Encourage the Celebration of Our Constitution

THE 118TH CONTINENTAL Congress has come and gone. Were you one of the almost 3,000 Daughters present at this year’s Congress who heard reports about the many accomplishments of members across the country and around the world? We hope those of you who were able to attend were inspired by the outstanding speakers, award winners and national committee chairmen’s reports of exceptional achievements. Please share your experiences with the members of your chapter and encourage them to attend Congress in July 2010. As our “first timers” will tell you, it is an experience that will give you a deeper appreciation of the work of our Society and National Headquarters. For those interested in attending next year’s Congress, to be held July 7–11, 2010, the official Continental Congress hotel, the J.W. Marriott Hotel, will open reservations on Sunday, October 4, 2009, at 4 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). Please check the Members’ Web Site for further details.

As mentioned in last month’s message on our Members’ Web Site, Constitution Week—September 17–23—is one of the first events on the DAR calendar. This year we will celebrate the 222nd anniversary of our Constitution. The tradition of celebrating Constitution Week was started many years ago by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, the DAR petitioned Congress to dedicate September 17–23 to the annual observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Appreciation is expressed to all chapters that continue to encourage the celebration of this very important document.

Your President General enjoyed meeting many of you during her travels in the Western and Central sections of the United States as well as several Units Overseas chapters these past two years, and looks forward to visits to state meetings in the Eastern section of the country this year as well as visits to the Units Overseas. During late August and early September she visited with members of our two chapters in Australia, and looks forward to sharing information about this unique experience in the upcoming months.

Appreciation is expressed to Daughters across the country for their generous support of the President General’s Project—the repair, restoration and renovation of our National Headquarters. Soon after Congress last year, work began on the second phase of the project—the stabilization of both the North and South Terraces of Memorial Continental Hall. In the process of stabilizing these foundations, a new vault has been built beneath the North Terrace, providing 2,300 square feet of new storage space for the collections of the National Society. This officer is pleased to report that this project, because of the generosity of our members, is fully funded. The Executive Committee has approved the next phase of the project to be the replacement of the electrical switchboard and wiring, thus ensuring the safety of our electrical system and improving the efficiency of all electrical components. This is another one of the critical projects designated in the original study to be of top priority, and you will hear more about it in the upcoming months. You can be assured, however, that no work will be undertaken without knowledge that it will be completely funded by contributions to the project.

Thank you again for an outstanding year of service to God, home and country. May your spirit of hospitality continue to open doors of opportunity for our Society during the coming year.

Faithfully,

Linda Gist Calvin
President General

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Office of the Chaplain General

Necrology Report

The National Society regrets to report the death of the following:

Elizabeth Haigis Brugnon (Madame Stanislas) on January 27, 2009. Mme. Brugnon served as France State Regent from 1974–1976. She was a member of Rochambeau Chapter.

Doris Smith Durgin (Mrs. Harold) on October 21, 2008. Mrs. Durgin served as Vermont State Regent from 1971–1974 and as State Vice Regent from 1968–1971. She was a member of Ann Story Chapter. The Office of the Chaplain General recently learned of Mrs. Durgin’s passing.


Sally Young Leaman (Mrs. Cleland) on June 6, 2009. Mrs. Leaman served as Vice President General from 1976–1978 and as Illinois State Regent from 1973–1975. She was a member of Fort Dearborn Chapter.

Jeanne Elizabeth Seidl Madden (Mrs. George) on April 10, 2009. Mrs. Madden served as Hawaii State Regent from 1998–2001. She was a member of Aloha Chapter.


Office of the Treasurer General

As a new DAR year gets under way, Chapter Treasurers have a big job—the receipt and remittance of annual dues for active members. Remember to make your check payable to Treasurer General, NSDAR, but send it to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General, as provided in the instructions forwarded with the Chapter Dues Invoice.

A few other reminders seem appropriate since many chapter dues notices include the opportunity to subscribe
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Office of the Registrar General

Announcing a New Policy for Chapter Copies of Verified Applications and Supplemental Applications

Beginning September 1, 2009, chapter copies of newly verified applications and supplementals will be available to chapter officers through the e-Membership system. Images will be available for applications verified for the October 2009 National Board of Management Meeting and for supplemental applications verified after September 1, 2009. Access will not be granted to papers verified for other chapters or for papers verified before that date.

Every chapter is required to keep copies of these papers for their records. The new copies can be printed or kept in an electronic format. Chapter Registrars should not destroy paper copies of applications and supplementals that were verified in the past and are currently part of the chapter's records.

The Office of the Registrar General will continue to mail paper copies to Members at Large and to new members of organizing chapters.

After January 1, 2010, paper copies will no longer be sent to the Chapter Registrar.

Office of the Historian General

New exhibits are available for viewing in the Office of the Historian General. All members are invited to visit the American Spirit magazine. Although checks for these publications are made payable to Treasurer General, NSDAR, requests for the National Defender should be mailed to the Office of the Reporter General, National Defense, and American Spirit subscriptions to the DAR Magazine Office.

Effective in June, the Donations and Contributions Form (DEV-1003) may be sent by an individual donor or chapter directly to the Office of Development. It is no longer necessary to send the form with the NSDAR State Treasurer’s Master Report (TG-1000) to the Office of the Treasurer General. Communication between these two offices has been mechanized, rendering State Treasurer involvement unnecessary.

Questions regarding the new DEV-1003 form should be directed to the Office of Development.

Please feel free to contact the Office of the Treasurer General at either pshurd@dar.org or TGaccounting@dar.org.

Margaret Sinclair Hurd
Treasurer General

Office of the Librarian General

A New Entrance for the DAR Library

In February 1949, the DAR Library moved from its home of 20 years on the second floor of Constitution Hall to the then newly renovated auditorium space of Memorial Continental Hall. For the next 60 years, visitors to the Library entered the space through the hidden and narrow side entrance to the former stage area that had become the front of the new Library. By a fortunate coincidence, a project emerged in 2008 that would change this situation and provide all future researchers with a new way to enter the Library.

The theme of the Calvin Administration is “The Spirit of Hospitality Opens Doors of Opportunity,” and it proved to be a very appropriate stimulus to the birth of an idea about how to overcome the limited access to the DAR Library. To honor our President General, Linda Gist Calvin, a

The second edition of our popular Dazzling Daughters exhibit remains on display. “Dazzling Daughters: The DAR and Women’s History in America” features DAR members added to the Dazzling Daughters list during the past several years. The exhibit celebrates the lives of women who are or were DAR members who have made significant and positive contributions to American or international culture, society or history through diligent application of their unique talents and abilities. The display features just a portion of a list of more than 120 Dazzling Daughters that includes several first ladies, writers, artists, educators, scientists, social reformers, entertainers and many others.

All visitors to the building are more than welcome to visit the Americana Room (Administration Building, second floor) at any time Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. The Office of the Historian General may be reached by telephone at (202) 879–3256 or by e-mail at historian@dar.org.
native of the Golden State and an Honorary State Regent, the current California State Regent, Leonora A. Branca, announced that her project would be raising funds for the construction of a new entrance to the DAR Library at National Headquarters. The donations arrived very quickly, and the project got underway in February 2009.

The long-hoped-for new entrance to the DAR Library is now a reality. It provides a much more appropriate gateway to our research facility. Visitors walking down the south corridor on the first floor of the Administration Building are now greeted with a welcoming set of doors with glass windows that offer a view into the reading area of the Library. Gone is the blank wall that all previous visitors had seen for the past 60 years! The view draws one into the former auditorium’s space, revealing the magnificent room that has long been hidden from view. The resulting ease of access is most welcome and is indeed a fitting tribute to the goals of the President General and the Calvin Administration to provide hospitality and opportunity.

The label on the reverse of this charming silhouette identifies the sitter as “Mrs. Sloan of Sloan’s Conservatory of Music, Lansdale.” Longtime residents of that Montgomery County, Pa., borough remember that the school operated into the early 20th century. About 1830, the silhouette artist captured Mrs. Sloan’s profile, including details such as her fashionable comb. The hollow-cut silhouette with a black silk background rests in an elaborate frame of the period. The original framer’s label on the reverse reads, “Moulton & Underwood House Carpenters/Looking Glass/And/Picture Frame Makers/No. 132/Eleventh, Above Pace Street/Philadelphia.” Silhouettes were framed, placed in albums, or kept loose for exchanging with others.

Silhouettes gained popularity in America during the early 19th century with the arrival of an invention that enabled the user to outline and cut silhouettes quickly and inexpensively. Many more Americans could then afford to purchase images of family and friends.

Cost per word: $1. Make check payable to Treasurer General, NSDAR and mail with query to the DAR Magazine Office, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006–5303. Please keep in mind that all words count, including name and address. Anyone doing genealogical research, including DAR members and nonmembers, may submit a query for publication. If you would like an acknowledgment that we have received your query, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard along with your copy and payment.

TABOR/JUSTUS: Proof of marriage of Philip Tabor/Taber (Ancestor # A124369) to Eleanor Justus/Justice. Information regarding his activities in Kentucky and Pennsylvania desired. Contact Leola Searles at 4105 Candlenut Lane, Dallas, TX 75244 or leolasearles@sbcglobal.net.

WEBB: Need proof that Sarah Roberts Webb, born August 4, 1816, in Tennessee, is the daughter of John Roberts and Mary “Polly” (Page) Roberts. Sarah married Ira Webb in Cherokee County, Ala., and died there on October 29, 1883. Contact Cheryl Brown at 35 Red Blossom Circle, Shepherdstown, WV 25443 or FrankK5600@aol.com.
UPCOMING MUSEUM EXHIBIT TO CELEBRATE WEDGWOOD

Wedgwood celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. The company’s remarkable story spans two and a half centuries of discovery, vision, experimentation, industry and exquisite design. To mark the anniversary, the Wedgwood 250 Exhibition Committee is partnering with the DAR Museum to introduce “Wedgwood: 250 Years of Innovation and Artistry.” The exhibition will run from October 3, 2009, through February 27, 2010, and will showcase nearly 200 items illustrating the company’s unique history.

Wedgwood has produced hundreds of thousands of items both useful and decorative in a vast array of finishes, adornments and colors. The exhibition will showcase a variety of early useful wares, tableware from the 18th to 21st centuries, decorative wares, jewelry and much more by drawing objects from North American private, museum and celebrity collectors such as Martha Stewart and Whoopi Goldberg. Other items of interest include an original White House Theodore Roosevelt presidential plate and a golf trophy presented to Tiger Woods.

The DAR Museum is honored to host this remarkable collection of Wedgwood history. Don’t miss this landmark exhibition!

A Fashionable Way to Share The American Spirit!

DURING CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, the DAR Magazine Team was introduced to a revolutionary accessory when Daughter Paulette Lollar of Major Winfield Scott Chapter, Scottsdale, Ariz., visited the Magazine Office sporting a handbag made of reinforced pages from past issues of American Spirit! Constructed much like a paper lunch bag, each side of the tote was created by stacking several magazine pages together for added strength. The sides were then laminated and sewn together to form a free-standing bag complete with grommets to hold the ball chain strap. The front of the tote features the cover of the November/December 2008 edition of American Spirit.

A friend of Ms. Lollar’s made the bag and gave it to her as a gift. We couldn’t resist the opportunity to share a few photos of this creative, spirited and ecologically friendly design. The accompanying pictures show Ms. Lollar proudly carrying her handbag and a view of the back of the bag.

DON’T MISS OUT ON THIS ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF NSDAR!

*Please note that the Passkey block will not be active until October 4.*

119th Continental Congress
Hotel Reservations | July 7–11, 2010

The official Continental Congress hotel, the J.W. Marriott Hotel, will open reservations for Congress 2010 on Sunday, October 4, 2009, at 4 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). To make reservations, you must utilize the DAR private reservation system, Passkey DAR, online or by phone at (800) 266–9432.

Please note that this date is several months later than previous years’ room releases.

The DAR block usually sells out within hours of opening, so keep this in mind when trying to make a reservation. To reserve a room you must use a credit card that does not expire before August 2010.

For more detailed information, including pricing, please check the Continental Congress section of the Members’ Web Site (http://members.dar.org).

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Will you be able to adequately provide for yourself and those you care about? Can you afford to continue supporting your favorite charitable organizations, like DAR, in light of these and other uncertainties?

The answer is yes. With proper planning, you can not only enhance your future economic security and that of your loved ones, but you may also be able to make a larger gift than you thought possible to further the values of DAR.

The gift that gives back

One popular way to give that “gives back” to the donor is through a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). It is especially convenient and simple to arrange. Here’s how a CGA works:

* You make a gift (of at least $10,000) for a CGA with the NSDAR.

* You designate up to two people (yourself and your spouse, for example) to receive payments for life.

* The payment rates on CGAs depend on age. For example, a 75-year-old receives 6.3 percent, while a person 90 or older enjoys 9.5 percent. The rate is fixed when the CGA is established and never changes, regardless of the performance of the national economy.

* You are entitled to a tax deduction for a portion of the amount transferred for the CGA. Any unused deduction can be carried over for up to five years.

* Payments you receive each year are partially free from federal income tax for a period of time.

* You may use cash or securities to fund your CGA. If you have stock that is worth more than you paid for it, you may wish to give that stock as a CGA. You will receive the higher payments of a gift annuity in addition to tax benefits. Also, any capital gains tax is spread over your life expectancy, rather than being due in full immediately.

* You can create a CGA for yourself or for another person. Many younger people find that a CGA is an excellent way to make a gift to support DAR while they arrange an income supplement for a parent or other older relative or loved one.

* The amount used to fund a CGA will generally be removed from probate and your taxable estate.

* With a CGA, you enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you have arranged for an eventual gift in support of DAR.

For more information

If you would like to make a gift and also enjoy increased income for yourself and/or a loved one, consider a CGA. Please contact us if we can provide more information to you and/or your financial adviser. We will be glad to send you a complimentary outline of benefits based on your particular situation at no obligation. Call the NSDAR Office of Development toll-free at (800) 449–1776. You can also request more information through our Web site at www.dar.org or by e-mailing giftplanning@dar.org.

Two examples of a charitable gift annuity

Suppose Ellen, age 75, decides to fund a NSDAR Charitable Gift Annuity with $10,000 in cash. The annuity rate based on her age is 6.3 percent. Ellen will receive $630 annually for life, $458 of which will be tax-free for her estimated lifetime. In addition, she may be entitled to a charitable deduction of up to $4,325 in the year of her gift.

Or consider this case. Janet is the child of an 80-year-old mother. She decides to establish a $20,000 NSDAR Charitable Gift Annuity that pays supplemental income to her mother. The annuity provides $1,420 annually (7.1 percent) to her mother. In addition to making a special gift to her mother, Janet is entitled to a charitable income tax deduction of $9,862. Plus, she enjoys the knowledge that her gift will also benefit the mission of DAR.
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Silver-plated, four-in-one calculator, calendar, world time clock and alarm clock with leatherette pouch.
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Ornament with Memorial Continental Hall etched on sparkling beveled glass.
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American Indians

With November just around the corner, it is time to start working on proclamations celebrating National American Indian Heritage Month. A sample proclamation can be found in the American Indians Committee section of the Members’ Web Site; send copies to your town, city or state officials to obtain an official proclamation.

It is always a treat to receive the chapters’ end-of-the-year reports and learn about all that DAR members are doing for the American Indians Committee. The following is a summary of the committee’s achievements during the second year of the Calvin Administration, March 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009.

Chapters across the nation gave a total of 1,133 programs about American Indians, and 2,158 chapters observed an American Indian Minute at each meeting. Chapters and State Chairmen obtained 372 proclamations celebrating November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

The American Indian Scholarship Fund took in donations totaling $31,211, and the committee awarded 45 scholarships. Thank you notes continue to be received from the students who benefit from these scholarships.

Bacone College received from our members a total of $33,601, and the collection of Campbell’s Soup labels totaled $6,809. Chemawa Indian School received a total of $39,886 and 65,460 Campbell’s Soup labels. The American Indian Youth Summer Camp Program received $11,500.

Many chapters also made additional generous donations. Thank you for everything you do for this committee. Please continue to support the American Indians Committee in the coming year.

Susan Walden Lemon
National Chairman

Conservation

In 1929 the National Honor Roll asked chapters to plan and support a state-level project: establishing a DAR forest for every state. Speaking to those attending Congress that year, National Chairman Mrs. Maurice C. Turner said, “Years of studying the gospel of planting trees in yards, on highways and in groves has led to the next logical step—the planting of them where they show our work to the best advantage as a constructive and far-seeing conservation organization, namely in one spot in charge of trained authorities—a DAR forest. These ‘bits of forest’ are ‘dramatic gestures,’ yes, but they are practical gestures, too, of great worth in proving our earnestness and centering attention on this great need of our country’s.” By 1936, the Annual Proceedings reported that 14 states had dedicated state forests, and four more states had formulated plans and raised funds for their own forests.

This year, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Conservation Committee, Daughters are once again asked to research the historical records of their state to find out more about their DAR State Forest. Recognizing that there are, in fact, many more states with an established DAR State Forest, all Chapter and State Chairmen are asked to send the current name, location, size (in acres), condition and the name of the organization that oversees or manages the state forest to the National Chairman before April 2010. Information about all the DAR State Forests will be included in the committee’s centennial research.

It is time that we reconnect with these wonderful green spaces that bear our name and bask in the knowledge that Daughters of the 1920s and 1930s had the foresight to plan for the future in such a meaningful way.

Elizabeth Hotchkiss
National Chairman

DAR Genealogy Preservation

National Vice Chairman Pat Taylor writes that the Descendants Project is a success due to the hard work and dedication of its volunteers. The online database has already proven to be a useful tool for members. Chapter Registrars and members can now easily assist prospective members in researching the lineage for their applications. In addition, current members can research lineage data needed for supplemental applications. This committee is grateful to DAR members who have taken time to express their comments about the database.

At any time, between 450 and 550 volunteers are working on the project, and on average more than 13,000 applications are entered per month. Currently, more than 520,000 applications have been entered. Each application is entered twice and is independently verified to ensure accuracy. As lineages are entered by DAR member volunteers they are automatically uploaded and available for the general membership to search. To access this wealth of information, go to the Members’ Web Site (http://members.dar.org) or for those who have access, e-Membership.

There is still a lot to be done, and we would like your help. Volunteering for the Descendants Project is easy, fast and a fun way to make a significant contribution to our National Society. Volunteers work on the project right from their own homes. All you need is a computer and Internet access. Volunteers are assigned 10 applications to be completed within 10 days. The lineage on a typical application can be transcribed in 15 to 20 minutes. Since access is available 24 hours a day, you are free to set your own work schedule.

After entering 100 applications, volunteers can request access to the online Descendants Project search feature. After completing 100 hours of work on the project, volunteers are eligible to purchase the beautiful DAR Genealogy Preservation pin. Bars may be added for each additional 100 hours of service. We hope you will consider volunteering. If you are interested, please visit http://members.dar.org/committees/preservation/index.htm or e-mail darprojects@dar.org.

Danna C. Koelling
National Chairman
DAR Good Citizens

Bright yellow buses are carrying students back to school and reminding us that right now is the time for all DAR Good Citizens Committee Chapter Chairmen to make contact with their local high schools.

Because two significant changes are being implemented in the scholarship portion of our program, it is vital that you tell your faculty contacts to throw away all old scholarship materials and emphasize that they must use this year’s materials and information.

Be sure to tell every school that the scholarship portion of our program has new judging standards, which give 70 points of weight to the personal section of each student’s scholarship application, while the essay will now account for only 30 points. This could influence the teachers’ choices when nominating candidates for the election of each school’s DAR Good Citizen.

You will want to inform the school that not only are the judging standards new, but also that the essay topic will have a new format. Be certain that you place this year’s Scholarship Essay Instructions page in a sealed envelope labeled “DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Contest essay topic enclosed. Do not open until the student is ready to write the essay.” The essay title and focus are intentionally not placed on the Internet, but are available only in the printed NIP that was sent to every Chapter Regent last spring. We will only accept essays that incorporate the new theme.

These exciting changes in the scholarship program bring new challenges and new opportunities for service. Let’s work together to make 2009—2010 a banner year.

Janet L. Whittington
National Chairman

DAR Service for Veterans

Three awards for outstanding volunteer service for veterans were presented at National Defense Night during Continental Congress.

Lieutenant Colonel Herless “Wayne” Hein, USAF Ret., was selected as the Outstanding Veteran Patient. Lt. Col. Hein began his service to our country on January 9, 1942, as a member of the Army Air Corps, and served until March 10, 1946. He was recalled to active duty in 1951 and retired in 1967. Following his retirement from civil service in 1977, Lt. Col. Hein chose to spend his time and energy helping other veterans. He has provided personal assistance for veterans and also participated in organized veterans’ volunteer groups. Lt. Col. Hein was sponsored by the Merced River Chapter, Merced, Calif.

KesSandra Palmer, winner of the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award, is truly an outstanding young woman. She began volunteering when she was 10 years old. In the course of spending more than 2,100 hours volunteering at the Washington State Veterans Home, Ms. Palmer practically became an honorary resident. She is currently attending Olympic College. Ms. Palmer was sponsored by the Elizabeth Ellington Chapter, Bremerton, Wash.

The winner of the Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans Award was Myrtle Van Dyke. Mrs. Van Dyke has served as a volunteer at the VA Central Iowa Health Care System for 13 years. A veteran herself, she served 3 1/2 years in the WAVES. She cheerfully shares with others to the great benefit of her fellow veterans. Mrs. Van Dyke is a member of the Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter, Bremerton, Wash.

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Gladys R. Haynes
National Chairman

DAR Speakers Staff

Congratulations to the co-winners of the Outstanding DAR Speakers Staff Committee Member Award: Sharon Clouse, Kentucky, East Central Division, and Carolyn H. Chapman, Nevada, Southwestern Division.

Sharon Clouse directed a play her daughter had written about the Jamestown Colony for the fifth-grade class. Before staging the play, Mrs. Clouse presented workshops on various topics to prepare the students. One week she gave instructions on Colonial theater, another lesson focused on architecture and the Jamestown fort, and yet another was about the history of the colony. She also worked to develop a Colonial Day project for which students in Colonial dress divided into groups to focus on Williamsburg, Jamestown and Plymouth.

In her work with C.A.R., Mrs. Clouse presents programs about topics such as patriotic history, events leading to the American Revolution, Colonial correspondence, and the First Amendment and religious freedom.

Carolyn Chapman is State Treasurer of Nevada and Professor Emerita of the University of Nevada Reno. As an educator and avid historian, Mrs. Chapman and her husband travel through northern Nevada giving a program about the pioneers’ migration into Nevada via the California Trail. They dress in authentic pioneer clothing and incorporate many utensils and tools used by those in the wagon train into their presentations. By explaining the purposes of the articles of clothing and the use of other items, the children as well as the adults enjoy their history lesson.

The approximately 575 members of the DAR Speakers Staff Committee traveled more than 130,000 miles to present more than 1,000 programs to members and nonmembers, reaching more than 66,000 people with the DAR story. Mississippi reported 370 minutes of DAR spots on three television stations.

Now is the time to make the contacts for your programs for next year! There are many exciting programs just waiting for your chapter—contact a member of the DAR Speakers Staff residing in your area today!

Betty S. Bradley
National Chairman

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Development

The new 1890 Annual Giving Circle was established to commemorate the founding of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The proceeds of your annual giving to this fund are placed in the General Fund and will be used to support the mission and programs of DAR around the world.

Why is your gift to this fund so important this year and in the future? Your gifts to the National Society account for a significant percentage of its annual operating budget. Without your gifts, the NSDAR would be limited in its ability to support American history programs, purchase new materials for the DAR Library or preserve genealogical records.

Almost everyone has been impacted by the country’s economic situation and has made choices as to what organizations will continue to benefit from their generosity. Daughters like you and I have believed in the value of DAR. Members have always found a way to keep this Society strong, vital and relevant, no matter how much the world around us is changing.

You may not realize the value of your consistent giving. Your continued support allows NSDAR to plan for the future with confidence. When you gave your oath upon becoming a member, you affirmed your belief in the motto of “God, Home and Country.” Now more than ever, those words continue to ring clear and true. Please consider making an annual pledge to the 1890 Annual Giving Circle so that we may continue to reach around the world and achieve the mission of the National Society—to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Contact the Office of Development at (800) 449–1776 to learn more about how you can support the ideals established by our founders in 1890.

Joyce B. Patton
National Chairman

President General’s Project

Dearest Daughters! Your donations to the President General’s Project have enabled the National Society to begin and complete some very necessary repairs to the building complex and its mechanical equipment. Whether your donations have been made through the $2 per member program, in response to calendar and address label mailings you have received, a single $50 donation enabling you to purchase the President General’s Project pin from J.E. Caldwell, a donation of $250 or more to the Donor Wall, or by purchasing President General’s Project gift items from The DAR Store, you are contributing to the restoration of our beautiful and historic buildings in Washington, D.C.

As you know, this is an expensive and enormous undertaking. In 2005, an extensive study identified more than $22 million in building restoration projects that need to be completed within the next 10 years. We are calling on all Daughters to help ensure that our historic buildings continue to welcome members and visitors long into the future. The President General’s Project, “Open Doors of Hospitality,” truly requires your generous donations to move forward.

Thank you for contributing to the President General’s Project.

Debra S. Jamison
National Chairman

January’s contest theme, “America, Land of the Free and Home of the Brave,” should also result in a host of fantastic entries. Every chapter is encouraged to participate—help us reach every child possible through the JAC clubs and contests. Don’t miss out on this golden opportunity!

Remember to only use the new entry forms that are available for free from The DAR Store and online. Also recall that all entries must meet the required guidelines to be eligible to win. Please be sure that no rigid materials are used in the poster and banner entries as these may need to be folded for return to the respective states and chapters. The names of all entrants in the poster and banner group should be typed because interpreting the students’ printing or handwriting requires increasing skill on the part of the judges. Each Chapter Chairman should check carefully the spelling of all names on the entry forms with the teachers or leaders as submissions are collected. If the names are illegible the chairman may correct this herself. This will be an enormous help to everyone involved. Finally, inventories need to be carefully checked when entries are sent and returned. It is also extremely important that entries are forwarded to the next level as soon as possible.

Your chapter can receive much positive publicity from pictures taken during JAC awards presentations and activities. The children and parents are delighted when pictures and articles appear in the local newspaper. Please forward a copy of any published photos or articles to the National Vice Chairman of Publicity for the committee scrapbook.

Thank you to each of you who work so hard to make JAC such a success!

Janel N. Shannon
National Chairman

JAC awards presentations and activities. This year’s contest theme, “America, Land of the Free and Home of the Brave,” should also result in a host of fantastic entries. Every chapter is encouraged to participate—help us reach every child possible through the JAC clubs and contests. Don’t miss out on this golden opportunity!

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Program

This committee has added many new and interesting programs to the Program Collection. There are manuscripts, DVDs, videotapes and PowerPoint presentations available to chapters in need of a program. Most manuscripts may be downloaded to a computer and printed for use.

Has your chapter heard or presented an exceptional program in 2009? If so, you may consider submitting a new, original program to your State Chairman for the Outstanding Program Contest or to the National Chairman for review. A
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However, this is not mandatory, members to wear gloves in a receiving line. If the President General or the State Chairman to determine the deadline she has set.

Manuscripts should be submitted to the State or National Chairman as e-mail attachments in Word or Adobe PDF format. Manuscripts sent through U.S. Postal Service or by another carrier will be considered for addition to the Program Collection but will not be available online for chapter use.

Carolyn C. Duckworth
National Chairman

Protocol

Protocol Point: It is customary for DAR members to wear gloves in a receiving line. However, this is not mandatory, and the hostess should set the example. If the President General or the State Regent is in attendance, she will set the example.

Gale J. Fixmer
National Chairman

Public Relations and Media

The doors of opportunity are open to establish a plan to promote your chapter’s accomplishments in the coming DAR year. First, determine if a project is worthy of publicity, then identify the target media and create a plan to accomplish promotion.

Consider recognizing the local film, radio or television industry for outstanding work promoting historic preservation, education or patriotism. There is no approval process required for local awards.

The HBO movie Taking Chance, nominated by the Santa Margarita Chapter, Oceanside, Calif., received the National Media Award on Opening Night at the 118th Continental Congress. The movie is a true account based upon the journal written by Lieutenant Colonel Michael R. Strobl, USMC (played by Kevin Bacon) documenting the emotional journey to return a fallen Marine from Dover Air Force Base to his final resting place in Wyoming.

Nominations are now being accepted for the National Media Award to be presented at the 119th Continental Congress. Nominees need not be from the nominating chapter’s local area—just be sure to include contact information for the honoree or program with the nomination letter. The guidelines are simple:

• The individual or program must be nationally recognized.
• Nominated programs should be released or air new episodes during the 2009–2010 DAR year.
• Nominees should be recognized for their media work and not for work or activism outside the media industry.
• Nomination letters are due to Lois M. Lazzarino, National Vice Chairman of Media Awards (lois.lazzarino@lw.com), by March 1, 2010.

Order copies of the “Today’s DAR” video to show to new and prospective members and use to educate the public about the DAR. State societies can sell the video on consignment at statewide meetings. Copies are available in The DAR Store. Visit www.dar.org/darstore or call (888) 673–2732.

The full-color booklet “Getting to Know the DAR” is available at The DAR Store Online in the Chapter Supplies section. Present this booklet to prospective members, new members and the public. The booklet contains DAR facts and information about our National Headquarters.

Public relations tools are at your fingertips: a press release template, a ready-made public relations presentation and more are available on the Members’ Web Site in the Public Relations and Media Committee section.

Karon Jarrard
National Chairman

Volunteer Information Specialists

Thank you to all the Daughters who use their computers to further DAR objectives!

The DAR Public Web Site, state sites and chapter sites provide an easy way for prospective members to contact DAR, but you cannot be reached if your e-mail contact address is outdated. Please send changes promptly to Beth Davis at vis contact@dar.org.

“Dear Daughter” is a new feature on the Announcements section of the DAR Members’ Web Site that provides expert answers to your DAR questions. Send questions to deardaughter@dar.org.

Chapter Regents: Have you and your vice regent, registrar and treasurer signed up to use e-Membership and received passwords (http://members.dar.org/emem)? Encourage your officers to use the tutorials in the Help Desk section of e-Membership.

Web Site Updates: All chapter and state Web sites should be updated to reflect new officers, calendars, etc. Check the VIS Handbook for guidelines.

VIS Pins: A new VIS log has been uploaded (http://members.dar.org/committees/vis2/handbook.htm). Please keep track of your hours and read the VIS pin information posted on the VIS Committee Web Site before placing orders.

Writable/savable forms for the National Information Packet (NIP), 2009–2010, were uploaded before Congress.

Webmasters: If your chapter or state has a members’ Web site that includes links to national forms, link directly to the form on the DAR Members’ Web Site to ensure that your members have access to current forms.

We strongly recommend that webmasters do not use Microsoft Publisher to

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build Web sites. Publisher sites do not display properly in browsers other than Internet Explorer; links are not active, for example. The VIS Committee or webmaster cannot fix the code generated. If you need assistance finding software to build your Web site, please contact Elizabeth Swanay-O’Neal at lizybeth4vis@gmail.com for suggestions.

Patricia A. West
National Chairman

Women’s Issues

As DAR chapters begin a new program year, please consider participating in this year’s focus topic for Women’s Issues. As a complement to “Prevention is the Best Medicine” and “Care and Compassion,” we turn our attention to “Care for the Caregivers.” In particular, women frequently find themselves in this role either by default or choice. According to AARP, almost 80 percent of all caregivers are female, and more than half are still in the workforce. The “Sandwich Generation” is an often-used term to explain the role of women and men who must care for aging relatives while tending to their own families. The resulting burden can be untenable for all involved.

Please keep in mind that the person receiving care need not be facing a terminal illness but may need the enhanced care required by the aging. The responsibilities may be different, but the stress is still daunting. Please look for ways to educate your community and membership about the role of care giving and its potential stresses. For example, a chapter could offer to relieve someone for a well-deserved break. Also, with so much attention focused upon the person receiving care, it is important for people to be aware of when the caregiver is near the breaking point. A sick or overly tense caregiver can be susceptible to depression, anxiety or loneliness.

Share information about how caregivers might evaluate their own conditions to see if they are in danger of physical or mental distress. Hospice organizations are great sources for speakers and material to share. A quick Internet search also can turn up support materials; just be sure that the information comes from reputable sources. While a program is a great Women’s Issues activity, distributing handouts can be effective as well. You might make an impact on someone’s day by extending DAR hospitality.

Melinda M. McTaggart
National Chairman

Irvine Ranch Chapter

Irvine Ranch Chapter Wins Subscription Contest

The DAR Magazine Team is excited to congratulate Irvine Ranch Chapter, Irvine, Calif., the winner of the 2008–2009 Spread the American Spirit Subscription Contest with an astounding subscription percentage of 250. Chapter Regent Sue Butler accepted the contest trophy from President General Linda Gist Calvin on the platform during Continental Congress, and the chapter also received two round-trip airline tickets to any destination in the continental United States.

At the Luncheon for Platinum Winners at Old Ebbitt Grill on July 11, Mrs. Butler explained how Irvine Ranch Chapter was able to increase its subscription count from just 16 last year to 85. For example, the chapter sold $1 raffle tickets to raise money for subscriptions. When $18 was collected, a drawing was held, and the winning ticket holder could then assign an American Spirit gift subscription to the recipient of her choice. In case the raffle winner did not have a recipient in mind, Mrs. Butler was ready with a stack of completed subscription cards bearing the addresses of local doctors’ offices, libraries, schools and other businesses.

Congratulations are also due to Lane’s Mill Chapter, Centreville, Va., which won the $100 gift certificate to J.E. Caldwell in a random drawing among all Silver, Gold and Platinum Level chapters.

The Magazine Team encourages other chapters to gather inspiration from the creativity of the Irvine Ranch Daughters in order to challenge them for the 2009–2010 contest title.
The chapter with the highest number of chapter and commercial ads:

Lady Washington, Texas

The chapter in each geographical division with the highest total advertising revenue (including chapter and commercial ads):

Region 1: Northeastern  (CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT)
Prudence Wright, Massachusetts

Region 2: Eastern  (DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA)
Hungerford’s Tavern, Maryland

Region 3: Southeastern  (AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN)
French Lick, Tennessee

Region 4: East Central  (IN, KY, MI, OH, WV)
Louisa St. Clair, Michigan

Region 5: North Central  (IL, IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI)
De Witt Clinton, Illinois

Region 6: South Central  (AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX)
Pioneer, Idaho

Region 7: Northwestern  (IN, KY, M, OH, WV)
Louisa St. Clair, Michigan

Region 8: Southwestern  (AZ, CA, CO, HI, NV, NM, UT)
Valley of Fire, Nevada

Region 9: Units Overseas  (United Kingdom)
Walter Hines Page, United Kingdom

The national winner overall — Texas

The state in each of the geographical regions with the highest total advertising revenue (including chapter and commercial ads):

Region 1: Northeastern  — New York
Region 2: Eastern  — Virginia
Region 3: Southeastern  — Florida
Region 4: East Central  — Ohio
Region 5: North Central  — Illinois
Region 6: South Central  — Texas
Region 7: Northwestern  — Oregon
Region 8: Southwestern  — California
Region 9: Units Overseas  — United Kingdom

The state in each of the membership divisions with the highest ad revenue (including chapter and commercial ads):

Over 10,000 members: Texas
7,501–10,000 members: Florida
5,001–7,500 members: Illinois
3,001–5,000 members: Alabama
2,001–3,000 members: Michigan
501–2,000 members: Nevada
Under 500 members: Idaho
Units Overseas: United Kingdom

The national winner overall — Texas

The states with 100% participation:
Alabama South Dakota
Alaska Tennessee
Arizona Virginia
Arkansas Washington
California Wyoming
Connecticut Units Overseas
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
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Utah
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Submission guidelines: 200-word limit, double-spaced on disk in a Word document file; one submission per chapter per calendar year. If including a photo, please do not send laser or inkjet photographs because they do not reproduce well. All photos will run in black and white. You may also send high-resolution (300-dpi) electronic photos as jpeg, eps or tif files. Do not embed photos in the Word document file. When using a digital camera, use the highest quality setting on your camera and ensure good lighting. Also, don’t forget to include captions with your photos. E-mail files to the DAR Magazine Office, newsletter@dar.org, or mail to 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006–5303. All reports will be edited for length and content; photographs and reports will run as space allows.

Chapter Anniversaries

Colonel William Candler Chapter, Gainesville, Ga., celebrated its 95th anniversary on March 26, 2009, during the Georgia State Conference. Organized in 1914, the chapter garnered 37 awards at the conference and attained its all-time highest level for Chapter Achievement Awards, third highest in the state.

The chapter’s most senior Daughter, Elizabeth Ashford Romberg, recently celebrated 75 years as a DAR member. Her grandmother, Florence Candler Ashford, was a charter member. Her mother, Mellie Pitchford Ashford, was Chapter Regent when Mrs. Romberg became a DAR member in 1934, and Mrs. Romberg herself served as Chapter Regent from 1945–1946. Allen D. Candler, a former Georgia governor and author of many historical books, is her great-grandfather. Her great-great-grandfather was Civil War veteran Captain Daniel Gill Candler. Colonel William Candler, the Revolutionary War Patriot the chapter is named for, is Mrs. Romberg’s great-great-great-grandfather.

In March, the chapter’s awards tea was a resounding success; more than 100 people attended. Recipients of DAR Good Citizens, American History Essay, Junior American Citizens and Community Service awards received certificates and medals. Cole Burchardt, the chapter’s fifth-grade American History Essay Contest winner, went on to become the state winner.

Fort Harrison Chapter, Terre Haute, Ind., organized April 8, 1909, marked its centennial with a monthlong celebration. The memorial service remembered Anna Claypool Faris, Organizing Regent, Bonnie Farwell and Marion Mellor Biel, both Honorary State Regents and Past Vice Presidents General.

During the month of April, a 17-foot wall in the county library featured 50 historical chapter photographs and lists of major chapter projects, charter members and Chapter Regents, as well as information for prospective members.

On April 26, 2009, the Wabash Room of The Landing, located at the site of the fort for which the chapter is named, was filled with members and guests from chapters around the state. Mayor Duke Bennett read a proclamation honoring the chapter’s service and the centennial anniversary. Other distinguished guests included Vice President General JoAn Nichols, State Vice Regent Martha Barnhart, six additional State Officers and past S.A.R. Vice President General Roger Barnhart. The local Sunday paper carried a full-page story about the chapter’s centennial and its service to historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Fifty members and friends of Irondequoit Chapter, Rochester, N.Y., gathered on May 20, 2009, at the historic Hervey Ely Chapter House in Rochester to celebrate the chapter’s 115th anniversary. The day began with refreshments and guests browsing through an exhibit of chapter artifacts including the original 1894 chapter charter, Susan B. Anthony’s application papers, pictures of Irondequoit Chapter’s eight Real Daughters and chapter scrapbooks. A white glove receiving line followed with honored guest New York State Regent Gretta Archer, State Organizing Secretary Nancy Zwetsch, State District VII Director Barbara Reese, District VII Roundtable President Heidi Colf and
Irondequoit Chapter board members on hand to greet attendees.

Following a delightful luncheon, Mrs. Archer spoke about the importance of Memorial Day and recited the poem "Just a Common Soldier (A Soldier Died Today)" by A. Lawrence Vaincourt. Mrs. Archer was presented with a check from Irondequoit Chapter to be used for her State Regent’s Project to purchase new carpet for the New York State Period Room in DAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The founders would be pleased with what has been accomplished by Irondequoit Chapter. Members strive to continue in their faithful footsteps.

Old Hellebergh Chapter, Guilderland, N.Y., celebrated its 30th birthday in May 2009. The chapter is pleased to still include several organizing members. Among those who joined the chapter early on is Marguerite (Marge) Kilgallen, who has been a member of the DAR and the Old Hellebergh Chapter for 25 years.

To commemorate these milestones, Old Hellebergh Chapter members invited New York State Regent Greta Archer to join them on June 11, 2009, for a potluck picnic. It was a wonderful evening of great food and cheerful company. Mrs. Archer was honored to present Ms. Kilgallen with a 25-year pin. Mrs. Archer also shared the story of how a high-school boy from Ohio created the current 50-star United States Flag for a class project. This story had an extra special meaning for Mrs. Archer as she had the pleasure of hearing the story first-hand from flag designer Bob Heft when he received the DAR Medal of Honor at the 115th Continental Congress. The event was a great early Flag Day celebration.

Thronateeska Chapter, Albany, Ga., celebrated its 100th anniversary for the second time at a luncheon held on June 13, 2009. The chapter was originally organized on January 4, 1895, by Organizing Regent Louisa Bacon Strother. The original Thronateeska Chapter disbanded on March 7, 1903. The National Board approved the reorganization of the chapter on June 2, 1909. Members first celebrated the chapter’s 100th anniversary in 1995, only to later learn that this was not the official 100th anniversary. Thus, the second celebration.

One charter member, Sarah Ashe Hall, was a Real Daughter. She was 71 years old at the time the chapter was formed in 1895. Her father, Samuel Ashe, is said to have been aide de camp to Lafayette in 1781.

Regent Gena Moorhead opens each chapter meeting with the gavel bearing the inscription, “Presented to Thronateeska Chapter, DAR by Louisa Bacon Strother, 1895, from wood grown in Midway Churchyard, 1752.” The gavel was recently restored along with the 1895 chapter charter and the 1909 charter, all of which are displayed at the chapter’s clubhouse.

The name Thronateeska is adapted from Thlonoto, an American Indian name for the Flint River, which is a major Georgia waterway flowing through the city of Albany.

Chapter News and Events

Members of Ann Robertson Chapter, Johnson City, Tenn., visited “The Wall That Heals” when it visited their hometown in June. The traveling Vietnam War Memorial Wall, a replica of the memorial wall in Washington, D.C., was visited by thousands of people from northeast Tennessee, southwestern Virginia and western North Carolina, in addition to high-school ROTC groups, Boy Scouts and state and national elected officials who gathered to pay tribute to the thousands of men and women memorialized on the wall who gave their lives for our country during the Vietnam War.

On behalf of the Oregon State Society District V and Bend Chapter, Bend, Ore., in May, 2009, Honorary State Regent and past Vice President General Elaine Wagner was delighted to present the DAR Good Citizens award to Preston Fivecoat.
DAR Good Citizens Award to Preston Fivecoat, one of three salutatorians at North Lake School in Silver Lake, Ore.

At the Lincoln Extravaganza honoring the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s birth held at the Metamora High School Auditorium on April 18, 2009, Jean Myers was honored by the Black Partridge Chapter, Eureka, Ill. During the event, which included music, dancing and poetry, time was set aside to recognize the hours of research Mr. Myers conducted to help the Metamora community acquire bronze statues of Lincoln and Melissa Goings. The history of the event involving the two will be seen through the eyes of many generations of townspeople thanks to the two statues, which were placed in the town square during the summer.

In one of his most famous cases as a lawyer, Lincoln defended the 70-year-old Mrs. Goings, who was charged with first-degree murder after striking her allegedly abusive husband on the head, a blow that resulted in his death several days later. Many of Mrs. Goings’ contemporaries considered the act to have been committed in self defense. Mrs. Goings mysteriously disappeared just as her trial was about to begin, and the case against her was dismissed one year later.

On Friday, June 12, 2009, Brooklyn Chapter, Brooklyn, N.Y., marched in New York City’s annual Flag Day Parade. Chapter members were honored to be joined by New York State Regent Gretta Archer. The following day, the Brooklyn Chapter joined representatives from several New York state chapters at a meeting of Districts I, II and XII at Fraunces Tavern. Mrs. Archer delivered a special slide presentation about the DAR Schools. The event was organized by Lisa Brown.

Troops that builds homes for disabled veterans. On May 8 and 9, 2009, Mrs. Paschal and Regent Susan McReynolds volunteered to help the Build Brigade build a home for Marine Staff Sergeant John Jones and his family in Fort Collins. Staff Sgt. Jones was wounded in Iraq by a roadside bomb that caused him to lose both legs. The chapter donated paper goods, breakfast pastries, fruit, juice, power bars, water, side dishes and time. The outside of the home was completed during the two days Mrs. Paschal and Ms. McReynolds were working.

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The Brooklyn Chapter invites all DAR members and friends to attend a luncheon and tour of an exhibit at Fraunces Tavern called “1215 Magna Carta and the Foundations of Freedom” at noon on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Michael Shannon of the Lehman College Library will speak about the history of the Magna Carta. For more information, e-mail chefanncook@gmail.com.

Members of Cache la Poudre Chapter, Fort Collins, Colo., have been working with various national and local organizations. Past Regent Dawn Paschal received information from an organization in Taunton, Mass., called Homes for Our Troops that builds homes for disabled veterans. On May 8 and 9, 2009, Mrs. Paschal and Regent Susan McReynolds volunteered to help the Build Brigade build a home for Marine Staff Sergeant John Jones and his family in Fort Collins. Staff Sgt. Jones was wounded in Iraq by a roadside bomb that caused him to lose both legs. The chapter donated paper goods, breakfast pastries, fruit, juice, power bars, water, side dishes and time. The outside of the home was completed during the two days Mrs. Paschal and Ms. McReynolds were working.

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Marine Staff Sgt. John Jones, left, and Bret Hribar, senior project manager at Homes for Our Troops, in front of the partially completed house.
Lynn Owen, 26 years; and Barbara Grine and Nancy Wilhelms, 25 years.

**Cochise Stronghold Chapter**, Benson, Ariz., held its organizing meeting in the home of newest chapter member Sherry Vanderhoek on January 15, 2009, with Organizing Regent Anita Chadwick Beno presiding and with most State Officers in attendance. Vice President General Martha Jones and Honorary Vice President General Carol Rilling also attended. Nine of the 13 chapter members were able to attend. State Regent Jo Beaver Andress installed the new chapter officers and presented the program.

Cochise Stronghold Chapter members have been busy donating items to and volunteering at the Southern Arizona Veterans Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz., sending care packages to active military members, and assisting with an after-school program for middle-school students in Benson. Members are excited to be supporting the work of the Society since the chapter was officially confirmed at the February 2009 National Board of Management Meeting.

Thanks to Tombstone Chapter, Sierra Vista, Ariz., and to the state society for their support.

On Sunday, May 31, 2009, **Cooch’s Bridge Chapter**, Newark, Del., honored the patriotism of a man born in Scotland who served at the birth of a nation. Private Benjamin McDonald came to this country with his father, Hugh, who became a citizen-soldier and died at the Paoli Massacre on September 20, 1777. In a continuing effort to support the cause of liberty, Pvt. McDonald joined the militia, serving under Col. John Hannum from 1780–1783.

In honor of his service and patriotism, an NSDAR grave marker was dedicated at Old St. John’s Episcopal Church Burial Ground outside of New London, Pa. Chapter Regent Linda Coates led the service, and Chapter Historian Sally Jo Wright, who coordinated the placement of the marker, read McDonald’s biography. After the unveiling of the marker, the S.A.R. color guard played taps as a final tribute. McDonald family members attending the dedication included chapter members Marie Godfrey, Donna Godfrey, Mary Henderson and Linda Milway.

On June 18, 2009, the **Edward Buncombe Chapter**, Asheville, N.C., presented a custom-designed, queen-sized quilt to Tamassee DAR School in South Carolina. Planned and pieced by the Betsy Ross Quilting Bees, the quilt features fabric from the American Glory collection, which is used to make Tamassee file caddies. The group named itself the Betsy Ross Quilting Bees when Helen Meeting remarked that sewing stars made her feel like Betsy Ross. Inspired and led by Denise Peters, participating members were Helen Argall, Dionne Kempenich, Luann Nelson, Nellie Jo Maney, Helen Meeting, Debra Sheer and Kathy Williams.

The patriotic theme of the border fabric led to the choice of the design and colors of the blocks. In two of the
corner blocks quilt-draped rocking chairs are embroidered. The other two corner blocks are embroidered with teapots, symbols of hospitality. A design of American flags and ribbon is embroidered in the center block. The quilt was professionally machine quilted in alternating blocks with a stylized pineapple design, another symbol of hospitality. The school planned to raffle the quilt off as a fundraiser for the Tamassee Children’s Fund.

Members of Elizabeth Denton English Chapter, Mineola, Texas, served up hot dogs and patriotism to the crowd of visitors to the Mineola Nature Preserve during NatureFest on May 23, 2009. Proceeds from the food sales benefited chapter projects. The yearly event provides an opportunity to promote the DAR to the East Texas community. Along with hot dogs, fried pies and brownies, visitors to the chapter booth took away pamphlets about the Constitution and about the mission of the National Society.

NatureFest is organized by the Friends of the Preserve, a nonprofit organization the chapter also supports by sponsoring a blue bird house each year as part of its conservation project.

In March 2004, Governor George W.P. Hunt Chapter, Gilbert, Ariz., dedicated an NSDAR historical marker at the tomb of Arizona’s first governor, for whom the chapter is named. At the time, members were distressed to see the lamentable condition of the white-tiled pyramid, and soon began a major project to restore it. A handmade quilt was the primary fundraiser, and the chapter earned more than $8,000, an amount that fell far short of the more than $100,000 needed for the repairs and other improvements. Member Helen Bernhard contacted politicians, park officials and historical societies for assistance. She was also able to get the tomb placed on the National Register of Historic Sites, which brought with it stringent rules regarding the renovation.

In the end, generous local businessman Gary Banker made the project achievable. On April 18, 2009, two former governors, DAR state leaders and Daughters from Arizona chapters celebrated the unveiling of the restored tomb and its surrounding enhancements. Several descendants of Gov. Hunt participated in the event, some of them meeting for the first time. The tomb now gleams brightly in the sunlight, and visitors can enjoy the new landscaping, benches, educational signs and improved trail to the tomb.

Walt Johnson and Maureen E. Rupe recently received awards from Indian River Chapter, Titusville, Fla., for their outstanding contributions to the local community. Community Service Award Chapter Chairman Lorene Shafer presented Mr. Johnson with the Community Service Award for his years of work in the Titusville area. He moved to Brevard County after serving in the U.S. Air Force. He has served on a number of boards, such as those of the Space Coast Economic Development Commission, Brevard Nature Alliance and the Brevard County Tourist Development Council. He is a former president of the Space Port Rotary Club and is currently a Titusville city council member.

Maureen Rupe’s environmental work earned her the Conservation Medal, which was presented by Conservation Chapter Chairman Beverly Holladay at the chapter’s annual luncheon. A major issue that engaged Ms. Rupe was the pollutants produced and emitted into the atmosphere by the power plants based in Port St. John. It took more than 14 years of hard work and the combined
effort of concerned citizens to bring about a successful resolution in the form of Florida Power and Light’s recent decision to demolish one of the plants and replace it with a clean-fuel gas plant.

The Indian River Chapter takes pride in honoring outstanding members of its community.

**Jackson Madison Chapter,** Jackson, Tenn., conducted George Washington biography lessons and a portrait contest for 225 fifth-grade students at Bemis Intermediate School. The lessons were led by chapter members Sherry Taylor and Jane Moore. All 225 students who participated received a certificate from the chapter.

Bemis Intermediate School held its awards assembly on May 11, 2009. The students, Principal Tracey Vowell and teachers Jaime Grammer, Marie Bond and Katharine Webb were entertained by actor and historic interpreter Rick Revel, who portrayed George Washington for the evening. Mr. Revel read portions of George Washington’s “Farewell Address” and spoke of the sacrifices of the Revolutionary War Patriots, and those of American patriots through the years. With help from Jane Moore, Mr. Revel presented prizes to Cristen Long, Avery Gibbons and Joseph Woodrow, the winners of the George Washington portrait contest.

Ms. Vowell received certificates for a full-size American flag that has flown over Mount Vernon, a framed 30” x 36” portrait of George Washington and a copy of the book *George Washington* for the school library. The flag and portrait were to be presented to the school at a later date.

**John Hoyle Chapter,** Hickory, N.C., proudly served as host of a summer picnic held at chapter member Carol de Perczel’s award-winning log cabin. Hostess duties for this annual event alternate between John Hoyle Chapter and its sister chapter, Hickory Tavern. This year John Hoyle Daughters were delighted to have the opportunity to show off the wonderful cabin.

The Polser/Balsar Sigman Cabin, built circa 1780–1790, received DAR first-place state and Southeastern District Preservation Awards. Then, Ms. de Perczel and her cabin went on to win the national second-place Individual Preservation Award, which she received at last July’s Continental Congress. The award recognizes outstanding efforts by an individual member to preserve and protect our historic environment. The restoration, a real labor of love, took Ms. de Perczel and her hand-picked crew more than a year to complete.

The de Perczels generously opened their home to her DAR family and friends to celebrate the culmination of the year’s work. “When we sit on the porch, I cannot help but think of earlier times,” Ms. de Perczel said, “when family and friends gathered for quilting parties, or corn-shucking parties, or just to gossip.”

After learning that the DAR Museum needed money for professional photography, the **Katuktu Chapter,** Tustin, Calif., responded by holding a treasure hunt, chaired by Karen Reese, to raise funds for the cause. Under the leadership of DAR Museum Committee Chapter Chairman Judy Van Skike, the chapter also established an annual golden elephant sale to benefit the Museum. Katuktu Chapter will continue fundraising for the Museum under new chairman Jane Brubaker, who is also the chapter’s most recent object donor. In eight years, more than nine Katuktu members have donated objects to the Museum and/or made significant monetary contributions.

During a chapter meeting on May 9, 2009, Honorary State Regent Lola Lawson presented a program and installed the new chapter officers.

**Mary Dillingham Chapter,** Lewiston, Maine, held a meeting on May 1, 2009, at the home of Lois Gilbert of Lewiston. The day’s program, presented by Corresponding Docent in Training L. Donna Hoffmann, was titled “The DAR Period Rooms.” All attendees enjoyed the new PowerPoint presentation. The program shows the period rooms from a historical point of view and also describes the furniture in each room. Nearly every item in the Maine Period Room dates to 1830 or earlier. All of the DAR Museum programs are informative, educational and promote the DAR Museum.

On May 9, 2009, members of the Mary Hempstead Lisa Chapter, Chesterfield, Mo., met for brunch at the home of Nadine Rozelle, James Donahoe, representing the Fisher House Foundation, attended as the chapter’s guest.

Chapter Regent Maureen Donnelly presented Mr. Donahoe with a check representing the chapter’s donation to the Fisher House building fund. Fisher Houses provide a home away from home for families whose military relatives are suffering from a serious illness or injury requiring lengthy physical or occupational therapy. Construction of a new Fisher House to serve the St. Louis area and surrounding communities began on the grounds of Jefferson Barracks on May 11, 2009.

Daughters of the Mary Hempstead Lisa Chapter have engaged in fund-raising efforts over the past year in order to contribute to this very worthwhile cause. Projects included a garage sale and a silent auction.

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Valentine’s Day celebrations, summertime hot dog suppers and welcome home receptions. Members donate new coats and other necessary items for homeless veterans served at this fine facility.

November 13, 2008, Mount Vernon Chapter, Alexandria, Va., celebrated the opening of an exhibit at the Lyceum, a historical museum in Alexandria, Va., featuring artifacts from the Jones Point Lighthouse in the Potomac River, one of the last remaining river lighthouses in the United States. Working toward the restoration of the lighthouse has been an ongoing project for chapter members. The chapter has loaned two Fresnel lenses for display in the exhibit. With the help of volunteers from the Chesapeake Lighthouse Society who worked for a year and a half, the two Fresnel lenses were cleaned, scrubbed and polished in preparation for their display. Virginia State Regent Bana Caskey was on hand for the exhibit opening.

Mount Vernon Chapter’s annual flag retirement ceremony was held June 11, 2009, at Alexandria’s historic Fort Ward Park. Retired Army Brigadier General Richard Bednar presided over the ceremony. The program for the event was written by Chapter Regent Judy Bednar. Five flags were retired, one of which had flown over U.S. military headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, and another from the main gate at Mount Vernon. Four Junior ROTC members from T.C. Williams High School joined chapter members at the ceremony. Afterward, everyone enjoyed a potluck picnic.

Congratulations to Michelle Walters-Thornton, who was recently elected Regent of Natalia Shelikof Chapter, Kodiak, Alaska. Mrs. Walters-Thornton’s mother Evelyn Walters currently serves as Regent of Lagonda Chapter, Springfield, Ohio. Thus, mother and daughter are concurrently serving as Chapter Regents in two different states.

Recently, the Niagara Falls Chapter, Niagara Falls, N.Y., received a very special American flag. The flag was a gift from Lieutenant Colonel Roger L. Burch, son of former Chapter Regent Olive Burch, who served in the Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix VII, 106th Regiment/TAG, at Camp Alamo, Afghanistan. The flag was flown over the American compound, Camp Alamo, Afghanistan, by the officers, noncommissioned officers and soldiers of the TAG VII during Operation Enduring Freedom. The chapter was honored to receive such a special flag. Members have since purchased a flag pole and stand for the flag so that they may recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America to that flag at future meetings. Every time members salute this flag, they will be reminded of Lt. Col. Burch and all other men and women who serve our great nation.

Robert Gilbert Livingston Chapter, Georgetown, Texas, celebrated its installation meeting on May 14, 2009. Texas State Parliamentarian Al’Louise Ramp conducted the installation. The program “Patriots in Petticoats,” a reader’s theater presentation, was performed by the incoming officers.

The dedication of an NSDAR emblem plaque at the entrance of Sun City, Texas, preceded the meeting and acted as the culmination of the yearlong efforts of Helena Marsh and Chapter Regent Catharine Browning. Louise Anderson was the chairman of the dedication ceremony.

The Sallie Harrison Chapter, Sanford, Fla., was established in November 1918. Members decided to mark the chapter’s 90th year by increasing membership to 90. After the membership count dropped to 47 members in January 2007, increasing membership became an urgent goal. The goal was exceeded when the 91st member was accepted at a July 2009 National Board of Management meeting.

In 2007, the chapter established strategic goals that emphasized revitalization by increasing membership; promoting growth via improved communication, leadership, mentoring and teamwork; and increasing visibility in the community. This year the chapter has been marketing itself by reaching out to the community via informational booths at community events such as the Central Florida Highland Games, lineage research workshops, prospective and new member orientations and the annual Sanford Memorial Day Parade. The most effective membership tool has been increased knowledge of the application process. In March, four chapter members became certified DAR Volunteer Field Genealogists. They work...
With the Chapters

Daughters of the Sallie Harrison Chapter and members of the Fort Mellon Society C.A.R. gathered before marching in the local Memorial Day Parade.

to usher prospective members through the sometimes confusing application process and introduce them to chapter members and activities.

The Sallie Harrison Chapter anticipates continued membership growth by reaching out to the community via personal contacts and technology.

Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter, Derby, Conn., celebrated Flag Day at the Huntington Burial Grounds in Shelton, Conn., on June 13, 2009. The burial places of 37 Patriots were identified and, in honor of Flag Day, the Daughters placed flags at each gravestone.

More than 20 members and guests congregated near the grave of Captain Beach Tomlinson, the Patriot for three of the charter members who formed the chapter 115 years ago. DAR Service for Veterans Committee Chairman Judy Savary gave a short summary of where the men served and the campaigns in which they fought. Chapter Regent Barbara Wells began the flag ceremony by singing “God Bless America” and asking everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. She presented the colors in honor of the Patriots buried there. After singing the national anthem, Chapter Chaplain Tammy Crews gave thanks for the symbol that has inspired our nation for generations and asked that God bless America and our flag.

After placing flags at the graves of the Patriots, everyone was invited to the Huntington Street Cafe for refreshments.

On May 14, 2009, Laurel Ross, director of urban conservation at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, Ill., received the DAR Conservation Medal from Skokie Valley Chapter, Kenilworth, Ill. Chapter Regent Hannah McInnis and Chapter Conservation Chairman Laura Kracum presented Ms. Ross with the certificate and medal at a luncheon attended by Illinois State Regent Betty Ford.

Among Ms. Ross’s many activities and accomplishments is a program called “Leave No Child Inside” aimed at connecting young people with nature. Between 1993 and 2001, she coordinated the Volunteer Stewardship Network, organizing more than 5,000 volunteers to work on public lands in Chicago. Ms. Ross was also among the handful of original organizers of Chicago Wilderness in 1996. The regional alliance has grown to include more than 240 partners united in the effort to restore, study and manage the natural ecosystems of the Chicago area. Ms. Ross also conceived and developed Mighty Acorns, a successful youth stewardship program, which has grown to involve 8,000 children and a dozen host agencies. The program involves students in fourth through sixth grades in educational exploration of natural areas and hands-on stewardship in the prairies, woodlands and wetlands of the region.

On May 2, 2009, St. Denis Chapter, Natchitoches, La., participated in two events that recognized the contributions of Revolutionary Patriots. In the morning, the Sibley family held a rededication of two markers that decorate the grave of Revolutionary War soldier Dr. John Sibley at the American Cemetery in Natchitoches. The gravestone’s DAR marker was originally placed by the Loyalty Chapter, Alexandria, La., in 1930. The Sibley descendants had cleaned the stone and had the markers restored and returned in preparation for the rededication.

That afternoon, St. Denis Chapter marked the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot Pierre Chelettre, who is buried in Old River Hill/Scroggins Cemetery near Flora, La. Due to threatening weather, the ceremony was held at the Natchitoches First Presbyterian Church. Four chapter members and several prospective members are descendants of Chelettre.

At a March 22, 2008, ceremony, St. Louis-Jefferson Chapter, St. Louis, Mo., donated $7,500 to help fund construction of a St. Louis Fisher House at the
Jefferson Barracks campus of the St. Louis VA Medical Center, a polytrauma center for treating veterans wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Fisher Houses are “comfort homes” built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers to enable family members to be close to a loved one during hospitalization. Families stay at the Fisher House at no charge. The house, a 20-bedroom residence, will overlook the Mississippi River and will be staffed by volunteers. The chapter’s goal was to raise $5,000 for the Fisher House. Within one year, the chapter had exceeded its goal. The ceremony took place March 22, 2008.

The mansion, high in Portland’s West Hills, was built in the early 1900s for the Oregonian newspaper publisher Henry Pittock and wife Georgiana. Mrs. Pittock is credited with starting the Rose Society in 1888 in Portland, which is known as “The City of Roses.”

The heritage roses for this special event were graciously donated by Portland Nursery. Portland Mayor Sam Adams proclaimed the day of planting a “Day of Appreciation for Mrs. Georgiana Pittock.” The ceremony was attended by Wahkeena Chapter members, Portland Rose Society president Brad Wanamaker, Pittock Mansion executive director Marta Bones and Portland Park Bureau horticulturist Robin Akers. Thanks to chapter member Ardis Eklund for encouraging the chapter to honor Mrs. Pittock and for coordinating the project.

A piece of history has found its way onto a historical marker, which was dedicated April 26, 2009, and installed May 7, 2009. Virginia State Historian and American Indians Committee National Vice Chairman Frances Crutchfield, a member of William Byrd Chapter, Richmond, Va., attended the dedication. The marker is devoted to the Monacan Indian town called Mowhemcho, which was located near Manakin Church on Huguenot Trail, State Route 711, in Powhatan County, Va. Shown on John Smith’s 1612 map, the town and most of its residents were destroyed in the 1600s. French Huguenots settled the land in 1700, and by 1722 the Monacan survivors had moved west to an area near Lynchburg.

Yates Mill Chapter, Cary, N.C., has participated in several literacy projects, including expanding the library at Crossnore School—a private, nonprofit children’s home and school in the western North Carolina mountains serving children who, for circumstances beyond their control, can no longer live at home—as well as answering a call from the State Regent to find school libraries without a copy of the DAR Roster of American Revolution Gravesites in North Carolina. Members located and distributed books to 56 Wake County public and private elementary schools.

In addition, as veterans and their families from across the United States gathered December 13, 2008, for annual Wreaths Across America Day events, Yates Mill Chapter was proud to sponsor a wreath-laying ceremony at National Veteran’s Freedom Park in Cary. Several World War II veterans and their families attended and enjoyed visiting and sharing experiences with one another before and after the ceremony, which was coordinated by former Chapter Regent Susan Montagne. Daughters helped lay the wreaths honoring men and women who served in the six branches of the military.
Memorial Day Activities

On Memorial Day, the Anne Royall Chapter, Harrisville, W.V., held a rededication ceremony for the Pioneer Cemetery near Harrisville. The chapter raised more than $18,000 in less than a year to restore the cemetery, which, at more than 200 years old, is the oldest in the county. Unfortunately, it was also in danger of being lost due to neglect. A blacksmith was hired to replace and repair the historic wrought-iron fence, which was placed around the cemetery in the late 1800s, and many stones were reset and repaired. This historic preservation project won the chapter first place in the state and second place in the East Central Division. The day was beautiful and many members dressed in period costumes. Helping the chapter to celebrate the day were State Regent Ginger Nalley, State Vice Regent Charla Nutter and Northern District Director Barbara Smith.

Other groups participating in the ceremony were S.A.R. members from the Marietta and James Neal chapters, the Sons of Union Veterans Civil War re-enactment group, Harrisville Post 3554 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and children from the Elizabeth Zane Society C.A.R.

Bonaventure Chapter, Savannah, Ga., hosted its second Memorial Day flag ceremony in Bonaventure Cemetery in honor of the deceased DAR members of Chatham County, who were remembered for the service they gave to their chapters and to the efforts toward historic beautification for the city of Savannah. The Bonaventure Society C.A.R. assisted with the project. American flags were placed on 67 graves. Members hope that those who visit the cemetery will recognize these American patriots for their accomplishments. The event concluded with a luncheon at the home of Bonaventure Chapter member Betty Garrison Schwarz.

Each Memorial Day, Chico Chapter, Chico, Calif., remembers and honors its Patriot ancestors by placing flags on the graves of their descendants in Chico area cemeteries. This year the chapter also restored and rededicated the DAR grave marker of Mary Ogden Nelson, whose grandfather was at the Battle of Yorktown. The original plaque was placed in 1934.

As an ongoing project, Chico Chapter plans to replace the DAR markers of two more members—one was a charter member and the other served as Chapter Regent from 1928–1932.

Colonel Aaron Ogden Chapter, Garden City, N.Y., raised $305 to benefit DAR Project Patriot. Chapter members sold voices for two baskets of patriotic-themed goods at the Memorial Day Fair hosted by the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. That event netted $250. In addition to the funds raised, a number of fair attendees accepted the opportunity to write a note of thanks to a wounded soldier. These cards were shipped to the chaplain at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany for distribution. Among the Colonel Aaron Ogden Chapter members proudly assisting in raising funds that day was Mary Poole, herself a U.S. Army veteran.

Another $55 dollars was obtained through the sale of red, white and blue jelly bracelets and toy gliders. This was the chapter’s first attempt to raise funds for DAR Project Patriot. Members agreed that the results were so successful and the cause so important that the effort will be repeated next year.
Bettye Silvey, past Regent of the Kings Mountain Messenger Chapter, Fayetteville, Tenn., recently completed a project that was very close to her fellow chapter members. First Lieutenant Eric Emmert, a platoon leader with the 269 Military Police Company, was killed in Mosul, Iraq, on February 24, 2009, during an outpost inspection. Lt. Emmert had previously served as a Tennessee state policeman and then as a special agent for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in Lincoln County.

Mrs. Silvey, through combined research with the Emmert family, found that Lt. Emmert was a descendant of the Kings Mountain Messenger himself. The chapter was named after Joseph Greer, who fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina on October 7, 1780. After the battle, Greer braved enemies and the elements to deliver the message of that victory to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Greer, an uncle of Lt. Emmert, moved to Lincoln County in 1804. Joseph’s brother Andrew, who also fought in the battle, was Lt. Emmert’s ancestral grandfather.

The chapter presented a citation of honor to the Emmert family during the Memorial Day service conducted by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars at the town square on May 30, 2009.

Memorial Day was busy for members of Lake Wales Chapter, Lake Wales, Fla., who joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other service groups for the annual ceremony at Lake Wales Cemetery. Participants honored service men and women as each conflict, from 1776 to 2009, was announced. The first war recognized was the American Revolution. Regent Karen Wolzanski and Vice Regent Virginia Okie placed a wreath for those patriots. The Lake Wales JROTC gave the rifle salute and played taps.

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State Activities

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Connecticut Daughters Host Massing of the Colors
Connecticut Daughters hosted the 43rd Annual Massing of the Colors on October 26, 2008, at the First Congregational Church of New Milford, Conn. The patriotic ceremony was originally conceived by the Society of the Massing of the Colors, a group composed of military and civic leaders and veterans, in order to show their pride in and support of the colors of the United States and the service men and women those colors represent. The first massing was held in New York City on Armistice Day in 1922. In Connecticut, the hereditary and patriotic societies share the organizational duties.

Connecticut State Regent Jennie May Rehnberg welcomed participants including Barbara Ulrich, past Librarian General; State Chaplain Betty Ehrlinger; Maine State Regent Vrege Murray; Massachusetts State Regent Anne Urbaczewski; Deborah Calhoun, director of the Afrikan-American Cultural Awareness Association; soloist Sara Vokes; Reverend Michael J. Moran; Connecticut S.A.R. Chaplain Reverend Paul Everett; and Alec Marshall, Chaplain, Charles Merriman Society C.A.R. More than 40 societies took part, ranging from the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut (founded in 1783) to the Order of the Descendants of Pirates and Privates (founded in 2002).

D.C. Daughters Hold Gala Dinner and Silent Auction
On May 7, 2009, the D.C. State Society held a gala dinner and silent auction to raise money to pay off the mortgage on its new state headquarters. The event was held in the 19th Century Ballroom of Historic Gadsby’s Tavern in Alexandria, Va. On behalf of the D.C. Daughters and the Arizona Daughters, District of Columbia State Regent Priscilla Baker presented the DAR Medal of Honor to Lieutenant Andrew Baldwin, who is a distinguished U.S. Naval Officer, Ironman triathlete, humanitarian and physician. He is best known to the American television audience as the bachelor of the 10th season of the reality dating show “The Bachelor.” The speaker for the evening was Joan Brierton, past trustee and vice president of the D.C. Preservation League and senior historic preservation specialist with the U.S. General Services Administration Center for Historic Buildings.

Florida Daughters Exceed Haley House Fundraising Goal
Florida Daughters have exceeded their goal of $100,000 to raise $120,000 for the Haley House Project of State Regent Sue C. Bratton. The Haley House provides lodging for families of patients at the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Fla. Haley House offers free lodging and transportation to and from the hospital, making it possible for family members to be with their loved ones, thus offering vital support for military families during their relatives’ rehabilitation. To learn more about the Haley House, visit www.haleyhousefund.com.

A second part of Mrs. Bratton’s State Regent’s Project was to place a historic marker at Goodwood Plantation in Tallahassee, Fla. Goodwood Mansion was constructed upon land that was part of the original grant awarded to the Marquis de Lafayette for his service during the American Revolution. The marker was dedicated on June 6, 2009. At the event, Dr. Joe Knetsch spoke about Lafayette. Following the marker unveiling by Mrs. Bratton, guests were invited to a reception and tour of the mansion.
by Nancy Pond, Chairman of the Goodwood Marker Committee. For more about Goodwood Plantation, visit www.goodwoodmuseum.org.

**Idaho Society Marks 100th Birthday**

The Idaho State Society is 100 years old! This milestone was celebrated at the 2009 Idaho State Conference held May 13–15, 2009, in scenic Twin Falls, Idaho. The conference theme was “The Magic of DAR.” Seventy-one Idaho Daughters enjoyed the presentation of keynote speaker and Honorary Vice President General Beverly Bills, as well as a genealogy workshop led by North Carolina Daughter Ann Flint. The conference was also the debut of the Idaho Centennial pin and the recently published ISSDAR Centennial History.

Daughters enjoyed a boat excursion down the Snake River Canyon. The concluding birthday banquet featured Idaho’s first State Regent, Anna Ford Pursell, in the guise of Susan Applegate, who regaled attendees with tales of the rich history of the state society.

For 100 years, Idaho Daughters have commemorated, celebrated and honored people, places and historical events by donating their time, their treasure and most of all their generous hearts. ISSDAR, with small but mighty numbers, truly exemplifies the theme, “The Spirit of Hospitality Opens Doors of Opportunity.”

**New Hampshire State Conference Informs and Entertains**


Awards were presented to several deserving individuals, including American History Essay Contest winners Liam Colby, fifth grade; Colby Whitcomb, sixth grade; Grant Michalyszyn, seventh grade; and Eric Nadeau, eighth grade. The state Christopher Columbus Essay Contest winner, Mary Holleran of Bishop Guer- tin High School, also received her award at the conference, as did Outstanding Veteran Patient Robert Piatt, Outstanding DAR Service to Veterans Award winner Jennifer Bean and Outstanding Youth Volunteer Alyssa Thibault. Scholarships were awarded to Michael Joseph Clark, Nickolas Loukedes and Li Rebacca Shapiro.

New Hampshire’s 25-year members were also honored. Phyllis Gagnon and Mary Louise Chamberlain, re-elected members of the New Hampshire Attic Commission, were installed by State Chaplain Barbara Corson.

**Oklahoma Celebrates Centennial State Conference**

Oklahoma Daughters celebrated the state society’s 100th year at their Centennial State Conference, held in Midwest City, Okla., May 14–16, 2009. State Regent Mary Jackson Duffe welcomed President General Linda Gist Calvin, whose visit made the already special occasion a memory to be cherished for years to come. Other special guests included Pauline Tarbell Bartow, Librarian General; Mary Lee Chisam Schultz, Arkansas State Regent; Cynthia Pruitt Spencer, Utah State Regent; and Julie Farris Stuhlmacher, Wisconsin State Regent.

The highlight of the conference was Thursday night’s centennial banquet, to which members and guests wore 1909 period formal wear topped with glittering tiaras. The Friday hidden treasures luncheon honored 50-year members, and the following honors and awards afternoon recognized not only the Outstanding Teacher of American History but also the students receiving American History, DAR Good Citizens and Junior American Citizen awards, as well as scholarships. Other events included the Chapter Regents’ banquet on Friday night and the final business session on Saturday morning. The resounding success of the Oklahoma Centennial Conference was a tribute to all the hard work of the Capital District Daughters!

Oklahoma S.A.R. President George Thompson delivered greetings to conference attendees, and the Oklahoma State S.A.R. color guard presented and retired the colors during the celebration.

Left to right: President General Linda Gist Calvin, S.A.R. members Glenn Fast and Dr. Stuart O. Denslow, and State Regent Mary Duffe

Left to right: Mary Chamberlain, Phyllis Gagnon and State Chaplain Barbara Corson

Left to right: Pat Hinton, State Regent Pat Andrews, Diane Manweiler and Edith Cole.

Back row: Ramona Higer, Verna Studer, Elizabeth Jones, Linda Gardner and Cecelia Stobie

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"Windows to the Past Reflect Visions of Tomorrow"

ARKANSAS

Caddo District

Chapters: Akansa, Arkadelphia, Benjamin Culp, Hot Springs of Arkansas, John Cain, John Percifull, Mine Creek-Paraclifta, Provincia de La Sal & Texarakana

Rockport United Methodist Church at Malvern AR

Oldest Church west of the Mississippi, Est. 1809
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church is tucked into the hillside below the Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and celebrated its 100th year this May. Built by Richard J. Kerens in memory of his mother Elizabeth, the church is entered through a bell tower located on the street above the roof of the church at about the last place Richard saw his mother alive.

The church began as the Kerens Memorial Chapel and later expanded to become a church at the request of Bishop Fitzgerald. The architectural design combines Byzantine pendentive support design, Romanesque arches, and Gothic style rose windows and truss supports. It remains a lovely jewel visited by parishioners and tourists alike. Bishop Anthony Taylor, Father Shaun Wesley, and many priests and dignitaries all attended the rededication ceremony in May.

Mary Lee Schultz, Arkansas State Regent

Osage District Officers

Vive Allen, Director
Cheri Coley, Secretary
Betsy Brummond, Director-Elect
Rebecca Hodges, Treasurer

Osage District Chapter Regents

Abendschone: Rosalie Myers
Clarksville: Rosemary Harris
Enoch Ashley: Betty Reeves
Fort Smith: Joan Stratmann
Harrison Colony: Vive Allen
James Bright: Marcia Connors
Lovely Purchase: Muriel Cross
Marion: Jeanne Tackett
Ozark Mountains: Valerie Scott
Quapaw District
Winnie Talley, District Director

Cadron Post Chapter

Captain Basil Gaither Chapter

Dardanelle Rock Chapter

General William Lewis Chapter

Gilbert Marshall Chapter

Little Rock-Centennial Chapter

Major Jacob Gray Chapter

Maria Van Buren Chapter

Persis Lovely-Clarksville Chapter

Prudence Hall Chapter

Sylvania Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Founded 1843 by Reverend James Wilson Moore
The Shawnee District Chapters of the Arkansas State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

honor with affection

Mary Lee Schultz, Arkansas State Regent 2009-2011

Arkansas State Regent, Mary Lee Schultz, with husband, Don, and
grandson, Kirk L. Schultz, Vice President, Arkansas Society C.A.R.

Shawnee District Chapters

Captain Nathan Watkins Chapter
Charlevoix Chapter
Independence County Chapter
Jonesboro Chapter

Little Red River Chapter
Robert Crittenden Chapter
Strawberry River Chapter
William Strong Chapter
Arkansas State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Wataseka District

Proudly Salutes
Veterans of All Wars

Mary Lee Schultz, State Regent
Sue Johnson, District Director

Jean Hirsch, Director Elect. Jerrie Townsend, Secretary Melrose Bagwell, Treasurer

Tate’s Bluff—Amanda Wunnenberg, Regent
Arkansas Post—Jerrie Townsend, Regent
Robert Rosamond—Ann Edmondson, Regent
Chicot Trace—Barbara Drye, Regent

Col. David Love —Annette Rawls, Regent
John McAlmont—Sharon Wyatt, Regent
Pine Bluff—Claire Holmes, Regent
Grand Prairie—Nina Corbin, Regent

Col. Francis Vivian Brooking—Imie Carpenter, Regent
Capt. Robert Abernethy—Carol Rudder, Regent
Connecticut Honors

JENNIE MAY REHNBERG
STATE REGENT 2007 – 2010

For her exceptional leadership as an essential piece to Connecticut DAR

STATE THEME:

An Essential Piece
LINKING OUR PAST. BUILDING OUR FUTURE.
Proudly Preserve Our Historic Properties

GOVERNOR JONATHAN TRUMBULL HOME
LEBANON, CT

WADSWORTH STABLE
LEBANON, CT

OLIVER ELLSWORTH HOMESTEAD
WINDSOR, CT

WASHINGTON OAK TREE PARK
NEW MILFORD, CT
The historic Washington Oak Tree in 1976.

UNDER THE Washington Oak’s sheltering branches, General George Washington conferred with the Marquis de Lafayette and his other officers on September 20, 1780, before continuing on their way to Hartford to meet with General Rochambeau and the French army. The majestic tree succumbed in 2003 to damage wrought by storms in the early 1990s. The Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution cared for and maintained the tree for the latter part of its four centuries of existence.

DEDICATION OF THE WASHINGTON OAK MONUMENT
22 SEPTEMBER 2007

Left to right: Richard Kosier, President of the Gaylordsville Historical Society, joins CTDAR State Regent Jennie May Rehnberg and Honorary State Regents Caroline Taylor, Jean E. Kelsey, and Barbara Ulrich, along with the Honorable Patricia A. Murphy, Mayor of New Milford, in cutting the ribbon at the dedication ceremony of the new Washington Oak Tree Park.
The Illinois State Organization, NSDAR
Proudly Presents

Luanne Frosch Bruckner

State Regent 2009 – 2011

With Love and Affection from the Illinois Daughters
Illinois State Organization, NSDAR  
We Have Spirit

The Illinois State Organization, NSDAR  
Proudly Presents
The 2009 – 2010 State Board of Management
With Special Guest, President General Linda Gist Calvin

Front Row, left to right: Gloria Perkins Flathom (Mrs. Daniel G.) ~ State Corresponding Secretary;  
Sharon Crumbaker Frizzell (Mrs. Daniel A.) ~ State Chaplain;  
(Center) Linda Gist Calvin ~ President General;  
(Center) Luanne Frosch Bruckner, (Mrs. Lawrence L.) ~ State Regent;  
Carolyn Miller Brown (Mrs. Paul Vann) ~ State Vice Regent;  
Candace Fryburger (Ms.) ~ State Recording Secretary;  
Back Row, left to right: Teri-Ellen Naccarato Rogers (Mrs. David J.) ~ State Treasurer;  
Ann Perisho Irwin (Mrs. Thomas) ~ State Registrar;  
Sara Steckler Caddell (Mrs. Lindel L.) ~ State Historian;  
Dorothy Clutts Rudoni (Dr.) ~ State Librarian;  
(Not pictured) Gloria Sue Miller Jones (Mrs. Carl) ~ State Organizing Secretary

~ Luanne Frosch Bruckner, State Regent ~
The Iowa Society

Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Presents from the Heartland

Susan Kennedy Harris

STATE REGENT
The Iowa Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Warmly and Sincerely Appreciates

Our State Officers

Front Row L-R: State Recording Secretary Sabrina Alberhasky, State Vice Regent Linda Van Niewaal, State Regent Susan Kennedy Harris, State Chaplain Mary Beth Seggerman, State Corresponding Secretary Judy McNamara

Back Row L-R: State Historian Marsha Hucke, State Treasurer Sharon Braden, State Organizing Secretary Barbara Halpin, State Registrar Carma Astleford, State Librarian Cindi Carter
The Iowa Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Proudly Honors

2009 National VAVS Award Winner
Myrtle Van Dyke
Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter - Des Moines

2009 Iowa Outstanding Junior
Kelli Pence
Pilgrim Chapter, Iowa City
Kansas Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Honors

Susan Lee Metzger
2009 Outstanding Junior

Presented by Kansas Junior Membership Committee
Merry Ann Thompson Wright
of New York
Candidate for the Office of President General
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Has the Honor to Announce Associate Candidates for Election at the
119th Continental Congress in 2010

First Vice President General
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Chaplain General
Laura Marcella Reid of Georgia

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Lynn Forney Young of Texas

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Sally Napier Bueno of Missouri

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Historian General
Ann Arnold Hunter of Virginia

Librarian General
Joan MacInnes Hunter of Oregon

Curator General
Beverly Dardene West of Wisconsin

Reporter General
Jean Whatley Vaughan of Alabama
The Wright Associates

Candidates for Executive Office
119th Continental Congress
in 2010

Preserve the Past,
Enhance the Present,
Invest in the Future.

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Kansas Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Honors With Pride

Stacy Lane Cope
Outstanding Chapter Regent
2009
Kansas Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Northeast District Chapter Regents

Front Row L-R: Emily Jane Stoll; Barbara Knopke, NED Sec/Treas; Alice Bushman, NED Asst Director; Karen Meredith; Jill LaBelle; Carol Crane.

Back Row L-R: Anne Barbour; Marlys Hankins; Stacy Cope; Anne Mich; Verna Martin; Marilyn Rockel; Joan Lieber; Irene Harvey.

Northwest District Chapter Regents

Front Row L-R: Ruth Pruitt; Peggi Barrett; Reatha Blecha; Sharon Foust, NWD Asst Director; Phyllis Bell, NWD Director; Sarah Bolt.

Back Row L-R: Sandy Daugherty; Dixie Roberts; Sue Etelamaki; Donna Overmiller; Karen Buhler; Joyce Jones.
Kansas Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

Southeast District Chapter Regents

Front Row L-R: Barbara Wells, SED Asst. Director; Jackie Casey, SED Director; Elaine Oakleaf.
Back Row L-R: Polly Merchant; Pamela Hennigh; Karen Scheaffer; Loretta Lear.

Southwest District Chapter Regents

Front Row L-R: Judy Adams; Marlene Baird; Lucille Williams; Linda Goold; Patti Unruh, SWD Asst Director.
Back Row L-R: Alda Hildebrand; Kim Wimmer; Donna Albright; Lynda Fort; Cindy Sprenkle, SWD Sec/Treas.
At Home on the Plains

Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution commemorates 100 years on the Santa Fe Trail

Before and after restoration of the DAR Santa Fe Trail Marker at Ed Miller’s grave. Miller was killed by Cheyenne in 1865 and buried beside the Trail on land owned by M.M. Jones.

The Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution wish to recognize and thank the Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA) for its help and support in the At Home on the Plains Administration’s restoration of the DAR Santa Fe Trail Markers through Kansas. SFTA administers the Challenge Cost Share Grant awarded by the National Park Service through its National Historical Trails System for this project.

The goals of the SFTA focus on preserving, exploring, educating, and celebrating the Trail’s physical traces and landmarks of the American West after nearly two centuries of existence. Members can attend symposiums and lectures on trail history, participate in educational outreach programs, explore and map trail sites, help erect markers, and other interpretive projects. As a historic component of the National Trails System, SFTA works in partnership with the National Park Service and other organizations in preserving and interpreting the Trail.

In 1821, the Road to Santa Fe became America’s first commercial highway, extending 1,200 miles through five states with the most miles in Kansas. By the time Kansas became a state in 1861, the Santa Fe Trail had passed through Kansas Indian Territory for nearly forty years. West of today’s Dodge City freighters had to choose whether they would take the Mountain Route through Colorado or the Cimarron Cut-off through the dry southwest to Santa Fe. The Jornada shortened the trip by a week but meant no water for 50 miles and attacks from plains Indians.
SI Memorials is a proud supporter of DAR.

Pittsburg State University Veterans Memorial Amphitheater

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The Kentucky Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

Proudly Presents

Sharon Mayne Withers

Kentucky State Regent
Candidate
For the office of
Vice President General
At the 119th
Continental Congress, 2010
Kentucky's District Directors

They keep the DAR hive buzzing!

Serving as District Directors are, from front left, Jean Ellen Hiter Melton, District 3; State Regent Sharon Mayne Withers; Mary Wyatt Shear, District 4; back row from left Sharon Cates Harris, District 1; Jane Pigman Leedy, District 6; Anne May Hamilton, District 2, and Ruth Greene Korzenborn, District 5.

Kentucky Daughters Honor You!
State Chairmen of National Committees
Kentucky Society, DAR—2009 State Conference

State Chairmen of State Committees
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Kentucky Chapter Regents

Worker Bees of the Bluegrass State

Speakers
Staff

Carrying the DAR Buzz
From Pikeville to Paducah
Kentucky’s Unbroken Circle of Service

Kentucky’s Daughters are true to the old traditional hymn, *Will The Circle Be Unbroken*. We build on the solid foundation of our long-standing members, exemplified by those who have achieved 50 years of service with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The traditions of our founders inspire young Kentucky women to a life of service. State Regent Sharon Withers, above, is honored to be greeted by her pages at the 2009 Kentucky State Conference.

Finally, even the tiniest citizen has an opportunity to learn and serve through Kentucky’s Children of the American Revolution. These youngsters entertain us with their skits and help us remember our responsibility to the next generation that will carry on service to God, Home and Country.
Missouri State Society

Proudly Presents

Diana M. Bail

2009 Missouri Outstanding Junior

Diana is a member of the O’Fallon Chapter, NSDAR where she has held many chapter chairmanships and served in several offices. At the state level, Diana is currently a vice chairman of Junior Membership. In addition, she has received honors from the National Society DAR American Indians Committee for Outstanding Support of the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Congratulations, Diana! We are so proud of you!
The Nevada State Society honors with love and affection

Anita Ruth Kirk Sheard

Centennial State Regent
2008 — 2010

Reflections of Nevada DAR at 100:
Golden Past—Future Opportunity
Nevada State Society
Centennial State Officers 2008—2010

Nevada DAR 1910 to 2010

Seated: State Regent Anita Sheard. Standing, l to r: DarJan Kerr, Parliamentarian; Patricia Dell’aira, Organizing Secretary; Rebecca Eisenman, Recording Secretary; Karen Lampus, Vice Regent; Martha Reinhart, Corresponding Secretary; Carolyn Chapman, Treasurer; and Stacy Woodbury, Historian. Not pictured: Kandy Little, Chaplain; Stefani Evans, Registrar, and Joan Johnson, Librarian.

Nevada State Society
Honorary State Regents

Nevada DAR 1910 to 2010

Francisco Garcés Chapter

Celebrates the Nevada DAR Centennial 1910—2010
Organized February 18, 1950 • First NSDAR chapter in Las Vegas

Our chapter honors:
Martha B. Watters
50 year member
Marilyn E. Lucas Nemeth
40 year member

Chapter Officers 2008—2010:
Joyce DuVall - Regent
Kathy Lucas - Vice Regent
Helen Karnoski - Chaplain
Janet Thompson - Secretary
Sharon Lopez - Treasurer
Martha Reinhart - Registrar
Rosalie Schrader - Historian
Marge Rea - Librarian

Donated the Padre Francisco Garcés monument and flag pole in the rose garden at Lorenzi Park in Las Vegas, Nevada.

John C. Fremont Chapter
Carson City, Nevada • Organized January 10, 1949

Standing I to r: Diana Scott, Regent; Dorothy Saunders, Chaplain; Barbara Manning; Luella Deyerberg; Ann Cox; Greta DeHart, Secretary; Judy Conrad, Librarian; Linda Parks; Doris Bennett; Barbara Havens, Treasurer. Seated I to r: Lynda Morrison-Rader, Vice Regent; Marjorie Kingston; Jane Tilman; Janice Frost; Mable Havens

In loving memory of Janice Frost

Nevada DAR 1910 to 2010
Old Spanish Trail Chapter
Henderson, Nevada

Celebrating Our Nevada DAR Centennial 1910—2010

In Memoriam
Beverly Hubbard Blackford, Charter Member
DAR member for 40 plus years

Remembering Beverly Hubbard Blackford
Beverly passed away on June 17, 2009 at 98 years of age. Pictured here in her black hat, Beverly celebrated her 94th birthday with a surprise induction of her grandson, Alan Clifton, into the SAR. L to R: Alan Clifton, Dixie Judge, Beverly Blackford, Nancy Blackford, Susan Clifton, and Beverly Clifton.

Valley of Fire Chapter
Las Vegas, Nevada

Celebrating Our Nevada DAR Centennial 1910—2010

2009 Nevada State Society State Conference
Seated, l to r: Past Vice President General Joan Dimmitt, State Regent Anita Sheard, Chapter Regent Rebecca Eisenman. Standing, l to r: Alexx Green, Abra Eisenman, Rose O’Grady, Shirley Mudra, Patricia Dell’aira, Wendy Kelly, and Evelyn Mahar.
Megan Jarvis
debutante into the
Daughters of the American Revolution
and
President, Little Mountain Society N.S.C.A.R.

Norma Singleton
on her 90th Birthday,
completing four generations in the
Joshua Stow Chapter, Ohio NSDAR

Pictured left to right:
Patricia Jarvis, Megan Jarvis, Sharon Snowden
and Norma Singleton
Tennessee State Society, NSDAR
Chickasaw District
Lovingly Presents Our Own
Judith Harlan Chaffin
State Regent 2007 - 2010

Candidate for Vice President General
119th Continental Congress - 2010
Tennessee State Society, NSDAR
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Judith “Judy” Harlan Chaffin
Candidate for
Vice President General 2010

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Chickasaw Bluff – Alice Foley, Regent
Chief Piomingo – Debra Nimtz, Regent
Chucalissa – Sue Luscomb, Regent
Commodore Perry – Anne Babin, Regent
Hermitage – Margaret Henry, Regent
Ridge Trail – Norma Stricklin, Regent
River City – Rebecca Trafford, Regent
Watauga – Jean Williamson, Regent
We-Ah-Tah-Umba – Suzy Stilwell, Regent

Zachariah Davies – Rebecca Smith, Regent
THE ANDREW BOGLE CHAPTER
Congratulates
A Tennessee Daughter
Esther A. Wade Bare

66 Years of Service
Charter Member
Admitted to NSDAR October 30, 1942
TENNESSEE DAUGHTERS OF THE APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

Are Proud To Present

JUDITH HARLAN CHAFFIN
State Regent

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL

119th Continental Congress, 2010

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Emory Road
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James White

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John Sevier
Long Island
Mary Blount
Nolachuckey
Samuel Doak
Samuel Frazier
Spencer Clack
State of Franklin
William Cocke

Barbara H. Chesney, District Director
Ollie N. Ellison, District Secretary

September/October 2009
THE TENNESSEE SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Salutes

Its

Committee Chairmen

For

Their Many Contributions and Successes

2007-2010

“Hands of Friendship, Hands of Service
Working Together, Making a Difference”
State Theme

“May the favor of the Lord our God be ours.
Prosper the work of our hands!” Psalm 90:17a
State Scripture
Tennessee Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
Cherokee District
Enthusiastically Supports

JUDITH HARLAN CHAFFIN
Candidate for Vice President General
119th Continental Congress - July 2010

2009 Tennessee Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Conference

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District Director: Mary Keith Bowen

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CUMBERLAND DISTRICT
Tennessee Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Proudly Supports

Judith Harlan Chaffin

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF
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GENERAL

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NANCY FULLERTON (Cumberland)  JOAN CAMPBELL (Campbell)  LEE HUNEF (Sarah Polk)
DIANNA CALLAWAY (General Daniel Smith’s Rock Castle)  SALLY HUGHES (Rachel Stockley Donelson)  ELAINE LONGHURST (Captain William Edmiston)
ANNE BUMPUS (Tennessee)  LATTIE BROWN (General Francis Nash)  HELEN MARSHALL (Colonel Jethro Sumner)
JANE DUGGER (French Lick)  ROBERTA MANSFIELD (Belle Meade)  SUSAN WALKER (Old Glory)
ELIZABETH NICHOLSON (Robert Cooke)  Not Shown – FAYE HENSON (Buffalo River), SHIRLEY COATES (Duck River), DEAN STEGALL (Ephraim McLean),
SANDRA COOK (Gideon Carr), JOAN CLARK (John Nolen), SHIRLEY DREADEN (Old Reynoldsburgh)  JENNIE MILLS (Fort Nashborough)  DONNA NUNAN (Travellers Rest)
TENNESSEE DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DAVIDSON COUNTY REGENTS COUNCIL

ENTHUSIastically SUPPORTS

Judith Harlan Chaffin

FOR THE Office of Vice President General

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LATTIE BROWN, JANE DUGGER, NANCY FULLERTON, ROBERTA MANSFIELD, JENNIE MILLS

LINDA TRIPP (District Director) ANNE GUERRA (District Secretary)
Tennessee Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

Celebrate With Warm Regards

STATE REGENT
JUDITH HARLAN CHAFFIN

Proudly Supported by Sequoyah District

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Martha Frances Ballard
Dixie G. Hickey
Honoring
Martha E. (Betty) Keichline Perkins
Forty Two Years of Membership, Continuing a Legacy of Leadership and Service

Martha J. Thompson Keichline
Regent, Standing Stone Chapter
1949-51
Huntingdon, Pennsylvania
Betty’s Mother

Sauk Trail Chapter
Chicago Heights, Illinois 1967-76
1st, 2nd & 3rd Vice Regent
State Chairman: Americanism & DAR Manual for Citizenship

Westfield Chapter
Westfield, New Jersey 1978-84
Regent for Two Terms
State Chairman:
DAR Service to Veteran Patients
State Corresponding Secretary

Peralta Chapter
Hayward, California 1984-89
Regent
State Vice Chairman: Americanism
& DAR Manual for Citizenship

Outstanding DAR VAVS Member Volunteer
Presented April 23, 1998, Constitution Hall

Betty & daughter Nancy Perkins
Members, Capt. Wm. Lytle Chapter,
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Inspired and guided by a presentation by
Major Eric Goslowsky of the TN
National Guard, chapter members and
their friends organized donations
for orphans in Afghanistan.
The shipment was sent through the
US Postal Service to a
TN Army National Guard soldier
stationed there.

Capt. Wm. Lytle Chapter
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 1989-
Regent for Two Terms
1st Vice Regent for Two Terms
National VAVS Representative
Corresponding Secretary
State Chairman:
Service to Veteran Patients
Chapter Chairman:
Historic Sites, C.A.R., DAR Schools
Commemorative Events,
Junior Membership, Constitution Week

For a special TNSDAR project
Betty raised funds for the
WWII Memorial in Nashville

Tree Planting Dedication with the the sons
of Alvin C. York at the at the Alvin C. York
VA Medical Center, Murfreesboro, TN

Receiving Award as NJ State Chairman
Service to Veteran Patients at the
Lyons VA Medical Center

September/October 2009 397
Trousdale Place – Home of Tennessee’s 16th Governor, William Trousdale (1790 – 1872), a General, the War Horse of Sumner County, foreign minister to Brazil. Home to his two sons who were wounded as Confederate soldiers. And also home to a First Lady of Tennessee, daughters and grandchildren for three generations. All these extraordinary men and the remarkable women destined to share their lives have their stories of success and heartbreak to be heard. Clark Chapter # 13 United Daughters of the Confederacy has owned this Governor’s mansion since 1900. Hostesses in period dress guide visitors through the home as they share information about the Trousdale family and other great Tennesseans who touched their lives. Almost two centuries of Tennessee history await you at Trousdale Place.

Listed on the National Register of Historical Places and the Tennessee Civil War Trails

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Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution
District I

What IF the British had Won the BATTLE OF GREAT BRIDGE -
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Dear Daughters -- The Following Historic Event is now required education in 2009; and, has become a permanent part of the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Exam! In the Colonial 1690s, bridges and causeways were built in North Carolina and Chesapeake to continue the Great Road to the north. Chief among its bridges was the one across the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. It came to be called the Great Bridge. This Bridge would later become the site of the first Patriot victory of the Revolutionary War:

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The Glebe of Cumberland Parish
Lunenburg County, Virginia

The Reverend James Craig, Revolutionary War Patriot, was recognized in 2009 by the William Taylor Chapter for Craig’s contributions to the cause of independence.

The Cumberland Parish Glebe and the Craig family’s ancestral home, “Flat Rock,” are located in Lunenburg County on Flat Rock Creek where Craig’s Mill stood.

“Flat Rock” House is on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

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THE YOUNG & THE OLD TOGETHER:
"WE WILL PREVAIL"*

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THE VIRGINIA TECH CORPS OF CADETS HONOR GUARD, AUGUST 2008,
in Front of Historic Smithfield Plantation (c. 1774)
Home of Colonel William Preston

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*Nikki Giovanni: Memorial Tribute, April 17, 2007, at Virginia Tech
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Honoring Our Centennial State Regent Anita Sheard

Centennial State Regent’s Song
By Lynn Wallace Kinsell, Ph.D.

There was once a lovely lady, Blanche Sprague, lived in Colorado Springs. She was very happy in her home, surrounded by the finest things. Then one day her husband said "Blanche, we’re moving, where the hills are ripe with gold" so she bade farewell to DAR friends, packed up her entire household.

Early 1900s, Nevada was rustic, Goldfield a primitive sight. The lifestyle appealed to her, void of culture, unless you’re a fan of cockfight. Blanche made new friends and found that many were eligible for DAR. They formed a chapter: Montezuma, celebrated near and far.

And now it’s been 100 years, we have the vote and TV and brassieres! And DAR is known for our good deeds. So come, let’s celebrate our new state regent!

She’s a southern belle named Mrs. Sheard, born a belle in Arkansas, made her name in business, motherhood, and best of all, in DAR. Moving on to Arizona, then Nevada, she is here today. On to greater things in DAR, she will surely lead the way.

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I suspect a visitor to the communities served by the Irvine Ranch Chapter in California might have a hard time avoiding a copy of *American Spirit* these days. That’s because this vibrant chapter blanketed their town with subscriptions for libraries, senior centers, doctors’ offices and even nail salons!

How did they do it? Regent Sue Butler asked members to contribute a dollar at every meeting, each one who did so had her name entered into a drawing every time the chapter accumulated $18. The lucky winner got to choose the recipient of the annual subscription; those who’d already given a gift subscription to all their friends and family members could conveniently choose among the subscription cards their Chapter Regent had cleverly already labeled.

As a result, this chapter of 34 committed women drove their subscription total in just one year from 16 to 85—a 500-percent increase! Their member-to-subscriber percentage of 250 earned them first place in this year’s Spread the American Spirit contest, two round-trip airline tickets, and several prospective members who have enjoyed the gift subscriptions and are now interested in joining DAR.

The Irvine Ranch success story demonstrates that any chapter and/or state can improve its percentage of subscriptions when dynamic leadership develops innovative strategies to do so. We have seen a steady increase in the number of chapters who have dramatically improved their ratios, and we were delighted to honor 27 chapters at our annual luncheon at Continental Congress for having achieved Platinum Level with at least 86 percent of their members as subscribers.

It was also a joy to share at Congress that *American Spirit* garnered its seventh consecutive Grand Award in the APEX (Awards for Publication Excellence) competition in recognition of our January/February 2009 edition. Our Society’s magazine was one of only 100 such honored publications selected from a field of nearly 3,800 submissions judged on graphic design, editorial content, communications effectiveness and general excellence.

We offer an award-winning, beautifully illustrated and stimulating magazine that is focused on the ideals of—and provides a wonderful introduction to—our National Society.

Will this be the year that your chapter replicates the success of Irvine Ranch and Regent Sue Butler by devising an innovative way to promote subscriptions? I hope so.

Denise Doring VanBuren
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P.S. Congratulations to Marilyn Biglane of the Nahoula Chapter, Laurel, Miss., who received $100 as the winner of our drawing for members who placed an order for a 3-year new or renewal subscription during Continental Congress! We appreciate your support.