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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



Chapter Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2018

7pm

We will be meeting at the White Oak Civil War Museum.

985 White Oak Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22405

This is the meeting for installation of our 2018-2019 Chapter officers. Laurie Nesbitt, State Organizing Secretary will be the Installing Official and Speaker.

Members attending the meeting are asked to bring a main dish AND EITHER a dessert OR a salad or vegetable, by this rule: If your last name starts with A-M, bring a vegetable or salad and a main dish. If your last name starts with N-Z bring a dessert and a main dish.

Chapter Chat

From our Regent:

This has been a very busy DAR year for our Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter. Members attended Forum, State Conference, Continental Congress and Yorktown Day. Our chapter members attended Wreath Laying's at Arlington, Mount Vernon, Pohick Church and Spotsylvania Courthouse. We attended funerals for 14 unaccompanied Veterans at Quantico and Fort Jackson National Cemeteries.

We donated drinks and helped to serve lunch to the volunteers at Saluting Veterans Day. Members gathered and donated pocketbooks filled with toiletries to the local women's shelter. Chapter members hosted Friending booths at The James Monroe Welsh Festival and Fredericksburg Earth Day Festival. We hosted essay contests and presented awards to JROTC members, outstanding local school students and to a Stafford County Historian.

On Vietnam Veterans Day we presented 57 commemorative pins to veterans dining at Mission Barbeque. Our members participated in many C.A.R activities and attended many DAR luncheons and Naturalization ceremonies.

Falls of the Rappahannock members held District, State and National DAR and C.A.R officer positions. Our Registrar was elected Volunteer Genealogist of the Year! And, our public website received approval.

Members assisted the DAR State Chairman with planting flowers at the entrance to Quantico National Cemetery. Our latest project, came from a member who saw a community need... a graduation reception for GED students from several counties and the area alternative school, 250 graduates, family and friends. As one member said, "It was a very satisfying evening for everyone."

Local and non-local members please let us know the volunteer activities you participate in so we can add them to next year's list.

A huge THANK YOU to our members who supported our DAR Chapter, District and State in all of these endeavors and by attendance at meetings, reading our bulletins and/or Facebook pages. This year has been busy and fun! Your chapter board members will be meeting in August to plan our chapters 2018-19 year, all member suggestions are welcome

Susan Harvin, Chapter Regent



Chapter Chat, cont.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 7—Virginia Dunning

June 10—Jo Sanderson

June 15—Laura Gilchrist

June 19—Heather Marshall

June 29—Joan Mullinix

SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated total as of May 31 , 2018

581

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!

Please remember to bring the following to our meetings:

- Box tops
- Ink Cartridges
- Coupons



It was one hot day but Susan, Marie and Donna got those red, white and blue flowers planted at Quantico Cemetery. It was a wonderful day, ladies!

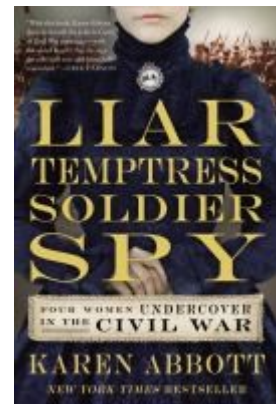
Chapter Participation

Our Chapter Regent is looking for Committee Volunteers for the 2018-2019 Calendar. Please send an email to srharvin@msn.com with a list of committees you would like to serve on. That list and description can be found on the VADAR website: <http://www.vadar.org/membersonly/committees/committees.html>

It can be a very fulfilling opportunity.

Chapter Summer Book Club Read

Karen Abbott illuminates one of the most fascinating yet little known aspects of the Civil War: the stories of four courageous women—a socialite, a farm girl, an abolitionist, and a widow—who were spies.



Volunteer Opportunity for June

If you are looking for something to help the military community, the Blue Star Mothers need volunteers to assist them with care packages they are sending to the troops on June 16, 2018 at Berea Fire Station on Rt. 17 N at 9:00 AM.

May Graduation Ceremony for the Rappahannock Adult Education

Our chapter was able to show our appreciation for these Adult Education Graduates hard work and their drive to succeed. We also welcomed 3 new citizens with flags.



Good morning., RARAE wants to say thank you for your assistance and planning with DAR and the Young Marines! We appreciate the help and support that everyone provided for our year end ceremony. It was beautiful!!

Nicole Bennet, RARAE



Not Pictured: Myra Wiggins and Donna Sayre

Upcoming Honor Flights

May is full of Honor Flights coming into the DC Area Airports. Please take a look at the schedule on their website, [Honor Flight DCA](#).

The Honor Flight Network flies Veterans from 127 cities here to Washington, DC to visit their Memorials at no cost to the Veterans. The easiest way to volunteer here is to greet our Veterans as their flight arrives at the airport or their buses arrive at the WWII Memorial.

Honor Flight's Mission

GOAL: Helping every single veteran in America, willing and able to board a plane or a bus, to visit THEIR memorials.

PRIORITY: Top priority is given to America's most senior heroes — World War II era veterans, and any veteran with a terminal illness who wishes to visit THEIR memorial. The program will naturally transition to Korean War, Vietnam War and all other veterans who served, on a chronological basis.

ELIGIBILITY: All men and women serving stateside or overseas.

PHILOSOPHY: Since America felt it was important to build a memorial to the service and the ultimate sacrifice of her veterans, the Honor Flight Network believes it's equally important that these Veterans actually get to visit and experience THEIR memorial.

MOTTO: "We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." – Will Rogers



President General's Message

June 2018

Dear Daughters,

Visiting seventeen state conferences this year has given me the opportunity to meet our amazing members and hear about the work being done in communities because of the DAR. The State Regents I visited have written blogs about their conferences* and it is a great way for you to learn more about work being done and to get ideas for projects you might want to begin in your state.

I am looking forward to welcoming members to our National Headquarters this month for the 127th Continental Congress. The week will be educational and inspire you about the scope of work done by the National Society. It is a time to get ideas to take back to your chapter. Of course I also hope you enjoy your time with friends and take time to meet new friends. Be sure you continually check the Congress section* of the website for announcements leading up to Congress.



If you can't join us in person, mark your calendar and remember to tune into Congress Online.* Throughout the week you can read the daily issues of the Congress Herald as well as watch an online live video stream of each of the sessions. Some chapters have "Opening Night Parties" and gather as a group to watch the pomp and ceremony.

While you are visiting Headquarters be sure to see the restored Constitution Hall Stage* and the renovated DAR Museum Gallery* both are fantastic and not to be missed!

Last month I was honored to participate with the New York State Officers Club in the rededication of the Margaret Corbin Monument.* We celebrated her legacy and valor at West Point and are committed to keeping Margaret's inspiring story alive and to continue sharing it with others.

The DAR Library has put together some helpful tips for researching in the Library* during Congress. These will help with organization and prepare you to find exactly what you are need. Because many of the resources in the DAR Library have been digitized, you can do a lot of research at home, even if you are unable to attend Congress.

Marking a Revolutionary War Patriot's grave* can sometimes seem like a daunting task, but the Historian General's office has put together procedures that make it easier for chapters.

Stay connected with the National Society by subscribing to the Today's DAR Blog, sent via email. It is a great way to stay up to date on news from Headquarters. Another way to find out what's happening is to subscribe to the award winning American Spirit magazine and Daughters newsletter.

The Members' Section of the DAR website will give you the most current information, a wealth of committee news, department information and nuggets of little known facts along with members' announcements. It should be your "go to" source!

Moving Forward in Service,
Ann Turner Dillon
President General

Ferry Farm

Fourth of July at Ferry Farm

July 4, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Independence Day at George Washington's boyhood home! Tour the Washington house, learn about archaeology at Ferry Farm, enjoy a patriotic flag retirement ceremony, interact with colonial and Civil War reenactors as well as members of the Patowomeck tribe, listen to festive music, view living history demonstrations and theatre performances, and participate in educational programs, crafts, games, and hands-on activities for the whole family.



Cost: \$1 per person

Parking: Eagles Lodge - 21 Cool Springs

Historic Kenmore Plantation

Shakespeare on the Lawn at Kenmore

June 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Shakespeare on the Lawn at Kenmore returns this June for its fifteenth year with four performances of *As You Like It*. All the world's a stage in one of Shakespeare's most popular and rollicking comedies about love and change. The outdoor production is set in an eighteenth-century style—as if a young George Washington is in the audience!



A special thank you to Lewis Insurance Associates as a sponsor of Shakespeare on the Lawn at Kenmore.

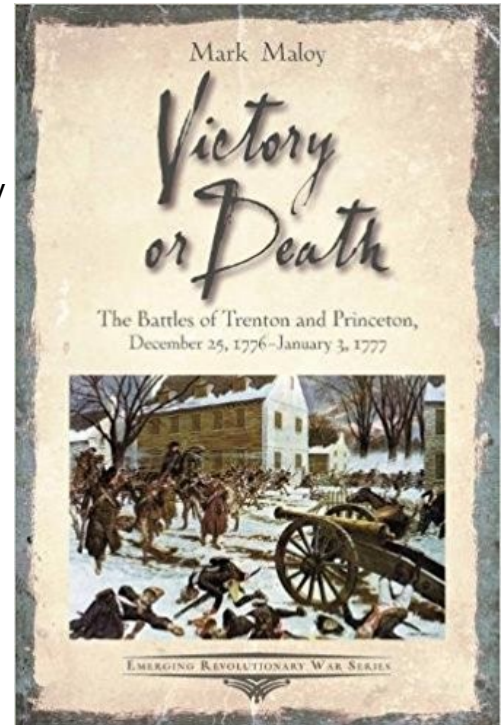
Cost: \$10 adults; \$5 students. No advance tickets needed, pay at the event. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Come early and enjoy your own picnic on the lawn.

Tours of the mansion offered from 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., with performances starting at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events Around Fredericksburg

Victory Or Death

6:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 12th. Mark Maloy, NPS historian, addresses the American Revolution Round Table of Fredericksburg on his book "Victory or Death: The Battles of Trenton and Princeton." Central Rappahannock Regional Library headquarters theater, 1201 Caroline Street. Free. Book Signing, Light Refreshments. Contact Jim Davis at JamesDavisW@aol.com or 540/899/3836.



Music on the Steps: Central Rappahannock Regional Library

June 4: Gaye Adegbalola with John Freund
www.adeqbalola.com

Gaye is a storyteller, a modern-day griot. Much of her solo material is topical, addressing contemporary social issues; and many of her songs find humor in the pain of one's daily struggles.

June 11: Moch Pryderi
www.mochpryderi.com, Facebook: Moch Pryderi
Moch Pryderi (Welsh for "Pryderi's Pigs") is a five-piece, Welsh-American band from Fredericksburg, Virginia.

June 18: Dixie Power Trio
www.dixiepowertrio.com, Facebook: The Dixie Power Trio
The Dixie Power Trio is a three-piece group dedicated to the music and sounds of Louisiana. In a typical set, the DPT will play a gumbo of different styles including zydeco, Cajun, New Orleans jazz, funk, street parade, and rock. The songs are a mix of Louisiana-flavored originals and covers—all with a unique, happy-go-lucky attitude.

June 25: Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy

www.laurieandpeter.com, Facebook: Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy
The husband-and-wife duo of Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy present elegant and stylish interpretations of their own music, as well as songs of lesser-known songwriters. They have been nominated for the Governor's Award for Artistic Achievement in Virginia, and their first CD, *Tocoi Light*, was voted Album of the Year by the Washington Area Music Association.

DAR Museum Events

Tuesday Talk- “I’ma take your grandpa's style”–
How Vintage Clothing Became Mainstream

Museum Lecture: How Vintage Clothing Became Mainstream

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

12:00-1:00pm

Free, drop-in



Long before Macklemore rapped about popping tags at the thrift shop and wearing your grandpa’s clothes, vintage clothing was firmly established as a statement of individuality in the fashion world. The idea of wearing grandpa’s (and grandma’s) clothing as fashion and not for playing dress-up as children is a concept that dates back to about the 1950s.

Over the decades, vintage clothing has transitioned from the counterculture/niche market to the pages of national fashion magazines, sold by major fashion labels, embraced by celebrities and of course, worn by Grammy-winning rap artists.

This presentation will trace the evolution of vintage from small boutiques to major retailers and online platforms and social media. It will also cover insider information on how the vintage market works, how to find good vintage deals, and how to care for your vintage items.

Speaker: Deb Fuller, Learning Designer, Strayer University



Committee Spotlight

Community Classroom, Amy Stromberg, Chairman

Chapter Community Classroom chairs are encouraged to assist their chapters in adopting a classroom or school to provide time and/or financial support. Begin with a teacher in your chapter or a teacher or principal you know. You may have Daughters with children or grandchildren whose school would be a place to begin. Chapter Junior American Citizens chairs, DAR Good Citizen chairs, American History chairs, and Children of the American Revolution students also have contacts within your community schools. Ask the teacher or principal what assistance would be helpful in their classroom or school setting.

Community Service Awards, Donna Courtney, Chairman

Community Service Awards Committee was established by the National Board of Management in April 1995 as an opportunity for chapters and states to recognize worthy individuals and organizations for outstanding unpaid voluntary achievements in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors. A chapter may present two (2) awards per NSDAR year (January 1 – December 31).

Qualifications for the Award:

The individual or organization must have contributed to the community in an outstanding manner through voluntary heroic, civic, benevolent service, or by organizing or participating in community activities.

The achievement must have taken place within the past five (5) years with no compensation.

Members of NSDAR are eligible for this award if the service is unrelated to their DAR activities.

A nominee may not receive more than one NSDAR award for the same accomplishments.

Community Service Awards are chapter or state awards of recognition. They are not contests. There is no competitive judging on any level.

Committee Spotlight

Conservation Committee, Venise Lewis, Chairman

The Conservation Committee was established in 1909 by the 18th Continental Congress, with a focus on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

Today, climate change and the misuse of our natural resources pose a real threat to our national security and to the well-being of future generations. Agriculture depends on pollinator species such as honey bees for many of the key food crops grown in the United States, and the dramatic decline in their numbers could have a devastating impact on food production in the future both here and abroad. Contamination of our land and water, destruction of our forests and wetlands, the introduction of non-native species of plants and animals, and a warming climate also threaten our infrastructure and health as well as the majestic beauty of our great country. The mission of this committee is to educate members about these issues and to promote and encourage good stewardship practices that benefit the environment.



Constitution Week, Alicia Hillmer, Chairman

Keeping the Legacy Alive!

September 17 - 23 is Constitution Week. In 1955, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress with a resolution; this week of observance for the foundation of the American form of government was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 2, 1956. George W. Bush officially declared the inception of Constitution Week in 2002. The commitment of the NSDAR is to encourage study and educate the public about the Constitution, which was adopted by the American Congress of the Confederation on September 17, 1787.

May Meeting Highlights

Our May meeting included a tour of St Georges Episcopal Church with Trip Wiggins as our speaker. Trip is always a fun speaker and this tour was very interesting. After he explained the history of the church, we then took a walk through the cemetery, (Colonel Dandridge is buried in a tomb close to the church building near the bottom of the cemetery.) and then on to the church itself, where we learned about the stained glass windows , where in 1907 – The “Mary Ball Washington” window was installed, a gift of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mary Ball Chapter. (It depicts Deborah pleading with Barak to lead the Israelites against Sisera. It is done in the medieval style, with very small pieces of glass by Colgate Art Glass of New York.) Thank you to St. George’s and to Mr. Wiggins for a fascinating tour.



Continental Congress

June 20–June 24, 2018

For those members unable to travel to Washington, D.C., to attend Continental Congress in person, there are several ways to experience the festivities virtually. During the week of Congress, the Congress Communications Committee provides photos taken at the convention as well as the daily Congress Herald newsletter. A live video stream of the business sessions and evening ceremonies is also located on this page.

Regularly visiting this page, whether from home or while in Washington, D.C., is a great way to experience Congress online. An archive of past Congresses also allows members a window into the week's events throughout the year.

<https://www.dar.org/members/continental-congress/127th-continental-congress-online>

DAR Continental Congress Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/todaysdarcc/>

Wanted:

Stories, Photos, News and High Sea Adventures

This is YOUR Chapter Newsletter , please send stories, photos, news about your family/ancestors and historical trips to the editor so that she can make this newsletter more about YOU!

Send all information to sonja.k.johnson@gmail.com

Flag Etiquette

STANDARDS of RESPECT

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They are:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speaker's desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

