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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



November Chapter Meeting

The upcoming Chapter meeting will be on Thursday, November 10, 7pm at St. Matthias United Methodist Church, 426 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg. The program will be “**Civil War Genealogy**”. Our speaker will be Eric Mink, National Park Historian.

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

When I started doing the newsletter I wanted this page to be about what's up with the members. Not so we can know everything you do, but so we can connect with each other. I had a note on the page that I needed input from y'all. So far what has been on here about members is just because I knew what was going on with someone and added it. This month I have asked for some members to let us know what they have been up to. I hope you will be receptive to writing something for me if asked. While I love putting the newsletter together, I would like some of you to contribute also. It doesn't have to be DAR related.

Oh goodness, this is not something I'm good at but I'll give it a try. I certainly thought retirement would slow down but it is anything but! Myra asked me to tell about my travels of late but none are that exciting.

We did go see friends in Arizona, they were in our wedding several light years ago and we're still just as thick as thieves. Bruce is the Head Coach of the Arizona Cardinals but hasn't changed a lick. He and his wife, Christine, have great causes, they work hard for those with cancer and children in the CASA program. I know nothing about football (even though my husband played in college). We've met Ben Roethlisburger several times (when Bruce was at Pittsburgh) but I always called him Bill. I had no idea who he was; I have since been corrected by MANY including favorite grandson.

At the playoff game last year against Green Bay I even made it on TV (they were filming in the coach's box unbeknownst to us). You will recognize me instantly as the person with an Iphone camera stuck to her face every time Arizona made a touch down. NO one ever saw my face, just gray hair with a hot pink phone cover! So much for my few minutes of fame.
Donna Courtney ☺

November



Emily Churchill	4th
Stacey Churchill	16th
Katie Brandon	17th
Katie Mulder	26th
Irene Burrus	26th
Courtney Fern	27th

Myrrh Caplan 28th

Margaret Synan 30th



Purple Onions in December!

It's time to start getting your "purple onion" items ready for our Christmas meeting grab bag. The legend of the **purple**

onion lives on. It began in

1982, with a gift grab bag into which those attending the Christmas meeting put their nicely wrapped, but unwanted "treasures" from closets, jewel boxes, and other unnamed sources. They were referred to as "**purple onions**" instead of "white elephants". One year, the most hilarious gift was a **plastic purple onion**, and that item made repeat appearances for several years, as members passed it on from one to another. Eventually, it was retired and was replaced by the edible variety.

Sonja Johnson

My ancestor is Gershom Pope. While I have not done much research into his days on earth, I have found some bits and pieces.

Gershom Pope was a member of Captain Samuel Hall's company of Light horse, 4th Connecticut Regiment commanded by Major Ebenezer Backus, Revolutionary War. This company was in service in the year 1776." On September 8, 1776, his regiment marched for New York but was relieved on Nov. 1, and was highly complimented in general order of George Washington.

In 1779 he sold his property in Plainfield, Connecticut and removed to Bennington, Vt. In 1792 he purchased from Judge Cooper 240 acres of land in the extreme northern portion of the present township of Burlington, N. Y.

It is traditional that he was a man of fine personal appearance, strong and positive character, and unblemished integrity. He was a consistent Christian; he was liberal in supporting the institutions of religion, generous to less successful neighbors, an arbitrator and peacemaker always, traits which we know to have been abundantly reproduced in his posterity to this day.

Can't make a meeting? You can still participate!

On a trial basis, we are going to broadcast the chapter meetings for those who are geographically unable to attend as well as to those who are unable to make the drive in. We can have up to 1,000 participants, so no need to sign up.

For Audio: Conference call line: 641-715-0700 Access code: 664761

For video: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/fotr>

Please let Alicia know if you have any questions. Alicia Hillmer alicia7183@msn.com 540-287-2787

DAR JEOPARDY

Don't forget to read up for our December meeting!

We're going to have some fun at our December meeting. To help your team win, make sure you read up! Our program will be based on the **September/October 2012 issue of the American Spirit magazine**, which can be found in the online archives here: http://services.dar.org/members/magazine_archive/download/?file=DARMAG_2012_09-10.pdf Please let Alicia know if you have any questions!

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District V Chapter Names—please volunteer to research a couple

While trying to plan our programs for this year, one of the things we thought would be interesting is to have a chapter member research and present a very brief history of the name for the other 27 chapters in District V. Susan felt, and we agreed, that it might give us more of a feeling of being connected.

Who was Dr. Elisha Dick? Where was Overwharton Parish? What were the Prince William Resolves? These are just a few of the more interesting names in our District.

There will be a sign up sheet at the meetings for members to pick a chapter they would like to learn more about. We will plan to do 2-3 per month and I will put your research in the newsletter the month following the meeting in which it was discussed.

Bill of Rights Chapter

Bill of Rights Chapter was organized on January 30, 1965 in Woodbridge, Prince William County, Virginia. Our chapter name was chosen in honor of George Mason, father of the Virginia Declaration of Rights. His home, Gunston Hall, is located just north of Woodbridge in southern Fairfax County on the Potomac River. The Virginia Declaration of Rights is the precursor of the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution.

SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter 2016 hours donated total as of
November 3

208

Please remember to log your hours!

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

American Indian Committee

Sonja Johnson, Chairman

On November 8th at 7:30pm the Fredericksburg Mayor will sign a Proclamation, proclaiming November 2016 as American Indian Heritage Month in the City. I and Chief John Lightner of the Patawomeck Indian Tribe will be there to accept the proclamation.

The Patawomeck tribe of Virginia Indians is based in Stafford County, Virginia, along the Potomac River (Patawomeck is another spelling of Potomac). It is one of Virginia's 11 recognized Native American tribes. The Patawomeck tribe achieved state recognition in February 2010, aided by anthropology research conducted by the College of William and Mary. Today the tribe numbers approximately 1500 members. Eighty percent live within ten miles of their historic village of Patawomeck. They are undertaking to revive their historic Algonquian language. In the 17th century, at the time of early English colonization, the tribe was a component of the Powhatan Confederacy. At times it was allied with others in the confederacy, and at other-times, the Patawomeck allied with the English. (<http://www.patawomeckindiantribeofvirginia.org/>)

Naturalization Ceremony

Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter will participate in a Naturalization Ceremony on December 15, 2 pm at the Federal Courthouse in Alexandria, VA. Please contact Regent Susan Harvin or Donna Sayre if you would like to go.



Americanism Committee

The naturalization process is one way to be involved in this committee. Your chapter can participate in naturalization ceremonies, volunteer at your local Immigration and Naturalization Office, or volunteer to help with local citizenship classes and the American History and U.S. Government exams.

Our Regent's Year Up Til Now

The current DAR year has been busy thus far for Regent Susan Harvin. Susan represented our chapter at the July 4th Wreath Laying at George and Martha Washington's tomb and the Naturalization Ceremony at Mount Vernon. The weekend of July 15 she attended the Virginia Board of Management Meeting in Bristol, VA. On July 22, Susan helped to set up for our Chapter Tea but was unable to attend the actual tea as July 23 found Susan back at Mt. Vernon for the District V Board of Regents & Vice Regents Meeting.

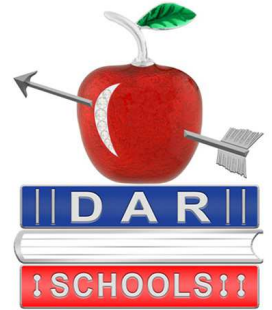
August 7 Susan held a Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter Board Meeting. Susan donated cases of water and Gatorade for the September 21 Saluting Veterans Cemetery Clean up crew at Quantico National Cemetery. October 10 Susan attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration Tea for the Mine Run Chapter at Wilderness Baptist Church. Susan traveled to Manassas on October 15 for a meeting of the Potomac Regents Club. On October 25 she attended a meeting with local Regents.

Upcoming events include a December 8 Northern Virginia luncheon meeting in Alexandria, VA with State Regent Judith Surber, FOTR's day to attend the Naturalization Ceremony in Alexandria, VA on December 15 and the December 16 Armed Forces Retirement Party and Gift Drive in Washington, DC. Members are encouraged to attend the December 8 luncheon for the State Regent, to attend the Dec. 15 Naturalization Ceremony and to contribute to or attend the December 16 AFR party in DC. And, then, there's January.....

Susan

Good morning, Ladies!

I am the DAR Schools Chairman for the Washington Lewis chapter in Fredericksburg. As you may know, District V is planning a field trip to one of our schools, Crossnore, located in the mountains of North Carolina, on April 20-22. The cost for the trip is approximately \$250 and includes the bus, the hotel, and a small donation to Crossnore. There will be time available for shopping both at the Crossnore weaving room and in Boone where we will be staying. A special luncheon for us is also in the works. Anyone is welcome—DAR members and non-members, spouses, significant others, friends, etc. It is my hope that we have enough interest in the Fredericksburg region to have a bus (or buses!) pick up in our area so we may enjoy the trip without driving to the beltway or 66 to meet the bus. Please pass this information on to your schools chairman or share with your members at your next meeting to determine the level of interest for your chapter. You may contact me (susanwachter58@yahoo.com) or Mary Campbell Simons, Chairman, District V DAR Schools Committee at mecsdar@gmail.com with an approximate number of interested ladies and guests. The final number and the money is not due until much closer to the trip. This is a wonderful opportunity to see, in person, the wonderful works DAR supports and sustains.



Many thanks,

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Falls of the Rappahannock members,
please let Regent Susan Harvin
(srharvin@msn.com) know if you
would like more information about this
trip so your name can get on the list.

Here are a few books that may be of interest from Carolyn LeVering who gave the program on the Bill of Rights at our October meeting

In the Shadow of the Great Charter: Common Law Constitutionalism & the Magna Carta by Robert M. Pallitto

<https://www.amazon.com/Shadow-Great-Charter-Common-Constitutionalism/dp/0700620915>

Law, Liberty & Parliament, Selected Essays on the Writings of Sir Edward Coke by Allen D. Boyer

https://www.amazon.com/Law-Liberty-Parliament-Allen-Boyer/dp/0865974268/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1476442691&sr=1-3&keywords=edward+coke

In Defense of Liberty: The Story of America's Bill of Rights by Russell Freedman

https://www.amazon.com/Defense-Liberty-Americas-Outstanding-Nonfiction/dp/0823415856/ref=sr_1_20?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1476443223&sr=1-20&keywords=bill+of+rights

State Regent to Visit

Mark your calendars! **Saturday, April 8, 2017.** We will be joining with other area chapters to host a visit by State Regent Judy Surber. The meeting will be at the Fredericksburg Country Club. As more details become available they will be included in the newsletter.

As you know, our April meeting is usually our Youth Recognition meeting on a Saturday. We want to encourage you to attend the State Regent's visit so we have moved our Youth Recognition meeting to our normal second Thursday night which will be April 13, at St. Matthias United Methodist Church.

I know these meetings are just a few days apart, but I encourage you to mark your calendars and try to attend BOTH. You will be enriched by meeting members from other area chapters, and April is the month we vote on our new officers so we need you to be at the regular meeting as well.

Thank you for all your support!

JOIN THE #GREENLIGHTAVET MOVEMENT

America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women. However, it's hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform, they're more camouflaged than ever. Greenlight A Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green, or change your FaceBook profile picture.

<http://greenlightavet.com/>

*Bill of Rights Chapter, NSDAR
Dr. Elisha Dick Chapter, NSDAR
Lane's Mill Chapter, NSDAR
Mount Vernon Chapter, NSDAR
Pentagon Chapter, NSDAR*

*Cordially invite you to a luncheon honoring
Virginia State Regent, Judith Surber*

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Belle Haven Country Club

6023 Fort Hunt Road

Alexandria, Virginia

Social Hour and Luncheon Meeting at 11 AM

\$45 payable to Mount Vernon Chapter

RSVP by November 20, 2016

Mrs. Andrea Buel

508 Fontaine Street

Alexandria, VA 22302

Questions: Mrs. Joan Poland

540-775-3277

Space is limited, Reserve Early

berrypolain@aol.com

If you cannot attend on Dec. 16 but would like to contribute items please bring them to November FOTR meeting and Susan will arrange to deliver them.

• DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS •

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR THE AFRH

The John Alexander Chapter, NSDAR, looks forward to continuing our tradition of collecting **holiday cheer** for our Veterans who live at the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

**THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH FROM 12:15 – 3:15 PM
AT THE AFRH, OFF NORTH CAPITOL ST IN DC**

We will need people to bring desserts (both sugar and sugar-free) and help serve. **RSVP at Johnalexandernsdar@gmail.com**

TO ARRANGE A DONATION DROP-OFF

Email Amanda Murphy at amurphy02@gmail.com

Deadline for drop-off is December 1!

WISH LIST THIS YEAR:

• **SNACKS & BEVERAGES** •

Canned soda, chips, packaged cookies, candy (regular & sugar-free)

• **WRAPPING PAPER** •

• **HOLIDAY GIFTS** •

New clothing for men or women (e.g. robes, scarves, hats, gloves, socks, slippers, pajamas, sweaters, sweatpants, sweatshirts); jigsaw puzzles; word search books (regular and large print); throw blankets; large print books; toiletries, cologne/perfume; newer release DVDs; and cards/games/wood crafts

Please all gifts unwrapped.

President General's Message

November 2016

Dear Daughters,

Thank you for participating in the National DAR Day of Service. I hope you enjoyed the photos in the slideshow at www.dar.org/2016DayofService. The National Board enjoyed participating in activities around the day, and also on October 11 at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.

The DAR Museum opened a fabulous new exhibit in October named "*An Agreeable Tyrant: Fashion After the Revolution.*" In anticipation of the gallery's closing for remodeling, the new exhibit takes advantage of the period rooms depicting the 1780–1820s time period. Items from our textile and garments collection are mounted on mannequins and displayed in 12 of the 31 period rooms and in the Yochim Gallery. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to see some of these seldom displayed items—the exhibition ends April 29, 2017.



Moving forward to November, we celebrate Veterans Day on November 11. Veterans Day coincides with Armistice Day, which marks the armistice signed between the Allies and Germany ending World War I. In 2018, we will commemorate the 100th anniversary of this event. Begin now to think of ways your chapter can remember and honor the sacrifices made by all veterans. Thanksgiving follows closely on the heels of Veterans Day, ushering in the holiday season and the celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah and other religious festivals set near the winter solstice. Hanukkah is sometimes called the Miracle of Light because God kept the candles lit during the dedication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem for eight days, even though there was only enough oil to keep them burning for one. Because Christians believe Jesus is the light of the world, it is meaningful for his birth to be recognized during this time of very little daylight.

We hope you will join us on December 7 for our Annual DAR Christmas Open House. Memorial Continental Hall will be lit, music will resound from the library loges, refreshments will be served, and there will be an opportunity for little ones to visit with Santa. Our amazing Property Beautification and Hospitality Committee is working diligently to prepare for this celebration. If you are in the Washington, D.C., area, join us!

During this incredibly busy time with family and friends, I hope we may all step back and rest in the blessings we have, and the sacrifices made to establish this nation. A nation where we may live freely, worship individually and celebrate as we choose. You, the Daughters of the American Revolution, are one of the great blessings to me personally, and to this nation's communities. Thank you for all you do in service to God, Home and Country.

Moving Forward in Service to America,

Ann T. Dillon
President General

Looking for a Gift for someone? Visit the DAR Online Store at <http://www.dar.org/dar-shopping/dar-online-store> or visit the Museum Shop. They have interesting and unusual gifts for young and old alike. If you can't get there in person, you can visit the Museum Shop Online, by following the link that is on the DAR Online Store, and you can even order by phone. They also sell gift certificates.

New Members and New Horizons Courses Available to Members

WHAT IS THE NEW MEMBERS COURSE?

The New Members Course is a structured learning opportunity for new members to learn about DAR and how they can become active members at all levels: chapter, state and national. The core of the course consists of self-paced online webinars, so that new members can fit the New Members Course into their busy schedule of work, family, and play.

The New Members Course is a Virginia DAR-sponsored activity that is designed to provide a year-round structured educational opportunity for new members, newly active members, and new-members-at-heart. Members may sign up at any time and have a year to complete the course.

WHAT IS THE NEW HORIZONS COURSE?

The *New Horizons Course* is designed for interested, enthusiastic, dedicated members who want to explore new DAR opportunities and develop into future chapter and state leaders. Without prepared leaders, no organization can be successful and the goal of the *New Horizons Course* is to inspire and instill confidence in Daughters to take the next step into leadership. Consisting of a series of online webinars, a study of DAR published resources, in-person activities, and a Capstone Project, the *New Members Course* is ideal for aspiring chapter and state leaders.

The *New Horizons Course* is an NSDAR activity sponsored and administrated at the state level. This comprehensive leadership training course is geared to be completed within a year.

Information and the forms for the New Members and the New Horizons Courses are now available online at the VADAR Members Only website.

After logging onto the website, click on Committees; then under “Special National Committees,” click on Chapter Development and Revitalization. The tabs for both courses appear in the lower part of the page.

Within each course are sub-tabs—for instance, “Graduation Checklist;” “Required Online Modules;” “Elective Online Modules;” “Meetings, Tours, and Activities;” and “Independent Project” for the New Members Course—that contain the answer sheets for the indicated training modules.

The answer sheet for each training module has at the top of the page the URL(s) for the webinar and/or YouTube video that makes up the particular module. When you download these writeable pdf files, be sure to save them to your computer (you can use “Save As” and add your initials to the end of the document title) and use that form to complete for the course, not the online form. *Filling out the online form will result in a blank form.*

Both courses have rolling admissions and participants have a year to complete their course. And these courses are FREE of charge.

Please contact me before you begin either course so we can sign you up for credit and keep track of your progress. Members taking the New Horizons Course will also need to submit a completed nomination form from their chapter before beginning (this form is also the website).

The New Members Course provides a thorough education on the many aspects of DAR for new members (although all members are welcome to take the course). You may discover a new area to pique your interest and lead you to your passion in DAR. At the very least, you will learn a lot about DAR.

The New Horizons Course is for members who want to step into DAR leadership at the chapter, state or national levels. In addition to general NSDAR information, the course covers leadership, parliamentary procedures, and long-range planning—everything to educate you as an effective DAR leader.

Please contact me to sign up or if you have questions. We already have a few people enrolled in each course, but especially with the online feature, we can handle many, many more! And did I mention that they are FREE of charge?

Thanks,

Laurie Nesbitt

State Coordinator, New Members and New Horizons Courses laurie.nesbitt@vadar.org

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State Organizing Secretary

State Chairman, CDRC

VADAR

“An Agreeable Tyrant” Fashion After the Revolution

An exciting new exhibit opened on Friday, October 7, 2016, at the DAR Museum. The exhibit will run through April 29, 2017. The exhibit explores American men’s and women’s clothing from 1780 to 1825. The clothing will be displayed on fifty manikins in twelve Period Rooms. From October 13, 2016, until April 27, 2017, there will be a special guided tour at 1:00 p.m. The tour is free. For groups of ten or more people, check on the options for group visits at museum@dar.org.

There are several special presentations connected with the exhibit.

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 12 to 1:00 p.m., Curator of Costume and Textiles, Alden O’Brien, will present “Costume Exhibit Close Up.” You will see close-up details of some of the garments and a behind the scene look at how the manikins are dressed and accessorized.



There will be a Historic Tea at the DAR Museum on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. The cost of the tea is \$35, and tickets will be available starting November 1, 2016 at museum@dar.org. The tea will include tea tasting, 19th century etiquette lessons and a close up look at tea sets in the DAR Museum collection.

The DAR Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Saturday, the Museum is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Museum is closed on Sundays and Federal Holidays.

These are wonderful opportunities for DAR members, their families and friends.

Thank you,
Jeannie Leson, District V DAR Museum Outreach Committee

"An Agreeable Tyrant" Visits the DAR Museum Period Rooms

Written By Heidi Campbell-Shoaf, DAR Museum Director and Chief Curator

On October 7, years of research, collecting, and planning culminated in the opening of the DAR Museum's current exhibition, "An Agreeable Tyrant: Fashion After the Revolution". Curator Alden O'Brien, applied her considerable scholarly knowledge of the clothing, history, and society of the early 19th century to the museum's collections. She chose garments, accessories, and art that tell the story of the new American republic from a very personal point of view. After all, what is more personal than what you wear?

The exhibit takes visitors through the early years of the United States and citizens' debates on how to most effectively create an identity (in today's parlance we call it branding) as seen through the prism of fashion. What styles should they wear and where should the fabric to make those styles come from; were just a couple of issues debated by patriotic Americans.

Developing and creating such an exhibition is complex – researching and writing the historical framework that supports the objects, examining each of the over 190 artifacts included and arranging for conservation if necessary and creating mannequins that are unique to each 200+ year old garment are just a few of the tasks involved. Add to all of this the new challenge of placing the mannequins in the period rooms.

For the first time, the DAR Museum's major exhibition is not in the museum gallery. Why? Over the next year, as part of the President General's Project, the entire gallery, from the doors that open into the main lobby to the passage leading to the Kansas Chapel, will be remodeled. Everything from the HVAC, to the lighting, to how the space is utilized is all being evaluated and updated. All of this means we were unable to have an exhibit of historical textiles and objects in the gallery.

Instead of foregoing an exhibition during construction, we decided to put the exhibit in the period rooms which most closely coincide with the time period under consideration. Twelve of the 31 period rooms and the Yochim Gallery have been arranged with mannequins, portraits showing real people wearing the fashions being discussed, and cases displaying accessories that were part of Americans' wardrobes in the 1780s to the 1820s.

We hope you can come and visit the exhibition before it comes down at the end of April. Due to temperature and humidity challenges in Memorial Continental Hall during the Washington DC summers, we must remove the fragile garments on display before conditions become unfriendly. But don't worry, if you can't make it to the exhibition, you can purchase the Agreeable Tyrant Exhibition Catalogue full of photographs, illustrations, essays and scaled drawings of some of the garments!



If anyone is interested in participating in the Deb ceremony at State Conference in March, please contact Donna Sayre (DSayreDAR@gmail.com) no later than December 1.

Upcoming Events Around Us

DAR Library - For those who are unable to travel to Washington DC, these lectures are available online also.

November 16, 2016, 12pm. **Brothers at Arms** by Larrie D. Ferreiro

Please join the DAR Library for a free lecture with Larrie D. Ferreiro, author of *Brothers at Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain who Saved It*. *Brothers at Arms* is the remarkable untold story of how the American Revolution's success depended on substantial military assistance provided by France and Spain, and places the Revolution in the context of the global strategic interests of those nations in their fight against England.

To register please go to: <http://darnov16.eventbrite.com>

November 19, 2016, 10am. **Genealogy 101 - Friendly Ancestors: An Introduction to Quakers for Genealogists**

Presented by Elizabeth Ernst, Catalog Librarian, NSDAR, MLS

Come join us for a friendly morning of learning about the Quakers, what records they kept, and how to obtain those records! Please register at <http://darNov19.eventbrite.com>

HELD IN THE NOC ASSEMBLY ROOM AT DAR HEADQUARTERS

December 10, 2016, 1 pm. **Abductions in the American Revolution** by Christian M. McBurney

Please join the DAR Library for a free lecture with Christian M. McBurney, author of *Abductions in the American Revolution: Attempts to Kidnap George Washington, Benedict Arnold and Other Military and Civilian Leaders*.

To register please go to: <http://dardec10.eventbrite.com>

December 17, 2016, 10am. **Genealogy 101 - An Ocean Away: Immigration Records**

From sea to shining sea people flocked to America and continue to do so. In this class we will be going through the records kept on those folks flowing into America through time. You will be learning about what records were kept and where you can find records on your first American ancestors! Please register at <http://darDec17.eventbrite.com>

HELD IN THE O'BYRNE GALLERY ADJACENT TO THE DAR LIBRARY

Library of Virginia

Library of Virginia Reading Rooms to Close on Saturdays and Mondays Effective November 14

The reading rooms of the Library of Virginia will be closed on Saturdays and Mondays starting November 14, 2016. The move is a result of the drop in recent revenue projections, which led to Governor McAuliffe reducing the operating budgets for executive agencies by 5 percent for the current fiscal year. The Library had no option but to turn to staff cuts to absorb the 5 percent operating budget reduction. With the loss of 18 employees, the Library is unable to keep the reading rooms open six days a week. Effective November 14, 2016, the reading rooms will be open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. For more see

www.lva.virginia.gov/news/newsletter/stories/2016_11-november.asp#news1

Join us for the **15th Annual DAR Christmas Open House** on **Wednesday, December 7 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** at DAR Headquarters, 17th and D Streets NW, Washington, D.C.

Spread the word to your friends and family – the event is **FREE** and **ALL ARE INVITED!** We particularly love introducing our building to those in the public who have never visited before, so please share this invite with those in your local community.



DAR Open House highlights include:

- In the spirit of the giving season, help us to help those less fortunate. Visitors are encouraged to bring new and lightly used children's books to donate to our DAR Open House book drive.
- Visit the National Christmas Tree across the street at the Ellipse then get out of the cold and join us for refreshments, cookies and a taste of history
- Experience the elegance and Christmas splendor of [Memorial Continental Hall](#), a Registered Historic Landmark
- Tour our [31 period rooms](#) depicting scenes of early American life, including some which will be decorated in historic holiday settings.
- Visitors touring the period rooms this year can also enjoy a special DAR Museum costume exhibit, “[An Agreeable Tyrant: Fashion after the Revolution](#).” The exhibition displays men’s and women’s clothing from 1780 to 1825 in a dozen period rooms throughout the DAR’s historic Memorial Continental Hall.
- View other smaller exhibitions on historic Revolutionary War documents as well as famous DAR members
- Enjoy Christmas music, including caroling from area choirs.
- Have a chance to win DAR door prizes
- Get a head start on Christmas shopping at the [Museum Shop](#) and [DAR Store](#)

For Kids—Santa is taking time out of his busy schedule to attend the Open House. Coloring books and crayons will be given out to children.

For more information about the event, visit the DAR Website at <http://www.dar.org/national-society/about-dar/open-house>

. For questions, email openhouse@dar.org or call (202) 573-0563.

DAR Wish List

The items on the Wish List directly help NSDAR achieve our mission. Your support of the items on this list allows us to honor, learn from, and preserve the past for future generations.

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