



June 2016

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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



June Chapter Meeting

The upcoming Chapter meeting will be on **Thursday June 9, 7pm** **St. Matthias United Methodist Church, 426 Deacon Road**, Fredericksburg. This is the meeting for installation of our 2016-2017 officers. 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.**

Directions to Meeting

From Stafford, take US 1 south to Falmouth and take a left onto Butler Rd. Go about 1.5 miles and turn left onto Deacon Rd. Follow Deacon Rd. about 2 miles and take a right onto Edwards Dr. The St. Matthias parking lot entrance is the first right.

From upper William Street in Fredericksburg, take the Blue-Gray Highway across the river to Stafford County. Take a left onto Route 3 West (Kings Hwy) and then at the second light turn right onto Cool Springs Road. At the next light Cool Springs Rd. becomes Deacon Rd. Follow about 2 miles then turn right onto Edwards Dr. The church parking lot is the first right.

CHAPTER CHAT

CELEBRATE AMERICA!

Our Chapter 2016 hours donated total as of
June 1

1684

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.

On June 1, the number of hours logged will be added to the hours logged in the last three calendar years.

Thank you for your community service!

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.

This would normally be the time to remind everyone about dues. **We are asking that you hold off on sending any dues in this year until after Continental Congress.**

There is a bylaw change due to be voted on which would increase National dues by \$3. Donna will send out dues notices after she gets back from Congress. Thanks!

Mark your calendar for the District V Annual Meeting on Sat. August 13 at the Springfield Country Club. More information to come later. Also add Fall Forum which will be Sept 16-18 in Roanoke. Hotel reservation & other information will soon be available on the VADAR Members Only Web site. I will send out information to everyone when I know more.

Donna Sayre has a new email. Please add it to your yearbooks.

DSayreDAR@gmail.com

June

Ginny Dunning	7th
Jo Sanderson	10th
Heather Marshall	19th
Joan Mullinix	29th



Thanks to Mother Nature and LOTS of rain, the May meeting was cancelled. The cemetery was just too wet. We will reschedule the marking of Betty's grave for a later date.

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.

Falls of the Rappahannock Executive Board Meeting

Your new Executive Board will be meeting on August 7 to plan the coming year. Now is the time for you to be thinking about what committee you would like to serve on and also to let us know if there is something that YOU would like for us to do as a chapter. I have the Member Interest Surveys that were filled out at the New/Prospective Member tea and will be looking at those again to see what you have indicated. There are also several committees that weren't on that survey. They are State & District level committees. You would be the Chapter Chair for the committee, not a chair at the State or District level. I will be sending out an email with those outlined so you can let us know if you are interested in any of them.

Or, is there a topic that you would like to see us address? We will try to find someone to speak on that topic. This is YOUR chapter. You can let me (myrawigDAR@gmail.com), Susan Harvin (srharvin@msn.com) or Alicia Hillmer (alicia7183@msn.com) know.

I must say that there were quite a number of responses to the Member Interest Survey and a wide range of interests. That is wonderful!! Thank you!!!

The Campbell Soup label program is ending. Please bring labels to the June meeting so we can get them to the schools in time for them to use them. This is the last time we will collect them.

That program is different from the Box Tops for Education. We also collect those and that program is still going. Check out this website for products that you can find the box tops on:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>.

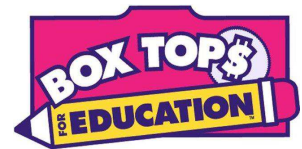


Photo Permission Form

Alicia has been working on our new website and with that comes the need for updating our photo permission form. For some this is a first time. I will attach the form to the email with the newsletter. It is a fillable PDF form. Please fill out, sign digitally, check off what we may use (name, email, photo with name, photo without name). This will also serve as permission for the newsletter.



National Theme "Freedom's Thunder"

National Project

"Siege of Yorktown: Actions that Lead to Victory"

The National Project is to raise funds for a new enhanced outdoor interpretive program – Artillery and Firing Station that will feature education on the siege of Yorktown and firing demonstrations of cannon at the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown (ARMY).

In the course of our nation's history there are landmark events that initiate a period of evolution for our republic. Only one holds the distinct claim to final liberation of our citizens from an oppressive rule. A battle that shook the foundation of the world's ruling governments, set the stage for the beginning of a new independent nation, and bestowed liberty upon its citizens for all time. The Victory at the battle of Yorktown was the start of our new nation and set the stage for the laurels of freedom that we hold dear.

Please join me in making some noise to inspire, to awaken, and to remind people of the freedom that we cherish and refuse to take for granted. Together we can take the nation by storm with our message of freedom.



2016–2017 National President Connor Jackson

The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown is a staple of the historic battle site, an institution that tells the story of our patriot ancestors' struggle for freedom and seeks to remind the current generation of its responsibility to actively covet and guard the liberty's bestowed upon us. Yorktown was won due to the constant bombardment of British General Cornwallis' defenses by the French and Continental gun crew; **FREEDOM'S THUNDER**.

FREEDOM'S THUNDER is:

- The Voice of the People - Exercise of Debate, Three Branches of Government, Freedom of Speech
- Patriotism - Symbols & Slogans about Liberty, Independence,
- Documents that Shaped & Governed and those that drove our nation to Rebellion - Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, Intolerable Acts, Navigation Acts
- Homeland defense by citizen soldiers - National Guard, Coast Guard
- Strong Relations & Aiding Those in Need - U.S. Diplomatic Corp, Kids Helping Kids, S.R./ SAR/DAR preservation of history & education.



Together we will discover how **FREEDOM'S THUNDER** shaped our nation. The siege of Yorktown in October 1781 shook the world, and finally and forever cast off the yoke of oppression for our new nation. We will partner with the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown in this 235th anniversary year of the Battle of Yorktown to create a hands-on educational curriculum based on the siege in their enhanced outdoor interpretive program. This project comes at a perfect time, due to our hosting of the annual Yorktown Victory celebration, which is an honor that C.A.R. is granted every fifteen years.

125th Continental Congress 2016

With Continental Congress coming up, 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.

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.

If you have any questions about the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ attempt email WorldRecord@nsdar.org

**Synopsis of the rules is below.

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 125th 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 125th 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 [125th 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.

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 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.** *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

DAR LIBRARY will be closed the week of Continental Congress. Only people registered for Continental Congress will be allowed to use the library during this week.

HAMILTON Jewelers is the Official Source for purchasing your DAR pins. 1-800-786-5890 or www.hamiltoninsignia.com

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PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE **June 2016**

Dear Daughters,

As the Young Administration comes to a close, I wish to express my gratitude to the many people who have contributed to its success. Our outstanding staff of 140 professionals has ensured that the operations of DAR run smoothly and professionally on a daily basis while maintaining high standards of customer service. It has been an honor to serve with the dedicated Executive Officers and National Parliamentarian, each of whom faithfully embraced her responsibilities with enthusiasm. The National Chairs have efficiently implemented the goals of the Administration and communicated them to the State Chairs.

However the important work of the Society is fulfilled at the chapter level and leadership of the chapter officers is vital to fulfilling our enduring mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism. Our Founders envisioned this Society as one of service. Challenged to record your volunteer hours, you have far exceeded the 3,000,000 hour goal with over 12,500,000 hours of community service. Chapters embraced the DAR Day of Service in celebration of NSDAR'S 125th anniversary and it is hoped it will become an annual tradition.

Guarding that which is committed to our trust, you have increased the Society's financial stability by your gifts to the Guardian Trust Endowment Fund. Thank you for your support to ensure a stable financial future for Tomorrow's DAR.

During the last three years I have traveled hundreds of thousands of miles, from sea to shining sea, and met tens of thousands of members throughout this country and in ten foreign countries. It is inspiring to meet so many devoted, enthusiastic women who are committed to making our country, and indeed our world, a better place for future generations. Serving as the 43rd President General has been the highest honor and I am grateful for that privilege. Thank you for the memories I shall cherish forever as we continue Honoring our Heritage, Focusing on the Future and Celebrating America!

Lynn F. Young
President General

Visit the President General's Blog for updates on happenings at National. 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!!!