

October 2019

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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



October meeting is on the 10th at

Anne Kline's House

8 Country Ct, Stafford 540-907-5299

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

Message from our Regent

Our year is off to a wonderful start! I am so excited for all that we have planned in the coming weeks. September was a busy month for me with Constitution Week and lots of soccer. October is going to be even busier! We have big goals this year and lots to accomplish. We're just getting started and I hope we have a fabulous time reaching our goals, growing our friendships and living out our mission in our community. Please take a look at the upcoming events and see where you might be able to lend your time and talents. I appreciate you and I look forward to serving alongside you and reaching out to our community to share the mission of our beloved society.



Don't forget to study up for DAR Jeopardy at our next meeting. I hope to see you there.

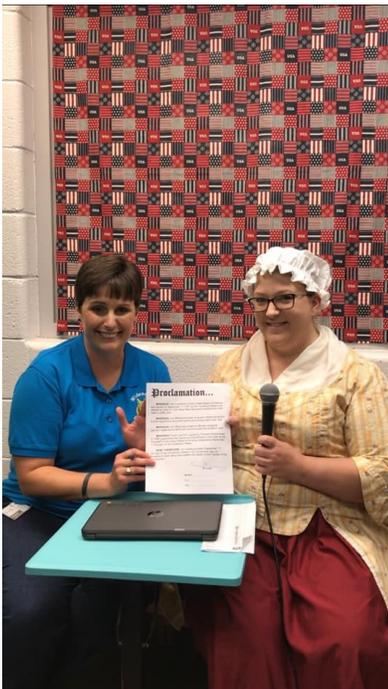
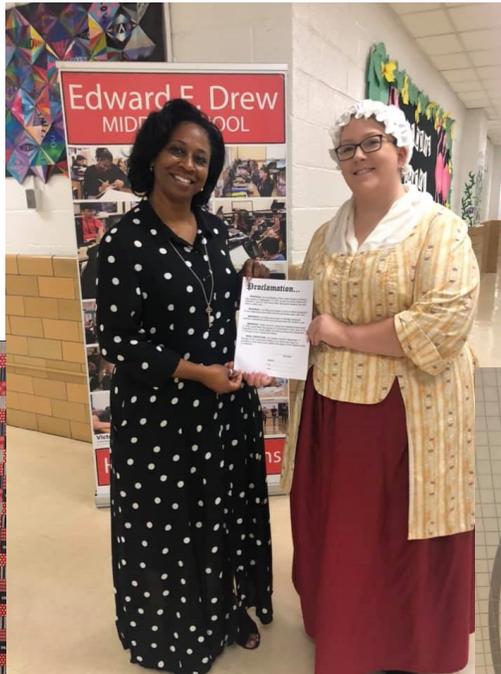
Best,

Alicia Hillmer
Chapter Regent

Constitution Week Celebration

Constitution Week was a great success this year! Here are our stats:

- 3,800 Constitution Week bookmarks distributed to Stafford County students
- 200 Pocket Constitutions distributed
- 8 schools visited
- 5 proclamations signed by principals
- 3 Social Media outlets covered
- 3 Patriotic Polly Presentations given
- 1 County Proclamation received



Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Stafford Fair

Thursday, October 17 - Sunday, October 20

This year we are going to have a booth at the Stafford Fair where we can reach out to our community, let them know we are here, tell them about what we do and hopefully gain prospective members. We will be inviting C.A.R and other area DAR chapters to join us. Please sign up for a shift of two if you can: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AAFAA2CA3F58-stafford>

Day of Service - Benefiting Cooking Autism

Saturday, October 26 - 9am

Our DAR Day of Service this year will benefit Cooking Autism, a great local organization that supports classrooms in teaching life skills to students with Autism. We will get together at the Howell library on Saturday, October 26th at 9am to pack over 600 bingo bags for their bingo fundraiser coming up in November. If you are able to make it and you haven't already let me know, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AAFAA2CA3F58-cooking>

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

September 30 , 2019

1034

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

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



Puppy UP Fredericksburg will be held on October 13, at Hurkamp Park in Fredericksburg, from 10:00 to 1:30pm. Please come on out to help raise awareness for Canine Cancer Research. Costume contest for the dogs and lots of vendors for you to shop at.

September pictures of the flowers at the entrance to Quantico National Cemetery that FOTR daughters helped to plant last May. By Susan Harvin



November Meeting

Saturday, Nov 2, 12 pm

Homage to the Founder, a visit to Eugenia Washington's Grave

Speaker: Daniel Chichister

Hostesses: Bring a Bag Lunch & a chair

Place: Chichister Farm Directions will be sent out prior to the meeting.

PLEASE NOTICE THE DATE

Honor Flights

There are several flights coming in October and November. Please check out the website for more information.

[Honor Flights](#)



President General's Message

Dear Daughters

October is an important month on the DAR calendar, as we gather as chapters and members around the world to give back to our communities for our National DAR Day of Service on or near October 11, the date of our National Society's founding in 1890. I encourage you to rise up in service to your community, and then to shine by telling others, through traditional and social media, about your work and your chapter.



October has another special designation, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, with its goal to raise awareness about domestic, spousal and teen dating violence. During this first year of the Van Buren Administration, the prevention of domestic violence has been the "family" focus of our Women's Issues Committee. Please seek out opportunities to assist the local shelters and agencies that assist families that have been torn apart by this national tragedy if you are able.

It's an unpleasant topic to discuss, but an important one that demands our attention. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year. Every nine seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other. Nearly three out of four Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence. We must support survivors and speak out against domestic violence. And if you need assistance or want to talk to someone about your own dangerous situation, call 1-866-331-9474 to speak with a trained peer advocate.

There's a very simple way that we can all show our support for this awareness movement, and that is by wearing the color purple in solidarity. While you are welcome to wear it as often as possible during October, the official "Wear Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Day" will be observed nationwide on Thursday, October 24, 2019.

And by the way, I invite you to join me and members of the DAR Project Patriot Committee in wearing RED on every Friday, to signify Remember Everyone Deployed. It's another simple way that we can show support – in this case, to the men and women in uniform who are serving in an all-volunteer army to protect the freedoms that we enjoy as citizens of these United States.

Stepping forward to participate in voluntary efforts like these two examples is so very easy to do – and yet can be just enough to start a discussion with family members, community leaders and prospective members about the substance of membership in DAR. We are a sisterhood of patriotic women that makes a dramatic and positive impact on America when we channel our best energies to uplift others. Thank you for all that you do in service to our beloved National Society.

Denise Doring VanBuren
President General

Genealogy

NBC is debuting a new genealogy TV show called A New Leaf, hosted by Daisy Fuentes.

The show will air on Saturday mornings starting on Oct 5, WRC (Channel 4) 11:30 am - 12:00

The show, which is sponsored by Ancestry, will debut on October 5. It is part of NBC's Saturday morning "The More You Know" block of programming

According to the show's Facebook page, "Each week, A New Leaf will teach viewers the importance of appreciating and understanding their family history in order to make important decisions to enact positive changes in their lives."

The Madonna of the Trail, by Susan Harvin

Need an historical, scenic vacation?

Follow The Old Trail Road, now US 40 and visit the Madonna of the Trail statues. The 12 statues, designed by DAR member Arlene N. Moss and commissioned by the DAR in 1911. An acquaintance recommended the sculptor August Leimbach of St. Louis, Missouri. The sculptures are made from a mixture of crushed Missouri Granite, marble, cement and lead ore.

These 10 foot, 5 ton statues on an 8 foot base, were placed along the Old Trails Road from Maryland to California to honor the spirit of the American Pioneer Women.

The majority face west although Maryland faces East, California and Ohio face South and Arizona's statue faces North. The closest statues to Fredericksburg are in PA, Maryland and West Virginia.



DAR Schools, by Linda Tague

DAR Schools & Approved Schools In 1903, the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, committed to promoting education, authorized the Patriotic Education Committee. By 1932, due to growth, the committee was separated into three separate committees: Americanism, National Defense and Approved Schools.

By 1934, there were over thirty-five approved schools being supported by the DAR in rural and disadvantaged areas. During the 1940 Continental Congress, it was resolved that no new schools would be added, as vacancies occurred. Today the DAR supports two DAR Schools. The Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Alabama, and the Tamassee DAR School in South Carolina. DAR Schools were founded by state societies. Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, was established in 1924 by the Alabama Daughters and Tamassee DAR School, was founded in 1919, by the South Carolina Daughters. These schools receive recognition at the national level.

The four DAR Approved Schools are: Berry College, Crossnore School and Children's Home, Hillside School, and Hindman Settlement School. DAR Approved Schools are endorsed by the state societies where they are located. To qualify for support of the DAR, these schools are investigated by the School Committee, must be approved by the Continental Congress, and must serve children who may not have opportunity for an education. Schools are required, by NSDAR policy, to provide financial reports on how NSDAR funds are used. The two DAR Schools are required to submit a budget, plan for the funds, and audited financial statements and tax returns. Each school is owned and operated by a private, non-profit corporation in the state in which it is located. These schools serve thousands of students from pre-school to college.

Through DAR support, lives have been changed. The DAR School Committee, chaired by Morgan Meyr Lake, has selected, as its theme for 2019-2022, "Hooked on DAR Schools!" DAR is committed to helping children "rise and shine." Funds collected from sale of the SCHOOL OF SUNFISH PIN (A \$25 donation) will go to all the DAR Schools.

Become better acquainted with the schools by visiting their websites, Facebook pages, or following them on Twitter. Visit the DAR School Committee website for more information. See how you can support these schools and make a difference in a child's life.

References: Troxell, P. (2017) DAR School Committee Presentation. Retrieved from <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/dar-school/dar-school-project-2019-2022>

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		

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Horace Mann



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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.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.

