Connecticut SAR – All-Member Meeting

Casa Mia Hawthrone, Berlin, CT - Saturday – 2024 November 23

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Call to Order by State President Selnau at 10:32 am

Invocation by State Chaplain Richard Kendall

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag by National Trustee Ken Roach

Pledge to the SAR by State Treasurer Ted Nelson

The Quorum was established by State Secretary David Perkins with 37 members present.

Minutes from 21 September 2024 BOM Meeting were approved. **Motion 1 to accept by Ted Nelson and seconded by Ethan Stewart. Motion Passed.**

New members Matthew Bradley and John Cooke were inducted by State President Paul Selnau.

Presidents Report

State President Paul Selnau welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced VPG Ethan Stewart, Chancellor Peter Snyder and State Auditor Fred Lorthioir, who were all elected since our last state meeting in April. Report on East Haddam Headstones. Update on congress medals.

Motion 2 by Paul Selnau to have State Treasurer Ted Nelson and CT Congress Treasurer Fred Lorthioir, to come up an agreement of the final accounting of the quantity and medals inventory transferred to the state and to authorize payment from the Congress funds to the Nathan Hale branch within 60 days. The motion was seconded by F. Lorthioir. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

State Treasurer Ted Nelson gave an overview of the Properties P&L and Balance Sheet reports. General Society reports were not available as we are transitioning to QuickBooks Online.

Motion 3 by Ted Nelson to authorize Fred Lorthioir formal access and full transactional capabilities to CTSSAR ledger and bank statements that contain the 2025 Congress financial activities in his capacity as Congress Treasurer. Second by Richard Kendall. Motion passed.

Registrar's Report

State Registrar Ethan Stewart gave an overview of his report and reported that lead time for new members is over 15 weeks and supplementals are not over 52 weeks.

Membership Report

State Secretary David Perkins reported that the 2024 dues process is well in hand with the help of Rich Kendall. We are at about 60% collected and asked the branches for help. We have over $3,500 in donations collected for the Color Guard, Roger Sherman Fund, General Fund and Museums.

250th Historic Sites & Celebration

Todd Gerlander spoke on events that the Connecticut Society ran for the 250th in 2024 with 6 by the state society and 2 by the Humphreys and Roger Sherman branches. Reviewed two events for 2025, showed the artwork for 2 SAR benches, one at Ft. Griswold in July and the other in June at the War Office. He presented State President with SAR 250th flag streamers for 10 events that started with 2019 through the end of 2024.

State Historian Report

State Historian Gary Pitcock made a presentation on two items: Article from the New London Day on the 50th Congress held in New London. The second is the original report on the SAR relocation plans to leave Washington DC and eventually relocate in Louisville KY. This report was given to us from the grandson of Past President General Howard Coe who was a member of the Connecticut SAR.

CT Congress 2025 Report

State President Selnau spoke on a report received from CT Congress Chairman Past PG Davis Wright on volunteering and that on Dec 1, the link to Sign-Up Genius will be made available to compatriots outside of the state. Also looking for chairmen for Registration and Credentials and Day Captains. Listed the long and short tours. Looking for local speakers for 4 congress speaking events. Matt Fergione gave an update on the stand-up banners that we are using for congress, and the congress website with the merchandise that is for sale. Ethan Stewart gave an update on his discussion with the Mohegans and the 30 Mohegans from the Rev War that will be on a plaque that is hopefully going to be ready for the congress.

CT Sons of Liberty Campaign and 2024 Congress Awards & Flag Streamers

Dave Perkins reported that 95 compatriots and others, as well as 5 branches have pledged more than $67,500 towards the combined goal of $75,000 with payments of $55,800.

Presented certificates and flag streamers from the 2024 congress and several national medals. Also presented 3 Patriot Grave Marking medal OCLs to 3 members of the society.

Recess for lunch at 11:41am.

1st VP Mike Bird will resume the meeting at 1:00pm, after lunch as State President Paul Selnau had to leave for a family event.

250th for Fort William and Mary in New Hampshire

New Hampshire State Color Guard Commander Curt Hermann spoke on the event scheduled for Dec 14 & 15, 2025. They are also powder kegs available for a donation of $200 that can be personalized.

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

Todd Gerlander introduced Dr. David Naumec, who is a Historian, Archaeologist, and Museum Consultant from Eastern Connecticut. He currently works as an Archaeology Field Director for Heritage Consultants and is Historic New England's Revolution 250 Research Scholar where he studies Indigenous and African American veterans in the New England states. Dr. Naumec spoke on "Connecticut's Native Troops, 1775-1783: Militia, Connecticut Line, and Continental Service."

Following the talk, Dr. Naumec was presented with the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a 250th Challenge Coin from Todd Gerlander.

SAR Recessional 1st Vice President Michael Bird

Benediction State Chaplain Richard Kendall

Meeting ended at 2:06 pm

Next BOM is Feb 22 and the 2025 Annual Meeting is April 12th.

Attendees: 50 (37 members and 13 guests)

Branch 1 - Rich Kendall, Vince Pitts, Ethan Stewart
Branch 4 - Gary Pitcock, G. Crede, Mike Brothers, Todd Gerlander, M. Durfee, Mike Juhase, D. Delmastro
Branch 5 - Edd Eckert, Fred Lorthioir, Robert Clark, Peter Snyder
Branch 6 - Dave Packard, Dayne Rugh, Marcus Larkin, M. Fergione, S. Taylor, Ted Nelson, T. Burke, J. Cook
Branch 7 - Bob Carrara, David Goodale, Ken Roach, Matt Morrill, Don Willis, James Whittemore
Branch 9 - Dave Perkins, Dennis Catalano
Branch 10 - Mike Bird, Peter Stothart, Paul Selnau, Scott Collins, Tim Hill, Matt Bradley
Branch 11 - David Wold

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Perkins

CTSSAR Recording Secretary