



April 2016

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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



April Chapter Meeting

The upcoming Chapter meeting will be on **Saturday, April 9 10:30 am** at **Regester Chapel United Methodist Church, 85 Bells Hill Road in Stafford**. The **Youth Recognition Luncheon will follow at 12:30**. The luncheon honors the chapter's DAR Good Citizens and Jr. ROTC medal recipients, their families and teachers. Members, Associate members and Prospective Members are all invited to attend. This will also be a joint DAR/C.A.R. meeting with Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society N.S.C.A.R. We have volunteers bringing food for the luncheon. Anyone who wants to help set up for the luncheon but who are not attending the business meeting should arrive by **11 am**. All those bringing food please arrive at the Church no later than **12 noon** so that the luncheon can begin promptly at **12:30**

Directions to Meeting

From Interstate 95, take the **Stafford Exit (#140)** following Courthouse Road to the light at the intersection with **US Route 1**. Turn **Left onto Route 1** and go to the next traffic light. Turn **left at the light onto Bell's Hill Road**. go **1/4 mile** and you will see the church on the **left**. Turn into the church driveway and drive up the hill to the parking lot. The Youth Center building is to the right of the church. Enter through the main doorways in the center of the building. If you need assistance that day, call 540-659-2642 or 540-842-4327.

CHAPTER CHAT

CELEBRATE AMERICA!

Our Chapter 2016 hours donated total as of
March 31

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.

Report of Nominating Committee

The slate of officers for the next year, as presented by the Nominating Committee is

Regent	Susan Harvin
Vice-Regent	Alicia Hillmer
Chaplain	Becky Mulder
Secretary	Peggy Neel
Treasurer	Donna Sayre
Registrar	Myra Wiggins
Historian	Donna Courtney
Librarian	Elisa Pritchard

We will be voting for our 2016-2017 officers at the April 9 meeting. Additional nominations for any office, may be made from the floor provided the nominee has given her consent. Please make your plans to attend the meeting as well as the Youth Recognition Luncheon following the meeting.

Did You Know.....You Can Get Vital Records at DMV?

Certified copies of Virginia vital records (birth, death, marriage, and divorce) are available for purchase at all full service DMV locations, which include DMV customer service centers and DMV 2 Go mobile offices. You may request a certificate for yourself or next of kin/immediate family, which includes mother, father, current spouse, child, brother or sister, and others under certain circumstances, with valid ID.

For more information on obtaining Virginia vital record documents, visit the VDH website at http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/Vital_Records



April

Mary Herring	Apr 1
Emilie Kracen	Apr 3
Cathy Coffey	Apr 15
Anne Milby	Apr 22
Sabrina Baldwin	Apr 28

Congratulations to prospective member Tammy Patrignani on the birth of a granddaughter on March 8.

Congratulations to Amy Braswell and Elizabeth Ernst. Their applications have been verified and will be approved at the April 5 National Board meeting.

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.

2016 120th State Conference

Falls of the Rappahannock was well represented & well recognized at the 120th VADAR State Conference in Richmond last month. Attending the conference were Alicia Hillmer, Miranda Sanderson-Callard, Jo Sanderson, Ginny Sanderson Pepe, Donna Sayre and Myra Wiggins. New members *Becky & Ken Mulder* and *Jennifer & Ryan Upton* came down Friday evening for the opening night banquet and Debutante presentation. Their daughters, Katie Mulder & Brooke Upton, who are new members of the Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society N.S.C.A.R. , were among the Debs. Also coming down for the banquet and Deb presentation were member Heather Marshall and her father Steven Snyder. Heather's daughter, Kirsten Marshall (who is Steven & Donna Sayre Snyder's granddaughter and a member of the Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society) was also one of the Debs.



The State Regent announced that there have been donations from the State Regents Project totaling \$175,000 to underwrite a room on the first floor of the replica 1740 Washington House which will be built at Ferry Farm. The estimated cost is \$150,000. As you can see, that goal was surpassed. In addition, there are matching funds being donated which will bring the total donation to \$350,000!!

The Chapter received the following awards: Recognition for Financial Support of Stratford Hall, Honorable Mention for Publicizing the Needlework Show at Woodlawn Plantation, Recognition for Increase in Membership of 35% and Early Bird Award for Outstanding Achievement in Remitting Chapter Financial Obligations by Nov. 15.

Individual awards went to Donna Sayre for First Place Outstanding Speaker Staff Member Reaching the Community and Myra Wiggins for Outstanding Service to Lineage Research (from State Lineage Research Chair), Outstanding Dedication to Continued Learning (from Volunteer Genealogists Chair) and Extraordinary Service, Dedication and Hard Work as Chapter Registrar (from State Registrar).



A good time was had by all! Make your plans now to Attend Fall Forum which will be held September 16-17, 2016 in Roanoke.



DAR LIBRARY

Since its founding in 1896, the DAR Library has grown into a specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications, as well as powerful on-site databases. The DAR Library collection contains over 225,000 books, 10,000 research files, thousands of manuscript items, and special collections of African American, Native American, and women's history, genealogy and culture. Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies comprise a major portion of the book collection, many of which are unique or available in only a few libraries in the country. The library is free and open to the public.

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: closed



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: "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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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 10-16, 2016

National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration observed in the United States and in Canada in mid to late April, to promote and show appreciation for volunteerism in the two countries. In the United States it is organized by the Point of Light foundation.

National Volunteer Week in the United States was first established via Presidential Proclamation 4288, signed by Richard Nixon in 1974.

A National Volunteer Week new proclamation has been issued by the American President each year since the holiday's inception.

Besides the benefits to society, scientific studies have shown that individuals who volunteer enjoy psychological and physical benefits, including increased satisfaction, improved sense of belonging, lower blood pressure, increased protection from Alzheimer's, and decreased mortality.



The first Earth Day family had participants and celebrants in two thousand colleges and universities, roughly ten thousand primary and secondary schools, and hundreds of communities across the United States. More importantly, it "brought 20 million Americans out into the spring sunshine for peaceful demonstrations in favor of environmental reform." It now is observed in 192 countries, and coordinated by the nonprofit Earth Day Network, chaired by the first Earth Day 1970 organizer Denis Hayes, according to whom Earth Day is now "the largest secular holiday in the world, celebrated by more than a billion people every year." Environmental groups have sought to make Earth Day into a day of action which changes human behavior and provokes policy changes.

Conservation Committee

"Conservation is the preservation, protection, and restoration of the natural environment, natural resources, natural ecosystems, vegetation, and wildlife; the preservation, repair, and prevention of deterioration of archaeological sites and artifacts; the prevention of excessive or wasteful use of a resource."

~ *Oxford Dictionary*

This committee, established in 1909 by the 18th Continental Congress, has an impressive record of conservation of our natural resources. Forests, waters, minerals, fossil fuels, soils, wetlands, and wildlife need careful management, study and support through sound legislation, school conservation programs, and personal responsibility. Our measures to protect our natural resources, archaeological and historical sites are based on our awareness of the complexity of our world, and the desire to conserve and protect it.

Special emphasis on Celebrating America's Natural Resources through chapter and individual participation in volunteer work to preserve, conserve and celebrate our natural heritage and resources in National Park Service units, State Park Volunteer services, or city park service projects in local communities.



PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE April 2016

Dear Daughters,

Spring is now upon us and I have so enjoyed traveling to State Conferences and meeting so many of our members and hearing about the wonderful work you are doing for DAR. I have been especially interested in hearing about how chapters are working with prospective members and encouraging others to join DAR, participating in service projects for Celebrate America! and getting involved with the Guardian Trust Campaign.

I am pleased to tell you that the Constitution Hall Lobby restoration project is nearing completion. As the finishes are installed, the final aesthetics of the space are beginning to be revealed and you can see the amazing architectural details of the space that were previously obscured. Learn more about these details here: <http://youngblog.dar.org/constitution-hall-lobby-special-architectural-details>.

The National Society is delighted to share that it will begin to accept new member applications electronically beginning in the spring of 2016! The PDF application is not going away but the electronic application will offer prospective members a new way of applying to the DAR. Keep an eye out for more information to come. Learn more here: <http://www.dar.org/members/announcements/dar-preparing-accept-applications-electronically>

This year during our annual convention we will celebrate another amazing milestone in our Society's history, the 125th Continental Congress! This year's Congress will be filled with reflections on past Congresses and I am sure we will create many of our own special memories. I am excited to share some details about this Congress and what members can expect: <http://youngblog.dar.org/looking-toward-125th-continental-congress>.

To commemorate the special 125th Continental Congress members can order a personalized certificate for the occasion. The beautiful keepsake is modeled after a commemorative edition created for the 100th Continental Congress. The 11 x 14 parchment certificate comes embossed with your name, a beautiful gold seal and a blue satin ribbon for just \$25, including shipping and handling! Learn more here: <http://youngblog.dar.org/order-your-own-personalized-125th-continental-congress-certificate>

I'm pleased to announce our newest DAR committee, the Educational Resources Committee. This committee was established to electronically provide lesson plans focusing on America, its history, government, heritage, genealogy, as well as other topics for teachers to use. If you have educational experience, I hope you will learn more and see how you can contribute: <http://youngblog.dar.org/introduction-educational-resources-committee>.

I want to encourage all members to subscribe to the Today's DAR Blog and read all the posts. Remember to also check the members' website often for members' announcements. Chapter Regents should share timely information from the DAR blog and website during chapter meetings so those members who don't access the internet can also stay up to date on all the exciting updates. The information that is shared online and in the President General's Message is important to keep all members current on the news of the Society.

I hope you find this information interesting, informative and valuable as you fulfill our mission to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Celebrating America!

Lynn F. Young

President General



Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society N.S.C.A.R.

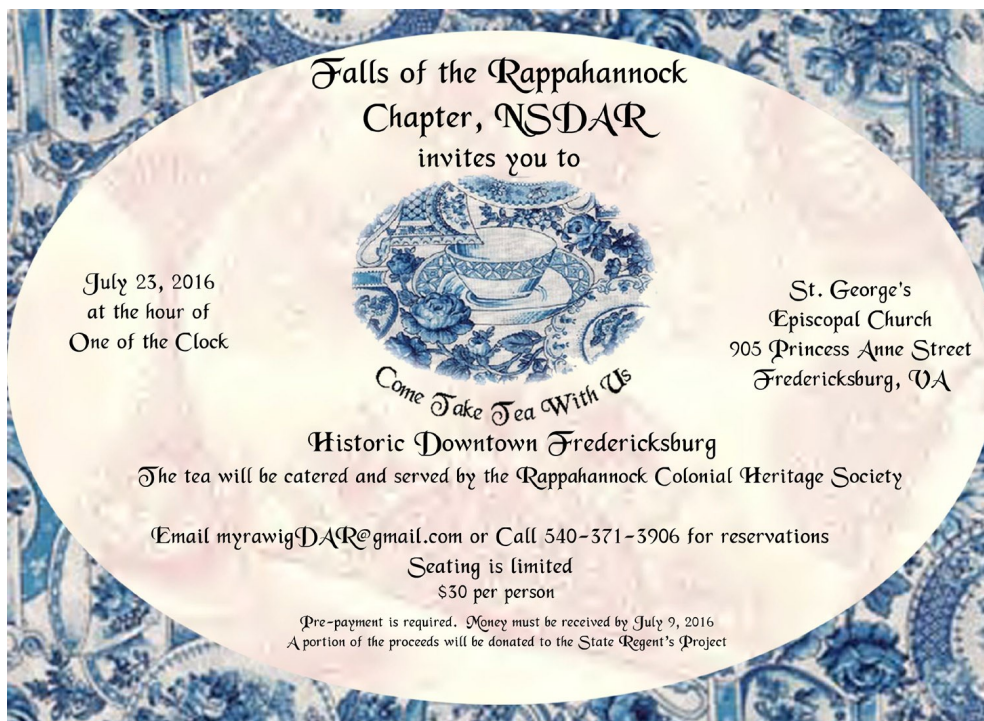
2016 Virginia DAR State Conference Debutantes

Any female C.A.R. member age 18 (or older), or a senior in high school, may be presented as a debutante at the Virginia DAR State Conference. The V.S.C.A.R. State President and Senior State President have the honor of presenting Debutantes to the Virginia DAR State Regent each year. C.A.R. members are eligible to join DAR, so this is a special presentation to honor C.A.R. members and to introduce them to Virginia DAR as eligible members. Debutantes are presented as a part of the DAR State Conference Opening Session on Friday night. **The 2016 presentation was the fifty-first presentation of C.A.R. Debutantes to the Virginia DAR assembly.**

Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society was represented by 5 Debutantes and 3 male escorts in this year's Debutante Presentation. Aline Brace, Bridgette Maurer, Kirsten Marshall, Katie Mulder and Brooke Upton were the Debs. Escorts were Asher Elkins, Charles Patrick Maurer and Michael Combs. Catie Wasenko was Flag Bearer for the presentation.

New State Officers from Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society who were elected at C.A.R. State Conference are Makenzie Marshall, State Corresponding Secretary and Catie Wasenko, State Registrar. Congratulations ladies!

Congratulations are also due to Brooke Upton on her appointment to VMI, Katie Mulder on her acceptance to both UVA and William & Mary (now to decide) and Kirsten Marshall on her choice of George Mason University (she had 5 to choose from).



This is the invitation to the fundraiser tea we will be having in July. Please invite and encourage friends and family to come. Flyers have been put in mailbags at State Conference. We are hoping for 60-70 people to attend.

Although this is a fundraiser for our chapter, it is being catered by the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society. If chapter members, prospectives, etc. wish to attend we will need to make a reservation just as other guests do. I look forward to adding your name to our list.

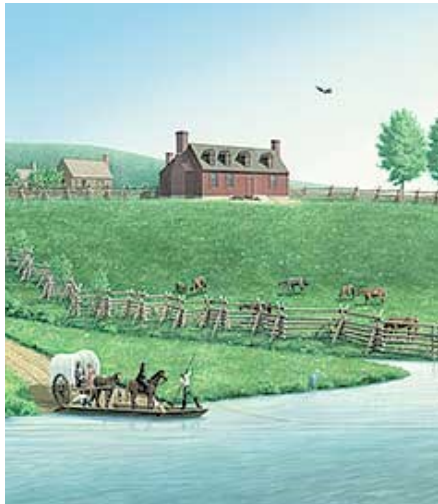
DAR Good Citizens Committee

The DAR Good Citizens program is a wonderful way to recognize outstanding young people who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools and communities. The DAR Good Citizens program and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all high school seniors enrolled in public or private schools accredited by their state board of education. United States citizenship is not required. The student selected as the school's **DAR Good Citizen** must have the following qualities:

- Dependability (truthfulness, honesty, punctuality, etc.)
- Service (cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility, etc.)
- Leadership (personality, self-control, initiative, etc.)
- Patriotism (unselfish loyalty to American ideals)

The recommended procedure for selecting a DAR Good Citizen is for the faculty to choose three seniors who have demonstrated, in an outstanding way, these qualities of a good citizen. From these three students, the senior class selects one student. Each school may, however, use a method of its own choice. Each school may honor only one senior class student per year as their DAR Good Citizen.

This year at our Youth Recognition Luncheon we will recognize our Good Citizens, Margaret Hybl (Courtland HS) and Kirsten Marshall (Brooke Point HS), & Kathleen Hunter (Stafford HS) Jr ROTC Bronze medal winner. The **Bronze ROTC Medal** is awarded to either a junior or senior student in a secondary school JROTC program or to a Junior College graduating senior (one medal per unit). Medals are worn according to JROTC protocol.



Mark the Date!!

May 15, 2016 is the date for the

State Regents Project Celebration at Ferry Farm.

I don't have all the particulars at this time but will forward them to you as soon as I get them. Please plan to attend!

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%3A3%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D&aref=3

SALUTING OUR FLAG by Mary-Mac Barnett, National Chair The Flag of the United States of America Committee from the February 2016 National Defender

(Editor's note—While at State Conference I observed many different ways people saluted the Flag. I found this article to be appropriate based on what I saw.)

Our flag is the symbol of the freedoms enjoyed every day. It deserves our respect and homage on any occasion where it is presented whether during a procession, a parade, or an assembly.



The proper salute is as follows: all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at their left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Those in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform.

So when is an appropriate time to salute the flag? First and foremost this should be performed during the playing of the national anthem. The salute should begin at the first note of the national anthem and continue until the last note. Second, the salute should last during the entire Pledge of Allegiance. What sometimes is forgotten are other events when the flag is displayed. During Continental Congress and state conference processions, the salute should last from the moment the flag is first lifted until the flag is on stage and still. Recessionals are similar as the salute is rendered from the time the flag is lifted from its stand until it disappears from sight. During parades, salute from when you see the flag and after it passes by until out of your sight. Color guards often present the flag during memorial services, graveside services, etc., and the salute custom should be followed. Let us follow the words of President General Edith Irwin Hobart (1929-1932), *“Let us celebrate the Flag of the United States of America by promising that we will on every occasion respect it in our hearts and by our actions.”*

Continental Congress 2016

With Continental Congress coming up in just 2 short months, I encourage you to take a look at the schedule online or in your March/April DAR Newsletter that came with your DAR magazine and map out your plan for getting the most of this experience. You can pick and choose what you want to attend, but you must be registered.

If you aren't able to go to Congress this year but would still like to keep up with what's happening, visit this webpage <http://www.dar.org/members/continental-congress/continental-congress>. During the week of Congress, the Congress Communications Committee provides photos taken at the convention as well as the daily *Congress Herald* newsletter. A live video stream of the business sessions and evening ceremonies is also located on this page.

For those of you who have expressed an interest in attending the Virginia Luncheon, forms and information are now available on the VADAR website—http://www.vadar.org/membersonly/committees/va_luncheon.html. Remember, this is a password protected site. If you need the password, please let me (Myra) know and I will get it to you. You do not need to be registered for CC in order to attend the luncheon.



Guardian Trust Campaign

A campaign to establish a permanently restricted fund to support the preservation, restoration and conservation of our historic home & to fund the immediate restoration needs at DAR Constitution Hall.

Throughout the past 125 years, each President General has faced historic preservation challenges within our home. Each has successfully mounted efforts to fund immediate needs in our buildings, sometimes at the expense of other highly visible, worthwhile projects. These leaders have often been required to put aside opportunities to make lasting gifts to our nation in order to take care of our treasured home.

Today, we believe it is time to permanently “guard that which is committed to our trust” and provide security for future generations of Daughters. Not since our Founders set forth plans to build the finest building ever owned by women has this organization mounted such an ambitious campaign. To do this, we will seek your support, and that of all Daughters, to help raise \$25,000,000 to provide those much needed endowment funds. The Guardian Trust will become the permanent and perpetual foundation for our financial security.

Donors to this campaign have a unique opportunity to contribute to the success of leaders in future administrations as these gifts will provide long-term financial security for NSDAR, while inspiring and encouraging future Presidents General to achieve excellence in all facets of historic preservation, education and patriotism. Your gifts will ensure that this investment today will touch countless lives tomorrow and for generations to come.

(There was a presentation on the Guardian Trust Campaign at State Conference with an opportunity to give to this fund. In the span of about 10-15 minutes there had been a total of \$15,368 pledged/donated. Never underestimate the power of women! Ed.)