The Connecticut Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Historic Sites & Celebrations
America 250 Committee

Committee November Report (April 25, 2026 – November 14, 2026)
(Report #12 – November 14, 2026)



Saturday July 25, 2026 - Committee meeting #10 at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse, East Haddam, CT. Compatriots attending (8): Tim Burke, John Cooke, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Marcus Larkin, Fred Lorthioir, David Packard, David Perkins (Guests (2): Christina Burke and Mathilda Burke)

This was the committee's second meeting in 2026. The committee's 10th meeting since the CTSSAR Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee re-organized as the CTSSAR Historic Sites & Celebrations/America 250 Committee in November 2023. With the busy America 250 schedule this year there was just no time to meet more than twice this year. Schedule permitting, I try to hold a committee meeting during each quarter. A lot was discussed at this July committee meeting.

2026 was a BIG year for CTSSAR and its branches. From April 25th to December 31st, CTSSAR will have organized and/or participated in over 60 America 250 events. **Huzzah!!!**

Since 2024 this CTSSAR committee has organized SAR grave markings for 25 patriots of the American Revolution at Old Lyme, Groton, Windham, Woodstock, New London, East Haddam, Connecticut; and Douglas, Massachusetts.

As of this report, 24 CTSSAR members have been approved by the NSSAR America 250 Committee for the 250th Anniversary Gold Medal, and many have qualified for the 250th Anniversary Silver and Bronze Medals. There is also good CTSSAR membership participation with over 112 CTSSAR members attending at least one CTSSAR 250th anniversary event.

This committee is currently tracking member's SAR America 250 (and non-member) points. These points go towards earning 250th anniversary medals. It's IMPORTANT to note: if you participate in America 250 or 250th anniversary of the American Revolution events not organized by CTSSAR you must provide documentation showing that these events qualify to earn points (example: 250 event programs, 250 event flyers, press releases, newspaper articles, screen captures, or something that states the event is commemorating America 250 or the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.). As stated on the recording form, **"Scorekeeping is the responsibility of <u>each compatriot</u> and awarding authority.** We do our best to keep track of points. Please keep me updated on CTSSAR branch 250 events so they can be properly recorded too. The more details you report to me, the more I can report to the CTSSAR, NSSAR America 250 Committee, CTDAR 250 Committee, etc. I am trying to document our Society's America 250 activity with these quarterly and annual committee reports.

When you add up all the 250 events CTSSAR and its branches organized or were awarded for participating in this year, the Society has earned a lot of America 250 SAR Award streamers. CTSSAR completed both America 250 Projects of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; dedicating **<u>Three</u>** SAR America 250 Granite Memorial Benches and **<u>Twenty-Four</u>** SAR America 250 Liberty Trees.

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SAR America 250 Projects: (3) Memorial Benches (24) Liberty Trees:

<u>CTSSAR Memorial Bench 250 Dedications:</u>

1. Battle of Groton Heights – September 6, 1781 - SAR America 250 memorial bench, Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park, Groton, 135th SAR Congress at Mohegan Sun, 7/13/2025 - CTSSAR
2. War Office 250/Governor Jonathan Trumbull - SAR America 250 memorial bench, War Office, Lebanon, 135th SAR Congress at Mohegan Sun, 7/17/2025 – CTSSAR
3. Revolutionary War Veterans – SAR America 250 memorial bench, War Memorial, Groton, 11/11/2026 – Hale Branch CTSSAR

<u>CTSSAR (State and Branch) Liberty Tree 250 plantings and dedications:</u>

1. Captain Nathan Hale Liberty Tree, East Haddam, 9/22/2024 – CTSSAR
2. Putnam Hill Park Liberty Tree, Greenwich, 2/26/2025 – Mead Branch CTSSAR
3. Gen. Samuel McClellan/Lexington Alarm 250 Liberty Tree, Woodstock, 4/26/2025 – CTSSAR
4. Deacon Joseph Mather Liberty Tree, Darien, 5/17/2025 – Sherman Branch CTSSAR
5. U.S. Army 250 Liberty Tree, Stamford, 6/14/2025 – Mead Branch CTSSAR

6. U.S. Constitution Liberty Tree, Eastford, 9/13/2025 – CTSSAR & Eastford
7. Gen. Israel Putnam Liberty Tree, Brooklyn, 9/13/2025 – CTSSAR & Brooklyn
8. Gen. George Washington Liberty Tree, Lebanon, 10/12/2025 – CTSSAR & Lebanon & Prides Corner Farms
9. Joseph Knapp Liberty Tree, Stratford, 10/25/2025 – Humphreys Branch CTSSAR & Stratford Historical Society
10. Elisha Sheldon Sr. & Colonel Elisha Sheldon Jr. (Sheldon's Horse) Liberty Tree, Litchfield, 5/9/2026 – CTSSAR
11. Isaac Godfrey Liberty Tree, Weston, 5/16/2026 – Sherman Branch CTSSAR & Weston History & Culture Center
12. Patriots of the American Revolution Liberty Tree, Union, 5/30/2026 – CTSSAR & Union
13. Patriots of the American Revolution Liberty Tree, Sturbridge, MA, 5/30/2026 – CTSSAR & Old Sturbridge Village (to be dedicated on behalf of the New England District SAR)
14. Sergeant Daniel Myers Liberty Tree, 6/6/2026, Middletown, NY – Compatriot Dan Myers (CTSSAR)
15. Hillside Cemetery Revolutionary War Veterans Liberty Tree, 6/6/2026, Middletown, NY – Compatriot Dan Myers (CTSSAR)
16. Colonel John Durkee Liberty Tree, Norwich, 6/7/2026 – Hale Branch CTSSAR & Norwich 250
17. U.S. frigate *Confederacy* Sailors and Shipwrights Liberty Tree, Norwich, 6/7/2026 – Hale Branch CTSSAR & Norwich 250
18. Lt. Jabez Smith Jr. (Continental Marine) Liberty Tree, Groton, 6/13/2026 – CTSSAR
19. Northington Revolutionary War Soldiers Liberty Tree, Avon, 6/13/2026 – Wadsworth Branch CTSSAR & Avon 250
20. Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route 1780-1782 Liberty Tree, Bethel, 6/14/2026 – Baldwin Branch CTSSAR & Bethel Garden Club
21. Lt. Col. Stephen St. John Liberty Tree, Norwalk, 6/18/2026 – Sherman Branch CTSSAR & Old Well-St. Johns Masonic Lodge
22. Gov. Jonathan Trumbull/Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth Liberty Tree, Lebanon, 6/20/2026 – CTDAR & CTSSAR
23. Colonel Thomas Knowlton Liberty Tree, Ashford, 6/27/2026 – CTSSAR & Scouting America Connecticut Rivers Council
24. Constitution Day Liberty Tree Honoring Patriots of the American Revolution, Greenwich, 9/17/2026 – Mead Branch CTSSAR & Greenwich.

I would like to recognize the CTSSAR compatriots who, as of this report, have earned **SAR 250th anniversary medals** for participating in and/or organizing SAR events commemorating America 250 and the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution:

Gold: Mark Bierbaum, Michael Bird, Michael Brothers, Timothy Burke, Robert Carrara, Robert Clark, John Cooke, Dan Dudley, Todd Gerlander, Timothy Hill, David Jones, Richard Kendall, Michael Krenesky, Marcus Larkin, David Packard, David Perkins, Robert Rivard, Frederick Rivard, Dayne Rugh, Mark Sheldon Sr., Ethan Stewart Sr., Bill Spring, Peter Stothart, Stephen Taylor
Silver: Wayne Bickley, Derek Brockhoff, Michael Chuckta, Damien Cregeau, Edward Eckert, Matthew Fergione, John Keeney, Jonathan King, Frederick Lorthioir, Frank McClintock, Fred Potter, Paul Selnau, Martin Spring, Russell Whittaker, Timothy Wilkins, David Wold
Bronze: Forrest Anderson, Christopher Bandecchi, Steve Chapman, Boston Fergione, Tony Healy, Eric Johnson, Frederick Lorthioir, Dan Myers, Gary Pitcock, Vincent Pitts, Michael Prange, Don Spencer, Zachary Tanner, Greg Thompson, Keith Wilson



May 5, 2026 – Declaration of Independence Presentation, State Capitol, Hartford, Connecticut. Compatriot Mark Sheldon Sr., State President CTSSAR, dressed in Revolutionary War uniform, presented a framed CTSSAR America 250 poster of the Declaration of Independence to State Representatives Pat Boyd, Chris Stewart, and Kurt Vail. The CTSSAR printed and presented a poster of the Declaration of Independence to all 169 towns and cities in Connecticut to promote the July 8th national **Sharing the Spirit of America** event, commemorating the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776. **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriot Mark Sheldon Sr., Lead)**

Compatriots who hand delivered posters to the towns: Mark Sheldon Sr, (46), Robert Carrara (23), Rich Kendall (20), Michael Bird (16), Forrest Anderson (13), Marcus Larkin (9), David Perkins (8), Michael Krenesky (6), Thomas Upson (5), Timothy Hill (4), James Whittemore (4), Steven Chapman (3), Todd Gerlander (3), David Jones (3), Ethan Stewart Sr. (2), David Wold (2), Robert Clark Jr. (1), Joseph Hitchery (1), Dayne Rugh (1), Donal Wills (1).

Sharing the Spirit of America
250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence



May 9, 2026 – CTSSAR Liberty Tree dedication in honor of Elisha Sheldon Sr., and Colonel Elisha Sheldon Jr., who commanded Sheldon's Horse, the Second Continental Light Dragoons during the American Revolution. Oliver Wolcott Library, Litchfield, Connecticut**. (Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriots Mark Sheldon Sr. and Todd Gerlander, Leads)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #10.

Compatriots attending (17): Mark Bierbaum, Mike Bird, Derek Brockhoff, Michael Brothers, Michael Brunetto, John Cox, Todd Gerlander, Tim Hill, David Jones, Jonathan King, Michael Krenesky, Marcus Larkin, Frank McClintock, Mark Sheldon Sr, Bill Spring, Zachary Tanner, Tom Upson



May 16, 2026 – Roger Sherman Branch #5 CTSSAR in partnership with the Weston History and Culture Center Liberty Tree in honor of Isaac Godfrey, Weston History and Culture Center, Weston, Connecticut. **(Organized by the Roger Sherman Branch #5 CTSSAR, Compatriot Robert Clark, Lead)**

Compatriots attending (6): Michael Brothers, Robert Clark, Ed Eckert, Dean Gaugler, Eric Paul, Peter Snyder



May 17, 2026 – Grave Marking Ceremony, Plaque Presentation and Honor Roll Reading of 80 Revolutionary Soldiers of Northington (Avon), West Avon Cemetery, Avon, Connecticut **(Organized by Avon's America 250. Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch #7 CTSSAR. Compatriot Rich Kendall, Lead)**.

Compatriots attending (5): Robert Carrara, Rich Kendall, Michael Krenesky, Marcus Larkin, David Perkins



May 23, 2026 – Town of Lebanon Memorial Day Parade in honor of America 250, Lebanon, Connecticut. **(The Connecticut Line CTSSAR participated. Compatriot Todd Gerlander, Lead)**

Compatriots attending (7): Michael Brothers, John Cooke, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, David Packard, Bob Rivard, Mark Sheldon Sr.



May 25, 2026 – Town of Fairfield Memorial Day Parade in honor of America 250, Fairfield, Connecticut. **(Roger Sherman Branch #5 CTSSAR participated. Compatriot Robert Clark, Lead)**

Compatriots attending (4): Robert Clark, Dean Gaugler, Phil Hood, Steve Orban



May 30, 2026 – CTSSAR Liberty Tree Dedication in partnership with the Town of Union in honor of Patriots of the American Revolution, Union Town Hall, Union, Connecticut. **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriots Mark Sheldon Sr. and Todd Gerlander, Leads)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #12.

Compatriots attending (11): Wayne Bickley, Mark Bierbaum, John Cooke, Todd Gerlander, Curtis Hermann, Tim Hill, David Jones, Michael Krenesky, Bob Rivard, Fred Rivard, Mark Sheldon Sr.



May 30, 2026 – CTSSAR Liberty Tree Dedication in partnership with Old Sturbridge Village in honor of Patriots of the American Revolution, Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Dedicated on behalf of the New England District SAR. **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriots Mark Sheldon Sr. and Todd Gerlander, Leads)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #13.

Compatriots attending (13): Wayne Bickley, Mark Bierbaum, John Cooke, Dan Dudley, Todd Gerlander, Alan Head, Oliver Head, Curtis Hermann, David Jones, Michael Krenesky, Bob Rivard, Fred Rivard, Mark Sheldon Sr.



June 6, 2026 – CTSSAR two Liberty Tree Dedications in honor of (1) Sergeant Daniel Myers, 2nd Regiment Orange County, NY Militia, and (2) to all the Revolutionary War soldiers buried at Hillside Cemetery, Hillside Cemetery, Middletown, New York. **(Organized by Compatriot Dan Myers)** Compatriot Myers is a member of the Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin Branch #9 CTSSAR. CTSSAR Liberty Trees #14 and #15



June 7, 2026 – Captain Nathan Hale Branch #6 CTSSAR and Norwich 250 Committee Liberty Tree Dedication in honor of Colonel John Durkee, Bean Hill Green, Norwich, Connecticut. **(Organized by the Captain Nathan Hale Branch #6 CTSSAR and Norwich 250 Committee. Compatriot Dayne Rugh, Lead)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #16.

Compatriots attending (10): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, John Cooke, Damien Cregeau, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, David Packard, Bob Rivard, Dayne Rugh, Stephen Taylor



June 7, 2026 – Captain Nathan Hale Branch #6 CTSSAR and Norwich 250 Committee Liberty Tree Dedication in honor of the Shipbuilders and Shipwrights of the U.S. frigate *Confederacy*, Leffingwell House Museum, Norwich, Connecticut. **(Organized by the Captain Nathan Hale Branch #6 CTSSAR and Norwich 250 Committee. Compatriot Dayne Rugh, Lead)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #17.

Compatriots attending (10): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, John Cooke, Damien Cregeau, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, David Packard, Bob Rivard, Dayne Rugh, Stephen Taylor



June 13, 2026 – Connecticut Open House Day, CTSSAR Liberty Tree dedication in honor of 2nd Lieutenant of Continental Marines Jabez Smith Jr. **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR & Groton 250. Compatriot Marcus Larkin, Lead)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #18. 1-day encampment of the Connecticut Line CTSSAR.

Compatriots attending (10): Michael Brothers, Tim Burke, John Cooke, Damien Cregeau, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Marcus Larkin, David Packard, Fred Potter, Dayne Rugh (and Mathilda Burke in colonial attire)

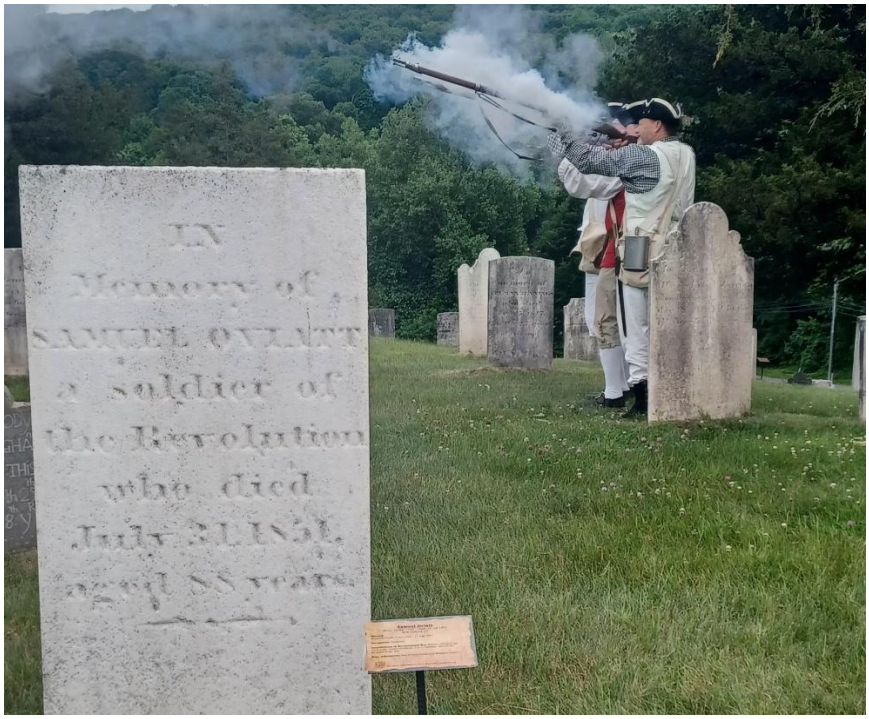


June 13, 2026 – CTSSAR Liberty Tree dedication in honor of Revolutionary War Patriots of Northington (Avon), Connecticut. **(Organized by the Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch #7 CTSSAR and Avon's America 250. Compatriot Richard Kendall, Lead)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #19.

Compatriots attending (3): Robert Carrara, Rich Kendall, David Poleyestewa



June 13, 2026 – Town of Bethel, Connecticut Celebrating the 250th Birthday of the Declaration of Independence, Town Hall Green, Bethel, Connecticut, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **(Organized by the Bethel 250 Committee)** Compatriot David Perkins set up a Revolutionary War display at the event. (Pat Perkins attended in colonial attire)



June 13, 2026 – New Milford 250th SAR and DAR Grave Marking Ceremony, Center Cemetery, New Milford, Connecticut. (**Gov. Oliver Wolcott Branch #10 CTSSAR. Compatriot Michael Bird, Lead)**

Compatriots attending (4): Michael Bird, Derek Brockhoff, Bill Spring, Peter Stothart



June 14, 2026 – CTSSAR Liberty Tree dedication in honor of the Washington – Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, Bethel, Connecticut. **(Organized by the Reverend Ebenezer Baldwin Branch #9 CTSSAR and Bethel Garden Club. Compatriot David Perkins, Lead)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #20.

Compatriots attending (4): Derek Brockhoff, Eric Johnson, Michael Krenesky, David Perkins



June 14, 2026 – Revolution! A 250th Historical Cemetery Tour, SAR 250th anniversary of the American Revolution Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for William Dudley, Douglas Center Cemetery, Douglas, Massachusetts. **(Organized by the Douglas Historical Society and the General Israel Putnam Branch #4 CTSSAR. Compatriots Dan Dudley and Todd Gerlander, Leads)**

Compatriots attending (6): Dan Dudley, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Marcus Larkin, Bob Rivard, Allan Van Wert



June 18, 2026 – CTSSAR Liberty Tree dedication in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Stephen St. John, Old Well-St. Johns Masonic Lodge, Norwalk, Connecticut**. (Organized by the Roger Sherman Branch #5 CTSSAR and Old Well-St. Johns Masonic Lodge.) Compatriots Robert Clark and Edward Eckert, Leads)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #21.

Compatriots attending (2): Robert Clark, Edward Eckert



June 20, 2026 – CRIS Radio Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Connecticut Revolutionary War Trail, Voices of the Revolutionary War (An audio trail of Historic Revolutionary War sites in Connecticut including the War Office), Lebanon Historical Society Museum and Visitors Center, Lebanon, Connecticut **(Organized by CRIS Radio. Compatriot David Packard, Lead.)** There is now a sign with a QR code at the War Office.

Compatriots attending (13): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, Robert Carrara, John Cooke, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Rich Kendall, Jonathan King, David Packard, David Perkins, Bob Rivard, Fred Rivard, Mark Sheldon Sr.



June 20, 2026 – CTSSAR Liberty Tree dedication in partnership with the CTDAR in honor of Governor Jonathan Trumbull and Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth, Governor Jonathan Trumbull House and Wadsworth Stable, Lebanon, Connecticut, 11:00 AM. **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriot Todd Gerlander, Lead)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #22.

Compatriots attending (14): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, Robert Carrara, John Cooke, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Rich Kendall, Jonathan King, David Packard, David Perkins, Bob Rivard, Fred Rivard, Mark Sheldon Sr., Don Spencer



June 20, 2026 – CTSSAR 250th anniversary commemoration of Connecticut Independence Day (June 18, 1776), commemorating Governor Jonathan Trumbull's Proclamation known as Connecticut's Declaration of Independence from Great Britain, War Office, Lebanon, Connecticut, 1:00 PM. **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriot Todd Gerlander, Lead)**

Compatriots attending (13): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, Robert Carrara, John Cooke, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Jonathan King, David Packard, David Perkins, Bob Rivard, Fred Rivard, Mark Sheldon Sr., Don Spencer



June 27, 2026 – CTSSAR Liberty Tree and Memorial Highway dedication with Scouting America Connecticut Rivers Council in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Knowlton, June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation, Ashford, Connecticut. **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR and Scouting America Connecticut Rivers Council. Compatriots Mark Sheldon Sr. and Todd Gerlander, Leads)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #23.

Compatriots attending (20): Forrest Anderson, Wayne Bickley, Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, Tim Burke, John Cooke, Dan Dudley, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Marcus Larkin, Bruce Lyon, David Packard, David Perkins, Bob Rivard, Fred Rivard, Mark Sheldon Sr., Mark Sheldon Jr., Mark Sheldon III, Don Spencer, Timothy Wilkins (and Mathilda Burke in colonial attire)



June 27, 2026 – Stamford Chapter CTDAR 250th anniversary Revolutionary War Patriots marker dedication at Fort Stamford, Stamford, Connecticut. **(Captain Matthew Mead Branch CTSSAR participated)**

Compatriots attending (2): Fred Lorthioir, David Wold



June 27, 2026 – Rochambeau Monument Unveiling, Meadowview Park, Middlebury, Connecticut. **(Governor Oliver Wolcott Branch #10 CTSSAR participated. Compatriot Tim Hill, Lead.)**

Compatriots attending (5): Tim Hill, Jonathan King, Bill Spring, Martin Spring, Peter Stothart



June 27, 2026 – Beacon Hose Company Number One Annual Parade in Celebration of America 250, Beacon Falls, Connecticut. **(The Connecticut Line CTSSAR Participated. Compatriot Michael Krenesky, Lead)**
Compatriots attending (4): Michael Bird, Michael Krenesky, David Perkins, Martin Spring



June 28, 2026 – New Fairfield America 250 Event, The *SALLY:* The Exciting Adventures of a Connecticut Sloop During the American Revolution, New Fairfield Senior Center, New Fairfield, Connecticut. **(Ed Eckert, Lead)**

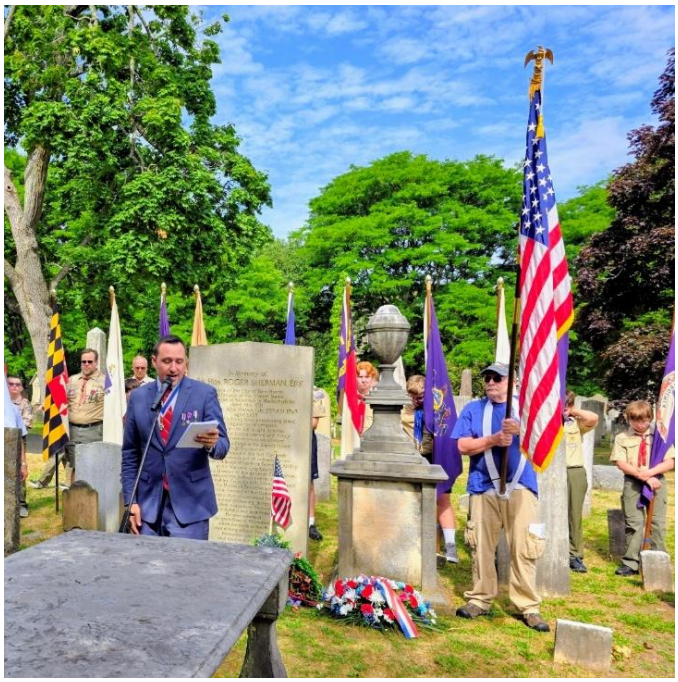


July 3, 2026 – Independence Day 250, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania **(Organized by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution)**

Compatriots attending (3): Marcus Larkin, Mark Sheldon Sr., Stephen Taylor



July 3, 2026 – America 250 – Spirit of 1776 plaque/monument and flagpole dedication, Town Green, New Milford, Connecticut **(Organized by Compatriot Michael Bird) Compatriots attending (2):** Michael Bird, Peter Stothart



July 4, 2026 – 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Wreath Laying Ceremony for Connecticut signer Roger Sherman, Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven, Connecticut, 9:00 AM. **(Organized by the General David Humphreys Branch #1 CTSSAR, Compatriot Ethan Stewart Sr., Lead)**

Compatriots attending (15): Christopher Bandecchi, Bruce Bathrick, Robert Carrara, Michael Chuckta, Joseph Erdos, Jason Haines, Rich Kendall, Michael Krenesky, Phinneas Lattanzi, Vincent Pitts, Fred Rivard, Ethan Stewart Sr., Greg Thompson, John Towle, Timothy Wilkins



July 4, 2026 – 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Wreath Laying Ceremony for Connecticut signer Oliver Wolcott, East Cemetery, Litchfield, Connecticut, 11:30 AM. **(Organized by the May Floyd Tallmadge Chapter DAR. CTSSAR Compatriots Timothy Hill and Mark Bierbaum, Leads)**

Compatriots attending (8): Mark Bierbaum, Derek Brockhoff, Eric Johnson, Jonathan King, Frank McClintock, Bill Spring, Martin Spring, Peter Stothart



July 4, 2026 – 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Wreath Laying Ceremony for Connecticut signer William Williams, War Office, Lebanon, Connecticut, 12:00 PM. **(Organized by the Connecticut SAR. Compatriot Todd Gerlander, Lead)**

Compatriots attending (8): Forrest Anderson, Ken Beatrice, Michael Brothers, Tim Burke, John Cooke, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, David Packard (and Mathilda Burke in colonial attire)



July 4, 2026 – Groton America 250 Parade, Groton, Connecticut. **(Captain Nathan Hale Branch #6 CTSSAR participated. Compatriot Marcus Larkin, Lead) Compatriots attending (3):** Marcus Larkin, Fred Potter, Bob Rivard



July 4, 2026 – Independence Day Parade, Mt. Holly, Vermont. Compatriot Mark Sheldon Sr., State President CTSSAR, marched in the parade and presented the Historical Society with a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence.



July 4, 2026 – Let Freedom Ring 250, War Office, Lebanon, Connecticut, 2:00 PM. The Church bells rang from the Churches around the Lebanon Green, and CTSSAR members at the War Office took turns ringing a small bell to celebrate America's 250th birthday. **(Organized by the Lebanon America 250 Committee)**
Compatriots attending (6): Michael Brothers, Tim Burke, John Cooke, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, David Packard (and Mathilda Burke in colonial attire)

July 4, 2026 – Let Freedom Ring 250, Litchfield Green, Litchfield, Connecticut, 2:00 PM. **(Compatriot Michael Bird, Lead) Compatriots attending (8)** Michael Bird, Robert Carrara, Eric Johnson, Jonathan King, Frank McClintock, Bill Spring, Martin Spring, Peter Stothart



July 8, 2026 – Sharing the Spirit of America, 250th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence (July 8, 1776), Lebanon Town Hall, Lebanon, Connecticut, 6:00 PM. **(Organized by the Lebanon America 250 Committee) Compatriots attending (7):** Forrest Anderson, Michael Brothers, Tim Burke, John Cooke, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, David Packard (and Mathilda Burke in colonial attire)



July 8, 2026 – Sharing the Spirit of America, 250th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence (July 8, 1776), Westport Library, Westport, Connecticut, 6:00 PM. **(Organized by the Westport Library) Compatriots attending (5):** Robert Clark, Ed Eckert, Fred Lorthioir, Steve Orban, Peter Snyder



July 8, 2026 – Sharing the Spirit of America, 250th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence (July 8, 1776), Town Hall, Woodstock, Connecticut, 6:00 PM. **Compatriots attending (1)** Mark Sheldon Sr.



July 8, 2026 – Sharing the Spirit of America, 250th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence (July 8, 1776), Hollow Park, Woodbury, Connecticut, 6:00 PM. **(Organized by the Town of Woodbury. Compatriot Martin Spring, Lead.) Compatriots attending (4):** David Perkins, Fred Rivard, Bill Spring, Martin Spring (Pat Perkins attended in colonial attire)



July 8, 2026 – Sharing the Spirit of America, 250th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence (July 8, 1776), City Hall, Groton, Connecticut, 6:00 PM. **(Organized by the City of Groton.)**

Compatriots attending (4): Matthew Fergione, Boston Fergione, Roman Fergione. Marcus Larkin attended in colonial attire (you can see his shadow in the bottom left corner taking the photo)

July 11, 2026 – Celebrate New London 2026, Fireworks and Street Festival celebrating the City and America 250, New London, Connecticut. **(Compatriot Marcus Larkin served as a docent at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM.)**



July 11, 2026 – Harwinton America 250, Harwinton, Connecticut. **(Compatriot Michael Bird, Lead)** Compatriot Michael Bird presented a SAR America 250 flag to the town.



July 11, 2026 – The Simsbury – Farmington Valley 250th Parade and Celebration, Simsbury, Connecticut **(Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch #7 CTSSAR participated.)**

Compatriots attending (8): Justin Ankerman, Gryffin Ankerman, Robert Carrara, Rich Kendall, Jonathan King, David Perkins, David Polyestewa, James Whittemore



July 11, 2026 – 250th Grave Marking for 5 Patriots of the American Revolution, Beacon Falls, Connecticut. **(Organized by the General David Humphreys Branch #1 CTSSAR. Compatriot Michael Krenesky, Lead.)**

Compatriots attending (8): Mark Bierbaum, Mike Krenesky, David Perkins, Bill Spring, Martin Spring, Ethan Stewart Sr., Peter Stothart



August 3, 2026 – Sons of the American Revolution Day, Town Proclamation and Declaration of Independence Presentation, Fairfield, Connecticut. **(Roger Sherman Branch #5 CTSSAR. Compatriot Robert Clark, Lead)** Compatriot Robert Clark made the presentation.



August 9, 2026 – CTSSAR Liberty Tree and plaque dedication in honor of Revolutionary War Patriots of Northington (Avon), Connecticut. **(Organized by the Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch #7 CTSSAR and Avon's America 250. Compatriot Richard Kendall, Lead)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #19 (same Liberty Tree dedicated on June 13, 2026). **Compatriots Attending (4):** Richard Kendall, Dave Poleyestewa, James Whittemore, Justin Ankerman



August 22, 2026 – CTSSAR 250th Anniversary Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony for 9 Patriots of the American Revolution, Poquetanuck Cemetery, 112 Route 2A, Preston, Connecticut, 10:00 AM. **(Compatriot Fred Potter, Lead)**

Compatriots attending (16): Forrest Anderson, Michael Brothers, Tim Burke, Robert Carrara, John Cooke, Matthew Fergione, Roman Fergione, Todd Gerlander, Alan Head, David Jones, Marcus Larkin, David Packard, David Perkins, Fred Potter, Dayne Rugh, Stephen Taylor (Sarah Fergione attended in colonial attire)



September 5, 2026 – 250th Limerock Race Park Event, Lakeville, Connecticut. (Connecticut Line CTSSAR. Organized by Compatriot Timothy Hill)

Compatriots attending (8): Mark Bierbaum, Timothy Hill, Eric Johnson, Marcus Larkin, David Perkins, Mark Sheldon Sr., Bill Spring, Ryan Spring



September 6, 2026 – 250th Anniversary Grave Marking Ceremony for Captain Samuel Allyn, Wood Cemetery, Groton, Connecticut. **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriot Marcus Larkin, Lead.)**

Compatriots attending (16): Ken Beatrice, Tim Burke, Robert Carrara, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Jonathan King, Marcus Larkin, David Packard, David Perkins, Fred Potter, Bob Rivard, Fred Rivard, Dayne Rugh, Elwin Spray, Stephen Taylor, Russell Whittaker



September 12, 2026 – 250th Anniversary Revolutionary War Marker Dedication, Litchfield Green, Litchfield, Connecticut. **(Organized by Litchfield America 250. Gov. Oliver Wolcott Branch #10 CTSSAR. Compatriot Michael Bird, Lead.)**

Compatriots attending (4): Michael Bird, Frank McClintock, David Perkins, Martin Spring



September 17, 2026 – 250th Constitution Day Liberty Tree Dedication, Board of Education Building, Greenwich, Connecticut. **(Organized by the Captain Matthew Mead Branch #11 CTSSAR and the Town of Greenwich. Compatriot David Wold, Lead)** CTSSAR Liberty Tree #24. **Compatriots attending (2):** David Perkins, David Wold.



September 19, 2026 – Nathan Hale 250, 250th anniversary of the death of Captain Nathan Hale (September 22, 1776) wreath laying ceremony, dedication of the General Joseph Spencer Headstone, and patriot grave marking for Captain James Green, Nathan Hale Schoolhouse and Riverview Cemetery, East Haddam, Connecticut. **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriot David Packard, Lead.)**

Compatriots attending (21+): Forrest Anderson, Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, Tim Burke, John Cooke, Damien Cregeau, Edward Eckert, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Marcus Larkin, James Leatherbee, Fred Lorthioir, Ted Nelson, David Packard, Gary Pitcock, Fred Potter, Robert Rivard, Dayne Rugh, Peter Snyder, Zachary Tanner, Stephen Taylor (and Mathilda Burke in colonial attire) (There were more than 21 compatriots who attended this CTSSAR America 250 event, I just don't know all of their names)



October 3-4, 2026 – Pomfret America 250, Pomfret, Connecticut. Compatriot Mark Sheldon Sr., CTSSAR State President attended various America 250 events happening in Pomfret during the weekend.



October 4, 2026 – America 250 Massing of the Colors, First Congregational Church, Bristol, Connecticut. **(CTSSAR and the Connecticut Line CTSSAR participated)**

Compatriots attending (9+): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Bird, Edward Eckert, Jonathan King, Michael Krenesky, Fred Lorthioir, David Perkins, Richard Swartwout, Stephen Taylor



October 17, 2026 – 250th Anniversary Grave Marking Ceremony, Hillside Cemetery, Wilton, Connecticut, 11:00 AM **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriots Marcus Larkin and Robert Clark, Leads.)**

Compatriots attending (18+): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, Robert Clark, Harding Dies, Edward Eckert, David Fiorini, Todd Gerlander, Howard Huberty, David Jones, Michael Krenesky, Marcus Larkin, Frederick Lorthioir, David Perkins, Mark Sheldon Sr, Peter Snyder, Peter Stothart, David Wold, Bob Yates (Pat Perkins attended in colonial attire)



October 17, 2026 – 250th Anniversary Grave Marking Ceremony, Christ Episcopal Church, Stratford, Connecticut, 1:00 PM **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriot Ethan Stewart Sr, Lead.)**

Compatriots attending (13+): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, Brian Burland, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Michael Krenesky, Marcus Larkin, Frederick Lorthioir, David Perkins, Mark Sheldon Sr, Ethan Stewart Sr, Peter Stothart, Gerald Wilson (Pat Perkins attended in colonial attire)



October 17, 2026 – 250th Anniversary Grave Marking Ceremony, Old Congregational Burying Ground, Stratford, Connecticut, 2:00 PM **(Organized by the Connecticut Society SAR. Compatriot Ethan Stewart Sr, Lead.)**

Compatriots attending (13+): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, Brian Burland, Todd Gerlander, David Jones, Michael Krenesky, Marcus Larkin, Frederick Lorthioir, David Perkins, Mark Sheldon Sr, Ethan Stewart Sr, Peter Stothart, Gerald Wilson (Pat Perkins attended in colonial attire)



November 7, 2026 - America 250 Revolutionary War Living History Event, Nellie McKnight Museum, Ellington, Connecticut, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. **(Organized by the Ellington Historical Society. Compatriot Dan Dudley, Lead.)** General Israel Putnam Branch #4 CTSSAR (11th Connecticut Regiment) set up a Revolutionary War camp at the event. **Compatriots attending (3):** Dan Dudley, Todd Gerlander (Marcus Larkin attended with the Lebanon militia).



November 7, 2026 – 250th Anniversary Veteran's Roll Call, Memento Mori Cemetery, Farmington, Connecticut, 10:00 AM. **(Organized by the Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch #7 CTSSAR, Stanley-Whitman House Museum, Ruth Wyllys Chapter DAR. Compatriot Richard Kendall, Lead.)**

Compatriots attending (9): Mark Bierbaum, Michael Brothers, Tim Burke, Robert Carrara, David Jones, Richard Kendall, Fred Lorthioir, David Perkins, David Poleyestewa (Pat Perkins attended in colonial attire)



November 11, 2026 – 250th Anniversary SAR Granite Memorial Bench Dedication, Groton, Connecticut, 3:00 PM. **(Organized by the Captain Nathan Hale Branch #6 CTSSAR and Groton 250. Compatriot Marcus Larkin, Lead.) Compatriots attending (15):** Ken Beatrice, Tim Burke, Michael Chuckta, Damien Cregeau, Todd Gerlander, Richard Grigsby, Kevin Haggerty, David Jones, Marcus Larkin, Ted Nelson, Robert Rivard, Fred Rivard, Dayne Rugh, Stephen Taylor, David Wold



~ Upcoming 250 Events ~

Saturday December 19, 2026

~ 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution 1775-1783 ~

Wreaths Across America Ceremony – 2026 Theme: "Remember Me"
American Legion Lebanon Post #180 Ceremony, Town Hall, All Wars Memorial
Lebanon, Connecticut, 12:00 PM
SAR Wreath Laying for Revolutionary War Veterans of 1776 – America 250
and
CTSSAR wreath laying for Revolutionary War Veterans
at the Trumbull Cemetery immediately following
(Compatriot David Packard, Lead)
(Trumbull Branch CTSSAR)
(CTSSAR and The Connecticut Line CTSSAR participates)

Saturday December 19, 2026

~ 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution 1775-1783 ~

Wreaths Across America – 2026 Theme: "Remember Me"
King's Highway Cemetery, Milford, Connecticut, 12:00 PM
and
SAR Wreath Laying for Revolutionary War Veterans of 1776 – America 250
(Compatriot Ethan Stewart Sr., Lead)
(Humphreys Branch CTSSAR and Freelove Baldwin Stow CTDAR)
(CTSSAR and The Connecticut Line CTSSAR participates)

Saturday December 19, 2026

~ 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution 1775-1783 ~

Wreaths Across America Ceremony – 2026 Theme: "Remember Me"
All Wars Memorial, Bantam, Connecticut, 12:00 PM
and
SAR Wreath Laying for Revolutionary War Veterans of 1776 – America 250
(Compatriot Timothy Hill, Lead)
(Wolcott Branch CTSSAR)
(CTSSAR and The Connecticut Line CTSSAR participates)

Saturday December 19, 2026

~ 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution 1775-1783 ~

Wreaths Across America Ceremony – 2026 Theme: "Remember Me"
Beacon Falls, Connecticut, 12:00 PM
and
SAR Wreath Laying for Revolutionary War Veterans of 1776 – America 250
(Compatriot Michael Krenesky, Lead)
(CTSSAR and The Connecticut Line CTSSAR participates)

Saturday December 19, 2026

~ 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution 1775-1783 ~

Wreaths Across America Ceremony – 2026 Theme: "Remember Me"
Darien, Connecticut, 12:00 PM
and
SAR Wreath Laying for Revolutionary War Veterans of 1776 – America 250
(Compatriot Robert Clark, Lead)
(Sherman Branch CTSSAR)
(CTSSAR and The Connecticut Line CTSSAR participates)

Saturday December 19, 2026

~ 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution 1775-1783 ~

Wreaths Across America Ceremony – 2026 Theme: "Remember Me"
Greenwich, Connecticut, 12:00 PM
and
SAR Wreath Laying for Revolutionary War Veterans of 1776 – America 250
(Compatriot David Wold, Lead)
(Mead Branch CTSSAR)
(CTSSAR and The Connecticut Line CTSSAR participates)

For the current schedule of CTSSAR America 250 events visit **www.SARconnecticut.org** and click the **America 250** tab. This calendar is updated regularly as events are confirmed.

Patriotically,

Todd Gerlander, Chairman
CTSSAR Historic Sites & Celebrations – America 250 Committee

Committee members:
David Perkins
David Packard
Gary Pitcock
Mark Sheldon Sr.
David Jones
Marcus Larkin
John Cooke
Fred Lorthioir

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About the America 250 Projects of the Sons of the American Revolution

The America 250 SAR Project Committee members work on the national, state, and local levels to promote the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and the establishment of the United States. It designs commemorative merchandise and SAR member insignia for the anniversary. This committee publicizes the anniversary using media, education, and government contacts. The 250th Anniversary Committee helps develop educational programs and booklets relating to the American Revolution, encourages

the internationally focused SAR societies (including the Canada SAR, France SAR, Germany SAR, International SAR, Mexico SAR, Spain SAR, Switzerland SAR, and United Kingdom SAR) to plan special Congresses during the celebrations, and works with other SAR committees to coordinate celebration of the 250th anniversary.

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250th SAR Liberty Tree Program

CTSSAR Liberty Trees Dedicated = 24

SAR 250th Anniversary Memorial Bench Program

CTSSAR Memorial Benches Dedicated = 3