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Celebrating Our Achievements

As we write this message to you, we are fast approaching the culmination of the work of the Watkins Millennium Administration. The success of our Administration is due to the dedication and hard work of many. This special issue is a tribute to the outstanding achievements of Daughters across the country, as well as our headquarters staff. When we assumed the responsibility of leadership in April 2001, we accepted the challenge to reverse the trend of declining membership and to address the growing financial concerns of a 21st-century organization.

Working together, we formulated a plan to increase membership and revenue development. The staff at our national headquarters was asked to improve customer service, while striving for even greater productivity. Its expertise and dedication has made this a reality with numerous new procedures successfully in place in all departments. Our national committees also rose to the challenge and reinvented many of our programs, making them more relevant to today’s membership. With the implementation of a full-time public relations department, the National Society provided much-needed support to enhance and promote these programs, as well as to revitalize and promote membership. The results are now evident as we have realized the first membership increase in more than a decade. With the digitization of the genealogical records, we have prepared the way for the marketing of our genealogical resources around the world.

Please take the time to read the numerous accomplishments that NSDAR has made during the past three years. From the headquarters staff to the national committees, the states and the chapters, we have witnessed a dedicated and coordinated effort to succeed in the challenges placed before us in 2001. Those challenges were met and success is now a reality.

As members, we can each be proud to have played a part in preserving the strength and purpose of our National Society. We hope to see you at Continental Congress in July 2004 as we celebrate our achievements for God, Home and Country.

Faithfully,

[Signature]

Linda Tinker Watkins
President General, NSDAR

Office of the Chaplain General

Necrology Report

The National Society regrets the deaths of the following:

Marion Watson Chase (Mrs. Carl A.) on September 28, 2003, in Meredith, N.H. Mrs. Chase served as State Regent of New Hampshire from 1971-1974 and was a member of Mary Butler Chapter.


Patience Elwood Towe (Mrs. Joseph W.) on January 25, 2004, in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Towe served as Curator General from 1986-1989 and as State Regent of Missouri from 1982-1984. She was a member of Jefferson Chapter.
quickly completed, saving time and postage expense.

For the first time, this office has been totally computerized. President General Watkins installed computers and Internet access in the executive office. All correspondence from the President General's office is handled electronically and filed digitally. This is more cost effective and allows for more efficient storage. E-mail allows instantaneous communication to any level of the National Society, from national executives to chapter members. It has eliminated the need for many bulk mailings and reduced postage expenses. Some significant examples include:

- Communication with all members of the National Board of Management (NBM) through e-mail.
- By means of electronic voting, the NBM can address the business of the National Society between its regularly scheduled board meetings.
- A comprehensive e-mail database was created, allowing e-mail communication to leadership throughout the National Society.
- Computerized templates have allowed the office to quickly produce numerous form letters appropriate to the diverse requests of this office.
- Electronic templates of the Congress program and the President General's scripts for presiding save time in preparing for Congress. Until now, the Congress program had always been reconstructed from year to year.

Reorganization

The Office of the President General was completely reorganized to provide much-needed structure and standard operating procedures (SOPs). A written SOP was developed for each position in the executive office to provide detailed job functions necessary for the primary projects of this office. This has aided in standardizing documents to maintain a professional, consistent format. The process for making the more than 1,500 national committee assignments was fully computerized for the first time. Through e-mail, invitations and responses were effective. The President General keeps the Executive Committee, as well as other pertinent parties, informed of various issues on a daily-to-weekly basis via e-mail. A detailed schedule for National Board of Management meetings is sent electronically to board members, as well as participating chairmen. This gives advance notice for making travel plans and responding to scheduled board events.

Communication With State Organizations and Chapters

For the first time, state conferences have had the option of a video greeting from the President General. E-mail has also allowed immediate communication between the President General's office and the hostess states in arranging official visits. Personal biographies, photos and other information are easily transmitted to conference chairmen. The President General's speeches are also available electronically so that all states can share the information with their chapters. Announcements have been quickly disseminated to members around the world through the Members' Web Site.

Cost-Saving and Efficiency Through Technology

Examples of new procedures taking advantage of technology include:

- Creation of the NSDAR Directory as an extraction from the main DAR member database has saved secretarial time and expense. Relying on a central database, changes in member information are realized throughout the system. Prior to this Administration, the NSDAR Directory was manually compiled. Beginning in 2002, the directory's information was downloaded from the main DAR database.
- The National Information Packet (NIP) is now compiled from electronic submissions from each national chairman. This expedites the staff's work of editing and preparing to print.
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- The Master Questionnaire has been redesigned and computerized for easier distribution and completion. The new format helps chairmen in the tallying and compilation process.

President General’s Project
The President General acknowledges all major gifts given to the project. In addition to the recognition of individual donors, this office prepares certificates for states and chapters attaining 100 percent participation in this project. A special computer report, developed by the National Chairman, helps track chapter and state contributions toward this goal.

The Work of the NSDAR Administrator
The Administrator supports the President General in managing the daily operations of the national headquarters. He supervises the work of all department heads and assists Human Resources with employee issues. The Administrator coordinates with the Controller to manage the department budgets. He oversees and prepares all contracts for approval by the President General. The Administrator is also responsible for guiding the disaster recovery and prevention plan.

Customer Service
Emphasis has been placed on improved customer service at NSDAR headquarters. Assisting the membership with queries prompted the development of an “Issues and Topics” list. This list helps to explain the function of each office and directs the members to the appropriate office contact. This information helps alleviate the frustration of members in dealing with such a large national headquarters.

Public Relations Department
One of the most important achievements of the Watkins Millennium Administration has been the creation of the first full-time Public Relations Department. By taking a proactive approach in communications, the National Society has moved forward in its goal to introduce a new image of DAR. In her quest to increase membership, President General Watkins stressed the necessity to address the old stereotype of the organization and refocus its image.

“Our aim has been to interest younger women, career women, and busy mothers and grandmothers. It was important to show that DAR is an organization that is relevant in today’s society,” says President General Watkins. “Today’s women want to feel that their time and commitment to any organization enhance their lives and that they are truly making a difference in their communities.”

Realizing that good public relations are the key to a successful organization, the President General has emphasized the importance of a positive image in dealing with the public, as well as with the membership. By making time to be available for various media opportunities by telephone, e-mail and public appearances, the President General has helped to reposition the public perception of the Society.

Over the years, NSDAR had produced literature, brochures and handouts to promote its major assets, such as the DAR Library and the DAR Museum. However, none of the past efforts had been coordinated. The public relations team, under the direction of April Watkins, analyzed the needs of the Society and developed a campaign to reintroduce a new and vibrant DAR to the public. Below are highlights of the public relations campaign.

- First, a new corporate logo was created to be used where Insignia usage was inappropriate, such as in Web site design and advertising. The new logo was designed to easily identify the organization at first glance. The DAR Insignia is reserved for official Society business.

- Next, a DAR media kit and brochures were produced to offer pertinent information on DAR and its programs through professional, attractive promotional materials. Three of the brochures spotlight the major assets of the national headquarters: the DAR Library, the DAR Museum and the Americana Collection. A general brochure gives an overview of the Society and can be customized by individual chapters for their usage. For this effort, the DAR Public Relations Department received an honorable mention in a national competition in the category of “Press Materials – Media Kits” from the American Society of Professional Communicators’ (ASPC) 2003 Masters Communication Awards.

- After numerous requests for instruction on answering questions about the 1939 Marian Anderson incident, the public relations department addressed the issue to the membership in a two-page article in the Daughters newsletter. Included in the article were talking points to help members communicate the DAR position and a letter template showing members a sample response to questions regarding the Anderson incident.

- Policy statements were created and posted on the DAR Members’ Web Site for the membership to download and use when confronted with questions on controversial issues such as race relations, religion and political affiliation.

- Making information accessible has been a goal of the public relations team.
Online announcements have allowed members around the world to know the latest events and news from headquarters. Templates for news releases were created and posted on the Members' Web Site, enabling chapter PR chairmen to download professionally prepared, timely news releases to promote DAR objectives to their local media. The Members' Web Site also provides the President General's monthly message, now available to chapters worldwide in a timely fashion.

- To ensure the fastest, easiest and most economical way to distribute essential communications to the general membership, the PR department worked to increase the volume of information on the DAR Members' Web Site. Working with the VIS Committee, all committee chairmen were encouraged to launch Web pages on the DAR Members' Web Site for their committee instructions to chapters. For the first time in DAR history, all national and special committees now have up-to-date Web pages that allow the membership instant access to instructions, forms, updates and other pertinent information.

- Recognizing the critical role of a Web site as our first impression to the public, the public relations department began work in 2003 to redesign the DAR public Web site. As a result, the new public Web site (www.dar.org) is now better focused to the general public, has a refreshed visual design and has improved navigational features. At last count, the DAR Web site averages approximately 50,000 hits per week.

- In December 2002, the PR department coordinated the first DAR Christmas Open House held at national headquarters. The annual event, which is free and open to the public, showcased the DAR collections and beautiful historic spaces. Memorial Continental Hall was decorated for the holidays. Festivities included tours of the period rooms, carolers and complimentary refreshments. The event proved highly successful, with even larger attendance for the second open house in 2003.

- Working closely with the DAR Museum and DAR Library, the PR department generated much publicity and media attention around the Forgotten Patriots exhibition and symposium. The exhibition was reviewed by many minority media outlets, one of which named the DAR Museum "one of the best multicultural museums in the country."

- Generating positive media attention has been a goal for this Administration. The public relations team has pitched stories, set up interviews and answered numerous queries from reporters. These efforts have resulted in articles and coverage in major media outlets including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Washington Times, Fox News, CNN, ABC, NBC, PBS, Nightly News, Nightly Business Report, ABC Radio and others.

- At the October 2003 meeting of the National Board of Management, the public relations team conducted media training for the board. The training focused on how to work cooperatively and deal effectively with the media. An instructional PowerPoint presentation detailed interview techniques. At the request of board members, this presentation was made available on the Public Relations and Motion Picture, Radio and TV Committee page of the Members' Web Site for reference. The PowerPoint provides tips on effective communications that can be useful to all members.

- As part of the department's role in changing the National Society's image, the public relations team has conducted a well-planned campaign to market the DAR Museum, DAR Library, Americana Collection and Constitution Hall to the local community, as well as the local tourism industry. Washington, D.C. is the most-visited city in the United States and DAR headquarters is fortunate to be located in its heart, just two blocks from the White House and facing the Mall. The public relations staff joined the Washington Convention and Tourism Corporation and worked proactively on the local tourism committee of this important organization.

- The PR department organized an educational meeting between DAR headquarters staff and a large group of local tour guides to introduce them to the "New DAR." These guides, who interpret our site for tourists, were very interested in the programs and volunteer activities of today's DAR and how they could provide visitors with up-to-date information about our organization. Most knew nothing about our organization, with the exception of the Marian Anderson incident. Active participation with the D.C. Cultural Tourism organization has also resulted in an increase in positive visibility for DAR in the city. That translates into an increase in tourists and tourism dollars funneled into this organization.

- The PR department's partnership with the prestigious, 100-year-old Friday Morning Music Club resulted in two well-attended musical concerts that generated positive publicity for DAR in the African American community, as well as with our neighbors in downtown D.C. These marketing efforts have generated a renewed respect and praise for the organization by the local D.C. community. Our active participation in the community has led to greater opportunities to show that DAR is a modern, vital, inclusive organization.

- Crisis management is another aspect of the job of public relations. The DAR public relations team has worked diligently to control negative events or reports. Working within the National Society, the PR team has been called upon to assist chapters and state societies with serious local problems.
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* The prestigious 2003 Magellan Awards Competition held by the League of American Communications Professionals (LACP) honored DAR Public Relations with three top awards for “The New DAR” publicity campaign:
  ◦ Ranked No. 3 in the Top 50 Publicity Campaigns of 2003 (out of 307 entries)
  ◦ Platinum Award for Community Relations in the Non-Profit competition class
  ◦ Best Publicity Campaign Debut across all competition classes

Congress & Events Planning
In the late 1990s, DAR joined scores of other organizations, museums and embassies in renting space at national headquarters for receptions to help defray increasing operational costs. The practice has proven to be extremely successful, generating much-needed revenue. Summer 2001 witnessed a spike in private event rentals, due in large part to the recently renovated O’Byrne Gallery.

- Event rentals include weddings, filming, government press conferences and corporate meetings. Recent clients include: The White House, the Department of Homeland Security, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, PricewaterhouseCoopers, the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the Democratic National Committee, CNBC, Wyeth-Ayerst, Sony, National Geographic, Tyson Foods and Ronald McDonald Charities.
- VIPs such as Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, Chris Matthews, Jane Goodall, and Secretaries Tommy Thompson and Tom Ridge have been hosted here. Many guests had never visited DAR before. Docents provide tours of the building for many of these groups, which generates revenue for the DAR Museum.
- In September 2002, the events sub-department, managed by Peggy Martz, was restructured to incorporate the management of Continental Congress. A comprehensive planning manual has been developed, including a timeline that chronicles all of the procedures and duties of departments and committees in preparation for Congress. This timeline has dramatically streamlined the groundwork necessary to produce such a large annual convention.
- The events staff has done a fantastic job of coordinating with other departments to facilitate meetings at national headquarters. In addition to outside contracts, the staff organizes group meetings and catering needs for departments and National Society meetings.

Development
The Millennium Administration is the second full DAR Administration with a Development Department under the direction of Merry Ann Wright. Development builds the relationships that result in fund-raising success. These relationships have kept the contributed income of DAR at or above its pre-September 11, 2001, level. DAR is one of the few non-profits that can make this claim, because of our members’ generosity.

- NSDAR focuses on three primary types of development—direct mail, major gifts and planned giving. In addition, grant proposal submissions and cultivation of cause-related marketing relationships are sources of income generated by development. This Administration adopted the first NSDAR gift acceptance policies, the guidelines by which various types of gifts are accepted.
- During the Millennium Administration, direct mail generated over $4.8 million (gross) and $4 million (net) for DAR programs. Donations for the President General’s Project will have exceeded $3 million by the end of the Administration’s term, with more than $275,000 raised through the beautiful Giving Tree in the library corridor.
- DAR has received 35 new bequests since the beginning of this Administration. These bequests represent over $1 million primarily designated for specific DAR programs or the general operations of DAR.
- The Watkins Administration approved the issuance of charitable gift annuity contracts in 2002. Since then, three annuities at $10,000 each have been written, and 37 others have requested more information about this form of life income. Depending on the donor’s age, these annuities pay anywhere from 5 to 8.8 percent interest for the duration of the donor’s life.
- The DAR is currently doing a planned-giving analysis to determine the best methods of assisting our members with their gift-planning needs. In addition, a contract grant writer has written 33 grants. One has been funded thus far.
- The income from our credit card, CD, health screenings and insurance programs has increased 6 percent during the past three years.
Five estate-planning seminars and 16 chapter fund-raising seminars have been held in as many states, assisting members and chapters with an understanding of personal and organizational fund-raising practices. A manual was created to assist chapters in their fund-raising efforts.

Thanks to the hard work of the Development Department, the Heritage Club has seen a 74 percent increase in its membership. The outstanding generosity of the members is evident with a club membership of 2,305, an increase of more than 1,700 in three years. Qualification for entry into the Heritage Club requires cumulative giving of $500 or more since April 1998.

Printing and Publications

In the past three years, the DAR print shop has made great strides in producing professional-quality work for the National Society. Print jobs were closely monitored for quality control. Under the guidance of Edith Rianzares, new standards have been adopted to format NSDAR publications, forms, and other materials. Printing demands are up 60 percent, with nearly 3.2 million impressions annually.

Three of the most significant printing projects were the NSDAR Directory, the Continental Congress Program, and the National Information Packet (NIP). The NIP was redesigned to include a table of contents divided into sections to make the packet more user-friendly. The packet was posted on the Members’ Web Site.

The purchase of the Canon copier in May 2002 has allowed more jobs to be produced in-house, eliminating the expense of outsourcing many jobs. The number of jobs created by the copier has steadily increased throughout the year and will continue to grow.

After more than 20 years, new printing equipment was purchased to replace the obsolete presses. This new computerized technology ensures more cost-effective and efficient production. New paint and carpeting for the print shop provides a clean, safe environment for employees.

One of the major concerns voiced by the membership was the poor quality of the DAR magazine. After careful analysis and consultation with publishing and advertising experts, the decision was made to engage a custom publisher and re-launch the magazine as two publications: American Spirit magazine and Daughters newsletter.

Magazine

By separating the National Society’s news and information from the historical-based magazine, DAR has been able to target two separate groups for content and advertising. Non-members who subscribe to the American Spirit magazine do not receive the newsletter, allowing some security in the information contained in the organizational publication. Without the DAR-centric advertising, which has now been moved to the newsletter, more commercial advertisers are willing to consider placing ads in American Spirit.

Both publications have been designed with a more attractive and readable format, comparing favorably to current publishing standards. American Spirit magazine was designed to accomplish several goals:

- Showcasing our organization to the general public through newsstand sales has promoted membership and interest in DAR projects.

Intriguing articles and outstanding photography have provided chapters with new, exciting material that can be used for programs. By using the magazine for programming content, NSDAR has been able to fulfill the requests for much-needed, updated program materials.

Articles that feature not only historic interests, but also projects and programs of DAR, help to attract the interest of potential members. In addition, the publication provides members throughout the National Society with a better understanding of the scope of work performed by its chapters worldwide.

Newsletter

The Daughters newsletter was created to provide a vehicle for direct communication to the membership. The newsletter’s features provide:

- More relevant content for chapters on current developments and projects of the National Society
- A platform for all committees to share information and ideas with the chapter member
- More opportunities for chapters and states to showcase their activities in the “With the Chapters” and “State Activities” columns

The initial response from members to the American Spirit magazine and Daughters newsletter was ecstatic. Members were thrilled with the colorful layouts and informative content. Subscriptions increased by 22 percent during the inaugural year of the new publications. However, subscriptions have not remained at the same level during the past year.

American Spirit magazine, under the direction of Hammock Publishing, has received numerous awards from national and international publishing competitions:

- First place "Masters Award" in the magazine category of the 2003 American Society of Professional Communicators’
Masters Communication Awards international competition
- Top honor “Grand Award” in the magazine and journals category of the 2003 Awards for Publication Excellence (APEX), which recognizes excellence in publications work by professional communicators
- Two Awards of Excellence for Design and Layout (September/October 2002 and November/December 2002)
- One Award of Excellence for Feature Writing (November/December 2002)
- One Award of Excellence for Health/Medical Writing (March/April 2003)
- One Award of Excellence for Photographs (March/April 2003)

Security
The Security Department has made great strides to improve the safety and security of the DAR members, staff and historic buildings. In the wake of September 11, 2001, our location near the White House has dictated additional procedures and training for security personnel. DAR Director of Security Lawrence Walker joined an area-planning group comprised of other security chiefs who meet periodically to discuss new procedures or possible threats.

Important security accomplishments are listed below:

- The department has finalized a master disaster plan, detailing the tasks necessary in preparation and aftermath.
- “Green safe rooms” have been created in the building for use in the event of chemical or biological disaster and fall-out shelters, or “red safe rooms,” have been created in case of radiological or ballistic attack. The safe rooms can be sealed and are equipped with emergency supplies. NSDAR employees have practiced emergency procedures in drills throughout the year. Emergency team captains have taken more extensive training, including emergency first aid.
- A new security alarm system is being designed to replace the outdated, failing system. The new system will allow better monitoring of the museum and library contents. The system will also help screen people entering and exiting the complex and alert staff to weapons or theft.

The outstanding preparedness of DAR was featured in a September 29, 2003, Wall Street Journal article. The article said, “In case of emergency...most companies aren’t prepared.” But used DAR headquarters as an example of a group that is doing everything right in preparing for an emergency, stating in a sub-headline: “DAR Is Ready.”

Facilities Maintenance and Engineering
The maintenance of the national headquarters is a mammoth responsibility, with three major facilities in a complex that contains approximately 450,000 square feet. This task has been greatly improved with an in-house Facilities and Engineering Department constantly monitoring the operations. Dave Copcedge leads the facilities department. The group’s work is made easier by the technical expertise and advice of a PG advisor who is a professional engineer. New methods for accessing the merits of subcontractors and their bids have ensured that NSDAR receives the appropriate services for the appropriate price. Below are some of the major accomplishments of this department:

- Installed thermal windows throughout the entire complex to conserve energy
- Installed two new roofs on buildings in the complex and a rooftop drainage system on the Administration building
- Installed a new elevator for handicap access into the buildings
- Replaced air-conditioning units for the Banquet Hall and the N.S.C.A.R. offices
- Relocated the Kansas Chapel to the Stone Hall
- Redesigned space on third floor for additional museum offices
- Installed new backflow drainage systems for the chiller in Constitution Hall

Constitution Hall
Constitution Hall has generated consecutive record increases in revenue during the past three years. Fiscal Year 2002–2003 was the first year in the history of Constitution Hall that total revenue exceeded $1 million. The fiscal year ending February 29, 2004, surpassed this achievement by $200,000.

- Due to Kennedy Center renovations, the Washington Opera moved its 2003 season to Constitution Hall. Transforming the hall to accommodate live opera was a huge endeavor, becoming reality after more than four years of negotiation and planning by Constitution Hall’s Manager, Paul Guilderson. One of the highlights of the year was Placido Domingo’s performance in “Die
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Walkure.” The music critic for The Washington Post called it the “best performance the Washington Opera has ever done.”

- The Washington Opera televised both its Opera Gala, starring Placido Domingo, and its opening night performance of “Die Fledermaus,” with special guest appearances by three Supreme Court Justices along with Placido Domingo.
- During the past three years, numerous television and film projects were filmed at the hall. Some of these included the television game show “Jeopardy!” the Horatio Alger Awards and an HBO comedy special.
- Constitution Hall received movie credits in “K-19: The Widow Maker,” starring Harrison Ford, for hosting the Kirov Orchestra and Chorus while they recorded the score for the movie in the hall.
- The hall has hosted musical and comedy performances by artists such as Robin Williams, Don Henley, B.B. King, the O’Jays, the Irish Tenors, Kathy Mattea, Joe Cocker, Jon Stewart, Josh Groban, Al Jarreau, the Moody Blues, Kids in the Hall and Sinbad.
- In the past few years, Constitution Hall has become the favorite place for area companies and federal government agencies to host meetings. The hall has had many presidential visits. The Departments of Justice, Education, Commerce and Interior have all held meetings here, as have the FBI and CIA.

- Constitution Hall continues to be the venue of choice for graduations for universities and high schools. We have added five new schools in the past few years. Georgetown University Medical School, Marymount University, Johns Hopkins University and the Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences are among the schools that hold their commencements here. The hall also holds 32 high school graduations.

Office of the First Vice President General

The Watkins Administration restructured the Human Resources Department to provide a full-time, professional staff to handle the needs of the headquarters’ 150 employees. Under the direction of Leanne Vigliano, the department has developed new programs, introduced new procedures and organized better employee benefits during the past three years. Important accomplishments are listed below.

- Revised, written descriptions of all positions have been developed, and many departments have been reorganized to function better. DAR has improved efficiency and reduced labor costs by adjusting positions and using on-call, part-time labor.
- New recordkeeping procedures were implemented to enhance records organization and to augment the development of formal policies. There has also been a greater emphasis on technology. Physical changes include the replacement of old furniture and implementing a state-of-the-art filing system. These changes have streamlined the HR department’s procedures.
- Emphasis has been placed on superior customer service, with employees receiving hands-on training at in-house workshops.
- To meet the demands of today’s workplace, training has focused on improving technical and interpersonal skills, as well as DAR policy and procedures. Training initiatives included workshops on skills, performance and conflict management, staff development, and teambuilding, among other topics.
- Computer training has been offered on an ongoing basis to employees, based on the skill requirements of their positions.
- Harassment prevention training was implemented in 2002 to promote respect in the workplace, and is given to all employees on an annual basis.
- The employee orientation program was developed to introduce DAR, its programs and its policies to newcomers. The program includes brief introductions from departments, tours of the complex, and perks such as lunch and a tote of goodies for the new employees.
- CPR and defibrillator (AED) training by the American Red Cross has been offered annually onsite for designated employees. In addition to having CPR/AED certified personnel in the security, Constitution Hall and events departments, employees on each floor of the headquarters buildings have received this certification in case of emergency.
- The NSDAR employee policy manual (1995) was updated and edited to reflect new policies and employment laws for NSDAR and the District of Columbia.
- To comply with current business standards, the HR department has developed written job descriptions for all headquarters positions. This practice of maintaining accurate outlines of job
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Details will assist in filling vacancies and provide NSDAR with better documentation in cases of legal disputes.

- A quarterly employee newsletter, Pillars of 1776, was launched in 2001. A committee of employees serve as reporters and editors for this publication, which is produced by the HR department.
- HR has worked closely with information systems to enhance the internal network (DAR intranet) with useful communication tools, information and forms for employees.
- In addition, HR has expanded its information on the DAR public Web site to make available information on job openings. A job application is also provided on this site. A link allows applicants to directly e-mail their resumes to the HR department.
- DAR employees now have an opportunity to choose from an expanded choice of benefits, such as flexible spending accounts, expanded health benefits and a public transportation program allowing commuting expenses to receive pretax status.
- Several initiatives were introduced to promote employee wellness. Encouraging wellness is a win-win scenario for both employees and DAR. Topics included stress management and weight and fitness management. This includes an arrangement that was made with the Department of the Interior Fitness Center so that DAR employees could use this facility, conveniently located across the street from DAR.
- This department took over the administration of the Constitution Hall employee ticket program during 2001. This benefit allows employees to receive tickets at minimal fee for concerts and other events in Constitution Hall, based on availability.
- Several employee programs and events have been held during this Administration. An employee service award program has honored those who have contributed a minimum of five years of employment to DAR. A spot award program was also initiated to recognize employees who have surpassed the call of duty. Other events include holiday and theme parties, all of which build positive staff morale at headquarters.
- Employee community outreach activities have also taken place. A collection for the Red Cross to aid victims of September 11 was organized to collect donations from employees and DAR visitors. An annual holiday food drive has been held to benefit needy Washington, D.C., senior citizens. Employees participated as a team in the “Race for the Cure” to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research.

Office of the Recorder General

- The Office of the Recorder General has undergone several changes in the past three years. The Certificate Coordinator position was moved to this office from the Reporter General’s office. The position became full time, allowing for enhanced service to new members and to members desiring supplemental certificates.
- The new member packets have been standardized, ensuring that each new member has the information necessary for her/his relationship with the National Society. Also, packets returned for incorrect address are handled in a standard fashion. They are now forwarded to the Chapter Registrar to forward the certificate to the new member and verify the address with this office.
- This office has done extensive work to safeguard the integrity of the confidential records of the National Society. Under the guidance of Administrative Assistant Carin Roche, boxes of documents dating from the start of the National Society were turned over to the Historian General’s office for archiving. All of the minutes of the National Board of Management and the Executive Committee since the National Society’s inception have been duplicated on CD-ROM, with a set stored in the vault for protection.
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Due to increasing costs of publishing, the full version of the minutes of the National Board of Management were moved to an electronic version available for download from the Members’ Website. An abbreviated version highlighting the major actions is printed in the Daughters’ newsletter. For those without Internet access, a complete version of the minutes is also available, for a $10 fee, from this office.

Office of the Corresponding Secretary General

Shipping and receiving are the keystones of the Office of the Corresponding Secretary General. Included in this department are the DAR Store and the NSDAR Mailroom. These offices have experienced a huge shift in procedures due to the anthrax attacks in 2001, making their jobs very difficult and challenging. The staff have made great strides to ensure improved service to the headquarters staff and the DAR membership. Detailed below are a few of the significant accomplishments of these offices.

• In 2001, the sales function of the Office of the Corresponding Secretary General was renamed “The DAR Store.” This change has helped clarify where to purchase chapter supplies, as well as gifts.

• The DAR Store Online was launched. Complete with photographs, the new Web site provides members with an easy and efficient way to purchase supplies and gifts.

• In addition to the Web site, other improvements include a fax order line and an 800 number for sales and acceptance of credit card payments. With these new improvements, the DAR Store has seen a 60 percent increase in sales.

• Productivity also has increased. The office maintains a two business-day turnaround in order processing. Computer technology has allowed for a 95 percent accuracy rate for orders and shipments.

• New credit-card-authorization software is used in conjunction with point-of-sale software to process and authorize credit-card orders more efficiently. The software provides the ability to produce a professional, secure invoice by eliminating the customer’s credit-card number from the invoice, while still providing an itemized list for the customers.

• A new mailroom procedure was instituted to handle morning express mail. The procedure gives departments early notification of incoming express mail, so that critical items are available to the appropriate office in a timely manner.

• The NSDAR mailroom implemented the use of the Pitney Bowes Smart Mailer to pre-sort bulk mail at a reduced rate. By processing the mail in-house instead of relying on the post office, NSDAR receives reduced mailing rates of up to 50 percent less than the regular rate. This technology verifies the accuracy of the addresses and separates mail that needs attention to ensure it is delivered appropriately. As a result, the use of “postage due” for returned mail, which cannot be delivered, has been reduced by 50 percent. This is an important accomplishment because it improves the quality and efficiency of the mailing services and also greatly reduces expenses.

• After September 11, 2001, the postal service and all those who dealt with mail were besieged with an anthrax scare. The Supervisor of the Corresponding Secretary General’s Office, Carolie Walker, proactively researched and analyzed what could be done to ensure the safety of mail received and processed. As a result, not only were all mailroom employees completely tested for anthrax, but also specific procedures were put in place to assist all NSDAR employees in handling mail in a safe manner. This office has kept abreast of new developments and kept upper management aware of procedures necessary to reduce potential risk.

• A new responsibility added to the Corresponding Secretary General’s office during this Administration was that of sales of the merchandise of the Junior Membership Committee.

Office of the Organizing Secretary General

Several changes in the Office of the Organizing Secretary General provide better services to members and greater operational efficiency to the National Society. The office was divided into two divisions, Chapter Services and Membership Services, to provide better chapter support, and more efficiency in processing and maintaining member records.

• Led by Glenna Acord, Chapter Services supports the work of the new Chapter Development and Chapter Revitalization Committees. This joint effort, which includes the Membership Committee, has resulted in the first increase in membership in more than a decade. This office has the responsibility for coordinating the sales of J.E. Caldwell
pins, as well as monitoring the resale of used pins. Working closely with the Insignia Committee, the office has also worked closely with the Insignia Committee’s Internet Purchasing subcommittee.

• Membership Services, under the guidance of C.J. Aldridge, was redesigned to focus on the management of each member’s data including dues, address changes, etc. Quality control has been stressed to properly maintain the database. A new dues-processing procedure was implemented to expedite the entries and to give a complete record of each transaction. A restructuring of the Continental Congress credentials and registration processes has allowed easier and faster service through computer technology.

Office of the Treasurer General Accounting

Due to the sensitive nature of the workings of the Accounting Department, much of the achievements cannot be detailed for this article. Under the direction of NSDAR Controller David Dorsey, many new procedures have been initiated. Listed below are some of the important accomplishments of the department.

• The department reviewed and recommended many procedural changes to ensure better procedures for handling cash, as well as tighter control of follow-up on accounts receivable and other assets.
• It worked closely with the Administrator and department heads to provide supervision and accountability for all department budgets. This has resulted in operational performance accomplished well under the overall estimated annual budget.
• New monthly reports to management were initiated, providing department heads with information for better budget control.
• All financial statements, auditing reviews and federal filings were successfully completed in a satisfactory manner. The auditing firm’s report to management has been complimentary to the work of the Accounting Department in its responsibilities to the National Society.
• The department implemented new procedures for the management of investments.
• Insurance coverage on various policies was reviewed and updated.

Information Systems

The scope of the work of the Information Systems (IS) Department has dramatically increased with the support of many member volunteers who have worked to implement new programs. This cooperative effort has allowed the National Society to achieve outstanding progress in the development of an expanded ancestral database.

The IS staff, under the direction of Victor Kunze, has worked extensively to implement the President General’s Project, “Preserving Our Family Tree,” in cooperation with the Technical Advisory Committee, chaired by Jean Sutton, Volunteer Information Specialists Committee, chaired by Susan Tillman, and the new Documents Management Department, led by Darryn Lickliter. The project digitizes and preserves the National Society’s extensive membership records and genealogical materials. As a team, these groups completed many key projects, listed below.

• A 10-year business plan was developed to give DAR a long-term strategy to capture, develop and deliver research material maintained at the national headquarters.
• Over 1,000,000 applications and supplemental applications were digitized and indexed. The documents were imported into a special database and are now available for computer access by the Genealogy Department staff.
• The department developed an electronic, all-member index, a complete list of membership from the date of founding to the present.
• It digitized and cross-indexed 200,000 ancestor catalog cards, 1,400,000 member index cards, and 30,000 Patriot pension cards.
• The 1,000,000-plus member numbers listed in the ancestor database were proofed. The numbers are a cross-index of which members have a proven lineage to an ancestor.
• Special hardware was installed to house and manage the digital images and their corresponding indexes captured during the President General’s Project.
• The Information Systems staff created the new e-Membership Web site for chapter, state and committee leaders. The
site is a powerful tool, providing real-time information to DAR leaders to help them better serve their respective organizations. In the two years since its launch, the site has been greatly enhanced with helpful feedback from our users. Online reports have been streamlined, and training tutorials have been added.

- To secure and automate procedures at the national headquarters, the IS Department purchased and installed workflow and image management software. Constant monitoring of the computerized systems has been an enormous task for the IS Department. Training has been offered to headquarters staff on proper use of computer programs and Internet protocol. The IS Department developed an online, searchable database for the GRC index, which is available on the DAR public Web page. It contains over 7 million names entered by volunteers of the Genealogical Records Committee.

**Office of the Registrar General**

The Office of the Registrar General encompasses several departments and functions: genealogy, record information, record copy, lineage research, Patriot index, volunteer genealogist and the special research task force.

From the beginning of the Watkins Administration through the February 2004 National Board of Management meeting, a record number of applications have been approved. New member applications total 18,235, a 19 percent increase over the previous Administration during the same period. The January 2004 official membership count confirmed the first membership gain in more than a decade.

It was the vision of President General Watkins to re-think the workflow and operations of the departments under the supervision of the Office of the Registrar General. The challenge was to increase the production of applications with new technology for the staff Registrar General Ann Dillon and Department Director Terry Ward coordinated this massive reorganization plan. Genealogy Department procedures have been redesigned for new technology made possible by the President General's Project. With the cooperation of the TAC Committee and the IS Department, the President General's Project has revolutionized the work of the headquarters staff and preserved priceless records. Below are some highlights of the improvements.

- The creation of genealogy teams has improved efficiency, and cross-training of the staff has ensured greater productivity.
- Software has simplified application tracking and made the time-consuming process of creating a "members soft card" obsolete. Computer shortcuts have been designed for the data cover sheet, new ancestor input form and correction sheet.
- Customer service has been emphasized throughout the Watkins Administration. Each genealogist now signs all correspondence with his or her own name. Telephone and e-mail have made the genealogists more accessible to Chapter Registrars and prospective members.
- The e-Membership Web site, which allows chapters to track pending applications and supplementals, has led to a decrease in the number of phone calls and e-mails that must be answered by the staff.

**The DAR Patriot Index, Millennium Edition** was published in 2003. This three-volume set is an index listing the Patriots established by DAR members. The Corrections staff updates the online Patriot Index regularly to keep it current.

- In April 2003, the fee for record copies was raised to $10 to better address costs. Approximately 53,000 record copy requests were filled in the past three years.
- Working with the Historian General's office, the Genealogy Department verifies Revolutionary War service for marking Patriots' graves. More than 200 Patriots have been verified in the past three years.
- The Lineage Research office has experienced a substantial increase in requests during the past three years, nearly doubling that of the previous years. Lineage research kits are now available on the DAR Members' Web Site.
- Access to computerized databases, both DAR and Internet-based subscriptions, have enabled the staff to work more efficiently. Increased e-mail usage has led to speedier resolutions of requests from prospective members.
Spanish Task Force

According to recent surveys, persons with Hispanic background will comprise one-fourth of the total U.S. population by 2007. Because this is a growing population segment, NSDAR has appointed a Spanish Task Force (STF) to assist in recruiting new members through Spanish lines. The STF searches for source materials that will identify Spanish nationals who contributed to the American War of Independence. In 2003, the discovery of a listing of 128 soldiers who served in the Presidio at Santa Fe added greatly to the research database. To assist non-Spanish speaking volunteers, the STF has compiled a list of key words for researchers, which is available on the Lineage Research Committee Web page. Books have been donated to the DAR Library, as well as rolls of microfilm that relate to Spanish Patriots.

Office of the Historian General

Improvement of efficiency was the prime goal for the Historian General’s office during the Watkins Administration. Renovation of office space was made possible through a generous grant secured by the NSDAR Development office. The refurbishment of the NSDAR Archives facility, begun during the last Administration, has been completed and now provides better storage for documents. With the direction of Dr. Elva Crawford, NSDAR Archivist, considerable strides have been made with the immense project of carefully organizing all 2,500 architectural drawings pertaining to the NSDAR building complex in Washington, D.C., and to refining the database that has been developed for this complex group of archival documents.

- Office procedures have been streamlined to provide better tracking of marker and awards requests. A database was created to hold information on the thousands of historical markers placed by DAR. Extensive research is underway to identify and complete these records.
- The NSDAR Americana Collection has acquired more than 200 new accessions annually. One of the most significant accomplishments has been the completion of the collection of all 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. This was achieved through the purchase of an autograph of Button Gwinnett and the donation of the signature of George Ross. Two more noteworthy acquisitions to the Americana Collection and Archives include:
  - An autographed letter of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy
  - Early 20th-century material relating to the architectural competition sponsored by the NSDAR for the design of DAR Memorial Continental Hall
- This office has started the project of cataloging the contents of more than 400 document cases of archival materials relating to the work of the Office of the President General. These papers offer insightful and historical information about many DAR committees.
- The Historian General, NSDAR Administrator and the NSDAR Archivist have worked together for the past two years to impede the unlawful sale of stolen DAR property on eBay. A sample agreement is now available for use by chapters and state organizations to help maintain control of DAR property and documents held by its officers and chairmen. With this agreement, chapters or states now have legal documentation to reclaim DAR property from the estates of past members and prevent its resale in antique shops and on Internet auctions.
- A new pin was designed for donors to the NSDAR Archives, for contributions of $100 or greater. Donations to the Archives fund have grown, with more than 80 members acquiring the new pin.
- Between 2001 and 2004, the Historian General’s staff has mounted a variety of exhibits in the Americana Room and the hallway display cases. These exhibits have featured the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence; the centennial of the construction of DAR Memorial Continental Hall; a sampling of notable women who have been members of the DAR; the 75th anniversary of the dedications of the 12 NSDAR Madonna of the Trail statues; the DAR and World War II; annual updates on the President General’s project, “Preserving Our Family Tree”; the President General’s trips to Great Britain and to St. Eustatius; the annual national winner of the NSDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest; and the four annual national winners of the DAR American History Contest.
- The Historian General, assisted by her staff, took an active interest in the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the DAR Memorial Bell Tower at Valley Forge, as well as the 75th anniversary of the NSDAR Madonna of the Trail statues. The Historian General attended a number of ceremonies associated with these anniversaries.
- The Historian General’s Forum was instituted during this Administration. This meeting, held during the week of Continental Congress, provides information and instructions to state historians.
- The Historian General assisted in the development of two new NSDAR pins, the Friends of American History

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pin and the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial pin. Funds from the Friends of American History pin will be used to finance divisional and national DAR prizes for the DAR American History Essay Contest and the NSDAR-NIAF Christopher Columbus Essay Contest.

Office of the Librarian General

The DAR Library has made tremendous strides in its in-house services and its outreach programs. One of the most significant achievements for the DAR Library, as well as NSDAR, was the launch of the Forgotten Patriots Project. In conjunction with the DAR Museum’s exhibition, “Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Service in the Revolutionary War 1775–1783,” an accompanying seminar was held. Organized by Library Director Eric Grundset, the Forgotten Patriots Symposium included top historians from around the country who presented papers on the contributions of African Americans and American Indians during the Revolutionary period. The event was an overwhelming success, attracting more than 250 attendees from across the Eastern seaboard.

Other accomplishments from the DAR Library Department include:

- Reorganization of the library’s second-floor offices and the addition of office space on the lower north balcony
- Installation of a package lift device to move heavy boxes and books from the lower balcony to the upper balcony and vice versa
- Installation of new, specialized library software that enhances the functionality of the library catalog
- Inventory of the duplicate books is underway; this will be beneficial in determining the volume of the library’s collections and in analyzing space for storage
- New photocopy machines purchased to replace obsolete equipment, made possible through a donation from the George Storer Foundation of Florida
- Processed by the Library Search Service staff, 1,087 research inquiries
- Received and processed by the Library Acquisitions staff, 11,000 new books into the collection
- Revised and reprinted the 1997 publication, American Genealogical Research at the DAR, Washington, D.C., to assist genealogists with their research efforts in the DAR Library
- Produced in conjunction with the Public Relations office, a new, four-color library brochure, which highlights the outstanding collections of the DAR Library, and is distributed at genealogical conferences across the country

Genealogical Records Office

This committee, chaired by full-time volunteer Patricia Mayer, has accelerated its efforts as part of the President General’s Project, and is working to create a master, every-name index to all Genealogical Records Committee Reports. By distributing SkyIndex software to more than 300 members, volunteer indexers were able to standardize computer data input. The resulting index records have been merged and posted on the DAR Public Web site as the “GRC National Index,” which provides access to thousands of volumes of record abstracts and includes more than 7 million names. Through a cooperative photocopy program with the Georgia State Archives, the committee has acquired 74 volumes of Georgia GRC reports from the mid-20th century that were never forwarded to the DAR Library.

Office of the Curator General

The DAR Museum made history with its exhibition, “Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Service in the Revolutionary War 1775–1783.” This landmark exhibition, organized by DAR Museum Director Diane Dunkley, achieved much acclaim from minority media outlets, as well as the general community of Washington, D.C.

- Two key elements of the long-range storage plan were realized with the completion of the Landes-Luyben Quilt Repository, which holds more than 300 quilts and 200 covers, and the relocation of the needlework, paintings and other documents to the renovated artwork storage area.
- The museum accessioned 118 gifts, purchases and bequests representing 878 new objects in the collection. Adopt-an-object donations enabled conservation of 141 objects, including samplers.
portraits, portrait miniatures, furniture and costumes.

- The Museum Shop doubled its space and now offers a wide variety of museum-inspired gifts. Other projects included a test catalog of museum merchandise, a satellite shop in Constitution Hall during the Washington Opera performances, and new licensed products for the shop. A “traveling trunk show” was started for state conferences, allowing State Museum Chairmen to promote the sales of shop merchandise.

- During the Watkins Administration, the DAR Museum has expanded its educational program offerings. In addition to school programs there has been continued success in the Brownie and Junior Girl Scout programs. The summer camps have also expanded to include a Colonial Camp and, new for 2004, Sampler Camp.

- Object-related workshops conducted by curators remain popular. Past programs include costume workshops for high school students; needlework and quilt workshops; furniture programs, including “Is it Real?”; and ceramic programs highlighting 18th and 19th-century dining.

- The Museum Docent Program has undergone a number of changes and improvements, such as implementing formal procedures and beginning an evaluation program for docent performance.

- DAR Museum docents gave hundreds of tours to visitors at the museum, including private tours for corporate events held at headquarters. These private tours resulted in thousands of dollars in donations to the Museum Exhibition fund.

- A visitor survey was created and implemented to gain a better sense of who the visitors are and what they expect when they visit the DAR Museum.

- The Correspondent Docent application and other introductory information documents have been revised. Using programs developed by the museum staff, the Correspondent Docents have introduced the DAR Museum to more than 27,000 people throughout the country.

- Museum curators have presented lectures to groups at the DAR Museum and at museums across the United States, including San Francisco, Indianapolis, Alexandria, Va., and Providence, R.I.

Office of the Reporter General

- The primary function of the Office of the Reporter General is to support the work of the committees. The Office of Committees was renamed Committee Services to encompass the work of the National Defense Committee, Programs, the main Telephone Console, and functions related to National Committee work.

- During the Watkins Administration, Committee Services, led by Patricia Smith, responded to requests for approximately 2,100 programs to various chapters.

- Letters to the appropriate VA Medical Center or non-VA centers were sent, with copies to the National Representative, National Deputy Representative, State Regent and the Appointee for approximately 600 certified Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representatives and Deputy Representative Volunteers appointed by the President General.

- Approximately 12,300 general scholarship packets and 3,100 American Indian scholarship packets were mailed to interested students.

- Committee Services printed and mailed certificates during the Watkins Administration for approximately the following number of National Society awards: 250 for DAR Conservation; 90 for DAR Medal of Honor; 40 for DAR Americanism Medal; 50 for DAR Historic Preservation; and 25 for DAR Founders Medals.

- Committee Services is responsible for the printing of all Chapter Achievement Certificates to be distributed during Congress. Approximately 4,600 certificates were printed for national chairmen to recognize members and chapters during the past two Congresses.

- Committee Services also works closely with the Treasurer General’s office in the processing of payments for scholarships awarded by DAR each year. During the Watkins Administration, approximately 150 general scholarships and 235 American Indian scholarships were awarded. Two new scholarships were created: The Dr. Aura-Lee Pittenger American History Scholarship and the Francis Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship.

- The National Defense Committee mailed copies of the National Defender to 1,000 paid subscriptions, and 6,000 free copies of each issue to Chapter Regents and national officers.

- 1,500 requests from local chapter representatives for ROTC awards were processed.

- In response to chapter requests, the criteria for the Good Citizenship Medal, sponsored by the National Defense Committee, was expanded to include youth service and patriotic organization groups.
Committee Achievements of the Millennium Administration

Administrative Committees
The administrative committees were created to assist with the operations of NSDAR Headquarters. Because of the nature of these committees, much of their work continues year to year with little or no major changes. Here we have highlighted the most notable achievements:

ART CRITICS
National Chairman: Rolfe T. Teague
Members: Emma M. Carroll, Sara J. Harwood, Rosemary G. Hogan, Christine Minter-Dowd, Patience E. Towe
Advisor: James H. Johnson

This committee reviews and approves for purchase objects for the DAR Museum collection. Some of the interesting acquisitions approved through this committee include:

- Miniatures
- An 18th-century map
- Samplers
- Creamware Grand Platt Manage

DAR HANDBOOK
National Chairman: Elizabeth O. Haugh

The 2002 edition of the DAR Handbook and National Bylaws was reformatted for easier usage. Both sections of the book have been combined with consecutive page numbering, allowing the first comprehensive index.

The section that highlights past Administrations has been removed from the handbook and will be republished separately. This change has allowed more space for detailed information regarding committees and headquarters procedures.

PROTOCOL
National Chairman: Marie H. Yochim
Members: Yvonne S. Boone, Ruth A. Finn

Marie H. Yochim

This committee guides the protocol for official DAR functions. Updates have been made to the book, Official Procedure and Protocol of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The content provides information on appropriate greetings, seating arrangements, reception lines, terms of address and other matters.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY
National Chairman: Jean H. Sutton
National Vice Chairman: Molly Ker Hawn

Jean H. Sutton

The technical advisory team was expanded by President General Watkins to plan and facilitate the enormous task of digitizing the genealogical records. The team is composed of DAR members, headquarters staff and advisors. During the past three years, this team has met regularly to plan and execute the technological structure of the project. This committee has accomplished extraordinary results, such as:

- Prepared a 10-year business plan, including budgeting options
- Developed computer system architecture
- Created primary indices for vital records
- Established a document management group
- Researched and installed core computer hardware and software
- Launched an Internet version of the Genealogical Records Index

Since Continental Congress 2003, TAC has achieved a milestone in the quest to protect our records, with the completion of the digitization of all application and supplemental applications, which is approximately 1.2 million records.
Standing Committees

In order to maintain the forward progress of the National Society and the best possible use of its assets, the work of the financial-based standing committees has been updated to utilize technology and current market information. All of the standing committees have benefited from revised strategies in their function at national headquarters.

AUDITING
National Chairman: Bea W. Dalton
National Vice Chairman: Cheryl A. Earnest, Fran Needham, Martha K. Thome

The Auditing Committee meets to review and inspect the annual reports of the auditors and the Treasurer General. After review, the committee reports its findings to the National Board of Management and to Continental Congress.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
National Chairman: Julia L. Rogers
National Vice Chairman, Board Luncheons: Jaynie K. Taylor
Members: Dorothy M. Braunt, Melissa A. Fischer, Devona L. Garrey, Ann C. Leadbetter, Susan Y. Smith, Diana C. Snouffer, Barbara V. Wyatt

- The Building and Grounds Committee supported the President General’s vision for DAR by modernizing offices to improve efficiency and accommodate increased staff requirements. This included installing space-saver furniture, carpet, and wall and window treatments. Of special note is the President General’s Reception Room in Constitution Hall, and lobby areas.
- The committee also updated the exterior landscape of the complex to incorporate a seasonal plan, and installed the first major Christmas decorating plan, giving DAR a distinct presence as part of the White House neighborhood.
- The focus of the committee was restructured to assist all departments with special function requirements and space assessment and renovation needs.

BYLAWS
National Chairman: Rose E. Bell
Advisor: Joan L. Blankenship, PRP

Rose E. Bell

The Bylaws Committee has painstakingly addressed many issues in need of updating. Due to careful research and analysis, the voting body of Continental Congresses 2002 and 2003 has adopted all of the committee’s recommendations. Significant updates included:

- Eliminated “primary” and “secondary” status for chapter organization to encourage the development of additional chapters within large, metropolitan areas
- Increased application and supplemental fees to cover the actual cost of the verification procedure
- Updated the various bylaw articles as necessary to provide for the change of the date of Continental Congress

DEVELOPMENT
(formerly Ways and Means)
National Chairman: Jane B. Evans
National Vice Chairman: Norma J. Hudson, Joyce B. Patton, Kethryn C. Vecellio, Kandy R. Wagenbach, Kay Yarbrough

Jane B. Evans

In keeping with current business trends and to reflect a more professional image, the name of this committee was changed from Ways and Means to Development. Some of this committee’s accomplishments include:

- Upgraded the business plan for development initiatives and instituting annual reviews
- Created a gift acceptance policy
- Increased donor base with Heritage Club membership up from 700 members in 2001 to 2,036 members in October 2003
- Developed the Giving Tree wall plaque to memorialize the President General’s Project of the Watkins Administration
- Launched several programs to assist member donations, including the planned giving program, charitable gift annuity program, financial and estate planning seminars, and a chapter fund-raising guide

Friends of the DAR Magazine Fund

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FINANCE

National Chairman: Jane H. Barbot
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INVESTMENT

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This committee oversees the financial investments of the National Society.

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National Chairman: Elizabeth O. Haugh
Members: Ann T. Dillon, Charlotte B. Edson, Donna M. Raymond, Rolfe T. Teague

To learn about the accomplishments of the Personnel Committee, refer to the First Vice President General’s section of headquarters accomplishments.

PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS

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National Vice Chairman (Wide Blue Ribbon Revision): Lanette H. Reid

This committee oversees the many printing projects of the National Society. It recommends revisions to existing publications and approves proposals for new publications. During the Watkins Administration, the chronological information of accomplishments from each Administration was moved to a separate publication and was updated. “The Wide Blue Ribbon” is scheduled for release Summer 2004.

For further accomplishments in Printing and Publications, see the Printing and Publications Department in the headquarters section.

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National Vice Chairman: Helen D. Mitchell, MariAnn Souder

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We hope you are planning to attend the 113th Continental Congress, the week of July 3–11, 2004, and will stop by the DAR magazine office during your visit. Members of the DAR Magazine Committee and staff look forward to thanking you personally for your support. We also want to hear your ideas and suggestions concerning the magazine, and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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AMERICANISM AND DAR MANUAL FOR CITIZENSHIP
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National Vice Chairman: Margaret (Midge) Sharkey, DAR Manual for Citizenship (Revisions)
Division Vice Chairman: Marion S. McCullough, EC; Mary (Molly) R. Revels, EA; Syndia (Katie) K. Bailey, NC; Betty J. Dreyfaut, NE; Debora J. Refior, NW; Elizabeth (Tish) A. Jones, SC; Elsie (Lenore) L. Geller, SE; Roberta L. Price, SW

The most significant achievement of this committee is the new relationship with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly INS). Thanks to dedicated DAR members, thousands of new American citizens have enjoyed special ceremonies and receptions following their oath of citizenship. Recognizing the efforts of DAR, the bureau requested our participation in the restructuring of the official citizenship ceremony. BCIS plans to publish new study materials for citizenship using the DAR Manual for Citizenship as a guide. Due to this new government effort, NSDAR will no longer publish the manual, but instead we have launched the first online version of the citizenship manual, available for download from the DAR public and Member Web sites. This change to an online version is more economical for the National Society and provides easier and quicker access for the public.

Outstanding individuals have been recommended for the DAR Medal of Honor and Americanism Medals. The presentation of these medals has resulted in excellent media coverage that spotlights the medal recipients, as well as the National Society and our mission.

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
National Chairman: Sally S. Egert
Division Vice Chairman: LaVonne L. Walcron, EC; Diana P. Ricigliano, EA; Mary C. Howden, NC; Carol J. Boulris, NE; Marcella F. Burkett, NW; Janet F. Pannell, SC; Diana S. Wood, SE; Jan S. Lockard, SW

The Chapter Achievement Awards were devised not only as an encouragement for participation, but also as a benchmark to measure the strength of the individual chapter. Through the Chapter Achievement Awards, the National Society honors chapters that are working to make a vital difference in their communities. Continued analysis of the Chapter Achievement Awards criteria throughout this Administration has allowed many smaller chapters to participate in a more equitable manner.

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (C.A.R.)
National Chairman: Jane W. Keegan
Division Vice Chairman: Linda B. Wetsel, EC; Ruth B. DeBruin, EA; Robin L. Dusman, NC; Pamela S. Hudak, NE; Caren W. Curtis, NW; Cathy D. Owens, SC; Linda O. Harvey, SE; Susan L. Cameron, SW

"Superb" describes the cooperation during the Millennium Administration between DAR and C.A.R. Approximately 2,000 Daughters serve in leadership capacities on the local, state and national levels. Chapter participation in C.A.R. contests has resulted in annual awards of more than 160 certificates of merit.

Interest in C.A.R. has grown with the launch of new societies and the reorganization of former societies, including two state societies. Due to this surge in interest, C.A.R. has seen a net gain in membership, with its total approaching 10,000 members.

Each year of the Millennium Administration, N.S.C.A.R. has received National Recognition for Excellence from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

A long-range plan has been developed for C.A.R., which will capitalize on the momentum the National Society has built. We have designed new brochures, providing a brief overview of the National Society and its benefits. Patriotic materials, such as the Signature Project, were created for use in public schools. As part of the outreach for membership, the National Society is currently advertising in several publications to encourage children and parents to consider C.A.R.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
National Chairman: Nancy S. Wright
Division Vice Chairman: Doris S. Bittner, EC; Leigh K. Scruggs, EA; Elizabeth C. Kopp, NC; Susan (Susie) M. Tukey, NE; Cathy L. Wilson, NW; Shirley Caldwell, SC; Sue A. Pitts, SE; Linda D. Remley, SW

The Community Service Award allows DAR chapters and state societies to recognize individuals or groups for outstanding community projects, as well as providing public visibility for our organization. With the launch of a new Web page, this committee provided easy access to chapters with downloadable award recommendation forms.

During the Millennium Administration, 1,428 Community Service Awards were presented in 46 states, the District of Columbia, Mexico and Germany.
Commissions

To date, this committee has had two outstanding national winners. In 2002, Bill and Pat Mercado were recognized for founding an organization called “Stop the Violence,” which focused on eliminating the nightly violence that was occurring in Dodge City. This recommendation was submitted by Dodge City Chapter, Kan. In 2003, Mary French was recognized for creating “The Dictionary Project,” a non-profit organization dedicated to providing third-grade students nationwide with their own personal dictionaries. This recommendation was submitted by the Susannah Smith Elliott Chapter, Summerville, S.C.

CONSTITUTION WEEK AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS
National Chairman: Bettie P. Tracy
National Vice Chairman: Barbara H. Carlson, Lewis 
& Clark Commemoration; Barbara A. de la Houssaye, Louisianna Purchase Commemoration; 
Martha L. Johnson, Constitution Week Celebration; 
Lynn S. Nicklas and Patience E. Sisters, National 
Patriot’s Bell Tower; Mary Lynn M. Tolle, Korean War Commemorative; Brigitte van den Hove-Smith, Washington 
Rochambeau Revolutionary Route; Mary Ann T. Wright, 
Independence Day Celebration
Division Vice Chairmen: Marjorie P. Knight, EC; Helen E. Baird, EA; 
Chloe Hoaglin, NC; Anne M. Edwards, NE; Gayle B. Ellison, NW; 
Susan T. Salm, SC; Luanne S. DeWitt, SE; Sheila S. White, SW

The creation of a Web page for this committee proved to be a valuable asset in enhancing its work. Information regarding various events was disseminated quickly and easily to members around the world. Daughters celebrated many commemorative events at the local, state and national levels. Two significant highlights of this committee's work are:

• Constitution Week: Awareness increased dramatically during the past three years with thousands of press clippings and media hits. A initiative to assist chapters was provided by the NSDAR public relations team, which made sample proclamations and press releases available to members for download via the Internet.
• National Independence Day Parade: In 2001, Daughters made history by marching in this nationally televised parade. The positive response from that first endeavor was overwhelming and generated much publicity. Due to the great success of this effort, the Daughters continued this parade tradition in 2002 and 2003 to promote patriotism.

DAR GOOD CITIZENS
National Chairman: Mary Ann W. Middleton
Division Vice Chairmen: Betty A. Belcher, EC; 
Barbara E. Carpenter, EA; Patricia A. Cork, NC; 
Gerrie S. MacWhinnie, NE; Lois J. Padour, NW; 
Marjorie E. Bibby, SC; Charlotte S. Reynolds, SE; 
Jacqueline (Jackie) K. Ross

Recognizing the achievements of America’s youth is the focus of this committee. The scholarships awarded to deserving high school seniors contribute to their continued educational pursuits and provide another avenue for DAR public relations in communities. This committee has experienced increases:

• In the numbers of participating chapters
• In the number of high schools contacted
• In the number of students honored as Good Citizens
• In the amount of monetary awards
• In the number of inquiries from students and parents seeking information about DAR scholarship opportunities

DAR LIBRARY
National Chairman: Charlotte (Char) B. Edson
National Vice Chairman: Georgianna M. 
Anderson, Friends of the Library; Violet D. Storer, 
Seimes Microfilm Center
Division Vice Chairmen: Mary (Mary Donna) D. 
Foley, EC; Helen S. Duggan, EA; Jane H. Hooe, NC; 
Donna L. Maroney, NE; Ruth M. Knappman, NW; 
Gloria B. Welch, SC; Aline G. Roberts, SE; Phyllis E. 
Williams, SW

The DAR Library remains one of the nation’s premier genealogical repositories. To enhance the collections, the Library Committee continues to add microforms as well as genealogical and historical books to aid the researcher and genealogical staff.

The Friends of the Library Committee launched a project to update the library’s furnishings for patrons using the facility. Through fund raising totaling approximately $30,000, the committee has restored the reading tables and plans to purchase appropriate lamps that will allow increased lighting and accommodate the use of laptop computers at the tables.

In April 2003, the Seimes Technology Center’s name was changed from the original Seimes Microfilm Center to reflect the changing content of the collection and the changing formats of research materials.

Through generous contributions from the George Storer Foundation of Florida, the Seimes Center has purchased a
magnifying device for attachment to a computer screen, new photocopy machines, and compact storage equipment to maximize the library's storage capacity. Donations from the Louisa Mt. Clari. Chapter, Grosse Pointe, Mich., and many others have enabled the center to add numerous important records on microfilm.

DAR MAGAZINE
National Chairman: Beth Bugehe
National Vice Chairman: Dorothy M. Braut.
Contributing Editor: Jean D. Mann, Genealogy Editor; Lynda N. Quinn, Photography; Marie K. Robertson, Feature Editor
Division Vice Chairman: Betty L. Rose, EC; Cyndy B. Sweeney, EA; Norma Sediack, NC; Carla A. Bue, NE; Elizabeth E. Hartsfield, NW; Marie T. Grossley, SC; Denise J. Fritze, SE; Carolyn E. Thombro-Weis, SW

Achievements of the DAR Magazine Committee and staff during the Millennium Administration include the following:

• Complete redesign in less than five months of the previous DAR magazine into a dynamic new magazine consisting of two bimonthly publications: The beautiful, informative, all-color American Spirit magazine, geared toward promoting DAR to the public, and the members-only supplement, Daughters newsletter, focusing on internal communications
• Launched the DAR Magazine Committee Website in 2001, making available downloadable subscription and advertising forms
• Made chapter magazine subscription reports available via the e-Membership Website for immediate access by chapter officers
• Was included for first time on the chapter master questionnaire
• Two magazine subscription contests, each with a grand prize of two airline tickets, were held in 2002 and 2003
• Purchased Cindex files for a three-volume DAR Magazine Cumulative Index 1892-1997 from the indexor for DAR use in compiling future volumes

All activities of this committee are geared toward promoting DAR. These achievements helped advance the future of NSDAR by bringing the DAR magazine into the 21st century through its redesign and updated publishing procedures. The new magazine has helped create the public perception of a new DAR, which in turn helps increase new interest and new members.

DAR MUSEUM
National Chairman: Rolfe T. Teague
National Vice Chairman: Amy C. Adamo, Special Museum Projects; Barbara B. Barrera, NSDAR Museum Correspondent, Docents; Sue K. Porter, Friends of the Museum; Emily T. Richardson, Museum Docents
Division Vice Chairman: Gloria B. Hunt, EC; Sandra W. Renay, EA; Nola K. Gottschalk, NC; Anne H. Jollimore, NE; Louise A. Palm, NW; Betty C. Crigler, SC; Shelby A. Whitson, SE; Mary E. Lewis, SW

The DAR Museum Committee is comprised of several subcommittees that support the needs of the museum.

• The DAR Museum Docents provide guided tours of the museum and period rooms for visitors, special events and the Christmas Open House.
• To share the treasures of the museum with members across the country, the Correspondent Docents sponsor programs that showcase different aspects of the collection. During this Administration, more than 1,000 programs have been given by the Correspondent Docents to DAR chapters and other civic organizations.
• Fund-raising efforts of the committee are the responsibility of the Friends of the DAR Museum sub-committee. To date more than $45,000 has been donated to the fund, and objects valued at more than $250,000 have been donated to the museum’s collection.

DAR SCHOLARSHIP
National Chairman: Lucinda (Cindy) B. Findley
National Vice Chairman: Martha B. Bogdan, Holt, Cogswell Nursing Scholarship; Sally N. Bueno, Margaret Howard Hamilton Scholarship; Lena S. Ferguson, Community of the District of Columbia Scholarship; Barbara J. Johnson, American History Scholarship; Arata H. Joiner, Lillian & Arthur Dunn Scholarship; Michelle M. Juering, Occupational Therapy Scholarship; Phyllis B. Norman, Irene & Daisy MacGregor Memorial Scholarship; Wanda W. Parladino, Alice W. Rokee Scholarship; Cindy S. Phillips, J.E. Caldwell Centennial Scholarship; Margaret A. Post, Enid Hall Griswold Memorial Scholarship; Hales C. Thornton, Mildred Nutting Nursing Scholarship
Division Vice Chairman: Anne R. Cummings, EC; Jacquelyn J. Myers, EA; Elizabeth (Betty) S. Magee, NC; Joyce L. Cain, NE; Nathelle B. Oates, NW; Donna M. Morgan, SC; Lisa B. Cook, SE; Kimberly A. Whitfield, SW
Committees

• To maintain adequate funding for scholarships, a special program, “Friends of the DAR Scholarship Fund,” was created to encourage donations to the scholarship programs.
• The American History Scholarship Fund has seen significant changes during this Administration, including a name change to the Dr. Aura Lee Pittenger American History Scholarship, in recognition of her generous donation. Due to curriculum restructuring, many colleges and universities no longer offer majors in American history at the undergraduate level. Requirements for this scholarship were adjusted to include majors in government studies or political science.

DAR SCHOOL

National Chairman: Georganne S. Marty
National Vice Chairman: Carol E. Duff, DAR
School Supper; Jean S. Vance, DAR School Tour Hostess; Sue R. Vesser, DAR School Scholarship
Division Vice Chairman: Barbara C. Pugh, EC;
Dorothy B. Ryno, EA; Betty H. Ford, NC; Jean E.
Kelsey, NE; Kathryn A. Hull, NW; Ruth F.
Oberheim, SC; Patricia B. Weathers, SE; Lanita
D. Rasak, SW

Education has always been one of the primary objectives of DAR. Daughters have continued their commitment to the DAR schools through fund-raising efforts at the chapter and state levels. A remarkable $3 million has been contributed to the DAR schools during the Millennium Administration. These funds have benefited various projects, including the renovation of existing structures and construction of new buildings, auditoriums and dormitories.

• Teddy-bear pins and school-bus banks have been the main fund-raising items for the DAR School Committee during the Watkins Administration. The roster for Friends of the Schools grew by 345 people during the three years of this Administration, with many Daughters giving more than the requisite $200 donation.
• During this Administration, Hindman Settlement School, Hillside School Inc. and Berry College all celebrated 100 years of academic service to their communities, with KDS and Tamassee celebrating 75-year anniversaries.

The accomplishments made by each of our schools are too numerous to list. The National Society applauds the outstanding support and unfailing loyalty of its members to all of the DAR schools. Each child appreciates your monetary donations, volunteered time, thoughts, prayers and love.

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS

National Chairman: Sharon B. Hillebrandt
National Vice Chairman: Helen H. Evans, Co-
Chairman-Veterans History Project; Gladys R.
Haynes, The Women Veterans; Marianne M.
Hughes, Co-Chairman-Veterans History Project;
Marjorie S. Shelton, Congress Luncheon; Pamela
C. Thomas, VAVS National Representative

VAVS National Deputy Representatives, Veterans Integrated
Service Network (VISN): Dale A. Boggs, VISN 5; Gail T. Forand,
VISN 1, 2, 3; S. Ann B. Hunter, VISN 12, 23; Lenore C. Jameson,
VISN 20, 21, 22; Martha B. Fane, VISN 4, 9, 10, 11, 15; Judith
(Judy) K. Baker, VISN 6, 7, 8, 16
Division Vice Chairman: Ruth G. Korzenbom, EC; Karen F.
Stroever, EA; Marilyn Earnest, NC; Gail T. Forand, NE; Carolyn S.
Kolow, NW; Hettie H. Lane, SC; Martha F. Cummings, SE;
Caroline H. Schulte, SW

• DAR joined a coalition of other organizations to participate in the Veteran’s History Project, launched by the Library of Congress—American Folk Life Center. The project collects the visual and oral histories of veterans or civilians who served in a war or military action.
• A computerized database of VAVS representatives and deputies was created.
• An official booklet and procedural manual was created to assist State Regents in the appointments of representatives and deputy representatives by describing the duties required.
• The committee has compiled a list of all known DAR members that have participated in military conflicts. This project is scheduled to be produced in book form in summer 2004.
• For the first time, this committee set up an information booth at Continental Congress, which provided members with insight into the work of the committee.

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

National Chairman: Patricia H. Mayer
National Vice Chairman: Susan G. Leigh, Indexing;
Margaret (Midge) K. Sharkey, Volunteers
Division Vice Chairman: Mary Ellen A. Reid, EC;
Karen J. Smith, EA; Darlene C. Vogt, NC; Rosemarie
E. McCall, NE; Karen R. Parsons, NW; Joyce S. Hill,
SC; Bonnie S. Glasgow, SE; Carol L. Wold, SW

For more than a century, DAR members have compiled unpublished genealogical information as a unique resource for the DAR Library. In addition to the vast collections of American Revolutionary lineages, these 17,000 volumes of unpublished
genealogical records make the DAR Library one of the nation's foremost genealogical research centers.

In 2001, the committee responded to the President General's challenge to compile a comprehensive ancestral database by preparing an "every-name index" for each volume in the National Society's collection. Those participating in the mammoth project used a computerized indexing program to standardize the data entries, which were merged into a main database.

The committee reports that 325 dedicated DAR members (and some husbands) have responded to the call, completing the collections of Arizona, Delaware, Tennessee and Virginia. This massive undertaking included the completion of 3,719 volumes, with a total of 7,163,158 individual names online. This compilation is of great value to the professional staff of our own genealogy department and for researchers worldwide.

**JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS**

**National Chairman:** Sharon M. Withers

**National Vice Chairman:** Lloyd W. Childers,
Community Service Award; Cheryl A. Clark, JAC Publicity; Julie R. Ornstein, Creative Expression Contest; Janet L. Whittington, Art Contest

**Division Vice Chairman:** Nancy H. Lutz, Art Contest, EC; Alicia H. Caltrider, Art Contest, EA; Martina J. Caputy, Community Service and Creative Expression Contest, EA; Julia R. Gerhardt, Art Contest, NC; Marilyn G. Ames, Community Service and Creative Expression Contest, NC; Julanne S. Sharrow, Art Contest, NE; Jean C. Silva, Community Service and Creative Expression Contest, NE; Janelle C. Braithwaite, Art Contest, NW; Leslie R. Soughers, Community Service and Creative Expression Contest, NW; Virginia (Ginny) A. Poffenberger, Art Contest, SC; Carole T. Farmer, Community Service and Creative Expression Contest, SC; Ann R. Parsons, Art Contest, SE; Penny E. Renwick, Community Service and Creative Expression Contest, SE; Ann L. Winchell, Art Contest, SW.

The Junior American Citizens Committee (JAC) is one of the hidden treasures of DAR, yet it is one of the most vital public relations programs within the National Society. The public outreach of the JAC Committee is particularly important because it is open to all. It allows children from all walks of life, from any heritage, regardless of lineal descent, to participate in fun programs that teach patriotism and American history.

- During the same period, the number of schools and youth groups involved with JAC grew from approximately 800 to more than 1,100.
- Many chapters and states that had never been involved with JAC or had not had participation in a number of years decided to really publicize and promote JAC, with excellent results. To quote one chapter chairman: "We decided to really push JAC. We made and delivered JAC packets to local schools and youth groups. I didn't expect much, but now I'm sitting here in the middle of 200 stamps and posters from one elementary school, with more coming from the middle school." Now that's a success story!
- The dramatic rise in contest entries can be attributed to two things: the personal and inventive touch in promoting the JAC Contest, and the effective utilization of the DAR Public Relations Department. Chapters were encouraged to make appointments with local school guidance counselors and administrators, rather than just mailing the materials. Chapter chairmen found themselves invited to faculty meetings to explain how the JAC contest could be incorporated into lesson plans and used as a learning tool.
- In addition, chapters sought new venues and saw that JAC materials reached home-school associations, C.A.R. societies, after-school programs, scout troops and other youth groups. More than 40 percent of the increase in JAC contest entries can be attributed to home-school students or youth groups. Using the personal touch and thinking outside the box to locate new venues for the contest have certainly contributed to the JAC success story.
- Information about JAC was added to the DAR public Web site so that parents, teachers and students could find more information about the contests and programs. Numerous requests were received from parents, students and educators who wanted to be paired with a local DAR chapter to participate in the contest.
- The NSDAR Public Relations Department authorized an article about the JAC contest that was released to more than 10,000 news outlets. Several newspapers covering the local JAC contest also interviewed the National Chairman to get an in-depth look at the work of JAC.

**Stats from the Watkins Administration**

18,235 applications have been approved for new membership
Commissions

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP
National Chairman: Virginia (Ginnie) S. Storage
National Vice Chairman: Mary E. Campbell, Statistics; Sherry Edwards, Junior Shoppe; Donna M. Elin, Junior Events; Cynthia L. James, Junior Editor for Magazine; Mary S. Kimmimau, Junior Sales; Ocie (O.B.) B. McCorkie, Junior School Representative: Bonnie M. Wiegard, Friends of Junior Membership; Pamela R. Wright, Outstanding Junior Contest Division Vice Chairmen: Charla L. Nutter, EC; Karen E. Steele, LA; Valerie M. Stachou, NC; Carrie T. Cote, NE; Jill A. Richardson, NW; Dee A. Brian, SC; Penny E. Renwick, SE; Stacy M. Jennings, SW

This committee has worked tirelessly to encourage membership with young women and is proud to boast 3,500 new Junior members for NSDAR.

- Junior bazaar items have now been made available for sale at the DAR Store and on the DAR Web sites. Fund-raising efforts from Junior bazaar sales, Junior doll voices and donations have allowed Junior Membership to provide record-setting donations to KDS and Talassee DAR schools, in excess of $250,000. This amount greatly exceeded the Juniors' three-year total financial commitment to the schools, which was set at $129,000.
- Communication within the committee and among Junior members has been greatly improved with the establishment of the committee's e-mail discussion listserv and Web site.
- Significant positive changes were made to the Outstanding Junior Member Contest. The Division level competition was replaced with a more equitable system of national finalists chosen from the state winners. Through the finalists' competition, State Outstanding Juniors are able to compete at the national level and are not disqualified at a divisional level. This allows the National Society to recognize those who are the most qualified and truly deserving Outstanding Junior Members.

LINEAGE RESEARCH
National Chairman: Alice S. Ellingsberger
National Vice Co-Chairmen: Hazel M. Kreinheder; Antoinette (Nettie) J. Segraves; Karen E. Sutton, Minority Research Division Vice Chairmen: Glenda B. Thompson, EC; Joyce J. Franks, EA; Carole C. Wylder, NC; Karen E. Livesey, NE; Ellen M. Benedict, NW; Ella L. Sheffield, SC; Nancy R. Carr, SE; Patricia H. Fullerton, SW

The Lineage Research Web Site and the Lineage Research Lookup Volunteers Board make it possible for this committee to provide needed information, handouts and research help directly to chapters and individuals.
- Utilizing e-mail helped to cut costs while facilitating the distribution of needed forms and materials.
- Through the use of computer technology and the Internet, the committee has created a network of members, chapters and state societies all working together to facilitate research.
- An e-mail directory was created and made available on the committee's Web page, which lists State Lineage Research Chairmen, Division and National Vice Chairmen. A network of lineage research volunteers, named the Lineage Research Lookup Volunteer Board, was created to provide access to local courthouses, offices of town clerks, archives, libraries, cemeteries and personal collections to locate documentation for application papers. These volunteers and their sources are easily accessible to anyone assisting with application papers.
- Hundreds of volunteers from 46 states offered their services and e-mail addresses for inclusion in this project.

MEMBERSHIP
National Co-Chairmen: Donna M. Elin, Membership Communications; Karin J. Lund, Membership Promotions
National Vice Chairmen: Margaret (Peggy) H. Boyd, Membership Promotion Workshops; Shirley S. Coupal, Prospective Members; Jimelle F. Rament, Members-at-Large
Division Vice Chairmen: Barbara S. Griffith, EC; Helen S. Shelton, EA; Elizabeth C. Zimmer, NC; Georgia P. Spratt, NE; Janice B. Nugen, NW; Sandra W. Franke, SC; Christine L. Burnette, SE; Dawn F. Hines, SW

- The most outstanding accomplishment is the realization of a net gain in membership, the first in a decade. This became a reality with the direct involvement and commitment of several committees assisting the Membership Committee: Chapter Development, Chapter Revitalization, Junior Membership, Lineage Research, Public Relations, Volunteer Genealogists and Volunteer Information Specialists.
- Innovative ideas to grow membership included programs such as the Membership Blood Drive, where members were asked to submit names of eligible relatives. To recapture members who resigned, a postcard campaign was implemented.
- Congress workshops that focused on networking, team-building, and hands-on activities proved to be an overwhelming
success. The 30-second DAR elevator pitch for membership has been one of the most effective techniques.

- Our latest initiative has been the retention program, currently in a pilot phase, that consists of sending a letter and questionnaire to those who recently resigned. Implementing this questionnaire will allow us to take a closer look at trends and determine what measures we can take to prevent members from resigning.

- The creation of online database tools has greatly enhanced the Membership Committee’s capabilities. These include:
  - **e-Membership:** A program to access information for any chapter or state organization, including up-to-date reports on application status and other membership changes.
  - **Prospective membership database:** Provides instantaneous referrals for women interested in membership to the appropriate state chairman.
  - **Membership message board:** Allows communication between members for discussions and valuable exchanges.
  - The membership Web page has provided chapters with information to strengthen membership through better recruitment, retention and member involvement.
  - Many sample forms and templates are available for download, including a chapter dues form and a new member letter that can be customized for any chapter.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE

**National Chairman:** Ann A. Hunter  
**National Vice Chairman:** Jo Ann (Jodi) C. Killeen, Luncheon  
**Division Vice Chairmen:** Nancy D. Hollandsworth, EC; Mary-Jane E. Hensley, EA; Charlotte B. Schuttler, NC; Shirley Bone, NE; Andrea D. Daro, NW; Elaine R. Osteen, SC; Mina W. Wright, SE; Rhoda R. Prall, SW

- The National Defender was revised to provide fair, balanced commentary on current issues. By addressing both sides of an issue, DAR recognizes all the viewpoints held by a diverse membership.
- Emphasis has been placed not on political persuasion, but on the importance of patriotism in support of our nation’s defense.
- In response to the members’ requests, the Good Citizenship Medal has been expanded to include youth service and patriotic organization groups who fulfill the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. The number of requests has increased by at least 200 during the past three years.
- The DAR ROTC Medal program has flourished, with a record number of awards presented to high school students.

### PROGRAM

**National Chairman:** Tonia B. Rodgers

Since 1908, NSDAR has maintained a library of materials to facilitate chapters’ work in planning meeting programs that promote DAR objectives. This committee also reviews all resources submitted to DAR for this collection.

The Program Office has videos, cassettes, slides and manuscripts available for chapter use.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MOTION PICTURE, RADIO AND TELEVISION

**National Chairman:** Denise Van Buren  
**National Vice Chairmen:** Pamela (Pam) M. Barrack; Barbara W. Brown, Broadcast Media; Kimberly (Kim) Clark, Congress Herald Asst. Editor; Pazzetta V. Mallette, Congress Relations; Catherine (Cathe) S. Rafferty, Congress Relations; Susan S. Reno, Congress Herald Editor; Cristy Trentby, Media Awards

**Division Vice Chairmen:** Ferne B. Arent, EC; Carole J. Morck, EA; Bettie M. Meinart, NC; Lois S. Lazzarino, NE; Janet C. McManus, NW; Martha F. Pool, SC; Sheila H. Davis, SE; Joan M. Dimmit, SW

- The Millennium Administration’s creation of the first full-time, professional Public Relations Department at NSDAR enabled the National Society, its state organizations and local chapters to make giant advancements in the positive promotion of the public’s perception of DAR and our work.
- Our public relations efforts culminated in three top 2003 Magellan Awards (a national publicity campaign competition coordinated by the League of Professional Communicators) that ranked DAR third in the year’s Top 50 Publicity Campaigns. DAR was awarded highest honors in the Non-Profit/Charity/Foundation competition class, and our public relations campaign was identified as the Best Publicity Campaign Debut of the year.
- The three-year effort had many facets: The DAR magazine was reinvented as American Spirit, and National Society business was appropriately moved to the companion newsletter, Daughters.
- A colorful and appealing DAR logo was designed and engaging new media kits were prepared. The public Web site was redesigned to better serve those seeking information about DAR and our good works.
- For the first time in our history, the DAR sent news releases electronically through news wires, and the PR committee
proactively obtained positive coverage in national publications.

- We seized opportunities to work with reporters to positively promote the DAR story on a national level, and worked to put the necessary tools into the hands of chapter chairmen so that they could tell that story, too.

- Chapter chairmen accomplished remarkable things during this Administration, and many were recognized with certificates of merit for outstanding publicity work. Chapters produced innovative campaigns to attract members; recognize Patriots, veterans and volunteers; and stage commemorative events, proving that DAR accomplishes newsworthy work in communities across the country. In addition, recognition was provided for the first time to chapters that produced outstanding chapter newsletters and chapter brochures to better inform and motivate present and prospective members.

- The National Society’s Motion Picture, Radio and Television mission was brought under the umbrella of this committee during this Administration as we worked to positively recognize outstanding programming in support of our organizational ideals. National awards were presented in 2002 to 1010-WINS Radio for its award-winning coverage of September 11, 2001, and to FOX News in 2003 to recognize its outstanding coverage of our Armed Forces during the war on terrorism.

- The important work of the Congress Public Relations Committee was also incorporated within this committee during the last three years, and hard-working Congress volunteers produced record amounts of local news releases for delegates, in addition to distributing new media kits to chapters in 2002.

- In 2003, hundreds of news releases were distributed electronically to the news media, saving time and money.

- On a light note, it was certainly a “first” to have had the DAR featured in a plot line of the NBC television series, “The West Wing,” in an episode that featured our welcoming the president’s young daughter as a member. While it’s true that a particular character was portrayed in an unflattering stereotype, the overall treatment of DAR was actually quite positive. Such “product placement” in a highly visible hit television show is the envy of nonprofits everywhere, and would have been impossible to afford, even if it were available for purchase.

Innovative, resourceful, professional and effective are the words to describe our public relations campaign during the last three years as we strove to better reflect the dynamic accomplishments of our National Society and its vibrant future. Many thanks to all of the Daughters who made it happen, and special appreciation to the chapter chairmen who proved that we can, and will, promote today’s DAR.

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

National Chairman: Joy D. Hagg
Division Vice Chairmen: Jean A. Elliot, EC; Mamie W. Smith, EA; Jennifer A. May, NC; Isabel K. Hobbs, NE; Dawn W. Crisp, NW; Joan T. Zumwalt, SC; Cynthia (Cindy) C. Clayton, SE; Debra S. Jamison, SW

- During the three years of the Millennium Administration, approximately 500,000 American flags and countless amounts of patriotic material have been distributed by members. This term has been marked by world-changing events—September 11, the war in Afghanistan and the war in Iraq.

- A renewed sense of patriotism has evolved and DAR has been visibly present to support our men and women in uniform and to encourage a grieving nation. Through education programs, flag dedication, flag retirement ceremonies, supporting the military and other programs, chapters have been more visible in their communities in promoting patriotism.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALISTS

National Chairman: Susan G. Tillman
National Vice Chairmen: Margaret R. Bates, Web Page Approval; Beth S. Davis, Web Page Review; Mary H. Marshall, Web Site Development; Rosemary H. Patterson, Patriot Index Project, DAR Site Service; Janet H. Ramos, Volunteer Computer Projects; Linda S. Sandlin, Assistant Webmaster; Sheila Shaughnessy, Webmaster; Glenda B. Thompson, Patriot Index Project, Internet Provider Sites Service
Division Vice Chairmen: Barbara M. Rutledge, EC; Margaret H. Gentges, EA; Michele M. Rediger, NC; Melanie J. Farmer, NE; Nedra D. Bill, NW; Kelley B. Poydence, SC; Phyllis M. Porter, SE; Anne D. Donahue-Lampman, SW

- Expanded Members’ Web Site to include all committees and Executive Officers
- Launched the DAR Patriot lookup service in August 2001. Have received more than 111,500 requests; service was named one of Family Tree magazine’s 101 best sites in 2002 and 2003; the site continues to receive hundreds of requests each month
- 776 new chapter Web sites have been approved and linked from the national Web site during this Administration; 14 states have 100 percent of their chapters represented: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Mexico, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wisconsin
 Committees

• Made all critical NSDAR reporting forms in writeable PDF format
• Implemented the system to add e-mail links to all chapters to facilitate membership and administrative contact
• Implemented a messaging system to forward notices from national headquarters to chapter e-mail contacts
• Coordinated volunteer efforts to input pre-1985 members into an all-member database
• Supervised three volunteer phases to input, proof, and verify ancestor/member database information
• Created education materials for the e-Membership system, provided educational workshops, and made a PowerPoint presentation available for use by VIS State Chairmen.

• Wrote the specifications for the prospective membership database system, provided educational tutorial and one-on-one training
• Instituted a monthly newsletter to keep membership informed of news and developments in the committee

 Genealogy Preservation

• Completed Chapter Caption Project
• Coordinated 391 volunteers who input chapter names and deaths, and drop or resign dates into the all-member database
• Completed Pension Index Project
• 262 volunteers created an online index of available pension information.

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CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

**National Chairman:** Carol S. Rilling
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**Division Vice Chairmen:** Kate A. Smith, EC; Candice B. Leit, EA; Paula (Polly) S. Myers, NC; Morgan R. Hasperton, NE; Darla D. Teter, NW; Elizabeth (Betty) W. McGehee, SC; Anne W. Stewart, SE; Suzanne M. Heske, SW

This committee was created to provide national support and direction in developing new chapters. This committee has made remarkable progress in three years by forming new, vibrant chapters that will replace previously disbanded chapters. Planning meetings were held with committee members and state membership contacts within various divisions of the National Society. Discussions focused on the membership decline over the past 20 years and possible solutions for the redirection of membership promotion. Following these divisional meetings, DAR leaders were urged to take forward the plans and proposals to their respective states and metropolitan areas to initiate the project. New concepts in chapter structure were explored: Abbreviated meetings for a lunch-hour crowd; meetings held near the workplace, such as a mall, corporation, or the Pentagon; and chapters developed within currently established groups, such as retirement communities, colleges, subdivisions, etc. Included as a subset to this committee is a team of genealogy experts to assist new members with the application process.

New chapters developed include:
- Asthon Sosi Chapter, Ariz. (for career women)
- Pentagon Chapter, Va. (for career women at the Pentagon)
- Halleck Chapter, Nev.
- Wild Horse Trail Chapter, Idaho (for career women)
- High Desert Chapter, Wyo.
- Old Pueblo Chapter, Ariz. (for career women)
- Daughters at the University of Tennessee Chapter, Tenn. (for college students)
- Pahump Springs Chapter, Nev.

Chapters are currently being organized in:
- Livingston, Mont.
- Aberdeen, S.D.
- Seattle
- Carson City, Nev.
- Pierre, S.D.
- Door County, Wis.

CHAPTER REVITALIZATION

**Division Vice Chairmen:** Eva L. Collins, EC; Alfreda R. Davidson, EA; Sharon B. Stenzel, NC; Gail E. Terry, NE; Darley (Darley Von) V. Vandegrift, NW; Ruth K. Clark, SC; Judith (Judy) H. Chaffin, SE; Betty Jo L. Reeves, SW

This committee was created in the Millennium Administration to help stem the loss of members and chapters. The committee's motto has been: This is not your grandmother's DAR! We have changed our attitudes without changing our values! A plan to strengthen and revitalize existing chapters was conceived and developed by Elizabeth Stoddard. This plan was outlined and made available in notebook form to the Division Vice Chairmen to provide uniform standards throughout the National Society. A Web page was created with valuable information available to any chapter member needing assistance in reviving her chapter. One of the key messages promoted by this committee was the need to facilitate the needs and interests of today's busy woman. Examples are flexibility in meeting times and places, and programming.

DAR PATRIOT INDEX

**National Chairman:** Donna K. Santistevan
**National Vice Chairman:** Judith (Judy) A. Zieg

The DAR Patriot Index was reformatted using new software to properly maintain the list. Corrections and modifications were made to the previous edition produced in 1993. In 2003, the new DAR Patriot Index was published as a three-volume set, which includes 3,064 pages of more than 126,000 Patriots. For the first time, an alternate name cross-reference was added for better user access. Commercial advertisements have been placed in genealogical National Society newsletters and publications to encourage sales of this valuable resource.

**Stats from the Watkins Administration**

**Digitization and indexing of records included:**
- More than 1,000,000 applications and supplementals;
- 200,000 ancestor catalog cards; 1,400,000 member index cards; and 30,000 Patriot pension cards
DAR PROJECT PATRIOT
National Chairman: Beth Bugbee
National Vice Chairman: Sue S. Anderson-Ball, Donations; Marcy O. Heathman, Public Relations; Joan M. McClelland, Donations; Seeley G. Springman, Juniors; April L. Watkins, Public Relations; Cynthia A. Weber, Public Relations
Division Vice Chairman: Sharon M. Clouse, EC; Ellan S. Thorson, EA; Joyce S. Hinshaw, NC; Pauline (Polly) T. Bartow, NE; Shirley M. Wagers, NW; Nancy S. Wright, SC; Cindy S. Phillips, SE; Donna M. Elin, SW

This committee was formed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. DAR members wanted to provide assistance to our military in defense of our country.

- After learning about carrier battle groups in the Arabian Sea being used as Afloat Forward Operating Bases for Special Operations Forces of the Army; Navy and Air Force, National Chairman Beth Bugbee suggested that NSDAR sponsor an aircraft carrier.
- Working with the Navy department, DAR was officially informed on February 26, 2002, that the commanding officer and crew of the U.S.S. John C. Stennis (CVN 74) would appreciate having NSDAR as its official sponsor. On March 19, 2002, the DAR Project Patriot Committee was activated as the approved special committee to organize and coordinate DAR support for the U.S.S. Stennis and the war against terrorism.
- DAR Project Patriot is self-supporting and receives all its funding from donations. Over $150,000 was contributed to the Project Patriot Fund as of December 31, 2003. A Project Patriot pin was designed in 2002, which donors contributing $100 or more at one time are eligible to purchase from J.E. Caldwell.
- Two DAR Project Patriot Web sites were designed and are continually updated. DAR Project Patriot is included on the Chapter Master Questionnaire and Chapter Achievement Award forms.
- Phase I: "Patriot Packages" were sent to each crew member aboard the U.S.S. Stennis on deployment as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in the North Arabian Sea. DAR volunteers prepared 5,200 care packages, which included a T-shirt, See's Candy, a letter or card from a DAR member or school child, and a letter of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.
- Phase II: Representatives from U.S.S. Stennis attended the 11th Continental Congress Opening Night on July 3, 2002. Rear Admiral James M. Zortman was the keynote speaker. The DAR Patriot Award was presented to Admiral Zortman for the crew of the U.S.S. Stennis. Captain Jeffrey B. Miller, Executive Officer of the U.S.S. Stennis, accepted the Margaret Cochran Corbin Award from the President General on behalf of Lieutenant Ellen H. Duffy, an officer on the ship.
- Phase III, "Home for the Holidays": Another shipment of care packages was prepared for the crew. Gifts included prepaid phone cards, holiday greeting cards from members, drawings from school children and special greeting cards from the President General. In addition, holiday cards were shipped to military personnel serving in remote overseas locations.
- Phase IV, "Star Spangled Summer Salute to the U.S.S. Stennis": Two-year subscriptions of American Spirit magazine were donated to 20 departments on the U.S.S. Stennis. The National Chairman was invited to meet with members of Stennis Command and tour the ship on April 29, 2003. At the 111th Continental Congress, volunteers assembled a third shipment of care packages for the crew containing phone cards, a letter from the President General, note cards from members and drawings from school children.
- Phase V, "DAR-U.S.S. Stennis Light the Way": For the 2003 holiday season, NSDAR provided 3,000 Mini Maglite flashlights imprinted with "DAR-U.S.S. STENNIS," along with cards and drawings in the care packages. Representing NSDAR, the National Chairman attended the Commanding Officer's Change-of-Command ceremony onboard the U.S.S. Stennis on December 10, 2003.
- Phase VI, "Sights and Sounds of Freedom": Over 200 books and DVDs from Naval Heritage/Core Values Reading Guide, as well as the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy's "Leadership, Management and Personal Growth Reading List," were donated to the recently refurbished U.S.S. Stennis libraries prior to the ship's deployment.
- Phase VII, "DAR-U.S.S. Stennis Fitness for Freedom:" This phase is the last project for the committee in the Millennium Administration. At the suggestion of the U.S.S. Stennis Command Master Chief, NSDAR has donated 3,200 exercise mats for use by crew members in the ship's physical readiness program.
Committees

DAR SPEAKERS STAFF
National Chairman: Gwen B. Sealy
Division Vice Chairman: Jane T. Moulthrop, EC; Norma L. Polley, EA; Rose Mary H. Orr, NC; Marianne (Mimi) B. Lucas, NE; Darlene S. Fassler, NW; Saundra P. Griffith, SC; Ann S. Crider, SE; Blanche N. Goldsmith, SW

The DAR Speakers Staff members are prepared to address groups on many subjects. From membership initiatives to genealogy, this committee delivers talks not only to DAR meetings, but also to many organizations and groups. Efforts were made to establish a database of prepared speeches, particularly on the aspects of membership. A committee Web site was also launched, which directs users to contacts in each state and region.

INSIGNIA
National Chairman: Cora P. Teel
National Vice Chairmen, Internet Purchasing Group: Nedra D. Brill; Norma H. Cole; Gay Harlower; Jean C. Mankier; Mary Jon G. Shubert

This committee took on a primarily administrative role in the Millennium Administration. Its focus changed from gathering statistics to reviewing all proposals for new pins. The committee reviewed 28 proposals for new pins, 20 of which were approved. The Internet Purchasing sub-committee was created to monitor Internet auction sites. To date, this committee has redeemed 640 pins for the National Society. The Insignia Committee Web page quickly became a popular site for members with information on previously owned pins for sale, as well as a list of proper pin placement.

LITERACY CHALLENGE
National Chairman: Elizabeth (Libby) M. McKee
Division Vice Chairman: Mary Lou Winsett, EC; Kathleen (Kathy) M. Rugh, EA; Wanda K. Schaller, EA; Carol S. Nelson, NC; Marcella F.Burkett, NW; Sundra S. Hall, SC; Georgia W. Seagren, SE; Joyce C. Hewson

DAR members were recognized for tutoring reading, teaching English as a second language, educating the public about literacy levels, encouraging parents to instill in their children a love of reading, donating books, helping students prepare for their GED, mentoring at-risk students, reading to the blind, recording books on tape, distributing brochures on literacy, partnering with literacy organizations and raising funds for literacy. These efforts have accumulated 186,105 hours of volunteer service from more than 6,300 DAR members in 1,332 chapters.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMISSION
National Chairman: Marilynn R. Baxter

This committee has analyzed various operations of the National Society and proposed several new procedures. Two of the highlights of this committee's work include:

• “Daughters Helping Daughters”: A project, available for initiation in each state organization, which will collect and manage funds to assist in paying the annual DAR dues of members who are financially limited
• Transition Plan: At the request of President General Watkins, the committee developed an outline for a transition strategy between Administrations to ensure a smoother transition for NSDAR headquarters operations and member-based programs

NATIONAL BOARD EVENTS
National Chairman: Jean M. Pablo (photo not available)
National Vice Chairman: Lynda W. Closson

This committee arranges special events and dinners held during meetings of the National Board of Management. Some of the special events include a dinner hosted by the French Embassy; tours of historic sites in the Washington, D.C. area; and a reception at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

PRESIDENT GENERAL’S PROJECT
National Chairman: Vicky Zuverink
National Vice Chairmen, Co-Chairmen, Congress Sales: Lynn S. Garrett; Martha B. Jones; Marcia M. Manning; Donalda (Donna) H. Tiemann
Division Vice Chairman: Virginia (Ginger) W. Nailey, EC; Nancy L. Gum, EA; Stephanie C. Murphy, NC; Marikay T. McHoul, NE; Donna J. Hart, NW; Lisa M. Jenkins, SC; Doris C. Howell, SE; Mona M. Reiff, SW

168 Daughters of the American Revolution Newsletter
• This committee has helped to promote the President General's Project through fund-raising activities. A new plan was created to keep chapters and states updated on their status as each strived for 100 percent participation.
• The Giving Tree is a permanent sculpture that recognizes the generosity of donors to the President General's Project. Chapters and individuals are able to actually see the leaves and branches as contributions are received.
• To date, $3,064,000 has been raised for this important project.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS AND EVENTS**

**National Chairman:** Virginia R. Russell  
**National Vice Chairman:** Priscilla R. Baker; Lynda W. Clowson; Martha V. Hilton; Cheryl B. Powell;  
Olivia J. Sen; Merry Ann T. Wright

Virginia R. Russell  

This committee has planned several outstanding events that have allowed DAR members to celebrate historic happenings. Much of the preliminary planning was done as a result of the generosity of Virginia and David Russell, who have traveled abroad extensively at their own expense to make all of the arrangements. In addition, these events have been successful due to a collaborative effort with the Tours and Travel Committee. Below are some highlights.

• **November 2001:** A DAR delegation led by President General Watkins and National Chairman Virginia Russell celebrated the 225th Anniversary of the First Salute to the American Flag on the island of St. Eustatius in the Netherlands Antilles. The President General and the Governor of St. Eustatius unveiled a DAR marker commemorating the historic event. Many dignitaries attended the festivities, including the governors from neighboring islands, the U.S. Consul General to the Netherlands Antilles, and the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, Captain Lawrence E. Tant. The U.S.S. Doyle, a Navy frigate, reenacted the firing of a salute by an American ship and the local militia returned the salute from the parapet of Fort Oranje.

• This committee established a program to recognize and honor the efforts of the first envoys of the United States, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. This program sought to re-emphasize the contributions these two men made to the American War of Independence by obtaining support from countries in Europe, including France and the Netherlands, and establishing relationships for the newly created United States with countries in Europe, including England, France, the Netherlands, Poland and Russia.

• **October 2002:** The First Envoys—Phase 1 of this multifaceted program took a DAR delegation to England and Scotland. Highlights from this trip included a private luncheon hosted by Lord Palmer in the Cholmondeley Room at the Houses of Parliament; the Baroness Trumpington of Sandwicht, a Conservative Life Peer, was the keynote speaker.

• A cruise on the River Thames allowed the delegation to see several sites in London. The group visited All Hallows Church to see the Undercroft Museum, where a DAR display case containing the marriage record of John Quincy Adams and Louisa Catherine Johnson is displayed; the entry in the church registry of the baptism of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania; and the sections of the old Roman Wall are visible in the museum.

• The group visited the house in London where John Adams lived when he was the first U.S. envoy to the Court of St. James, from May 1785 to June 17, 1788. The house at No. 13 Grosvenor Square became the first American legation in London. The current American Embassy is at the far end of Grosvenor Square.

• The group visited Windsor Castle, the State Apartments and the chapter library. At 5 p.m., the delegation entered St. George's Chapel to attend a Sung Eucharist led by the world-famous chapel choir.

• The delegation visited the University of St. Andrews, where the President General and Historian General Beverly Jensen participated in a ceremony dedicating a DAR marker to recognize the award of an honorary degree from the university to Benjamin Franklin, and the granting of the "Freedom of the City of St. Andrews" to Franklin in 1759. A reception followed, as well as a seminar on Franklin's activities in Scotland.

• The group was welcomed at the Edinburgh Council Chambers by the Right Honorable Eric Mulligan, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, who spoke on the connection between the Scottish enlightenment and early development of the United States.

• A four-day tour extension to Ireland followed for many of the members of the group. This was a most interesting visit and was highlighted by visits with the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Dermot Lacey; and the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, Richard J. Egan. Several beautiful homes and historic sites in the area were visited, as well as the Dáil, the Irish Parliament.

• **Fall 2003:** The First Envoys—Phase 2 planned to visit The Hague to honor the first U.S. legation established by John Adams in 1782, and to Paris to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase. The war in Iraq and the possible threat of terrorist action against a large group of Americans, as well as the loss of deposits if the war prevented the trip, cancelled this visit.
Committees

STATE REGENTS DINNER COMMITTEE


Ellen Thorson   Joyce Hinshaw   Jean W. Vaughan

This committee rotates its chairmanship annually to a sitting State Regent. The National Chairman is responsible for arranging the event for all state regents attending meetings of the National Board of Management.

TOURS AND TRAVEL

National Chairman: Linda B. Shiflett
National Vice Chairman: Emmelyn M. Hart-Biberfeld; Martha B. Jones; Mary Catherine G. Romer; Olivia J. Sen; Rebecca (Becca) V. Smith

Linda B. Shiflett

This committee was developed during the Watkins Administration to assist in the travel needs of the National Society. Working with the Special Projects and Events Committee, this group has been instrumental in arranging travel and lodging accommodations for the DAR delegations traveling abroad. As a perk for members, the committee arranged discounted air fare for members traveling to Continental Congress.

UNITS OVERSEAS

National Chairman: Susan D. Conger
National Vice Chairman: Vanatta F. Standrich, Chapter Achievement Awards; Evelyn M. Gerzetic, Chapter Development; Becky A. Kirkpatrick, Contests; Marlene F. Taggart, Genealogy; AnnaLisa Laufer-Hansing, General Fund-raising and Accounts; Elizabeth Pagano, General Fund-raising and Accounts; Frances M. Lowe, Junior Doll 2005; Carrie Hug, Junior Doll 2005; Laura M. Reid, Luncheon; Emilie J. Slarklewicz, Network Communications

Susan D. Conger

This committee was established in 1950 to provide a link between the National Society and those members living outside of the United States. Currently there are 19 chapters located in 11 countries around the world.

VOLUNTEER GENEALOGISTS

National Chairman: Nancy B. Alexander
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Nancy B. Alexander

* During the Millennium Administration, seven Volunteer Field Genealogists workshops have been held in California, Texas, Kentucky, Arizona, Georgia, Utah and Louisiana. More than 520 members have completed the course, learning current NSDAR standards for the verification of papers.
* Ten on-site training courses have been offered in NSDAR headquarters to 150 DAR members. During the past three years, volunteers have verified almost 3,000 supplementals.
* Named as National Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist for 2002 was Dr. Robin Alexander of Texas, and for 2003 was Jean Dixon Mann, of Florida. The national winner for 2004 will be announced in July at Continental Congress.
* Because of the proposed increase in application fees, 2003 saw a deluge of supplementals submitted. The backlog of supplementals now stands at about 9,000 papers.
* Beginning in 2004, a new program for non-local volunteers has been designed and initiated, that of Genealogy Consultant. Four on-site training courses will be held this year to provide instruction to volunteers who will then be able to resolve problem papers for chapters needing assistance.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

National Chairman: Mary (Mary Mac) M. Barnett
National Vice Chairman: Charlotte M. Hubbs, Career Issues; Janet N. Siler, Health Issues; Elizabeth (Betsy) L. Teti, Family Issues
Division Vice Chairman: Barbara N. Fish, EA; Bana W. Caskey, EC; Ellen G. Stortz, NC; Nancy D. Anderson, NE; Jane R. Sutter, NW; Patricia (Patia) D. Traffas, SC; Lee H. Hunt, SE; Diane D. Glose, SW

Mary M. Barnett

This new committee is slowly but surely spreading the word of its birth during the Millennium Administration. This committee is a bulletin board to find new information regarding health, career and family issues important to all Daughters. Many of these important tips can be found on the committee's Web site on the NSDAR Web page. Through an essay contest, DAR is discovering what is truly important to its membership and what attracts today's women to DAR.
The Congress planning and preparation was reorganized to include the collaboration of the Headquarters Events Coordinator and the Congress National Chairman. Through their efforts, many new procedures were implemented to improve this large convention. A comprehensive manual was created with detailed information that will be passed on to future chairmen.

To improve registration, voting delegates were directed to register with the Credentials Committee while members and guests were processed through the General Registration Committee. For the first time, all registration was computerized for faster verification and processing. Official Congress badges were issued to all attendees, including guests, which ensured better security. The use of electronic communication equipment has improved the coordination and efficiency of the Registration Line Committee in moving members through the process.

To include all members, Congress Online, Public Relations and Information Systems Departments worked together to produce a live Internet feed of the sessions. Members around the world could log on to the Members’ Web Site and witness the happenings of the convention. Fresh news, photos, and video are now produced daily and incorporated into the two Congress media vehicles: The Congress Herald, a daily newspaper, and Congress Online, the Web version.

Because many Daughters bring along friends and family to share their experience in our nation’s capital, DAR has designed events that cater to the needs of the non-member attendees. Sightseeing events and luncheons were planned for each of the years during the Millennium Administration. Spy tours, the U.S. Naval Academy and Civil War sites are among the highlights of the events for men and families.

The Pages at Continental Congress provide an invaluable service. Their dedication and hard work makes possible many Congress events. The official Pages’ Web page was launched on the Members’ site, providing information for members planning to page at Congress and state conferences. Two of the highlights of Congress paging during this Administration have been the reinstatement of Reunion Page Night and Colored Gown Night. More than 75 retired pages dusted off their “whites” and returned for a fun-filled night of paging. Colored Gown Night was exciting, as the pages donned gorgeous gowns that provided a much-needed sense of energy after wearing white all week.

Stage extensions allowed space for the more than 200-member All American DAR Chorus to perform on stage in Constitution Hall. Carpeting was added to the stage, which helped to dampen noise and provided a safer, non-skid surface for participants. The Platform Committee proved its flexibility in adjusting to various stage settings to accommodate the Congress programs.

Instead of a formal seated banquet, this Administration launched the first Congress Reception, open to all Daughters and guests. The reception included light refreshments. The relaxed atmosphere allowed guests to circulate, meet the Executive Officers, mingle with friends and enjoy the final night.

Scenes From Continental Congress, 2003
Tony Snow from FOX News attended Continental Congress to accept a national award from the Motion Picture, Radio and Television Committee for his coverage of the war on terrorism. He is shown here with President General Linda Watkins (center right) and Lynne Cheney (right). Vice President Dick Cheney’s wife, a published author and longtime advocate of improving the public’s knowledge of American history, Mrs. Cheney was a keynote speaker at Continental Congress 2003, and was also awarded the DAR Founders Medal for Education.
Continental Congress Committees

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Elspeth C. Johnson

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Jennifer C. Woodrow

Jennifer C. Woodrow

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Dale A. Boggs

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Over 10,000 supplementals were verified
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\section*{CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION}  
Saturday, July 10  
10:30 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Grand Ballroom  
J.W. Marriott Hotel  
Tickets: $38

Reservations must be received by June 15, 2004  
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Vulcan is the unique and enduring symbol of the City of Birmingham. Conceived by civic leaders to showcase Alabama’s rich mineral and manufacturing resources at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition of the St. Louis World’s Fair, this colossal statue was created to make a statement to the world. For two years the statue has undergone renovations to repair the ravages of time and weather. It again proudly stands overlooking the City of Birmingham, again welcoming visitors to the area.

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The Richards DAR House Museum, an Italianate townhouse located in de Tonti Square Historic District of Mobile, Alabama, was built in 1860 by Charles G. and Caroline Steele Richards. After the house became a part of the Mobile museum system in 1973, the six local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution assumed its stewardship. Promoting the ideals of historic preservation and community service, chapter members compose the Richards DAR House Governing Board and serve as volunteer docents.

After a tour of the house, join us in the well-stocked gift shop for complimentary tea and cookies. Among popular items in the shop are a house pin, a cookbook containing recipes from DAR members, blue and white Staffordshire commemorative house plates and numerous handcrafted articles. An attraction is a Shelia collectible of the Richards DAR House Museum.

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The Madonna of the Trail

On Her 75th Anniversary

Pictured are Sculptor August Leimbach and Mrs. John Trigg Moss
District 1, Illinois State Organization, NSDAR
Our Vision Soars
Honoring our Prairie Heritage

A typical grandfather's house on the home farm of the Mennonite Heritage Center in Metamora, Ill. The "grossdawdy haus" stands amid prairie wild grasses and flowers.

A monarch butterfly sustains life on wild asters, goldenrod and butterfly weed scattered among native Illinois prairie grasses.

The State of Illinois administers the Munson Township Cemetery, just outside Cambridge, Ill. They are preserving and restoring the old-type of grasses that our ancestors encountered in pioneer days. As part of this program, trees and non-native plants are eliminated as much as possible. Much native wildlife has also been able to return. The cemetery is old and has tombstones with birth dates from the 1700s. The most recent stone has a death date of 2002, so it is still in use.

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~ Jane Kays Hooe, State Regent ~
~ Doris Wilcoxon Larke, District 1 Director ~
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Bald Eagles Live in the newly established Lost Mound Refuge located in closed Savanna Army Depot - Carroll County

Fenwood Aquaculture, a pond and wetland, located eight miles northwest of Freeport - Stephenson County

“Abe Lincoln” fence along walking path in Severson Dells, Montaqua Road, Rockford, tall grass restoration project - Winnebago County

McCune Beach Sand Prairie “Blow Hole” located north of Mineral - Bureau County

Six foot Compass Plant towers in front of flag pole at the Jarrett Prairie Center in the Byron Forest Preserve, Byron - Ogle County.

CHAPTEARS AND REGENTS

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Elder William Brewster...............Lois DeGarmo Rock River........................Sharon Taylor

~ Jane Hays Hoos, State Regent ~
~ Audrie Elaine Christensen, District II Director ~
District III sits in East-central Illinois, squarely in the midst of what once was the great prairie of the Midwest, a sea of trackless grassland.

The compass plant grows from five to 10 feet high with yellow flowers two to five inches wide. It blooms from July to September.

On cloudy days, the robust leaves of the compass plant gave direction to early pioneers who lost their way amid the tall grasses of the Illinois prairie. The rugged leaves of a mature plant are oriented on a north-south axis. One only had to find a compass plant to right himself with the world. Thus, the name—compass plant.

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~ Jane Hooks Hove, State Regent ~
~ Pamela Bork, District III Director ~
**District IV, Illinois State Organization, NSDAR**

*Our Vision Soars*

*Honoring our Prairie Heritage*

**Lyman Woods, Downers Grove, Illinois**

In 1987, the Village of Downers Grove, the Downers Grove Park District, and the DuPage County Forest Preserve District combined to purchase a 135-acre site of woods, prairie and marshlands on the north side of Downers Grove.

The site supports over 400 species of native plants, six of which have been classified as rare in the Chicago area. White-tailed deer, red fox, coyote, great horned owls, and numerous waterfowl are found in the area as well as glacial deposits. Since acquisition, marked trails have been created.

***** Conservation *****

**“Lagoons in a Wooded Grove” Aeration Station**

**Worth-Palos Heights, Illinois**

The SEPAS project (Sidestream Elevated Pools Aeration Stations) include five sets of waterfalls, which were constructed to improve the sluggish Calumet – Main Channel Waterway System built in 1922, which stretched 42 miles from Lake Michigan to Lockport, Ill.

This site, “Lagoons in a Wooded Grove,” is composed of a water park setting open to the general public and includes landscaped grounds and walks for viewing and enjoying the waterfall.

~ Jane Hays Hoove, State Regent ~

~ Jayne Hay Cates, District IV Director ~
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The I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor

The Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor is a passageway to the past. Linking the Great Lakes and New York City with the Mississippi River and New Orleans, the canal served as a catalyst for the development of Chicago as the Midwest’s major port and trade center.

The corridor today links historic sites and townscapes associated with the canal and numerous wetlands, prairies and other nature preserves.

Starting in Chicago and stretching for 97 miles to the Illinois River at Peru, the canal passes through five counties of the Illinois State Organization’s Fourth District.

*** Conservation ***

Elawa Farm and Middlefork Savannah, Lake Forest, Ill.

Elawa Farm was built in 1917 by meat-packing magnate A. Watson Armour. Named by combining the first letters from the given names of the original owners, it is one of the few remaining “gentleman farms” in the Midwest. In 1999 it was designated as an American Cultural Landmark by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C.

A natural tall-grass prairie, the Middlefork Savannah is adjacent to Elawa Farm. The savannah is protected in its natural state and is surrounded by walking and bike paths.

~ Jane Hays Hove, State Regent ~
~ Jayne Hay Cates, District IV Director ~
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HONORING OUR PRAIRIE HERITAGE

SALT CREEK PRAIRIE CHAPTER
Mason City, Illinois, is located in the midst of Illinois' native tall prairie grass region. Frontiersmen of the early 1800s had to stand on horseback to see over the tall blue stem prairie grass. Earthskin Nursery Mason City, is dedicated to preserving various prairie species; i.e., black-eyed susan, side oats grama, graybearded cone flowers, and prairie drop seed varieties. Owner Lou Nelms and family harvest and sell seeds for the reconstruction of native prairie grass habitat.

Dorothy Walters sits among blue stem prairie grass plants

Regent Diane Berman and daughter Kyra Thomas

Elsie Lewis examines black-eyed susans


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~ Jane Hays Koce, State Regent ~
~ Pamela Bork, District V Director ~

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Alton, Ill., is home to the TreeHouse Wildlife Center, dedicated to the rehabilitation of native wildlife and environmental education. Kohoutek, a permanently injured bald eagle, (pictured) is a resident.

The Watershed Nature Center, in Edwardsville, Ill., is devoted to the preservation and restoration of wetlands and habitat native to the area.

The Henry White Experimental Farm, located in St. Clair County, studies cropland, woodland, wetlands and prairie conservation.

Land conservation is achieved through waterway management on this farm of a DAR member near Kell, Ill. Woodland and native wildlife preservation are also priorities of these landowners.

CHAPTERS AND REGENTS

Ann Crooker St. Clair ....... .Eugenia Marquart
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Whiteside Station .......... .Kay Theobald

~ Jane Hays Hooe, State Regent ~
~ Karen Bauer, District VI Director ~
East Central Illinois Organization, NSDAR
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Honoring our Prairie Heritage

The Illinois State Organization and Pound's Hollow
As the 50th anniversary of the NSDAR approached, assisting with the replanting of our national forests was adopted as a Jubilee Project. In Illinois, Mrs. James Twitchell of Belleville, under State Regent Miss Helen McMakin, served as Project Chairman. At a cost of $4 per acre, the Illinois State Organization planted 1,000 acres with a variety of short leaf pine, pitch pine, gray ash, black walnut and black locust. The area was dedicated on October 5, 1940. In the years 1955–59, during the regencies of Mrs. Henry C. Warner and Mrs. Len Young Smith, large cash donations were again made to the United States Forest Service for the "Silvicultural Care of our Forest." Wooden signs noting the continuing participation of the Illinois State Organization were hung at the site. Today an eight-ton boulder has replaced these with a bronze plaque telling our story. The forest continues, a lush reminder of the importance of conservation.

Standing in the midst of the tall timbers known as the "DAR Plantation" are l-r: District Secretary Betty Phillips Head, District Director Sara Steckler Caddell, District Treasurer Dorothy Clutts Rudoni, Membership Chairman Jeanette Foster O'Boyle, District DAR Good Citizens Chairman Betty Hubler Knapp

Surrounding the boulder with the DAR bronze marker are District Chapter Regents l-r: Virginia Street, Sue Ellen Wallace, Leota Knight, Mary Haines, Myra Mauterer, Patricia Broemmel, Connie Clendenin, Iris Womack Wood

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~ Sara Caddell, District VII Director ~
Alliance Chapter, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

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Organizing Regent

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Betsy Ann Crothers Moreland (right), LSDAR State Regent, is shown with her granddaughter, Virginia Ann Moreland (left), LSDAR Page and a member of the Louisiana CAR.
The District Three Regents' Club
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Louisiana Daughters Proudly Commemorate Sixty Years of an Unique Treasure!

"THE ANNIE LAURIE MOODY GENEALOGY LIBRARY"

Other states have genealogy collections but the Annie Moody Collection is the only state DAR lending genealogy library. For the cost of mailing alone a NSDAR member can order a book and have it sent to her home. We have never lost a book in 60 years of doing this, and books have gone all over the United States.

The Annie Laurie Moody Collection is the treasure of the Louisiana Daughters and a valued part of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library System.

Annie Laurie Moody (Mrs. Thomas F. Moody)

While Regent of the Baton Rouge Chapter NSDAR (1938–1941), Annie Laurie Roumain Moody provided funds and leadership for a fledgling library project. As state Regent from 1942–1945, Mrs. Moody donated the collection to the Louisiana Daughters where it has continued to grow in size and technology.

Mrs. Betsy Crothers Moreland, LSDAR Regent (L) and Mrs. Rene Pol Nevils, LSDAR Librarian at the re-dedication of the Annie Laurie Moody Collection
The Pine Tree State Arboretum in Augusta, Maine, was established in 1982 as a non-profit entity. There are five miles of trails, 224 acres of fields, woodlands and rolling hills with views of the State Capitol dome. From 1995–1998, a DAR Garden was established on a nearby hillside.

One of the projects under Polly Bartow's administration was the planting of a butternut tree within the DAR Garden. Most of the funds for the purchase and maintenance of the tree were raised through the recycling of inkjet cartridges. Mrs. Bartow chose a quote by the New England poet, Lucy Larcom, for the plaque:

He who plants a tree,
Plants a hope.

Opportunity Farm for Boys and Girls, a residential home in New Gloucester, Maine, has been providing help for children in need since 1910.

MSODAR has maintained a strong relationship with the farm since its earliest days. Contributions from individuals and chapters benefited the new girls' campus as well as providing a “Walkway of Love” to the Community Room.
Frances T. Pattarini

Candidate for the office of Vice President General

A tireless and enthusiastic leader, Fran earned our affection and respect during her term as New York State Regent — promoting DAR from one end of the state to the other by visiting chapters, encouraging new members, recognizing outstanding efforts and joining in community events. Very best wishes and much appreciation to this dynamic Daughter from the New York State Organization!
Yvonne Roberts Earnest
Oregon State Regent 2002-2004

Candidate for the office of
Vice President General
at the 113th Continental Congress
The Ohio Society Welcomed Our President General at the 104th State Conference

State Regent Marilyn Holm Vaglia, President General Linda Tinker Watkins, & S.A.R. State President Terry Whetsone

Ohio's Honorary State Regents, Ann Loehnert Kitzmiller, Mary Dickson Williams, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Vaglia, Linda Barron Wetzel, Katherine Lee Colburn
The Ohio Society Welcomes Our President General to the 75th Diamond Jubilee Tea Honoring the Madonna of the Trail

Hostesses at the Diamond Jubilee Tea: Cynthia Weaver & Barbara Griffith

President General Linda T. Watkins
State Regent Marilyn Hohn Vaglia

The Ohio Society Presents Its Outstanding Junior 2004
VICTORIA GANDY WAGNER
( Mrs. Brian Wagner )

State Regent Marilyn Hohn Vaglia
and Victoria Gandy Wagner at the
104th State Conference

State Regent Marilyn Hohn Vaglia
and State Regent Elect
Marcia Merchant Seifert
The Ohio Society's Rededication of the Madonna of the Trail Statue


The Ohio Society DAR on July 4, 2001 Placed This Rededication Marker to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Madonna of the Trail Statue. The statue has been restored through the efforts of:
- Ohio Society Daughters of the American Revolution
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- City of Youngstown, Ohio
- National Trails Parks and Recreation Department
- OAOS American Federation of Tie Workers
- Area 153 and 160 Women's Audubon Society
- Youngstown Foundation
- Youngstown State University
- Board of Trade of the City of Youngstown
- Local Businesses and Residents

The Rededication Plaque
The Ohio Society Celebrates the Bicentennial for the
CHRISTIAN WALDSCHMIDT HOMESTEAD

After the Revolutionary War, Christian Waldschmidt, of Lancaster Co., PA., moved to Ohio area of the Northwest Territory. He purchased over 1,000-acres of land from John Cleve Symmes in the southwest area of what would become the new State of Ohio. In 1804 he built a large two-story stone house for his family. This house along with a smaller stone house built for his daughter, Catherina, and 3.9 acres of land are what remains of his early Ohio Homestead. Acquired by the Ohio Society in 1941, the Homestead was restored and dedicated as a museum in October, 1952. The maintenance and operation of the Christian Waldschmidt Homestead affords the Ohio Daughters the opportunity to preserve history, promote American Patriotic ideals, and foster education to the many visitors who come to visit this historic place.
THE OHIO STATE SOCIETY
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AND THE
2002-2004 EXECUTIVE BOARD

In everything, set them an example by doing what is good.
Titus 2:7

Oklahoma!
Plenty of Heart and Plenty of Hope
OKLAHOMA SOCIETY NSDAR
PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR
2003 STATE OUTSTANDING JUNIOR

Kerri Langley Walker
Member of the Tulsa Chapter
Nested in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in South Carolina, lies the Tamassee DAR School. This wonderful campus has served the children from impoverished and broken homes for 79 years.

Now we’ve embarked on a new frontier—the development of an academy to expand the opportunities for our children in the middle school grades. Our focus is the expansion of the library at the Academy.

The joy of reading is not only for learning and for pleasure, but essential for keeping pace with the knowledge base so vital in today’s world.

We remain committed to keep faith with the ideals of the founders of Tamassee. To preserve our long-fought-for freedoms, we must develop our future citizens who not only understand their responsibilities, but how we got there. How to build upon our roots and to keep enviable our basic tenets in this ever changing world is critical for our students’ success and the future of our beloved country.

To this end, we are always seeking new frontiers for the students at Tamassee.

Sheila Hey Davis, State Regent
This marks the site of Old Unity Presbyterian Church and Graveyard 1788. The old cemetery is known as “The Revolutionary War Graveyard” Kanawha Chapter of Fort Mill, SC dedicated this marker in 1952.

District II Chapters of South Carolina

Battle of Cowpens  Spartanburg
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Daniel Morgan  Gaffney
Fairforest  Union
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Kanawha  Fort Mill
Kate Barry  Spartanburg
Kings Mountain  York
Mary Adair  Chester
Thomas Woodward  Winnsboro
Waxhaws  Lancaster
South Carolina
Daughters of the American Revolution
District III
Honoring Its Roots

The first “Real Daughter” in the National Society, Mary Hammond Washington, is the daughter of Colonel Samuel Hammond who is buried in North Augusta, South Carolina.

In 1991 his original gravesite was discovered during construction of the community’s recreational park complex and his remains were removed to the Hammond Cemetery on Martintown Road. A marker was placed at Riverview Park to recognize his role in the founding of our country.

The Hammond Cemetery is also the resting place of several of his kinsmen and women who shared his love of their new country and their home community.

Sponsoring Chapters and Regents

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SCDAR DISTRICT IV
CONGRATULATES
MARY FRENCH
NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Students get "a feeling of power when they can read a word."
Mary French

Left to right: President General Linda Tinker Watkins, Mary French, and Nancy Wright, National Community Service Chairman

Mary French founded The Dictionary Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing 3rd grade students nationwide with their own personal dictionaries. The focus is on the 3rd grade because it is the year students begin to work independently. This SC program has now expanded to 46 states. She was sponsored by the Susannah Smith Elliott Chapter of Charleston, SC.

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Her State Executive Board
and Her State Chairmen
Wish to Honor
Mary Jane Irwin Davis
State Regent of Virginia and
Candidate for the Office of
Vice President General
Who, during her Cardinal
Administration, will have marked
Revolutionary History, Presidential
History and Pioneer
Settlement History.

Build a New Bulletin Board
Entrance to Mt. Vernon
George Washington's Estate

Daniel Boone Marker on the Wilderness Trail
Rededication by Daughters from Virginia,
Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina
June 15, 2004

JAMES MONROE
1758  1831
SOLDIER  .  PATRIOT  .  STATESMAN

This Marks the Birthplace of James Monroe, April 28, 1758
Westmoreland County, VA

Attended College of William & Mary, Officer, Continental
Army, American Revolution; Married Elizabeth Kortright, 1786;
US Senator, Minister to France, England & Spain; Governor of
Virginia (four terms); Signed treaty for Louisiana Purchase;
Negotiated to acquire Florida; Secretary of State, Secretary
of War; Inaugurated fifth President, 1817 (Two Terms);
Promulgated Monroe Doctrine, 1823; Died July 4, 1831,
Buried Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA.

Placed by the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution,
april 24, 2004  Mary Jane Irwin Davis, State Regent
The Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Support the Candidacy of Our State Regent

Mary Jane Irwin Davis

for the Office of Vice President General

We Salute with Respect and Admiration Her Loyal Service and Her Intrepid Dedication to Raising the Level of Awareness of the Battle of Great Bridge December 9, 1775 Throughout our Commonwealth and the Nation
WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY AND MARY BALL CHAPTER (Tacoma)

SALUTE OUR STATE REGENT

BARBARA HILL CARLSON  (Mrs. Richard E. Carlson)
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113TH CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

State Regent's Projects:

"Providing for Records of the Past, Present and Future"

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Barbara is National Vice Chairman for the Lewis and Clark Commemoration. She has been Division Vice Chairman for Public Relations. She served as First and Second Vice Regent and Organizing Secretary. All regular National Board meetings have been attended.

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1832 FIRST OVERLAND SETTLERS
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1846 U.S.- CANADIAN BORDER FIXED AT 49 DEGREES NORTH
1853 WASHINGTON TERRITORY CREATED FROM OREGON TERRITORY
1861 UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON OPENS IN SEATTLE
1889 WASHINGTON ADMITTED TO UNION AS THE 42ND STATE,
ONLY STATE NAMED FOR A PRESIDENT!
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HIGHLIGHTS IN OUR 110 YEARS:
THOUSANDS OF GENEROUS AND DEDICATED MEMBERS
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ELEVEN VICE PRESIDENTS GENERAL
TWO HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS GENERAL
55 HARD WORKING STATE REGENTS

110 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
AID AND SUPPORT GIVEN TO OUR MILITARY IN EVERY CONFLICT SINCE 1898.
ERECTED 40' STATUE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON IN 1909 AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.
DESIGNED A STATE FLAG IN 1914, AND LOBBIED TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL IN 1923
AWARDED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE 1894

THE WASHINGTON - END OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL
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In Afghanistan

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In this newsletter, you will read the many important achievements accomplished by national committees during the Millennium Administration from 2001–2004, including DAR Magazine. The most important historical achievement of this committee, of course, has been to bring the DAR magazine into the 21st century with a new look and design, resulting in the beautiful, all-color American Spirit Magazine and internal commun-ication supplement, Daughters newsletter. As President General Linda T. Watkins stated in the October 2001 newsletter, “Our Magazine Chairman Beth Buggbee and her committee have done a fantastic job in providing us with a new look and a new approach. You will not want to miss a single issue!”

If your subscription is about to expire, be sure to renew now; or, if you are thinking about subscribing and have not done so, do not wait any longer, as you will not want to miss a single future issue of this excellent publication. It is this support—that continues to sustain the DAR magazine. To expedite new subscriptions and renewals, everyone should send in her subscription individually and directly to the DAR magazine office. It is not necessary to send subscription renewal checks through Chapter Treasurers, as it only prolongs the subscription process and can disrupt magazine service. Chapters still receive credit toward the Chapter Achievement Award when members send in their renewals and subscriptions individually.

Advertising is also important to the success of this magazine, and for 2004–2005, advertising rates remain the same as 2003–2004. Nine states are assigned per newsletter and each is limited to six pages of ads for its assigned, state-sponsored issue. State (individual, chapter, division) ads for the newsletter should first be coordinated with the DAR Magazine State Chairman, continued on page 155.