



**May 2016**

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# *Falls of the Rappahannock*

## *Chapter NSDAR*



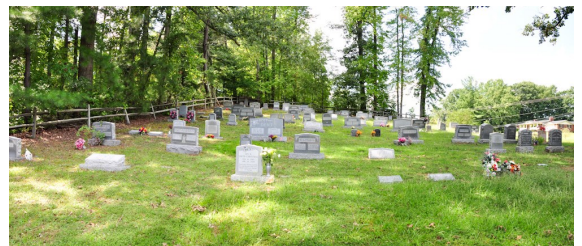
### **May Chapter Meeting**

The upcoming Chapter meeting will be on **Saturday, May 7 10 am** at Old Andrew Chapel Cemetery, corner of Andrew Chapel Road and Courthouse Road in Stafford. Parking will be available at the Lodge across the street.

**THIS IS A CHANGE FROM WHAT IS IN YOUR YEAR-BOOK!** We will be marking the grave of deceased member Betty Arntz.

### **Directions to Meeting**

From Interstate 95, take the **Stafford Exit (#140)** following Courthouse Road to the light at the intersection with **US Route 1**. Continue across on Courthouse Road approx. 3.3 miles. The **Frank P. Moncure Lodge No. 279** will be on the **left**. The cemetery is located **across the street on a hill** at the intersection of Courthouse Road (Rt 630) and Andrew Chapel Road (Rt 629).



# CHAPTER CHAT

## CELEBRATE AMERICA!

Our Chapter 2016 hours donated total as of  
April 30

21

2015 Hours 7154

2014 Hours 2,406

2013 Hours 4,608

Please remember to log your hours!

<http://services.dar.org/members/committees/celebrate/>

The Celebrate America! Committee encourages community service by our members on all levels as a means of honoring our heritage.

The Online Tally will continue to operate for members to log 2016 service hours. On **June 1**, the number of hours logged will be added to the hours logged in the last three calendar years. **May is the last month to log hours unless new PG continues it.**

## 2016-2017 Officers

The **officers** for the next year are

Regent	Susan Harvin
Vice-Regent	Alicia Hillmer
Chaplain	Becky Mulder
Secretary	Peggy Neel
Treasurer	Donna Sayre
Registrar	Myra Wiggins
Historian	Donna Courtney
Librarian	Elisa Pritchard

The installation of chapter officers for 2016-2017 will take place on **Thursday evening June 9, 7pm at St. Matthias United Methodist Church**. Mark your calendars now. This meeting will be potluck! Our installing officer is Kiazan Money Penny, District V Treasurer-elect.



## New Member Welcome

Welcome to new members Emily Broton, Sonja Johnson, Jennifer Upton, Anne Kline, Brianna Upton, Amy Braswell and Elizabeth Ernst. Sonja, Jennifer and Emily are pictured at left with Chaplain Jo Sanderson and Vice-Regent Susan Harvin.

Donna and Susan are readying boxes of clothing to send to the DAR schools. If you have anything you would like to contribute please bring it to the May meeting. Thanks

## May



Roxanna Giovannini	17th
Virginia Sanderson Pepe	19th
Barbara Blose	21st
Donna Courtney	21st
Brianna Upton	22nd
Maggie Dunning	25th

Donna Sayre will be attending the local **Senior Awards Night** at our local high schools to present our **Annual Youth Recognition Awards** to the recipients who were honored at our Youth Recognition Luncheon last month.

For this page in the newsletter, I need you to keep me up to date on happenings. If there is something you would like to share send me an email or text. If I don't know about it I can't share it.

## 2016 Youth Recognition Luncheon

Our Youth Recognition Luncheon was a big hit again this year. We recognized Good Citizen Award recipients Kirsten Marshall of Brooke Point High School, and Margaret Hybl of Courtland High School. The DAR Jr. ROTC Bronze Medal Award recipients were Faith Riemer of Brooke Point High School and Kathleen Hunter of Stafford Senior High School. Faith was unable to make the meeting but her father accepted the award for her.



Also in attendance were Virginia C.A.R. State President-elect Alex Slaughter, and several other State C.A.R. officers. Our own Donna Sayre is Virginia C.A.R. Senior State President-elect. These ladies have now been installed in their respective offices. Alex reported on her project which will be restoring the cemetery at Rippon Lodge in Prince William County.

If you have never attended this event, I highly suggest you add it to your calendar for next year! It is a lot of fun and we get to recognize some really awesome students. Many thanks to Donna for all the work she does working with the schools and organizing the luncheon. And to the chapter members for all the yummy food and help.



## Rare Dunlap Broadside on Display at DAR Museum May 26 - July 9

On the night of July 4, 1776, Philadelphia printer John Dunlap produced about 200 copies of the newly adopted Declaration of Independence. Today, only 26 of these Dunlap Broadside survive, and one will be on display at the DAR Museum for a limited time. This very special loan item will be on display starting Thursday, May 26 through Saturday, July 9, 2016, as part of the DAR Museum's exhibition *Remembering the American Revolution: 1776-1890*. The Broadside, as well as two draft copies of the U.S. Constitution, both of which include handwritten notes, will be provided on loan from the American Independence Museum in Exeter, New Hampshire, which is operated in partnership with the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire.

Read the full news release for the *Remembering the American Revolution: 1776-1890* exhibition at <http://www.dar.org/national-society/media-center/news-releases/dar-museum-exhibition-looks-american-revolution-new>

Falls of the Rappahannock  
Chapter, NSDAR  
invites you to



Historic  
Downtown  
Fredericksburg

St. George's  
Episcopal Church  
905 Princess Anne Street  
Fredericksburg, VA

Join Us for Tea  
July 23, 2016 at One p.m.

The tea will be catered and served by the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society

Email [myrawigDAR@gmail.com](mailto:myrawigDAR@gmail.com) or Call 540-371-3906 for reservations

70 Briarwood Dr. Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Seating is limited \$30 per person

Pre-payment is required. Mail check to above address by July 9, 2016  
A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the State Regent's Project

**Falls of the Rappahannock Fundraiser Tea**

**July 23, 2016**

**1—3 pm**

**St. George's Episcopal Church**

This is the invitation to the fundraiser tea we will be having in July. **Please invite and encourage friends and family to come.** I will attach a copy to the email with the newsletter so you can send it out electronically. *We have already received 8 reservations just from the flyers that were put in mailbags at State Conference.* We are hoping for 60-70 people to attend. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the State Regent's Project.

Although this is a fundraiser for our chapter, it is being catered by the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society. If chapter members, prospective members etc. wish to attend we will need to make a reservation just as other guests do. Please support us in this fundraising effort. I look forward to adding your name to our list. Myra

## ***PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE***     **May 2016**

Dear Daughters,

Three short years ago when I was installed as your President General, I announced the theme of this administration was *Honoring our Heritage ~ Focusing on the Future ~ Celebrating America!* Throughout this administration, with your help, we have reflected on our proud heritage created by the dynamic founders of this Society and those who followed them. We also Focused on the Future as we strengthened our membership, enhanced awareness of the DAR and our valuable assets, and also restored and improved our beautiful buildings.

We Celebrated America by recording more than 12.5 million hours of service to our communities and to our nation. Your unselfish service has shown how DAR gives back to America and highlights our continued relevance as the largest women's patriotic service lineage organization in the world. Celebrating our NSDAR's 125th Anniversary with the first National DAR Day of Service united our chapters and raised awareness of the selfless service of our members throughout the United States and in 13 foreign countries.

Guarding that which is committed to our trust, we have increased the Society's financial stability by creating the Sustaining Supporter Program, the Daughters Tribute and the Guardian Trust Endowment Fund. Thank you for your support and gifts.

The Young Administration has accomplished much in three years and this issue of the *Daughters* newsletter briefly recaps the great accomplishments of the chapters and the committees. I am deeply grateful for the many who have worked to make these achievements possible. Your Executive Officers, the National Board of Management, state and chapter officers, as well as the more than 140 staff members at DAR Headquarters, have worked together in service to God, Home and Country.

Serving as the 43rd President General has been an amazing experience. My life has been enriched by meeting so many of our members and hearing of your devotion to our country and our beloved Society. I shall cherish the memories always.

Most of all, thank you for all that you have given to make our Society one of which our Founders would be proud. We must continue to make it even stronger for Tomorrow's DAR. May God bless each of you.

Celebrating America!

Lynn F. Young

President General

Visit the President General's Blog for updates on happenings at National.    [youngblog.dar.org](http://youngblog.dar.org)

Things such as: *Congress App Available for Download; Picking the DAR Museum's Pockets; DAR is Expanding its Work with DNA for Genealogical Research; Behind the Scenes of "Who Do You Think You Are?"; Constitution Hall Lobby Special Architectural Details; Let's Set a World Record in Patriotism!*; and many more!!!



## *Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society N.S.C.A.R.*

**New National Officers from Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society** who were elected at C.A.R. National Convention are Kirsten Marshall, National Vice-President Mid-Southern Region and Mackie Storage, Assistant Organizing Secretary. Congratulations ladies!

Donna Sayre was installed at C.A.R. National Convention as the Virginia C.A.R. Senior State President. Congratulations Donna!

### ***DAR LIBRARY***

Since its founding in 1896, the DAR Library has grown into a specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications, as well as powerful on-site databases. The DAR Library collection contains over 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women's history, genealogy and culture. Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies comprise a major portion of the book collection, many of which are unique or available in only a few libraries in the country. The library is free and open to the public.

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: closed

### **Library Author Talk: The Grand Forage 1778: The Revolutionary War's Forgotten Campaign by Todd W. Braisted May 14, 2016 at 1 P.M**

Throughout New York and New Jersey during 1778, 8,000 British soldiers were rummaging through the countryside looking for fresh provisions. This forgotten search for provisions is the subject of Todd W. Braisted's work, *The Grand Forage 1778: The Revolutionary War's Forgotten Campaign*. Entire Continental regiments were lost in this forage, and their remains were only discovered by accident almost 200 years later. Braisted will be coming to the DAR Library on May 14, 2016 to discuss this campaign and how it has been lost and rediscovered over time. To register please go to <http://daron14.eventbrite.com>

### **Genealogy 101 - African American Genealogical Research**

**Presented by Yvonne Liser, DAR member and genealogist**

**HELD IN THE O'BYRNE GALLERY ADJACENT TO THE DAR LIBRARY AT 10AM**

**May 21, 2016**

The biggest obstacle while tracing African American lineage is slavery. The institution of slavery left few records beyond a bill of sale, and broke the bonds of families. The challenges of reaching back to the period before the Civil War are great, but tools are available if you know where to look.

Join us as we go through how to conduct genealogical research on your African American ancestors. Please register at <http://darMay21.eventbrite.com>



**Mark the Date!!**

**May 15, 2016 2 p.m.**

**State Regents Project Celebration at Ferry Farm.**

Please plan to attend!

## **DAR Headquarters on Facebook - 50,000 Likes!**

**Written by Lynn Young, President General**

I'm so excited to share that our DAR National Headquarters Facebook page has recently gone above 50,000 "Likes"! Members as well as non-members are part of that 50,000 and the more people who "Like" the page means the more people we can engage with and share stories about the DAR. Thank you to all of you who have "Liked" our page and shared its content with your friends!

The DAR Headquarters Facebook page, which can be found at [www.facebook.com/TodaysDAR](http://www.facebook.com/TodaysDAR), is the official Facebook page of the National Society. Every week there are posts that range from DAR being in the news to stories about member efforts to information about DAR Headquarters resources and events and much more!

In just the past couple of weeks, the DAR Facebook page has kept you up to date on the "[Who Do You Think You Are?](#)" episode filmed at the DAR Library, Jeopardy! filming at Constitution Hall, as well as Boston Globe and Associated Press news articles featuring the DAR.

The DAR Facebook page also reminded you to commemorate [Vietnam Veterans Day](#) and announced the partnership with the [Museum of the American Revolution](#). It also updates you on upcoming [DAR Library and DAR Museum events](#) and shares info from the latest American Spirit (or [special magazine sale](#)).

Regular features on the DAR Facebook page include Throwback Thursdays (#TBT) sharing interesting history about the DAR and our collections, [DAR Special Project Grants](#) that have recently been awarded and volunteer projects that members are performing through the [Celebrate America!](#) initiative.

If you have not already, I encourage you all to "Like" the DAR Headquarters Facebook page as well as "Follow" so that the DAR posts will show up in your personal news feed. It's a great way to stay on top of the latest DAR news as well as share the news with your friends.

What is even more beneficial to the DAR is when you see a post that you think is interesting, please "Share" it with your friends, which allows even more people to learn about the work of the DAR. By people "Sharing" the posts from the DAR Headquarters Facebook page, it opens the door to an even wider audience and more eyes seeing the DAR posts. The more "Shares" of DAR posts means more people "Like" our page, more people know about the resources that DAR offers, and more people become interested in DAR membership.

## 125th Continental Congress 2016

With Continental Congress coming up in just 2 short months, I encourage you to take a look at the schedule online or in your March/April DAR Newsletter that came with your DAR magazine and map out your plan for getting the most of this experience. You can pick and choose what you want to attend, but you must be registered.

If you aren't able to go to Congress this year but would still like to keep up with what's happening, visit this webpage <http://www.dar.org/members/continental-congress/continental-congress>. 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.

For those of you who have expressed an interest in attending the Virginia Luncheon, forms and information are now available on the VADAR website—[http://www.vadar.org/membersonly/committees/va\\_luncheon.html](http://www.vadar.org/membersonly/committees/va_luncheon.html). Remember, this is a password protected site. If you need the password, please let me (Myra) know and I will get it to you. You do not need to be registered for CC in order to attend the luncheon.

### **DAR GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ Attempt at Continental Congress Can We Set a Record in Patriotism? Please bring your letters to the June meeting so they can be taken to Continental Congress.**

Get ready for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity at the 125th Continental Congress: your chance to help set a new GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title! As the grand finale to both the Celebrate America! and Celebrate 125! commemorations, the National Society will be staging an official attempt to set a world record by collecting the “**Most letters to military personnel collected in one month.**” In order to set the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title, DAR must collect and then mail at least 10,000 letters to active duty service members in one month's time.

Please note that there are exceptionally strict participation rules that must be followed in order to qualify for the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ attempt. Learn more about how you can be come involved here:[www.dar.org/WorldRecord](http://www.dar.org/WorldRecord).

If you have any questions about the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ attempt email [WorldRecord@nsdar.org](mailto:WorldRecord@nsdar.org)

**\*\*Synopsis of the rules is below. The official flyer with all rules is sent as an attachment with the email.**

**All letters must be submitted in person during the week of Continental Congress. Please do not mail the letters on your own. Letters will only be accepted in person during the week of Congress and should not be mailed to Headquarters or to the address on the letter.**

Individuals may only **personally write one letter each**, but non-DAR members, such as family, friends and other community members, are also welcome to participate

**Each letter should be in an UNSEALED envelope.**

**While participants should only submit one letter each, multiple letters may be addresses to the same service member.**

**All letters must be packaged in bundles of 50 and securely bound with rubber bands when they are submitted at Congress. It is essential that every letter submitted follow these rules or it will be discarded by the adjudicator and not counted toward the record.**

## **Pre-Registration for Continental Congress is Closed but You Can Still Attend!**

Chapter Credentials Forms and Advance Registration Forms were due to Headquarters postmarked by April 15. However, even if you were not included in your chapter's pre-registration list, you can still plan to attend Congress! Any member is welcome to register on-site during the week of Congress!

The 125th Continental Congress will take place June 15 – 19, 2016 and members and guests can register on-site from June 13 to 17 at DAR Headquarters. On-site registration will cost \$50 for members and \$20 for guests when they register at DAR Headquarters the week of Congress. It is important to note that only members who were approved on chapters' credentials forms sent in prior to April 15 are eligible to vote. When you register on-site you will not be able to vote or be an alternate, but you can still enjoy all of the activities of the 125th Continental Congress.

There are lots of exciting events and surprises in store for this special anniversary Congress! We hope you will make plans to join us for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Continental Congress June 15-19! Learn what there is to look forward to at this year's Congress:

Opening Night will be a special celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> meeting of our National Society  
Mary Tedesco is our featured speaker for Celebrate America Night

We will welcome VA Secretary Bob McDonald as our National Defense Night Keynote Speaker  
National Luncheons are always fun social events

Help DAR set a World Record

Commemorate the anniversary with a special 125<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress Certificate

Download the Congress App to help keep you organized during Congress week

Book your hotel room for Congress week at the Grand Hyatt or other area hotels

Join the All-American DAR Chorus and sing in our DAR Constitution Hall

For additional information and important updates make sure to frequently check the Congress section of the website: [www.dar.org/congress](http://www.dar.org/congress).

### **Opening Night Ceremony**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016 7 p.m.—10 p.m.**

No member will want to miss the historic Opening Night Ceremony of the milestone 125th Continental Congress. In addition to the thrilling pageantry, the ceremony will feature an original dramatic presentation that celebrates our National Society's 125 years of service to America – complete with several very special surprise guests! The evening will also be highlighted by a performance by Lyric Soprano and Texas Daughter Sarah Davis, as well as the premiere of a new video that heralds the history of Continental Congress.

## 125th Continental Congress

**Celebrate America Night Friday, June 17, 2016 7-10 pm**

**Mary Tedesco Featured Presentation 7:30 pm**

Celebrate America Night will certainly be a night of celebration as we reflect on three years of more than 12.5 million hours of volunteer service provide by our members! This fun and educational event will be held at the Grand Hyatt hotel on the Independence level on Friday, June 17 from 7-10 p.m.

Mary is a professional genealogist, speaker and author. She is featured on the PBS TV series “Genealogy Roadshow” and is the Founder of ORIGINS ITALY, a firm specializing in Italian and Italian-American genealogical and family history research. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Boston University and a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University’s Center for Professional Education. In addition to her Italian ancestry on her father’s side, Mary also has deep American roots on her mother’s side and is proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mary will give a presentation on her personal and professional experiences in genealogy as well as discuss the increasing role DNA plays in genealogical research. Followed by Mary’s presentation, President General Lynn Young will explain more about the new [NSDAR DNA Group](#) that members can join.

Celebrate America Night will celebrate members’ outstanding commitment to volunteerism and will introduce Daughters to additional service opportunities. Below is more information about what you can expect from the event:

- Members can arrive and leave the event whenever they would like and this special evening is free for all Congress attendees.
- The dress code for the Celebrate America Night is cocktail attire (dressy attire but not a formal gown).
- Attendees can visit the special on-site shopping room featuring the President General’s Project Sales and the Junior Shoppe.
- Attendees will be able to purchase refreshments from a cash bar.
- Members will be able to write stories of their service projects on index cards to share on the “Celebrate America! Wall” which will serve as a visual representation of the work members have done for the Celebrate America! volunteer initiative. Come ready to share your stories!
- Various DAR committees will have information tables during the event where members can learn more about service opportunities within that committee.
- Additionally, there will be information tables for a few outside service organizations whose missions are similar to that of DAR. These organizations will be discussing how members can become involved with their service opportunities on the local level.

There will be a service project room where attendees will be invited to write cards to military families and veterans. Members are also encouraged to bring a children’s book to donate at the Celebrate America Night book drive.

**National Defense Night    Saturday, June 18, 2016    7—10 pm**

**Secretary Robert McDonald, Keynote Speaker**

Always a highlight of Continental Congress, this year's National Defense Night is sure to be a moving and inspirational ceremony as we honor and celebrate our nation's service personnel and veterans. Here is a preview of some of the things to look forward to in this year's ceremony.

Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald will be our Keynote Speaker for National Defense Night. Secretary McDonald leads the Department in its ambitious transformational journey to be a world-class service provider and the No. 1 customer-service agency in the Federal government giving Veterans consistent, high-quality experiences.

An Army veteran, Secretary McDonald served with the 82nd Airborne Division; completed Jungle, Arctic, and Desert Warfare training; and earned the Ranger tab, the Expert Infantryman Badge, and Senior Parachutist wings. Upon leaving military service, at the rank of Captain, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

Secretary McDonald graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in the top 2 percent of the Class of 1975. He earned an MBA from the University of Utah in 1978.

The Secretary is personally committed to values-based leadership and to improving the lives of others. He and his wife, Diane, are the founders of the McDonald Cadet Leadership Conference at West Point—a biennial gathering that brings together the best and brightest young minds from the best universities around the world and pairs them with senior business, NGO, and government leaders in a multi-day, interactive learning experience. For more information about National Defense Night:

**<http://www.dar.org/members/announcements/national-defense-night-0>**

**United Service Organizations (USO)**

**President General's Medallion**

**During National Defense Night** we will take time to recognize the USO for its outstanding 75 years of service to our country and present Dr. J.D. Crouch, President and CEO of the USO, with the President General's Medallion on behalf of all those who have devoted their time to the USO mission over the past 75 years.



We are excited to celebrate the USO and their 75 years of service to our military. Additionally we are thrilled to welcome the USO Show Troupe as our entertainment for the evening. The USO Show Troupe presents top of the line entertainment with performers possessing extensive Broadway, Off-Broadway, film and TV credits to the military community through a wide range of different performances and we cannot wait to welcome them to the 125<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress.