



Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter NSDAR



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June 12, 2024

Installation of Officers

7pm

7820 General Wright Dr

Fredericksburg VA 22407

**Gates will lock at 7pm, there will be no entry after
that time so please arrive by 645pm**

Potluck: by Last name

A-M - Appetizer

N-Z—Dessert

Regent's Corner

Greetings from Montana where there have been all four seasons in the past month! There is still snow in the mountains and I had to scoot on my behind last weekend down some snowy patches so I didn't slide down the mountain.

As we wind down with the year, I want to thank you for your patience. You may have noticed that we have had quite a few meetings via Zoom this year. That wasn't intentional. But with members being sick who had access to locations, unexpected maintenance issues, and lack of communication from the venue we have had to resort to Zoom.

Please check your email or Facebook (if you are on that platform) before a meeting. We try to get out notices as soon as we can, but sometimes we don't know in time. And if you have any great ideas for a meeting location, let us know. We are always in need of venues and try to vary them between Stafford and Fredericksburg.

And as of my writing this we are trying to come up with a meeting location for June since there will be construction where we had originally intended, so keep an eye out for email.

Hopefully you have seen the signup for the book basket we are doing for the District meeting in August. Please consider donating something. Rachel Dowling will be collecting items.

We will be planning the next year over the summer, so any ideas as to programs, outings, or locations are welcomed.

Continue to sparkle and shine,

Tracy



JUNE 2025

Dear Daughters,

President General's Message

As I reflect on these past three years, I am profoundly grateful for our National Society and the good work that our Daughters pour into communities across the country. During the past month we have sought to capture accomplishments at all levels of the organization from our executive officer recap blogs to our committee accomplishments in the DAR Magazine. Whether you are just joining our organization as a new member or have been with us for fifty years, I encourage you to read this material to appreciate DAR's enduring impact as an organization.

In each of these monthly President General's messages, we have featured the Wright Administration's theme of **"Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever - Rejoice in our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship."** These phrases become almost second nature, but represent important foundations that we hope you all will keep in your hearts as we move forward together: first, in all your DAR activities, never lose sight of the mission that unites us as we celebrate our nation's rich history and our communities; and second, each member has a valued place within our society that we should cherish in each of our interactions with those around us. Service begins with putting others' needs above our own, with each act a tribute to our Patriot ancestors who put their country first.

Collectively, we have surpassed 20 million volunteer Service to America hours during the administration. This is outstanding! As a service organization, our service speaks for us and is our most important tool for advancing historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Our founders undoubtedly would be proud of this accomplishment. We hope that you will continue to make service a priority and challenge your chapters with new projects that advance ties in local communities.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you later this month at the 134th Continental Congress from June 23-29th. My greatest privilege has been serving as your 46th President General these three years. Thank you for every kindness you have shown me and the countless ways you provided assistance during my visits across the country and overseas.

May the sparkling beauty of fireworks always remind you of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" and our DAR ties of service and friendship. I will treasure the memories forever!

Pamela Rouse Wright
President General



American Indians Minute



Thawengarakwen (also known as Honyery Duxtater) and his wife Tyonajagen (Two Kettles Together) fought alongside the Continental Army in the thick woods of the Mohawk River Valley. The Oneida acted as spies, intercepting British communications, and gathering information on troop movements and strategies.

The Oneida was also helpful to the Continental Army in foraging for food and harassing British posts. Most notably, the Oneida assisted the Continental Army at the Battle of Oriskany in New York's Mohawk Valley in August of 1777. During this battle, the Oneida provided 150 men to General Horatio Gates' army.

Warriors of the Oneida Nation battled against Seneca, Cayuga, and Mohawk allies of the British. The day-long battle, which also included Loyalist troops and Hessian Jäger, ended in a stalemate. Both sides suffered heavy casualties and both sides claimed victory. The Battle of Oriskany was only the start of continuous fighting between the six nations of the Iroquois Confederacy during the war.

NSDAR American Indians Grant

The NSDAR American Indians Grant that the Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter submitted on behalf of the Virginia Tribal Education Consortium (VTEC) was approved!

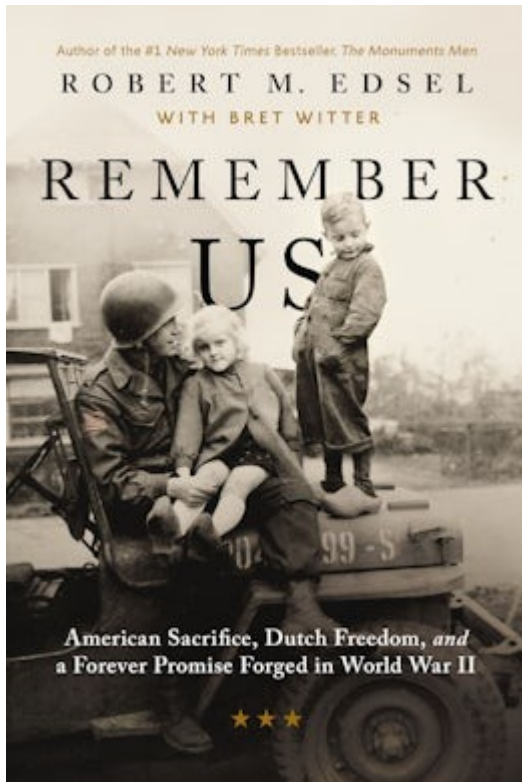
They will receive \$10,000 for the annual conference for video and photography services so that future generations will have access to conference content.

Check out their website to learn more about how they support Virginia Indians and their education goals.

vtecinc.org

In 2019, Tribal Leaders from the Seven federally recognized Indian Nations across Virginia came together to create a 501(c)(3) Tribal Education Agency with the mission to build the leadership capacity of our Tribal Nations to support academic excellence, cultural awareness, and historical accuracy. VTEC is committed to the facilitation of accurate Virginia Indian history, sovereignty, self-determination, and educational opportunities. To learn more about VTEC, [click here](#)!

Book Club



Book Club

August 26, 2025 via Zoom
Link will be sent out later

Remember Us, by Robert Edsel—#1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Monuments Men*—begins in the pre-dawn hours of Hitler's invasion of Western Europe on May 10, 1940, when his forces rolled into the small rural province of Limburg in the Netherlands shattering more than 100 years of peace. Their freedom gone, the Dutch lived through four-and-a-half years of occupation until American forces reached Limburg in September 1944, the last portion of Western Europe liberated by the Allies before their advance on Nazi Germany slammed to a halt.

Like *The Monuments Men*, *Remember Us* is an ensemble piece that follows twelve main characters over a six-year span, zeroing in on ordinary people including Frieda van Schäik, a teenager who falls in love with an American soldier; Lieutenant Colonel Robert Cole, the first member of the 101st Airborne to receive the Medal of Honor; and Sergeant Jeff Wiggins of the 960th Quartermaster Service Company, who escaped the poverty and racism of Alabama for yet another indignity—digging graves.

Drawing on never-before-seen letters, diaries, and other historical records, Edsel shows the painful price of freedom, on the battlefields and inside American homes. In this rich, dramatic, and suspenseful story, he captures both the horrors of war and the transcendent power of gratitude, showing the extraordinary measures the Dutch have taken to thank their liberators. *Remember Us* is exactly the book we need—a reminder that grief is universal, that humanity knows no national or racial boundaries, and that we all want to be remembered, somehow, someday, by somebody.

Committee Minutes—Susan Harvin

Flag Minute

Among other places, the flag should be displayed on all weather permitting days on or near the main administration building of every public institution. It should be displayed during schools days in or near every schoolhouse.

The flag should not be draped over top, sides, hood or trunk of a vehicle, or a railway train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motor vehicle the staff must be firmly fixed to the chassis or clamped to the radiator cap.

Publicity Minute

The Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter has an article in the 'With the Chapter' section, page 272 in the June/July Daughters Magazine.

Magazine Minute

The DAR Daughters Magazine is included free with The American Spirit Magazine for all subscription holders.

Insignia Minute

A new National DAR Administration new brings new PG pins, tote bags and other items specific to the new administration. Some of the new items will be available for purchase on the Tuesday of Continental Congress in the JW Marriott. These items can be used following the installation of the new officers on Sunday, June 29.

Units Overseas Minute

The newly formed Ireland Chapter's organizing meeting was May 31. Associate membership applications will process after June 5.

The link to the application form will be posted on the DAR DOC Units Overseas page.

Honor Flight

Welcome to the 2025 Honor Flight schedule of list of hubs arriving at DCA.

Note: Real ID will be required after May 7, 2025.

Listed below are ALL arrivals and departures in June, 2025.

Please check out the website at <https://honorflightdca.com/>

06/12/25 Thursday

GROUP: 40 Veterans from Greater St. Louis Honor Flight, Chesterfield, MO (STL)

DEPARTURE: Return to DCA at 5:00PM for 6:35PM departure on Southwest 2310

06/17/25 Tuesday

GROUP: 80 Veterans from Sullivan Hartogh Davis Cedar Valley Honor Flight, Cedar Falls, IA (ALO)

ARRIVAL: 9:30AM on Sun Country tbd at Terminal 1

BUS: 3 Dillon's buses

DEPARTURE: Return to DCA at 7:00PM for 8:00PM departure on Sun Country tbd

06/19/25 Thursday

GROUP: 36 Veterans from Great River Honor Flight, Quincy, IL (STL)

DEPARTURE: Return to DCA at 5:00PM for 6:35PM departure on Southwest 2310



Conservation

THE RIVER

The Rappahannock River is one of Virginia's most iconic waterways, stretching over 195 miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay.

The river supports a diverse array of ecosystems and provides critical habitat for fish and wildlife, including American shad and Atlantic sturgeon.

The Rappahannock also plays a vital role in the region's economy, supporting agriculture (Virginia's top industry) and seafood industries, and serves as the basis for robust tourism and recreational opportunities such as fishing, paddling, boating, and waterfowl hunting. In addition to its ecological, economic, and recreational significance, the river is a crucial source of drinking water .

THE THREAT

The increasing strain on water resources, and the absence of unified water management, threaten the river's ability to meet the needs of both people and nature. As the region continues to grow, protecting the Rappahannock's health and sustainability is more important than ever.

For more info on what you can do to protect our River, please visit: [RIVER](#)



Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution

Summer Summit 2025

June 2, 2025

Dear Virginia Daughters,

It is my pleasure to share details of the forthcoming 2025 Summer Summit, which will take place in Richmond, Virginia on Friday and Saturday, July 18-19, 2025.

As the official State Board of Management meeting, the Summer Summit marks the first gathering of the new administration following the installation of the State Regent-elect and State Vice Regent-elect at the 134th Continental Congress. This event offers a welcoming and engaging setting to introduce new leadership, present upcoming goals and initiatives, and reaffirm our shared values in the work of the DAR. **ALL Virginia daughters are invited to attend.**

For your convenience, the Summer Summit Schedule is included at the end of this letter. Highlights include a brand-new “Genealogy Jamboree” on Friday (separate registration required). Official events begin Friday evening with a plated dinner followed by a fun and engaging activity.

Saturday starts with a breakfast buffet followed by a Business Meeting. The agenda will include updates from the new state officers, the opportunity to endorse the new State Regent’s Project, introduction of the new state chairs, and updates on new information from National.

Following the meeting, attendees will benefit from four targeted workshops—two in the morning and two in the afternoon—designed to support chapter leaders and members for success in the year ahead.

We are especially honored to welcome Virginia’s very own Virginia “Ginnie” Sebastian Storage, who, by the time of Summer Summit, will be the new President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. As our luncheon guest, the President General will highlight the exciting plans of her new administration.

We look forward to seeing you all in Richmond!

State Regent Elect
Kathy Rugh

Service To America

Donations are needed for the Chapters Gift Basket at the Annual District IX Meeting on August 2nd

We will be selling voices for this wonderful themed “Book Basket “ for this years chapter fundraising.

Please donate what you can. If you can not make it to the June meeting, you can contact Rachel Dowling on where to drop your items off!!! It's starting to look like a great gift basket!

We are currently looking for the following Items:

Reading Glasses

Various books: History, Mystery or Romance

Hot Chocolate/Biscotti/Cookies/Trail Mix

Whatever you think you would want if you won this basket!

Sign up here: [Falls of the Rappahannock Local members: Basket for District IX Meeting](#)

Do you have an idea for Service in Seconds that our Chapter could participate in?

Please send those ideas to our Regent.



SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated total as of June 3, 2025

Chapter goal is :2,250

655.75

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!

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.

Dates to Remember

June 25 – June 29, 2025 Continental Congress

June 27- Virginia Luncheon

July 18-19 Summer Summit Short Pump VA

Aug 2—District IX Annual Meeting—Fawn Lake CC

What to bring to the Meeting

Your Self!	Plastic Bags
Coupons	Coke Caps
Stamps for our Chaplain	Get Well/Birthday Cards
Aluminum Tabs	Donations for the Piggy Banks

Members Courses

The DAR Leadership Training Committee is proud to be the home for the Member Training Courses. The courses provide an opportunity for members to learn more about DAR and how to become active and engaged participants in DAR at all levels — chapter, state, and national. The courses have been designed to fit into anyone's busy schedule of work, family, and play, through mostly online self-directed learning. Currently, the following courses are available:

- **Members Course** – Explore the many aspects of DAR and what it means to be a Daughter.
- **Committee Leaders Course** – Learn what it takes to be a more effective committee leader, from the chapter level all the way up to national chair.
- **New Horizons Course** – Build confidence and leadership skills as an aspiring or current DAR leader.