Sons of the American Revolution

Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin Branch #9

Newsletter – December 2022

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Branch President

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Branch events/activity April 2022 - December 2022

August 28 - Branch Cookout



At our cookout in August, Fred Burke was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman medal & certificate for his many years as our Branch Treasurer.

Our special guest was State President Stephen Taylor and his wife Vicki. Stephen spoke on the recent national congress in Savannah and our state society hosting the SAR Annual Congress in 2025 and how the Branch can help support that effort.

During the cookout, our Branch Secretary, John Gelinas took the opportunity to try his hand as a Minuteman.



Following some brief rules on how to safely handle and load a musket, John took his best shot, no pun intended, to see what it would feel like to actually fire a musket.

As you can see from the picture, it was indeed a blast!

Branch Cookout continued.

The members who attended the cookout were: Fred Burke, John Gelinas, Mike Bird, Gordon Thompson and Robert Young.

Current Branch Officers -	President	David Perkins
	1st Vice-President	Mark Shisler
	Secretary	John Gelinas
	Treasurer	Fred Burke
	Registrar	David Perkins
	Historian	Robert Young
	Chaplain	Gordon Thompson

Branch Officers were nominated at the August 28, 2022 Branch Cookout and approved via an email vote following the cookout.

Rev Ebenezer Baldwin Branch No. 9 now has a Facebook page.

It was created by our Branch Chaplin Gordon Thompson, see link below:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/592615405841201/

Branch Treasurer Report:

Bank account balance as of November 30, 2022 is $1,249.99

New branch members in 2022:

National#	CT#	Compatriot	Date Approved	
221732	6656	Arthur Borden Cilley	02/18/22	
221785	6660	John Charles O'Malley	02/25/22	
222036	6664	Brian Michael Logan	03/25/22	
223130	6679	Robert Somerville Radford Yates	07/15/22	DAR
223573	6687	Jackson Joseph Rodgers	08/26/22	
223732	6690	Alan Reinold Anderson	09/09/22	

Passing of two members during 2022:

Edward Charles Hamlin died 05/26/2022 age 81

Robert Scudder Smith died 08/14/2022 age 87 (Owner/editor of the Newtown Bee)

Total Branch membership is now 47, which is an all-time high as far as I know.

Branch Activity since our last newsletter/report in April

Sept 17 – Along with Compatriot Derek Brockhoff of Branch 10, and I participated in the SAR National Color Guard event at Mt. Vernon in Virginia.

We each took turns standing guard in 15 minutes shifts at the entrance to the tomb of General George Washington and his wife Martha.

There were about 30 colorguardsmen from across the US who participated.





Sept 22 - Branch Compatriot Fred Ball and I participated in a performance called "Rendezvous with Treason, The Andre-Arnold Conspiracy" which was held at a local church in Brookfield.

Fred Ball organized the event, and I was invited to talk about the SAR and had a display of color guard equipment and SAR material. Once the audience was set, I also provided an introduction for the two actors in the play.

Nov 12 – On behalf of the branch, Compatriot Fred Burke presented the SAR Flag award certificate to the Fitzgerald family of Ridgefield. Two of their sons happened to be home. The young man in the red T-shirt on the right is a West Point graduate, who is teaching ROTC, at a college in the Boston area.



Nov 12 – At the State Meeting, Bob Yates who was approved as a member in July was sworn in by State President Stephen Taylor at the meeting held in Windsor CT. Bob is currently working on completing a Supplemental application for another patriot ancestor! For more information on this process, please let me know!!



CT National Trustee Ken Roach and State Colorguard Commander Dave Perkins were presented with SAR Congress Certificates for having attended 10 National Congresses.



Dec 4 – Last year based on an article published in the Danbury News-Times, I assisted Compatriot Jonathan Phillips of the NYSSAR Society with helping to clean up the Miry Brook cemetery where several of his ancestors are buried. Jon lives in Montgomery NY about an hour away.

So, on Dec 4, I met up with Jon and his son Michael to do a late fall cleanup of the cemetery once again. Chain saws, leaf blowers, rakes, ropes, ladders, etc. Great fun! The cemetery is next to the Danbury Airport.

Jon leaf-blowing in the picture.



Miry Brook Cemetery

Proven Patriots:		
Deacon Benjamin Shove	Sgt. Seth Crofut	Pvt. James Crary
Seth Shove	Sgt. John Ambler	Pvt. Eliasaph Kellogg
	Lt. Lemuel Benedict	Pvt. Comfort Wildman

Signage / Grave Marking

Jon would like to put up a sign at the entrance to the Miry Brook cemetery listing the known patriots and hopes that the Branch would be interested in supporting this project as part of doing something significant on behalf of the 250th anniversary. This would also include installing grave markers on each of the graves.

National Youth Award Participation:



Elementary School Poster Contest: The branch sponsored an elementary school 5th grader from Torrington at the 2022 Congress. They were selected as the Branch & State winner in May. The branch provided a monetary award of $25.00 and certificate. The theme was the Boston Tea Party. Poster as shown right. -> Any school can participate, so consider reaching out to a local school for 2023. See link below for contest rules.

https://www.sar.org/americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest-2/

American History Teacher Award: This year the branch submitted to national both a High School and Middle School History Teacher for this contest. Winners to be announced in Spring 2023. Contest awards up to $5,000 a winning teacher at all levels; High School, Middle School, and Elementary School. See rules link below:

https://www.sar.org/dr-tom-betty-lawrence-american-history-teacher-award/

This is a new award for the CTSSAR to participated in. Both of our selected teachers are from the Carmel, NY school district. As New York does not participate, we were allowed to submit them to represent our Branch and the State. Once again, this is something that any compatriot could do by contacting a local school and providing them with information on the contest.

SAR Annual Dues Reminder!!!

If you have not paid your dues for 2023, please try to do it by the end of December. Should anyone need another copy of their dues notice, please just let me know and I will email you a new one.

Our next Branch Meeting will probably be via a Zoom virtual meeting sometime in late January or February.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! **Note my new email address**

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