



The Connecticut Line

The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

CTSSAR Color Guard Muster Day

Todd L. Gerlander, Brevet-Major Commanding,
New England Contingent SAR

On Saturday, April 5, 2003 the SAR Connecticut Detachments of the New England Contingent SAR will hold their First Annual Muster and Training Day at the Nathan Hale School House in East Haddam, CT.

The Event will run from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM, with the CTSSAR holding Dedication Ceremonies for the new flagpole at 1:00 PM. The New England Contingent SAR has held it's Annual Training Weekend at the Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown, NH. For the past three years, and this year, the Connecticut Detachments have decided to run one of their own, on their own soil.

For the CTSSAR membership, this is your opportunity to come out and see what the SAR Color Guard is all about, and for Branches to learn how to start a Color Guard of their own. Color Guard members from the General Israel Putnam, Governor Oliver Wolcott, and Governor Samuel Huntington Branches will be present to answer any questions you might have on becoming a member of the SAR Color Guard.

The Color Guard is the visible rallying point of the Society, just as it was during the Revolutionary War as stated by Edward W. Richardson, author of, "Standards and Colors of the American Revolution", "The Color bearers and their armed guards. During the American Revolution, the colors of a military unit had a primary role in battlefield control of troops, and provided a visible rallying point. Color bearers were prized targets, therefore, were assigned a guarding force."



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Our Eagle Soars

It was announced by Donald Rowland at the Humphreys Branch Meeting, Monday March 10th, 2003, that Shawn Salamack placed third in the National Eagle Scout Essay contest. At that time shawn received the Branch #1 award.



Shawn's winnings have brought him \$2,750 for his future. \$250 from the Humphreys Branch, \$500 from the CTSSAR, and \$2,000 from the National Society.

He will receive his award from the CTSSAR at our annual meeting on April 19th and the National prize at the National Congress in Chicago.

Don and Shawn have shown that hard work and effort have their rewards.

"The hour is fast approaching, on which the Honor and Success of this army, and the safety of our bleeding Country depend. [[Think "9/11" and future such incidents.]] Remember Officers and Soldiers, that you are Freemen, fighting for the blessings of Liberty -- that slavery will be your portion, and that of your posterity, if you do not acquit yourselves like men." - **George Washington**

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Today the SAR Color Guard is involved in all areas of Living History, whether it's a historical reenactment, or a school presentation. We march in parades, decorate Patriot graves, post colors, and participate in numerous celebrations at historical sites throughout New England from Lexington & Concord, to Bunker Hill and Fort Griswold.

Some of the activities planned for the Muster Day will include musket and military exercises (marching practice for the upcoming Patriot's Day Parades), How to do a school presentation, outdoor cooking, etc.

Please don't let this opportunity pass by, consider joining the team, and help teach and promote the ideals and principles fought for and achieved during the American Revolution to today's generation and tomorrows.

President's Corner

The February 15 event at the Old State House honoring George Washington was a rousing success. Todd Gerlander and his troops did their usual superb job in organizing the event. Compatriot Bill Clotworthy (a charter member of our Roger Sherman branch) traveled from North Carolina to give a talk on Washington's early years and sign copies of his latest book, "In the Footsteps of George Washington". Earlier in the day we held the CTSSAR state meeting.



The highlight was the presentation of the Medal of Appreciation to Gary Pitcock for his efforts to save the Tully House in Old Saybrook and the Patriot Medal to Richard Anderson. The recognition of Richard's tireless efforts on behalf of the CTSSAR has long been due. Richard has helped countless applicants, served as our National Trustee and president of the General David Humphreys Branch. One significant decision coming out of our the meeting was to support the installation of one of the markers that will be placed along the Washington Rochambeau Road. We have selected the Bolton site for the CTSSAR marker.

As we approach the upcoming annual meeting in April (ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED), I would like to remind the state officers, committee chairman and branch officers to send in their respective annual reports so we can have a statewide compilation to hand out. Please forward those reports to me by April 10.

Our state achieved a milestone this year with the naming of our state Eagle Scout winner, Shawn Salamack, as second runner-up in the National competition. We will recognize Shawn, his family and his Scout leaders at the April meeting. Shawn's essay was outstanding and it is worth attending our meeting if for nothing else but to hear his paper. We also need to salute Don Rowland for his enormous effort to grow this program and gain the support of the Boy Scout Councils. We could not have reached this year's milestone without Don's leadership in this program.

On April 5, we will be dedicating a new flag pole at the Nathan Hale School House in East Haddam at 1:00. Compatriot Frank Romig has generously underwritten the cost of the new pole and it will be dedicated in honor of his son. We strongly encourage all members to attend.

As we approach what seems to be inevitable war with the enemies of our country, let us give thanks for our way of life and pray for the swift completion of the mission our armed forces are about to undertake. I hope to see you on April 19.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dean".

Dean H. Gaugler
President, CTSSAR

W3R Marker Approved

At the Washington's Birthday meeting, our state society approved to pay for one of the interpretive markers. This is just one of many markers that need funding in order to be placed along the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R). Other patriotic societies and individuals are also making donations for other markers.

Our marker will be placed at the Camp #5 site in Bolton. This is the location of one of the many camp sites that were used by the French as they passed through Connecticut on their way to Yorktown. The marker will explain the significance of the site to visitors with pictures and text. Our society will be recognized on the marker for our contribution.



The total cost of each marker is \$1500. The CTSSAR pledged the first \$500. During the meeting, the Humphreys Branch pledged \$500 and Dick Anderson put in another \$50. A few weeks later the Huntington Branch donated \$200 for the project. We only need \$250 more to fully finance this marker.

More of the markers are needed through the state. If more funds are donated from our membership, we could select an additional site to be marked. If you or your branch would like to contribute, please contact our treasurer, Jeff Hessler at jeffrey.hessler@snet.net or 860-669-9381.

Flag Award a Great Success

In the last issue of the newsletter, information was given about the flag award program. Dick Anderson was asking for the local branches to participate, so that we could honor the patriots in our communities and to win the national streamer at the upcoming national congress in Chicago.

What a great response from everyone. Eight of our ten branches presented awards and let Dick know about it. Over the years branches have been giving this award but haven't always let anyone know about it outside of their branch. Like the tree falling in the woods, does it really make a sound?



Please continue to present the award to worthy recipients and let Dick know about it for next year's contest.

Pictured is Gary Pitcock of the Putnam Branch presenting the award to Jeff H. of Fuss & O'Neill.

Upcoming Events

Color Guard / Living History Unit Muster Day

Apr. 5, 9am
Nathan Hale School House
East Haddam, CT
Contact: SAR Color Guard

Flag Pole Dedication

Apr. 5, 1pm
Nathan Hale School House
East Haddam, CT
Contact: SAR Color Guard

CTSSAR Meeting

Apr. 19, 10am
George's Restaurant
Vernon, CT
Contact: Ben Thomas

Patriot's Day Parades

Apr. 21
Concord, MA &
Lexington, MA
Contact: SAR Color Guard

Grave Marking Ceremony for Maj Gen William Hart

May 10, 1:30pm
Cypress Cemetery
Old Saybrook, CT
Contact: Heath Herel

Putnam Park Encampment

May 31 - Jun 1
Putnam Memorial State Park
Redding, CT
Contact: SAR Color Guard

CTSSAR 4th of July Cookout

Jul. 4, 1pm
Nathan Hale School House
East Haddam, CT
Contact: Stephen Shaw

SAR Annual Congress

Jul. 5 - 9
Chicago, IL
Contact: Dick Anderson

CTSSAR Meeting

Sep. 13, 10am
Torrington, CT
Contact: Ben Thomas

SNET's Free Money

The CTSSAR is participating in the SNET Community Connections program. Now, when you sign up with SNET for all your long-distance calling - or confirm that you're already using SNET All Distance, the Connecticut SAR will get 5% of your monthly long distance bill.

So far with only about 40 members participating, we've been handed almost \$500. The more members that participate the better for us and our programs.

Signing up is easy. Just call SBC/SNET at 1-800-635-7638, or sign up on the web at <http://www04.sbc.com/content/0,,163,00.html>. Our organization code is # 3585.

If you know of other phone companies that have similar programs, contact Stephen Shaw at stephen@whoistheoldguy.com or 860-916-1804.

Annual CTSSAR Directory

The directory will be out soon. If you have an address, phone number, or email address change, please let us know. The more up to date it is the more useful it is. Please check or confirm.

Real Property Season and Projects

The season is getting ready to start for our historic buildings. As you should know, we as members own and maintain the War Office in Lebanon and the Nathan Hale Schoolhouses in East Haddam and New London. The War Office in Lebanon and the New London Schoolhouse rely on us as members to have them open from May to Sept so that students and tourists can learn about their importance and more about the Revolution.

If you'd like to volunteer as a docent to open either of your buildings, please contact Ted Nelson at ted@tjnelsonhomes.com or 860-444-6771.

Heath Herel and Stephen Shaw are currently working on the Lebanon Consortium Project to research the War Office. They have found some great stuff already. One of the big parts of the project will be to go through the minutes of the 1100+ Council of Safety meetings that were held there and elsewhere. If you want to help, contact either Heath at 860-434-2202 or Stephen.

Mike Juhase and Burt Chapman have volunteered to power wash and repaint the East Haddam Schoolhouse in the coming months. Cleanup of more dead trees on the property overlooking the river will continue as well.

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The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
~ Patriot's Day Luncheon ~

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2003

In Honor of the Brave American Patriots who stood against the British Regulars at Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775, and who fired the Shot heard round the World.
"They Nobly Dar'd to be Free" – Rev. Jonas Clarke

George's Steak-Seafood-Prime Rib Restaurant
51 Hartford Turnpike, Rte. 30/83
Vernon, Connecticut

10:30 AM – CTSSAR Board of Managers Meeting (All members welcome)
11:30 AM – SOCIAL (Cash Bar available)
12:00 PM – CTSSAR Patriot's Day Luncheon (Members and their wives are encouraged to attend)

BUFFET LUNCH - ALL YOU CAN EAT

Salad Bar, Always at least twenty items. Fresh Baked Bread, Two Hot Soups, Ten Hot Entree Items, Dessert Bar with choices of Cakes, Ice Cream, Puddings, Pies and Mousses, Coffee.

\$20.00 Per Person

PROGRAM: Being that this is Patriot's Day, The Society will mark the Graves of Six Patriots of the American Revolution at a nearby Cemetery immediately following the Patriot's Day Luncheon. Color Guard members are requested to attend in uniform.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 12

Name: _____
Number in your party _____
Amount Enclosed _____

Please mail to:

Jeffrey Hessler
11 Bonny Lane
Clinton, CT 06413

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CTSSAR

DIRECTIONS TO GEORGE'S RESTAURANT

EASTBOUND:

Take I-84 East to Exit 63

Turn LEFT at light at end of Exit Ramp.

You are now on Hartford Turnpike.

George's Restaurant will be on your LEFT approximately 1 mile.

WESTBOUND:

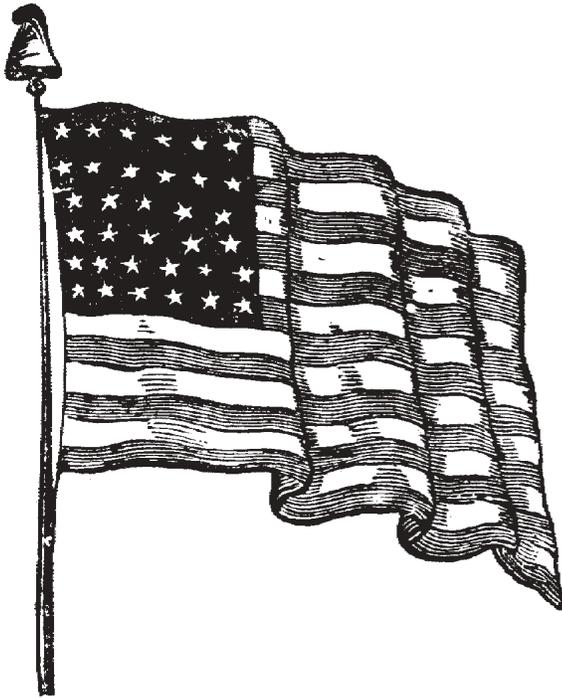
Take I-84 WEST to Exit 64

Turn RIGHT at end of Exit Ramp.

Turn RIGHT at first traffic light.

You are now on Hartford Turnpike.

George's Restaurant will be on your RIGHT approx. half mile.



4th of July Cookout

at the

Nathan Hale
Schoolhouse

in East Haddam, CT

1pm until whenever

Independence Day wouldn't be the same without a cookout, so come and join your fellow compatriots as we celebrate the holiday.

Bring your family and friends and a chair too. Someone must have a frisbee that needs dusting off.

It's completely potluck, so there's no charge. Please bring something because we don't want to run out of food.

The usual items will be needed, such as: a grill, paper plates, utensils, cups, soda, condiments, potato salad, pasta salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, ice, trash bags, coolers, and lots of desserts.

Be there to hear the church bell ring 13 times at 2pm and to enjoy the river views that are being opened up around the schoolhouse.

If you volunteer to bring one of the main items, please be early.

RSVP to: Stephen Shaw, PO Box 440, East Haddam, CT 06423
860-916-1804 or stephen@whoistheoldguy.com

Name: _____ Number of People: _____

Phone #: _____ Stephen will call to confirm what you're bringing.

What do you want to bring? (1st and 2nd choice): _____

From Greenwich Area:

Take route 95N to route 9N

Once on route 9N take exit 7 (route 82E - this is a long exit ramp)

At the end of the ramp (at stop sign) take a left (route 82E)

At light take a right (following route 82E)

Just after crossing the Haddam/East Haddam Bridge,
take left fork onto 149N.

At the top of the hill, take a left into the St. Stephens Church parking lot.
The schoolhouse is directly behind the church.

From New London Area:

Take route 95S to route 9N

Once on route 9N take exit 7 (route 82E - this is a long exit ramp)

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