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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



March 11, 2021

Zoom Meeting

7pm

Program: Supplementals, Anyone?

Given by: Myra Wiggins

Chapter Chat, cont.

Topic: March DAR Meeting

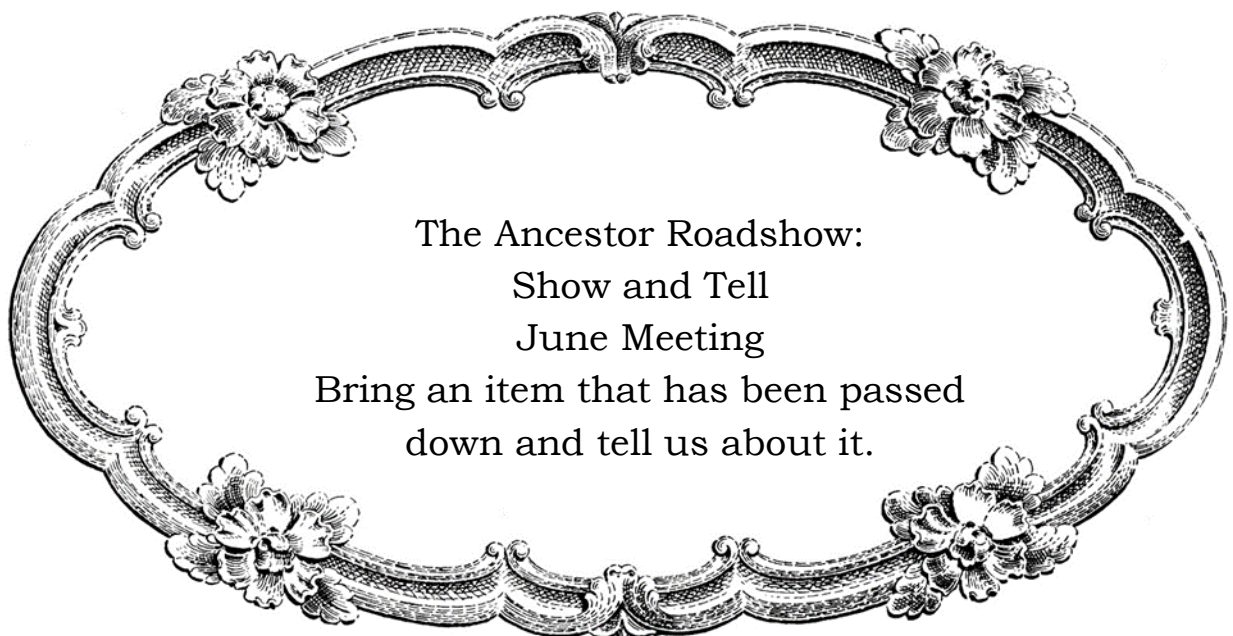
Time: Mar 11, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81958399811?pwd=THpRK081c3ZrbGNwellSUTJVNG14UT09>

Meeting ID: 819 5839 9811

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Chapter Chat with the Regent

Chapter Daughters,

Spring is just around the corner, and I for one am looking forward to all things that nature offers us.

March 8th is International Women's Day, here's to all of you!

March is also National Women's History Month, in this newsletter we have focused on those women who showed a fierceness during their time. I hope you enjoy reading about them, they truly are strong women.

Our March 11th meeting will be held via zoom, if you haven't had the chance to join us yet this year, please try to come to one of the meetings. We miss seeing your faces and we always end up laughing at the end. The March Program will be presented by Myra Wiggins, and is titled: Supplementals, Anyone? I know I would love to find more patriots in my lineage, especially a female patriot, what about you?

Our Virginia Spring Conference is on March 13th, it promises to be a very informational event.

We have also been discussing various projects for our chapter. Charters of Freedom, fundraising Calendar, raffle items, and of course America 250! Please reach out and ask how you can help with any of these projects as we will need all the help we can get!

I would also like to introduce our new members: Tina Sims, Sally Burkley, Charlotte Mulder, and Vicky Banks-Pritchard. Welcome Ladies! If you have questions, or an interest in any committee work, please let us know.

Please keep in mind that you can still at any time of the year, join us for the Member's Course. Email for more information.

Stay healthy, Stay Safe,

Sonja Johnson

Chapter Regent



President Generals Message

Hope Is Around the Corner

A resounding “huzzah!” to the Chapter Regents who completed their Chapter Master Report in order to document the wide range of activities and progress accomplished by our vibrant Daughters during the last year! Forms like these are admittedly tedious—but gathering this information provides our National Society with a full appreciation of our collective accomplishments. And so, I both thank and congratulate our chapter leaders for their steadfast perseverance and outstanding achievements.



No reporting form will ever be able to fully capture an appreciation for what Daughters accomplished during the course of 2020. Whether it was completed via Zoom, a “drive by” or a video chat, members everywhere kept our mission moving forward. They became the sunshine that was desperately needed! Twenty years from now, I suspect that we’ll look back on 2020 and tell great tales of the lengths we went in order to complete our duties and stay in touch with one another. Thank you for all that you did to make sure that DAR itself succeeded—you make me immensely proud.

Now some good news: Spring—and hope—are right around the corner! On or before April 1, an announcement will be issued regarding the format of Continental Congress. While I am surely hoping that I will have an opportunity to see you in person, we are preparing for contingencies. Meanwhile, join me in thinking positive—and check out the tentative schedule contained inside this issue on pages 116 through 127. You will note that no event prices are listed, as we will not post nor accept them until after a decision has been made regarding our ability to stage an in-person event (i.e. so that we don’t have to issue refunds). Please stay tuned to the Announcements page on our DAR Members’ Website for timely updates.

In fact, please visit the DAR Members’ Website frequently. It contains a wealth of information regarding committees, forms and background materials. Like the DAR Handbook, a magazine subscription and the public website, these resources are the fundamental tools necessary to fully appreciate the value of membership in our National Society.

April 1 is also significant in that it is the estimated completion date for the \$14 million restoration of DAR Constitution Hall that has been the focal point of this administration’s President General’s Project. I am so grateful to all of you who have already contributed to this monumental effort to replace the floors, seats and ceiling; restore the lay light overhead; and return the lighting sconces as part of this massive undertaking. We still have a long way to go in raising the necessary funds, in that unexpected asbestos, lead paint and other life safety issues were identified as the project progressed.

But I am the sunny optimist, and I know that we can achieve great things when we put our collective mind to it! Every show of support brings us closer to our fundraising goals. Please continue to help if you are able—every gift is appreciated.

In Gratitude,
Denise Doring VanBuren
President General

Women's History Month

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2021 will take place from Monday, March 1-Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Sojourner Truth: A Voice that Changed a Nation

Born into slavery in Swartekill, New York, Sojourner Truth escaped to freedom with her infant daughter in 1826. Six feet tall, with a powerful voice and driven by deep religious conviction, Truth was an ardent abolitionist and women's rights activist. Among many of Truth's legacies, the tone and substance of her language looms large. She stumped the country speaking on emancipation, politicians, political action, racism, women's rights and segregation. Perhaps, her best known speech was the stirring "Ain't I a Woman?" delivered at a women's convention in Ohio in 1851.



Chien-Shiung Wu: Disproved a 30-year Old Law of Nature, But Received No Credit



Born in Liu Ho, China in 1912, Chien-Shiung Wu was recruited to Columbia University as part of the Manhattan Project. Working as senior scientist on the atom bomb in 1943, she conducted research on radiation detection and uranium enrichment.

In the mid-1950s, Wu was approached by two theoretical physicists, Tsung-Dao Lee and Chen Ning Yang. They wanted help disproving the law of conservation of parity (which states that two physical systems, such as atoms, are mirror images that behave in identical ways). Using the chemical isotope cobalt-60, Wu showed that the laws of nature were not always symmetrical, disproving the law that had been accepted for more than 30 years. In another of in a series of examples of the contributions of female scientists being overlooked, she received no credit for her contribution—only Yang and Lee received the Nobel Prize in 1957. She will be honored on a postage stamp in 2021.



<https://www.history.com/news/11-of-historys-fiercest-females-everyone-should-know>

Women's History Month

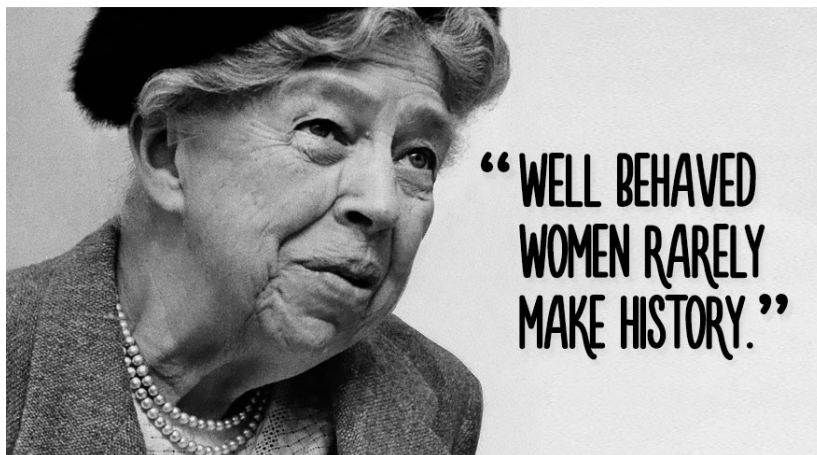
Born in 1876, writer, musician, and activist Gertrude Simmons grew up on the Yankton Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The daughter of a Yankton Sioux mother and white father, Zitkala-Sa lived within the Sioux culture until 1884. Then, at 8 years old, Simmons went off to the White Indiana Manual Labor Institute in Indiana, where her Native American heritage was systematically stripped away and her traditionally long hair was cut.

As a teen, Simmons changed her name to Zitkala-Sa (which means "Red Bird" in Lakota). She pursued higher education at Indiana's Earlham University and later, studied music at the New England Conservatory of Music in Massachusetts. At that time, educational opportunities for women were few, especially for Native women, and according to Britannica, Zitkala-Sa struggled to feel at home among her mostly white, male counterparts. So she wrote about her experience as a Native woman in education, and became known for her powerful critiques of the forced cultural assimilation of Native Americans in autobiographical articles like "Impressions of an Indian Childhood" and "School Days of an Indian Girl," both published by the Atlantic Monthly.

Zitkala-Sa wrote books, too, including *Old Indian Legends*, an anthology of Dakota fables, and *American Indian Stories*, a collection of autobiographical essays, allegorical fictions, and a passionate call-to-action for greater understanding of Native American cultures.

In 1926, Zitkala-Sa (then known by her married name Gertrude Boonin) founded the National Council of American Indians, an organization that advocated for citizenship rights, educational opportunities, improved health care, and cultural recognition and preservation. Boonin served as the organization's president until her death in 1938.

<https://hellogiggles.com/lifestyle/native-women-learned-history-class/>



Women's History Month



Women Airforce Service Pilots, left to right, Frances Green, Margaret Kirchner, Ann Waldner and Blanche Osborn at Lockbourne Army Air Field, Ohio, 1944. These women pilots were some of the first to ferry B-17 "Flying Fortress" bombers. More than 1,000 WASP provided essential military air support in the United States during World War II. (Only 30 are believed to be alive today)

By fall 1942, two separate organizations – the Women's Flying Training Detachment and the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron – were training civilian women pilots to fly military aircraft. These two organizations were merged into the Women Airforce Service Pilots in August 1943.

A total of 25,000 women applied to the WASP program, and 1,074 women with pilot licenses and flying experience were selected. Several of these women were trained to fly B-17 bombers at Lockbourne Air Force Base.

WASP pilots were stationed at more than 100 air bases across America and flew more than 60 million miles from aircraft factories to airbases and seaports. They towed targets for live artillery practice and transported cargo. In all, they delivered more than 12,000 aircraft to their destinations.

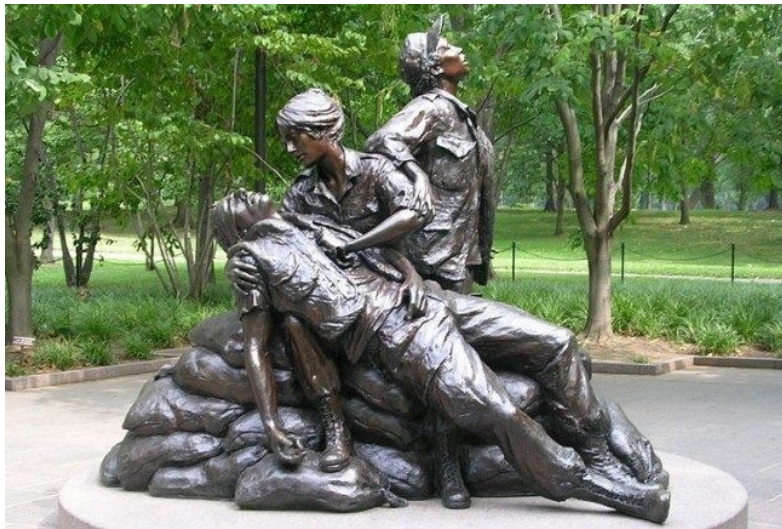
Yet the WASP pilots were considered civil servants and did not receive military benefits. It was not until 1977 that WASP pilots were, by act of Congress, considered "active duty" for veterans benefits from World War II. In 2009, President Obama and Congress awarded the WASPs the Congressional Gold Medal. Three of the 300 surviving WASP pilots were present to accept the belated thanks of a grateful nation.

A few B-17 bombers still fly. Restored and flown regularly, they serve as a reminder of the rise of American air power.

If one has a chance to fly in a B-17, it might be well to remember that its first pilot probably was a woman trained in Columbus.

Retrieved from: <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20170710/as-it-were-women-took-yoke-of-service-in-war>

Vietnam Women's Memorial



Over 265,000 military and civilian women served in the armed forces of the United States during the Vietnam War. Approximately 11,000 American military women were stationed in Vietnam, serving within combat alongside their brother soldiers. Close to 90% were nurses in the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Others served as physicians, physical therapists, personnel in the Medical Service Corps, air traffic controllers, communications specialists, intelligence officers, clerks and in other capacities in different branches of the armed services. All of them volunteered.

In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to focus on one of those women.

Sharon Ann Lane was born in Zanesville, Ohio, but grew up in North Industry, Stark County, Ohio. She was graduated from Canton South High School in June 1961 and entered the Aultman Hospital School of Nursing the following September. After graduating from Aultman in 1965, she worked at the hospital until May 1967, when she decided to try her hand in the business world. After three quarters at the Canton Business College, she quit to join the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Reserve on April 18, 1968.

2LT Lane began training on May 5 at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. On 17 June she reported to Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. While at Fitzsimons, she was promoted to First Lieutenant. On 24 April 1969 she reported to Travis Air Force Base in California with orders for Vietnam.

She arrived at the 312th Evac Hospital at Chu Lai on 29 April and was assigned to the Intensive Care ward for a few days before being assigned to the Vietnamese Ward. She worked 5 days a week (12 hours per day) in this ward and on the sixth day worked in Intensive Care.

At 0605, 8 June 1969, the 74th Medical Battalion reported a rocket hit between Wards 4a and 4b of the 312th Evacuation Hospital. The explosion killed two and wounded 27 US and Vietnamese personnel (see the 67th Medical Group log). 1LT Lane was killed by fragmentation wounds.

Although seven other American military nurses died while serving in Vietnam, 1LT Lane was the only American servicewoman killed as a direct result of enemy fire throughout the war.

Revolutionary Women



Sybil Ludington

Just barely 16 years old, Sybil Ludington, the eldest of 12 children, volunteered to ride through the night to alert her father's men to gather at the family farm in Dutchess County, Conn., to fight against the British troops attacking the nearby town of Danbury.

Sybil's father, a farmer, was once loyal to the British crown but joined the rebel cause in 1773. Henry Ludington was quickly promoted to colonel. His area of command rested along a route extremely vulnerable to the British between Connecticut and the coast of Long Island Sound.

Prior to that historic evening in 1777, Col. Ludington's regiment had disbanded for the planting season. The men were miles apart at their individual farms when a rider raced to Ludington's farm to warn them that British troops and loyalists were attacking Danbury and to ask the colonel for help.

A brave messenger

The rider was too tired to ride further, and the colonel had to make battle preparations, so his teenage daughter, Sybil, rode all night, through the woods in the pouring rain, covering 40 miles. She called out as she rode and knocked on farmhouse doors when needed, informing residents that the British were burning Danbury and asked them to come to the colonel's farm for marching orders. Thanks to her bravery and patriotic spirit, almost all of the men in her father's regiment — close to 400 — assembled at her father's farm before she returned the next morning. They stood ready to stop the British Army.

Although Sybil did not receive the fame Paul Revere's night ride provided for him, the soon-to-be first President of the United States, George Washington, traveled to her home to thank her personally for her assistance. Sybil continued to serve as a messenger for the rest of the Revolutionary War.

In 1976, the U.S. Post Service issued a stamp commemorating Sybil's ride.



<https://alaforveterans.wordpress.com/2017/03/31/the-struggle-to-serve-sybil-ludington-rides-to-gather-the-troops/>

DAR Schools

The Seed Shower is back! Every year friends shower the families in our Grow Appalachia program with seeds as they learn to grow and preserve fresh and nutritious foods.

For more info, email jason@hindman.org. Seeds can be mailed to PO Box 844, Hindman, KY 41822



Shower our families with seeds!

We are taking donations of garden seeds through April 15th, and can use okra, cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, carrots, squash, zucchini, melons, pumpkins, gourds, and turnips.



Dates to Remember

March 11, 2021—Chapter Meeting

March 13, 2021—125th State Conference

March 22, 2021—Members Course

March 29, 2021—March Book Club: *“Courageous Men & Women of the American Revolution”*, Sally Humphries. Sally is a member of the Culpepper Minutemen NSDAR Chapter. (can be found on Amazon)



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each month



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Our Chapter hours donated total as of February 28, 2021

191

Please remember to log your hours!

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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!

If you don't want to (or can't) enter your service hours, please send them to one of the officers and we will do it for you! Emails for officers are on the front page of the newsletter.