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March Chapter Meeting

The upcoming Chapter meeting will be on Thursday, March 3, 7pm at the James Monroe Museum, 908 Charles St., Fredericksburg. The program will be **The James Monroe Presidency Bicentennial** with JMM Director Scott Harris as our speaker. Light refreshments will be served for this meeting.

Directions to Meeting

From Interstate 95, take exit 130A to Route 3 East. Follow Business Route 3 past the University of Mary Washington. Continue on Business Route 3 (William Street) to Charles Street. Turn right on Charles Street. The museum is housed in a one-story brick building on the right. On-street parking is available.

CHAPTER CHAT

CELEBRATE AMERICA!

Our Chapter 2016 hours donated total as of
February 29

14

2015 Hours 7154

2014 Hours 2,406

2013 Hours 4,608

Please remember to log your hours!

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

The Celebrate America! Committee encourages community service by our members on all levels as a means of honoring our heritage.

The Online Tally will continue to operate for members to log 2016 service hours. On June 1, the number of hours logged will be added to the hours logged in the last three calendar years.

Youth Recognition Luncheon

On Saturday April 9 at 12:30 pm we will host our annual Youth Recognition Luncheon, Honoring Good Citizens, Jr. ROTC Award & Essay Contest Winners. Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society N.S.C.A.R. is also invited to share in this meeting with us. **Our members always provide the food for this luncheon.** Start thinking now about what you can contribute to feed those who will be attending. Donna Sayre will bring a sign-up sheet to the March meeting so you can volunteer.

Before the luncheon there will be a chapter business meeting at 10:30 am during which the election of officers for 2016-2017 will take place. More information will be coming in the April 2016 Newsletter about the luncheon.



Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour!
Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am on
Sunday March 13.

First Day of Spring
March 20, 2016



March



Pam Ehrmann	Mar 3
Norma Polley	Mar 9
Becky Mulder	Mar 11
Susan Ashby	Mar 19

Congratulations to Emily Broton, Sonja Johnson, Anne Kline, Jennifer Upton and her daughter Brianna Upton. Their applications were verified this month.

For this page in the newsletter, I need you to keep me up to date on happenings. If there is something you would like to share send me an email or text. If I don't know about it I can't share it.

Our *New / Prospective Member Orientation Tea* was held on Feb. 7 at Regester Chapel UMC. We had over 30 women in attendance! It was a wonderful day. We welcomed State Regent Ginnie Storage, State Treasurer Pam Meiring and District Secretary Laurie Nesbitt. We enjoyed some wonderful fellowship with Virginia Daughters and the weather cooperated so we were able to get the football folks out in time for the Super Bowl. Mrs. Storage spoke about National and State DAR as well as an update on her State Project, furnishing a room at the Washington Farm (Ferry Farm) once that project is underway.

This has been a dream come true for me! I have wanted for years to have a welcome event separate from the meetings for our new members. Including our prospective members was a great addition to the day.

I would be remiss if I didn't take time to thank those involved. I called Susan Harvin as chair of the Membership Committee and Donna Courtney as a new member to ask if they would take on the planning. They said yes with no hesitation. And we learned that Donna C. has a real flair for decorating. Alicia Hillmer sent the invitations, both evites and hard copy. Norma Polley, our Organizing Regent, donated tea pots to give as prizes. Peggy Neel, Jo Sanderson and Miranda Sanderson-Callard helped with setup. A lot of you stayed to help with clean up. And

MANY of you brought food. We had a feast! And I can't forget our C.A.R. pages, Charlotte Patrick and Raegan Spear.

If I have forgotten someone please know how appreciative I am that you were part of the day. We had 10 new members and 9 prospective members attend. I am hoping to make this at least an annual event.



DAR LIBRARY NEWS

GENEALOGY 101 at the DAR LIBRARY

That's Revolutionary (War)! Answers to Basic Questions Genealogists are Afraid to Ask
February 27, 2016 10AM

Presented by Bevin Creel, Genealogist, NSDAR

Understanding essential cultural, legal and military concepts from the Revolutionary War era may help you to achieve the breakthrough you're looking for, or may prevent you from chasing rabbit trails in your research. This presentation will touch on ideas and records of a military and non-military nature, and will include discussion of both loyalist and patriot ancestors. Come get some great answers to some basic questions and learn something new along the way! Please register at <http://darApr2.eventbrite.com>

HELD IN THE O'BYRNE GALLERY ADJACENT TO THE DAR LIBRARY AT 10AM

Library Author Talk: Love Letters From Mount Rushmore by Richard Cerasani **March 19 at 1pm**

On March 19, 2016 the DAR Library welcomes author Richard Cerasani and the sweet love story of his parents, as told through their letters and pictures. *Love Letters from Mount Rushmore* tells the story of Richard Cerasani's father, Arthur, a sculptor on Mount Rushmore from March to September 1940. While Arthur was working in South Dakota on this national memorial, his wife and children were at home in Rochester, New York. Though separated Arthur kept in touch with his wife, Mary, and children through letters that were newly discovered in an old trunk. This correspondence brings out the yearning for family and togetherness, the hope for the future of America, and the unwavering strength of the human spirit as Arthur and others built sixty-foot heads on a mountain top to honor the American leaders of the past. To register please go to <http://daron19.eventbrite.com>

Library Author Talk: "Using Maps in Historical Research" by Professor Charlie Grymes

April 16, 2016 at 1 P.M.

Ever wonder how maps could help you in your genealogical and historical research? Come find out on April 16, 2016 as the DAR Library welcomes Professor Charlie Grymes from nearby George Mason University. Professor Grymes will go over how important maps are in historical research, and how to use them to enhance and understand the historical research you are undertaking. To register please go to <http://daron16.eventbrite.com>

GENEALOGY 101 at the DAR LIBRARY

Mysterious Mothers: Finding Your Female Ancestors

April 30, 2016 at 10 am

Presented by Kiera E. Nolan, Reference Librarian, NSDAR, MSLIS

Finding women in genealogical research is hard due to the lack of records left behind. It is hard to find women in naturalization records, census records before 1850, land records, and legal records. In this class we will explore alternative strategies to use to find records women did leave behind. Come learn about where you can find sources and documentation on your female ancestors! Please register at

<http://darApr30.eventbrite.com>

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The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through its signature program, NEA's Read Across America. Now in its 19th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.

NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

National Read Across America Day

March 2, 2016

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."

For more information about this program -

<http://www.nea.org/grants/read-across-background.html>

The Family History Library Announces Free Classes and Webinars for March 2016

During the month of March, the Family History Library will be hosting a number of free online family history classes and webinars. These classes and webinars are designed to help individuals and families find their ancestors and teach important family history techniques. They are free to the public. Information about specific classes is listed at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/family-history-library-announces-free-classes-webinars-march-2016/>, as well as information on how to register for the classes.

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<https://transcription.si.edu/>

Genealogy Workshop Series at the Library of Virginia

Find Your Family History at the Library of Virginia: Getting Started Beginner Level

April 8, 2016 9:30-12:30. 800 E. Broad St. Richmond, VA

The Library of Virginia houses a vast collection of materials and records documenting the lives of Virginians. Delving into those records to explore your family's history can be an immensely satisfying and rewarding experience. We are now offering an ongoing series of workshops to help you with your quest. Geared to all levels of expertise, the workshops will explore our collections and offer advice on how to organize your research.

<https://m.facebook.com/events/1617822365146011?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%2C%22action%22%3A%22null%22%7D&aref=3>

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S BLOG <http://youngblog.dar.org/>

(The PG Message wasn't posted on the website at the time I was doing the newsletter)

Looking Toward the 125th Continental Congress

This year during our annual convention we will celebrate another amazing milestone in our Society's history, the 125th Continental Congress.

It was actually during the month of February in 1892 when DAR held the 1st Continental Congress. This year's Congress will be filled with celebrations of past Congresses and I am sure we will create our own special memories for the future. If you have not yet made plans to attend the 125th Congress I hope you will do so today; it is not one to be missed! I am excited to share some details about this Congress and what members can expect.

The **Tentative 125th Continental Congress Schedule** is now available to view online and can also be found in the March/April Daughters newsletter. The schedule includes tentative times and locations for the important committee, club and state events taking place throughout the week of Congress as well as the various social events and information on how to make reservations. There will be special end of the administration events as well as festivities to honor the 125th anniversary of our annual gathering, so make sure to check out all that will be happening. The tentative schedule will continue to be updated online leading up to Congress, so please check back to the Members' Website.

I am so pleased to share that in celebration of the 12th Continental Congress, members have the opportunity to purchase a personalized commemorative certificate of the occasion. This would also make a great gift for friends or family who are DAR members. You can learn more about the commemorative certificates and use the online order form to secure yours here: www.dar.org/members/125certificates.

A very special project that will take place during this Congress will be focused on attempting to set a new **GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™** title! Our goal is to collect the "Most letters to military personnel collected in one month" and to set the title we must collect at least 10,000 letters. You can start collecting these letters right now from your chapter, family, and those in your local community, but it is important that you must bring them all to Congress (or give to a member who is attending) or else the letters will not count towards the record. There are very strict rules we must follow.

I am so impressed by your continued dedication to our nation through your inspiring volunteer work in your communities. One of my favorite parts of Congress is getting the opportunity to honor that work at Celebrate America Night. I am looking forward to another wonderful evening filled with some new surprises.

I am very excited to announce that genealogist Mary Tedesco will be a featured speaker at Celebrate America Night. Mary can be seen on Genealogy Roadshow (PBS), and is the founder of ORIGINS ITALY, a firm specializing in Italian and Italian-American genealogical and family history research. Mary is also a member of the DAR and I am so pleased to be welcoming her to this great event. I love Celebrate America Night and I look forward to celebrating with you all again!

As we get closer to Congress, I hope you all will remember to regularly check the Members' Website for congress information. Recently lots of new Congress information has been added.

I hope these updates will help you make your plans for Congress this year. I cannot wait for the wonderful events of the 125th Continental Congress and to welcome you all to Washington, D.C.!

120th VADAR STATE CONFERENCE

March 11-13, 2016

Richmond Marriott, Richmond VA

The State Regent's Conference Theme is *Celebrating Good Women...May We Raise Them.* "We will turn the ballroom purple and show our support for Alzheimer's awareness Saturday evening. You are invited to wear purple that evening, as much or as little as you like.

The Opening Night will be highlighted with an address by Denise D. VanBuren, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR.

If any of our Prospective Members are interested in going as a guest, talk to Donna Sayre. The only thing you can't do is attend Business Sessions and those are on Saturday. But you are welcome at the Workshops and any of the meals/banquets.

One of the highlights of State Conference is always the Debutante's on Friday evening. These ladies are C.A.R. members who have reached the age to join DAR and are presented to the DAR State Regent. It is something you don't want to miss. Becky Mulder and Jenn Upton have daughters who will Deb at State Conference this year.

You can get more information and forms here: <http://www.vadar.org/membersonly/committees/conference.html> It is a password protected site so ask one of us if you have forgotten the password.



WHAT IS CONTINENTAL CONGRESS?

Since the founding of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1890, the organization has held Continental Congress, its annual national meeting, in Washington, D.C. National, state and chapter leaders as well as other members from across the world meet at the DAR National Headquarters for a week during the summer to report on the year's work, honor outstanding award recipients, plan future initiatives and reconnect with friends.

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Those in attendance include more than 3,000 Daughters representing the membership of 175,000 who hail from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and over a dozen chapters in foreign countries. Since its founding, the DAR has promoted historic preservation, education and patriotism, and those objectives are reflected in all of the events of DAR Continental Congress.

The weeklong convention consists of business sessions, committee meetings, social functions, and formal evening ceremonies. These evening ceremonies, held in the historic DAR Constitution Hall, mix pomp and circumstance with moving award presentations and musical entertainment.

In addition to member awards, student essay winners and scholarship awards, the DAR presents its top national awards at the convention.

Continental Congress will be held this year June 15-19, 2016.



National Theme "Road to Independence" National Project "First Oval Office"

The National Project is to raise funds for the "First Oval Office" permanent exhibit at the Museum of the American Revolution. Many places claim that George Washington spent the night, but how many people can say that they have saved, made a home for, and promoted education about the room where General George Washington spent the entire Revolutionary War? We are presented with this unique opportunity!

DAR Joins in Support of the Museum of the American Revolution

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is proud to announce its support of the Campaign for the Museum of the American Revolution, a ground-breaking new museum set to open in Philadelphia in 2017.

"The DAR was founded in 1890 to preserve the memory and spirit of those individuals who contributed to America's fight for independence and for 125 years, our members have passionately sought to tell the stories of our Revolutionary forefathers," said Lynn Young, DAR President General. "Without question, the DAR's missions of historic preservation, education and patriotism are keenly in line with the goals of the Museum of the American Revolution. We are proud to be a partner with the Museum of the American Revolution in our shared educational goal to ensure future generations understand the importance and relevance of the inspiring ideals of the American Revolution and are grateful for the sacrifices of our founding generation."

With the vision to open a major national museum to tell the complete story of the American Revolution, the Museum of the American Revolution is closing in on its campaign goals to raise \$150 million to establish and sustain the Museum. The Museum has broken ground and started construction on their site in the historic heart of Philadelphia. The site was acquired through a land exchange with the National Park Service and is just two blocks from Independence Hall, across the street from Carpenter's Hall, where the Continental Congress first met, and within a block of Benjamin Franklin's home.

As one element of support, the DAR will provide a gift of a grant to underwrite the framing and installation within the Museum of a hand-painted copy of the *Siege of Yorktown* (1781), a monumental 19th century painting by French artist Louis-Charles Auguste Couder which hangs in the Hall of the Battles in the Palace of Versailles. This striking painting, which measures over 13 feet by 17 feet, must be stretched, varnished, hung and framed to the wall. Once hung, the painting will be seen from the first floor, drawing visitors up the stairs into the Museum's large interior court as they begin the museum experience.

For more information about the Museum of the American Revolution, visit www.AmRevMuseum.org.