



April 2021

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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



April 7, 2021

Zoom Meeting

7pm

Program: Children of the American Revolution

Given by: Sara Cox, President Elect

Chapter Chat, cont.

Topic: FOTR DAR Monthly Meeting

Time: Apr 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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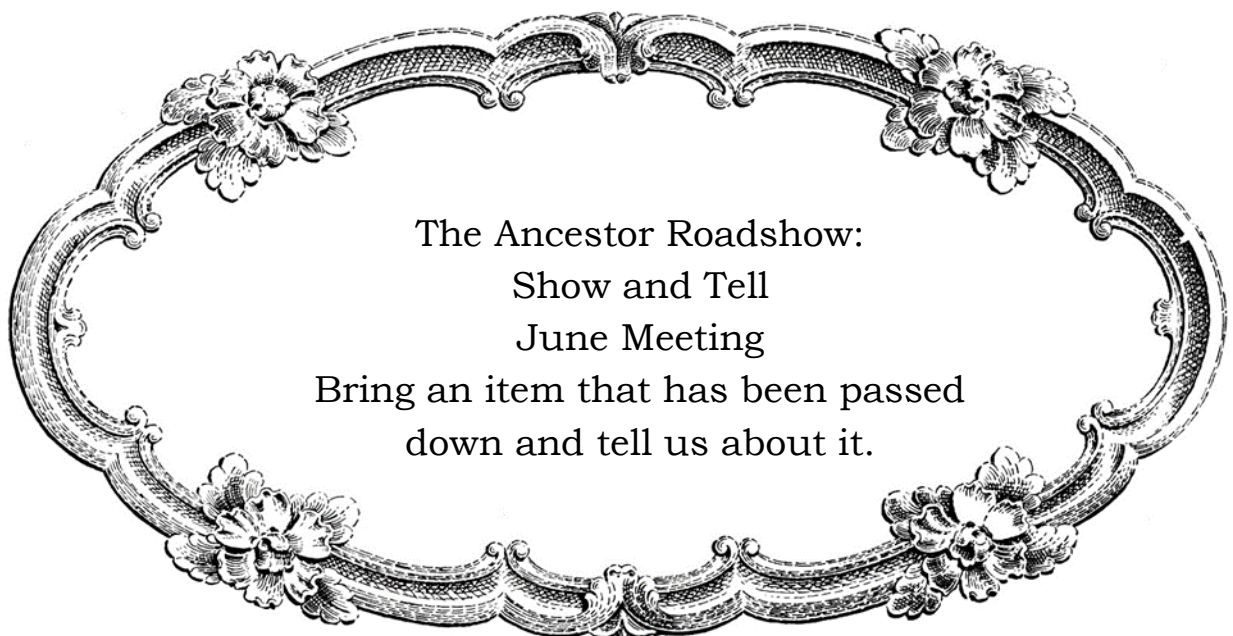
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Slate of Officers for 2021-2022

The Nominating Committee presents this slate for the 2021-2022 DAR year

Regent. Sonja Johnson
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Chaplain Debbie Henning
Secretary. Donna Courtney
Treasurer. Donna Sayre
Registrar. Myra Wiggins
Historian. Linda Tague
Librarian. Nancy May

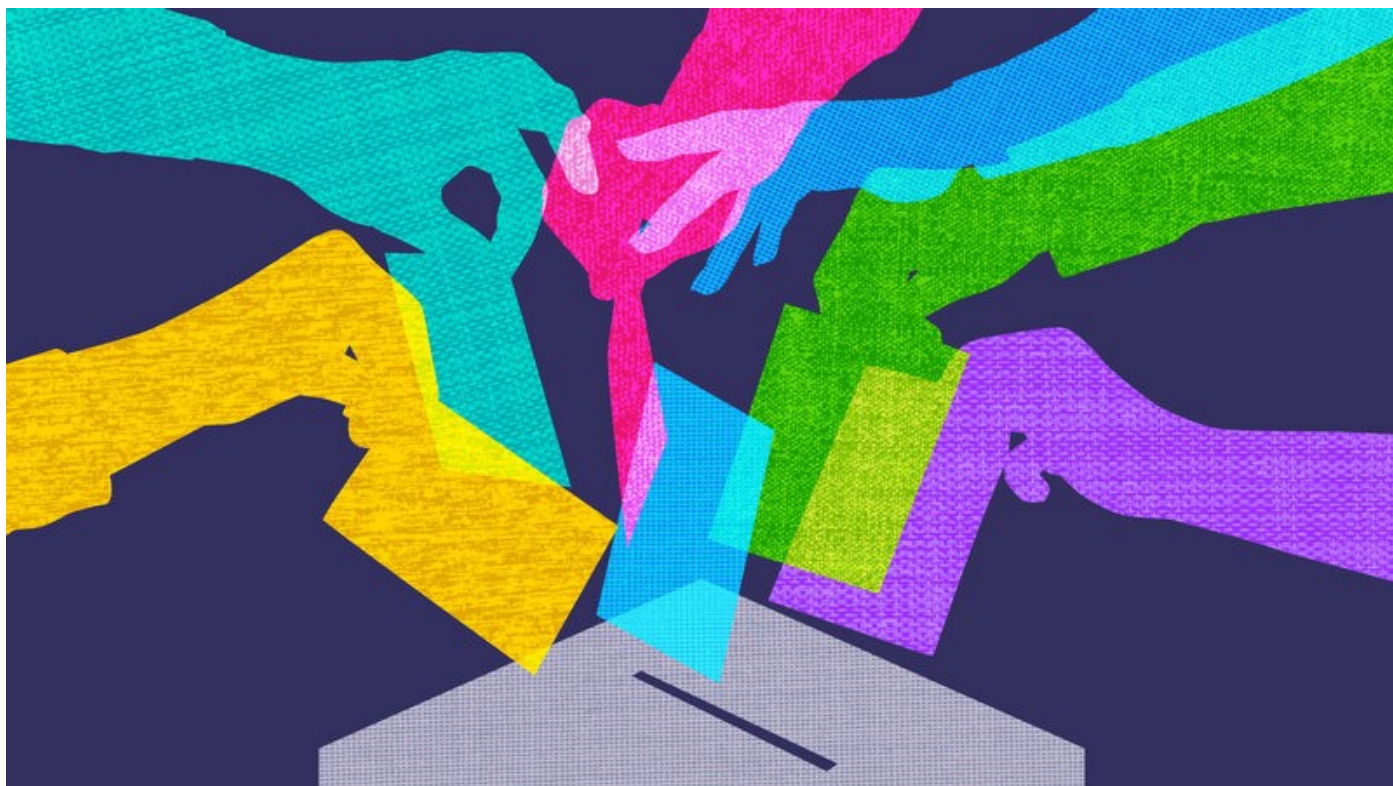
Since we are still meeting virtually but need to have our elections, we will again be having a drive by vote to be held at the Rt 17 Target parking lot across from Panera on Sunday, April 11 from 1-3pm.

Donna C, Donna S and myself will be there to receive ballots. Since our bylaws do not allow for mail in voting, I will email ballots to local members.

Thank you for your continued support of our chapter.

In DAR Sisterhood,

Myra



Members Course Zoom Meetings

Topic: Members Course Monthly Meeting

Time: Apr 25, 2021 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Fourth Sun, until Oct 24, 2021, 7 occurrence(s)

Apr 25, 2021 03:00 PM

May 23, 2021 03:00 PM

Jun 27, 2021 03:00 PM

Jul 25, 2021 03:00 PM

Aug 22, 2021 03:00 PM

Sep 26, 2021 03:00 PM

Oct 24, 2021 03:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAsfuGurT4qGtPq2bsMnG8RPaZ-sFkfjDwy/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsrzliHNeQsBmARpwIBYr4We7ztiVfjbdU3nEA1dRVvEBuN4f6FZG97a>

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Chapter Chat with the Regent

Happy Spring Daughters,

We made it! The days are longer and the sun shines longer. I know that everyone is getting excited to be out and about, but please continue to be safe! There are a lot of things coming up in the next few weeks. If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to the District IX State Regents Tea on April 10. Wear your pins, hats and your finest spring outfits!

The Continental Congress will be virtual again this year, this is an excellent time for you to attend. Please let myself, Donna S and Myra know if you are interested in attending.

Please remember to add ALL of your service hours to the database. I know there are a lot of you that do amazing service work and we would love to have you get credit for it.

If you haven't done so already, we would love to have you join the Members Course group, we meet the fourth Sunday of the month and can help you with all your questions.

Our April Book Club will be reading Abigail Adams and meeting on April 26th at 7pm.

And lastly, please remember to vote for your slate of officers this Sunday, April 11th.

Stay healthy, Stay Safe,

Sonja Johnson

Chapter Regent

Topic: DAR Book Club

Time: Apr 26, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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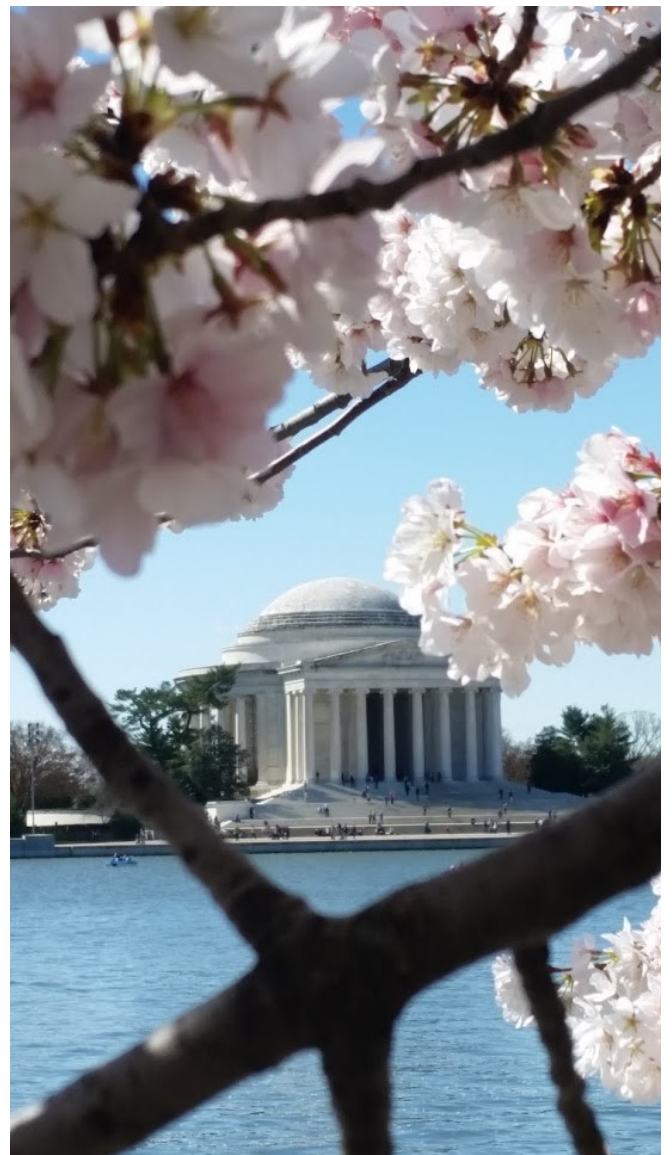
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President Generals Message

April 2021

Dear Daughters,

As you have likely heard by now, it appears impossible to plan for an in-person Congress once again this year. As of late March, the [District of Columbia remained still in Phase 2 of its reopening](#), meaning that indoor gatherings are limited to 10 people and staffing remains at just 25 percent. Because there are no assurances that restrictions will be suitably eased by late June, we have no responsible choice but to move our annual conference to a virtual format. I'm deeply sorry – I was so very much looking forward to welcoming you back to your home at 1776 D Street, especially to see our restored DAR Constitution Hall.



While it is sad to share this decision, I take solace in believing that members from around the world will again have the opportunity to take part in our annual gathering – and I assure you, that we will stage an event that will be worthy to be called the 130th Continental Congress. I am determined that we will not allow the pandemic to stop us from recognizing the outstanding work of our members and the achievements of our award winners over the past year, and I am proud that we will conduct the business of the Continental Congress using technology. Please join me in accepting this difficult decision and embracing this reality to make the most of it.

Voting for the election of seven Vice Presidents General and one Honorary Vice President General, as well as any other pertinent voting matters, will again be conducted through the secure, independent electronic voting platform, Simply Voting – the same system that was used for the 129th Congress. Please note that, per the National Bylaws, only those members who are identified as voting delegates on the Chapter Credentials Report postmarked no later than April 15 will be eligible to vote electronically.

While we will be unable to replicate the full in-person Continental Congress experience, plans are underway to present the pertinent business and reports of the Society, as well as provide other engaging content, online throughout the week of June 28 - July 4, 2021. Having learned much last year, we will strive to bring you an even more interactive, engaging and enjoyable virtual Congress experience. I encourage you to plan to connect with us and other members virtually during Congress week. Details will be developed and shared in the weeks ahead. Let's not allow the pandemic to rob us of the camaraderie we share, whether in person or online.

There is even still a fun way that you can “attend in person” the historic unveiling of the restored DAR Constitution Hall. Watch for details about the ability to place your Congress Cut Out photo in a brand-new seat for the debut of our newly renovated Hall – and even the opportunity to be joined by your family and/or chapter members from throughout the decades in celebrating the restoration of our National Historic Landmark. Watch for forthcoming details.

Additionally, with the hope that District of Columbia pandemic gathering size restrictions will be lifted throughout summer and fall, state delegations will be invited to schedule a visit to DAR Headquarters in order to tour the newly restored DAR Constitution Hall, research at the DAR Library, tour the DAR Museum, etc. just as soon as such visits are allowed. More information will be sent to State Regents as plans are developed for these future tour opportunities once restrictions are officially eased by the District of Columbia.

I know that being unable to gather in person for the 130th Continental Congress is disappointing for all; for me, it is truly heartbreaking. But I ask you to join me to embrace this opportunity to come together virtually to celebrate the success of our Society. Let us hold our heads high, our faces to the sun and move forward together in our mission of service to America.

In Gratitude,
Denise Doring VanBuren
President General

DARling Daughters

Martha Newton, President, White Oak Rescue 7; Stafford County recognized women leaders in local government in its annual proclamation honoring Women's History Month. This year's honorees include staff members in leadership positions in the Commonwealth's Attorney Office, the courts, the Sheriff's Office, Fire and Rescue and County Government. The women were recognized at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on March 16, 2021.

"Stafford has more women than ever in positions that are integral to moving the County forward," said Chairman of the Stafford Board of Supervisors Crystal Vanuch, Rock Hill District. "This year, we wanted to highlight the women in staff positions who are leading the way for other women to move up the career ladder in Stafford County Government.



Congratulations Martha!

What a great honor!

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

The Falls of the Rappahannock, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)) were busy on March 29th handing out pins and thanking Vietnam Veterans for their sacrifices. National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29 honors the men and women who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in United States history.

On March 29, 1973, combat and combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam. Generations later, Veterans of this time period are gaining the respect that was not so freely given upon their return. Involving five U.S. presidents, crossing nearly two decades and 500,000 U.S. military personnel, it left an indelible mark on the American psyche.

Returning veterans did not always receive respectful welcomes upon their arrival on American soil. Over 58,000 killed, never to return. The observance recognizes the military service of these men and women who answered the call to serve their country when she needed them. They didn't make the decision to go to war.

Throughout National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we recognize the service and duty rendered by all servicemen and women of this era.



Donna S, Donna C, Susan H, Anne K, Carrie P & (son) and Martha Newton are pictured here.

Revolutionary Women

Prudence Wright

DATE OF BIRTH - DEATH

November 26, 1740 – December 2, 1823

A patriot, soldier, and hero, Prudence Cummings Wright defied traditional gender roles to protect her town during the American Revolution.

Born on November 26, 1740 in Dunstable, Massachusetts, Prudence Cummings was reared in a home with divided loyalties. As unrest and revolutionary sentiments disseminated amongst the colonists, Prudence found herself on the side of the Patriots, while two of her brothers pledged allegiance to the Crown. In 1761, Prudence married David Wright, a stalwart Whig and avid supporter of independence.

The couple settled in Pepperell, Massachusetts, where they became indispensable leaders of the cause. David, along with other patriotic Pepperell men, responded to the war's first shots at Lexington by marching to a nearby town to intercept advancing British troops. Meanwhile, Prudence spearheaded a novel and ingenious venture for the women left at home: a female militia. Dubbing themselves the "Minute women", Prudence, who had been elected as the militia's captain, and about 30-40 other townswomen dressed as men, shouldered muskets, wielded pitchforks, and marched to Jewett's Bridge. It was here on the Nashua River that the "Prudence Wright Guard" planned to intimidate the approaching Redcoats. The courageous women successfully stopped the British, captured several soldiers, and intercepted vital dispatches regarding troop movements. To this day, a marker near Jewett's Bridge honors the event, reading: "Near this spot a party of patriotic women, under the leadership of Mrs. David Wright, of Pepperell, in April, 1775, captured Leonard Whiting, a Tory who carrying treasonable dispatches to the enemy at Boston."

Both Prudence and her husband continued to fight for independence throughout the war, while raising their eleven children. Prudence died in 1823. Her epitaph reads: "In Memory of the Captain of the Bridge Guard."

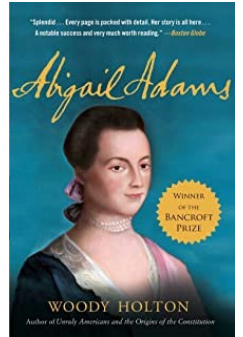
Dates to Remember

April 8 , 2021—Chapter Meeting 7pm

April 10, 2021—District 9 Tea 10am with the State Regent

April 25, 2021—Members Course 3pm

April 26, 2021— Book Club Abigail Adams: A Life by Woody Holson 7pm



THANK YOU!

**Don't forget to add your hours
each month**



ACTS OF SERVICE™

SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated total as of March 31 2021

452

Please remember to log your hours!

**[http://services.dar.org/members/committees/
ServiceToAmerica/](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.