Annual State Meeting
Saturday April 25, 2026
Casa Mia at the Hawthorne - 2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT
Draft minutes as of May 2, 2026

Call to order by President Paul Selnau at 10:35am

President Selnau asked if anyone had new business for the agenda.
Motion 1 by Richard Kendall asking to speak on obtaining a grant from the Roger Sherman fund for a plaque. 2nd by Mike Krenesky. Motion passed.
Motion 2 by Marshall Robinson asked to add agenda item to speak about Stephen Taylor. 2nd by Ted Nelson. Motion failed by a vote of 6-19.

Invocation and Memoriam by Chaplain Rich Kendall
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States lead by President Selnau
SAR Pledge and Mission Statement lead by President Selnau

Establishment of a Quorum – Secretary Dave Perkins reported that 28 members present and that all branches were represented at this meeting.

Request for approve of three sets of draft minutes from by President Selnau
Motion 3 by Mike Krenesky to approve Apr 12, 2025 State Annual Meeting minutes. 2nd by Robert Clark. No discussion. Motion passed.
Motion 4 by Ethan Stewart to approve Nov 11, 2025 Special CTSSAR Meeting minutes. 2nd by Robert Clark. No discussion. Motion passed.
Motion 5 by Mike Krenesky to approve Nov 11, 2025 All Member Meeting minutes. 2nd by Robert Clark. No discussion. Motion passed.

Induction of three new members present; John Alter, Forrest Anderson and Gerald Guild.

Treasurer Report by Treasurer Fred Lorthioir – See full report online.

Motion 6 by Dave Perkins to approve the Constitution and Bylaw Amendments as approved by the BOM on Feb 22, 2026 and distributed to CTSSAR membership. 2nd by Richard Kendall. Brief discussion on what the changes covered. Motion passed. (see state website reports for amendments)

250th Committee Celebration Report by Todd Gerlander – See full report online.

Real Property Report on Lease Request for East Haddam Cemetery by Dave Packard and Compatriot Steve Leatherbee of the East Haddam Cemetery Association.
Motion 7 by Ted Nelson that we work to expedite the negotiation of the lease with East Haddam Cemetery Association. 2nd Dayne Rugh. Brief discussion. Motion passed.

Motion 8 by Richard Kendall for a grant of up to $2,000 from the Roger Sherman Fund to cover half the cost of a plaque at a cemetery in Farmington with the other half to come from the Stanley Whittman Museum to be dedicated in November 2026. 2nd by Mike Bird. Discussion on how much in Roger Sherman Fund about $25,000; and would a draft design be sent out before the plaque is created. Motion passed.

Spirit of America Report by 1st VP Mark Sheldon (July 8 2026 - Reading of the Declaration of Independence by each town in Connecticut).

State President's Report by Paul Selnau

Nomination of CTSSAR Officers for the term of 2026 / 2027 by Chairman Richard Kendall.

Mark Sheldon, President
Timothy Hill, 1st Vice President
Robert Clark, 2nd Vice President
Dave Perkins, Recording Secretary
Dave Perkins, Corresponding Secretary
Fred Lorthioir, Treasurer
Richard Kendall, Assistant Treasurer
Peter Snyder, Chancellor
Ethan A. Stewart, Sr., Registrar
Richard Kendall, Chaplain
Gary Pitcock, Historian
Robert Carrar, Auditor
Brian Burland, Auditor
Kenneth Roach, National Trustee
Fred Lorthioir, Sr., Alternate Trustee

Motion 9 by Tom Upson that nominations be closed. 2nd Mike Krenesky. Motion passed.
Motion 10 by Dave Perkins to elect the slate of officers. 2nd Rich Kendall. Motion passed.

The list of 12 delegates to the 2025 National Congress were read by State Secretary David Perkins: Ken Roach, Mark Sheldon, Fred Lorthioir, David Perkins, Tim Hill, Robert Clark, Ethan Stewart, Richard Kendall, Peter Snyder, Gary Pitcock, Robert Carrara, Brian Burland.
Motion 11 by Dayne Rugh to accept the slate of delegates. 2nd by Ethan Stewart. Motion passed.

Induction of State Officers by Past State President Paul Selnau.

State Award Presentations:
Mike Chuckta - Silver 250th Medal; Fred Rivard and Mike Krenesky - Gold 250th Medal.
Tim Hill, Brian Burland – Certificate of Appreciation
Kurt Potter, Mark Sheldon – Silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal
R. Carrara, T. Gerlander, J. Morgan, D. Packard, D. Perkins, P. Snyder - Silver R. Sherman Medal
Mike Bird, Fred Lorthioir, Paul Selnau, Ethan Stewart – Silver Meritorious Service Medal
Dave Perkins – Youth Education Medal
Paul Selnau – Past State President Lapel Pin

Recess for Luncheon

Youth Award Presentation for JROTC

Motion to Adjourn

Benediction Rich Kendall

SAR recessional

Meeting ended at 1:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Perkins, Sr.
CTSSAR Secretary