



**September 2019**

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# *Falls of the Rappahannock*

## *Chapter NSDAR*



**September Meeting**

**Thursday, September 12 at 7pm**  
**Mary Washington House**  
**1200 Charles St,**  
**Fredericksburg, VA 22401**

**Mary Herring**  
**will present a program on the Mayflower**

## Message from our Regent

My DAR summer has been active and fulfilling. I can't wait to share with you all what I have learned and what has been planned for the coming year.

On July 13, along with 8 other chapter members, this officer attended the organizing meeting for our new District IX, where our own Susan Harvin was elected Vice Director! Congratulations Susan. Our new district is comprised of fabulous chapters that are in closer proximity to us. Since we are in a new district with new chapters, I would like to continue Susan's tradition of having a District Chapter Minute. One of our members would pick from the chapters listed below and share the meaning of that Chapter's name. If you would like to sign up to share about one of these chapters, please let me know.



Chantilly	Montross
Culpeper	Minute Men Culpeper
Fauquier	Court House Warrenton
Henricopolis	Tappahannock
Leedstown	Resolutions King George
Mine Run	Fredericksburg
Montpelier	Madison
Spotsylvania	Spotsylvania
Susannah Chandler	Locust Grove
Washington-Lewis	Fredericksburg

On July 19-20, this officer attended the 2019 Combined State Board of Management & Fall Forum Meeting - Summer Summit. This was our opportunity to learn all about the new administration. Our State Regent, Leann Turbyfill, has begun a monthly state newsletter. The first two editions contain great information about the coming years of her administration. I encourage you to read the newsletters here, July and August, so you can learn how Virginia Daughters will Enlighten, Enliven and Engage and Shine the Light of DAR over the next three years. Additionally, the new state public and members only website has launched. If you need the new password for this administration, please email me.

Finally, on August 3, the new board members met to plan the upcoming year. We have so many exciting programs and activities planned and we can't wait to share them with you. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for the chapter yearbook to be emailed and posted to the members only Facebook group and website.

I would also like to offer that if you are a chapter committee chair and you have any questions or want suggestions on how to be more involved, please call or email me. I am happy to help. I hope that you are having a fabulous summer and I very much look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of the year on September 12.

Best,

Alicia Hillmer  
Chapter Regent

FALLS OF THE  
RAPPAHANNOCK  
2019-2022  
VISION

*Flourish*

Bloom where  
you are planted

*Plant*

FOCUS ON COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH AND EFFECTIVELY  
TELLING OUR STORY

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1 event per quarter  
Corresponding press releases  
6 Virginia View articles

*Cultivate*

INVEST IN NEW AND  
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

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100 members  
New Member Tea  
Recognition

*Blossom*

DEVELOP NEW LEADERS FOR  
OUR CHAPTER AND  
THE SOCIETY

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Encourage mentorship  
3 New Horizons graduates  
5 new leaders

## **Flourish**

While our chapter officer terms are 1 year long, I will commit to three years of leadership for our chapter, if you aren't ready to fire me after the first year. □ My vision for the Falls of the Rappahannock chapter during my term as regent is for our chapter to flourish. The definition of flourish is to grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way, especially as the result of a particularly favorable environment. However, I want to change that up a bit for us. Change and progress comes from the things that we can control. I don't believe our environment – where we live and the people available to us – is something that we can change. So my definition of flourish is to “Bloom where you are planted,” a quote from the Bishop of Geneva, Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622). Bloom means to come into full beauty or health. So my theme of flourish is for us to grow, prosper, bloom regardless of our environment or the hand we are dealt. We take what we can control, and we run with it. The three overarching things we can do to make Falls of the Rappahannock a flourishing chapter is to plant, cultivate and blossom.

**Plant** – place a seed so it can grow

First, we are going to plant seeds of membership through more community outreach and by doing a more effective job of telling our story in the community and within our DAR circle.

**Cultivate** – apply oneself to improving or developing

Next, we are going to cultivate by investing in our new members and prospective members. We are going to do this by holding a New Members Tea this year, to welcome new and prospective members to our chapter and orient them with how they can get involved. I would also like to recognize our members, especially new ones, for the work they do for our chapter and not solely rely on the state or national to recognize them. Finally, I would like to shoot for 100 members total in our chapter by June 2022. We are currently at 79. I believe this is a very realistic goal with your help. If each member refers 1 person for membership, only about 1/4 of those would need to join to meet our goal. And that doesn't include new members from any other sources. Just 1.

**Blossom** – mature or develop in a promising or healthy way

Finally, we are going to bloom by developing our members by encouraging them to pursue leadership opportunities in our chapter and at the state and national levels..

We will encourage participation in the New Members and Horizons courses and look to develop 5 new leaders within the next 3 years. New, growing leadership in the chapter reduces burn out and promotes a sense of belonging, importance and loyalty which binds us all together in our common heritage and goals. If you are interested in taking the Members Course or New Horizons Course (both FREE) or if you would like to move into chapter leadership, please let me know.

I believe that striving to flourish through planting, cultivating and blossoming will help us recruit, train/mentor and retain members for many years to come.

**Chapter Regent Alicia Hillmer**

## Chapter Chat, cont.

### Chapter Committee Chairs

Would you like to serve as a chapter committee chair? We would love to have you! If you've never done it before and need more information, please let me know!

We are looking for chapter committee chair for the following committees. Please comment below if you would like 1 or more;

Americanism
DAR Genealogy Preservation
DAR Scholarship
DAR Literature
Preservation of Records

### Upcoming Events

Welsh Festival – October 5, 2019

October Meeting -- October 10, 2019

Stafford Fair – October 17-20, 2019

DAR Day of Service – Cooking Autism October 26, 2019

Patawomeck site November date TBD

Please bring the following to every meeting:

- Box tops
- Ink Cartridges
- Coupons
- Coke bottle caps

### **SERVICE to AMERICA!**

**Our Chapter hours donated total as of**

**August 31, 2019**

**980**

**Please remember to log your hours!**

**<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!

## Chapter Chat, cont.

### 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](mailto:sonja.k.johnson@gmail.com)

## Volunteers Needed

The Welsh Festival is on Oct 5 from 11-5 in front of the James Monroe Museum. We will be sharing a table with the C.A.R. If you can volunteer, please let me know. Even if you can only come for an hour or two it still helps. I am the Treasurer for the Welsh Society so will not be able to help out the chapter for this event. This is a fun time for all!! Hope to see you there. Myra

The Saluting Branches maintenance teams will once again be at the Quantico National Cemetery on Sept. 18. Susan Harvin is volunteering to serve lunch again this year and will be happy to take your donations up with her. They are in need of water and/or Gatorade. Please bring your donations to the meeting or email her to meet you somewhere to pick up.

Puppy UP Fredericksburg will be held on October 13, at Hurkamp Park in Fredericksburg, if you would like to sign up to help, please contact Sonja Johnson. More information will be handed out at the September meeting.

## October Meeting

October meeting is on the 10th at Anne Kline's House

Anne Kline and Donna Courtney will be hostesses

We will be playing!

### DAR Magazine Jeopardy!

Our program for our October meeting will be a friendly competition of Jeopardy. All of the questions/answers will come from the March/April 2017 issue of the DAR Magazine. Study up so you can lead your team to victory! You can access this magazine in the archives here: [http://services.dar.org/members/magazine\\_archive/download/?file=DARMAG\\_2017\\_03-04.pdf](http://services.dar.org/members/magazine_archive/download/?file=DARMAG_2017_03-04.pdf)

## Honor Flights

Hello Everyone!!

We are excited that our first flights of the Fall season are less than one month away, starting on September 7th!

### 9/6- FRIDAY

1. **San Antonio de Valero Honor Flight (TX)**

Arrive: **BWI**

Depart: **9/7 5:50PM (3:30 PM Return to Airport)**

**Colleen**

20 Veterans / 50 Guardians

### 9/7- SATURDAY

2. **North Country Honor Flight (NY)**

Arrive: **11:11 AM**

Depart: **7:00PM (5:00 PM Return to Airport)**

**Colleen**

15 Veterans / 15 Guardians

**Signups are LIVE on our website, and can be found HERE.**

We can't wait to see you out at the airport!! Come greet our greatest Heroes with us!!!

# District IX

The new District IX will be comprised of chapters previously in Districts II, V, and VI and includes the chapters listed in the chart below.

Chapter	City of Organization
Chantilly	Montross
Culpeper Minute	Culpeper
Falls of the Rappahannock	Falmouth
Fauquier Court House	Warrenton
Henricopolis	Tappahannock
Leedstown Resolutions	King George
Mine Run	Rhodesville
Montpelier	Madison
Spotsylvania	Spotsylvania
Susannah Chandler	Locust Grove
Washington-Lewis	Fredericksburg



Our new District Officers. Congratulations to Susan Harvin on being elected Vice Director.

# President General's Message

September 2019

Dear Daughters,

Our entire team hopes that your DAR year is off to a productive and enjoyable start. If you have not already done so, take time to review the exciting programs that our committees have prepared to guide our work during this administration. You can find them on the DAR Members' Website within the committee pages. Or, you may find a big-picture overview of all of our ambitious programs by reviewing the 2019 National Information Packet, which was mailed to your Chapter Regent and is available for all to access on the DAR Members' Website.



In particular, I hope that your chapter has made plans to complete a substantive local project as part of our National DAR Day of Service, on or near our anniversary of October 11. This is not only a wonderful team-building opportunity, but it's also a superb way to demonstrate within your local community the value and vibrancy of membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

During my 30 years of active involvement with DAR, I have marveled at the breadth of our accomplishments—and the relevancy of our work. There is truly something for everyone in Today's DAR! Want to welcome new citizens? Sponsor a Naturalization Ceremony through our Americanism Committee. Perhaps your call to service comes in supporting active duty service personnel or America's veterans? Support the DAR Project Patriot or Service to Veterans committees. If the environment interests you, we've had a Conservation Committee for more than a century. I guarantee that we can help you find your passion.

The important thing is to RISE up in service to your community and then SHINE by using both traditional and social media to illustrate our mission. This is how we will change the public's frequent misperception that we are insular, outdated and inactive. We need to write our own story through active, visible and relevant work on behalf of a mission that matters more than ever before.

We have set a goal of amassing at least 10 million hours of service during our administration. Be sure to count and report your hours on the DAR Members' Website so that we can demonstrate the impact of our combined commitment.

Following our installation in Washington, D.C., at the close of Continental Congress, I challenged the members in attendance to "think big" about the future of DAR. I urge you to do the same within your own chapter. Let us shake off doubt and complacency and aim for the stars. As we prepare to celebrate America's 250th birthday in a few short years, we must ready our National Society to be the most vibrant service organization open to America's patriotic women. Will you, too, accept this challenge?

Denise Doring VanBuren  
President General

# Geneology

## THE CENSUS TAKER

It was the first day of census, and all through the land;  
The pollster was ready ... a black book in hand.  
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;  
His book and some quills were tucked close by his side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there;  
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting, up through the air.  
The woman was tired, with lines on her face;  
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.

She gave him some water ... as they sat at the table;  
And she answered his questions ... the best she was able.  
He asked of her children... Yes, she had quite a few;  
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red;  
his sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.  
She noted each person who lived there with pride;  
And she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age...  
The marks from the quill soon filled up the page.  
At the number of children, she nodded her head;  
And saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.

The places of birth she "never forgot";  
Was it Kansas? or Utah? or Oregon ... or not?  
They came from Scotland, of that she was clear;  
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;  
They could read some, and write some ... though really not much.  
When the questions were answered, his job there was done;  
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;  
"May God bless you all for another ten years."  
Now picture a time warp ... its' now you and me;  
As we search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census and scroll down so slow;  
As we search for that entry from long, long ago.  
Could they only imagine on that long ago day;  
That the entries they made would effect us this way?

If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;  
And the searching that makes them so increasingly real.  
We can hear if we listen the words they impart;  
Through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

Author: Darlene Stevens

# Service to America Opportunities

From Anne Kline:

I will collect supplies each meeting and distribute to the Stafford, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Animal Shelters. Old towels were number one on the requested items list.

I volunteer at the Stafford Animal Shelter and there is such a need for volunteers. It can be as easy as coming in for 30 minutes to play with the cats or take a dog out in the enclosure for some one on one love.

Volunteers must fill out an application and have it notarized and allow a simple background check before getting on the volunteer list.

All hours can be logged in at the DAR website for credit.

## ANIMAL DONATIONS

Large Rawhides	Large Nyla Bones	Cat Toys
Dog Toys: stuffed or durable	Cardboard Scratch posts	Plastic litter boxes
Plastic Cage Crock for Dogs (L & S)	Soft Treats	Small Cat Beds
Grain Free Dog Food (Hard & Soft)	Grain Free Cat Food "	Purina Kitten Food
Collars & Leashes	Small animal treats for rabbits, hamsters & guinea pigs	Kong's: lg and XL
Non-Clumping Cat Litter	Arm & Hammer Litter Deodorizer	Laundry Detergent
Hand Sanitize	Fabulosity, Original Pine-Sol or any floor cleaner	Towels
Blankets	Newspaper	Shampoo
Flea & Tick Treatment		

*A house without books is like a room without windows.*

**Collecting Children's' books new or gently used. Please contact Sonja Johnson for more information or to drop off books**

QuotesPanel.com

*Horace Mann*



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SWEATERS  
ALL ADULT SIZES ACCEPTED

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Fredericksburg, Virginia  
Post 3103**

Will be collecting at September, October, November meetings.

## DAR Day of Service Project - October 26th at 9am

This year, our service project will benefit an organization called Cooking Autism, an amazing organization in our community that is doing big things. Founded by Morgan and April Burch with money won from a radio contest, this program will reach 54 classrooms in our area this year. Here is more information on their incredible story:

[https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Contest-Winner-Turns-Down-Free-Car\\_Washington-DC-452166653.html](https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Contest-Winner-Turns-Down-Free-Car_Washington-DC-452166653.html)

[https://www.fredericksburg.com/conway-elementary-perfects-recipe-for-success-with-cooking-autism-program/article\\_8f905920-3d90-5fec-9e12-4f0b270e1d81.html](https://www.fredericksburg.com/conway-elementary-perfects-recipe-for-success-with-cooking-autism-program/article_8f905920-3d90-5fec-9e12-4f0b270e1d81.html)

<https://fredericksburg.today/2019/07/27/two-scholarships-announced-by-cooking-autism/>

Their biggest fundraiser is their bingo event that will be held November 15th at Conway Elementary School. It was a smashing success last year, so they will hold it again and expect 600 people to attend. Our project will be to help stuff the 600 bags for their participants. If we have time, we may also create t-shirt's for their volunteers. We will meet on Saturday, October 26 at 9am at the Howell library. A sign up sheet will be available at the September and October meetings. A sign up genius will be available soon as well.



# Children of the American Revolution

2019-2020 State Theme: "The Roar of the Revolution"

2019-2020 State Project: Restoration of the Bell at St. John's Church, Richmond



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The Virginia C.A.R. will raise funds for the St. John's Church Foundation to restore a now dormant 1850 Meneely bell in need of great repair. The funds raised by the V.S.C.A.R. will pay for the replacement of crucial parts of the bell and its supports, and rust removal. Any extra funds will go to a maintenance plan to ensure that the bell is well taken care of into the future.

St. John's Church in Richmond was the site of the Second Virginia Convention where Patrick Henry gave his "Give me Liberty or Give me Death!" speech.

When the restoration is complete, the bell will ring once more with the sound of Liberty! Every time you hear it you will reflect with pride on the accomplishments of the Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution and the part you played in it.

Fundraising goal: \$10,000

