Connecticut SAR – All-Member Meeting

Casa Mia Hawthrone, Berlin, CT - Saturday – 2023 November 18

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Call to Order by State President Selnau at 10:42 am

Invocation by Derek Brockhoff

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag by Ken Buckbee

Pledge to the SAR by Paul Selnau

The Quorum was established by State Secretary David Perkins with 32 members present.

Minutes from September 16, 2023 BOM Meeting were approved. **Motion 1 by Greg Thompson and seconded by Derek Brockhoff.**

Presidents Report

State President Paul Selnau welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that his report was distributed to the tables for review. **Motion 2 to approve the report by E. Stewart and seconded by S. Taylor. Motion passed.**

Treasurers Report

State Treasurer Ted Nelson gave an overview of the General Society P&L and Balance Sheet reports for Jan 1 to Oct 31, 2023. **Motion 3 to approve the General Society Report by S. Taylor and seconded by T. Wilkins. Motion passed. Motion 4 to approve the General Society Report by T. Wilkins and seconded by G. Thompson. Motion passed.** There was an issue with the amount of Manross distributed and will be resolved.

Registrar's Report

State Registrar Ethan Stewart gave an overview of his report. **Motion 5 to approve the report by D. Perkins and seconded by D. Brockhoff. Motion passed.**

New England District Report

NED Secretary Ethan Stwart gave a report on the October 28 NED meeting in Boston, MA. Noted that NED will donating $600 in 2024 and 2025 to the CT Congress. The first 250th event will be the Boston Tea Park in Boston December 16, 2023.

Membership Report

State Secretary David Perkins reported that the 2024 dues process is well in handle with the help of Rich Kendall once again. National has asked that we work on reinstating 10% of our membership that dropped over the last 5 years, and we have 16 confirmed that want to reinstate which is just over 10%. **Motion 6 to approve the report by D. Goodale and seconded by T. Wilkins. Motion passed.**

CT Congress 2025 Report

Following an introduction by State President Selnau on how important this event is to the state society, Chairman Stephen Taylor gave an overview on what a congress is, what Connecticut is planning to do and how the membership can help with donations, new ideas, and most importantly participating as a volunteer for just a day during the congress week to help support it.

CT Sons of Liberty Campaign

Dave Perkins reported that 50 members and others have pledged more than $40,000 towards the goal of $50,000. For those that have made their first payment and are attending today, they will receive their CT-SOL certificate and one of the new CT SOL Congress lapel pins. Request that the branch work on securing branch pledges towards the goal of $25,000 for all the branches.

Ladies Auxiliary

National Ladies Auxiliary National President Pat Perkins and CT Congress member Vici Taylor spoke on behalf of the ladies' responsibilities and financial needs for the CT Congress.

250th Historic Sites & Celebration

Todd Gerlander spoke on events that the Connecticut Society can do over the next few years. June 7, 2025 will mark the 1st CT Council of Safety meeting at the War Office. Ceremony for 250th of the ship the Defense either in 2026 or 2029. The other ship is the Oliver Cromwell in Essex. The last is the 1776 Ct. Independence Day in 2026. He then spoke on the SAR 250th Anniversary medals and what it takes to earn them. Lastly, Todd is looking for members to help with these events and asked that you contact him.

Awards & Recognitions

Presentation of 2023 Congress Awards by David Perkins – Streamers for JROTC, Eagle Scout, Flag Award, C.A.R. Activity, Knight Essay (National 2nd Place), American History Teacher Award (National 1st Place High School Level). See report on state website for complete list.

Ken Buckbee received the Silver Liberty Medal for being 1st Line Signer on 100 new members applications. Ethan Stewart, Greg Thompson and Dave Perkins received Liberty medal Oak Leaf clusters for having done an additional ten 1st Line Signings in the past calendar year.

New Member recognition – Compatriot Boston Fergione was sworn in by State President Paul Selnau and pinned with membership by his father Matthew Fergione.

Ethan Stewart presented CTDAR Sarah Fergione with the SAR Medal of Appreciation for referring 3 new members to the SAR.

Recess for lunch at 11:56am and resumed at 1:26pm

250th Bench for the 2025 Congress at Ft. Griswold

State President Paul Selnau spoke on the handout on the two potential bench engravings on the top. A good discussion was had by the members present. The second choice was preferred by a show of hands. Marcus Larkin did note that the sword pictured is not the sword used by Col. Ledyard. It was asked of those present that any suggestions for the preferred choice be emailed to Stephen Taylor, David Perkins, Ethan Stewart or Paul Selnau and that it should be brought up at a future congress planning meeting for a final decision. See report on website for artwork details.

Guest Speaker

Dayne Rugh spoke on "Life and Times of Col. John Durkee" for about 15 minutes. Dayne is the Hale Branch Secretary and works as the Director of the Slater Museum in Norwich CT. Following the talk, Dayne was presented with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.

Certificate of Appreciation Award

Compatriot David Wold was awarded the SAR Certificate of Appreciation by State President Paul Selnau for his work as a member of the Mead Branch. Over the last 3 years Compatriot Wold presented

numerous SAR Flag awards, attended local DAR events and local veteran events while represented the SAR.

Connecticut Sons of Liberty Campaign Awards

David Perkins presented 18 compatriots with their CT-SOL certificates and the new associated lapel pin for having made both a pledge and payment.

Investment Policy

Motion 7 by State Treasurer Ted Nelson to amend CTSSAR Bylaws Section 27B Investment Policy to have the BOM appoint three compatriots to be managers over our investment funds leaving the office of Treasurer with viewing rights only, seconded by Marshall Robinson. During discussion it was agreed at the suggestion of State President Paul Selnau that Bob Carrara, Dean Gaugler and Fred Lorthioir be appointed to oversee the Investment policy. Motion passed.

SAR Recessional Ethan Stewart

Benediction Derek Brockhoff

Meeting ended at 2:18 pm

Attendees: 42 (32 members and 10 guests)

Branch 1 **-** Ethan Stewart, Greg Thompson, Marshall Robinson, Tim Wilkins
Branch 4 - Gary Pitcock, George Crede, Michael Brothers, Todd Gerlander
Branch 5 - Edd Eckert, Fred Lorthioir, Jack Headland, Kurt Potter, Robert Clark
Branch 6 - Dave Packard, D. Jones, Dayne Rugh, Marcus Larkin, M. Fergione, Stephen Taylor, Ted Nelson
Branch 7 - Bob Carrara, David Goodale, Orville Winchell
Branch 9 - Dave Perkins, Dennis Catalano
Branch 10 - Bill Spring, Derek Brockhoff, Ken Buckbee, Paul Selnau, Scott Collins, Tim Hill
Branch 11 - David Wold

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Perkins

CTSSAR Recording Secretary