



# The Connecticut Line

*The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution*

## Connecticut is Number 1

On July 9, 2007 at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia, the NSSAR 117th Continental Congress held its youth awards luncheon. The audience of greater than 500 people witnessed presentations and awards to and by various youth recipients that included the Americanism Contest, the Rumbaugh Orations, the JROTC Contest, the Knight Essay, and the Eagle Scout Scholarship & Recognition Program.

Our state of Connecticut was proudly recognized when Eagle Scout Chuck McBride of Troop 39 of Westport, Connecticut came forward to read his essay "Sons of Liberty" and accept his 1st place award of \$8,000. This event was significant in that it marked the first time that Connecticut had won the 1st place award at the National level.

To win at the national level, Chuck had to win both at the Connecticut (CTSSAR) state and branch levels before entering into the national level competition.

At the luncheon, Connecticut representation included Eagle Scout Chuck McBride, Judith and Charles McBride (mother and father), CTCCAR President Rev Dr Robert Gerry Carroon, VPG George Cronk and his wife, Anastasia, CTSSAR Eagle Scout program Chairman Timothy Wilkins and his wife, Mary. Chuck McBride will be attending Boston College fall of 2007.



## A Great Compatriot

The Connecticut Society mourns the loss of its dear old friend for many years, Richard E. Anderson. Dick, as he was affectionately known by his wife Joan and many friends, served the Connecticut Society as its National Trustee since 1999. He and Joan were known by compatriots from all across the country and will be severely missed by all. They attended National Congresses long before Dick took the job of Trustee; when he was the Registrar for the David Humphreys Branch.

Dick was a quiet sort of guy who took on projects that interested him and stuck with them until they were accomplished. He had a great dry sense of humor. I remember one occasion when I chaired a meeting in Louisville of the new W3R committee. I showed a video tape done by Hans DePold with three presidents discussing the subject, made up of Cincinnati, DAR and SAR. The audio part of the tape was in such poor condition that it was almost impossible to understand it. The audience included the President General, two past Presidents General and my guest, the Trustee of the French Society. On its completion Dick suggested that if I do that again I use subtitles. After a moment of contemplation we all broke out in hysteric laughter.



If you lost him at a Congress and wondered where he might be, you looked for a piano, and chances were that you would find him entertaining a crowd. I will think of Dick whenever I am at a Congress and stumble upon an empty piano. God Bless you Dick, I know you are keeping them entertained up there.

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### Deadlines

Jan. 1st            Mar. 1st  
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## New Compatriots

Howard Elmer Wayland  
Peter Brook Rockholz  
Wesley Gardner Rockholz  
Bruce Turner Cunard  
Peter Rafe Williams  
Ralph Clement Greene  
William Corey Fothergill  
Tod Carter Raynor

## In Memorium

Richard Edward Anderson  
Herbert Bailey Barrell  
Frederic Edwin Blackman  
George Stanford Browne  
Philip Hardin Cass  
Stanley Hastings Chapman  
Herbert Davis  
Walter Albert Green  
Philip Howard Hall  
Richard Irving Kretschmar  
Loren Wilbert Marvin  
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## From The President's Saddle Bag

Compatriots:

Once again thanks for electing me President of the CTSSAR for the 2007-2008 term. I am confident that, together, we can do the kind of work which will benefit the CTSSAR in the year ahead. Many thanks to Col. Todd Gerlander for his outstanding leadership during the past year and his continued command of the Color Guard. Huzzah!

I represented the CTSSAR at the 117th Annual Congress of the NSSAR in Williamsburg, along with Tim Wilkins and George Cronk. As reported elsewhere in the Connecticut Line, the high point for our Society was the National Eagle Scout Award. Not only did our candidate receive the scholarship and certificate but the Connecticut Society received a handsome statuette of a bald eagle which is awarded to the Society sponsoring the winning candidate. Congratulations to our Eagle Scout Committee for their hard work and to all of us who support this outstanding program in all of our Branches.

The Annual Congress was the largest in the history of the SAR as far as anyone knows, with around 500 delegates and guests. There were many excellent programs many on the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown and I was pleased to see so many friends and acquaintances in attendance. The tour to Yorktown was a highlight for me as one of my ancestors, Ensign Ozias Goodrich, 1st Connecticut Continental Line, carried the American flag in the assault on redoubt No. 10. At risk of life and limb I climbed up to where he stood at the close of the action. The President General was most complimentary to the Connecticut Society when he mentioned in his report that, although he was unable to visit us this year, he always looked forward with great interest to receiving the Connecticut Line and read it with great care. So congratulations are in order to Stephen Shaw for his excellent production. Congratulations also to Stephen for winning the Florence Kendall Award for recruiting the most new members and also for winning the Liberty Award. Our late Compatriot, Richard Anderson, also won the Liberty Award for recruiting ten new members. Dick will be sorely missed by all of us in the SAR and the other patriotic organizations in which he participated, most especially the Society of the Descendants of the War of 1812, which, he always reminded us was the Second War for American Independence.

As I mentioned in my remarks at the annual meeting in April, our theme for this year is, and must be, our state hero, Captain Nathan Hale, and the work in building a visitors center in East Haddam and the work on the school house there and in New London. While we have done very well in our fundraising we need to do much more to achieve our goal of \$170,000. All of you have received the brochure and pledge envelope and many of you have contributed generously, however more needs to be done. If you have not contributed to Nathan's campaign fund won't you do so now? If you have, would you consider an additional gift? As you know your contribution is tax deductible and will mean so much to our children who are the real recipients of the story we must tell of Connecticut's greatest patriot so that the story of what price was paid to secure our independence will never be forgotten.

Patriotically,  
Robert G. Carroon, President

## Upcoming Events

### **226th of Groton Heights**

September 2nd 1:00pm  
Fort Griswold  
Groton, CT

### **250th Birthday of Lafayette**

September 6th 2:30pm  
Lafayette Statue across from Capital  
Hartford, CT

### **250th Anniversary of the Birth of the Marquis de Lafayette**

September 8th  
War Office  
Lebanon, CT

### **Application/Genealogy Workshop**

September 15th 10am - 2pm  
Bridgeport Public Library  
Bridgeport, CT

### **Opening of 1776 America's Musical**

September 28th  
Goodspeed Opera House  
East Haddam, CT

### **Connecticut SAR Meeting**

September 29th  
Colonial Times Restaurant,  
Hamden, CT

### **7th Annual Color Guard Training Weekend**

October 6th thru Sunday 7th  
Fort at No. 4  
Charlestown, NH

### **Massing of the Colors**

October 21st 3pm  
First Church of Christ  
West Hartford, CT

### **Connecticut SAR Meeting**

November 17th 10am  
Somers Inn Restaurant  
Somers, CT

The complete schedule is at:  
[www.ConnecticutSAR.org](http://www.ConnecticutSAR.org)

## The Connecticut Line Grand Encampment

In July, the CTSSAR Living History/Color Guard unit, "The Connecticut Line" held its first annual GRAND ENCAMPMENT at the Gov. Trumbull House/Wadsworth Stable in Lebanon. The event was a success with 13 compatriots participating from the Putnam, Huntington and Mead Branches.

We were able to set up a large encampment with a good number of tents. We demonstrated 18th century military drill and musket firing, and roasted our dinner on a colonial spit over the fire. It was another great opportunity for the public to see how soldiers lived during the American Revolution. Special thanks to the Connecticut DAR for allowing us to set up on the site.

Upcoming events include: the ceremonies at Fort Griswold, the 250th Anniversary of the Birth of Lafayette (In Hartford 9/6 and at the War Office 9/8), The Connecticut Day Parade at the BIG E, Windham's Time Line Encampment, and the Hartford Veteran's Day Parade.

Members interested in joining the Color Guard, please contact me.

Todd L. Gerlander  
Color Guard Commander



## “Vis Unita Fortior”

“Vis Unita Fortior” “In Unity Strength is Stronger” is a Latin phrase that appears throughout history in many forms and places. In the era of the American Revolution it was used by the revolutionary leader, Samuel Adams, in an article he wrote under the pen name “Candidus” in the Boston Gazette, September 16, 1771. “...Vis Unita Fortior—that union of the colonies in their common danger, by which they become powerful was the occasion of greatest perplexity to their enemies on both sides of the atlantick: and it has been ever since their constant endeavor by all manner of arts to destroy it. In this, it must be confessed, they have discovered a unanimity, perseverance worthy to be imitated by those who are embarked in the cause of American freedom-it is by united councils, a steady zeal, and a manly fortitude, that this continent must expect to recover its violated rights and liberties.” Following the successful conclusion of the War for Independence the motto was part of the early seal of the State of New Hampshire.

This motto should mean a great deal to the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. First of all it is the motto of the Hale family and thus of our state hero, Nathan Hale. Second, in 1964, at the Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut, the Lafayette Class Nuclear Submarine SBBN 623 was commissioned and christened the U.S.S. Nathan Hale. The boat's motto which appears on its coat of arms is “VIS UNITA FORTIOR.” This motto was carried by the U.S.S. Nathan Hale



# Hale Branch Awards

On Saturday, 12 May 2007, at 9:30 a.m., Nathan Hale Branch, CTSSAR, awarded two \$500.00 scholarships for essays of from 700 to 1000 words on the subject of the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution.

Sara Forster, a senior at Ledyard High School, entitled her essay Benedict Arnold: Connecticut's Fallen Hero. Sara plans to attend Swarthmore College in PA but has not yet decided upon what her major will be.

A senior at Waterford High School, Alyssa Smith's essay had as its title The Declaration of Independence and What is an American. Alyssa has plans to attend Babson Institute in Boston, majoring in business.

The presentation took place at the historic Nathan Hale School House in New London which is owned by CTSSAR. A continental breakfast followed the presentation.

Pictured are: Nathan Hale Branch president. Greg Peck, Sara Forster, Alyssa Smith, and branch vice-president Harry Clarke. Nathan Hale Branch is very proud of these two girls, and we all wish them well in their college endeavors.



over and under the seas of the world for twenty-two years until her decommissioning in 1986.

As we move into the 21st Century many challenges and opportunities await the Sons of the American Revolution in Connecticut. We can successfully meet these opportunities if we adhere to the principles expressed in Nathan Hale's motto "Vis Unita Fortior." Nothing is truer than in unity strength is stronger. Our primary challenge at the moment is to successfully complete the fund drive for the Nathan Hale school houses. If we all contribute then we shall be united and in that strength shall be even stronger. Let, then, our motto be "VIS UNITA FORTIOR." If you have not made a contribution please consider doing so; if you have already done so can you make an additional gift so that our goal may be achieved.

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The Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution  
~ **Nathan Hale Memorial Meeting** ~

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007**

In Memory of Nathan Hale's execution on September 22, 1776, we will celebrate his eternal sacrifice. Before he became the first spy to be killed during the American Revolution, he uttered the immortal words "I only regret that I have only one life to lose for my country".



**Colonial Tymes**  
**2389 Dixwell Avenue**  
**Hamden, CT**  
**203-230-2301**

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**11:30 AM – Meeting** (All members welcome)  
**12:30 PM – Luncheon** (Members and their wives are encouraged to attend)  
**2:00 PM – Stephen Marshall, the Historic House Guy will tell us about his findings during the restoration at the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse.**

**Menu**

Mixed Greens Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing  
Chowder of the day  
Choice of 2 entrees: Atlantic Salmon with sundried tomato pesto crust  
with Chardonnay sauce  
Roasted Pork Loin with Port wine cranberry demi-glaze  
Potato Anna and mixed seasonable vegetables  
Tiramisu  
Coffee or tea

**\$25.00 Per Person - Luncheon reservations must be received by September 22nd**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entree \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Entree \_\_\_\_\_  
Number in your party \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Bruce Lyon  
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## Directions To Colonial Tymes

### Coming from Hartford:

Take the Wilbur Cross Parkway, Route 15, heading south towards New York. Take Exit 60, turn left at the end of the exit onto Dixwell Avenue. Stay on Dixwell Avenue for approximately .8 miles. Colonial Tymes will be on your right.

### Coming from New York:

Take the Wilbur Cross Parkway, Route 15, heading north towards Hartford. Take Exit 60, turn left at the end of the exit onto Dixwell Avenue and follow for approximately 1 mile. Colonial Tymes will be on your right.

### Coming from New Haven:

Take 91 North toward Hartford. Take Exit 10, Hamden Exit. \*On exit ramp bear right and take Exit 1. At the end of the exit take a left onto Devine Street. At the next traffic light take a left onto Hartford Turnpike. Follow to Skiff Street intersection and take a right onto Skiff Street. Follow Skiff until you come to Dixwell Avenue intersection. Townfair Tires will be on your right. Take a right onto Dixwell Avenue. Colonial Tymes will be on your right.

### Coming from Hartford on 91 South:

Take Exit 10, Hamden Exit, Starting with \*Continue with above directions.

