Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Report for December 2023 and Year End

2023 Wreaths Across America for December 16

Gen. Israel Putnam Branch

Compatriots Dan Dudley, Todd Gerlander, Mark Sheldon and Don Spencer of the branch color guard detachment (11th Connecticut Regiment) participated in uniform at the event held in Lebanon, CT.

Capt. Nathan Hale Branch

Compatriots Dave Packard and Fred Rivard also participated in uniform at the event in Lebanon.



Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr. Branch

Compatriots Mike Bird, Bill Spring, Martin Spring, Tim Hill, Jon King, John Lilley along with Michaela Spring participated at the event held at the All-Wars Memorial site in Bantam, CT.



General David Humphreys Branch

The branch supported the CT-DAR Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter of Milford in their annual wreath event. Compatriots Ethan Stewart, Jerry Wilson and Bill Lane were in attendance.

Photo Link: https://photos.app.goo.gl/UViUkWa4PF1UmUKU8

This was the 16th year and their largest with over 450 wreaths being laid at Kings Highway Cemetery in Milford. It was supported by Mission BBQ which attended and provided a large donation for the purchasing of wreaths. At the end of the ceremony, Mission BBQ passed out sliders free for the people in attendance.





Capt. Matthew Mead Branch

Compatriots David Wold and Tom Gorin attended the wreath event hosted by the local CT-DAR chapter which also including an event in the Putnam cottage in Greenwich on the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

Local press coverage: Greenwich Freepress WAA





Roger Sherman Branch

Compatriots Pete Kenyon, also a member of the Navy League, along with members of other community & veteran organizations, salutes after laying a wreath in honor of Navy veterans at the Wreaths Across America event in Darien, CT.

Pete joined Roger Sherman Branch members Robert Clark, Edd Eckert, Donn Smith, Dean Gaugler, and Peter Snyder at this annual event.



250th Boston Tea Party in Boston – December 16th

Connecticut SAR Compatriots Derek Brockhoff, Dayne Rugh, Stephen Taylor, Marcus Larkin, Matt Fergione (and son Boston) and Damien Cregeau attended. PG John Dodd and TG Mike Elston in SAR Ball caps.



See more pictures on our Connecticut SAR Facebook site. - https://www.facebook.com/connecticutsar

CT-DAR Tea Party event in New Milford

Compatriots Mike Bird, Bill Spring and Dave Perkins along with Michaela Spring and Pat Perkins supported this CT-DAR Roger Sherman Chapter event dressed as colonists.



News Link: https://www.newmilfordnow.org/headlines?headline=New-Milford-brings-Boston-Tea-Party-to-life-with-re-enactment

SAR Flag Awards presented in December by the Putnam, Humphreys and Roger Sherman branches qualifies the Connecticut SAR to receive the Admiral Furlong Memorial Award at the 2024 Annual Congress.

STATE SOCIETY	**CERTIFICATE RECIPIENT**	**DATE PRESENTED**
Connecticut	Greenfield Hill Grange No. 133 - Fairfield, CT	October 16, 2023
BRANCH	**CERTIFICATE RECIPIENT**	**DATE PRESENTED**
Gen. David Humphreys	Park Rangers of Trumbull Parks & Recreation	December 19, 2023
Gen. Israel Putnam	Ray Bergeron Posthumously to George Senerchia	December 20, 2023 December 23, 2023
Roger Sherman	Jaqueline and Ryan McFayden of Fairfield, CT James Accomando of Fairfield, CT	December 2, 2023 December 2, 2023
Capt. Nathan Hale	***none reported***	
Col. Jeremiah Wadsworth	***none reported***	
Rev. Ebenezer Baldwin	Ridgefield Rotary Club - Ridgefield, CT	July 27, 2023
Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Sr.	***none reported***	
Capt. Matthew Mead	American Legion Post 29 - Greenwich, CT RH Greenwich - Greenwich, CT	March 29, 2023 Veterans Day 2023
Gov. Jonathan Trumbull	***none reported***	

December Flag Awards

On December 23rd, George Senerchia was posthumously awarded the SAR Flag Certificate by Mark Sheldon, President of the Gen. Israel Putnam Branch. See photo to right ->





On December 20th, Ray Bergeron was awarded the SAR Flag Certificate by Mark Sheldon, President of the General Israel Putnam Branch.

Ray is the owner of Eastford Building Supply in Eastford, Connecticut. See photo to left.

The Park Ranger Division of Trumbull Parks & Recreation was awarded the SAR Flag Certificate by the Gen. David Humphreys Branch on December 19th.

The Park Rangers care for seven U.S. Flags in Trumbull, Connecticut.



December Flag Awards continued…

Jaqueline and Ryan McFayden of Fairfield, CT were awarded the SAR Flag Certificate by the **Roger Sherman Branch** on December 2, 2023. Their home survived the burning of Fairfield in July 1779, during General Tyron's raid of the Connecticut Coast. Certificate was presented by branch president Robert Clark. Also attending were Kurt Potter, Dean Gaugler, and Edd Eckert.





Also presented a second Flag Award

James Accomando of Fairfield, CT was awarded the SAR Flag Certificate by the **Roger Sherman Branch** on December 2, 2023.

2024 SAR Calendar

CT Congress Planning Zoom Meeting	January 14	Contact: Chairman Stephen Taylor *Stephenztaylor@gmail.com*
CTSSAR Board of Managers Meeting	February 24	Plainville Library
New England District Meeting	March 23	TBD
CT SAR Annual Meeting	April 27	Casa Mia in Berlin, CT

SAR Annual dues for 2024

To those who have paid their dues, Rich Kendall and I thank you very much! For those who still want to pay, there is time, but in January we will be finalizing our membership list and dropping those who have not paid. If you are in need a replacement **dues invoice,** please send an email to Dave Perkins at DPerkinssr8@gmail.com

All payments should be mailed to Rich Kendall at - PO Box 11370 - Waterbury, CT 06703

Membership Year in Review

Started 2023 with 502 members (includes Dual memberships)

Total New Members:	41	Total Deceased:	-8
Total Transfers In:	2	Total Transferred Out:	-4
Total Reinstated:	12		
Total Dual In:	7		
Total Gain	**62**	**Total Losses**	**-12**

Closed the year with 552 members for a Net Gain of 50 members.

Names of the Deceased	Branch	Date of Death	Date Notified	Birth Yr	Age
Dennis Joseph Murphy	Hale	01/14/2023	04/08/23	1927	96
William Lee Gills	Wadsworth	01/17/2023	1/17/2023	1947	76
Edward N Coffey	At Large	05/08/2023	5/8/2023	1939	84
Timothy Towle Curtis	Hale	05/18/2023	5/18/2023	1942	81
John Robert Cutler	Wadsworth	08/21/2023	8/21/2023	1949	74
Willard Ray Carter	Baldwin	09/04/2023	9/4/2023	1933	90
James Earl Rothgeb	Hale	09/07/2023	9/7/2023	1952	71
Benjamin Alger Bourn	Hale	10/10/2023	10/10/2023	1925	98

End of Year Branch Totals for Primary members only

0	- At large	37
1	- Gen David Humphreys Branch	92
4	- Gen Israel Putnam Branch	30
5	- Roger Sherman Branch	49
6	- Capt Nathan Hale Branch	74
7	- Col Jeremiah Wadsworth Branch	54
9	- Rev Ebenezer Baldwin Branch	53
10	- Gov Oliver Wolcott Branch	97
11	- Capt Matthew Mead Branch	33

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Perkins, Sr.

Connecticut SAR State Secretary

Happy New Year!