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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



Regent Susan Harvin participated in a wreath laying at Mount Vernon on July 4. She represented our chapter by laying a carnation at George Washington's tomb as the DAR Chapters were called.

There is no August meeting but since we don't seem to have slowed down much as far as DAR is concerned I thought I would take this opportunity to pass on some things that have been going on. Though the Chapter DAR summer has been quiet, some of your Officers have continued to be DAR busy. We mentioned in the last newsletter several of us who attended Continental Congress. There has also been State Board of Management in July, as well as District V Annual meeting coming up in August. Take a look inside for some of the "goings on" we have been enjoying this summer. Looking forward to seeing you all in September as we kick off another DAR year.

Mark your calendars now for DAR Thursdays. See you soon.

CHAPTER CHAT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

District V Annual Meeting on Sat. August 13 at the Springfield Country Club.

Fall Forum which will be Sept 16-18 in Roanoke. The information is available now on the VADAR website. I have already sent it out to all members. If you did not get anything and want to go please let me know. **Deadline for registration is Aug. 12.** You can still attend if you decide later to go, but you won't be able to order the meals or get lodging at the DAR rate.

These meetings are very important as far as keeping up with what is going on in DAR. There is a lot of information disseminated at each of these meetings which will be helpful as the DAR year gets started up in the Fall. I highly encourage you to attend if you can.

District V Service Project—Service for Veterans

The Recreational Therapy Division of McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond is asking for our help in gathering supplies for their "Coffee Cart". With all of the programs the RT Division has going, the coffee cart takes a large amount of their budget and is a big draw to get the veterans to participate in the many programs.

District V is the largest District in Virginia, and it would be an amazing showing to have 100% of the chapters participating in this project. No one has to provide everything, but each item brought will make a huge impact for the help we can provide to the Veterans who use the Recreational Therapy Division.

Coffee, powder creamer, sugar packets, & splenda/equal packets

Please contact Susan Harvin, Alicia Spear, Myra Wiggins or Donna Courtney if you would like to donate. We can make arrangements to have you drop it off or meet somewhere to get it.



August

Pamelia Mayne	3rd
Rita D'Arcangelis	4th
Venise Lewis	4th
Chrissy DeMarr	6th
Elisa Pritchard	6th
Myra Wiggins	22nd

DUES ARE DUE!

The \$3 increase in National dues was approved at Congress. Also approved was an increase in the amount we send to the President General's Project...from \$2 to \$2.50 per year. You have the option of paying it annually or paying \$7.50 at the beginning of the new administration (now). It is included in the Dues reminder later in the newsletter.

PHOTO PERMISSION FORMS & CONFLICT OF INFORMATION FORMS

I recently emailed out copies of these forms. If you have not already done so, please return them via snail mail or email with electronic signature as soon as possible. The Conflict of Information forms were only sent out to Board members. I will send them out to Chapter Chairmen after our Sept. meeting. It is very important that we have a form from each person. Thanks

BABY NEWS!!!

Adrien Thaddeus Pepe arrived on July 28. His parents are Lex and Ginny Sanderson Pepe. Ginny is former FOTR Regent. Granny is Jo Sanderson and Auntie is Miranda Sanderson-Callard.



We have been doubly blessed in the baby department. New member Allison Gatrone and her husband welcomed Charlotte Rosalyn Gatrone on Tuesday July 12.

C.A.R. applications are in the works for both babies

Congratulations everyone!!!!

We are Growing Again!!

Welcome to Mary Littleton who was approved on July 5. Also Heidi Broton (mother to member Emily), Allison Gatrone, Katie Mulder (daughter of Becky), and Arabella Tallman (step-daughter to Miranda Sanderson-Callard). They will be approved and receive their National Numbers on August 5. I am expecting Courtney Fern to be verified any day now. She is Jo Sanderson's niece and Miranda's cousin. Her mother was also approved earlier this year. We will have a great welcome ceremony at our September meeting!! This brings our new member total for this year to 13. I think that will put us at a 24% increase for the year.

Fall Forum Service Projects

We will once again be collecting donations for our Service Projects at Fall Forum. **If you would like to participate by donating items, please bring them to the September meeting.**

1. **DAR Schools** – Please bring your **empty printer ink and toner cartridges** for recycling. Please make certain that ink cartridges are in plastic bags to avoid leakage.
2. **Women’s Issues** – We will be collecting **old cell phones** for donation to Secure The Call. This organization collects cell phones and makes them available to women and elderly persons in danger of domestic abuse. They have more than 20 offices around the Commonwealth. We all have at least one old cell phone sitting in a drawer, put it in your bag and donate it.
3. **DAR Project Patriot** –For 75 years, the **USO (United Services Organization)** has been dedicated to supporting America’s service members and their loved ones. The USO in Hampton Roads supports the Norfolk Naval Base (the largest in the world), Langley AFB, Fort Eustis, and three airports! **They would like us to donate food items for military personnel deploying to have on the long plane rides and to use for their lounges at the airports, and for homecomings.** As soon as they post the list of needed items, I will let you know.
4. **Veterans** – We will be collecting **Adult Coloring Books and Colored Pencils** for the Women Veterans at McGuire VA Medical Hospitals, Recreation Therapy Dept. This is a new addition to the Veterans Therapy, and we have been asked to supply the coloring books for the “Color Night” activity. Many thanks in advance for your kind donations ****Dollar Tree Stores carry a 32 page Adult Color Book for \$1.00 each as well as Colored Pencils.****

Your contribution to this effort will make ALL the difference and help get the new program off to a great start.

Falls of the Rappahannock Executive Board Meeting

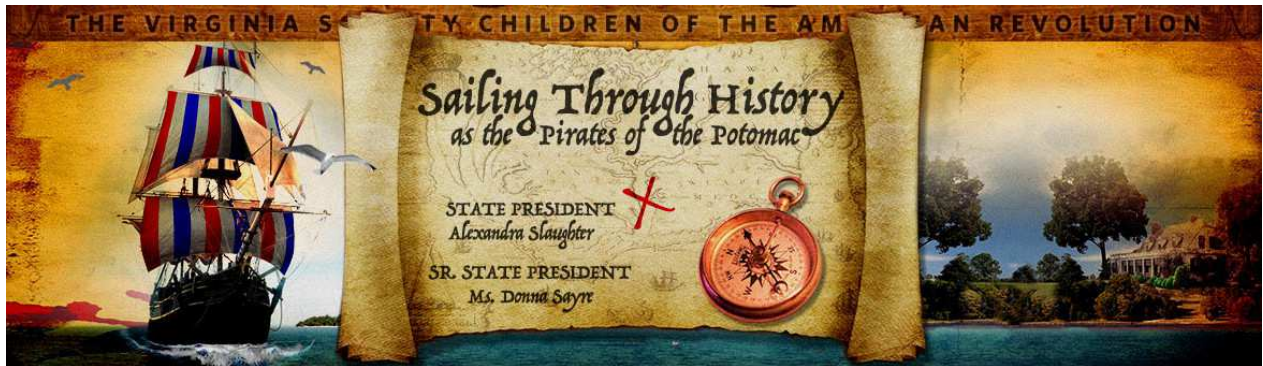
Your new Executive Board will be meeting on August 7 to plan the coming year. Now is the time for you to be thinking about what committee you would like to serve on and also to let us know if there is something that YOU would like for us to do as a chapter. I have the Member Interest Surveys that were filled out at the New/Prospective Member tea and will be looking at those again to see what you have indicated. There are also several committees that weren’t on that survey. They are State & District level committees. You would be the Chapter Chair for the committee, not a chair at the State or District level. I will add those to the Member Interest Survey so if you filled one out earlier, please take a look and see if you are interested in any of these committees.

Or, **is there a topic that you would like to see us address as a program?** If you want to hear about a particular subject and don’t know someone to speak on the topic we will try to find someone. This is YOUR chapter. You can let Susan Harvin (srharvin@msn.com), Alicia Hillmer (alicia7183@msn.com) or me (myrawigDAR@gmail.com) know.

I must say that there were quite a number of responses to the Member Interest Survey and a wide range of interests. That is wonderful!! Thank you!!!



VIRGINIA SOCIETY CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



V.S.C.A.R. 1st State Workshop
 July 30 at Rippon Lodge in Woodbridge VA

Virginia C.A.R. State President Alex Slaughter, has chosen for her project the restoration of the cemetery at Rippon Lodge in Prince William County. The first State Workshop was held at Rippon Lodge on July 30. It was a fun event. The weather even cooperated. It was in the upper 80's (down from the upper 90's earlier in the week) and there was a breeze under the trees.

V.S.C.A.R. Workshop 2 Date and Location

Friday August 12—Senior Seminar & Skit Practice
 Holiday Inn Downtown Lynchburg
 Skit practice 7-9 pm
 John Lynch Suite 823
 Senior Seminar 7 pm
 Executive Board Room Suite 223

Saturday, August 13—Workshop and Tour!
 Point of Honor House Museum
 109 Norwood St, Lynchburg
 Registration at Point of Honor 9 am—9:30 am
 Workshop 9:30 am—Front lawn
 Tours of Point of Honor House Museum at 1PM
 Children ages 6-17 \$2
 Adults & Students \$5
 Pay on site—NOT with registration!

See Voice of Virginia for complete information

President General's Message

August 2016

Dear Daughters,

I hope you all have been enjoying your summer and have been able to rest and relax following an amazing 125th Continental Congress. It was an exciting Congress and I learned so much as we reflected on the history of our annual convention.

During the month of August many chapters will be planning their activities for the upcoming year. I hope you will take time to review the website to learn about all the different committees where you can become involved.

Of particular interest are the new [Community Classroom committee](#) and the [Educational Resources committee](#) along with the [Service to America committee](#). I hope you have been entering your Service to America hours in the [Online Tally!](#)

Another helpful tool for chapters during this time is the [Chapter Achievement Planning Guide](#). This will help your chapter keep track of credit for all of your activities. Additionally as you are planning to invite prospective members to your chapter activities, I encourage you to review the [Membership Resources](#) that the Membership Committee has put together. The [new Member Training program and the Horizons Course](#) to train leaders should also be considered. Both of these are designed to strengthen and educate our chapters about the DAR.

Member dues invoices will again be sent to Chapter Treasurers electronically, rather than the cumbersome invoices of the past; this use of technology allows the NSDAR to save both printing and postage expenses, but it provides advantages to the chapter, as well. You can learn about the Dues Increase passed at Congress here: <http://www.dar.org/members/announcements/dues-announcement-0>.

In addition to the *American Spirit* and *Daughters*, you are encouraged to [subscribe](#) and read all posts on the [Today's DAR Blog](#). Be sure to check the Members' Section of the website often for [members' announcements](#). Chapter Regents can share this information during chapter meetings so those who do not access the internet can also stay current with all the exciting updates. Information shared here is important to keep current on the news of the society.

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

Ann T. Dillon
President General



And a Good Time Was Had by All!!

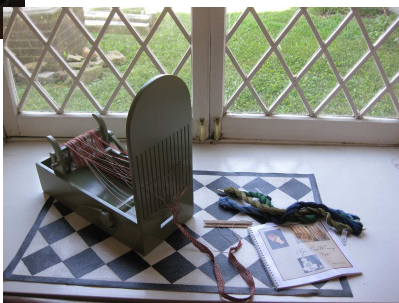
On July 23 old friends and new joined together at St. George's Episcopal Church downtown for a Chapter Fundraiser Tea. My personal goal was to have 40 reservations. I am happy to say that we met that goal! We



had guests come from as far as Tappahannock. I had a great time and I think everyone else did too.

I have heard many compliments. I want to express my thanks to those of you who helped make it possible. To those who weren't able to come to this tea, maybe you can make the next one.

Our profit was \$600 with a portion of that going to the State Regent's Project



VADAR State Regent's Project

Chapter Regent Susan Harvin, Vice-Regent Alicia Hillmer and Registrar Myra Wiggins (in her capacity as State Kenmore Committee Chairman) attended the State Board of Management on July 16 in Bristol, VA. This meeting happens just once at the beginning of each new State Regent's term so she can announce her State Project and go over other things that are pertinent to her administration.

Judy Surber is our State Regent for the 2016-2019 term. She announced that her State theme is "We the Daughters, many hands...Strive to Preserve the History, Share the Knowledge, and Thoroughly Enjoy the Blessings of Liberty. Her logo is "We the People" as you can see here. Colors are blue and gold, and the flower is Black-eyed Susan.



The 2016–2019 State Regent's Project is the underwriting of a conference room in Claude Moore Hall, Center for the Constitution at Montpelier, home of James Madison, at a cost of \$200,000.

The construction of Claude Moore Hall's virtual classrooms and media center will allow the Center to extend its reach, nationally and internationally, and take advantage of the larger community of adult learners, program alumni, and constitutional leaders who make up the audience.



The new building will allow the Center and its partners to create an online community, distribute its experience, and initiate its expertise partnerships with peer organizations all over the world.

As the Montpelier Vice President and Director of the Center has said, "What we hope to stimulate are kitchen table conversations, where the public rolls up their sleeves and discusses the Constitution and how the republic was intended to function. That is the value of blending the education and convening power of the Center for the Constitution moving forward."



For more than a decade, the Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution has sought to become the nation's foremost training center for constitutional education at Montpelier, the home of President James Madison. As a physical and virtual teaching academy, the Center has engaged tens of thousands of professionals—from all 50 states and more than 90 nations—in the theory and practice of the United States Constitution.



Today, the Center is poised for its next chapter. Construction has begun on Claude Moore Hall, a state-of-the-art \$4.7 million building containing meeting and classroom facilities wired for interactive learning, a media center supporting real-time video interviews and professional content production, and offices for Center staff.



Upcoming Events Around Us

DAR Library

September 24, 2016 Presented by Tom Ragusin, Genealogist, NSDAR

Don't know where to find New York military records, or even what type of New York military records are out there? Join us to find out! Please register at <http://darSept24.eventbrite.com>
HELD IN THE O'BYRNE GALLERY ADJACENT TO THE DAR LIBRARY AT 10AM

Library of Virginia

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: Emigration and Naturalization Records of Virginians, 1657–1929

Friday, September 16, 2016

Time: 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

Place: Conference Rooms, \$25 (\$20 for Semper Virginia Society members)

This workshop provides tools for those doing genealogical research on foreign-born ancestors who came to Virginia, focusing on emigration and naturalization records from the years 1657–1929. Part 1 covers laws and records concerning naturalization for colonial Virginia (1657–1776). Part 2 covers federal laws for naturalization and related Virginia records (1776–1929).

For registration and more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/h8zzz77>.

Ferry Farm

A fiery sight! Watch Foundation staff and expert artisans Bill Neff and Kenneth Tappan burn a lime rick – a large crib of wood and oyster shells lit on fire – to produce lime for stone and brick work as part of constructing the Washington house.

At this special program, guests are invited to interact with educators at both the lime kiln and the Washington house building site to discuss the Washingtons' life at Ferry Farm as well as colonial trades, architecture, and elements of the project to come, including timber framing.

Ferry Farm Admission Prices: \$8 adults, \$4 students, under age 6, free



Shakespeare by Candlelight at Kenmore

August 12, 13, & 14 – 8:00 p.m.

Historic Kenmore

Enjoy an evening of history and entertainment under the stars on the Lawn at Kenmore with a performance by candlelight of William Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, staged in an eighteenth-century style.

Taming of the Shrew was presented in colonial Virginia, and the prologue of the play includes an introduction to theatre in the American colonies, before the Revolutionary War.

\$15 adults; \$7.50 students For more information contact Vickie Hayes at 540-370-0732 or orhayes@gwffoundation.org.
Candlelight tours of Kenmore offered from 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.



DUES NOTICE

Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter, NSDAR

Member: _____

X all additional
that you choose

- 2015-2016 Dues.....\$60.00
- PG Project donation ** 7.50
- DAR Magazine (optional)..... 18.00
- Chapter Nametag (optional)..... 5.00
- 2015-2016 Chapter Yearbook
optional hard copy.....2.00
- Donation to chapter (optional).... _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

** PG Project donation can be paid as \$2.50 over the 3 year term or all at once at any time during the term.

Return this form, with your check payable to Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter DAR (FOTR NSDAR), to:
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