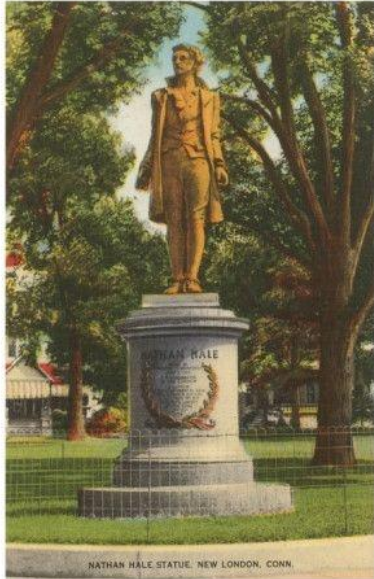


THE FRIENDS OF FORT TRUMBULL ANNOUNCE THE FIRST OF THEIR 2016 SERIES OF SPEAKERS

On April 28, 2016, The Friends of Fort Trumbull will present Beverly York, the first speaker in the 2016 series: **HISTORICAL NOTABLES OF NEW LONDON COUNTY-Patriots, Philanthropists, and Patrons of the Arts.** Ms. York will discuss Nathan Hale and the Nathan Hale Homestead.



Ms. York serves as the part-time educator at the Windham Textile & History Museum in Willimantic. For fifteen years, she has been a history adjunct instructor at Quinebaug Valley Community College. In past years, York has served as the Director of the Windham Textile and History Museum and the site administrator of the Nathan Hale Homestead in Coventry. Her lecture will include an interactive and visual approach, utilizing primary source materials to enhance the educational and entertainment experience.

Nathan Hale, born in Coventry in 1755, was accepted to Yale University in 1768 at the age of 13. Graduating with first-class honors, in 1773, he became a teacher first in East Haddam and later in new London.

Those of us in the New London area have long been familiar with the Nathan Hale School House in New London and its peripatetic movements. It now can be visited at 19 Atlantic Street, New London on Wed.-Sun: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Opened May thru. Oct.
<http://www.connecticutsar.org>



When the Revolutionary War began, Nathan joined a Connecticut militia. During the Battle of Long Island, Hale volunteered to go behind enemy lines and report on British troop movements, even though he knew that spies-if caught-would be hung as illegal combatants. In 1776, after his capture, he was hung without a trial by the British. At Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, a statue bears his reputed last words, “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country”.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center, 90 Walbach Street, New London, CT at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this free presentation. New members are always welcome. Come early as seating is limited.