee chairman for this 250th project.

The committee is organizing the 250th anniversary of the first Council of Safety meeting held at the War Office on June 7, 1775. The event will take place on Saturday June 7, 2025. Everyone should have seen the proposal for this event which was sent out previously. Compatriots Todd Gerlander, David Packard, and David Perkins will serve as subcommittee chairmen. Compatriot David Packard has applied for a Cincinnati grant to help fund this event. This is the War Office's main claim to fame, and why it has been preserved for all these years, being the headquarters of the Connecticut Council of Safety 1775-1783. This is going to be a complex event and we are going to need a lot of help from CTSSAR members.

Compatriot Todd Gerlander has had two meetings with the USPS Postmaster, and we have approval for a USPS 250th Anniversary Special Postal Cancellation Stamp for this War Office event. I included a rough idea submitted to the Postmaster for the stamp. The final design is still being planned. The committee plans to have postcards and/or envelopes printed for these stamps which will be available at the War Office and congress. This will probably also include the Lebanon Post Office setting up a special cancellation booth at the War office during the event. It's interesting since the War office was once used as a U.S. Post Office circa 1830s.

The committee also discussed a CTSSAR 250th anniversary of the American Revolution bench for the War Office, and a 250th anniversary of the American Revolution plaque for the interior of the War Office. I included a few ideas that were discussed in this report. Dedications could take place at either the War Office 250th event or during the SAR congress tour to the War Office.

The committee decided not to hold an event to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Connecticut State Navy since the date was so close to congress, etc. The committee agreed that it would make a great toast at one of the congress functions.

The committee is investigating 250th anniversary ceremonies/commemorations for the launch of the Connecticut State Navy ship, Oliver Cromwell, June 13, 1776, in Essex, Connecticut. Compatriot Todd Gerlander has contacted the Connecticut River Museum to express CTSSAR interest in participating in this commemoration. The CTSSAR color guard has worked with the

Connecticut River Museum in the past when we set up a one-day Revolutionary War encampment for their "Launching Liberty" exhibit back in 2006. This event would be held Saturday June 13, 2026. This event could be held in conjunction with a CTSSAR function at the Griswold Inn.

The committee is organizing Connecticut Independence Day, commemorating the 250th anniversary of Connecticut's Declaration of Independence, June 18, 1776. This event will be held at the War Office in Lebanon, Connecticut on Saturday June 20, 2026. We have commemorated this event numerous times in the past starting with the 229th and 230th anniversaries. Compatriots Todd Gerlander and David Packard will serve as subcommittee chairmen.

The 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776. The Gen. David Humphreys Branch #1 CTSSAR holds a ceremony for Roger Sherman at their annual Independence Day Ceremonies at Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, Connecticut, and the Gov. Oliver Wolcott Branch #10 CTSSAR holds a ceremony for Oliver Wolcott at their annual Independence Day Ceremonies at East Cemetery in Litchfield, Connecticut. The committee recommends that the Gen. Israel Putnam Branch #4 CTSSAR, the Capt. Nathan Hale Branch #6 CTSSAR and the Gov. Jonathan Trumbull Branch #13 CTSSAR hold ceremonies for William Williams at Trumbull Cemetery in Lebanon, Connecticut and for Samuel Huntington at the Old Norwichtown Cemetery in Norwich, Connecticut.

The committee is investigating an SAR/BSA 250th anniversary of the American Revolution Scout Encampment at the June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in Ashford, Connecticut, in remembrance of the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Knowlton who was killed at the Battle of Harlem Heights on September 16, 1776. This will also include a CTSSAR 250th marker/monument/bench for Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Knowlton. The scout reservation is on land once owned by Knowlton. The color guard participated in one of these BSA scout encampments for the George Washington Bicentennial back in 1999 at Putnam Memorial State Park. Projects will also include the design of a 250th anniversary BSA encampment patch. Compatriots David Perkins and Mark Sheldon will serve as subcommittee chairmen for this event.

With the number of events on the 2026 event schedule, and the complexity of this event, the 250th anniversary of the Connecticut State Navy ship, Defence, will be held in 2029. The ship Defence sank off the coast of Waterford, Connecticut, March 10, 1779. It was launched in 1776.

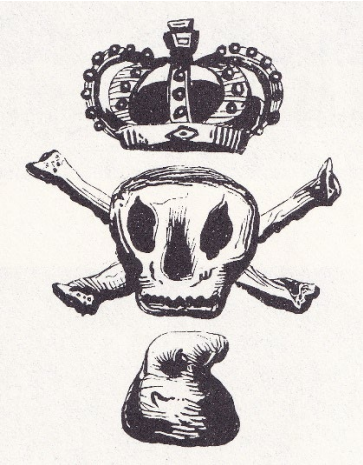
The committee discussed possible ideas to mark the 225th anniversary of the death of Captain Nathan Hale, September 22, 1776. We also began to discuss some ideas for 250th anniversary projects beyond 2026, such as bringing the "First Oval Office" to Lebanon, Connecticut in 2031.

We also discussed CTSSAR running another American Revolution History Symposium like we did back in 2005, inviting various historians, authors, etc., as a 250th anniversary of the American Revolution project.

Other topics discussed; the committee's draft budget was agreed upon and is included in this report. Obtaining state and town proclamations for these events, event advertising, press releases, photography (picture resolution requirements for SAR Magazine). We want photos 1 mb to 5 mb in size. Partnering with other societies/reenactment units.

The committee decided our next meeting will be held at the War Office in April.

250th Anniversary of the American Revolution



The Intolerable Acts of 1774
(Insufferable Acts, Coercive Acts)

The Boston Port Act
(The British blockade started on June 1, 1774)

Saturday June 1, 2024
Lebanon, Connecticut

"- for at this time the fatal First of June arrived – day when the Boston Port Bill was to take effect – and the bells of the Governor's own native town – in tones strangely unfitted to attune either the sense of loyalty to his Majesty the King, or the duty of co-operation with one of his minions – began early to toll a solemn peal – and so continued the whole day. The door of the Town House was hung with black, and thereto the Port Bill was affixed. The shops in the village were all shut and silent. Their windows were covered with black, and with other ensignia of distress – and gathering from every quarter – "upon short notice" – the freeholders of Lebanon listened to the reading of the noted Bill – and in spirited Resolutions, denounced it as an outrageous invasion of human liberty." [1]

We could hold this event at the Lebanon Town Hall, having the First Congregational Church ring the Church bells thirteen times for the thirteen American colonies. This could then be followed by

reading both the Boston Port Bill, and the resolutions. We could also have the War Office open that day and drape the front windows with black cloth.

We will need to contact the Congregational Church to see if they will ring the church bells for this event. I have a transcript copy of the Boston Port Bill, and I should be able to get a copy/facsimile of the actual 18th century Boston Port Bill to hang at the War Office, Town Hall, etc. I also have a transcript copy of the resolutions which are in Trumbull's biography.

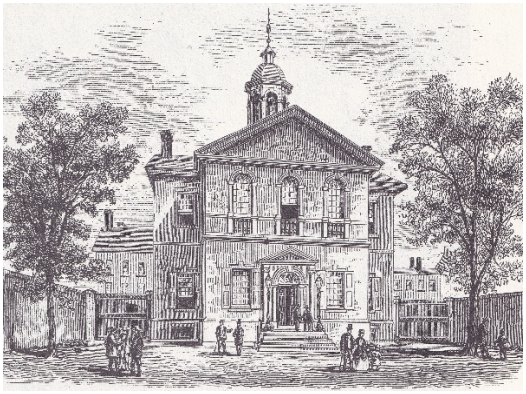
If we were to stage an 18th century civilian gathering at the Lebanon Town Hall, same location used for the Wreaths Across America ceremony, possibly also inviting Lebanon Town Militia, etc., we could reenact this event. No muskets or military equipment. DAR members in colonial attire could also participate if they have an interest.

If we're going to do this commemoration, we will really need to start working on this as soon as possible. We only have a few months to put it together.

Illustration: The American Revolution, A Picture Sourcebook, John Grafton, Dover Publications, Inc., New York, 1975, page 15. A popular engraving in response to the Port Bill of 1774.

(1) Life of Jonathan Trumbull, Sen., Governor of Connecticut, I. W. Stuart, Crocker and Brewster, Boston, 1859, pages 152-153.

250th Anniversary of the American Revolution



The First Continental Congress

Held at Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 5, 1774 – October 26, 1774

"Spurred by local pressure groups, colonial legislatures empowered delegates to attend a Continental Congress which would set terms for a boycott. <u>The colony of Connecticut was the first to respond</u>."

- Continental Congress, 1774-1781, Milestones: 1776-1783, Office of the Historian, Foreign Service Institute, United States Department of State, history.state.gov.

2024 CTSSAR Patriot commemoration ceremonies for the three Connecticut delegates to the First Continental Congress; Silas Deane, Roger Sherman and Eliphalet Dyer.

Two of these Patriots: Roger Sherman and Eliphalet Dyer are buried in Connecticut. Silas Deane is buried in England. Since General David Humphreys Branch #1 CTSSAR already includes Roger Sherman in their 4th of July - Independence Day Ceremonies at Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, Connecticut. The Governor Jonathan Trumbull Branch #13 CTSSAR could hold a commemoration ceremony and/or Patriot grave marking for Eliphalet Dyer at the Windham Center Cemetery in Windham, Connecticut. This ceremony could be the program for the October meeting of the Governor Jonathan Trumbull Branch #13 CTSSAR since we will be in the general area. Probably a 15-minute drive to the Windham Center Cemetery from Lebanon. The Humphreys branch could designate their Roger Sherman commemoration a 250th anniversary event and the Trumbull branch could designate their Eliphalet Dyer commemoration a 250th anniversary event.

Illustration: Carpenter's Hall, The American Revolution, A Picture Sourcebook, John Grafton, Dover Publications, Inc., New York, 1975, page 13.

In Connecticut the planning process of choosing delegates, etc., for this First Continental Congress began in June 1774, so both proposed 250th anniversary commemoration ceremonies would fall within this historical timeframe and are recognized as such by this committee.

"In the House of Representatives of the Colony of Connecticut,

June 3d, 1774.

Whereas a congress of commissioners from the several British colonies in America, is proposed by some of our neighboring colonies, and thought necessary; and whereas it may be found expedient that such Congress should be convened before the next Session of this Assembly:
Resolved, by this house, that the committee of correspondence be, and they are hereby empowered, on application to them made, or from time to time, as may be found necessary, to appoint a suitable number to attend such congress, or convention of commissioners, or committees of the several Colonies in British America, and the persons thus to be chosen shall be, and they are hereby directed, in behalf of this Colony, to attend such Congress; to consult and advise on proper measures for advancing the best good of the Colonies, and such conferences, from time to time, to report to this house.

True Extract & Copy from the Journal of the house.
Attest

William Williams, Clerk."

- The First Continental Congress, A Documentary History, Issued in cooperation with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars on the Occasion of the Celebration, by the United States House of Representatives of the Bicentennial of the Congress, September 25, 1974, Jack P. Greene, Editor, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, 1975, page 81.

"Colony of Connecticut, *ss*.

New London, July 13th, 1774.

At a meeting of the Committee of Correspondence for this Colony:
The honorable Ebenezer Silliman, Esq. in the chair:
The hon^{ble} Eliphalet Dyer, the hon^{ble} William Samuel Johnston, Erastus Wolcott, Silas Deane, and Richard Law, Esq^{rs} were nominated pursuant to the act of the honourable House of Representatives of the said Colony, at their session in May last, either three of which are hereby authorised and empowered, in behalf of this Colony, to attend the general Congress of the colonies proposed to be held at Philadelphia, on the first day of September next, or at such other time & place as shall be agreed on by the Colonies, to consult and advise wit the Commissioners or Committees of the several English Colonies in America, on proper measures for advancing the best good of the Colonies.

(Signed:)
Ebenezer Silliman, William Williams, Benjamin Payne, Erastus Wolcott, Joseph Trumbull, Samuel H. Parsons, Nathan^{l} Wales, jun., Silas Deane."

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"Colony of Connecticut, *ss.*

Hartford, August [ ], 1774.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Correspondence for this colony:
Erastus Wolcott, Chairman.

The honourable William Samuel Johnston, Erastus Wolcott, and Richard Law, Esq^{rs} nominated by this committee at their meeting at New-London, on the 13th of July last, as persons proper to attend the general congress, to be held at Philadelphia, on the 1st of September next, as by said appointment, being unable, by reason of previous engagements and the state of their health, to attend said Congress, on behalf of this colony; the hon^{ble} Roger Sherman, & Joseph Trumbull, Esq^{rs} were nominated in the place of the aforesaid gentlemen, as persons proper to attend said Congress, in behalf of this Colony, either of which are empowered, with the hon^{ble} Eliphalet Dyer, and Silas Deane, Esqr for that purpose.

(Signed)
William Williams, Benjamin Payne, Joseph Trumbull, Nathl Wales, Jun, Saml H. Parsons, Samuel Bishop."

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Draft Committee Budget for 2024 (1774)

$250.00

1. 1 – Patriot Grave Marker for Eliphalet Dyer, a Connecticut Delegate to the First Continental Congress 1774. Windham Center Cemetery, Windham, Connecticut. A 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Event.

2. 1 – Flag for Patriot Grave Marker.

3. 1 – Wreath.

4. Cost for 250th Anniversary Streamers, Medals, etc.

Patriotically,

Todd Lee Gerlander, Chairman
CTSSAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee

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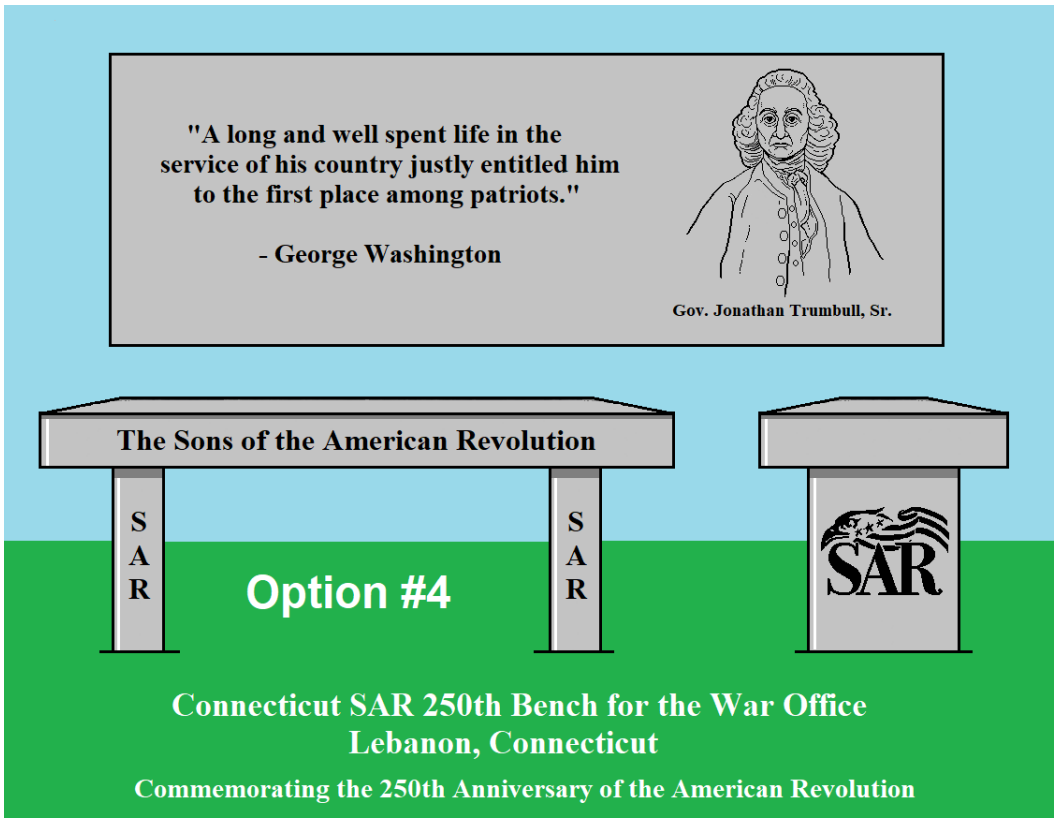
"A long and well spent life in the service of his country justly entitled him to the first place among patriots."
- George Washington
Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, Sr.
The Sons of the American Revolution
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Option #4
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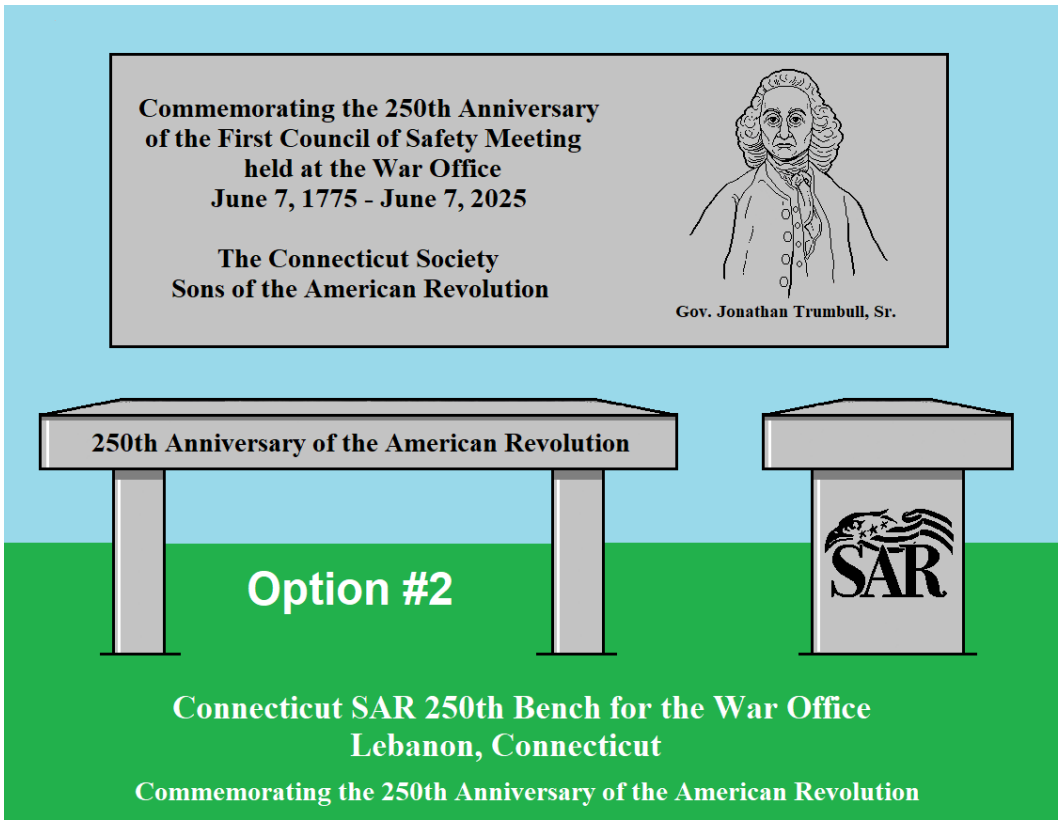
Connecticut SAR 250th Bench for the War Office
Lebanon, Connecticut
Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution


Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the First Council of Safety Meeting held at the War Office June 7, 1775 - June 7, 2025
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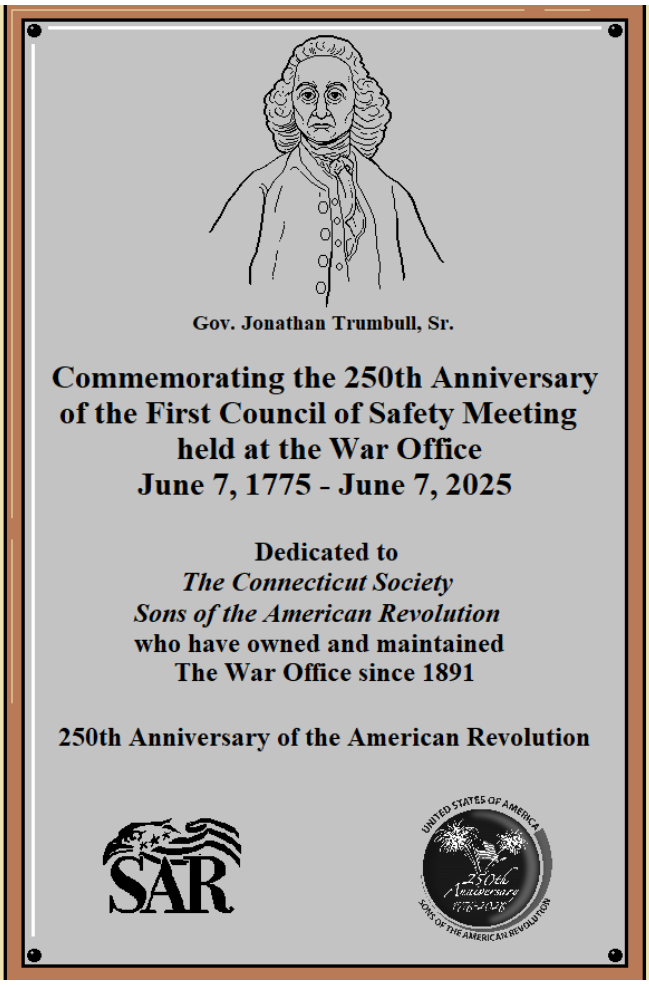
Connecticut SAR 250th Bench for the War Office
Lebanon, Connecticut
Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution



250th Anniversary
First Council of Safety Meeting
June 7, 1775 - June 7, 2025



War Office Station
June 7, 2025

Rough ideas
for USPS
Special Postal
Cancellation
Stamp

June 7, 2025

War Office
250th Anniversary
1775 - 2025

A simplified look at how the NSSAR Sestercentennial (250th Anniversary) Recognition Award system works for individuals, branches, and state.

250th Chapter/Branch Participation Streamers (Gold, Silver, Bronze)
Bronze Streamer = 10% - member participation
Silver Streamer = 25% - member participation
Gold Streamer = 50% - member participation

Example: Gen. Israel Putnam Branch #4 CTSSAR membership = 35
Bronze Streamer = 10% - member participation = 3.5 (4) members
Silver Streamer = 25% - member participation = 8.75 (9) members
Gold Streamer = 50% - member participation = 17.5 (18) members

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250th Event Streamers:
1 free event streamer for branch/state event. Additional event streamers $5.00 each.

250th Medals:
Bronze Medal = 25 points
Silver Medal = 60 points
Gold Medal = 150 points

SAR Color Guard (Colonial Attire): 5 points per 250th anniversary event.
Bronze Medal = 25 points = participation in (5) 250th anniversary events.
Silver Medal = 60 points = participation in (12) 250th anniversary events.
Gold Medal = 150 points = participation in (30) 250th anniversary events.

SAR Member (No Colonial Attire): 3 points per 250th anniversary event.
Bronze Medal = 25 points = participation in (9) 250th anniversary events.
Silver Medal = 60 points = participation in (20) 250th anniversary events.
Gold Medal = 150 points = participation in (50) 250th anniversary events.

SAR 250th Anniversary Event Committees/Subcommittees.
Committee chairman/subcommittee chairman = 20 points per event.
Committee planning/non-leadership = 10 points per event.
Attend event (no colonial attire) = 3 points per event.
Attend event (colonial attire) = 5 points per event.
Maximum points per person per event = 28 points

Example: A compatriot serves as a 250th event chairman/subcommittee chairman and earns 20 points. He also serves on the committee/subcommittee planning the event and earns another 10 points. He also attends the event which earns him another 3 points unless he is in colonial attire where he would earn 5 points. That would total either 33 or 35 points. The NSSAR 250th Committee set a cap of 28 points per person per event. That compatriot would receive 28 points for that event. (I'm not sure the reasoning behind this point cap, since according to the rules a member can earn a maximum of 35 points per event?)



~ HELP WANTED ~

Compatriot(s) with video/photography/writing/editing skills, etc.

The CTSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee is investigating the possibility of recording a recreation of the first Connecticut Council of Safety meeting held at the War Office on June 7, 1775. This skit would be based on the recorded written minutes of that first historic meeting that took place 250 years ago in the War Office during the American Revolution. This production could be done in two ways. Either using full motion video, roughly 15 to 20 minutes in length (possibly longer), or by taking still photographs that could be put into a film strip type video. This video could also record the CTSSAR 250th anniversary commemoration ceremony to be held Saturday June 7, 2025, at the War Office.

The format will ultimately be determined by both the interest of the CTSSAR color guard, The Connecticut Line who will portray the various characters, and the individual(s) with the video/photo/writing/editing skills to help put it together. The full motion video will require a lot

more time and effort, such as writing the script, skit rehearsals, memorizing lines, etc. If we went the still photo route, we would either have a narrator, or insert text screens into the video.

This completed 250th anniversary CTSSAR video could then be posted on the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's official YouTube channel for public viewing. This video could also be played in the War Office for visitors and school groups.

With 500+ members in the CTSSAR, it's possible that a compatriot or family member may have work experience in video, possibly even a son or daughter who is majoring in film, or a related major, who may be able to receive credit from their college or university for a project like this. Maybe you have a YouTube channel, and you post and edit your own videos. Maybe you know someone who volunteers at one of the public access cable channels who might like to be a part of this 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution project.

Right now, we're just investigating the various options and possibilities to determine if we can make this idea a reality. If you have experience in any of the fields mentioned, let me know and we can discuss it in more detail.

Patriotically,

Todd Gerlander, Chairman
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