
Nathan Hale Schoolhouse
East Haddam, CT


War Office
Lebanon, CT


Nathan Hale Schoolhouse
New London, CT

Real Property Committee Report

April 9, 2026

Let me begin by recapping 2025. In mid-November, James Leatherbee and myself decided on a cedar split rail fence to surround the graves of Gen. Spencer and his wife on the grounds of the Nathan Hale Memorial Park in East Haddam. The fencing was installed in late November under the direction of compatriot Leatherbee. This whole project, including the replication and installation of the grave stones, was funded by the generosity of the River View Cemetery Association.

The War Office welcomed many visitors on November 29th for the Lebanon Holiday Light Parade & Tree Lighting.

In November we were contacted about a program for the War Office to join other historical sites to produce a smartphone audio tour that CRIS Radio is producing regarding significant historical Revolutionary War sites in Connecticut. We joined with 5 other sites on the Lebanon Green. After several zoom and in person meetings, a transcript was produced and recorded. Now waiting for final ok on signage. This program is free with a minimal fee after 2 years.

The Properties 2026 Budget will be available this April for the Manross Committee to review for the distribution of our annual funding. Several items are still under review, pending bidding and scope of work for building maintenance. These items include the completion of the restoration of the War Office and the possible restoration of the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in East Haddam. The long-awaited fix to the flagpole in East Haddam is included in the budget along with a donation from the Nathan Hale Memorial Chapter DAR, to be completed before Memorial Day.

Hopefully, sometime in May, I will be sitting down with St. Stephen's Church in East Haddam to review the Lease Agreement that was negotiated for a partial section of our property. This is an agreement between SR and the church dating back to 1968.

I am requesting that the Lease Agreement proposal submitted by the River View Cemetery Association be reviewed again. The section of property in question has been examined by the property committee, Bartlett Tree Experts and James Leatherbee, President, of said cemetery association. The cemetery association will maintain this small portion of property at their own

expense along with surveying, and all lawyer fees. I am submitting a photo of what this section looked like, when cleaned, in 2011.

The visitor season will begin June 6th and end on September 27. Schedule will be posted shortly. School groups are taking place as well as a few private tours. We are looking forward to seeing more members becoming docents, possibly earning the Henry Knox medal for their participation.

This is a great year to volunteer to show your patriotism celebrating 250 years of our freedom. Please consider joining all of us at our museums.

Patriotically yours:
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