

The Starfish

*A Publication of the Delaware State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Fall 2021 Post Conference Edition*



Gloria Lester
Delaware State Regent 2019 – 2022



STATE THEME

*Renew, rise up, reach out and help. You
can make a difference in the lives of
others by serving America.*

STATE BIBLE VERSE

*The King will reply, "Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of mine, you
did for me."*

Matthew 25:40

NATIONAL THEME



NATIONAL BIBLE VERSE

*Let your light shine before others
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

STATE REGENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the post Fall State Meeting edition of the Starfish. I Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful fall days. The Chapters have had a busy fall with, chapter meetings, gravestone cleanings, grave markings, DAR School Silent Auctions, Days of Service, Ribbon Cuttings, Open Houses, interesting speakers, induction ceremonies for new members, graduation of Members Training Courses, food drives for the Dover Airforce Food Pantry, and planting Never Forget Gardens to remember the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

In the coming days the Chapters have many more exciting activities planned including holiday cookie sales, Veterans Day Services, Anniversary Celebrations, Socials, American Heritage projects, Wreaths Across America, and preparing for the Historic Odessa Foundation Storybook Tree Decorating. For a small state this is so impressive and I am so proud of what is being accomplished.

It is difficult for me to believe my administration is already in its third year. Although, the State Regent position is very demanding, I continue to enjoy every minute I am able to work with all of you to fulfill the mission of our great organization. I have been blessed with a great Executive Board, Chapter Regents, Committee Chairs and my Honorary State Regent mentors. I thank them and all of the members for your continued support.

In spite of the fact that our Delaware State Society Fall meeting had to use a virtual platform, our meeting was a great success. I especially want to thank all those members who contributed to the production of this meeting. Our Conference Chair, Claudia Onken, worked for two months registering people for the conference and creating a spreadsheet for me to work with. Barb Seningen spent hours creating and assembling the PowerPoint slides as well as designing the written Conference Program. Janet Maher, our Zoom Master, worked to imbed videos into the slides

and orchestrate the Zoom Meeting. Also, I would like to give a special thanks to Sarah O'Donnell for assisting Janet Maher with Zoom. Beth Beachell recruited 8 Pages from across the Country to give technical assistance with Zoom. One page joined us all the way from the United Kingdom. I also want to thank Kristen Jones our Protocol Chair, Kitty Schrader, our Parliamentarian and Dawn Clair, our time keeper.

I would especially like to thank Caesar Rodney Chapter for hosting the meeting and for the beautiful Zoom Backgrounds and gift bags that they distributed to the attendees.

What a hit these details made with our guests and members. So, thank you Cindy



Vander Laan, Caesar Rodner Chapter Regent and Lorie Porter for the hours your committee spent creating these special touches.

We had 89 individuals register for the conference. One National Officer, two Honorary State Regents, two guest State Regents, four SAR members, 8 pages, and three guest speakers attended the meeting. My Guest State Regents, Donna Dial from Oregon and Cecelia Wimberly from Tennessee brought warm greetings.

The theme for the meeting was "The Documents that Forged Our Nation".



character as George and Martha Washington.

In the morning during the Business Meeting, Bill and Cara Elder joined us to perform in

The Elders are retired teachers, historians and certified presenters who have performed for groups, museums, schools, historic societies and universities at various locations throughout the world including Mount Vernon, Valley Forge and Colonial Williamsburg.



After this captivating presentation about the life of the Washingtons and the forging of the Constitution, we presented our Chapter Achievement, American Heritage, Community Service, American Indian, Genealogic, Vietnam Veterans Partnership and The Helen Pouch Awards to deserving members. All Award recipients are listed later in this newsletter.

In keeping with our theme, In the afternoon, our keynote speaker was Steven Edenbo in character as Thomas Jefferson. Mr. Edenbo is



a member of the Historical Theater Guild and regularly performs at Independence Hall in Philadelphia,

the National Archives in Washington D.C., The National Historical Park, The Thomas Jefferson Foundation, The Smithsonian, the University of Virginia and at the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. Mr. Jefferson's educational and entertaining discussion of his life and the Declaration of Independence and The Constitution was awesome.

As a special treat, Peggy Troxell, the Recording Secretary General from National presented an excellent



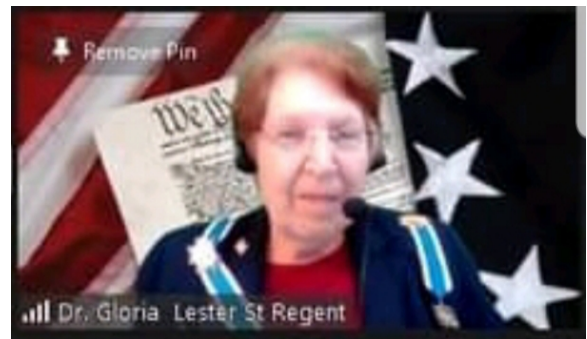
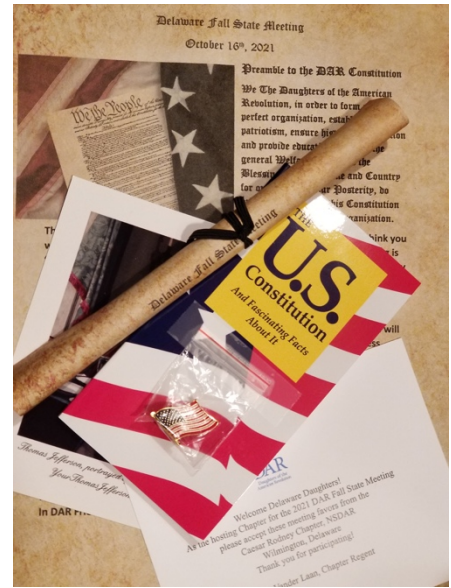
program on “Writing Officer and Committee Reports” which I am sure will benefit our membership and our organization. Claudia Onken, Honorary State Regent, Past Vice President General and Commemorative Events Chair gave a moving tribute to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on this Centennial Anniversary. This was followed by a presentation on Wreaths Across America by Valarie Leary, who is leading the sponsorship initiative for Wreaths Across America in our State.

I have been truly humbled by all the e-mails, and notes I received after the meeting congratulating us on a successful State Meeting. Thank you all for your contribution to the Meeting, notes of appreciation and for your continued support. Our next Spring State Conference will be held at the Maple Dale Country Club on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The Hostess Chapter will be Mary Vining.

In DAR Friendship,

Dr. Gloria Lester
Delaware State Regent





STATE REGENTS PROJECT AND STATE PINS

Funds raised from the sale of Starfish Pin go towards the refurbishing of the Delaware Box. This is part of the initiative to update Memorial Hall and it was suggested by the office of Development that I take this on as my State Project. I think this is an excellent contribution to our National Society. The commitment for this project is \$5000.

The second project supported by the sale of the State Regent's pin is Casa San Francisco, a very worthy charitable social service organization in our own state. They supply emergency shelter, case management services, a food pantry and a senior food program. The case managers help clients develop and implement a plan that will focus on wellness and stabilizing their finances and living situation. In addition, Casa distributes gift cards for school supplies and Christmas gifts for children. Although, this is not specifically a service for veterans, many veterans do utilize their services and are linked to supportive services for veterans.



You may order the Starfish pin by sending a check made out to the DSSNSDAR to Gloria Lester 31685 Mill Creek Court, Lewes, Delaware 19958. We also have

some of the Holly Pins left from the Beachell Administration. Both pins would make excellent gifts. The pins are being sold



for \$25 each pin and \$5 for shipping. This beautiful piece of jewelry can be worn as either a pin or a necklace. Please help support the Delaware Box in Constitution Hall and Casa San Francisco by purchasing The State Regent's Starfish pin.



Fire Fly pins are also available for \$25 to support the Jr. Membership Committee. Checks for these pins can also be made out DSSNSDAR and sent to Gloria

Lester at the address above.

SUPPORTERS OF THE STATE REGENT'S PROJECT Fall 2021 State Meeting

**\$150
CAESAR RODNEY CHAPTER**

GOLD \$100

Cameo Society	Carol Halsey
Janet Leishman	Deanna Lyons
Sarah O'Donnell	Claudia Onken
State Officers Club	Ginger Trader

SILVER \$50

Nancy Barlow	Jan Ekoniak
Donna Josefowski	Valarie Leary
Dr. Gloria Lester	Janet Maher
Amy Peoples	Melanie Rapp
Kendra Roberts	Barbara Seningen

BRONZE \$25

Debbie Cannon	Dawn Clair	Sheri Clark
Leigh Corrigan	Patricia Haas	Robin Hughes
Kristin Jones	Mary Alice Kelly	
Kathy Lindemere	Lori Porter	
Christine Mikkelsen	Barbara Schaut	
Grace Vattilano	Cindy Vander Laan	
	Jill White	

STATE REGENT'S PROJECT

Denise Clemons, State Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report from our recent State Meeting did not include additional gifts to the State Regent's Project, which has reached a total of \$10,300 since the start of the Lester Administration, already more than the goal originally set to fund repairs to the Delaware Box at Constitution Hall and to make a contribution to Casa San Francisco. Support from Delaware Daughters has been outstanding, with more to come.

THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT 2022-2025 ADMINISTRATION

The following names have been brought forth from the Nominating Committee as a recommendation for the 2022-2025 slate for the Delaware State Society Executive Board. These candidates will be voted on at the April 23, 2022 State Conference. Based on our by-laws, nominations may be submitted from the floor for any position with prior approval from the eligible candidates.



Regent – Barbara Seningen

Vice Regent –
Carolynn Foxwell



Chaplain – Carol Evans

Recording Secretary –
Dawn Clair



Corresponding
Secretary –
Sarah O'Donnell

Organizing
Secretary –
Donna Josefowski



Treasurer –
Kathleen Schrader

Registrar – Nancy
Graybeal





Historian – Claudia Onken

Librarian –
Valarie
Leary



Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their difficult job compiling a slate of qualified nominees.

Dr. Gloria Lester
Delaware State Regent



DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY NATIONAL AWARDS

- Chapter Achievement Committee :100% Chapter Participation.
- Chapter Achievement Committee: All Chapters Achieved Level I.
- Americanism Committee: National for Outstanding Project – 400 Wreaths Sponsored by Members for Veterans Graves.
- Public Relations: National Second Place tie for Outstanding Social Media Presence.

- Librarian General Award: Second Place 2020-2021 Book Count Category III (13).
- Jr. Membership Committee: Third Place – New Friends or Best Friends of Jr. Membership (States with 1-20 Chapters).
- DAR School Committee: Largest Contribution to Friends of DAR Schools Fund for States with 1-20 Chapters.
- DAR Service to Veterans Committee: 3rd place for Outstanding Support of Veterans.
- DAR Patriot Project Committee: Outstanding Service and Support.
- DAR Leadership Training Committee: Outstanding First Place for Members.
- Course- % increase from Congress 2020 for State Membership less than 750.

DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY EASTERN DIVISION AWARDS

- Americanism Committee: Outstanding Project 400 Wreaths Sponsored by Members for Veterans Graves.
- CAR Committee: Most Chapters Supporting a CAR society by Percentage.
- DAR School Committee: Largest State Contribution to Friends of DAR Schools Fund by Division.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: First Place for Outstanding State and Chapter Social Media Presence.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Third Place for Outstanding Commemorative or Community Event.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Third Place for Outstanding Broadcast Coverage.



CAESAR RODNEY NATIONAL

- Chapter Achievement Award Level I.
- Chapter Achievement Committee: Chapter with Largest % increase in Chapter Achievement Award Points 2019-2020.
- Americanism Committee: First Place (tie) National for American's Creed Distribution
- DAR Service for Veterans Committee: Support for Women Veterans.
- Membership Committee: 3 members added.
- Membership Committee: Luminary Challenge Shimmer.
- Membership Committee: Zero Membership Resignations or Drops.

CAESAR RODNEY EASTERN DIVISION

- America 250! Committee: Outstanding Use of Social-Media Honoring Our Patriots.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Outstanding Chapter Commemorative or Community Event.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Certificate for Outstanding Chapter Brochure.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Outstanding Broadcast Coverage.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: First Place for Outstanding Brochure.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Eastern Division Certificate for Outstanding News Letter.

- Public Relations and Media Committee: Eastern Division Certificate for Chapter Electronic Coverage.

CAESAR RODNEY INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- America 250! Membership Taskforce Committee: Elizabeth Bak for App Angel.
- Volunteer Genealogist Committee: Libby Bak for Eastern Division Outstanding Service.
- Volunteer Information Specialist Committee: Deborah Smith for Outstanding Service as VIS Co-Chair.
- Volunteer Information Specialist Committee: Deborah Smith for 2021 State Vis Volunteer of the Year.
- DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee: Elizabeth Bak for Outstanding State Chair.



COLONEL DAVID HALL CHAPTER AWARDS

- Chapter Achievement Award Level I.
- America 250! Committee: Eastern Division for Outstanding Use of Social Media Honoring Our Patriots.
- American Indians Committee: Eastern Division Outstanding American Indian Minute.
- Membership Committee: 4 Members Added
- *Public Relations and Media Committee: Eastern Division Certificate for outstanding Chapter Social Media Presence.

COLONEL DAVID HALL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- America 250! Committee: Jennifer Horsley for Eastern Division First Place Outstanding Use of Social Media Honoring Patriots.
- America 250! Committee: Jennifer Horsley for National First Place Outstanding Use of Social Media Honoring Patriots.
- Americanism Committee: Dorothy Blakely for Eastern Division for Outstanding Service to Americanism Committee as Delaware State Chair.
- American Indians Committee: Jennifer Horsley for National Outstanding Service- American Indians Committee Facebook Page.
- American Indians Committee: Jennifer Horsley for Eastern Division Second Place for Outstanding Program.
- American Indians Committee: Jennifer Horsley for Eastern Division Outstanding State Chair
- American Indian Committee: Anita Wheeler for Eastern Division for Outstanding Service.
- Commemorative Events Committee: Dr Gloria Lester Eastern Division Third Place National Award for Outstanding State Member Vietnam War 2020.
- Community Service Committee: Dr. Gloria Lester for Eastern Division Outstanding Service as State Chair.
- Constitution Week Committee: Jane Patchell for Eastern Division 100% Participation of Delaware Chapters in Constitution Week Activities.
- Constitution Week Committee: Jane Patchell for Eastern Division for Outstanding Leadership for Constitution Week.
- Constitution Week Committee: Jane Patchell for Eastern Division for Outstanding Chair.

- DAR Service to Veterans Committee: Margie Tucker for Outstanding Stat Chair.
- DAR Project Patriot Committee: Jennifer for Outstanding Service and Support.
- Volunteer Genealogist Committee: Mary Alice Kelly for Eastern Division Outstanding Service.
- Volunteer Information Specialist: Valarie Leary for Outstanding Service- State VIS Chair.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Jennifer Horsley for Eastern Division Certificate for outstanding Chapter Social Media Presence.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Jennifer Horsley for Eastern Division First Place for Chapter Outstanding Social Media Presence.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Jennifer Horsley for National Second Place (tie) for outstanding Chapter Social Media Presence.
- Service to America Committee: Patricia Haas for Outstanding Service as State Chair.



Awards & Recognition

COL. JOHN HASLET CHAPTER AWARDS

- Chapter Achievement Award Level I.
- Chapter Achievement Committee: Top Chapter with Largest % Increase in Chapter Achievement Award Points from 2019-2020.
- Membership Committee: for Luminary Challenge Shimmer.
- Membership Committee: for Zero Member Resignations/Drops
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Eastern Division Certificate for Chapter Electronic Coverage.

- Public Relations and Media Committee: Eastern Division Certificate for Second Place Outstanding Print Coverage.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: for Outstanding Chapter Service Project.



COOCH'S BRIDGE CHAPTER AWARDS

- Chapter Achievement Award Level I.
- America 250! Committee: Outstanding Use of Social-Media Honoring Our Patriots.
- American Indians Committee: Eastern Division for Outstanding Service- Navajo Nation Fundraising.
- American Indians Committee: Eastern Division for Outstanding Service- Navajo Nation Masks.
- Americanism Committee: Second Place (Tie) National for DAR Manual for Citizenship Referenced.
- DAR Project Patriot Committee: for Outstanding Service and Support.
- DAR Service to Veterans Committee: for Support of Women Veterans.
- Membership Committee: 3 members added.
- Public Relations and Media Committee: Eastern Division Certificate for Outstanding Chapter Electronic Coverage.
- Service to America Committee: for Outstanding Chapter Service Project.
- The Flag of the USA Committee: Eastern Division First Place for Best Chapter Program by Division.

COOCH'S BRIDGE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- America 250! Committee: Bernadette Kucharczuk- National Outstanding Service Division Vice Chair.
- America 250! Committee: Bernadette Kucharczuk- National Exceptional Editor & Publisher for the Patriot Post.
- For Outstanding Program.
- Constitution Week Committee: Rebecca Bennett for Eastern Division for Outstanding Leadership for Constitution Week.
- DAR Leadership Training Committee: Barb Seningen – Eastern Division Winner for Outstanding Independent Project- Education.
- DAR Leadership Training Committee: Deborah Cannon – Eastern Division Winner for Outstanding Capstone Project- Membership.
- Jr American Citizens Committee: Elizabeth Beachell for serving as State Chair.



MJR. NATHANIEL MITCHELL CHAPTER AWARDS

- Chapter Achievement Award Level I.
- America 250! Committee: Outstanding Effort Honoring Our Patriots.
- American Indians Committee: Eastern Division Outstanding American Indian Minute.
- DAR Project Patriot Committee: for Outstanding Service and Support.
- DAR Service to Veterans Committee: for Support of Women Veterans.
- Members Committee: Luminary Challenge Radiant.

- Members Committee: 4 members added.

MJR. NATHANIEL MITCHELL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- American Indian Committee: Carol Evans for Eastern Division Third Place for Outstanding Program.



MARY VINING CHAPTER AWARDS

- Chapter Achievement Award Level I 2020.
- Chapter Achievement Committee: Top Chapter With largest % Increase in Chapter Achievement Award Points From 2019 to 2020.
- American Indians Committee: Eastern Division Outstanding American Indian Minute.

MARY VINING INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Lineage Research Committee: Julia Williams as State Chair.

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS AWARD PRESENTED BY JENNIFER HORSLEY, GENEALOGICAL RECORDS STATE COMMITTEE CHAIR



Genealogical Records Award was presented to Kristin Jones from Col. David Hall Chapter

AMERICAN INDIAN AWARD PRESENTED BY JENNIFER HORSLEY, AMERICAN INDIAN STATE COMMITTEE CHAIR



American Indian Committee Awards for the Navajo Nation

Initiative were presented to:

- Lori Porter, Caesar Rodney Chapter
- Margie Tucker, Col. David Hall Chapter
- Valarie Leary, Col. David Hall Chapter
- Marcy Wright, Cooch's Bridge Chapter

American Indian Outstanding State Program Award was presented to Carol Evans, Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter Regent



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED

BY DR. GLORIA LESTER, COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS STATE CHAIR

Community Service Award for Wreaths Across America State Initiative:

- Valarie Leary, Col. David Hall Chapter

Community Service Award for State Navajo Nation Initiative:

- Jennifer Horsley, Col. David Hall Chapter
- Valarie Leary, Col. David Hall Chapter
- Lori Porter, Caesar Rodney Chapter

Community Service Award for The Little Free Library:

- Nancy Graybeal



Community Service
Award for Life Long
Voluntary Service to Her
Community:

Judith Schlott, Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter

AMERICAN HERITAGE AWARDS PRESENTED BY LANA BROWN, AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE CHAIR



American Heritage National Second Place
Award for Fiber Arts (Quilt):

- Kristen Jones, Col. David Hall Chapter

America Heritage National Second Place
Award for Art and Sculpture (Multi Media
Canvas} for "Rise and Shine Your Light on
Patriot William Gibbs":



The Cooch's
Bridge
Chapter
American
Heritage
Team:

- Christine Lashbrook
- Barb Seningen
- Sara O'Donnell
- Carol Halse,
- Betty Sorowice
- Jan Ekoniak
- Michelle West

VIETNAM VETERAN'S PARTNERSHIP AWARD PRESENTED BY CLAUDIA ONKEN



Vietnam Veterans Partnership Award:

- Dr. Gloria Lester, Delaware State Regent

JR. MEMBERSHIP, HELEN POUCH AWARD PRESENTED BY JAN EKONIAK

Jr. Membership Helen Pouch \$500 Classroom
Grant Award was presented to **Mandy
Balanetsky** after being nominated by Cooch's



Bridge.
Mandy is a
lead Teacher
at the
Wilmington
Montessori
Middle
School.

COOCH'S BRIDGE CHAPTER

Sarah O'Donnell, Regent

On September 18th, our chapter held its first in-person meeting since the pandemic began. It was a tour of my house, a historic house built in 1850 located in Middletown. The tour, held in small groups, began with the opening rituals on the front porch via slides on a laptop. My husband, Bruce, and I each gave short talks. Mine was on our Windsor chair collection; Bruce's was on his collection of

early lighting. Committee reports and other business were presented as posters and handouts. The tour finished with

refreshments provided by board members that could be enjoyed inside, on the side porch or in the backyard.



October began with the annual gravestone cleaning event held in the historic Head of Christiana Cemetery where Patriots and their families are buried. The gravestones are so clean that they are now recorded in Find a Grave. October also included a New Members Zoom meeting and the planning meetings needed to decorate the Storybook Tree in support of the Historic Odessa Foundation. The book we chose this year was General Crane, Hero of the American Revolution by Linda Fitz Hoover, a Daughter from Florida!

COL. DAVID HALL CHAPTER

Kathy Lindemer, Regent

After the restrictions created by Covid, the Colonel David Hall Chapter was happy to meet in person on the grounds of our historic Maull House for our last chapter meeting of 2020-



2021 and for our first chapter meeting of 2021-2022. Both meetings were popular and joyous occasions. Our September meeting was special because we inducted 15 new members and had chapter member and author Denise Clemons as our speaker on history seen through cookbooks. Member Janet Maher launched the new DAR American History Essay Contest in our local schools.

After the meeting, members met at the Maull House and planted the Memory Garden which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



L to R: Jennifer Horsley, Jo Ferguson, Patti Haas, Valarie Leary and Kathy Lindemer.

I hope you enjoy the following article, originally shared by Sherri Clarke, Registrar of our chapter. We are so proud to be part of the effort to restore and put the Cooch House property and the Battle of Cooch's Bridge in the spotlight. For example, my Regent project has been collecting funds to



specifically restore the Cooch family furniture that resides in the Cooch house. Please click [here](#) to enjoy the article mp

https://whyy.org/articles/breathing-new-life-into-the-site-of-delawares-only-revolutionary-war-battlefield/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_content=WHYY+News+Delaware:+11/05/2021

Member Jennifer Horsley arranged for the donation of the plants by East Coast Garden Center. On Veterans Day, November 11, we will hold a "Moment of Silence" outside the Maull House. At the same time, Chapter Registrar Mary Alice Kelly will walk the chapter wreath at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Bandstand in Rehoboth. Afterwards, we will reveal our stone marker for the newly planted Memory Garden.

We marked our DAR Day of Service on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Twenty-five historic tombstones at the Saint George AME Church on Pilottown Road in Lewes were cleaned.



L to R back row: Kathi Colman, Dave Nibouar, Mayor Ted Becker, Hilda Adamns, Chris Nibouar, Joseph Roskos. Middle row: Suzanne Lontor, Gene Roskos, Jennifer Horsley, Rev. Deborah McCaffity, Diane Issel, Kathy Lindemer, Patti Haas, Debbie Minifie, Barbaa Campbell; Front: Linda Obrien, Margie Tucker. Missing: Valarie Leary and Denise Clemons.

We trained 14 chapter members as well as a few community members on how to clean historic tombstones. We made contacts in the community and WRDE previewed the event. The Cape Gazette published an article with a group photo. We plan to finish the cleaning on April 2, 2021 and welcome any DAR members in the state to join us. Contact klindemer@gmail.com.

In October, we held a Ribbon Cutting to celebrate our chapter's new brick sidewalk. The sidewalk started as a fundraiser and took on a deeper meaning as donors created bricks to honor their ancestors and family members.



Back row: Donna Josefowski, Regent; Debbie St. Jean; Christine Mikkelson; Kim Bates, Vice Regent, and Claudia Onken, Honorary State Regent. Front row, left to right are Sharon Burge, Lorna McElhone and Elizabeth O'Shea.

Our chapter's founding officers and founding members have bricks there as well as a brick with the year 1951 marking the year the chapter was founded. This sidewalk serves a perfect reminder of our 70th anniversary.



On Oct. 30, Regent Kathy Lindemer walked our chapter wreath at historic First Presbyterian Church in Dover. The graves of two American Revolutionary soldiers were marked by the SAR at this event.

At our November chapter meeting we will mark our 70th anniversary by thanking Robert J. Van Gulick, Sons of the Revolution for facilitating the donation and installation of our HVAC system at the historic Maull House. It is our hope that this unit will help to preserve the house and contents for the future. We also look forward to seeing some of our past chapter scrapbooks at this meeting.

We have several ongoing monthly projects that help veterans. Homemade monthly meals are provided at the Home of the Brave in Milford. Jane Thompson and Linda O'Brien coordinate this effort. We also collect canned goods and monetary donations monthly for a food pantry for Dover Air Force Base families. Jennifer Horsley arranges their delivery to the base.

In December we look forward to our annual holiday bake sale which will take place on the grounds of the Maull House on Saturday Dec. 4, 2021 from 10 am.to 3 pm. If you are in town, please stop by for some handmade treats.

COL JOHN HASLET CHAPTER

Dover, Delaware

Donna Wilkinson Josefowski, Regent

The Col. Haslet Chapter was excited to have our first in-person meeting in 18 months. The meeting was also hybrid which allowed more to attend. It was great seeing each other again!

Other activities included participating in our DAR Day of Service at the John Dickinson Plantation. The John Dickinson Plantation was the early childhood home of John Dickinson, known as the Penman of the Revolution. Eight of our members donated a collective 16 hours of service by moving, cleaning, and sorting tools and materials in the plantation's feed barn. We had a wonderful time and look forward to our next project with them.



Donna Josefowski, Regent; Debbie St. Jean; Christine Mikkelsen; Kim Bates, Vice Regent; and Claudia Onken, Honorary State Regent. Front row from left are Sharon Burge; Lorna McElhone; and Elizabeth O'Shea.

Our chapter continues to learn more about our history by hosting online book studies which have been quite successful. Our most recent study was on *The Cabinet* (learning about the creation of George Washington's first cabinet). We look forward to future book discussions with other Delaware Daughters.

Every November, our chapter focuses on veterans and this year is no different. We will be hosting a social for veterans at Dover Place and have arranged for the Dover High School JROTC students to present the colors. We are also collecting wish list items for the Dover Air Force Base USO, and our November meeting will include a presentation by the Delaware Veterans Commission Chair on ways we can support veterans. After an interest survey, we are looking to find speakers based on these results – our upcoming programs include learning about women's clothing from the Colonial Era and the archeological finds at the John Dickinson Plantation property.

Looking ahead to 2022, the Col John Haslet Chapter will celebrate our 125th anniversary. We are planning a variety of special events including marking our first regent's grave. Look for more details soon!

MJR. NATHANIEL MITCHELL CHAPTER

Carol Evans, Regent

The Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter celebrated Constitution Week with a ceremony on the Georgetown Circle, September 17, 2021 with the

Ring of Bells at 4:00 pm. The Sussex Central JROTC displayed the colors, Georgetown



Mayor West welcomed us and presented a Constitution Week Proclamation. Other Proclamations were received as well, including Delaware State Regent Dr. Gloria Lester who sent the Governors Proclamation to be read. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by a local soloist, Cathy Gorman. All Amendments were read in a simplified version by Carol Evans. We used this opportunity to award our JROTC recipient with a certificate, medal, and gift card.

The Nathaniel Mitchell Community Classroom donated pencils to the local elementary schools in the area and also collected many supplies for the Howard T. Ennis School.



Our Membership Committee held a fund raiser/ bake sale at the Wings and Wheels Event at the Georgetown Airport. DAR brochures were given out to promote membership. All unsold bake goods were given to the Home of the Brave.

Sussex County Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1105 were honored at our October meeting with a special cake, certificates, lapel pins and bumper stickers. Thank you for your service!

After our meeting items that had been collected for the Shepard's Pantry in Georgetown were delivered along with the extra leftover cake. The Shepard's Pantry supplies food, clothing and offers Bible studies the area homeless.

DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

State of Delaware DAR Leadership, Co-Leaders Cindy Vander Laan and Barb Seningen would like to congratulate the following Delaware Daughters for completing the Members Course this past summer.



- Kim Bates
- Sharon Burge
- Adrienne Donaway
- Madalin O'Brien
- Judith Schlott
- Lori Porter
- Claudia Onken

We also have exciting news from National, regarding a new course called the **Committee Leaders Course** which just started in October 2021.

I know you are asking, what's this all about?

Content:

Participants will follow a self-guided curriculum structured around a series of modules that will focus on developing skills required to be an effective chair. Participants can work at their convenience. They will also look deeply into the heart of a few committees and will plan a potential committee project.

Eligibility:

- Be a DAR member in good standing.
- Have completed the New Members, Members or New Horizons Course.
- Have a current subscription to *American Spirit*.

If you are interested in finding out more about this course, please contact Barb Seningen at seningenba@aol.com.

AMERICA 250!

Debbie Cannon, State Chair

Our National Society's goal is to place at least one America 250! Marker in every state in advance – and in celebration – of the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary. A poll by the Delegates at the October 2021 State Meeting



as to where the Delaware State Society DAR would place our sign. The three choices voted upon were The Green in Dover, The Cooch House and the Maull House. The Green in

Dover received the most votes. The chapters still have the option to raise funds and place an America 250! Sign at the site of their choosing. There are no limits as to the number of signs a state may erect. Permission MUST first be obtained from the site. Donna Josefowski will be obtaining permission for the sign to be erected on The Green. We hope that these new markers will also become sources of pride for local communities to celebrate the brave Patriots who founded our nation.



SERVICE TO AMERICA

State Chair Patricia Haas

A reminder to daughters to please enter your service hours in the national tally as soon as completed so you won't forget what you have done. Giving blood at the local blood banks counts as well! Please call me with any questions and new daughters are welcome to call me to help walk you through the process at 302-542-0433! Every service hour counts in the Chapter Master Reports due in January. Hopefully we can top the amazing over 7,000 service hours from 2020!!

CAMEO SOCIETY MEETS FOR LUNCH

What is the Cameo Society?

The Delaware Cameo Society is open to all Delaware Daughters who share a common ancestry with a close family member who is (or was) also a member of the NSDAR. Recently the Delaware Cameo Society had their first

gathering in two years. They meet over lunch in Dover twice a year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Cameo President Beth Beachell at bbeach88@comcast.net.



L to R: Donna Josefowski, Cameo President Beth Beachell, and Nancy Boyle. Seated: Claudia Onken and Nancy Simpson.

NURSING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Scholarship Fund in Honor of Cathy Hudson

Generous gifts from the friends and family of the late Cathy Hudson totaled \$1,324.00. After a contribution from the State Society, State Regent, Gloria Lester sent a letter to the Indian River School District with a check for \$1,500 as a scholarship award for a Senior, graduating from Sussex Central High School with plans to attend Nursing School.



Our Delaware State Society DAR initiative for Wreaths Across America is on the HOME STRETCH! As of the publishing of this newsletter, *187 wreaths are sponsored.*
The deadline is November 30, 2021!!!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS!!!



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I have been made aware of another sponsorship coming in for FIVE Small Business Sponsorships, which will add 50 wreaths (!) for a total of 237! But that is only half our goal! Ladies, I know we can do this as we had 400 last year!! **Your assistance is needed!**

To sponsor wreaths online, click [here](#). If you need assistance in navigating the site, please do not hesitate to contact me. Attached to this newsletter are forms for anyone to use to sponsor wreaths. Again, please do not hesitate to contact me! Our deadline is November 30, 2021!

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1. The Historic Preservations applications are due by December 31st, 2020.
2. The American Heritage committee entries are due by Feb 15th 2022 but not before Jan. 2nd 2022.
3. To honor patriots the DAR now has a patriotic podcast available and a coloring book for all ages available at the DAR store.
4. There is a new American History Essay contest on the American Revolution to replace the Columbus essay.
5. Jennifer Horsley, is organizing a Dutch and Swedish Patriots Webinar with Delaware Historians. Stay tuned for further information.
6. Our courtesy block at the WILLARD INTERNATIONAL HOTEL is available for the 131st Continental Congress. These ten

rooms are open for June 26th to July 3, 2022. The block will be released May 26th. So, the rooms not booked by May 26th will no longer be held for us. We have established a Conference Committee to make plans for the 131st Continental Congress. Please watch for information. The link for booking rooms at the Willard is [Delaware DAR Reservations](#).

- Click on the link.
- It will take you to our site that looks like the normal webpage
- Wait until you see "book now" on the top of the page (click on that)
- Enter the dates of arrival and departure from the calendar above
- Click on Search
- You will then see your room type and group. (see below)
- Then reserve.
- (Dates MUST be over the contracted dates. Any date outside of the contracted dates would need to call reservation directly.)



7. Continental Congress credential forms will be available online by mid-February and must be postmarked by April 15th, 2022.
8. The Spring State Society Conference will be held at the Maple Dale Country Club, on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The hostess chapter will be Mary Vining.
9. Delaware DAR will be participating in a ceremony to place a marker in the state to mark the Lafayette Trail. Stay tuned for more information from Jennifer Horsley.



HELP YOUR CHAPTER WIN A \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO THE DAR STORE!

GOAL: **500 WREATHS**

FOCUS: To promote Wreaths Across America sponsorships to area businesses and organizations. Be creative! Make contacts through your friends, family, church group(s), social or other lineage organizations, or your own employer.

A sponsorship request letter template is available. Please email [delawaredar1895@gmail](mailto:delawaredar1895@gmail.com) to request a copy to send on your own, or please provide address and contact information so that one can be sent on your behalf. A sponsorship form will be included with all letters.

While the Delaware State Society and its mission are the ultimate winners by the success of the 2021 Wreaths Across America initiative:

******the first TWO chapters who reach 150 confirmed sponsored wreaths will be presented with a \$100 gift certificate to the DAR Store at the 2022 Spring Meeting.******
(confirmation of sponsorship is through the WAA management page)

Questions/Requests: Valarie Leary, delawaredar1895@gmail.com; 302-540-5887



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Patriot Pair Order Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Sponsors Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Group ID Number: DE0065P Location ID: _____

Location for sponsored wreath: _____

Shipping information for non-cemetery wreath:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

One wreath will be shipped to the address provided above, the other will be shipped to the specified participating location for placement on wreath day.

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Patriot Pair	\$45.00 (includes shipping)		
Shipping and handling	\$15 per pair (included)		Included in the purchase price per pair for your convenience.
In Honor Of Card	\$2.00		
		Grand Total	

In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Date you would like the non-cemetery wreath shipped: _____

Shipping is available starting on November 10th. If no date is selected, the wreath will be shipped on December 3rd.

Please make checks payable to **Wreaths Across America**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 249, Columbia Falls, ME, 04623

Please call 877-385-9504 or email info@wreathscrossamerica.org with any questions.

***This form is for Patriot Pair purchases only.
*WE CANNOT ACCEPT GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS VIA THIS FORM****

Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!



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Phone: _____
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Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM

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Please note, **ALL** sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and **NO** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.
DE Vet Mem Cemetery Bear (DEVMBE); Millsboro (DEVMSU); Arlington Natl Cemetery (ARLING)

Location ID: _____ Fundraising Group ID: DE0065P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____

Entered: _____

GEN: