



November 2018

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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



November meeting

November 8, 2018

7pm

WW1 Battle of Verdun

Speaker: Donna Sayre

Regester Chapel

85 Bells Hill Rd

Stafford, VA

Hostesses: Susan Harvin and Sonja Johnson

Chapter Chat

Dear Chapter Members,

Please remember to complete the 2018 Activities Report that was attached to the October newsletter and submit it at the December Chapter meeting or by email to SRHarvin@msn.com. The report is for your activities January 2018 thru December 2018.

Please also enter your volunteer service hours into the Service to America tally on the DAR online website.

Thanks to everyone for participating in this activity.

Happy November,

Susan

Hostesses

NEEDED!

We are in need of hostesses for the following months:

March—need 1

May—need 2

If you have any extra greeting cards at home, please bring them to the next meeting.

SERVICE to AMERICA!

**Our Chapter hours donated total as of September 30 ,
2018**

1632

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!

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

Congratulations to Vice Regent Alicia Hillmer for being elected as Falls of The Rappahannock Chapter's Outstanding Junior of the Year.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 2—Martha Newton

Nov 4—Emily Churchill

Nov 16—Stacey Churchill

Nov 17—Katherine Brandon

Nov 26—Katherine Mulder

Nov 26—Irene Burrus

Nov 27—Courtney Fern

Nov 28—Myrrh Caplin

Nov 30— Margaret Synan



Dear District V Regents,

It is that time of year again when we start looking for volunteers to staff the Exhibits Room at State Conference in March. This is a great opportunity for District V Daughters to serve.

Volunteers will greet members, help State Chairs distribute handouts in District mail bags, assist DAR Schools Committee with sales, and help with clean up on Saturday afternoon. Three volunteers per shift are needed on Friday and Saturday; two volunteers are needed on Thursday. The exhibits will be in the (TBA ~ to be announced room) Chapter Regents are welcome to volunteer just be sure it doesn't conflict with business sessions or your other duties. All volunteers receive a certificate of recognition.

Please forward this to your members attending State Conference and ask interested volunteers to contact Susan Postle with their first and second choice of shifts, cell phone number, email and chapter. Susan's contact information is: susanp.dar@gmail.com or (571) 228-8166.

Thursday, March 14 (Assist with set up)

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday, March 15

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Closed During Memorial Service (2:00 to 3:30)

*3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

(note: 3:00 pm or as soon as the Memorial Service ends)

Saturday, March 16

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Assist with Clean Up; will probably be finished by 5:00)

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Respectfully,

Susan A. Postle

Exhibits Room Chair

susanp.dar@gmail.com

571.228.8166

Chapter—Participation

Falls of the Rappahannock's October Service Project was a huge success: We donated enough items for 3 Humane Societies. Thank you to everyone that donated.



Old Dominion Humane Society
Stafford Human Society
Stafford SPCA



President General's Message

November 2018

Dear Daughters,

The National DAR Day of Service in October, commemorating the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is always inspiring. I read about the many projects you completed throughout this country and overseas, and I was very excited to see how creative and dedicated you are. Thank you for all you do! Be sure to read about the many chapter projects on the DAR Webpage and remember to add your volunteer hours to the Service to America Online Tally.

Many of us will be traveling to the Southern Caribbean islands as we sail from San Juan, Puerto Rico, in November to discover what part these islands played in our nation's fight for independence. We will visit such ports as St. Kitts, where the Battle of Frigate Bay took place in 1782; St. Lucia, which apparently bounced between British and French control often during the 18th century; and Barbados, to see the house where George Washington lived with his half-brother Lawrence in 1751. We have scheduled lectures on the islands' history and also one focusing on Spanish Patriots. Daily recaps will be posted on the Today's DAR Blog once we return.

As we enter this busy holiday season, I hope you will take time out of your day to reflect on the many things for which we can be thankful. Thanksgiving, and celebrating the fall harvest, is often lost between Halloween and Christmas, but for me it is probably the most important holiday of the year. It is a time for gratitude, and a time to turn my focus on the things that really matter. I challenge you this year to start a Thanksgiving journal and record daily at least one thing that has meaning for you. I am thankful for our Patriot ancestors who had the courage and conviction to fight for the right to self-govern, and for you, their descendants, who make a difference in this nation every day.

The DAR Christmas Open House will be held on December 5, 2018, this year. If you are in Washington, D.C., during this time, please plan to attend. It is one of the most festive occasions we host! Memorial Continental Hall is beautifully decorated, thanks to our tireless Property Beautification and Hospitality Committee. Refreshments are served, music and carolers provide entertainment, and, of course, Santa attends to visit with the children. Some states bring a bus for members to enjoy the evening, and some Daughters even plan ahead to fly or drive just for the celebration. I hope to see you there.

This is the final year for the Dillon Administration, and I look forward to visiting states in the east as we continue Moving Forward in Service to America and beyond.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference. Let us keep Moving Forward in Service to America and beyond.

Ann Turner Dillon

President General

October's Meeting

Thank you to Brenda for a very interesting & enjoyable program, to Chapter members for all the donations for our service project, to Anne & Donna for the delicious refreshments. Thank you Anne for your great hospitality.



DAR Museum Events

November 13, 2018

DAR Museum Tuesday Talk: From Maps to Mermaids: Carved Powder Horns in Early America

12:00-1:00pm

Free, drop-in



Few objects from colonial America had such a personal connection to their owners as the powder horns used by soldiers, settlers, and American Indians to store the gunpowder necessary for their survival. In a world where firearms were necessary tools, the powder horn—made from the lightweight and hollow horn of a cow—served as the constant companion of thousands of frontier residents. While many were quite plain, hundreds, if not thousands, were carved with names, dates, maps, and a variety of purely whimsical figures, offering tantalizing clues about their owners and times in which they lived.

Highlighting examples from the DAR Museum collection as well as those displayed in the recent Fort Pitt Museum exhibition, *From Maps to Mermaids: Carved Powder Horns in Early America*, this presentation will explore the historical and artistic significance of these fascinating early American artifacts.

Speaker: Mike Burke, Exhibit Specialist, Fort Pitt Museum

DAR Museum Featured Object

This 1851 portrait commemorates angelic young brothers John Daniel Parsons, Stephen Albert Parsons and Nathaniel H. Parsons. The children are dressed in the height of mid-19th-century finery, with four-year-old John Daniel (left) in a brown jacket trimmed with a black, pleated ruffle collar and cuffs. The youngest, two-year-old Stephen Albert (center), wears a long-sleeved turquoise dress fastened down the front with white buttons and topped with a narrow, lace-edged collar. On the right, three-year-old Nathaniel dons a dark green jacket with a white collar visible above its black collar.



Harriet Robinson Parsons, the boys' mother, died three days after the birth of her youngest son, and the boys' aunt and uncle, John and Apphia Parsons, took custody of the children. Aunt Apphia commissioned the painting of the fair-haired, rosy-cheeked, chubby children for their father. According to her account book, Apphia paid artist John Hillman \$18 for his work. The painting was donated to the DAR Museum by the great-granddaughter of Stephen Albert Parsons, Karen Reese.

October Happenings with the Chapter

FOTR member Anne Kline is a descendant of those buried at the Thornton, Forbes and Washington Family Cemetery (yes, THAT Washington family) in Fredericksburg. Donna Courtney and unsuspecting friend, Deb Troen came along too. What a delightful day of work but the best part was the history and laughter we shared!



October Happenings with the Chapter, cont.

Commemorative Service for Dr George French and his wife, Anne B French at the Masonic Cemetery in Fredericksburg. What a fascinating history lesson and an amazing tour of Lodge #4! Let me just say our lovely Regent does a wonderful job of representing our Chapter





WOODLAWN PLANTATION

Dear VADAR Leaders,

Congratulations on the role you are taking in furthering the impact of DAR on our beautiful state of Virginia. Let me introduce myself. I am the past regent of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter located in Alexandria Virginia. We meet very close to Woodlawn Plantation. When the chairmanship for the Woodlawn Committee opened, I gladly took the chairmanship. I love the Plantation, its connection with George and Martha Washington and its role in preserving and highlighting the various needlework arts. It has a well-deserved reputation for its Needlework Show held annually in March.

Woodlawn is one of five VADAR shrines. As such, it is on the VADAR annual questionnaire. Donations, both chapter and personal, count for points on the CMR. Please consider Woodlawn and the other VADAR shrines for support when you are deciding your chapter's community service donations this year. Also, make note of any volunteer hours spent working at the Needlework show or supporting the other shrines.

Although many plan their visits to Woodlawn around the show, Woodlawn has much more to offer. It is beautifully decorated in period furniture and the gardens, which are always evolving, are a highly sought after site for weddings and parties. Looking forward, as well as to the past, Woodlawn has become an art gallery with exhibits from local artists who are descended from former residents of the plantation.

It is the gardens in which I hope VADAR can assist. With only a year to go, I am offering voices for a new Modern quilt. Entitled Over and Under, it is made of 100% cotton batiks in blue, purple and green. It measures 61 x 77 inches. Tickets will be sold at the 2018 Fall Forum and 2019 State Conference and will be awarded at the State Conference. Look for the quilt and the tickets at the Woodlawn display at both conferences.

Kathryn Gray

Woodlawn Standing Committee

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Judy Letchworth
State Chair for Yorktown Custom House
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Thank you to all the members of Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution for your continuing support of the Yorktown Custom House. Drawing for this exclusive Yorktown Egg and chain will be at Virginia State Conference in March 2019. Be sure to come see me for your voices. I will take requests via email or snail mail if you can't get to Fall Forum or the State Conference. Don't miss out!



Yorktown Monument and Yorktown Onion Design

Exclusive Issue.....1 of 40!

Voices for DAR Yorktown Egg

1 for \$5.00

3 for \$10.00

CHECKS TO: STATE TREASURER, VADAR



DUES NOTICE 2018-2019
Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter, NSDAR

Member: _____

X all additional
that you choose

2018-2019 Dues.....\$60.00

PG Project donation ** 7.50

DAR Magazine (optional)..... 18.00

Chapter Name Tag (optional)..... 5.00

2018-2019 Chapter Yearbook optional hard
copy.....2.00

Donation to chapter (optional).... _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

**** PG Project donation can be paid as \$2.50 over the 3 year term or all at once at any time during the term.**

Return this form, with your check payable to Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter NDAR (FOTR NSDAR), to:

Donna Sayre, Treasurer FOTR NSDAR, PO Box 416, Stafford, VA 22555-0416



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

I, *(please print full name neatly)* _____,
hereby grant permission to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR),
including any of its chapters or state societies, to publish photos/images/videos including my name or
the name of my child in press releases and/or other materials either in print or electronic format for
purposes deemed appropriate by the NSDAR.

I am signing this release form with the knowledge that any photos/images/videos posted
electronically and in press releases can be downloaded and reprinted by news organizations, individuals
and others including print, electronic, and broadcast media, and I, therefore, release the NSDAR from
any liability arising from use of my or my child's photos/images/videos in web postings.

I further understand that if I wish to rescind this agreement, I may do so at any time by sending a
letter to NSDAR. I further understand that already published photos/images/videos cannot be recalled.
The requested rescission will take effect upon receipt of the notification.

If applicable, name of minor child: _____
(PRINT NAME)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NSDAR CONTACT INFORMATION		
Name of Contact:	<input type="text"/>	
Phone No.	<input type="text"/>	E-mail <input type="text"/>

Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter Survey for Activities – January 1, 2018 – December 2018

Please enter your service to America information on line – this questionnaire is for the CMR

Did you participate in a Naturalization Ceremony? _____ How many? _____

How many days this year did you fly the American Flag? _____

VIRGINIA - Did you visit any of the DAR Shrines this year?

_____ Yorktown _____ Stratford Hall _____ Kenmore _____ Woodlawn Plantation

AMERICAN HERITAGE - Did you participate in any of the following events? Please explain.

Fine Arts _____

Crafts _____

Music _____

Literature or Dramatic Arts _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE – how many volunteer hours did you perform/volunteer in the following areas?

*Causes such as Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society, Red Cross Blood Donations, etc. _____

*Homeless shelter or soup kitchens _____

*Handicapped children or adults _____

*Crisis or assistance hotlines _____

*Assisting at Blood Drives _____

*Schools _____

*Hospitals _____

*Church (education, governance, shut-ins, etc) _____

*Local cultural organizations and associations _____

*Docent hours at DAR Museum _____

*Scouting programs _____

*Reading to youth _____

*Other volunteer groups _____

DAR MAGAZINE – American Spirit Magazine/Newsletter.-Do you subscribe to the Magazine? _____

CHAPLAIN

*How many cards were send to members for illness/bereavement? _____

*How many cards were sent to members for birthdays? _____

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Do you.....

Recycle or compost_____

Conserve water using rain barrels_____

Control phantom electricity by unplugging electrical items when not in use_____

Participate in Earth Day/Arbor Day Events_____

Plant pollinator gardens or use native plants in your home landscape_____

DAR SCHOOL

How much has you contributed to the following schools?

DAR School	Labels	Box Tops	Clothing	Other Items	Money
<u>Kate Duncan Smith</u>					
<u>Tamassee</u>					
<u>Berry College</u>					
<u>Crossnore School</u>					
<u>Hillside School</u>					
<u>Hindman Settlement</u>					

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS

Did you participate by sending

Money_____

Books, vIdeos_____

Toiletries_____

New clothing_____

Lap Robes, Ditty bags_____

Donations of water or food for events_____

List type of activities you participated in (i.e. Visitation, Honor Flight, Unaccompanied or Missing in

America Funerals, Community events._____

GRC Have you___

Submitted unpublished, abstracted or copied pages to GRC committee? _____ How many?_____

Participated in GRC book indexing? Total number of times_____