

Proposal to Honor the 250th
Anniversary of the United States with
a Patriots Marker at Fort Stamford

Stamford DAR Chapter

We are the Stamford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

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- The DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.
- For more than a century, the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution have dedicated themselves to historical preservation, promotion of education, and encouragement of patriotic endeavor.
- Most of DAR's volunteer work is accomplished by the grassroots efforts of chapters on the local level which focus on the mission areas of DAR by encouraging members to become involved in these initiatives in their local communities.

The DAR Stamford Chapter has a long history of partnering with the City of Stamford to commemorate historic sites

The DAR sponsored the original Fort Stamford marker:

“To mark the site near by of Fort Stamford, built and garrisoned for the defense of the people in these parts in the War for American Independence, Erected by Stamford Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Sept. 14, A.D. 1926”



The DAR also sponsored the Founders Rock at Veterans Park:

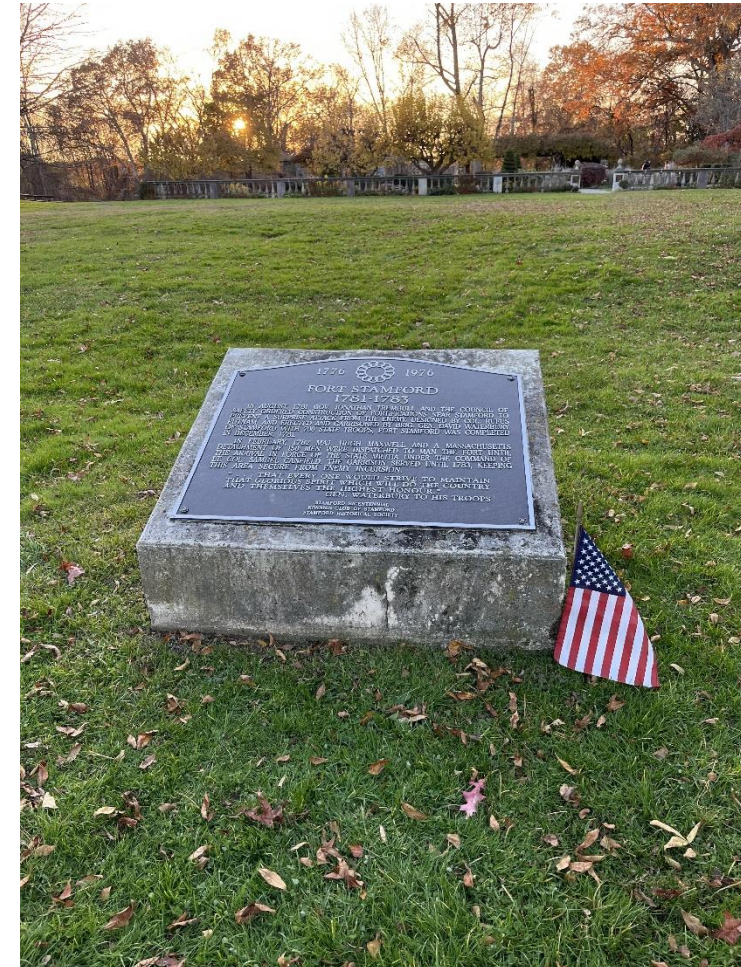
“This tablet has been placed by Stamford Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to commemorate the Settlement of Stamford in 1641.

During that year, twenty-nine men and their families came from Wethersfield to this place. Imbued with the spirit of the founders of New England, they built a permanent and enduring settlement of landowners and freemen. The eleventh colony to be founded in Connecticut.”

Erected 1931 by the Stamford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution



A marker was also placed at Fort Stamford to honor the bicentennial in 1976 by the Stamford Bicentennial, Kiwanis Club of Stamford & Stamford Historical Society



In July 2026, the United States will mark its 250th anniversary

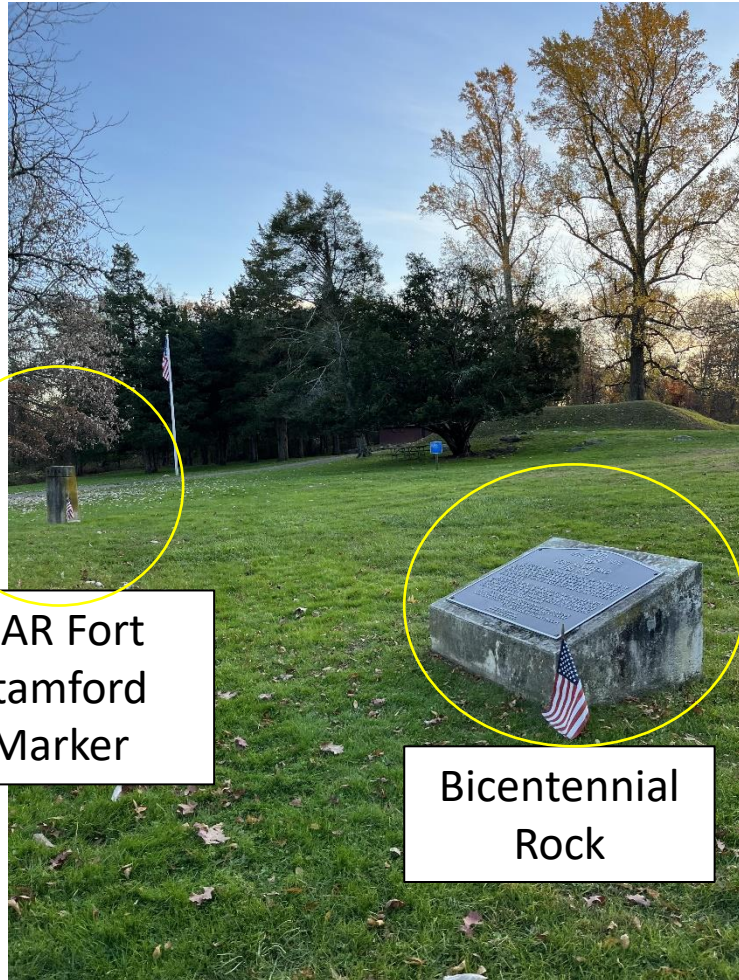
- Much like the Bicentennial celebration of 1976, this observance provides an exceptional opportunity for DAR chapters to work to leave a lasting impact on their communities through meaningful local projects and events during this anniversary.
- **The DAR America 250 Patriots Marker project commemorates the 250th anniversary of the United States by placing at key historic sites to commemorate the men and women who achieved American independence.**
- We hope that these new markers will also become sources of pride for local communities to celebrate the brave Patriots who founded our nation – and a reminder of the importance of emulating their conviction, courage and cooperation toward national unity.

The Stamford DAR has raised funds to purchase this marker, and we are seeking permission to permanently install at Fort Stamford

It is a 30" x 30" bronze sign, designed to be stand-alone, mounted on a post with cap



The plaque could be placed behind either rock or have its own dedicated spot in between; the American flag already has a marker honoring the Iraq war



DAR Fort Stamford Marker

Bicentennial Rock

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If we are granted appropriate approvals, we would partner with the respective city agencies to bring this vision to life

- The plaques will be ordered from a DAR-approved vendor.
- These items are necessary:
 1. A precise description of where the marker is to be located, ideally including sketches, photographs and/or maps of the site.
 2. A written statement authorizing installation of the marker from the property owner/custodian of land where the marker is to be placed; that signed letter must be dated within the past year and cite the authority to grant permission.
- We can partner with Stamford Garden Club to landscape the area around the marker

Thank you for your time!