Reflecting on the Blessings of a Historic Year

AS I REFLECT on our multitude of blessings, I am grateful for the privilege of being a member of the DAR. It is my hope that you have enjoyed learning more about the history of our National Society this year during our 125th Anniversary.

When our Society was organized in 1890, one of its first objectives was to provide for the collection of historical relics in a fireproof building. While addressing the First Continental Congress, President Presiding Mary Cabell voiced the need for “an outward and visible sign of what we believe to be an inward and spiritual grace” and suggested the “building of a house beautiful” that would be “the finest building ever owned by women.” Early Daughters set goals “to gather materials for history, preserve souvenirs of the Revolution, to study the manners and measures of those days, to devise the best methods of perpetuating the memories of our ancestors and celebrating their achievements.”

For our 125th Anniversary, the DAR Museum created a special exhibit to honor the origins of its collection, which now contains approximately 30,000 objects. Please plan to visit “Remembering the American Revolution: 1776–1890,” which explores how citizens of the new United States maintained a connection to the Revolution through objects they saved and created. The exhibit will run through September 3, 2016, and an online exhibit is available at www.dar.org/rememberthererev. Our 2016 Wall Calendar will complement the exhibit by featuring some of the Revolutionary treasures from the Museum collection.

On Veterans Day we express our appreciation for the veterans who served our country so valiantly. I am thankful for the chapters that have become commemorative partners of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration (www.vietnamwar50th.com). It is a privilege to express our gratitude to the veterans and their families for their service, valor and sacrifice.

If you are in the D.C. area the second week of December, please plan to attend the Open House on December 9. Each year we welcome the public to our house beautiful for cookies, hot chocolate, caroling and a visit with Santa. The building will be beautifully decorated for the holidays with garlands hanging from the Library balcony and trees reflecting the themes of this administration. It is one of my favorite events of the year!

In order to continue the vision of our Founders, the Guardian Trust Campaign will establish an endowment fund for the support of the preservation, restoration and conservation of our historic property. This, in turn, will allow NSDAR to focus on projects that go beyond our magnificent marble walls and expand our impact around the world. We would be grateful for your support of this campaign to “Guard That Which is Committed to Thy Trust.” Learn more at www.dar.org/giving/guardiantrust.

May your holiday season be filled with the love and laughter of family and friends. Each of you is a blessing to the National Society and I am deeply grateful for your devoted service to God, Home and Country.

Celebrating America!

Lynn Forney Young, President General
News from DAR Headquarters

Office of the Chaplain General
Necrology Report

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

Margaret Ross Causey (Mrs. Robert W.) on August 3, 2015. Mrs. Causey served as Rhode Island State Regent from 1986–1989 and as State Vice Regent from 1983–1986. She was a member of Aquidneck Island Chapter.


Sarah (Sally) Sorenson Egert (Mrs. Donald) on June 23, 2015. Mrs. Egert served as Honorary Vice President General from 2003–2012, as Vice President General from 1990–1993 and as Minnesota State Regent from 1986–1988. She was a member of Anthony Wayne Chapter.

Dorothy Fish Look (Mrs. Oscar W.) on August 13, 2015. Mrs. Look served as Maine State Regent from 1989–1992 and as State Vice Regent from 1986–1989. She was a member of Hannah Weston Chapter.

Alberta Thomas Utz (Mrs. Leo Windfred) on November 16, 2014. Mrs. Utz served as Vice President General from 1968–1971 and as Virginia State Regent from 1965–1968. She was a member of Cobbs Hall Chapter.

Joan Pollard Wayne (Mrs. Chris Walter) on August 8, 2015. Mrs. Wayne served as Colorado State Regent from 1999–2001 and as State Vice Regent from 1997–1999. She was a member of Front Range Chapter.

Dorothy Joann Skinner Winters (Mrs. Royce Dale) on September 20, 2015. Mrs. Winters served as Oklahoma State Regent from 2000–2002 and as State Vice Regent from 1999–2000. She was a member of Malcolm Hunter Chapter.

Office of the Historian General

On August 14, 2015, a delegation of more than 50 United States citizens officially dedicated a DAR commemorative marker at Port Royal Golf Course in Southampton Parish, Bermuda. This ceremony was part of a series of events sponsored by DAR, S.A.R. and C.A.R. to mark the 240th Anniversary of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot.

In 1775, as tensions increased between the Colonies and Great Britain, Bermuda-born Patriots Thomas Tudor Tucker of South Carolina and St. George Tucker of Virginia separately informed American leaders that the lightly guarded magazine at Bermuda contained much-needed gunpowder. With that information, Benjamin Franklin and others in Philadelphia were able to convince a few Bermudians to appropriate the gunpowder in exchange for partial exemption from the Continental Congress’ trade embargo.

On the night of August 14, 1775, a group of Bermudians “borrowed” about 100 barrels of gunpowder from the magazine and rolled them down a hill toward Tobacco Bay. From there, small boats took the barrels to two waiting

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American schooners. Some of this gunpowder was used by Patriot forces in the defense of Sullivan’s Island in June 1776. The successful defense of Sullivan’s Island prevented the British from occupying Charleston, one of America’s most important port cities at that time. Charleston’s port remained open to shipments of weapons, gunpowder and goods from American allies until 1780, thus altering the course of the war in favor of the Patriot cause.

About 300 people attended a re-enactment of the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot and the unveiling of an informational marker at Tobacco Bay Beach on August 15, 2015. An interpretive sign and two commemorative markers were placed in Bermuda to remind others of this little-known but very important Revolutionary event. It was this officer’s distinct pleasure to participate in the marker dedication ceremonies. The collaboration of the three participating patriotic organizations makes each organization stronger. Congratulations to the Somers Isles Chapter in Bermuda, Nancy Arton, Regent, for co-sponsoring these commemorative markers which focus attention on Bermuda’s role in the struggle for American independence.

Bana Weems Caskey
Historian General

Office of the Curator General

As a private serving in the Revolution, John McKee helped carry the wounded Marquis de Lafayette’s stretcher to a hospital at the Battle of Brandywine on September 11, 1777. When the war was over, McKee saved his flintlock musket. It passed down through his family, and one descendant had the inscription “Great-grandfather John McKee Sr. 1756–1831” placed on the stock.

McKee’s musket is one of many objects saved from the Revolutionary War. People kept many items that were related to individuals who used them during battle, or to those connected to the war in some way. As years passed, Americans and companies also made objects to commemorate the war.

The DAR Museum’s new exhibition, “Remembering the American Revolution: 1776–1890,” looks at objects dating to the first three generations of American independence that were saved and created to maintain a connection to the war. Culminating in the late 1800s, the exhibit explores how the memory of the Revolution is embodied in the Colonial Revival movement and the growth of lineage societies. “Remembering the American Revolution: 1776–1890” is open through September 3, 2016. Stay tuned for some surprise announcements regarding the exhibition.

The Museum has a schedule of exhibit-related programming planned, including lectures and family programs. A symposium on March 11, 2016, will feature speakers focusing on memory, material culture and the Revolution. Check www.dar.org/museum for registration information.

Kick off your holiday shopping at the DAR Museum Shop, which is filled with unique gifts and books. You can shop from the comfort and convenience of home by calling (202) 879–3208, or shop online at www.dar.org/shopping.

The Museum staff will be making merry during the DAR Open House on December 9, 2016. Our educators are planning some fabulous hands-on activities. We hope to see you there!

Jennie May Rehnberg
Curator General

Genealogy Queries

Cost per word: $1. All words count, including name and address; use the Word Count tool in Microsoft Word to determine amount due. Make check payable to Treasurer General, NSDAR and mail with query to the DAR Magazine Office, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006–5303. 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.

BURTON: Looking for the parents of William Duvall Burton, born December 25, 1815, in Burtonsville, Md. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Jackson and they were parents to Alice Burton. Email lwp@iserv.net.

Bana Weems Caskey
Historian General

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A Look Back

As the National Society celebrates its 125th Anniversary, each issue of Daughters newsletter includes a look back at a moment from the organization’s history.

The U.S. Congress authorized that murals be painted in the House wing of the United States Capitol in 1971. Based on his previous work in the Capitol, Allyn Cox was asked to submit a proposal for a project to paint murals in three corridors. Cox, born in 1896 in New York City, studied at the National Academy of Design and at the American Academy in Rome. He specialized in murals and portraiture, and in 1952 he was selected to finish the Frieze of American History in the Capitol Rotunda, which was begun in 1878. In addition to the completion of the frieze, he also painted a portrait of Henry Clay in 1959 for the Senate Reception Room.

Murals in the Hall of Capitols—the eastern north-south corridor—were painted between 1973 and 1974 and were funded by the United States Capitol Historical Society. Murals for the central east-west corridor, known as the Great Experiment Hall, were funded by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The administration of President General Sara R. Jones (1974–1975) made tentative plans to donate to the project, and during the succeeding administration of President General Jane F. Smith (1975–1977), Continental Congress approved the plan. The project was funded over a period of several years.

The 16 murals in the Great Experiment Hall each depict a pivotal point in our history, starting with the Mayflower Compact of 1620 and ending with the Women’s Suffrage Parade in 1917. On either side of each of the paintings is a vignette shedding further light on the depicted events. Above many of the paintings are quotations from historical figures.

The corridor was dedicated in 1982, shortly before the artist’s death. Cox’s assistant began to refine details of Cox’s sketches for the third corridor, but he died in 1986 before painting could begin. In 1986 a full-color catalog of the paintings in both corridors was published jointly by the NSDAR and the United States Capitol Historical Society.

We read with interest the article (in the May/June 2015 newsletter) submitted by the Charlotte Bay Chapter, Punta Gorda, Fla., regarding their donation to help local veterans build a replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Their efforts are certainly applauded and our comment is not intended to diminish their accomplishment. However, we wish to point out an error in this item.

The opening sentence of the last paragraph reads: “According to the Brevard County builders working on the replica Vietnam Memorial Wall project, Charlotte County is the only community to be home to a permanent wall except for Washington, D.C., site ...”

There is in fact another permanent wall in the state of Florida! It is located in Pensacola (Escambia County) and has been in existence for quite some time. Please see information on the Pensacola Wall South at www.veteransmemorialparkpensacola.com/page/VietnamWar.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Miles Pepa, Regent
Three Rivers Chapter, Milton, Fla.
In honor of the DAR’s 125th Anniversary, special displays around the building will commemorate the DAR’s incredible history. Visitors can enjoy holiday refreshments and musical entertainment in Memorial Continental Hall, which will be elegantly decorated for Christmas. Docents and staff will be on hand to answer questions as attendees tour the DAR Museum Gallery, the DAR Museum period rooms, the DAR Library and the Americana Collection. Santa is even taking time out of his busy schedule to attend, so bring your whole family!

In the spirit of the holiday season and the Young Administration’s emphasis on public service, help the National Society give the gift of reading to local children. Visitors are encouraged to donate new and lightly used children’s books to the Open House Book Drive. This effort, now in its third year, has collected nearly 700 children’s titles for Books for America.

Join the DAR Executive Officers and Headquarters staff in welcoming the public to our beautiful building. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to get a taste of history as the National Society celebrates 125 years of service to America during this holiday season!

For more information, visit www.dar.org/openhouse.

Announcing the New Commemorative Publication:

125 Years of Devotion to America

Celebrate the quasquicentennial of the National Society with the commemorative publication 125 Years of Devotion to America. This 120-page keepsake contains inspiring reflections, prayers and ceremonial excerpts that capture Daughters’ unparalleled devotion to our American way of life during some of the most important moments in the history of our Society and our nation. This hardcover compendium honoring the DAR’s steadfast dedication to faith, family and love of country will make a treasured memento of the historic Celebrate 125! observance. Supplies are limited! Order yours today from The DAR Store for just $10, plus $5 shipping and handling. Visit www.dar.org/darstore or call (888) 673-2732.
Minutes

National Board of Management Meeting

June 22 and June 28, 2015

A FULL VERSION OF THE MINUTES of the National Board of Management is available on the Members’ section of the DAR Website at www.dar.org/members in the Forms & Publications section, National Publications, National Board of Management Meeting Minutes. These minutes may be downloaded and printed as needed. Upon request, printed copies of the National Board of Management Minutes are also available from the Office of the Recording Secretary General at 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006–5303. Your request must include the date of the meeting requested, a return address and a check for $10 made payable to the Treasurer General NSDAR, which represents the cost to the NSDAR for printing, postage and handling.

National Board of Management, June 22, 2015

A REGULAR MEETING of the National Board of Management, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution convened in the National Officers Club Assembly Room, Constitution Hall, at 9:00 a.m. on June 22, 2015, President General Lynn Forney Young presiding.

The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain General Ann Salley Crider.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by First Vice President General Ann Turner Dillon.

Recording Secretary General Barbara Hensley Carpenter called the roll and recorded the following members present: National Executive Officers: Mesdames Young, Dillon, Crider, Carpenter, Jarrard, VanBuren, Barnhart, Withers, Caskey, Reinhberg, and Kammeyer; Vice Presidents General: Mesdames Hamill, Horton, Toone, Thompson, Makant, Thorne-Sulima, Hagg, Hemmrich, Harris, Frisch, Hatfield, Jones, Cook, Closson, Kessler, Koelling, Crafton, Nash, Bruckner, and Halpin; and state regents: Mesdames Grund, Gryder, Morse, Deere, Jackson, Kimminau, Staley, Onken, Schaeffer, Symanek, Fischer, Smith, Bowen-Odom, Bork, Hornung, Braden, Dooley, Zink, Simpson, Swallow, Mistler, Terry, Baker, Cone, Breedlove, Lake, Lane, Ocasio, Morrison-Rader, Gagnon, Olde, Chase, Crasper, Troxell, Legerski, McCann, Denslow, Parnell, McMullen, Simmons, Lind, Anderson, Thomas, Wright, Barking, Bicknell, Storage, Gaffney, Frankenberry, Finke, Haines, and Fry.

The President General introduced National Parliamentarian, Beverly B. Przybylski, PRP.

The Recording Secretary General reported on the approval of the minutes from the April 18, 2015, meeting of the National Board of Management. The minutes were approved by Karon Jarrard, Mary Frisch, and Claudia Onken.

There being no objection, Denise VanBuren, Sue Thompson, and Gail Terry were appointed to approve the minutes of the meeting.

The President General gave her report.

The First Vice President General filed her report.

The Recording Secretary General filed her report.

The Corresponding Secretary General filed her report.

The Organizing Secretary General gave her report.

Report of the Organizing Secretary General

Deceased .................................................. 504
April 16, 2015 through June 17, 2015

Resigned .................................................. 115
April 16, 2015 through June 17, 2015

Reinstatements ........................................... 176
May 5 through June 5, 2015

Through the state regent the following member at large is presented for appointment as organizing regent: Geraldine Varley, Allenhurst, New Jersey.

Through their respective state regents have come requests to grant an exception of time in a term of office for six-year chapter regents: Mary Kropff Freyer, Soldiers Delight-Thomas Johnson Chapter, Stevenson, Maryland; and Nora E. Houser, General Thomas Mifflin Chapter, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania.

Through their respective state regents have come requests to grant a member having held membership in a chapter less than one year to serve a term in office as chapter regent: Elizabeth Carol Fox, Patience Wright Chapter, Laguna Beach, California; Teresa Gotthardt, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, Franklin, Indiana; Gail Burns Young, Troublesome Creek Chapter, Emmalena, Kentucky; Gena Marie Parkhurst, Black Hills Chapter, Rapid City, South Dakota; Jane Corley, Colonel George Mason Chapter, Garland, Texas; and Patricia Staley, Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter, Hurst, Texas.

Through their respective state regents have come requests to grant members having held membership in a chapter less than one year to serve a term in office as the chapter first vice regent: Caron Martha Schwahn, White Tank Mountains Chapter, Surprise, Arizona; Lindalee Green, El Redondo Chapter, Redondo Beach, California; Desiree Diana Dodge Chrysler, General Marion Chapter, Canon City, Colorado; Roberta Peterson, Fort Morgan Chapter, Fort Morgan, Colorado; Mary Susan Savage Goodman, Stanford Chapter, Stanford, Connecticut; Shelby Hairston Pilkinson, Coral Gables Chapter, Coral Gables, Florida; Janice Snyder Sly, Treasure Coast Chapter, Vero Beach, Florida; and Caroline Platts Pypees, Eleanor Laurens Pinckney Chapter, West Columbia, South Carolina.
The following chapters have met all the requirements for merging and are now presented for confirmation: Princess Sehoy and Sunset Rock Chapter; name is Princess Sehoy Chapter; location is Birmingham, Alabama.

The following chapters are presented for automatic disbandment: Benjamin Harrison Chapter, District of Columbia; Belvidere Chapter, Greenville, Mississippi; Coronado-Caprock Chapter, Hobbs, New Mexico; and Susanna Russell Chapter, Cridersville, Ohio.

The following chapters are presented for official disbandment: Virginia Cavalier Chapter, Mobile, Alabama, and Waupun Chapter, Waupun, Wisconsin.

The Registrar General moved “to ratify the electronic votes of the National Board of Management accepting into membership in the National Society applicants whose records have been verified by the Registrar General: 1,009 applicants on May 5, 2015; and 1,163 applicants on June 5, 2015, and to set the date of membership as the 5th for both months.” Adopted.

The Registrar General gave a PowerPoint presentation about the history of her office and electronic submission of applications, available later this year.

Victor Kunze, Director of the Information Systems Department, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the electronic dues invoicing system.

The Historian General filed her report. The report of the Librarian General was filed.

The Curator General filed her report. The Reporter General filed her report. The Recording Secretary General presented the report of the Executive Committee.

The Registrar General moved “to ratify the electronic votes of the National Board of Management reinstating 129 members on May 5, 2015, and 47 members on June 5, 2015.” Adopted.

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new information has been provided. New documentation will be reviewed; however, no further responses will be provided. The policy established by the National Board of Management for return of unverified supplemental applications will continue to apply.

The DAR Project Patriot Committee was expanded to allow funds to be used to assist families of active service members as well as the service members themselves.

Fees for photocopies made in the Historian General’s Office were established to reflect charges for services similar to those made in the DAR Library. In-house copies will be 25 cents per page, and mail order copies will be $1.25 for the first page and 30 cents for each additional page.

The national parliamentarian has advised that the longstanding procedure of resigning nonresponsive members is in violation of our bylaws as members’ dues are paid for the calendar year, yet the policy allowed chapters to resign them before their dues had expired. Accordingly, the procedure for resigning members who are unresponsive to requests for payment of dues will be discontinued immediately. Chapters will earn points on the Chapter Achievement Award for submitting the dues of 90 percent or more of their members by the deadline of December 1. The date for dropping delinquent members has not changed.

The DAR Schools will receive a total of $386,007.50 in funding. The Helen Pouch Memorial Fund will distribute $186,400: Kate Duncan Smith DAR School will receive $44,012; Tamasssee DAR School $44,057; Berry College $20,000; The Crossnore School $25,000; Hillside School $22,446; and Hindman Settlement School $30,885. Friends of DAR Schools will disburse $135,532 in funds: Kate Duncan Smith DAR School will receive $29,282; Tamasssee DAR School $29,232; Berry College $12,000; The Crossnore School $22,500; Hillside School $17,550; and Hindman Settlement School $25,000. From Ella Atwell funds $74,465.50 will be distributed: Kate Duncan Smith DAR School will receive $16,116.38; Tamasssee DAR School $37,232.74; and The Crossnore School $21,116.38.

Through DAR Project Patriot we will provide $32,500 in assistance to our military: $7,500 for the purchase of $25 iTunes gift cards for members of the 136th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Texas National Guard, at their deployment ceremony in Houston, and $25,000 to assist active-duty military women and their spouses at a training program in Kansas City, Kansas, as they transition from active duty to civilian life.

The arrival of a representative from the House of Tartan in Perthshire, Scotland, delivering the printed pure silk tartan scarf generated enthusiasm for this Executive Committee. Additional items featuring the DAR tartan, including a lightweight pure wool worsted scarf, will be sold through their dedicated online site.

On Friday afternoon, the gorgeous Ann Hand Scarf was delivered, and we were delighted to finally see the custom French silk scarf featuring elements of our historic buildings.

En route to and from the Banquet Hall for lunch, we enjoyed reading the retro signs placed by the period rooms by the DAR Museum staff for this Congress. Great discussion and speculation was generated as questions were raised on the current location of objects in the photographs.

In fact, much of the week was spent preparing for Congress and anticipating the excitement created by our celebration of 125 years of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Recording Secretary General presented the recommendations from the Executive Committee:

- To accept the original artwork submitted by Hamilton Jewelers for the Guardian Trust Campaign pin series. The qualifying pin is to be placed on the official ribbon in accordance with the current document for placement of insignia and pins. Adopted.

Barbara Hensley Carpenter
Recording Secretary General

The next item on the agenda was announcements. The President General made the following announcements.

The National Society is kicking off a campaign to fund the immediate restoration needs of Constitution Hall and establish a permanently restricted fund to support the preservation and conservation of our National Headquarters’ architecture, the fine and decorative arts of the DAR Museum, and provide physical improvements to and restoration of our historic property. The Guardian Trust Campaign’s goal is $25,000,000, with up to 20 percent allocated to current needs and 80 percent to the permanently restricted fund.

A new Special Committee has been established, the Patriot Records Project Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to digitize and index millions of images of unpublished records, potentially identifying thousands of new patriots. Serving as national chair is Danna Koelling, with Gail Terry as vice chair. Volunteers are needed to assist with indexing these records. State regents should appoint a state chair and send the contact information to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General no later than August 1.

A tentative outline of events for the October National Board meeting was provided.

Members of the National Board of Management were reminded to plan to stay until 4:00 p.m. for the National Board meeting following installation at the 125th Continental Congress.

The Vice Presidents General Class of 2015 entertained the assembly with a skit.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. following a closing prayer and blessing for lunch.

Barbara Hensley Carpenter
Recording Secretary General

Minutes Approved, June 22, 2015
Denise VanBuren
Sue Thompson
Gail Terry

National Board of Management, June 28, 2015

A regular meeting of the National Board of Management, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution convened in the National Officers Club Assembly Room at 1:00 p.m on June 28, 2015, President General Lynn Forney Young presiding.

The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain General Ann Salley Crider.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by First Vice President General Ann Turner Dillon.

Recording Secretary General Barbara Hensley Carpenter called the roll and recorded the following members present: National Executive Officers: Mesdames Young, Dillon, Crider, Carpenter, Jarrard, VanBuren, Barnhart, Withers, Caskey, Rehnberg, and Kammeyer; Vice Presidents General: Mesdames Hemmrich, Harris, Frisch, Hatfield, Jones, Cook, Closson, Kessler, Koelling, Crafton, Bruckner, Halpin, Troxell, Rogers, Hornung, Lind, McFall, McAleenan, and Grund; and state regents: Mesdames Folk, Dean, Morse, Deere, Jackson, Norton, Staley, Onken, Schaeffer, Poffenberger, Fischer, Smith, Kren, Frizzell, Huntington, Braden, Dooley, Zink, Simpson, Swallow, Larkin, Terry, Sch rift, Sanisidro, Breedlove, Lake, Lane, Ocasio, Morrison-Rader, Gagnon, Olde, Canon, Crasper, Graham, Legerski, McCann, Denslow, Parnell, McMullen, Culbertson, Thomas, Ostler, Barking, Schwenk, Storage, Gaffney, Frankenberry, Finke, Haines, and Fry; and state vice regent Kalafatis.

The President General introduced National Parliamentarian, Beverly B. Przybylski, PRP.

The Recording Secretary General reported on the approval of the minutes from the June 22, 2015, meeting of the National Board of Management. The minutes were approved by Denise VanBuren, Sue Thompson, and Gail Terry.

There being no objection, Sharon Withers, Nancy Hemmrich, and Rachel Sanisidro were appointed to approve the minutes of the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was announcements. The President General made the following announcements.

State regents are reminded to appoint a state chair for the Patriot Records Project and notify the national chair and the Office of the Organizing Secretary General by August 1.

The activities, dates, and times for the October National Board meeting were given. Wednesday evening the DAR Museum’s new exhibition will open; Thursday morning there will be a behind-the-scenes tour of the NSDAR buildings, followed by the National Chair Forum, and NSDAR club events; Friday the National Board Event will be a visit to Fredericksburg, Virginia, to place wreaths at the tombs of Mary, mother of George Washington, and Eugenia Washington, one of NSDAR’s Four Founders, followed by a visit to Ferry Farm, boyhood home of George Washington, and Kenmore. The National Board meeting will take place Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and the chartered bus to New York for the DAR Cruise will depart at 9:00 a.m. Rather than a sit-down meal, lunch on Saturday will be boxed lunches.

State regents were cautioned about what is posted on their websites, as copyright infringements can incur legal action and/or fines.

The Corresponding Secretary General gave a report on the Congress sales at The DAR Store and displayed a commemorative spoon (profits of which will go the Guardian Trust Campaign).

The Organizing Secretary General gave a clarification on when chapters may or may not resign nonresponsive members and when dues must be paid. Dues are due on December 1; however, chapters may not resign nonresponsive members, as those members have paid for the entire calendar year. Members whose dues are delinquent are dropped by the National Society for nonpayment on February 28.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m. following a closing prayer.

Barbara Hensley Carpenter
Recording Secretary General

Minutes Approved, June 28, 2015
Sharon Withers
Nancy Hemmrich
Rachel Sanisidro

Need to check your Heritage Club levels or make adjustments to your giving profile? Contact the Office of Development at (800) 449-1776 or development@dar.org for more information.
The purpose of the Guardian Trust Campaign is to establish a permanent endowment for the preservation and restoration of our historic buildings, and to support the immediate restoration needs of DAR Constitution Hall. Encompassing an entire city block in downtown Washington, D.C., DAR Headquarters is one of the world’s largest buildings of its kind owned and maintained exclusively by women. And now we must ensure that these historic buildings get the attention that they deserve—today and in the future. The Guardian Trust Campaign will allow us to do just that.

Chapter Regents: Guardian Trust Campaign materials are now available! Contact the Office of Development to obtain one-page information sheets, Letters of Intent, pledge envelopes and more. The marvelous preservation and restoration going on at 1776 D Street is an excellent topic for a chapter program. Don’t miss out on an opportunity to share important information on this vital campaign with your chapter members.

Go to www.dar.org/guardiantrust to view this crucial video featuring the current and former Presidents General.

For more information visit www.dar.org/guardiantrust, contact the Office of Development via email at development@dar.org or call toll free at (800) 449–1776.

Honor the “Spirit of the Revolution”

Have you seen the 2016 DAR Wall Calendar? The beautifully rich photographs and lively descriptions of artifacts in the 2016 “Spirit of the Revolution” Calendar tell the stories of amazing patriots like Margaret Corbin, who took her husband’s place at the cannon and continued to fire on the British troops. To read more about this brave woman’s fight for freedom, order your copy of the 2016 DAR Wall Calendar at www.dar.org/2016calendar or call the Office of Development at (800) 449–1776.
You can now sign up to contribute to the Guardian Trust Campaign through Sustaining Supporter! Designate your monthly donation to the Guardian Trust Campaign, the President General’s Project, the General Fund or any of our other worthwhile DAR projects. YOU choose how much to donate, which funds to support, and whether you prefer automatic credit card payments or automatic deductions from your bank account each month, giving you greater control over your donations. Your monthly donations count towards your DAR pin amounts as well as your Heritage Club totals, and you are eligible to purchase the official Sustaining Supporter pin after the completion of your sign up and first payment. For more information or to sign up online, visit www.dar.org/monthlygiving or contact the Office of Development at (800) 449–1776.

A limited number of DAR Three-Year Pocket Calendar Inserts are still available. These handy pocket calendar inserts contain all important DAR dates through December 2016 and make great gifts for new and prospective members. Get six pocket calendars for $20 while they last. Call the Office of Development at (800) 449–1776 to order yours today.

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Committee Corner

Celebrate America!

Daughters everywhere are continuing to serve their communities enthusiastically as a means of honoring their heritage. As we have seen, that service takes place in every location that a DAR member finds herself!

As we near the end of the calendar year, remember that hours of meaningful community service performed January 1 through December 31 can be counted in your chapter’s total number of hours. Members are encouraged to log those hours using the Online ‘Tally linked through the home page of the Members’ section of the DAR Website. Chapter leaders can then monitor all entries through the Chapter Tally Report in e-Membership.

Remember to email photos and stories of member and chapter volunteer experiences to DARCelebrateAmerica@gmail.com.

Today’s DAR members are engaged in meaningful service work for God, Home and Country and within the Society’s mission areas of historic preservation, education and patriotism. Prospective members are attracted by these efforts. We are seeing the positive benefits of this as our membership numbers continue to grow!

We are nearing the end of the revised three-year challenge to accumulate 12.5 million hours of service in honor of our 125th Anniversary. We logged a cumulative total of 9,383,614 hours of service in 2013 and 2014—plus we reached 10 million hours of service during the 124th Continental Congress—all of which is phenomenal! Can we surpass this revised goal in 2015? That is up to each of us to determine. Working together, everything is possible!

Continue to check the committee website for more information.

LeAnn F. Turbyfill
National Chair

Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission

Who ya gonna call? With so many questions, there are times when you wonder just who to call for answers, especially with so many knowledgeable and qualified people available! Registrar General Sharon Withers requests that, “I ask your help in reducing the deluge of phone calls to the Genealogy Department. Please make certain that chapters within your state know that help should be sought at the state level first. Thank you for all you do to promote DAR, to assist members, and to ensure high quality, ‘first pass applications.’”

If you have a question about the Prospective Member Database (PMD) System or who is eligible for Member for Member credit, contact your Membership state chair. For questions about where one should research for lineage link evidence, how to answer an Additional Information Required (AIR) notice, or requirements to connect one generation to another, contact your Lineage Research state chair. For questions about which is the most recent application to use, commas or no commas for the places listed in the ‘at’ fields, or how to complete the application, contact your Volunteer Genealogists state chair.

In addition, your State Registrar and State Organizing Secretary are able to answer most any question. State leaders’ contact information is provided to members statewide so that Daughters may contact them via email or by phone. You might ask your questions while at state meetings. Your chapter might also consider asking the members of the state CDRC about available training options, such as those discussing officer training, application research, or application instructions. Not only do these training courses contain extremely useful information, but attending these events also provides networking opportunities!

In most instances, your state leadership should be your first call, as they are usually able to answer your questions. In those few instances when they do not know the answer, they may contact their national counterpart. This will not only provide an opportunity for you to speak with your state leadership, but it will also save the Genealogy Department precious time, allowing staff to verify more applications more quickly!

Bethe Clark-Urban
National Chair

Commemorative Events

As we conclude another reporting year, we are so pleased with your continued commitment to honoring Vietnam War veterans. You are ordering pins from the United States of America Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration website, printing DAR certificates to present at events, hosting tributes, and showing in myriad ways your appreciation to these men and women and their families. We commend you, too, for the creative ways you have commemorated the Ellis Island, Stamp Act and Magna Carta anniversaries.

Catherine Hyer, the national vice chair for the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service, has sent every state chair a complete list of all national parks. Chapters are encouraged to combine this commemoration with volunteer activities for Celebrate America!

We look forward to receiving your Outstanding Report submissions. State chairs will set their own deadlines for receiving your reports, but the deadline cannot be later than March 1, 2016. The Outstanding Chapter/State Submission Form can be downloaded from the Commemorative Events Committee website. Be sure to attach the form to any narrative reports; and be sure to submit them as individual events, not collectively. If you present your report in a binder, make sure it is no thicker than one-half inch for ease of mailing and handling.

Thank you again for the energy and diligence you have shown in service to Commemorative Events.

Diane H. Horn
National Chair

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Conservation

The National Parks Service (NPS) will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2016!

In 1916, the United States Congress created the National Park Service, often called “America’s Best Idea.” There are more than 400 NPS units that encompass more than 84.5 million acres in all 50 states and four United States territories.

The National Parks were originally intended to protect very specific things, such as the geysers of Yellowstone and the sequoias of Yosemite. As time went on, however, we learned that everything is interconnected and that to preserve one aspect of an ecosystem, we must preserve it all. The goal of the parks system shifted from preserving specific pieces of our natural world to preserving the complete ecology around it.

Today, the NPS includes sites ranging from the homes of historic figures to Civil War battlefields, and from Alaska’s 13.2 million-acre Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve to Ford’s Theater National Historic Site. In addition to National Parks, the park system includes national monuments, seashores, recreation areas, historic sites, military parks, battlefields and other designated units.

The NPS continually conducts important geological, archeological and ecological projects in our nation’s parks, and also works in partnership with American Indian tribes to preserve their historic property and heritage.

The NPS encourages all of us to “Experience Your America,” and with more than 400 National Parks, 2,540 National Historic Landmarks and 89,000 listings in the National Register of Historic Places across our nation, each of us should visit one near you. Go to www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks/find-park to locate one near you.

Under America’s Parks, the Conservation Committee website includes a link to the National Parks trivia sheet. Use this as a fun way for your chapter to learn more about our National Parks.

This winter while you are enjoying a cozy fire or sharing a holiday meal with your family, make plans to visit one or more of our National Parks to celebrate the NPS Centennial!

Gale A. Crafton
National Chair

DAR Genealogy Preservation

“Volunteers are love in motion!” said an unknown author. The DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee loves its volunteers, and sends a huge thank you to all who have worked or are currently working on the Supporting Documentation Project!

The Supporting Documentation Project categorizes the documents submitted with members’ applications, such as wills, cemetery, census records, biographies, genealogies, military records, court records, Bible records and many more. These documents span more than two centuries, so the ability to read cursive is essential.

If you haven’t volunteered for this project yet, please consider starting now. From the privacy of your home, at your leisure, you will be able to work on this very worthy project benefitting DAR staff and members. All you need is a computer and access to the Internet. The work is accomplished through e-Membership.

The benefit of this project will be evident in the Genealogical Research System (GRS). Currently when viewing documents associated with a Patriot’s record, a list of documents is available without any information distinguishing one document from another. As a result of this project, the list of documents will be shown with their categories identified, saving a great deal of time for researchers. At present the results are available to the Genealogy Department staff and to those working in the Seimes Technology Center.

Visit the committee website for more information. There you will find detailed instructions, helpful tips on terminology, and links to a webinar about the project and the Q&A session that followed. Then, contact us at darprojects@dar.org to volunteer. We would love to have you join us.

Linda S. Sandlin
National Chair

DAR Scholarship

The Dr. Aura-Lee A. and James Hobbs Pittenger American History Scholarship Award was presented to Julia Bach of Louisville, Ky. In her Continental Congress acceptance speech, she talked about how much she enjoyed participating in National History Day and her success in bringing history to life as a costumed interpreter at a local historic home. She is a member of the Children of the American Revolution and was a leader in the effort to add Rosendale School to the National Register of Historic Places. Julia is continuing her education at the University of Pennsylvania.


Nelly G. Shearer
National Chair

DAR Service for Veterans

The holiday season is quickly approaching. What better time of year to show your support and appreciation to our hospitalized veterans?

Each year, veterans from across the United States spend their holidays at VA medical centers. Many of these hospitalized veterans may not have an opportunity to see their family members or friends during this very important time of the year. You can imagine how it can become a lonely and discouraging time of year for veteran inpatients.

This holiday season, you can help by making a donation to the Veterans Holiday Gift Program at your local VA medical center. Your donation, no matter what amount, will make a difference. Please contact your VAVS Representative or the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Office for more information about making a donation or sponsoring a patient activity.

In-kind donations are contributions of miscellaneous items that are utilized to support the needs of our veteran patients. Examples include: comfort items; gloves, hats and scarves; brushes and combs; and crossword puzzles and word search books. Group activities are also considered in-kind donations. These can include one-time or recurring events such as ice cream socials, ward parties or bingo games.

Memorial gifts are a great way to pay tribute to veterans and to honor them for their dedicated service. In lieu of flowers, many families request that donations be made to the VA Health Care System after a veteran’s death to support the needs of various patient activities and programs. An acknowledgement letter will be sent to the donor and, if requested, to the family of the loved one.

Take advantage of the convenience of donating online via credit/debit card or electronic funds transfer. Visit www.volunteer.va.gov/apps/VolunteerNow for additional information. Please note that 100 percent of your donation will go toward supporting veterans.

Suzanne C. Earing
National Chair

Educational Resources

It is exciting to announce the formation of a new National Committee. The Educational Resources Committee will provide an electronic lesson plan template to be used for curriculum submissions. The National Society is identifying national vice chairs, establishing the committee framework and determining the responsibilities of member participation. In addition, work is being coordinated with the National Society’s Information Systems staff.

The content of the lesson plans may focus on history, genealogy, government or other areas of related interest. The ability to search options by topic, grade level, etc., will afford ease of access to the public and to members. All lesson plans will go through a vetting process prior to becoming available in the Education section of the DAR Website. Encourage your members to check the DAR Website’s Education section for status updates and to consider submitting lesson plans.

If you have any questions regarding this committee, please contact me at educationalresources@nsdar.org.

Adele G. Morris
National Chair

Genealogical Records

Although there seems to be a vast amount of genealogical material available in digital format on the Internet, only a very small percentage of available records is actually accessible online. Most records are still in paper form in their original repositories, whether that be a local courthouse, historical society, library or someone’s home.

This chair has been asked, “Is it still important to transcribe and submit records to the DAR Library through the work of the Genealogical Records Committee?” National Chair Sally Puller summed up the importance of the Genealogical Records Committee’s work in her March 1930 DAR Magazine article. “Record of one date may be the means of permitting a woman to share the privilege of being a Daughter,” she wrote. “One date lost may prevent some woman from becoming a valued member of our organization.”

This committee is still relevant today. This chair hears from Daughters who have found the one piece of missing data needed to complete an application in the Genealogical Records Collection. With the index to this collection online and the addition of the Bible catalog, records are now easy to find within the collection.

Please consider initiating a chapter transcription project to help increase the records available through the Genealogical Records Collection. For ideas see the committee website or email this national chair.

Susan G. Tillman
National Chair

Junior American Citizens

Celebrate America With Students Across the Country!

It’s beginning to look a lot like contest time!

Chapter and State Chairs: Prior to judging, divide entries by contest, grade and group (general, special education and gifted). Select winners. Chapter chairs will retain all original winning entries. A duplicate of each first-place winning entry
should be sent to the state chair. Forward the best format for judges to view. For Art entries, a digital image, scanned color copy or 4 x 6 color photo is best. Creative Expression entries are viewed best as a Word document or a scanned/printed copy. A digital image, color copy, or scanned PDF works best for Community Service. Make sure that the Contest Entry Form is complete, correct and securely attached to each winning entry. The Contest Entry Form may be completed online and printed from the Members' Website. Write the students’ name on the front of each entry so they can be identified in the event the Contest Entry Form becomes detached. If you need help contact the national chair.

Contest winners should be recognized with a certificate (available on the JAC Committee website). In addition, winners may be presented with a prize, trophy, award, etc. during a school program or chapter event.

Chapter Chairs: A copy of the Chapter Master Report should be sent to the chapter regent and state chair.

State Chairs: By January 1, the state chair should have first-place chapter entries. By January 15, division vice chairs should have first-place state entries. The national chair will provide an Excel spreadsheet for the state chair to complete. The spreadsheet is essential for reporting, making certificates, mailing labels, etc. The state chair should complete the spreadsheet for each contest and email it to the appropriate division vice chair. The Chapter Master Report should be emailed to the state regent and national chair.

Division vice chairs will forward winning entries to the national vice chairs by February 1. National winners should be announced by March 1. Certificates and award medals will be mailed directly to state chairs. Please ensure that email and shipping addresses are correct; if you change addresses, please have your chapter leadership update that information within e-Membership and alert those who need to know!

Elizabeth E. Cagle
National Chair

Junior Membership

Autumn is here and soon we will be in the middle of the holiday season. Juniors have been hard at work with Junior Shoppes and Junior Sales this year, promoting new items featuring our sweet Patience the Peacock. Since 1938, the national Junior Membership Committee has raised money for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, which now benefits our six DAR approved schools and, starting this year, one nationally approved project.

During Congress this year Junior Membership gave $186,400 to the schools from the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. We provided funding for new carpet for the elementary school, new playground equipment and art supplies for Kate Duncan Smith DAR School. At Tamasee DAR School we donated funds for a new outdoor basketball court, new playground equipment and a new HVAC system for the Robert Building. Renovations for a new community center at Crossnore were funded, and Hillside School received money for a new baseball outfield as well as funding for campus energy conservation improvements. Scholarships were funded at Berry College as well as new memorial signage, and Hindman Settlement School’s dyslexia program received funding.

Juniors have been given a wonderful opportunity to select a new project each year in addition to the work we have been doing for our schools. In 2016, we will also disburse funds for postage to Kids In Support of Soldiers (KISS), a Florida-based children’s charity that prepares care packages for deployed soldiers during the duration of their deployment. I am immensely proud of what we are able to do through our fundraising to better the lives of children and our military.

Cecile S. Wimberley
National Chair

Lineage Research

The adage “measure twice, cut once” applies to carpentry, sewing and, if reworded slightly, to research: “search twice (or more), use (the best) one.” The first source you find to document a name, date or place may not be the most accurate one.

Bernet Eisenhuth’s obituary might give his age as 111, but perhaps he just enjoyed the accolades of extreme age? Did you look for another record to confirm this extraordinary longevity? Did you look for tax records when he came of age? Is there a marriage record that gave his age?

Roscoe Burgess was called “son” in James Burgess’s will and in the 1910, 1920, and 1930 censuses, but if we look for him in every census record throughout his life, we find that he’s “stepson” in the 1905 New York State Census.

The directions for filling out an application for a Social Security number required the birth mother’s maiden name. However, if the mother died early and the father remarried, the applicant might have named the mother with whom he or she grew up, either deliberately or unknowingly.

Claims of extreme age or accomplishment need more than one source to be accepted. A more complete picture of a person will come from tracking that person through every census of his or her life.
Research needs to be thorough and complete before the National Society can accept names, dates, places and relationships for our applications and supplements. Call on your Lineage Research Committee if you need assistance!  

Jolene R. Mullen  
National Chair

**Literacy Promotion**

This is a season for celebrating with your family and with your DAR chapter. Family gatherings that take place in the next few months offer many opportunities to celebrate literacy. Turn Thanksgiving dinner into a book club: Invite everyone to read a common book and come ready to talk about it. Choose a book that relates to current events, one that takes place in your ancestral homeland, or one that relates to a member of your family. Ask the oldest child at the kids’ table to read a favorite storybook.

Ask “where were you when…?” at your holiday parties and have each guest answer the question. Suggested questions include: Where were you when the Twin Towers fell on 9/11? Where were you when word of V-E Day came? Where were you when JFK was shot? Where were you the first time the ringing of a cell phone interrupted your daily activity?

Each person has his or her own unique perspective on the major and mundane events that shape our shared history. Compile the questions and answers into a family or DAR chapter storybook to share with others.

When you sit down to report your activities in the Chapter Master Report, please remember that many activities that promote literacy will fall into multiple committee reports. Donations of magazines, books and audio books to veterans should be reported in both the DAR Service for Veterans and the Literacy Promotion reports, for example. In addition, remember to recognize and celebrate your individual, chapter and statewide efforts to promote literacy by participating in the Outstanding Literacy Promotion contests.

JeanEllen H. Melton  
National Chair

**Membership**

Plan to get a big reaction from a small package when you give the gift of membership. How fun it will be when you present the paperwork ready for their signature with a card explaining that their application fee is your Christmas gift to them!

Of course, any occasion is a perfect time to give the gift of DAR membership, which also makes a meaningful way to start the New Year, celebrate a birthday, congratulate a graduate, or simply express your love and appreciation.

You will give them not only the application expense, but also the gift of wonderful opportunities and adventures for years to come, in addition to the intrinsic rewards that come from promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. The friendships they will make and the satisfaction they will gain from volunteering within their communities will be priceless.

As we embark on our next 125 years of service to God, Home and Country, let’s not leave anyone behind. Give a gift that will keep on giving. Make your list and check it twice—because we know they are all nice!

Zadeea G. Harris  
Membership

**National Defense**

The U.S. Armed Forces award medals, ribbons and other decorations to recognize the accomplishments and service of military personnel. These awards are intended to be outward displays of service and valor. The ROTC and other cadet organizations also award medals, ribbons and decorations to outstanding cadets. Military personnel, veterans and cadets follow a specific protocol for the wearing of these awards. As with ROTC cadets, active-duty military personnel can wear ribbons or full-size medals when there is no corresponding ribbon (which is unusual) on dress uniforms and on service uniforms. Miniature medals can be worn on the formal dress uniforms, such as dress mess uniforms.

Ribbons that accompany the DAR ROTC, DAR Outstanding Cadet and DAR Distinguished Citizen medals should always be presented to medal recipients. Cadets may wear DAR medals on their uniforms, but by protocol, they cannot wear both a medal and the matching ribbon together. Typically, the DAR ribbon will be displayed, along with other ribbons, on a ribbon bar holder or mount on a cadet uniform.

Due to a past change in the size of standard military ribbons, corresponding ribbons that had accompanied DAR ROTC, DAR Outstanding Cadet and DAR Distinguished Citizen medals did not easily fit the standard military ribbon bar holder or mount. However, the manufacturer of DAR ribbons has made a modification. Ribbons that accompany National Defense Committee medals are now of an identical size to ribbons awarded by the U.S. Armed Forces. The DAR ribbons will now easily fit a standard-size ribbon bar holder or mount and can be slid onto the ribbon holder or mount by removing the accompanying clutch back. DAR ribbons with the clutch back may be worn by cadets or medal recipients wearing a solitary ribbon without a ribbon bar holder or mount.

Kathy L. Hanlon  
National Chair
Patriot Records Project

What a wonderful response we have had since this new committee launched on Celebrate America Night at Continental Congress! Volunteers indexed the Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and New York Continental Loan records in the first month of active committee work.

Each of more than 4,250 images in these records was indexed in a double-blind program. The two entries were overlaid and reviewed, and any differences were resolved. The index is then made available as a tab in the Genealogical Research System. This research tool will make previously hard-to-search records come to life. It is exciting to realize many of our elusive ancestors may now be linked with service that qualifies them as DAR Patriots.

The committee work has continued with the indexing of the South Carolina Arch Accounts Audited, which includes about 93,500 images.

There are still many records to index. DAR is working with archives and libraries to obtain access to rare Revolutionary War-era documents. The National Society will digitize the documents and present them to this committee to index.

If you haven’t yet viewed our webinar, please check it out on the Members’ section of the DAR Website under DAR Leadership Training.

We need your help. If you have a computer with an Internet connection and can read cursive, please visit the committee website to contact us. Support is available every day. We look forward to having you join our team of volunteers.

Danna C. Koelling
National Chair

Protocol

The Flag of the United States of America and other appropriate flags and banners lead the procession and recession, if there is a recession. The Flag of the United States of America cannot process if it has not been recessed at the close of the previous session or meeting. If the Color Guard is from a branch of the military, is an ROTC unit, or is from the Sons of the American Revolution or another non-DAR group, this unit will be the only participants in the procession who are not DAR members.

Those to be seated on the platform who are not members of DAR, or who are not in one of the groups processing, are escorted to their seats before the procession begins. The Parliamentarian is escorted to her seat prior to the procession.

The spacing of pages in a procession is determined by the number of pages in attendance. It is typical to separate each group by one or two pages, with all other pages leading the procession, usually marching in pairs. If an Honorary State Regent or a State Officer should have a personal page, that personal page goes in front of the group that includes the individual for whom she is serving as a personal page. Pages are never placed within a group, but only lead a group which is processing.

Follow the order of precedence as shown on pages 270 and 271 in the current DAR Handbook (2014) to determine order for each group or individual. Remember that the lineup for processions is in reverse order of precedence and does not include every group or individual listed.

Often when a session ends, only the Flag of the United States of America and the other flags and banners will be retired. However, if those on the platform are to recess, the recession begins with the retiring of the Flag of the United States of America and the other flags and banners, then the State Regent leads the recession, with the order of precedence being the reverse of the order of the procession. Pages should lead a group recessing as is done in the procession.

Laura M. Reid
National Chair

Units Overseas

This committee was proud of the large number of attendees from chapters abroad attending the 124th Continental Congress. Fifty-eight members and guests from foreign shores traveled to our nation’s capital to take part in Congress activities, celebrate service and exchange ideas for the coming year. In 2014, Units Overseas chapters enjoyed a 47.8 percent increase in Celebrate America! volunteer service hours, with a total of 31,150 hours recorded. Congratulations, UO Daughters!

The Units Overseas Luncheon and Bazaar was once again a huge success, providing resources and support to enable the chapters abroad to continue to fulfill their DAR objectives. All members may stay informed of activities of chapters abroad by visiting the Units Overseas Committee website. Remember to download the Daughters Abroad Newsletter containing news and pictures of the current activities of these chapters.

Please consider becoming an associate member of one of the 22 active chapters abroad. Associate membership forms are also available on the committee website. If you have relatives or friends residing abroad who would like to join DAR, please contact Prospective Members National Vice Chair Joy Cardinal at joyc@verizon.net.

Congratulations are extended to the Walter Hines Page Chapter on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary. This chapter, organized November 6, 1925, in London, is the oldest active DAR chapter outside of the United States.

Virginia G. Lingelbach
National Chair

Volunteer Genealogists

Volunteer Genealogists are being assigned to chapters across the country! Volunteer Genealogists assigned to a chapter must have completed training through Genealogy Education Program (GEP) Course 2. They are available to train chapter leadership, to help resolve
application difficulties and to move prospective members toward membership. Every state society has DAR-trained Volunteer Genealogists.

The main goal of an assigned Volunteer Genealogist is to work herself out of a job. She has completed her assignment when several chapter members feel confident enough to assist with applications, the prospective member database is up-to-date, prospective members have been recently contacted and notes on each are current, pre-letters are no longer an issue for the chapter, and/or the volunteer genealogist has assisted with the completion of 10 verified applications for the chapter.

If your chapter does not have an assigned Volunteer Genealogist, you may request someone through your Volunteer Genealogists Committee state chair or the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission state chair.

According to the Application Processing Analysis report in e-Membership, the percentages of applications receiving pre-letters and have written letters in 2014 were 15.2 percent and 21.2 percent, respectively. So far, in 2015, applications receiving pre-letters and have written letters are running 13.6 percent and 17.5 percent, respectively. While these numbers are still unnecessarily high, they do reflect improvement. With increased training at the chapter level, the quality of applications will continue to improve. DAR-trained Volunteer Genealogists are ready to mentor, teach and demonstrate how to complete DAR applications and how to access online resources for your chapter leadership.

Let’s continue to work together as a team. When the Membership, Lineage Research and Volunteer Genealogists committees work along with the chapter registrar and chapter regent, it is not only more fun, but it is also better for the chapter!

Diane B. Hamill
National Chair

Volunteer Information Specialists
This chair is thrilled to see so many requests to order VIS pins, bars and stars, which means that more and more of you are helping to advance the goals of DAR digitally! Please remember to follow the proper procedure when ordering your pin. Your VIS Log, which can be found on the committee website, must be signed by your chapter regent (or whomever you did the work for), and forwarded by email to this chair. Alternatively, your VIS state chair can simply send an email verifying your service. If you do not follow the proper procedure, your order will most likely be delayed while we try to verify your eligibility.

Fall is the perfect time to do a little maintenance on your chapter website. For example, if you list your chapter officers, please be sure that the names and linked email addresses are still correct. If your calendar is out-of-date, prospective members will wonder if you are still in business. If your state has had a change in leadership, please make sure any references to themes, etc., correspond to the current administration. Small housekeeping items such as these do not require VIS approval, but they are important quick fixes that keep your website current. More substantial changes do require VIS approval, so be sure to notify your VIS state chair or follow the approval procedure for your state.

Another fall to-do item: Make sure the chapter contact and webmaster email addresses listed on your website are current. If these have changed, please notify viscontact@dar.org right away so the national database can be updated. Keep in mind that changes to e-Membership do not automatically change the national database for chapter contacts and webmasters.

Elizabeth Swanay-O’Neal
National Chair

Women’s Issues
Women have accomplished much in the 125 years since DAR was founded. In that time, we gained the right to vote and established a presence in the workforce, the military, politics, the Supreme Court, the space program—and the list goes on!

Women own small businesses, and work in their churches, medical professions, the military and school systems. Any of these topics would make for an interesting Women’s Issues program. Our personal experiences in the workplace inform our perspective on women’s issues. What circumstances led fellow chapter members or non-DAR friends to follow their chosen career path? Perhaps some have experiences re-entering the workforce, working through continuing education or changing professions. Consider planning a program to assist Daughters with resume building, or devote time to helping other women achieve their professional goals.

Discuss the many issues we face in our careers, e.g., trying to land a job, being let go, navigating maternity leave, seeking wage equality, breaking glass ceilings, advocating for allowances for breastfeeding mothers and fighting harassment. These are all issues that we, as women, have faced, are facing, or are breaking through to overcome.

Many of you may have firsthand experience with both inspiration and adversity in the workplace. I encourage each of you to tell us about it through our annual Essay Contest, and also to share your story with your chapter. Check the committee website for instructions. A Women’s Issues moment can be an interesting addition to your chapter meetings.

A Woman in History Award is another way to honor a chapter member. See the American History Committee website for details.

Please be sure to visit the Women’s Issues DAR Facebook Page for updates on Career Holiday Celebrations. We encourage you to Celebrate the Spirit of America’s Women!

Elizabeth Swanay-O’Neal
National Chair

Diane B. Hamill
National Chair
Chapter Anniversaries

Claiborne Parish Chapter, Homer, La., celebrated its 40th anniversary on May 2, 2015. In the fall of 1975, a group of women met to discuss organizing a new DAR chapter, which they named after one of the oldest parishes in the state. Claiborne Parish was established in 1828 and named in honor of Colonel W.C.C. Claiborne, governor of the Territory of Orleans and, upon the territory’s admission to the Union in 1812, first governor of the new state of Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chapter Regent Mary Wynn, who welcomed a good turnout of members and one guest. Chapter Vice Regent Genie Marsalis led a Jeopardy-style game with the category being Chapter History. She then presented a review of the chapter’s history and its organization.

Scrapbooks depicting the chapter’s rich history of service were on display for all to enjoy. Also on display was a collection of Franklin Heirloom 13 Colony Dolls. The dolls were collected by past Chapter Regent Helen Lowe Scott, who donated them to the chapter. Each of the named dolls is dressed to represent one of the 13 original Colonies.

In December 2014, Henry Middleton Chapter, Aiken, S.C., organized December 14, 1964, by Minna Iden, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a Christmas Tea attended by state officers. Attendees were entertained by the Aiken Singers, who presented a medley of holiday songs coordinated by DAR member and singer Judy Justice.

Chapter Registrar and Membership Committee Chair Carolyn Miller and Chapter Chaplain Marian McCrosson inducted 18 new members. The youngest inductee was 18 and the eldest was 91. All new members received a gift bag, a folder containing NSDAR information, the DAR pin and a gift from surprise visitor Mrs. Claus, portrayed by Shirley King. All attendees received commemorative pins and pens.

On May 16, 2015, Sally De Forest Chapter, Norwalk, Ohio, celebrated its centennial anniversary at St. Paul Episcopal Church, the church of the chapter namesake. Honoring Our Heritage – Focusing on the Future – Celebrating America! was evident in the program.

S.A.R. member Jim Haas escorts longtime DAR member Mary L. Stewart to the Sally De Forest Chapter’s centennial celebration.

Members portraying women who were important in the organization’s history were escorted by S.A.R. members. Historical re-enactor Kenneth Hammontree arrived in character as General George Washington and spoke on the Valley Forge encampment.

American History essayist Sarah Zapola read her winning entry. The “DAR March Two-Step” was played for the recessional.

Front row, left to right: Judi Romeo, Pat Sayko, State Regent Dorothy Lind, State Vice Regent Dianne Culbertson and Sandra Custodi Back row: Chapter Regent Julie Hardaway, Marcy Riley, Charlotte Wiedenman, Linda Kennedy, Nina Dorman, Anna Butts, Anna Rowland, Mary White, Kaminer Quinn, Lynne Haislip, Lisa Lown, Jean Campbell, Brenda Buchanan, Jayne Toole, Anne Scott, Peggy Porter, Patrice Tavernier and Melissa Poe.

Four past chapter regents and current Chapter Regent Alice Schauss were in attendance, in addition to state officers, numerous current members, and descendants of Sally De Forest and her husband, Platt Benedict. The De Forests were pioneers who settled in the Firelands of northern Ohio.

The original applications for the founding members, the first meeting minutes and a copy of a painting of Sally De Forest were on display. Centerpieces in the style of each decade graced the tables. Guests were treated to Black Forest cake, which was introduced in the chapter’s founding year of 1915! Each member received a red rose in honor of the centennial anniversary.
Chapter News and Events

Beth Dawson, a member of Alexander Stirling Chapter, St. Francisville, La., traveled to her hometown of Mullins, S.C., to present the DAR Medal of Honor to Commander Alfred H. Agnew, U.S. Navy (Ret.) on July 4, 2015. Agnew was one of the last Navy pilots to be shot down over Vietnam, and one of the last POWs to be released. Mrs. Dawson presented the award certificate and Blue Savannah-Swamp Fox Chapter Regent Lynne Atkinson presented the medal. Mullins Mayor William L. “Bo” McMillan proclaimed July 4, 2015, to be Al Agnew Day. After the ceremony the town of Mullins served refreshments for all in attendance, including many veterans and members of Blue Savannah-Swamp Fox Chapter.

At the June joint meeting of Bend Chapter, Bend, Ore., and Juniper Butte Chapter, Madras, Ore., Oregon State Regent Cynthia Parnell presented Bend Chapter member Joanne MacPherson with a certificate honoring her 65 years of DAR membership. Mrs. MacPherson has served in four chapters in three states, and was an organizing member of both the Coppacaw (1950) and David Hudson (1972) chapters in Ohio. During her first year in the DAR, she was a page at the 1951 Continental Congress and saw General Douglas MacArthur in the hotel lobby, a moment she said she would never forget.

Bowling Green Chapter, Bowling Green, Mo., hosted a Flag Day celebration on Sunday June 14, 2015, in Curryville, Mo. Fifty DAR members and guests representing many chapters attended. State Regent Morgan Lake was the guest speaker for the day. State officers Joy Davis, Susan Miller and Marilyn Johnson, as well as Honorary State Regent Anne Keller, were also in attendance.

The Flag Day luncheon is an annual event sponsored by the following chapters: Bowling Green, Pike County, Susannah Randolph, Hannibal Heritage, and Dorothy Quincy Chapter of Illinois. Hosting duties rotate among the five chapters. The celebration featured patriotic music, prizes and an evening meal.

Captain Henry Vanderburgh Chapter, Evansville, Ind., has participated in three World War II Honor Flights with the help of Honorary Chapter Regent Dee Browning and her family. Chapter members had a busy and active year supporting causes such as Pets for Vets, DAR Project Patriot, the DAR Schools and Bacone College. The chapter also awarded several scholarships.

The chapter won 19 awards at the Indiana State Conference. DAR Service for Veterans Chair Alice Borst won recognition for guiding chapter activities at the local veterans rehabilitation center and the veterans outpatient clinic. Dee Diefenbach-Hines was recognized for her involvement in the restoration of the World War II mural in the Historic Evansville Coliseum. Chapter Registrar Melinda Powell King was honored for inducting 18 new members, including the chapter’s newest associate member, Organizing Secretary General Denise Doring VanBuren. A+ Awards went to Cynthia Wongsamnit and Rebecca Shelton for their support of DAR Schools. Honorary Chapter Chaplain Charlene Luker lent her financial support to a World War II veteran making an Honor Flight in October 2015.
Other chapter endeavors include a flag ceremony at the grave of third President General Mary Parke Foster at Oakhill Cemetery in Evansville.

Recently, members of Captain William Sanders Chapter, Port Arthur, Texas, discovered that the chapter had never received a charter in its 77 years of existence. Chapter Regent Pat Hyde (2013–2015) pursued the matter with the National Society and found that organizational papers were on file, but no charter had been issued, so the chapter ordered a charter. After it had arrived and been framed, a reception was held for members and area DAR chapter members. The charter was proudly hung in the DAR chapter’s home, White Haven, located in Port Arthur.

During the month of May, 27 scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each were awarded to local high school seniors at a reception held for the scholars, their parents, counselors and DAR members. A bequest from Organizing Chapter Regent Stella White enables the chapter to award these scholarships annually.

Three DAR Good Citizens each received $100, a certificate and a pin at the chapter’s December 2014 meeting. Two of those winners also received $1,000 scholarships.

Mary Jo Anderson of Caroline Close Stuart Chapter, Lake Saint Louis, Mo., and Bette Crabtree of Cornelia Greene Chapter, St. Louis, Mo., co-chaired the first Missouri Mideast Districtwide DAR Members Orientation. Dubbed the “ABCs of DAR,” the August 2015 event was designed to help all DAR members and prospective members learn the basics of DAR. More than 40 women from every corner of the district were in attendance.

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This year Captain William Saunders Chapter acquired four new members. In July, current Chapter Regent Julia Yeaman presented a 40-year membership certificate to Mary Freeman Reeser.

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In June, Colorado State Regent Marcy Kimminau welcomed DAR members, family and friends to the organizing meeting of Castle Rock Chapter, Castle Rock, Colo., the 43rd chapter in Colorado. It was standing room only for event, held at Fire Station No. 161 in Larkspur, Colo.

Mrs. Kimminau installed chapter officers, presented an engraved gavel, and recognized the 22 organizing chapter members with a keepsake Golden Opportunity Nugget pin representing opportunities in historic preservation, education and patriotism. Organizing Chapter Regent Monica Flinner-Ross read a history of the chapter’s namesake, the Castle Rock butte, and a proclamation issued by Castle Rock Mayor Paul Donahue. In keeping with the meeting’s Historic Colorado Country theme, a program titled “Two Women in Douglas County History” was presented.

The new chapter’s journey started in February 2015, when the organization of a new chapter in the Castle Rock area was approved. The chapter name was approved by the Office of the Organizing Secretary General in May. Final confirmation of the chapter occurred in June 2015. Castle Rock Chapter members celebrated the chapter’s organization and the DAR’s 125th Anniversary year by planting a tree at a local park in October.

Mary Culliton, immediate past vice regent of Colonel George Mercer Brooke Chapter, Sun City Center, Fla., recently bestowed the gift of her Mary Desha PowerPoint presentation to Kentucky
DAR chapters. Two years ago Mrs. Culliton created a presentation for her chapter on the life and times of DAR Founder Mary Desha. In celebration of DAR’s 125 years of service to America, Mrs. Culliton formally presented her Mary Desha program to Kentucky State Regent Barbara Zink and Bryan Station Chapter Regent Carol Bailey while attending the 124th Continental Congress in June.

In 1911, Bryan Station Chapter met the train that traveled from Washington, D.C., bearing Miss Desha’s remains. Mrs. Culliton and her husband, Tom Culliton, also visited Lexington, Ky., to meet with Bryan Station Chapter members for a small ceremony at Mary Desha’s grave in the Lexington Cemetery.

Colonel Timothy Pickering Chapter, Salem, Mass., is proud have sponsored a grant for preserving the Baker’s Island Lighthouse Tower Light Station in Salem Harbor. The preservation of this lighthouse, which has proven to be an important nautical landmark since it was built in 1820, protects an extremely important part of American history. Work to restore public access to the island is now underway, and when this restoration is completed, people will be able to visit, explore and enjoy this important historic structure.

Because the dangerous waters off the coast endangered many ships, numerous lives and fortunes were lost within two miles of home. Following the Revolution, Salem was an important international seaport in the new nation. In 1791 the Salem Marine Society voted to erect a beacon to guide seafarers returning from exotic ports. To this day that beacon continues to be a vital navigational aid.

On June 29, 2015, Colonel Thomas Hughart Chapter, Staunton, Va., joined members of New Caledonia Chapter, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, at a grave-marking ceremony in honor of Revolutionary War soldier Robert McCormick, ancestor of a New Caledonia Chapter member. The ceremony was held at the Old Providence A.R.P. Church Cemetery near Spottswood, Va. Among the guests in attendance were Virginia State Historian Mary B. White, Virginia District VI Director Beverley M. Alexander and Virginia District VI Vice Director Sharon T. Steo. A reception followed the program.

June 6, 2015, was a special day at the Custom House on Main Street in Yorktown, Va., which is owned by the local Comte de Grasse Chapter, as Captain Yann Cariou paid a captain’s call to the site. Cariou had just come ashore from his tall ship L’Hermione, which had departed France for Yorktown, the first port of call during its historic voyage to America. The ship is a reproduction of the frigate that is best known for bringing the Marquis de Lafayette to America in March 1780, bearing the news of the arrival of an expeditionary French corps under the Comte de Rochambeau.

Cariou signed the guest register during the ceremonial visit, and also toured the on-site museum. The museum collection includes china used by the Marquis de Lafayette on his return to Yorktown in 1824 and commemorative items from the frigate De Grasse. Cariou was honored by the County of York and hosted by the York County Historical Museum at a dinner in the Custom House garden. He also presented a special gift from L’Hermione to the Custom House: a beautiful tape de bouche, or “slap mouth,” which historically served as a stopper closing the mouth of artillery to keep out sea spray.

On April 18, 2015, Dacotah Chapter, Fargo, N.D., presented a Community Service Award to the North Dakota Patriot Guard Riders (NDPGR) for their patriotic service throughout the state. Ride Captain Kevin Roseland and former NDPGR State
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Captain Dave Pagel accepted the award, and also shared a short program including pictures of various events in which the organization participated. NDPGR members have formed honor guards and flag lines at military burials, airports and funeral homes to honor North Dakota soldiers killed in action, attended troop deployment ceremonies, and greeted troops who were returning home.

In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, the chapter also honored four NDPGR members for their military service during the Vietnam War. They each told a little about their service, and received commemorative pins, stickers and a special ribbon, as well as a certificate sent later by mail. In return the veterans gave each DAR member a special NDPGR Standing By pin. Refreshments and fellowship followed. Many Daughters enjoyed taking pictures with the riders and their flags and motorcycles!

The January 2015 meeting of Eleanor Wilson Chapter, Washington, D.C., themed “All Things DAR,” featured fun facts about the DAR’s Four Founders. Each member received a picture-on-a-stick of one of the Founders and a baseball card listing facts about that Daughter. In turn, each held up their Founder’s photo and read a fun fact about her. Meetings are well attended by Daughters of all ages, including Alida Ruesch, age 98, who was a World War II Army Nurse.

To help Celebrate 125!, the chapter hosted a scavenger hunt stop during the state conference. Members decorated a hotel room as the Church of Our Father, site of the First Continental Congress on February 22, 1892.

In 2014, members were active, as evidenced by the chapter’s 3,087 Celebrate America! hours. Chapter members helped conduct ultrasounds in Haiti and donated T-shirts and socks to veterans, box tops for DAR Schools, and sandwiches to feed the homeless. As a Commemorative Partner for the United States of America Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration, Daughters distributed 1,200 bottles of water during Rolling Thunder at the Pentagon on Memorial Day weekend. Members support DAR and C.A.R. on the state and national levels, including participating in the Washington, D.C., Independence Day Parade.

Fairfax County Chapter, Vienna, Va., recently partnered with the Fairfax Resolves S.A.R. Chapter to mark the final resting places of two Revolutionary War Patriots whose original burial sites had been overtaken by urban growth in Northern Virginia. The chapters honored Gustavus Scott, a member of the Maryland Constitutional Convention of 1776 and the Maryland House of Delegates in 1780, and Thomas Millan, an ensign in the Loudoun County, Va., militia who served with his company under the Marquis de Lafayette. Both Scott, who died in 1800, and Millan, who died in 1828, had been buried at their family farms. The two men were reinterred next to each other several decades ago at the small Fairfax City Cemetery.

Three members of the state’s newest DAR chapter, Maria Mitchell Chapter, Tysons Corner, Va., served as the color guard for the event. Fairfax Resolves S.A.R. Chapter members appeared in Revolutionary War uniforms. Fairfax County Chapter Regent Judi Blaine-Stewart, dressed in a kilt, Glengarry bonnet and sporran, performed “Amazing Grace” on her bagpipes during the commemoration.

Descendants of Gustavus Scott and Thomas Millan, some from as far away as California, attended the morning ceremony, which was followed by a tailgate reception at the cemetery.

Firelands Chapter, Vermilion, Ohio, celebrated Flag Day by having tea with Fannie Hayes, the daughter of 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes, at the Vermilion Boat Club. Constitution Week Committee State Chair Sharon Rae Snowden both served as the event speaker and also portrayed Fannie Hayes. The event provided an opportunity to reach out to new prospective members. Ladies from DAR and the community donned lovely hats and joined the chapter for a light patriotic buffet. Betsy Ross was on hand to give each person a flag fan as a favor. Each attendee received a DAR 125th Anniversary button to wear, and all were asked to
sign Christmas cards for active-duty military personnel.

Ohio State Vice Regent Nancy Wright installed the newly elected chapter officers. The chapter welcomed new member Deb Dean and presented its first annual Youth Citizenship award to Mason Hildebrandt. Mason, a high school sophomore, has placed wreaths at a local cemetery and worked with the Junior Statesmanship program on the state and national levels. The students are assigned a role as either a senator or congressperson, then learn to write, debate and vote on bills. Mason gave a wonderful account of his desire to do what he can to preserve and further democracy in our country by becoming involved.

Members of Fort Churchill Chapter, Fernley, Nev., are embracing their commitment to the United States of America Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration. First, the chapter honored HODAR Jack Shanahan at the state conference luncheon recognizing the service and sacrifices of Vietnam War veterans. Secondly, Daughters joined other Nevada chapters in hosting a dinner recognizing Vietnam War veterans on August 1, 2015, at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Kenneth J. Booth Post 1103 in Tonopah, Nev. Fort Churchill Chapter Regent Dr. Lynn Kinsell presented the Post Commander with a proclamation from President Barack Obama describing the purpose of commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, a poster announcing the commemoration (2014–2022), and the 3- by 5-foot nylon flag with the colorful commemoration emblem.

Fort Churchill Chapter members also are constructing red, white and blue squares for the patriotic Quilt of Valor to be assembled and quilted by DAR award-winning quilter Ruth Cramer. The chapter will present the completed quilt to the VA Outreach Clinic for Vietnam War Veterans in Fallon, Nev., to cover Vietnam veterans with comfort, healing, and our heartfelt thanks for their service, valor and sacrifice.

Fort Industry Chapter, Toledo, Ohio, honored Richard Baranowski, local history librarian at the Way Library in Perrysburg, Ohio, for the publication of his book Perrysburg Village Voices: Hometown Stories of the Past. More than two years ago, the chapter began working with Baranowski to help him apply for a DAR Special Projects Grant. Not only was the Perrysburg book project awarded the maximum amount of $10,000, but it was also the only Special Projects Grant awarded in Ohio in 2014.

DAR dignitaries at the meeting were State Regent Sandy McCann, State Vice Regent Nancy Wright and Northwest District Director Marilyn Stinehart. Baranowski and his wife also attended the Fall Fun Fair in Columbus in August, at which he was presented to President General Lynn Forney Young.

The book was released on September 12, 2015, in time to help commemorate Perrysburg’s Bicentennial next year. The book project began in 2002, when Baranowski encouraged local residents to bring in their scrapbooks, photos, journals and publications. He then began interviewing people individually and in groups. Before long he had a stack of oral histories, which he made available on DVD. In 2011, he reviewed the interviews and selected 50 of them to be published in book form.

Fort Industry Chapter members rode in the local Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade. Fort Nelson, named in honor of Thomas Nelson, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, was erected during the American Revolution. The fort was originally constructed to protect the harbor of the oldest continuously operating annual parades in the country, the event marked its 131st anniversary in 2015. Officers and veterans rode in a convertible with red, white and blue bunting.

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Between the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in response to the bombardment of those cities by Lord Dunmore in the summer of 1776. The fort site now sits on the grounds of the Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, Fort Vancouver Chapter, Vancouver, Wash., honored local Vietnam War veterans at a luncheon in March. Fort Vancouver Chapter honored local Vietnam War veterans at a luncheon in March.


Independence Pioneers Chapter, Independence, Mo., enthusiastically supports the Society’s mission. In the past year, the chapter launched its partnership in the United States of America Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration; sponsored a veteran on an Honor Flight; commemorated Constitution Week; presented an annual Bess Truman Birthday Commemoration; conducted its 29th annual Trails Fourth Grade Essay Contest; welcomed dozens of new American citizens with a ceremony and reception; laid wreaths at five area military memorials; presented three DAR Good Citizens Awards; sponsored three high school juniors for a state leadership program; donated to the local VA medical center and veterans homes; recognized 17 veterans at a special Veterans Day program; purchased phone cards for wounded soldiers in Germany; sponsored two genealogy workshops; planted two trees honoring chapter members; established a chapter JROTC scholarship; presented a Vietnam War commemorative program at Cameron Veterans Home; awarded a JROTC Bronze Medal to a high school cadet; began a project to record interments at a historic cemetery; increased its membership; and initiated a program to benefit students in need. Chapter members are both active and generous, and in April 2015, were honored to receive the Missouri Chapter of the Year Award from Missouri State Regent Morgan Lake.

Jacob Ferree Chapter, Coraopolis, Pa., recently had two opportunities to give back to its community. The chapter DAR Service for Veterans Committee organized a dinner for residents of the Pittsburgh Fisher House, which serves as a home away from home to military personnel and their families.
home for military families whose loved ones are hospitalized nearby.

Dr. Carrie Gilligan directed capable helpers Bev Sterling, Suzanne Hollar, Leanne McConnell and Diana Thielman in serving a homemade dinner of barbecue chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, apple crisp, salads, rolls and Ruthie Pickett’s famous pineapple upside down cake. All chapter members participated in some fashion, by raising the funds to cover the meal costs or donating time to grocery shop or cook. The chapter presented a $1,000 donation to the Fisher House to support its continued service to military families.

The chapter also sponsored a local college’s application for a DAR Special Projects Grant. The Oral History Center at Robert Morris University in Moon Township, Pa., applied for funding for its Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans Project, which aims to preserve firsthand histories of America’s wars in Afghanistan and Iraq by creating an online repository of veterans’ interviews. Unfortunately, the application was not successful, but Jacob Ferree Chapter raised $600 for the project and looks forward to providing additional support.

In conjunction with American Legion Post #221, James Monroe Chapter, Paris, Mo., held its annual Flag Day ceremony on June 12, 2015. Attendees received flags that were passed out by members’ grandchil-dren. The program consisted of a welcome, an invocation by Judge Michael Wilson, the Pledge of Allegiance, the song “My Country ‘Tis of Thee,” a history of “The Star-Spangled Banner” and more. Tattered flags were presented to the Post No. 221 commander for retirement. The program closed with the singing of the national anthem and the firing of the weapons.

In August 2015, several members and guests of Keewaydin Chapter, Minneapolis, Minn., visited the Gideon and Agnes Pond House in Bloomington, Minn. Jeff Williamson, past president and program director of the Pond Dakota Heritage Society and husband of chapter member Candace Williamson, told the story of Gideon Pond, his wives Sarah and Agnes, and their children.

In 1834, brothers Samuel and Gideon Pond arrived in Minnesota to serve as missionaries to the Dakota American Indians. Gideon Pond was the first to transcribe the Dakota language into a written language, thereby allowing tribe members to read other books and documents translated into Dakota, and to preserve their language for future generations.

The Gideon and Agnes Pond House was restored in 1995 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It sits in the Pond-Dakota Mission Park and is used by the Pond-Dakota Heritage Society for programs and events. In 1934, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
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Pond Mission, Keewaydin Chapter placed a DAR marker on the house.

After a box lunch the group toured the nearby Bloomington Cemetery where many missionaries, Dakota American Indians and Civil War veterans are buried. Sarah Poage Pond, a daughter of Revolutionary War Colonel James Poage, also is buried there.

Lily of the Cahaba Chapter, Hoover, Ala., marked Flag Day 2015 with the placement of flags on the graves of U.S. veterans at historic Union Hill Cemetery, the final resting place of many veterans who served in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Many of the area’s pioneering families rest there as well, with gravestones dating to the early 1850s. The chapter, an ongoing supporter of Union Hill Cemetery, has helped to survey, photograph and create memorials on the Find A Grave website to assist family history researchers.

As part of its Flag Day recognition, on the preceding day chapter members also took part in a flag retirement ceremony conducted by an area Boy Scout troop.

Martha Victoria Moseley Nielsen, born in Winnfield, La., in August 1909, recently celebrated her 106th birthday. She can trace her ancestors to the beginnings of our country. In 1619, Peter Montague, her first relative to travel to the New World, arrived in Jamestown, Va. He became a member of the House of Burgesses, the first legislative assembly of elected representatives in America.

Ms. Nielsen’s Revolutionary War ancestor was Reuben Vaughn, commissioned a captain in the Virginia Militia by Patrick Henry, who was governor of Virginia at the time. Ms. Nielsen joined the DAR in Mansfield, La., in 1947 and became a member of Major Thaddeus Beall Chapter, Jacksonville, Texas, in 2006.

After attending the Southwestern Louisiana Institute for two years, she was awarded a teacher’s certificate. She taught Cajun children in grades first through third in a country school. In order to finish her college degree, Ms. Nielsen attended Washington University in St. Louis, where she majored in English. Later she married Richard Nielsen Sr. and worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in Little Rock, Ark.

After conducting years of genealogical research and encountering multiple brick walls, Debra McMurry, a member of Myakka Chapter, Venice, Fla., proved the Revolutionary War service of her fourth-great-grandfather, John Curtis. On the morning of July 22, 2015, in Milton, N.Y., more than 40 people, including two of Ms. McMurry’s cousins, attended a grave-marking ceremony in Curtis’ honor. Ms. McMurry’s husband, as well as an S.A.R. member from one of the chapters in Saratoga County, both wore their Class B uniforms to the event. The local American Legion chapter was also present, in addition to five members of the state and county government, the town historian, the farmer who owned the graveyard property, and genealogical researchers from other New York counties. Ms. McMurry was presented with citations and the Bennington Flag. The town of Milton honors its veterans, but Curtis was the first Revolutionary War veteran known to be buried there. The resulting ceremony was incredibly memorable and moving.

On May 25, 2015, members of Ninian Edwards Chapter, Alton, Ill., continued their tradition of participating in the Alton Memorial Day Parade. One of the oldest continuously held Memorial Day parades in the country, 2015 marked the historic parade’s 147th year. Traditional participants include marching bands, veterans
groups, the Sons of the American Revolution, and various church and business groups, totaling more than 45 units. The parade winds through the streets of Alton and ends its route in the Upper Alton Cemetery, where flags fly and a memorial service takes place. Members of the Ninian Edwards Chapter walk the parade route handing out flags and expressing appreciation to veterans standing along the route.

Members of Old Glory Chapter, Franklin, Tenn., visited Tennessee first lady Crissy Haslam at the Governor’s Mansion and presented her with the two-volume collection, Legacies of Our Great Grand Mothers: Early Tennessee Women, published by the Tennessee Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The biographies in the collection weave together the stories of Tennessee’s early struggles and triumphs through an examination of the lives of 265 pioneer women living in Tennessee prior to 1850. Produced as the State Regent’s Project of Susan Thomas’ administration and written by Tennessee Daughters, the stories and lineages of these women are well documented and verified. This is a significant resource for anyone interested in the study of Tennessee history and genealogy.

On July 8–9, 2015, members of Pawtucket Chapter, Pawtucket, R.I., celebrated the arrival of L’Hermione in Newport, R.I. The vessel is a replica of the French warship that brought the Marquis de Lafayette to America to inform General George Washington that France would send military support. At Fort Adams State Park, an encampment for the two-day event included the 2nd Rhode Island Regiment, the Kentish Guards Fife and Drum Corps, and the French regiment Le Bon Bonnaise.

Pawtucket Chapter members are docents for the 1685 Daggett House. A 2015 renovation project involved plastering and painting the two-story farmhouse’s interior rooms and adding a new wooden shingled roof to part of the structure. Last year, a brick walkway leading from the street to the back of the house was reconstructed. Members and friends of the Daggett House worked many hours under the direction of Joslin Brooks, Daggett House Committee chair and past chapter regent. Two grants, including one from the Champlin Foundations—a primary Daggett House supporter—as well as a donation from RIDAR, funded the improvements. Tour fees remain low, at $1 per adult and $0.50 per child. In 2014 nearly 500 people toured the Daggett House during Pawtucket’s annual Arts in the Park annual event.

Reverend John Andrew Chapter, Watkinsville, Ga., and the Oconee Veterans Memorial Foundation (OVMF) celebrated Memorial Day with the completion of a DAR Special Projects Grant project. The OVMF’s vision for expanding the memorial at Oconee County Veterans Park included a spectacular bronze eagle centerpiece. Reverend John Andrew Chapter became interested in the project, and discussions about how to make it a reality began. An eagle is the symbol of President General Lynn Young’s administration, and the land on which the memorial sits was once owned by Revolutionary War Patriot Lewis Bradberry. The project was a perfect fit for a DAR Special Projects Grant.

On Memorial Day, the OVMF and Reverend John Andrew Chapter hosted a celebration of the project’s completion. The eagle sculpture, “Freedom,” now stands proudly above the Killed in Action Memorial Garden, flanked by the Wall of Honor featuring the names of Oconee County veterans. The event included a concert of patriotic music, the presentation of more than 30 wreaths and several moving speeches. Georgia State Regent Bea Fischer introduced Reporter General Mindy Tidmore Kammeyer, Georgia State Regent Ida Bea Fischer, Georgia State Recording Secretary Brenda Jessel, Georgia State Registrar Phyllis Lawson and Northeast District Director Helen Powell.

General Mindy Tidmore Kammeyer, who worked military airlift flights to Vietnam as an airline stewardess. Ms. Kammeyer delivered a moving speech on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Memorial Vietnam War pins were given to numerous veterans. A beautiful reception followed the ceremony.

Rincon del Diablo Chapter, Escondido, Calif., recently donated America’s Women in the Revolutionary Era 1760–1790: A History Through Bibliography to the Pioneer

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On February 28, 2015, Ripley-Lieutenant Byrd Chapter, Ripley, Ohio, hosted a chili luncheon at American Legion Post 367 to honor and thank Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. After welcoming remarks by Chapter Regent Dee Watters, Ohio State Vice Regent Nancy Schirm Wright summarized the purpose of the United States of America Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration and the DAR’s involvement in honoring our veterans. As Ripley Vice Mayor Daniel Dragoon called each veteran’s name, the veterans came forward to receive a certificate of appreciation from the DAR. Each veteran was thanked by all members present.

At its April meeting, the chapter presented its first-ever Community Service Award to Diana Lawrence, founder of the local nonprofit organization TroopBox Ministries. Since 2001, Lawrence and her volunteers have sent boxes to military personnel deployed around the world to give them a little piece of home.

On June 27, 2015, the chapter held its First Annual Little Miss/Mister Ripley-Lieutenant Byrd Chapter Pageant. The pageant was held for the enjoyment of the little ones, but also to spread the word that Ripley-Lieutenant Byrd Chapter is still active in the community after 103 years!

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Left to right: Babs Larsen, Marti Schwartz, Marilyn Burbank, Corlis Hicks, Vivian Malcomson, Sue Johnson, Lorraine Keith, Karen O’Rourke, Bonnie Kottschade, Jane Ward, Patty Arndt and Pat Gallo with Iraq War veteran John Gifford

Left to right: Chapter Librarian Maureen Lewnes, Chapter Regent Rachael Jorgenson and Pioneer Room librarian and chapter member Nancy Salisbury

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Rochester Chapter, Rochester, Minn., held its annual awards ceremony April 11, 2015. At the event, the chapter donated an Action TrackChair, which will be used by disabled veterans, to Ironwood Springs and Miracle Lodge, home of Operation Welcome Home. At this facility, a series of weekend retreats are held throughout the year to help veterans reintegrate into their families and community.

Whereas a regular wheelchair must stay on smooth surfaces such as a sidewalk, floor, etc., the Action TrackChair allows the wounded veteran to navigate mountain roads, campgrounds, woods, beaches, hiking trails, frozen lakes, shallow streams, and muddy and snowy terrain, giving the veteran a sense of independence. It is so important for veterans to be able to go back out in the woods and to areas that a normal wheelchair cannot access. Many veterans have paid a very high price for the freedom that we enjoy.
Within three months, members of Rochester Chapter rose to the challenge and raised $11,329 to purchase an Action TrackChair. Working together on an annual fundraiser, the 86-member chapter raised $6,533. The additional $4,796 was donated by very generous chapter members.

In August 2015, Payge Corazzini, a member of Southold Chapter, Southold, N.Y., and her sister, Blayr Corazzini, a future DAR member, represented their country as members of Team USA at the World Baton Federation International Cup in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada. The girls were proud to represent the United States, and the team came in fifth place. Payge also won a silver medal for Team USA in 2011.

The original name of the Woodinville Cemetery was Woodinville Recessional Memorial Mead. Mead is a variation of the word meadow, and recessional means leaving. Thus, Woodinville pioneers were buried in this meadow upon leaving the world. On Memorial Day 2015, the Woodinville Heritage Society, Woodinville Cemetery Association and Susan Woodin Chapter, Woodinville, Wash., sponsored a living history tribute at the cemetery.

Scouts from Pack 421 and Troop 422 provided the opening flag ceremony to begin the event. Visitors honored their departed loved ones and learned more about local pioneers. Fourteen actors in period clothing represented early residents, including: Susan Woodin, who founded Woodinville along with her husband, Ira; Clara Teegarden, Woodinville’s first schoolteacher, who changed the spelling of her husband’s last name because she didn’t like it; Johann Koch, a German immigrant who overcame physical adversity to become the village blacksmith; Manda Hinch, who lost her three daughters to Spanish influenza, sleeping sickness and tuberculosis; and Elmer Carlberg, who ran for lieutenant governor with the slogan, “every woman a queen.”

Cemetery president Linda McCune appreciated the commemorative and educational event. McCune remembers the pioneers each Memorial Day by placing their pictures by their grave markers. The Susan Woodin Chapter thanks the Woodinville Weekly for its support in publishing articles to announce and cover the activity.

In February 2015, residents of Aiken County, S.C., were disappointed to learn that the local Memorial Day Parade was to be canceled. The parade honored veterans both living and dead, and this year was to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Vice Regent Jeanne Quattlebaum and Corresponding Secretary Sandra Herrick of Trenton Chapter, Aiken, S.C., learned of the cancellation and decided to take steps to ensure that the parade would take place.

The two Daughters started by contacting Aiken City Councilwoman Gail Diggs, which led to the formation of a parade committee consisting of Diggs—a retired Navy Commander with public relations experience—two Jaycee members with parade organization experience, a retired military officer, the chair of the Aiken-Augusta Wounded Warrior Golf Classic, a retired Navy veteran, the president of the Aiken County Veterans Council, and the two Trenton Chapter members. As a result of determination, two and a half months of planning, correspondence, local newspaper advertisements, and radio and television interviews, the event took place. The well-attended parade including 130 entries marched through downtown Aiken.

The city of Aiken honored the committee with a proclamation acknowledging that “the seemingly impossible can be accomplished when the passion for the cause and the willingness to work hard are present.”

Troy Chapter, Troy, Mo., held its annual DAR Good Citizens and Veterans Brunch on April 18, 2015, at Old Alexandria United Methodist Church. DAR Good Citizens Committee Chapter Chair Barbara Cheatham informed the group that the DAR Good Citizens Award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities. This year’s recipients were Chad Brown, Matt Henry, Ben Krause and Taylor Nicholson. Ben’s application was forwarded to the Missouri State Society for scholarship consideration.

DAR Service for Veterans Committee Chapter Chair Shirley Case and her
daughter Julie Case recognized and thanked 22 area veterans for their honorable service to the United States. Each veteran gave a brief talk about his or her experiences while serving our country. They also received a certificate of appreciation and a patriotic pin.

Zebulon Pike Chapter, Colorado Springs, Colo., the first chapter organized in Colorado, is proud of its newest member, Lieutenant General Michelle D. Johnson. Lt. Gen. Johnson joins numerous active-duty and retired military members of the Zebulon Pike Chapter. At the 124th Continental Congress, she received the Margaret Cochran Corbin Award, which honors distinguished women in military service.

She is the Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and the first woman to lead a Department of Defense Academy. A distinguished 1981 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, she completed graduate studies as a Rhodes Scholar before earning her pilot wings in 1984. She has served in various assignments in air mobility, airlift and tanker flying operations and training, academic instruction, and personnel. Lt. Gen. Johnson has commanded the 9th Air Refueling Squadron, the 97th Operations Group and the 22nd Air Refueling Wing. She commanded a deployed air refueling squadron in Operation Southern Watch and an air refueling wing in support of operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Among many prestigious jobs, she has served as the Air Force aide to the President. Lt. Gen. Johnson is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flying hours.

Spread the American Spirit

The DAR Magazine Committee congratulates 2014 Spread the American Spirit Contest winner Come and Take It Chapter, Bryan, Texas, which successfully defended its 2013 contest title to become the reigning two-time champions! With a remarkable subscription percentage of 307, more than double that of its closest competitor, the 26-member Come and Take It Chapter claimed the top prize by a convincing margin.

By virtue of the brand new 2014 grand prize package, Come and Take It Chapter members became the first “rock stars” of the DAR Magazine. Chapter members served as guest editors of the November/December 2015 issue of American Spirit by voting on the magazine cover design and suggesting a feature story. Come and Take It Daughters proposed an article on the history of the rallying cry that inspired the chapter’s name—turn to the magazine for the fascinating tale, which spans two revolutions.

What story idea would your chapter propose if it were to win the 2015 contest? All new, renewal and gift subscription orders that reach the DAR Magazine Office by December 31, 2015, will help bolster your chapter’s subscription percentage. Next year, it could be your chapter that claims the grand prize, including the guest editor opportunity and other exclusive perks including a private tour of the President General’s Reception Room for all chapter members attending Continental Congress. For more information, visit www.dar.org/members/darmagazine.
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Each state may publish one submission per calendar year. Articles are limited to 200 words. One photo may accompany each article. Submissions may be sent via e-mail or through the postal system. Email submissions should include two attachments: a Word document containing the article and photo caption, as well as a high-resolution digital photo (300 dpi or greater) in jpg or tif format. Submissions sent via the postal system should include a CD or USB flash drive containing the article and photo caption, as well as a high-resolution digital photo. Alternatively, we accept photo prints submitted by mail. Send materials to newsletter@dar.org or to the DAR Magazine Office, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006. All reports will be edited for length and content.

Arkansas State Conference Focuses on Veterans

Arkansas State Regent Mary Deere called the 107th Arkansas State Conference to order on March 19, 2015. Caddo District hosted the conference, the theme of which was “Be an Angel—Help a Vet,” in honor of the Arkansas Freedom Fund (AFF). Veteran and AFF Founder Mark Leonard was honored with the South Central Division Volunteer of the Year Award at the Angels for Vets banquet. The featured speaker was U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Cliff Hudson (Ret.), who gave an emotional and mesmerizing program describing an episode on one of his missions in Iraq. The assembly was provided the vision of a 7-year-old girl slowly waving her arms in the air, warning of danger ahead. That gesture caused Hudson to change paths, saving his men from the explosives that had been set. The memory of this girl remains with Hudson today. He talked about his downward spiral upon returning home, his contact with the AFF and the help that he received, including a bicycle that allowed him the freedom to begin recovery.

Front row, left to right: State Recording Secretary and AFF board member Sylvia Matthews, Arkansas State Regent Mary Deere, Charlie Simpson, Honorary Arkansas State Regent Susan Veal, and Akansa Chapter Regent and AFF board member Joyce Wood. Back row: AFF founder Mark Leonard, Amanda Brewer, Cliff Hudson and Mike Holmes.

Distinguished conference guests included Oklahoma State Regent Dr. Orriene F. Denslow, Texas State Regent Pamela Wright, physician and author Dr. Sam Taggart, and author and actress Dr. Nancy Hendricks.

California Daughters Compile Vietnam Memoirs

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, the California State Society has published Vietnam Memoirs as Written by California DAR Daughters. Compiled by California State Historian Sally Holcombe, Vietnam Memoirs as Written by California DAR Daughters was adopted by California State Regent Carol Oakley Jackson as a third State Regent’s Project. Stories were submitted by 70 California Daughters whose lives were profoundly influenced by the Vietnam War era. These stories are from Daughters who were former military personnel, employees in supportive roles, loved ones of military members, college students and bystanders. The book represents a unique look at the Vietnam War era from those who did not see direct combat, but whose lives were nevertheless changed as a result of the conflict.

Questions about Vietnam Memoirs as Written by California DAR Daughters may be directed to Mrs. Holcombe at historian@californiadar.org. The book is available both in paperback and as an ebook.

Celebrating Oregon at a Busy State Conference

“Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella” was the theme for the Oregon State Society’s 101st State Conference, held May 14–17, 2015, in Wilsonville, Ore. Oregon State Regent Cynthia Parnell presided over the meeting and events. President General Lynn Forney Young joined the conference on Saturday. Reports were given by

At the dedication of the relocated Pioneer Mothers Memorial Cabin, left to right: Newell Pioneer Village Museum Director Judy Van Atta, Honorary Oregon State Regents Jane Henzel Buck and Ellen Hopkins, President General Lynn Forney Young and State Regent Cynthia Parnell.

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seven district chairs and 25 chapter regents. Also joining in the meetings and festivities were Minnesota State Regent Diane L. Cone and Historic Preservation Committee National Chair Martha Ann Hartzog.

At the Saturday gala banquet Mrs. Young shared with Daughters her inspirational words on how we “Celebrate America!” Mrs. Young also joined the Oregon Daughters on Sunday as they dedicated the Pioneer Mothers Memorial Cabin, recently relocated to the Newell Pioneer Village, adjacent to Champoeg State Park. The cabin and all of its contents were disassembled, moved and reassembled in this new location. Many artifacts are once again exhibited. This remarkable three-year project was supported by donations, grants and many volunteer hours.

The Oregon Daughters look forward to another year of leadership and guidance with our outstanding leaders and dedicated members, as they “Celebrate Oregon—Rain or Shine!”

South Carolina Fall Forum Commemorates Vietnam War Anniversary

The South Carolina State Society held a Vietnam War 50th Anniversary commemorative dinner on August 14, 2015, during its Fall Forum in Columbia, S.C. Commemorative Events Committee State Chair Lynn Holcombe Shore presented the commemorative flag, and Emily Geiger Chapter Commemorative Events Committee Chair Bonnie Wade Mucia spoke about her special project, “Dear Vietnam Veterans.” Celebrate 125!

Committee State Chair Penny Renwick introduced keynote speaker Colonel Edwin Morehead, U.S. Army (Ret.), who presented an overview of the Scroll of Honor at Clemson University. South Carolina State Regent Dianne Tucker Culbertson, Lynn H. Shore and Jane H. Harvey presented six South Carolina Daughters and 14 HODARs with certificates and pins to honor and to thank them for their service to our nation during the Vietnam War era.

Vermont Daughters Welcome Visitors and Honor Veterans

On July 12, 2015, the Vermont State Society hosted the Vermont S.A.R. for a tour of the DAR’s historic John Strong Mansion Museum, followed by a picnic at the DAR State Park on the shores of Lake Champlain. This mansion, which was the home of Revolutionary War Patriot General John Strong, has been owned and cared for by Vermont Daughters since 1934.

During this event, as partners for the United States of America Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration, the Vermont State Society was proud to honor Vietnam veterans and to have the opportunity to express its gratitude for their service to our country. Vermont Daughters recognized the valor and courage they exhibited through their service, especially as that service was made even more difficult due to the cultural upheaval and political division occurring during this period of our history. Members felt privileged to be able to say, “Thank you and Welcome Home!”

The Wide Blue Sash Profiles NSDAR Presidents General and Early Leaders

Since 1890, 42 women, each one with her own vision and goals, have served the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution as President General. The Wide Blue Sash gives a glimpse of the background, character, leadership and accomplishments of these women who have represented and led the National Society’s more than 940,000 members over the past 125 years. Their leadership has allowed the NSDAR to become the largest female lineage society in the country and owner of a city block of iconic buildings in Washington, D.C. The book also includes biographies of the Society’s four Founders and its only President Presiding, Mary Ellet Cabell. To purchase The Wide Blue Sash for $10, contact The DAR Store at (888) 673–2732 or visit www.dar.org/darstore.
The following ancestors were accepted by the NSDAR Board of Management between July 1, 2015, and August 31, 2015, after verification of documentary evidence of service during the American Revolution.
New Ancestors

GOWEN: GOING, GOWIN, GOWING
James: b 2-14-1715 MA d 2-7-1781 MA m (1) Anne Smith (2) Lois X CS MA
GREEN: GREENE
Jane: b 9-9-1761 d 9-25-1842 VA m (1) James Green (2) Robert Kilgore PS VA
GREENWOOD:
Caleb: b 9-9-1724 MA d 2-4-1800 MA m (1) Waitstill Death (2) Jemima Lealand CS MA
HAHN: HANN, HAUH, HAWN
Maria: b c 1750 d p 11-10-1825 KY m (1) Joseph Hahn PS VA
HAIG:  
George: b c 1743 SC d a 7-20-1790 SC m (1) Susanna McKewn (2) Mary Maham CS SC
HAM: HAMM, HAMME
Daniel: b bp 3-21-1740 NH d a 12-3-1776 NH m (1) Betty X Cpl NH
HAMLIN: HAMBLIN, HAMLEN
Thomas: b c 1755 d 7-17-1818 SC m (1) Sarah Wingood Pvt SC
HARRIMAN: HERRIMAN
John: b c 1738 d 8-18-1822 NH m (1) Abigail Clement PS Cpl MA NH
HARTZELL: HARTSEL, HARTSELL, HERTZEL
Jacob: b c 1737 d a 8-30-1799 PA m (1) Catherine Hartzell PS PA
HOBART: HULBERT
Shubaet: b 9-29-1715 MA d 9-30-1805 VT m (1) Esther Parker (2) Prudence X Parker PS NH
HOFFERT: HUFFORD
Daniel: b c 1750 MD d a 4-1818 KY m (1) Elizabeth Cassell (2) Barbara X PS MD
HOTTEL: HOTTLE, HUDDELL, HUDELL, HUBERT
Daniel: b c 1763 VA d p 1820 OH m (1) Mary Beydler PS VA
HUBBARD: HUBBART, HUBBURD, HUBERT
Selah: b 1-15-1762 CT d 5-9-1833 VT m (1) Bethiah Coy (2) Tryphena Hogens Pvt RI
HUNTING:
Stephen Sr: b 3-6-1719 MA d 11-11-1815 MA m (1) Elizabeth Cheney (2) Hannah Converse CS MA
HUTSELL: HUTZEL
Anna Maria Magdalena: b 1-8-1725 PA d 5-21-1788 MD m (1) John George Hutsell PS MD
JENKS: JENCKES, JENCKS
Anthony: b c 1755 d 3-8-1837 NY m (1) Hannah Sutton (2) Laura X Sgt RI
JENNINGS: JENINGS
Joseph: b 9-6-1757 CT d 10-25-1789 CT m (1) Ruth Cartwright Sol CT
JEWELL: JEWEL
Jesse: b 3-8-1749 MA d 12-10-1837 NY m (1) Zerviah Corbin Pvt MA
JOHNSON: JOHNSTON, JONSTON
William: b c 1758 d p 1835 KY m (1) X X Sgt VA
KATTS: KAUTZ
Johan George: b c 1735 d bu 7-9-1798 NJ m (1) Barbara X (2) Anna X PS NJ
KELLY: KELLEY, KILLEY
Hattil: b 4-22-1720 MA d 3-8-1809 MA m (1) Hannah Wing CS MA
KETELTAS:
Abraham: b 12-26-1732 NY d 9-30-1798 NY m (1) Sarah Smith PS NY
LE DREZEN:
Yves: b 5-11-1765 FR d 10-30-1822 FR m (1) Marguerite Morvan St FR
LEWIS:
Daniel: b 10-6-1715 MD m a 6-11-1787 MD m (1) Margaret X PS MD
Edmond: b a 1755 d a 9-1792 NC m (1) X X PS NC
Peter: b c 1735 d p 9-20-1803 NC m (1) X X PS NC
LIPPINCOTT:
Isaac: b c 1755 9-15-1791 NJ m (1) Elizabeth Venicomb PS NJ
LOCKE: LOCK, LOKE
Richard: b c 1740 d a 4-25-1782 VA m (1) Elizabeth Hardaway Ens VA
MARGERUM:
Richard: b c 1705 d a 9-12-1786 PA m (1) Mary Lucas (2) Hannah White PS PA
MCMAHON: MCMACHE, MCMAHAN
Andrew: b c 1761 d p 8-9-1820 TN m (1) Mary Dillon Pvt VA
MCMANUS: MCMANIS
Hugh: b a 1755 d a 9-12-1833 NY m (1) Mary X Lt NY
John: b c 1760 PA d 12-31-1842 IN m (1) Nancy Gassaway Pvt VA
MILES: MIGHELL, MIGHELS, MIGHLS
Eleanor: b a 1734 MD d a 7-7-1806 KY m (1) Henry Miles PS MD
William: b 12-13-1749 MD d a 8-27-1827 KY m (1) X X PS MD
MORGAN: MORGIN
Sarah: b a 1741 d 1-8-1799 NY m (1) Evan Morgan PS PA
MORRILL: MORRAL, MIRRALL, MORREL, MURRILL
Robie: b 8-28-1734 MA d 9-23-1813 NH m (1) Elizabeth X Hobson PS NH
MORSE: MORS, MOSS, MOSE
Amos: b 11-8-1738 MA d 5-22-1817 MA m (1) Mary Pettee Pvt MA
NANTZ: NANCE
Thomas: b a 1750 d a 8-1811 NC m (1) Anne X PS VA
NIPPLE:
Frederick: b c 1743 d 1839 PA m (1) X X Pvt PA
PARMELEE: PARMALEY, PARMELE
Joseph: b 3-19-1755 CT d 2-19-1785 m (1) Huldah Collins Sol CT
PECK: PACK
Jonathan Jr: b 6-5-1760 RI d 7-30-1836 NY m (1) Nancy Wardwell Pvt RI
PENNEY: PENNY, PERRY, PINNEY
Pennuel: b a 1755 d a 11-1806 NC m (1) X X PS NC
PERRAULT:
Basilie: b bp 9-30-1753 CD d a 4-8-1805 CD m (1) Angelique Rocheleau PS CD
PERSINGER: PAR SINGER
John: b c 1756 d p 4-3-1810 VA m (1) Elizabeth Kimberling (2) Catherine X PS Sol VA
RAMBO:
Benjah: b a 1765 d a 6-22-1798 SC m (1) Rachel Adams Sol SC
RASDALL: RAMSDELE, RAMSDILL
Nehemiah Jr: b bp 10-25-1761 MA d p 9-1833 MA m (1) Mary Farnsworth Pvt MA
RAY: REA, RHEA, RHAY, WRAY
Henry: b 2-11-1728 MA d 4-18-1804 RI m (1) Hannah Jennkes Sol RI

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RIGHTER:
Michael: b c 1709 d 7-1-1786 PA m (1) Catherina X PS PA

ROBBINS: ROBINS
Daniel: b 12-8-1763 CT d 12-28-1844 VT m (1) Ruth Stearns PS Pvt CT NY

ROBERTS: ROBBARTS
Thomas: b 4- 1720 PA d 5-30-1786 PA m (1) Letitia Rea PS PA

RUDDE: REDD, RUDDE
Burlingham: b 12-25-1760 NC d 7-29-1853 TN m (1) Mary Vaughn Pvt NC

SANDS: SAND, SAUND
John: b c 1746 d a 8-14-1804 MD m (1) Mary Spry PS Ens MD

SAVAGE:
Zebulon: b a 1748 d p 1800 SC m (1) Sarah X PS NC

SCHWARTZ: SWARTZ
Adam: b 4-16-1740 d 1-22-1811 PA m (1) Anna Maria Maurer PS PA

SHAFER: SCHAFFER, SCHAFFER
SCHAFFER, SCHAFFER, SHAFER, SHAFER, SCHAFFER, SHAVER, SHAVWER
Michael: b 6-11-1734 PA d p 10-27-1799 PA m (1) Maria Appolonio Brosius PS PA
SHERMAN: SCHEURMAN, SCHURMAN, SCHUMANN, SHARMAN, SHEARMAN, SHERMER, SHEREMAN
John: b 4-22-1750 MA d 5-18-1829 MA m (1) Experience Kelley CS MA

SHERROD:
Joel: b c 1755 d p 1811 TN m (1) Ann X PS Capt NC

SHINN:
Jacob: b 5-13-1715 d a 5-16-1795 NJ m (1) Hannah X PS NJ

SIDES: SEITZ
Christian: b c 1743 d a 7-18-1803 NC m (1) X X PS NC

SIMONTON: SIMANTON, SIMINTON, SIMISON, SYMENTON
Thomas: b 11-17-1762 MA d 10-18-1816 MA m (1) Mary Hatch Pvt MA

SMITH: SCHMIDT, SMYTHER, SMYTHER
Elijah: b 10-29-1721 CT d 7-12-1777 CT m (1) Sarah Grimes CS CT

SNEAD: SNEED
Benjamin: b c 1721 VA d 3-28-1819 KY m (1) Martha Ann X PS VA

SNOW: FROST, SCHNEE
Bernice: b c 1740 d a 5-1800 NC m (1) Margaret X PS NC

STACKHOUSE:
Stephen: b 8-12-1761 PA d 5-1-1834 PA m (1) Mary Wells Pvt PA

STEEL: STEALE, STEEL, STEILE, STEIHEL
Augustine: b a 1749 d a 6-7-1790 VA m (1) X X PS VA

STOCKSTILL:
Thomas: b 1740 d p 2-12-1798 NC m (1) Hannah X PS NC

SUMMEROUR: SUMMEROW, SUMROW
Henry: b c 1759 d 6-4-1835 NC m (1) Elizabeth Whitner CS PS NC

SWISHER:
John: b c 1733 GR d a 5-28-1827 VA m (1) Anna Marie Hawk PS VA

TARR:
Henry: b 1760 MA d p 3-13-1831 OH m (1) Catherine X Sol PA

THARP: THARP, THORPE
Nathaniel: b 3-20-1733 CT d 4-3-1815 CT m (1) Katherine Chapman PS CT

TILFORD:
Jeremiah: b c 1750 d a 7-1803 KY m (1) Sarah Weir CS PS Pvt VA

TOLER: TOWLER
Absalum: b c 1755 d a 8-19-1818 VA m (1) Martha X PS VA

TREMPER:
Jacob: b bp 12-8-1734 NY d a 1-27-1789 NY m (1) Catharine Deal PS Lt NY

UPDIKE: OPDYCE, OPDYKE
Roliph: b c 1750 d p 1820 NY m (1) X X Sol

VADEUSEN: DUSEN, DUZEN, VAN, VAN
Abraham: b bp 3-18-1733 NY d a 11-5-1805 NY m (1) X X PS NY

VANDERBILT:
John: b c 1758 d a 9-22-1810 MD m (1) Elizabeth Summers Pvt MD

WAKEMAN:
Lyman: b 1-26-1755 CT d 3-6-1836 CT m (1) Abigail X Pvt CT

WALKER:
Samuel: b c 1763 d 10-1798 VT m (1) Dorcus Tichout Pvt NY

WILLIAM:
John: b c 1750 d a 10-20-1806 VA m (1) Martha Laier PS VA

WATTS:
Thomas: b 2-14-1792 CT d 1-27-1793 CT m (1) Abigail Lewis Pvt CT

WEBER: WEBSTER
Andrew: b c 1759 MA d 1-26-1836 OH m (1) Sibbel Coburn (2) Sally Brown Pvt MA

WHALEY:
James: b c 1735 d a 6-7-1797 NY m (1) Ruth Wilson PS NY

WHARTON: WARTON
Zachariah: b 3-2-1760 VA d 3-15-1835 VA m (1) Sarah Young Pvt VA

WHITALL:
Benjamin: b 10-3-1747 NJ d a 10-13-1797 NJ m (1) Elizabeth Hopper Capt NJ

WHITE: WHYTE, WRIGHT, WYTE
Calvin: b 8-23-1738 MA d 10-2-1791 MA m (1) Mary Lucas Emmons PS MA

Thomas Phillips: b 4-26-1746 CT d 2-3-1816 CT m (1) Ann Booth Sol CT

WHITING:
Elisha: b c 11-21-1762 CT d p 2-14-1792 CT m (1) Susanna Butler Pvt CT

WILLIAMSON:
James: b c 1752 d 10-20-1806 m (1) Ann E X

WINN: WINNE, WINNER, WYNE, WYNN, WYNNS
Thomas: b c 1744 d a 7-22-1799 VA m (1) Joyce Joicy Ferguson PS VA

WINTER: WINTERS
Andrew: b c 3-28-1761 MA d p 1830 NY m (1) Abigail Lewis Pvt MA

WRIGHT: RIGHT
Solomon: b c 1754 d 8-26-1823 NY m (1) Catherine Boys Pvt NY

ZERBE: ZERBEN
George Peter: b c 1-22-1702 GR d 1780 PA m (1) Anna Christina Lauk PS PA

John: b c 1745 PA d p 11-12-1811 PA m (1) Maria Margaretha Angst (2) Elizabeth X
Kronberger PS PA
Georgia State Society

proudly honors

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Reporter General

2013 ~ 2016
Georgia State Society celebrates our “bee-loved”
Ida “Bea” Best Smith Fischer

State Regent 2014 ~ 2016

“Bee Inspired. Bee your Best for God, Home and Country.”

“Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice.” Psalms 32:11

“…Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.” Ephesians 6:10
Georgia State Society 2015 ~ 2016 State Officers

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seated: Lynn Brackey, Coordinator of Districts; Bea Fisher, State Regent; Peggy Bruckner, District Director.

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Toccoa
Tomochichi
Vidalia
William Day
William Marsh
William McIntosh
Xavier
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Bonaventure Chapter Regent

117th Georgia
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with

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Present with Pride North America’s First City
Poverty Point World Heritage Site 1700 BC-1100BC
Inscribed as the 22nd World Heritage Site by UNESCO
June 2014

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Oakley Chapter

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Honors

Carol Dorsey Larkin

State Regent 2015-2018

State Theme 2015-2018: “Reflections of the past, visions of the future”

Scripture: “Praise him who led his people through the wilderness, for his loving kindness continues forever.” Psalm 136:16
The Maryland State Society

State Officers

Seated from left to right are: Susan Fannoney, Recording Secretary; Shelia McCartney, 2nd Vice Regent; Carol Dorsey Larkin, State Regent; Maureen Tipton, Vice Regent; Mernie Crane, Chaplain. Standing from left to right are: Mindy Marsden, Curator; Stephanie Wolfley, Librarian; Tara Boulden, Assistant Treasurer; Cheryl Beauregard, Organizing Secretary; Jackie Cronin, Corresponding Secretary; Laura Stohlman, Treasurer; Anne Meilleur, Registrar; Juanita Bean, Librarian; and Deborah Barrett, Editor.

Our Chapter House
The Maryland State Society

Honors Our Maryland Outstanding Junior
And National Finalist
Julia Williams

2015 State Conference Pages with Linda Mistler, State Regent 2012-2015
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
OF MICHIGAN

FONDLY REMEMBER

BETTY A. EASTIN

HONORARY STATE REGENT 1973-1976
VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL 1976-1979
Three Flags Chapter, Lathrup Village, MI

From left: Kathy Peterson McNally, State Director; LuDean Tindal Peters, State Historian; Deborah (Deb) Rakoczy, State Registrar; Catherine McCotter Poulis, State Organizing Secretary; Jane G. Turnbull, State Chaplain; Gina M. LaCroix, State First Vice Regent; Diane M. Schrift, State Regent; Mary Ellen Drolet, State Recording Secretary; Lynnette M. Scherer, State Corresponding Secretary; Janet L. Robson Rheaume, State Treasurer; Martha Williams Bunde, State Librarian; Janice Beckman Simons, State Director
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF MICHIGAN

PROUDLY PRESENTS

DIANE M. SCHRIFT
STATE REGENT 2015-2018

State Theme: Growing Our Legacy of Spirit and Service

Bible Verse: “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to everyone to their particular service.”

1 Cor 12: 4-7
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
OF MICHIGAN
AND
THE PIETY HILL CHAPTER

HONOR

CHRISTINE RICHMAN
STATE OUTSTANDING CHAPTER REGENT 2015

Christine is displaying the Silver Tray Award engraved with names of previous Outstanding Chapter Regents
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF MICHIGAN

PRESENTS

ANDREA ANN PETRES

2015 Outstanding Junior
Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter

AWARDS

LYNDSAY ANNE LAWLESS

2015 Page Scholarship Winner
Sashabaw Plains Chapter
The New York State Organization and Daughters of the Empire State Present with Pride and Affection

Denise Doring VanBuren

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American Spirit Editor 2004 – 2015

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at the 125th Continental Congress, 2016
Welcome to the New York Luncheon, Willard Intercontinental Hotel, 2015

New York Daughters Proudly Honor

Martha Morris Crapser

State Regent 2013-2016

Light the Way for Liberty’s Legacy ... Carpe Diem!

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds.”

~Matthew 5:16

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2015 NEW YORK STATE OUTSTANDING JUNIOR

Katherine Ranieri VanAntwerp
Fayetteville-Owahgena Chapter
Fayetteville, New York

Katherine Ranieri VanAntwerp is a fourth generation Daughter of the American Revolution and a 17 year member of the Fayetteville-Owahgena Chapter. She has served as a chapter officer, chapter chairman, state vice chairman and state chairman. She has paged at the State and National levels and served as a Personal Page to Honorary President General Merry Ann T. Wright. Katie loves to learn new and interesting things such as cooking and family history. She is employed at Chase Bank in Syracuse, NY. Spending time with family is important to her, and she is a wonderful wife and mother. Congratulations Katie!

Martha Morris Craps, State Regent
LIGHT THE WAY FOR LIBERTY’S LEGACY ... CARPE DIEM!
Districts I, II and XII Remember the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and Honor the Service and Sacrifices of Vietnam Veterans.

On May 4, 1985, Mayor Edward I. Koch dedicated the Vietnam Veterans Plaza in honor of the 250,000 men and women of New York City who served in the United States armed forces from 1964 to 1975, especially those 1,741 who died fighting the Vietnam War. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission raised $1 million from private donations to finance the memorial, as well as to provide counseling and employment services for Vietnam veterans. On November 9, 2001 Mayor Giuliani rededicated the extensively redesigned plaza.

The design, by architects Peter Wormser, William Fellows, and writer/Veteran Joseph Ferrandino, is a wall of translucent glass blocks, on which are engraved excerpts of letters, poems, and diary entries written by men and women of the armed forces, as well as news dispatches. A granite shelf runs along the base of the monument, onto which visitors from time to time have placed tokens of remembrance, such as baby shoes, military patches, pictures, plaques, and American flags.

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Megan Von Behren, Regent

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Sara M. Iosue, Regent

District Director, Karen Stewart
Capital District

Historic Sites in District III

Fort Dubois

NYS Regent Martha Crapser places a wreath at the boulder dedicated by the Capt. Christian Brown Chapter in 1923 at the former site of Fort Dubois in Cobleskill. The fort’s palisades enclosed nearly 3 acres but a major attack by Onondagas in 1779 destroyed the fort and all of the town of Cobleskill.

Old Stone Fort

The Old Stone Fort in Schoharie was built as a Reformed Dutch Church in 1771. With the coming of the war, the church was enclosed by a log stockade in 1777. In 1780 the fort was attacked by an army of 800 Loyalists and Native Americans under Sir John Johnson and Mohawk Capt. Joseph Brant.

Fort Crailo

One of the most enduring and patriotic children’s songs, Yankee Doodle, was written at the birth of our nation, but it did not start out as a song for children. It didn’t even start out as complimentary of our nation. A British army physician wrote the song after “witnessing the sloppy drill and appearance of troops” at Fort Crailo.

District III Participating Chapters

Captain Christian Brown
Fort Crailo
General Peter Gansevoort
Hendrick Hudson
Johannes Hardenbergh
Meeting House Hill
Mohawk
Old Hellebergh
On-ti-ora
Schoharie
Tawasentha
Van Rensselaer
Wiltwyck
Roundtable

Historic Sites in District IV

Fort Crown Point

On May 12, 1775, Seth Warner and 100 Green Mountain Boys captured 111 cannons from the British and transported 29 to Boston for the defense of Boston Harbor. The fort was used as a staging ground by Benedict Arnold for his navy on Lake Champlain. The stone ruins of two barracks buildings, one of which is pictured here, remain at the site and are being preserved.

Saratoga Battlefield

Recognized as one of the fifteen most decisive battles in world history, the Saratoga National Historic Park commemorates the site where a new Nation emerged. The turning point in the Revolutionary War began as a plan by the British to strategically control Upstate New York and isolate New England from the Southern colonies in an effort to decisively put an end to the Revolution. The American victory demonstrated that American troops could fight a European army and win. It also convinced the French, the Spanish and the Dutch to ally themselves with the Americans and declare war against England.

District IV Participating Chapters

Amsterdam
Caughnawaga
Champlain
Fort Plain
Jane McCrea
Ondawa-Cambridge
Saranac
Saratoga
Schenectada
Ticonderoga

Fort Ticonderoga

The Capture of Fort Ticonderoga occurred during the American Revolutionary War on May 10, 1775, when a small force of Green Mountain Boys led by Ethan Allen and Colonel Benedict Arnold overcame a small British garrison at the fort and looted the personal belongings of the garrison. Cannons and other armaments from the fort were transported to Boston and used to fortify Dorchester Heights and break the standoff at the Siege of Boston.
Central New York Round Table
Daughters of the American Revolution
Honors with Pride and Affection

Martha Morris Crapser
NEW YORK STATE REGENT 2013-2016

Honoring a Vietnam Veteran

Addressing District V Workshop

Presenting Americanism Award

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National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Seneca Chapter
Geneva, New York District VII

On June 13, 1893, a group of women met for the purpose of forming a DAR Chapter in Geneva. The Chapter was granted Charter No. 55 by the National Society on October 9, 1893, with Ann Elizabeth Swift Martin its first regent. In 1904, the members of Seneca Chapter began an initiative to bring a free library to the city of Geneva, and in 1905 founded the Geneva Free Library. The current library building began as the Universalist Church on the corner of Castle and Main Streets. The Library trustees arranged for use of the building when the congregation disbanded in 1910.

The former Universalist Church, currently the Geneva Public Library (images courtesy Geneva Historical Society).

Sponsored by the Chapters of New York State District VII
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The New York State Organization, NSDAR
Western New York Regents’ Round Table and
Daughters of District VIII Proudly

CELEBRATE 125!

Mary Smith Lockwood
Born in Smith Mills, Chautauqua County, NY.
This small community, located in the Town of Hanover, took its name from the mill owned by Mary Smith Lockwood’s grandfather, Isaac Smith.

Birthplace Memorial
Erected at the four corners of Smith Mills, NY, in 1940 by Benjamin Prescott, Ellicott, Jamestown, Major Benjamin Bosworth and Patterson Chapters of Chautauqua County and District VIII of New York.

HONORING OUR PAST,
FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE,
AND CELEBRATING AMERICA
WITH STATE REGENT
MARTHA MORRIS CRAPSER

Abigail Fillmore Chapter, Anna Ingalls Lowell Chapter,
Benjamin Prescott Chapter, Catherine Schuyler Chapter,
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Niagara Falls Chapter, Orleans Chapter, Williams Mills Chapter
Kay Green, State Director

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Hudson Valley Council
Regent’s Roundtable

Celebrates
The 120th Anniversary
of the
Melzingah Chapter

Melzingah’s Founding Regent
Katherine Wolcott Verplanck

Joan Landis Steere, District IX Director

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Carol Norris, Regent

Chancellor Livingston Chapter,
Sarah K. Hermans, Regent

Enoch Crosby Chapter,
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Kathleen Alevras, Regent

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Carol L. McQuinn, Regent

Shatucum Chapter,
Barbara deMare, Regent

The Madam Brett Chapter House, Circa 1701
Trail of Honor
Lasdon Park, Katonah, NY

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Kris Liddle
Hudson River Patriots

Susan Soussan
Mohegan

Joan Amesbury
Mohegan

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Hudson River Patriots

Brook Hanna
White Plains

Christina Abraham
White Plains

Jean Hayter
Organizing Regent
Col. Benjamin Tallmadge

WESTCHESTER REGENT’S ROUNDTABLE
Anne Hutchinson-Valerie Limekiller
Harvey Birch-Elsie Lee
Hudson River Patriots-Philomena Dunn

Mohegan-Mary Joan Amesbury
Ruth Lyon Bush-Donna Franklin
White Plains-Brook Hanna

District IX Director-Joan Steere
Execution Rocks Lighthouse, first lit in 1850

The Execution Rocks Lighthouse is located in the middle of Long Island Sound on the border between New Rochelle and Sands Point, New York. Construction of the lighthouse, which stands approximately 60 ft. tall, was completed in May of 1849. The tower is constructed of granite with brick lining and has a brown band around the middle. The attached 2.5 floor lighthouse keeper’s dwelling, which was built at a later date, is made from cut granite in Gothic Revival style. The keeper’s house has not been inhabited since 1979 when the light was automated.

The rocky reef that the lighthouse is built on has a haunted history. It is believed that during the Revolutionary War, British soldiers abducted American rebels and took them to this reef to be executed by drowning them. Also numerous ships wrecked against the reef because of insufficient lighting. Nautical charts noted the reef as “Executioners Rock” because it had sunk so many ships.

The island is under the authority of the U. S. Coast Guard and is off limits to the public, however, it can be seen during the Long Island Lighthouse Society’s Spring Gold Coast Cruise.

Ann B. K. Otten New York State Director, Districts X & XI

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The Rhode Island State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

PROUDLY PRESENTS

BARBARA ANN WATROUS
STATE REGENT 2015-2017

“For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name’s sake, lead me, and guide me.”
Psalm 31:13

“RIDAR is on the MOVE, With the Red, White and Blue”
Harriet Wetsmore Sells
Utah's Real Daughter

Florence Bristol,
Vice President General,
1930-1932

Martha Maughan,
Vice President General,
1971-1974

NSDAR
1890-2015
CELEBRATING
125 YEARS OF SERVICE TO AMERICA

Utah Chapters
Bald Eagle, Cedar City
Bear River, Logan
Color Country, St. George
Golden Spike, Ogden
Princess Timpanogos,
Salt Lake City
Salt Lake Valley,
Salt Lake City
Sequo Lib, Bountiful
Uintah, Salt Lake City
Wasatch Range,
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Utah Chapter Regents, 2015

Ellen L. Powley,
VPG 1998-2001,

Cindy M. Toone,
Vice President General,
2012-2015

Utah State Officers, 2015

Utah Celebrates DAR 125!
Wisconsin Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Daughters Advancing the Mission of DAR

2014 American Heritage Winner

Roberta D. Woodard, First Place, Paper Crafts
Annis Avery Hill Chapter

Fort Winnebago Surgeons Quarters

One of the Many School Tours at our "Jewel On The Hill" Begins At The Log House

2015 American Heritage Winner

Susan E. Groom Thole, First Place, Embroidery
Milwaukee Chapter

FWSQ Welcomed Casey & Carson Barfels as They Paddled the Mississippi to Benefit Voyage for Vets

Wisconsin Daughters Depart for Washington DC and 124th Continental Congress

Honoring Vietnam Veterans as Part of the Memorial Service at the 119th State Conference
Wisconsin Society Daughters of the American Revolution Pays Tribute to 
Sara Roddis Jones 
29th President General, 1974-1975

Sara “Sally” Roddis Jones joined the Marshfield Chapter, Marshfield, Wisconsin, in June 1930. Prior to her election as President General in 1974, Mrs. Jones served as Treasurer General and First Vice President General. Mrs. Jones was well known as a constitutional scholar.

Elected as the Bicentennial Administration, a five-pointed star was chosen as its symbol. The President General’s Project for the Jones Administration was to commission murals for the East Corridor of the House Wing of the U.S. Capitol.

At DAR Headquarters, air-conditioning was authorized for the DAR Museum Gallery and updated equipment was installed in the Print Shop. During Mrs. Jones’s term, the DAR Good Citizens Contest, previously open to girls only, was extended to include boys.

Other plans for the Jones Administration were cut short by the sudden death of Mrs. Jones on April 8, 1975, just six days before she was scheduled to preside at the 84th Continental Congress. The official reader of the Congress read the report Mrs. Jones had provided detailing her first year’s activities. After thanking her staff for their support, Mrs. Jones had closed her report with a poignant choice for a theme for the coming year, “All things work together for the good of them that love God.” Romans 8:28
Virginia in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians, the latest release in the DAR Library’s series of source guides focusing on research in each of the original states during the Revolutionary period, is now available in both print and digital format. The series provides detailed information on the availability of manuscript and archival material that exists for each state for the period of the Revolutionary War, along with listings of historical and genealogical studies that have been published to supplement the original sources. Researchers can use this essential resource to identify materials and studies located in many scattered libraries and archives. The previously released source guides pertaining to Georgia, New York, Rhode Island and South Carolina are still available in print and digital format.

Downloadable PDF versions of these source guides sell for $25 each, plus tax, from The DAR Store Online at www.dar.org/darstore. Add the book to your shopping cart as you would any other item from the online store. Once your payment is verified, you will receive an email with a special download link to the PDF of the book. Pricing varies for the printed volumes of the source guides. Check The DAR Store Online for details, or contact the store at 1 (888) 673–2732 or shopping@dar.org.

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FOR 125 YEARS, Daughters have Celebrated America by serving God, Home and Country through the promotion of historic preservation, education and patriotism. We are proud of our heritage and continue to promote the objectives of our beloved Society. The DAR Magazine Committee continues to focus on those same values on which our Society was founded and has flourished.

Promoting subscriptions is the primary duty of the DAR Magazine Committee chair. Chapter chairs should encourage members to earn the Friends of American Spirit pin from Hamilton Jewelers. With the holidays just around the corner, this is the perfect time to do it! To be eligible to purchase the Friends of American Spirit pin, a member must give five new gift subscriptions and simultaneously make a new $100 contribution to the DAR Magazine Endowment Fund, for a total contribution of $190. When sending in your subscriptions and donation, use the Friends of American Spirit Gift Subscription Form (MAG-2000) and the Donations and Contributions for Special Committees and Funds form (DEV-1003), both available on the Members’ section of the DAR Website. A subscription to American Spirit is the perfect gift for anyone who loves history.

Regents who are currently completing the Chapter Master Report prior to year’s end should use the DAR Magazine to help with reporting in many categories. For example, giving gift subscriptions to American Indian centers, veterans’ facilities, members and Junior members can be reported, respectively, under the American Indians, DAR Service for Veterans, Membership and Junior Membership committees. Recycling your American Spirit magazines can be reported to the Conservation Committee. Run promotional ads in your chapter newsletter and on the front page of your chapter website, and then report this information to the VIS Committee.

The Spread the American Spirit Contest deadline is December 31, 2015. Every subscription order you send in by that date will help increase your chapter’s subscription percentage! Your chapter could win the grand prize and become the next Rock Stars of the DAR Magazine. Exclusive grand prize perks include individual and group photo opportunities with the President General during a private tour of the President General’s Reception Room at Continental Congress. Chapter members attending Congress will also be invited to sit in the President General’s box while the chapter regent accepts the prestigious DAR Magazine Traveling Trophy. The contest winners will also serve as guest editors of one issue of American Spirit by suggesting a feature story and voting on the cover design! Check out the November/December 2015 American Spirit to see 2014 contest winner Come and Take It Chapter’s cover choice and read an article about the historic battle cry that inspired the chapter’s name.

As we celebrate the holidays, remember to give American Spirit magazine to your family and friends. Spread the American Spirit and the Christmas spirit with a gift that lasts all year long. The DAR Magazine Team wishes everyone a wonderful holiday and a safe and happy New Year!

Sue Butler
National Chair, DAR Magazine Committee
Email: magazinechairman@dar.org

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State Chair—Martha Jo A. Uptain | $40         |
| MARYLAND    | State Regent—Carol D. Larkin  
State Chair—Bonnie A. Dybalski | $1,800      |
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State Chair—Jacqueline M. Gonterman | $3,000      |
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State Chair—Susan N. Cline | $600        |
| UTAH        | State Regent—Judy D. Barking  
State Chair—Teri L. Forsyth | $600        |
| WISCONSIN   | State Regent—Claudette R. Finke  
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