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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



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Photo courtesy of Susan Harvin

April Chapter Meeting*

10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 14

Followed by the

Youth Recognition Luncheon

Regester Chapel United Methodist Church,

85 Bells Hill Rd, Stafford VA

*** Joint Meeting with Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society**

CHAPTER CHAT

Our Chapter will be electing new officers at the April Meeting:
Meeting is held prior to the luncheon. Officers will be elected that day.

Please arrive by 10 a.m.



April dates to remember

April 1— Easter

April 3—100th Anniversary of The American's
Creed

April 13 – Thomas Jefferson Born (1743)

April 15 – Congress ratifies peace with Great Brit-
ain (1783)

April 19 – American Revolution begins (1775)

April 21—Earth Day celebration at Old Mill Park,
Fredericksburg VA

April 22—Earth Day

SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated total as of March 31 2018

129

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

Member Recognition



FOTR Chapter Vice Regent, **Alicia Hillmer** has had her paper published in the March/April edition of The Town Crier Newsletter.

“The Rise and Fall of the Colonial Port of Dumfries: An Unpreventable Misfortune”

Driving through Dumfries, Virginia today, one would never guess that the town was once a bustling colonial port similar to Boston, New York and Philadelphia. The longest continually chartered town in Virginia located on Quantico Creek off the Potomac River, the colonial port of Dumfries was a promising center of commerce, politics and society. 1 Due to the booming tobacco trade, Dumfries was an economically prosperous waterfront community. That economic prosperity brought with it political prominence as well as high society. However, following the Revolutionary War, Dumfries began to decline, meanwhile other towns along the Potomac River flourished. The town leaders and merchants did all they could to save the struggling community. Unfortunately, their efforts were in vain. The same reasons for her rise are the exact reasons for her fall: economy, politics and society. The ruin of the once prosperous bustling port was unavoidable. [\(continued\)](#)

Congratulations to our very dedicated FOTR Registrar **Myra Hendrix Pilling Wiggins** for being named Volunteer Genealogist of the Year at VADAR State Conference.



FOTR Historian, **Sonja Johnson** was invited by NSDAR President General Ann Dillon and has accepted to serve on the House - Tiers Sections A - D Committee during the 127th Continental Congress, June 20 - June 24, 2018, Constitution Hall, Washington, DC

The American's Creed

100th Anniversary

"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my Country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

Historical Notes: The American's Creed was a result of a nationwide contest for writing a National Creed, which would be a brief summary of the American political faith founded upon things fundamental in American history and tradition. The contest was the idea of Henry Sterling Chapin, Commissioner of Education of New York State. Over three thousand entries were received, and William Tyler Page was declared to be the winner. James H. Preston, the mayor of Baltimore, presented an award to Page in the House of Representatives Office Building on April 3, 1918. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the commissioner of education of the state of New York accepted the Creed for the United States, and the proceedings relating to the award were printed in the Congressional Record of April 13, 1918. It was a time when patriotic sentiments were very much in vogue. The United States had been a participant in World War I only a little over a year at the time the Creed was adopted.

The author of the American's Creed, William Tyler Page, was a descendant of John Page, who had come to America in 1650 and had settled in Williamsburg, Virginia. Another ancestor, Carter Braxton, had signed the Declaration of Independence. Still another ancestor, John Tyler, was the tenth president of the United States. William Tyler Page had come to Washington at the age of thirteen to serve as a Capitol Page. Later he became an employee of the Capitol building and served in that capacity for almost sixty-one years. In 1919 he was elected clerk of the House. Thirteen years later, when the Democrats again became a majority party, they created for Page the office of minority clerk of the House of Representatives. He held this position for the remainder of his life.

Referring to the Creed, Page said: "It is the summary of the fundamental principles of the American political faith as set forth in its greatest documents, its worthiest traditions, and its greatest leaders." His wording of the Creed used passages and phrases from the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and Daniel Webster's reply to Robert Y. Hayne in the Senate in 1830.

Upcoming Honor Flights

April 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

Dear Daughters,

It is officially Spring, although Colorado has snow on the ground and I have yet to see a tulip! Visiting State Conference is one of the best things about serving as your President General. We have the most amazing members and I enjoy hearing about the work you are doing for your communities. You make a difference! I am eager to welcome you to 1776 D Street NW for the 127th Continental Congress.* The Tentative Congress Schedule is now published and the Congress App can be downloaded or refreshed if you used it previously. We will continue to share more information online.



On May 1 we will join the New York State Officers Club, Jennifer Minus, President, at West Point to rededicate the Margaret Corbin* Monument and celebrate Margaret's legacy and valor. Many of you may recall that in December we learned that the remains of Revolutionary War heroine Margaret Corbin are not buried in the West Point Cemetery as had been believed for the past 92 years following a DAR led effort to reinter her with full military honors in 1926 (learn more: www.dar.org/MargaretCorbin). We invite those of you who may be interested to join us for the ceremony!

The DAR Museum Gallery* is near completion and will be ready to welcome guests this summer with an exhibition of recently acquired items. The new gallery and study area will provide more flexible exhibit spaces and provide visitors new ways of engaging with the DAR Museum collections. The study area will allow visitors to view objects in greater detail and will remain open, even as exhibits are changed.

Does your chapter know of a classroom that could benefit from a \$500 grant? Learn more about the Junior Membership Classroom Grants* and help them apply. Last year, fifty-one \$500 grants were awarded to classroom teachers impacting more than 10,000 students nationwide.

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 little known nuggets of facts along with members' announcements. It should be your "go to" source!

Your membership not only provides many ways to give back to your community, it also connects you to the history of America. As you find your lineage, consider researching the historical context of your ancestor's life. They are not just names, dates and places, they were living citizens and their lives were unique. Get to know them!

Moving Forward in Service to America,
Ann Turner Dillon
President General

Ferry Farm

Birding Tour of Ferry Farm

Saturday, May 5

7:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Join members of the Fredericksburg Birding Club for a morning walk through the Ferry Farm grounds during spring migration. Participants will see birds that are passing through, as well as those who have arrived at Ferry Farm for the summer. Bring your own binoculars.



Cost: Regular admission; \$9 adults, \$4.50 students

Reservations required. For more information and reservations, please call (540) 370-0732 ext. 24 or email hayes@gwffoundation.org.

Historic Kenmore Plantation



In 1929, The Garden Club of Virginia raised funds to restore the Kenmore gardens. Kenmore was the inspiration and first beneficiary of Historic Garden Week in Virginia . Beginning in 1992, The Garden Club of Virginia undertook another extensive redesigning and replanting of Kenmore's gardens. Without precise archival and archaeological data, the landscape that has been created is conjectural. In early garden plans, landscape architects Charles Gillette and Alden Hopkins treated the west front of the house as a tree-covered lawn in the 18th-century manner. The rear of the property was planted to a four-square garden edged in boxwood.

In later planning, by landscape architect Rudy Favretti, a major goal was to feature 18th-century and native plant material. In 1992, a Wilderness Walk was added to the southwest corner of the property. The creation of Wilderness Walks, containing native American plants, was popular in the 18th century.

The Virginia Historical Society holds the papers of the Garden Club of VA.

Retrieved from: <http://www.kenmore.org/kenmore/gardens.html>

Upcoming Events Around Fredericksburg

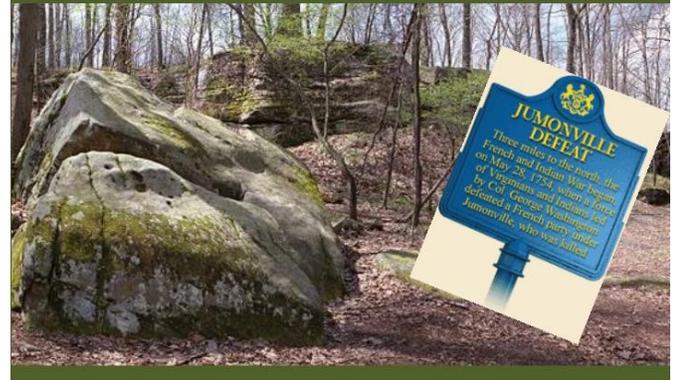
American Revolution Round Table of Fredericksburg

6:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 11th.

James R. (Rusty) Neal, PhD, will address the American Revolution Round Table of Fredericksburg on "Jumonville Glen: The Skirmish That Changed the World," a study of George Washington's involvement in the beginnings of the French and Indian War.

Central Rappahannock Regional Library headquarters theatre, 1201 Caroline St. Free. Light refreshments. Contact Jim Davis at JamesDavisW@aol.com or 540/899-3836.

Jumonville Glen



Our Earth Day event on April 21st will begin at 11AM but setup should start by 9AM.

Volunteers are still needed,

please email Susan Harvin if you are available.

For our Earth Day vendor event we will be needing donations of:

Biodegradable seed cups, bagged soil and non GMO seeds.

Please bring items to the April meeting or make arrangements for pick up.



DAR Museum Events

Museum Tuesday Talk: Sandwich Island Samplers

Tuesday, April 10, 2018



Hear the story behind two Hawaiian samplers recently acquired by the DAR Museum (Hawaii was named "the Sandwich Islands" by explorer Captain Cook). Both were made in schools founded by American missionaries, one by the daughter of missionaries and the other by a native Hawaiian girl at a missionary boarding school. The samplers— one in English, the other in Hawaiian— tell a story of two very different lives and the intersection of cultures, 50 years before the United States "annexed" Hawaii and 100 years before statehood. The samplers will be on view in the exhibit in the newly renovated museum gallery.

Speaker: Alden O'Brien, Curator of Costume and Textiles, DAR Museum

DAR Library Genealogy Series: Asian American Genealogy

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

10AM, DAR Headquarters

More information coming soon!

Historical Tea

Saturday, April 21

12:00-2:00

\$43, advance tickets required

Tickets sales begin March 21

Come prepared to celebrate women authors of the 19th century! This year marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. From Jane Austen to Charlotte Perkins Gilman, women have contributed much to the literary canon. Join us for an afternoon tea with finger sandwiches and pastries.

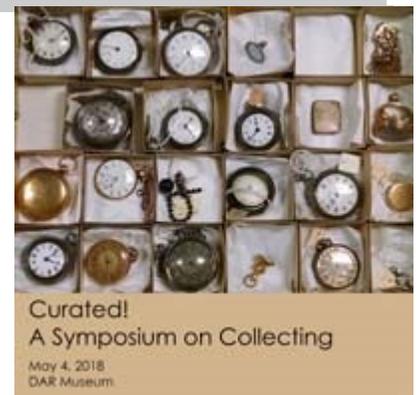


Curated! A Symposium on Collecting

Friday, May 4

\$75; \$55 student

Through this symposium, the museum hopes to foster professional and academic dialogue about the decorative arts, collecting, and why we do what we do. In particular we will be examining various aspects of collecting. What do we collect? Why? How do we determine what to save, and what to discard? Who decides what is valuable enough to save? What kinds of "value" do we place on objects?



Committee Spotlight

Children of the American Revolution—Kirsten Marshall, Chairman

**"Good citizens cannot be made suddenly. They must grow..." Harriett Mulford Lothrop
Founder of The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, April 5, 1895**

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution embraces this sentiment as it trains young people in citizenship, leadership, and love for America and its heritage.

The goal of the Children of the American Revolution Committee is to provide leadership, guidance, and support to C.A.R. members as they grow into responsible citizens.

DAR members who are 22 years of age or older have the opportunity to play an active role as senior leaders for C.A.R. The experience of mentoring a young person and seeing them develop self-confidence and leadership is one of life's most rewarding experiences.



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Committee Spotlight

Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission, Executive Board

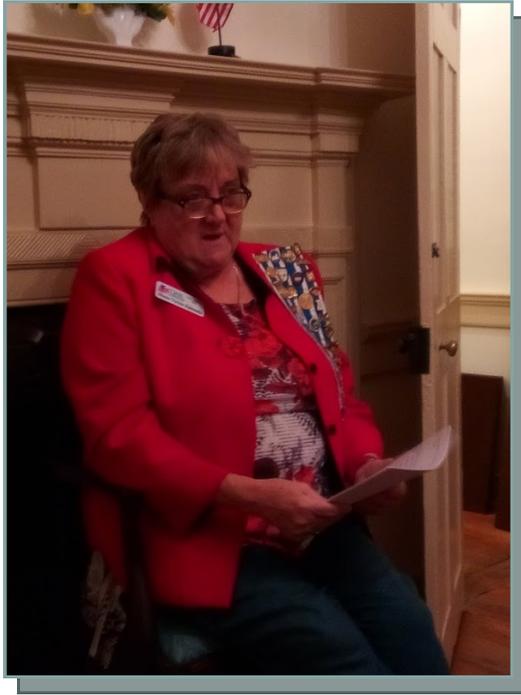
The CDRC: Attract * Inspire * Mentor!

The mission of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission (CDRC) is to coordinate the combined efforts of the Organizing Secretary General, Registrar General, and the national chairs of the Membership, Lineage Research, and Volunteer Genealogists committees. Collectively, we A*I*M to Attract, Inspire and Mentor! The goal of A*I*M is to assist states and chapters to attract new member growth, inspire all members to participate more fully in DAR activities, and mentor members to strengthen their skills and knowledge of DAR.

Characteristics of vigorous chapters include:

- meetings and/or programs are to the point and consistently on time
- regent conducts meetings from a scripted agenda and follows parliamentary procedures
- members contact the regent with questions before or after the meetings
- meeting attendance average is the same or higher than it was last year
- executive board meets regularly
- has a web page which is updated periodically
- is friendly and greets everyone at meetings
- membership is more than last year and/or has new members
- has a team to assist prospective members complete their applications
- consistently strives to have many new officers who have not served previously
- provides opportunities for new members to be chairs and officers
- participates in community activities outside of chapter meetings
- members have other avenues for social gatherings
- members attend and invite new members to attend state meetings
- believes that there is always something new to learn, encourages members to watch the DAR webinars, provides new member orientations and member trainings about varied topics has spark, energy and enthusiasm, tries new ideas shared by members or other chapters!

March Meeting Highlights



Chapter Program : The American's Creed, was expertly given by Diane Victor Zalenski





Children of the American Revolution

This coming month is National Convention and numerous SLB Society members will be attending. We have 2 members running for National Office. Mackie Storage is running for 1 Vice President and Kirsten Marshall is running for National Chaplain.

Two Surgeon Lawrence Brooke members were elected to State Office at the Conference in March.

Mackenzie Marshall is the new State Chaplain and Catie Wasenko is the new State Recording Secretary.

Congratulations to all of you!!!



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

C.A.R. has something for everyone: little kids, big kids, and adults too...

- Offers state, regional, and national gatherings to meet new people from coast to coast, many of whom become lifelong friends
- Teaches effective meeting conduct and parliamentary procedure
- Offers fun, family educational experiences
- Offers opportunities to learn about history while creating history
- Builds confidence in meeting people, public speaking, leadership, etiquette, and much more
- Trains good citizens by participation on the local, state, regional, and national levels
- Builds a resume of activities and responsibilities

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution, founded in 1895, is the oldest patriotic youth organization in our country. Membership is open to descendants of patriots of the American Revolution.

Members gain valuable leadership experience in conducting meetings, following parliamentary procedures and standard protocol, serving as delegates and speaking before groups at local, state and national conferences. The responsibility and privilege of selecting officers helps members gain an understanding of the democratic process. Encourage someone you know to join C.A.R. today!

Falls of the Rappahannock is a sponsoring chapter for Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society. If you would like more information please contact Donna Sayre (DSayreDAR@gmail.com, Alicia Hillmer (alicia7183@msn.com) or Myra Wiggins (myrawigDAR@gmail.com)

Health Awareness

Blood clots do not discriminate. They can and do affect everyone: From children to senior citizens, professional athletes to mothers, women and men. No one is immune.

Each year, more people die due to blood clots than AIDS, breast cancer, and motor vehicle accidents combined. Yet, despite these facts, study after study has shown that fewer than one in four people have any recognition of blood clots or their signs and symptoms.

Without this knowledge, people may not receive help until it is too late. Blood clots are life-threatening, but they can be prevented in many cases, simply by sharing essential information with the people you know.

The good news is, you can help prevent blood clots by sharing life-saving information with your family and friends through your social media networks. Whether you have experienced a dangerous blood clot yourself, or know someone who has, you can make a difference by sharing important information about blood clot risks, signs and symptoms, and prevention.

Signs and Symptoms of Blood Clots



SYMPTOMS OF A BLOOD CLOT IN THE **LUNG** MAY INCLUDE:

DIFFICULTY BREATHING, CHEST PAIN THAT
WORSENS WITH A DEEP BREATH, COUGHING,
OR COUGHING UP BLOOD, FASTER THAN
NORMAL OR IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT

www.stoptheclot.org

#raiseyourvoice #raiseawareness



Celebrate the DAR's Commitment to Literacy Promotion

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Falls of the Rappahannock DAR Chapter will be sponsoring the Rappahannock Adult Education Graduation ceremony on May 24th at 7pm. Along with those who will be receiving their GED, there will be some who have passed their Citizenship Test.

A SIGNUP GENIUS will be emailed to all members asking for the following:

Cookies/Bars/Desserts

Fruit/Veggie Tray

Paper plates/napkins/plastic utensils/cups

Bottled Water

Punch/Punch Bowl

Ice

Balloons/decorations

Flowers: corsages/boutonnieres (there isn't enough funding for caps and gowns so they have requested flowers to distinguish the graduates from others in the audience).

Their colors are Blue and White.

They will also need help setting up and seating the guests.

The LCpl. Caleb John Powers Young Marines have been asked to participate as the color guard for the ceremony.

More information to follow.