

Connecticut State Hero
NATHAN HALE
Captain
Knowlton's Connecticut Rangers
Continental Army

On October 1, 1985, by an act of the General Assembly and the efforts of the Nathan Hale Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Nathan Hale officially became Connecticut's State Hero.

Born in Coventry, on June 6, 1755, and educated at Yale University. Hale served as a school master until he was commissioned as a Captain in the Continental Army, in 1775. In September of 1776, at General George Washington's request for a volunteer, Nathan Hale crossed enemy lines to gather information as to the strength and plans of the British. Caught while returning, he was hanged as a spy on September 22, 1776, without benefit of trial.

Captain Hale's dedication to duty and country is enshrined in the immortal words "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." By every action of his short life, Hale exemplified the highest ideals of patriotism.



44th ANNUAL
NATHAN HALE
DAY CEREMONY
CONNECTICUT STATE
CAPITOL HARTFORD

Monday June 8, 2026
12:00 PM

Arranged and conducted by
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Connecticut

★ PROGRAM ★

44th Annual
NATHAN HALE DAY CEREMONY

Conducted by
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Kellett, Master of Ceremonies
Department Commander
The American Legion, Department of Connecticut

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes and Drums

INVOCATION

Thomas Honyotski
Chaplain
The American Legion, Department of Connecticut

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All Recite

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Master of Ceremonies Kellett

INTRODUCTION OF AMERICANISM COMMISSION

Master of Ceremonies Kellett

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Master of Ceremonies Kellett

ADDRESS

Lachlan Blair – Department Oratorical
Contestant

BENEDICTION

Thomas Honyotski
Chaplain
The American Legion, Department of Connecticut

PATRIOTIC MUSIC

Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes and Drums

SALUTE TO THE COLORS

All Render Appropriate Honors