



November 2021

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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



November 11 7 pm

Program: Patawomak Tribe

at

Patawomak Tribal Center

638 Kings Highway

Fredericksburg 22405

No Zoom this month or next.

Directions:

From the Ferry Farm WalMart on Rt 3 East

Go approx. 1 mile and the Tribal Center will be on your right. It is just past Duff McDuff Green Park.

November Meeting

What to bring to the meeting:

Yourself!

Donations for our Piggy Banks

Coupons

Coke caps

Aluminum tabs

Adult and Children's Books



Community Class Room Needs:

Dry erase Makers—6 sets

Dry erasers—6 of them

Dry erase spray—6 of them

Dry Erase Protractor for pre-calc

Membership News: Susan A. Postle, State Chair, Membership Committee

10,000 In 2022!

Join the State Membership Committee in pursuing 10,000 members in 2022. As of this date we have 9,850 members (with 50 verified applications and 10 approved reinstatement) and counting! Your efforts are needed to retain current membership while recruiting prospective members.

Retaining current membership is vital to growth in membership. Keeping in contact with your current members and sharing that you care is important. At the same time it is extremely important to not only recruit new members, but conduct meetings and community activities in a safe, fun and welcoming manner. I am confident we can do this.

No DAR Book Club Until January

Chapter Chat with the Regent
Will return next month as our
Regent is in Europe for work this month.
Have Fun Sonja!!

Wreaths Across America



REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

On December 18, 2021 at 10:00 am, Falls of the Rappahannock National Society of the Daughters of the American (VA0836P) and Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society, National Society Children of the American Revolution will be helping Quantico National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Thank you so much for supporting the Falls of the Rappahannock National Society of the Daughters of the American (VA0836P) and Wreaths Across America!

Visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org and click on Local Sponsorship Group under Sponsor a Wreath. Our code is VA0836P. You can also copy and paste this link to get to our page: https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/167052?fbclid=IwAR1S2WQu_Cwipm0g1ok3XJ6L4ejEAWGfpeE2hqHmaQCYrJ06R_tXRBVi0pM

Also, please copy the link from our FaceBook page and share it on your FB page.

This is a fundraiser for the chapter.

Chapter Dues

If you have not paid your dues yet, please use the form below to send them to Donna Sayre as soon as possible!!!!



Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter, NSDAR

Member Name _____

X all
additional
that you
choose

X	2021-2022 Dues	\$72.00
	President General's Project-if not pd yet	\$ 7.50
	Magazine (recommended)	\$ 18.00
	Chapter Nametag (recommended)	\$ 5.00
	Chapter Yearbook (optional hard copy)	\$ 2.00
	Donation to chapter (optional)	
	The Next Act-personal donation to PG Project (optional)	

Total enclosed _____

In the first year of a new administration we collect \$7.50 for the President General's project. You have the option to pay \$2.50 over the 3 year term or the entire \$7.50 at once if you have not already done so. Check with Donna Sayre to see if you have. dsayreDAR@gmail.com

Return this form, with your check payable to Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter NDAR, to: Donna Sayre, Treasurer, 1003 Bayview Overlook, Stafford, VA 22554-5236

If you are no longer wish to remain a DAR member, please let us know so we can resign you instead of you being dropped for unpaid dues. There is always the option of going Member-At-Large if you wish to not participate in chapter but want to remain a member.

Members Course Zoom Meetings

Questions about the Members Course? Please email me and I will send you the information to sign up. You will have a year to complete the course and you will learn so much!!! There will be a new administration elected at Continental Congress and there may be changes to the Members Course so if you want to sign up, now would be a great time.

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DARlings

Our "Little Free Lending Library" has been very busy these past few weeks. It is so nice so look out and see the neighborhood kids in our front yard, picking out a book. Lots of adults also stop by and choose a title. We seem to have a lot of homeschooled kids in our neighborhood, and they take full advantage of having two libraries available nearby. My LFLL is listed on the World Wide Web, people plan vacations around visiting LFLL and book bombing them! They are open to anyone, not just people living in this neighborhood.

I leave a notebook in the library and people can leave me messages or requests. One young boy recently asked for anything by Shel Silverstein. I looked through all my bins and could not find one. He was happy with a few poetry books I located for him.

I attended our Chapter meeting and was delighted to receive a pile of new books donated by Dianne Sothoron and had to smile when I saw that one of the books she purchased to donate was "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein! Isn't it funny how things like that work out? Big thank you to Dianne for her generous gifts. Carrie Pierce and I will put them to good use! I can't wait to give him the book the next time he visits.

We can take any donations for our Lending Libraries, new or gently used. I move a lot of mysteries, but children's books and young reader books move the fastest.

Thank-you for all your support!

Anne Kline



President Generals Message

November 2021

Shine a Light on the Good Works of DAR

Our National Society is at a crossroads, as we exit the pandemic and reinvigorate our members in support of our enduring mission. I am deeply grateful to all of you who served as chapter leaders during the cloudy days—and now I ask you to join me in bringing our important work back into the sunlight. Let us support our active-duty service personnel, return to inspiring a love of history in local students and again recognize those outstanding neighbors deserving of our appreciation. Rise up in service and shine a light on the good works of DAR. Such actions and outreach have never been more important to our future as a society of women united in service to our nation.

The final two months of the year offer you and your chapter fleeting opportunities to support the work of the National Society. Please be sure to serve within your community and then [log your volunteer hours via our easy-to-use tracker](#). Extend a warm welcome to DAR to YOUR [2020NE new member](#). Take advantage of our many online training opportunities and/or make a year-end donation in support of DAR Constitution Hall: The Next Act! Your actions during the coming weeks will make a positive and lasting contribution to our collective impact—and your chapter's Chapter Achievement Award total.

The business, mission and vibrancy of our National Society are on full display in every issue of the *Daughters* newsletter. If you need to renew your subscription, please do so today. Peruse the enclosed Committee Corner to find inspiring suggestions about our areas of emphasis. Explore the "With the Chapters" section to learn how sister chapters are serving around the world. Enjoy the ads that salute the members from other states and celebrate local history.

It is especially important that you and your chapter make time to thank your local veterans this month. It does not have to be difficult—only heartfelt. Send them cards. Bake them cakes or cookies. Brighten their days with brief "thank you" phone calls. Find ways to express your appreciation as a grateful citizen for their service. Seek out our Vietnam-era veterans to share your gratitude as we continue to observe the 50th anniversary of that war.

We also, of course, commemorate the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier this month. It is my intention to travel to France to participate in official commemorations there, depending upon overseas travel conditions. Please follow me on my [DAR President General's Facebook Page](#) to join me along the journey. Wherever you are, I ask you to please observe a moment of remembrance on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern.

Finally, we also pause in the coming weeks to celebrate the holiday season. The many disappointments of 2020–2021 reminded us of the importance of appreciating simple pleasures, fulfilling relationships and healthy minds and bodies. Now more than ever, please take time to count your blessings and feel the love this year.

Rise and Shine for America,

Denise Doring VanBuren
President General



State Conference Hotel Reservation Information

RESERVATION DEADLINE: February 17, 2022

126th Virginia DAR State Conference Richmond Marriott, March 24-27, 2022

Dear Daughters,

The 126th Annual State Conference of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution will take place in just a few months. Details about the exciting things planned for this very special in-person conference will be shared in early December in the official Call to Conference.

Prior to the distribution of the Call, information about the hotel room block is being shared now so that members may begin to plan for attendance at the 126th Virginia State Conference.

Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution 2022 Room Block

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – Sunday, March 27, 2022

Richmond Marriott

500 East Broad Street

Richmond, VA 23219

Conference Rates:

\$177 per room per night, plus 14% tax = \$201.78 per room per night, single and double occupancy

\$187 per room per night, plus 14% tax = \$213.18 per room per night, triple occupancy

\$197 per room per night, plus 14% tax = \$224.58 per room per night, quad occupancy

Online via this reservation link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50218899>

Call the hotel directly at **(804) 643-3400** or toll free at **(888) 228-9290**.

Be sure to ask the agent for the “Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution 2022” rate.

- Please record your confirmation number after your reservation has been completed.
- Reservations received after February 17, 2022, **or after the group block is full** will be honored on a rate and space available basis only.
- The Richmond Marriott requires that you guarantee your reservation at the time of booking with a credit card. Cancellations received within 48 hours prior to arrival will incur a penalty of one night’s room and tax.
- Check-in time is after 4 p.m. Check-out time is before 11 a.m.
- Parking Rates:

Self-parking (Parking Deck behind the hotel on Marshall Street):

\$5.00 hourly rate; \$20.00 overnight rate

Valet parking:

\$29.00 plus tax daily rate

- The hotel has a smoke-free policy. Pets are not allowed.
- If a handicap accessible room is necessary, please call early to reserve.

Exciting News About the GEP!

By Clare Marshall, DAR Genealogy Assistant Director,
Applications & GEP Program Coordinator

From the President General's Blog

November 5, 2021

We are incredibly pleased to announce some exciting news about the DAR's Genealogy Education Program (GEP)!

Beginning January 1, 2022 the prices for GEP Courses 1-4 will be \$75!

Recently the Executive Committee has approved a reduction in price for the four main Genealogy Education Program (GEP) courses. The new prices will be as follows:

Course 1: Introduction to Genealogical Research for DAR Applications **\$75**

Course 2: Applying Genealogy Research Techniques to DAR Applications **\$75**

Course 3: Advanced Techniques for Resolving Problems with Lineage or Service **\$75**

Course 4: DNA and the DAR: Using DNA as a Piece of the Evidence for a DAR Application **\$75**

GEP 5: eApps: The Beginner's Guide to Electronic Applications will remain at **\$25** and the Mid-Level Review Training Program (GEP 7) will remain at **\$10**.

The GEP courses provide the most complete and up-to-date information on the proper completion and documentation standards required by the DAR for the verification of Applications and Supplementals. In addition to the Genealogical Education Programs, the NSDAR Genealogy Department provides a course in DNA and the DAR, a Registrar Training Course, and the Mid-Level Review Training Program. These courses are a wonderful opportunity to expand your genealogical knowledge, and to learn more about how to properly prepare and submit any DAR Application or Supplemental. They cover a wide variety of topics, such as how to conduct basic genealogical research, how to navigate the NSDAR's Genealogical Research System (GRS) and various databases, how to write an analysis or service study, and much more!

On top of the new prices that start January 1, we are holding a December GEP Sale!

Starting December 1 and going until December 31 at 12am, we are pleased to offer a Buy One Get One 50% Off Sale! In preparation for the new price in January, throughout the month of December all GEP courses will be **\$100** with the option to **buy one course and get another course at 50% off!**

In time for the winter holidays, now you can give the gift of the GEP! Do you know a member that is interested in taking a GEP course? Well now you can buy enrollment in one (or more) of the courses for her! Once you purchase the course, simply email the Online Learning Team at onlineclasses@dar.org and let us know you would like to transfer the enrollment to someone else, and we'll take care of the rest!

As always, we encourage all members to learn more about the Genealogy Education Program (GEP) by visiting www.dar.org/gep.

For any questions, please contact the Online Learning Team at onlineclasses@dar.org

The Thanksgiving Before the 'first' Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving typically conjures up images of Pilgrims and Native Americans sitting down for a feast at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts. But many historians believe the first Thanksgiving was actually celebrated 500 miles south of there, and two years earlier, outside Jamestown, Virginia.

A group of 35 settlers left western England with plans to start a tobacco settlement for the Virginia Company of London. They and Capt. John Woodlief sailed on the 35-foot Good Ship Margaret from Bristol, England, and took two-and-a-half months to cross the Atlantic. (They were prepared, though — they had 6 tons of cider and over 5 tons of beer.)

They landed at what is now Berkeley Plantation on Dec. 4, 1619. One of the Virginia Company's 10 rules for the trip was that they would have a religious Thanksgiving ceremony to praise God for a safe passage, and to celebrate that day annually.

It wasn't the three-day feast that the Pilgrims enjoyed; it was a solemn and religious affair that focused on prayer and likely included fasting.

The settlers at what was then called Berkeley Hundred celebrated Thanksgiving twice more before the settlement was attacked by a nearby Powhatan tribe in March 1622.

Thanksgiving was not celebrated at the site for another 336 years. In fact, the tradition was lost until Dr. Lyon Tyler, son of President John Tyler and the retired president of William & Mary College, found documents from the Virginia Company called the Nibley Papers that described the event.

Since 1958, Virginians have gone to the site of Berkeley Hundred and celebrated the first Thanksgiving; the 400th anniversary was in 2019.

On the first Sunday in November every year, a group of volunteers work toward keeping that promise made 400 years ago. There are re-enactors who stroll the grounds, re-create the landing and read the Thanksgiving proclamation as they pray to Almighty God. Thereby, keeping the orders on the proclamation of the Berkeley Company alive!

DAR Conservation

For our Conservation piece in this month's newsletter, I wanted to highlight a Heritage Breed animal. Hog Island Sheep seemed to be a good one. We follow this farm on FaceBook and purchase some of their products. Farmer Jeff is a good educator and they have farm tours regularly. I have taken some clips from their FaceBook posts. Please check them out. Myra

Walnut Hill Farm at Elm Springs

We raise Hog Island Sheep. This is a Heritage breed and they are considered "critically endangered" by the American Livestock Conservancy. These sheep are extremely rare with approximately 500-800 world wide. There are herds in private hands and a herd or two owned by the federal government.



Hog Island is a barrier island off the coast of Virginia. They are a wool sheep and can be either white wool or black wool. Additionally some have horns and some do not. Horns are not an indication of sex. Lack of horns is called polled.

We have worked with many organizations over the years to preserve genetic materials from these animals. This breed follows Mendel's 9:3:3:1 ration. Meaning out of 16 animals you would expect 9 whites with horns, 3 whites without horns, 3 blacks with horns, and 1 black without horns. That is because genetically white and horns are dominate, black and polled is recessive. Our hope is through fall tours to save an additional 25 Hog Island sheep located in Maryland. The cost to obtain the entire flock, +/- \$4K.

We have had Heritage Breeds for over 15 years. With our farm tours this is your chance to see five different Heritage Breeds. Some are on the critical list, some are on watch.

At Walnut Hill Farm we are using non industrial livestock such as American Milking Devon cows, Hog Island Sheep, Tamworth pigs, Freedom Ranger chickens. These animals have been selected to work on grass not a feedlot. They are slower growing, they do not fit the modern industrial food chain. They are food your great-grandmother would recognize.

We use the organic model of J. I. Rodale who coined the term "organic". Without jumping through hoops out the wazoo it is ILLEGAL for us to use the term organic. However we trust J. I. Rodale. Go ahead look him up, do you really need to see then "O" word on the label, or can you trust the farmer that encourages you to visit the farm?

This is why we are offering the learning experiences we do, so you can see that food doesn't originate in a grocery. As simple a product as milk changes hands five or more times before you purchase that gallon from the grocery.

Jan 15, 2021

With farming I feel like I have won the lottery each and every morning.

How could I not feel that way, every day I interact with a variety of heritage breeds. American Milking Devon, a cow brought to this country in 1620. One of, if not the first, British cows brought to the new world. There are more students in a Stafford County High School than there are registered Milking Devons in the U.S. You can see them here on the farm.

Have you ever seen a Hog Island sheep? Doubtful for most of you, but I have the pleasure and joy of interacting with them daily. There are very few locations where you will ever run across them. Walnut Hill Farm is a exception. It doesn't stop there, Oberhasli goats originated in Switzerland, where we first saw them. We are just starting a small herd and look forward to expansion.

The fourth heritage breed is the Tamworth pig. A wonderful long red bacon pig. This is no industrial pig., not by a long shot.

Then there is the smiling faces of Moses and Sassie, Mammoth Jacks. Just some of what you will find taking a stroll through the petting zoo.

Nov 4, 2021

They have arrived! Today was a road trip day. Hog Island flock successfully saved.

Eight males

17 females

The combined flock is probably the largest privately owned flock of Hog Island sheep in the country. There may be a larger flock in Alexandria, Virginia, but it is not privately owned.

Now the hard part, everyone needs a name and ear tag. Now I need a tattoo kit.

Inheritance Project

"Inherit" Grandma's Patriots Through New Program Launch!

Written by: Cindy Nicewarner, DAR Genealogist and Team Leader

After approval by voters at the 130th Continental Congress, it is exciting to share that members now have the ability to "inherit" all Patriots for whom their mothers or grandmothers have a proven Application or Supplemental Application. The Inheritance Project is a member benefit that 1) removes the need to file a full four-page Supplemental submission with documentation for each Patriot and 2) reduces the cost to "inherit" all eligible Patriots to a one-time fee of just \$50.

At this time, the Inheritance Project applies only to mothers and maternal grandmothers. Other familial connections may be considered in the future depending upon the success of this first phase.

How it works

Daughters who wish to inherit their mother's or grandmother's Patriots complete an online form and pay a \$50 non-refundable processing fee. Inheritance will be established using existing approved Applications and Supplemental Applications. Requests will be processed as time allows, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Once authorized, a member will be notified via an automated email and the Genealogical Research System will be updated. Inherited Patriots will be listed on a member's profile page beneath her existing Ancestors, under the new heading "Inherited Ancestors." Participating members will be authorized to purchase and wear Ancestor Bars for all inherited Patriots. Additionally, Daughters will be allowed to wear their mother's and grandmother's bars if desired, making them family heirlooms that may be passed down for generations to come.

The electronic form may be found on the member's website. Click on the Genealogy tab at the top, then choose the Inheritance link; or go directly to <https://membership.dar.org/inheritance>. Please be sure to carefully follow the directions for completing the form and submitting the fee. It is very important that you provide accurate details; any errors in submitted information will delay processing



**The State Nominating Committee
Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution
presents the attached slate of officers
for consideration at the
One Hundred Twenty-Sixth State Conference March 2022**

**VIRGINIA DAR
SLATE OF OFFICERS
FOR THE 2022-2025 ADMINISTRATION**

STATE REGENT

Laurie Parker Nesbitt ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Stone Bridge Chapter
State Vice Regent, State Organizing Secretary, National Chairmanships, State Chairmanships, Chapter Regent

STATE VICE REGENT

Jennifer Kuhlmann Inskip ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Falls Church Chapter
State Registrar, State Co-Chairmanship, Chapter Regent

STATE CHAPLAIN

Robin Hope Wall Bagnall ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Carter's Fort Chapter
District Director, State Chairmanships, Chapter Regent

STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

Adele G. Morris ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Fort Lewis Chapter
State Chairmanships, National Chairmanship, Chapter Regent

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Priscilla Ellen Cumiskey ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Massanutton Chapter
State Vice Chairmanships, Chapter Regent

STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

Victoria Lynn Ritenour Dehlbom ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Washington-Lewis Chapter
State Chairmanship, District Director, Chapter Regent

STATE TREASURER

Kathleen Mayer Rugh ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Freedom Hill Chapter
State Chairmanships, National Chairmanships, Chapter Regent

STATE REGISTRAR

Susan Phillips Dewing ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Comte de Grasse Chapter
State Chairmanships, District Director, Chapter Regent

STATE HISTORIAN

Susan Manley Walls ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Narrow Passage Chapter
State Chairmanship, Chapter Regent

STATE LIBRARIAN

Cheryl Lee Brown Davis ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Cobbs Hall Chapter
State Chairmanship, National Vice Chairmanship, Chapter Regent

Dates to Remember

November 11—DAR meeting

November 21— Surgeon Lawrence Brooke C.A.R. meeting, Flag Retirement

November 25— Thanksgiving

December 8— NSDAR Holiday Open House/Special Meeting of Congress Delegates (members only)



SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated total as of September 2021

1822

Please remember to log your hours!

**[http://services.dar.org/members/committees/
ServiceToAmerica/](http://services.dar.org/members/committees/ServiceToAmerica/)**

The Service to America! Committee encourages community service by **all** members on **all** levels as a means of honoring our heritage. You may now count your DAR hours!

If you don't want to (or can't) enter your service hours, please send them to one of the officers and we will do it for you! Emails for officers are on the front page of the newsletter.