

# CT 1776: A Revolutionary Event

## *The Connecticut Conference of America 250*

Central Connecticut State University  
Alumni Hall, Student Center  
Friday and Saturday, March 20-21, 2026  
<https://www.ccsu.edu/event/ct-1776-revolutionary-event>



## Conference Timeline – Day 1 Friday, March 20, 2026

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**7:45-8:30 a.m. – Registration**

**8:30 a.m. – Welcome and Introduction**

**8:45 a.m.**

### **ACT 1 – January-July 1776 – The Dawn of Liberty**

- The Music of Revolution – Richard Franklin Donohue
- Common Sense – Luke Boyd
- Instructing CT's Continental Congressional Delegation – Matt Warshauer
- The Declaration: A Reading – Howard Wright

**9:50 a.m. – Break – 10 minutes**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **ACT 2 – July-December 1776 – The Scourge of War**

- The Music of Revolution – Richard Franklin Donohue
- The Continental Line – Dave Naumec
- Black Soldiers – John Mills
- Indigenous Soldiers – Michael Kicking Bear Johnson

**11:05 a.m. – Break – 10 minutes**

**11:15 a.m.**

- Joseph Martin Plumb – Matt Vallier
- Women Respond – Rebecca Bayreuther Donohue
- The CT Clergy – Nora Howard

**12:15 p.m. – Break for lunch – 1 hour**

**1:15 p.m.**

**ACT 2 Continued.**

- Nathan Hale – Anne Marie Charland
- Noah Webster – Jeff Mainville
- CT Deserters – Dana Meyer
- Tories and New Gate Prison – Morgan Bengel

**2:35 p.m. – Break – 10 minutes**

**2:45 p.m. -**

**ACT 3 – 1777 and on – The Long Battle for Independence**

- The Music of Revolution – Richard Franklin Donohue
- The Reality of War – Dave Naumec
- The Burning of Danbury/Ridgefield – Keith Marshall Jones
- The Raid on Middlesex Parish (Darien), 1781 – Tom Balcerski
- Benedict Arnold – Matt Reardon

**3:55 p.m. – Break – 10 minutes**

**4:05 p.m. – Grand Finale: John Trumbull’s War – Walt Woodward**

**5:00 p.m. – Conference Ends**

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**Prepare for Day 2!!** With a deeper dive into subjects raised on Day 1 as well as a variety of additional presentations. The Day 2 outline is forthcoming.