

The Starfish

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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 REGENTS MESSAGE

This has been a very active, enjoyable and exciting Fall and Winter serving you as your Delaware State Regent. It has been a great learning experience for me. However, the last month has been challenging for all of us during these uncertain times with the Covid-19 virus. We have so many bright and talented members who contribute their many talents to the mission of our great organization and to the betterment of our community. I am honored and proud to serve as your state Regent because of all of you.

Prior to March 8th, I had been attending Chapter Meetings throughout the state. These visits have given me the opportunity to spend time with our Delaware Daughters on a more personal level. On December 7th, I attended the Christmas Social for The Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter at The Counting House Inn in Georgetown. In addition to an enjoyable lunch, Chapter Regent Carol Evans had planned some party games that tested our knowledge of history. On January 18th, I was a guest at the Cooch's Bridge Meeting at the Christiana Hilton in Newark. Chapter Regent Dr. Sarah O'Donnell presented a very interesting program on Colonial Medicine. On February 8th I traveled to the Caesar Rodney Chapter meeting at the Greenville Country Club in Wilmington. The Clubhouse building was originally the residence of Eugene du Pont. Chapter Regent Cindy Vander Laan had arranged an enlightening program on the rich history of this estate. In March, I was a guest at the Mary Vining Chapter Meeting in Seaford at the Seaford Historic Society and Museum. Julia Williams presented Community Service Awards to two very deserving recipients. In May, I had planned to attend the Coil. John Haslet Chapter Meeting in Dover. Of course, I did attend and enjoy my own Col. David Hall Chapter meetings.

My Regent's Starfish pin has arrived and is now on sale. I am very proud of the final product. The pin is on sale for \$25 and can be worn as a pin or a slide. The proceeds from the sale of the pin will support the renovation of the Delaware box at Memorial Hall and Casa San Francisco, a worthy charitable organization.

On Veterans Day, I had the honor of presenting 13 Veterans certificates of appreciation at an over 50 Community in Dover. Members of the Col. David Hall and Col. John Haslet Chapters were also present at the ceremonies. On December 7th, I attended Col. David Hall's Christmas Open House and Bake Sale at the Lewes Historic Society Christmas Fundraiser. That evening, I represented the DAR State Society at a SAR Celebration of the Anniversary of the Ratification of the Constitution at the Dupont Country Club. Several DAR Daughters were guests of their SAR husbands. Claudia Onken and Ginger Trader represented the National Society of the DAR.

On December 11th, I traveled to Washington D.C. to the DAR Christmas Open House with Vice President General Claudia Onken. State Vice Regent Barbara Seningen and State Organizing Secretary Debbie Cannon also enjoyed the festivities. Our DAR Headquarters were beautifully decorated. Santa, President General Denise VanBuren and all the Vice President Generals were present to personally greet the guests. Hopefully, next year we will have a larger group of Delaware Daughters join us.

On December 14th, I joined retired Historian General Ginger Trader and State Registrar Cathy Hudson in laying wreaths at "Wreaths Across America" in Millsboro, Delaware. This was a very moving experience. On February 15th, I represented our State Society at the SAR 288th Anniversary of the birth of President George Washington at the Historic University and Whist Club in Wilmington.

On January 30th, I traveled to Washington for the Board of Management Meeting. The State Regents toured Woodrow Wilson's Washington Home. President Wilson was in office when the 19th Amendment was signed. Therefore, this was especially significant on the 100th anniversary of The Women's Suffrage Movement. We had the privilege of attending dinner at the Florida

Embassy. Florida is the only state to have an Embassy on Embassy Row.

On Friday, January 31st, we toured Clara Barton's home and the home of the first Red Cross Headquarters. Clara Barton was a very active DAR Daughter and the founder of the Red Cross. We also spent time assembling first aid kits for the military and the homeless.

On February 18th, with Valarie Leary's magical powers we electronically distributed our State Newsletter, The Starfish. My thanks to Valarie and all those who contributed to its publication.

February 26th I traveled to Washington D.C. with Claudia Onken, Ginger Trader and Ginger's HODAR to DAR Headquarters for a Conversation on the Constitution with President General Denise VanBuren and Judge Douglas Ginsburg who is the host of a three-part documentary on the Constitution on PBS.

On Sunday, March 8th, I attended the Women's March and Rally at the Circle in Georgetown with Pattie Haas, State Service to America Chair. Many women were in Suffragette attire with sashes and hats and carrying banners. What a fun afternoon! Carol Evans, Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter Regent and Suzanna Bramhall, Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, were also in attendance.

On March 17th due to the Covid-19 Virus Federal and State mandates as well as for the safety of our members, our Board agreed with my difficult decision to cancel our State Meeting. We were not alone in this decision. State Regents throughout the United States were forced to make this same decision. We were lucky enough to re-schedule our speakers from the cancelled April meeting to our October 31st meeting. Due to this virus, life as we all have known it has changed, but we will get through it together. Our Delaware daughters have been doing their part by staying home, making masks and feeding the Paramedics.

As I initially said, this has been a busy 6 months. I thank all of you for all of your hard work and support. I am proud of all of you and to represent you as your State Regent. I look forward to see you at our October 31st State Meeting.

In DAR Friendship,

Dr. Gloria Lester



*Delaware Daughters Representing!
Continental Congress 2019*



*Sworn in by Ann Dillon, President General
June 2019*



*Votes for Women!
Continental Congress 2019*



*Debbie Cannon, DE. State Organizing Secretary
Sarah O'Donnell, Cooch's Bridge Chapter Regent
Linda Ford Gallup, Cora Stickney Harper Chapter
Regent (FL)*



*State Regent Gloria Lester and the 2019-2022 State
Officers*



State Regent Gloria Lester and Barbara Paulish



Col. David Hall's Christmas Open House and Bake Sale at the Maull House



Retired Historian General Ginger Trader and State Regent Gloria Lester



Vice President General Claudia Onken, President General Denise Doring Van Buren, and State Regent Gloria Lester



Vice President General Claudia Onken and State Regent Gloria Lester, National Headquarters Christmas 2019



Cooch's Bridge Chapter Regent Sarah O'Donnell and State Regent Gloria Lester

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Vice Regent

Barbara Seningen

June 2019 this officer attended a few days at Continental Congress. While at Congress she enjoyed participating in the Vice Regent's Luncheon, Co-hosted the Cooch's Bridge Chapter cocktail party in her Marriott hotel room for the Delaware Daughters, National Defense Night, Sunday, Memorial Service followed by the Installation ceremony.

Throughout this past year, this officer has continued to attend her Cooch's Bridge Chapter Meetings at the Christian Hilton every other month.

Fall 2019 State Meeting:

- Worked with State Regent on selection of fall speaker and the paper program to match the agenda/script.
- Contacted and coordinated the travel expenses with speaker and Virginia DAR member, Karen A. Chase, author of *Carrying Independence*.



- Prepared PowerPoint for fall meeting which included a slide show of 2019 Continental Congress.
- Made a fall basket and sold voices, all proceeds went to the State Regent's Project.

December 2019 this officer attending the Holiday Open House at the DAR headquarters with our State Organizing Secretary, Deborah Cannon.

December 2019 this officer attended the "Wreaths Across America" at Pencader Heritage Museum in Newark, Delaware with members of the Cooch's Bridge Chapter.

February 2020 this officer was invited to attend the Caesar Rodney Chapter meeting at the Greenville Country Club in Wilmington. Chapter Regent, Cindy Vander Laan arranged a wonderful meeting, and installing a few new members. The luncheon was delicious, and the program was enjoyable. The photos of the gardens were just beautiful, I'm sure springtime would be spectacular. Following the meeting a photo was taken of the entire group on the massive staircase. Then those remaining members were given a guided tour of all 3 floors, yes, and the attic too.

Spring 2020 State Conference

- Worked with State Regent on selection of spring speaker, once the State Conference was cancelled due to COVID-19, the speaker was contacted and rescheduled for the fall 2020 meeting.
- Prepared PowerPoint for the reports of the, State Officers, Chapter Regents and lastly, State Committee chairman. This presentation will be sent out via email, since the State Conference needed to be cancelled.

This officer is also the State Training Coordinator for the New Horizons Course. She works closely with the State Training Coordinator for the Members Course. They set up a table at the Fall State Meeting and members were

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contacted if they were interested in beginning the Members Course and hoping that they would then follow through and take the Horizons Course. Articles promoting and educating members about the courses were included in several of the State newsletters, the Starfish. This coordinator attended several webinar's sponsored by our National Society regarding Training.

Chaplain's Report

Carolyn Foxwell

It has been a pleasure to serve on the first year of your administration.

This State Chaplain attended the State Meeting of the Delaware Daughters in October in Dover, Delaware where she opened and closed the meeting with prayer.

Unfortunately during the year of 2019 we lost many beloved Delaware daughters. From April until December this daughter sent out 9 sympathy cards to our deceased daughters family giving them our love and support.

Many of our chapters gave Sunshine Reports at their Chapter Meetings.

The David Hall Chapter marked one grave and held one memorial service.

State Recording Secretary

Janet Leishman

This officer was sworn in as the Recording Secretary at the April 19, 2019 Spring State meeting of the Delaware State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution by President General Ann Turner Dillon, in Wilmington, Delaware.

This officer recorded, published, and received the approval of the minutes of that state meeting.

This officer recorded, published, and distributed the minutes of the summer Executive Board meeting of the Delaware State Society, NSDAR. This meeting took place on August 3, 2019 in Dover Delaware.

This officer represented the Delaware State Society at the annual Atlantic Middles States Conference, hosted by the Delaware Society, Sons of the American Revolution on August 9, 2019.

This officer recorded the minutes of the Fall State meeting of the Delaware State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution on Saturday, October 19, 2019 in Dover, Delaware. Those minutes have been approved as specified in the Society Bylaws.

This officer represented the Delaware State Society at the annual DESSAR Ratification Day Dinner in December 2019 and represented the Delaware State Society at the annual DESSAR George Washington Birthday luncheon in February, 2020.

It was also my honor to prepare and print the programs for the state fall meeting and to print the 2019-2022 Delaware State Yearbook.

It is an honor to serve in the administration of Dr. Gloria Lester, our State Regent.

Rise and Shine for America!

State Corresponding Secretary

Valarie Leary

Since being sworn in on April 19, 2019 and taking office in June 2019, this officer, together with Carolyn Foxwell, created and published the Delaware State 2019 Yearbook.

The State Newsletter was renamed "The Starfish," and a Fall 2019 state newsletter was put

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together and published. With the State Regent's approval, a Special Edition Fall 2019 was also written and published to highlight the happenings and awards of the 2019 Fall Meeting for outreach to those who are unable to attend, and also to encourage members to attend state meetings in the future.

On behalf of the State Regent, this officer has sent out invitations to our State Meetings.

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve in the administration of Dr. Gloria Lester, State Regent.

State Organizing Secretary

Debbie Cannon

Your State Organizing Secretary contacted members of the Delaware State Board and organized the state contribution of \$300 for the "More Than Just a Seat" NSDAR Constitution Hall seat fundraiser.

She has been working closely with the State Members Course and New Horizon Course Committee Chairs to encourage all Delaware Daughters to sign up for these courses.

Knowledge is power! The more we learn about the DAR the more we can encourage others to join us to promote education, patriotism and historic preservation.

Completion of the Members and New Horizon classes will keep Delaware Chapters strong and healthy. Let Delaware daughters join the "Sisterhood of the Traveling Skittles" and "Rise and Shine" for America!

Treasurer Report

Denise Clemons

In the attached report at the back of the newsletter, you will find a summary of the

financial activities of the State Society from the start of State Regent Gloria

Lester's Administration. Because of the timing of receipts and payables, if we were to only show the 2020 activity, these reports would inaccurately reflect a net loss, instead of the correct perspective of a net gain from the beginning of her term.

For three income accounts (CAA, Contributions to Friends & Funds and PG Project) the amounts shown are zero. This is because all State receipts of payments have been forwarded to the Treasurer General.

For the State Regent's Project, although the total amount is positive, we have not yet sold a sufficient number of pins to offset the initial production costs.

Thank you to Valarie Windle Leary for engaging the State Society with Wreaths Across America. In a very short time, through the generosity of our members honoring veterans, we earned \$315. Our expectation is an increase in this amount for 2020.

Under expenses, we show a cost of \$50 under "Donation to PG Project". This reflects the balance of a \$300 donation initiated by the State Regent's Board members to underwrite the cost of refurbishing a seat in Constitution Hall. As of yet, two of the pledged donors have not yet made their payment.

The operational expense items are standard costs we incur each year: the State Magazine ad, credit for which is given to each chapter for CAA; and our liability insurance policy which covers all chapter members attending meetings.

The cost for State meetings reflects the several deposits we have paid, both to the now-defunct event space (from which we are hoping to receive reimbursement) as well as Maple Dale Country Club for upcoming meetings through 2021.

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Detailed analysis of our 2019 Fall meeting shows income of \$3,442.50 and expenses of

\$3,778.50 for a net cost of only \$356. This is an excellent result, as these meetings are one of our highest expenses every year.

The net income from the period of 1 August 2019 through 21 March 2020 is a positive \$2,229.21. Our 2019 financial records are scheduled for review in April 2020.

Thank you, Delaware Daughters for helping us to stay financially sound.

State Registrar

Cathy Hudson

The Delaware State society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is currently stable. The total membership shows a slight decline however does not reflect the growth of 23 new members in the last 10 months.

27 electronic referrals have been received from NSDAR since July 2019. This officer communicated with each referral ascertaining the chapter of their choice then making the appropriate referral. There are currently 4 applications with pending status.

New members are considered the life blood of our society and while this is certainly true this officer is totally convinced that your chapter Registrars are the muscle. We are so fortunate to have 5 of the best Registrars. Thank you all for the everything you do for your chapter and our Society.

State Historian

Frances O'Reilly

As State Historian I will be compiling a scrapbook of our State of Delaware's activities as well as a duplicate for our Madam State Regent

Gloria Lester to be presented at the end of her three year term.

I am asking for every Daughter's help in achieving this goal. Please send me either mail or email any copies of certificates, photos, notes, etc. that you feel will make this project a success. If you enjoy scrapbooking, I would appreciate any and all input.



State Librarian

Donna Josefowski

The total number of books donated to the DAR Library for 2019 from the Delaware Daughters was seven (7). These donations represented two chapters from our state. The books covered a wide variety of topics and included the following titles:

1. Guide to tracing your American Indian and Alaskan Native Ancestry
2. Remembering Farnhurst: Stories from the Delaware State Hospital, 1894-1920
3. Seed of Israel: DNA guide to tracing your Jewish ancestry
4. Tracing your Church of England Ancestors: a guide for family and local historians
5. Tracing your Glasgow Ancestors: a guide for family and local historians.
6. Tracing your Prisoner of War Ancestors: The First World War
7. Tracing your Roman Catholic Ancestors: a guide for family and local historians.

Chapter Regent Reports

Caesar Rodney

Cindy Vander Laan, Regent



The Caesar Rodney Chapter was involved in many activities in 2019. We are a steadily growing chapter with a bright future! We enjoyed a good mix of service events, historical tours and social gatherings.

- In February we enjoyed dinner attended by State Regent, Susan Meade Beachell at the Iron Hill Brewery on the Waterfront in Wilmington.
- We enjoyed participating in Old New Castle Day by raffling off a patriotic beach basket, ice cream maker and engaging with the public and promoting the DAR.
- We were joined by family members as we toured Pea Patch Island and Fort Delaware.
- Our final spring meeting was the installation of new officers at the David Finney Inn in downtown New Castle in June.

During the year and over the summer, members proudly supported with time and donations many local and state organizations, societies, historic homes and groups. Some of these include Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, ESL, Elsmere VA hospital, AAUW, volunteer genealogical research and many other church and local civic commitments. On July 4 members attended the "Bells Across the Nation" freedom celebration at the New Castle Presbyterian Meeting House.

Our Fall activities centered around service and fellowship. Some of these included:

- Our daughters presented *Needs Bags* to Men and Women veterans transitioning into area shelters
- We hosted a very successful fundraiser at a local restaurant.
- In November, we attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at the DE Memorial Bridge and enjoyed a meeting about the Native Americans interactions with Washington

The Holidays found us supporting Wreaths Across America. Once again, we gathered for our annual "Christmas Bites" potluck with spouses and friends. We were joined by historian and author Brig. Gen. Kennard Wiggins, Jr.

The Caesar Rodney Daughters are excited for 2020 and the yearlong celebration of our 125th anniversary!

Colonel David Hall

Kathy Lindemer, Regent

The Colonel David Hall Chapter members have been busy. In addition to enjoying some wonderful speakers at our meetings, our committees were busy. During 2019 we grew to 151 members through the enthusiasm of prospective members and the skillful guidance of our previous registrar Kristin Jones and new registrar Jen Geyer. Our newly formed genealogy committee is now helping prospective members with their family research for membership.

We honored patriots by continuing our tradition of a Memorial Day wreath-laying at the grave of our namesake patriot Colonel David Hall. Members joined the SAR to honor Sussex County patriot John McCabe.

Our American Heritage Committee won 2nd place at the national level with our wall hanging. The textile portrays the interconnected stories of

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the Maull family who lived in the Maull House, our Chapter house and Colonel David Hall. It also details the chapter's role in preserving the Maull House. We celebrated the win by holding an Open House for the public to enjoy the textile. Member Patti Haas refurbished the Lewes Historic Wishing Well for the event.



We participated in our first DAR day of service by weeding at the Rehoboth Art League. At our annual Holiday Open House and Bake Sale at the Maull House we earned \$1,000 for our historic house by selling a lovely array of baked goodies beautifully packaged by our members.

Our Service to Veterans Committee prepared holiday gift bags for the men, women, and children of the Home of the Brave. This dedicated group of volunteers continues to cook and serve dinner each month.

We look forward to joining members of all the Delaware chapters at the State Fall meeting.

Colonel John Haslet

Dover, Delaware

Lexie McFassel, Regent

The Colonel Haslet Chapter is proud to report that we are growing and currently have 64 regular members. We also have several pending applications. This past year we have had a variety of speakers at our meetings including Wesley Professor, Dr. Cynthia Newton who discussed the women's suffrage movement with a presentation on the "Silent Sentinels" and the involvement of local DAR members in that movement, and Air Force Junior TOTC instructor MSGT Jon Wedel to discuss Caesar Rodney High School Air Force Junior ROTC Program.

We continue remaining involved in our community and support our Veterans by visiting local assisted living facilities; supporting our youth by participating in both the Good Citizen and the JROTC programs; and by participating in the Dover Memorial Day and July 4th ceremonies each summer. This year, several Chapter Member participated in the NSDAR National Day of Service by volunteering to clean Col. John Haslet's tombstone at the Old Presbyterian Cemetery in Dover as their project.

The Chapter organized a book club and met to discuss the book *America's First Daughter*, by Stefanie Dray and Laura Kamoie.

The Colonel Haslet Chapter also continues to be dedicated to the NSDAR by collecting funds for the President General's Project and donating publications to the DAR Library. The Chapter reached out to members via phone and email after cancellations of the March and May meeting due to the Covid-19 crisis. We look forward to organizing summer events and next fall.

Cooch's Bridge

Newark, Delaware

Sarah O'Donnell, Regent

As of December 31, 2019, the membership of the Cooch's Bridge Chapter was 249. \$976.01 was raised for the Chapter Regent project to restore furniture in the Cooch House following its 2019 purchase by the state. It was introduced at the September 2019 meeting through the talk by Tim Slavin, Director of Historical & Cultural Affairs. Chapter representatives attended a private tour of Cooch property on December 8th.

Most committee chairs have been populated for the next three years. Five meetings are held per year, each preceded by our newsletter, The Bridge. This officer negotiated the luncheon

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contract with the Hilton covering the next three years.

Cooch's Bridge participated, as described, in the following 2019 events:

- Helped lead the Newark Memorial Day Service and Parade.
- Hosted the Delaware Cocktail party at the 128th Continental Congress.
- Hosted (6) This Place Matters (hostess) at Hale-Bynres House.
- Participated in the September Tribute to the Battle of Cooch's Bridge held at the Pencader Heritage Museum.
- Hosted the November Naturalization Ceremony at the Federal Court House in Wilmington.
- Participated in the Veterans Day Memorial Service at the War Memorial Plaza, New Castle, DE.
- Formed the first all-women color guard for the Pencader Heritage Museum "Wreaths Across America" and participated in the Glasgow High School ceremony.
- Implemented our new Outreach program at the Middletown Old Tyme Peach Festival.
- Led the community event to clean 38 patriot and other well-worn gravestones at the Head of the Christina Cemetery on September 28th.
- Submitted one STEM-related lesson plan the National Chair of the Educational Resources Committee.
- Decorated a Christmas tree in the Historic Wilson Warner House about the book, the Steadfast Tin Soldier by: Hans Christian Anderson, in support of the Odessa Foundation.



Major Nathaniel Mitchell

Georgetown, Delaware
Carol Evans, Regent

The Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter was privileged to have some interesting programs last year. Some of the speakers included Dr. Gary Wray from Fort Miles in Lewes, Cline Broussard from CAR, and Ginger Trader, Historian General NSDAR presenting the proper placement of DAR pins.

Some other programs throughout the year included:

- A "Tea Party"
- Membership and Honoring members of "Long Standing"
- The laying of a Wreath at Nathaniel Mitchell's gravesite and touring his home.
- In November we toured the Nanticoke Indian Museum.

Activities for the year included:

- We prepared a chili dinner for Home of the Brave and gave gift bags at Christmas.
- Attended three JROTC programs.
- Placed a wreath at the Memorial Day Ceremony.
- The first monthly chapter newsletter was e-mailed to members by this Regent.
- Attended the Flag Day Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro.
- Held a Family Fun Night.
- Planned and celebrated Constitution Day September 17th on the Circle in Georgetown. This included the Ringing of the Bells, the presentation of four Proclamations and the reading of the 27 Amendments by DAR members, local Dignitaries and towns people.

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- The chapter members Facebook was accomplished with much help from Valarie Leary.
- We collected items for San Antonio Wounded Warrior Center.
- Packages and cards were sent to friends and relatives in the military
- Good condition paperback books were collected for personnel at Dover Airfare Base.
- A special “Welcoming Ceremony” was held for a member that visited from Colorado.
- Corresponding Secretary was added to our slate of officers.
- Two Naturalization Ceremonies were attended.
- We had one member graduate from the New Members and New Horizons Courses.
- We held two memorial services and attended two funeral services for Daughters.
- Members participated in Wreaths Across America
- Held a Christmas luncheon at the Counting House where we were honored to have Dr. Gloria Lester, State Regent.

Mary Vining

Seaford, Delaware

Carolynn Foxwell, Regent

The Mary Vining Chapter is small but mighty. We have had a busy year doing service projects, having wonderful programs, and welcoming a few new members.

This regent’s focus was on Service to America hours. Our chapter participated in making cookies for the local Fire Department, helping to restore the Delmar Caboose, cleaning headstones at the Cemetery, and cleaning the Seaford Historical Museum.

The Mary vining Chapter presented two awards this year to two deserving recipients. Julia Williams our Community Service Chairman awarded to Jimmy Blackwell and Maria Hysell. Julia presented them their medals at our March Meeting.

The chapter moved meeting locations to the Every Fiber Coffee Company in Seaford on the 1st Saturday of the month.

It is an honor to serve in your administration Madam Regent. I look forward to the next 2 years.

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America 250

Debbie Cannon, State Chair

Delaware Daughters are preparing to celebrate our Nations 250th birthday by participating in the NSDAR America 250! Special Committee. National Society plans include increasing NSDAR total membership to 200,000 by 2022 and 250,000 by 2033.

The America 250! Committee has two projects to promote our country's milestone celebration:

1. DAR Pathway of the Patriots

This involves the planting of 250 trees along the Schuylkill River Trail. Each tree will honor a specific patriot of the American Revolution. Delaware has joined in the National Society's "Gift of the Nation" by sponsoring a tree representing Caesar Rodney.

2. Our Patriots

Three chapters incorporated an "Our Patriots Minute" at chapter meetings which allows members to highlight their patriot ancestor. Chapters participated in media and community events. Members could follow along on Shutterfly and Facebook. One chapter cleaned Revolutionary War Patriot tombstones at a local cemetery. They attended the Middletown Old Thyme Peach Festival, Pencader Heritage Museum's Battle of Cooch's Bridge Tribute, and Wreaths across America. Cooch's Bridge Chapter Chair Bernadette Kucharczuk helped edit the National "Patriot Post" Newsletter.

Delaware Daughters continue to look forward and celebrate America 250!

American Heritage

Lana Browne, State Chair

As the Delaware American Heritage Committee Chair since mid 2019, I have been learning the inner workings of this committee position at a rapid rate. During that time, I have seen what this committee has done and find that we might implement some things to assist our State chapters and membership meet the National American Heritage Committee goals. As a State committee, we can become more visible and hopefully increase chapter and individual participation by actively encouraging and providing support to those involved in AH activities. With this being said, I was very pleased to see what a few of the chapters have done to promote our American arts and crafts and extremely proud to report that two Delaware chapters' have had a National winner in the American Heritage Contest in the last two years.

My specific activities in 2019 as American Heritage Committee Chair are listed below:

- 1) Researched the National DAR American Heritage web site to review national goals, support options and activities, and contest information, rules and entry forms.
 - 2) Identified and contacted Delaware chapter regents and American Heritage chapter chairs and provided my contact information.
 - 3) Prepared American Heritage contest information for ease of dissemination.
 - 4) Answered individual chapter members' questions regarding the AH contest.
 - 5) Wrote and disseminated information and encouragement to individual chapter regents/AH chairs for their use in chapter meetings on three different occasions.
 - 6) Designed a "Judges Information" sheet and "Reporting Form" for use in assisting the judges for the Fiber Arts category in 2020.
- *Located in the back of this newsletter.

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American History

Ginger Trader, State Chair

This chair is happy to report that all six chapters reported some activity in this committee, however the bad news is that there were no schools that participated in the American History or Christopher Columbus essay contests. Chapter chairs, please get this information to the private and homeschool co-ops as they seem to be the groups that are more receptive to adding this to their curriculum.

A total of nine programs were given at chapter meetings on American History. Three programs were given on an outstanding woman in American history. There were ten displays throughout the state arranged in schools and public libraries.

Newspaper and television coverage was given for the Historic Maull House Open House in August which also highlighted the restoration of the "Fountain of Youth" gazebo which sits on the property. A chapter visit to the Hale Byrnes House in Newark was covered by the Delaware State News and the Dover Post. The Fourth of July program held at Old Christ Church in Dover to honor Caesar Rodney was also covered by the Dover Post.

Thank you for supporting the American History committee but we can do more. This chair would like to challenge each chapter to a contest. For the 2020-2021 American History Essay Contest, the chapter with the most essay entries will receive a cash prize and a traveling trophy. Let's get busy promoting American History to our youth of today so they will be prepared to be our leaders of tomorrow.

American Indian Committee

Anita Wheeler, State Chair

Highlights:

- 4 programs were sponsored on Native Americans
- 19 meetings (throughout all 6 chapters) observed an "American Indian" minute.
- 5 proclamations were obtained that celebrated Native American Indian Heritage month in November.
- A total of \$129 in contributions were made to: the American Indian Scholarship Fund, Friends of the American Indians, Bacon College, Chemawa Indian School and the Indian Youth of America Summer Camp program.

The Cooch's Bridge Chapter, American Indian Committee, developed a narrative/PowerPoint presentation entitled: "Native Americans Save Washington at Valley Forge," presented to Caesar Rodney Chapter, NSDAR, in November, 2019. The committee plans to make this presentation to 3 additional chapters in 2020.

Americanism Committee

Dottie Blakely

The Americanism Committee was established in 1919 to promote knowledge, loyalty and love of country in the hearts of American citizens, whether they are naturalized or citizens by natural birth. It is far more than red, white, and blue.

Delaware daughters have been busy carrying out this goal in a variety of ways. Many encouraged and assisted in helping others to gain citizenship, encouraged people to attend ESL classes, and attended and assisted in naturalization ceremonies.

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The greatest participation was through daughters attending various patriotic parades, wreath laying ceremonies, honoring veterans through luncheons, purchasing and laying wreaths, attending ceremonies during the wreaths across American program, and marching in patriotic parades.

Many daughters and their neighbors regularly fly and illuminate the American flag on their homes and boats.

Many flags, bookmarks, pins, copies of the American Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag were distributed at these patriotic events.

I encourage each Delaware daughter to go to members.dar.org and read about the Americanism committee and other ways we can promote patriotism. I dream of seeing every town and village ablaze with flying flags of red, white, and blue as we all saw right after 9/11.

Let's see how many ways we can get involved in 2020.

Chapter Achievement Committee

Barbara Seningen, State Chair

This chairman sent many emails to the Chapter Regents reminding them to complete their Master Questionnaire before the due date.

The results that this Chairman reported to the Eastern Division Chairman via email before the due date of March 1, 2020 and are available to view in the back of the Newsletter.

This chairman will like next year's report to include a comparison. This could help the individual chapter results increase over time.

Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee

Cathy Hudson, State Chair

Since July 2019 this chair received four communications from our National Chair. Each e-mail was helpful by providing information of telltale signs of struggling chapters. Each communication offered possible solutions to some issues was forwarded to the Regents.



A request was made by the National Chair for pictures with details of events helping to keep our

chapters vitalized. This was also forwarded to all chapter Regents. Thank you to those Regents that sent the requested material. Since this chair submitted all received material it is possible you will see members of your chapter featured during the CDRC report at Continental Congress.



This chair continues to serve as a chapter monitor and available if she can be of assistance. To date no requests or referrals have been made for assistance.

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Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)

Carolyn Foxwell

The Delaware Daughters were very involved with the Delaware State Society Children of the American Revolution.

The big project that the daughters participated in was in the collection of over 700 pounds of plastic bags and other plastics that went to the donation of a Recycled Bench at the Brian Conley Veterans Center in Middletown, Delaware. Along with the bench the daughters help with donations towards the butterfly garden to accompany the bench.

Daughters also participated in the Memorial Day wreath laying in Lewes, walked in the Annual Memorial Day Parade in Newark, wreath laying and service in June at Valley Forge, Washington Chapel, 4th of July Parade in Dover, SAR Middle States, Grave stone Cleaning at Christina Cemetery.

Many daughters also purchased some fabulous gifts from Pampered Chef for the DSCAR fundraiser.

In December many daughters also participated in the DSCAR state meeting at the Pencader Museum, where they were not only treated to a wonderful tour but signed over 50 Christmas Cards for local vets.

Commemorative Events

Claudia Onken

There are many events that have shaped the country we call home. Some events have brought happiness and some such as the pandemic we are experiencing currently have brought uncertainty, despair and great sadness. These events have become intertwined within the fabric of our nation and as part of our history need to be remembered. Afterall, history is our memory. The

citizens that have given their lives whether through war or disasters need to be remembered and honored. This is the job of the Commemorative Events committee.

During the VanBuren Administration the following events are encouraged to be remembered. The 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower, the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage, the 100 Anniversary of the Dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail. At least one chapter in the State of Delaware held programs to commemorate each of these events. Last Fourth of July, 48 members participated in parades to celebrate the day.

We are still asked to register as a Commemorative Partner with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. This year one of our Chapters joined. Members continue to award Vietnam Veterans with certificates and challenge coins. In November, the State Society honored Vietnam Veterans from a 55 Plus Community in Dover. This event was planned for the State Spring meeting but had to be cancelled due to scheduling issues. Thus, the State Regent along with some members went to the community and held a small ceremony in the club house.

During the last several months, we in the United States are experiencing an event that will be remembered in history. This pandemic is reminiscent of the Spanish Flu of 1918. As members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, we can all do our part to help guide our nation through the Covid-19 virus. We need to record and document what is happening today so that in a hundred years the loss of life and the heroic efforts of those on the front line of this disease can be remembered. It is rewarding to witness that many of our citizens are coming together to help others in different ways to ease pain and suffering as we strive to fight this virus.

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It is hard to imagine what the future holds for us as a nation as the virus subsides and we resume our normal lives.

Many of our members are taking the time and giving of their talents to make face masks for the medical community, first responders and veterans. These efforts are reminiscent of war efforts when women rolled bandages, created care packages and sent letters of encouragement to our troops at home and abroad. This pandemic is bringing us together as a community, a state and a nation. As the saying goes, “we are all in this together” and by faith, determination we will emerge stronger from this trying time. We must be reminded that we are descended from men and women that fought and died to ensure our freedom. The spirit that emanates from these individuals and our creator will sustain us and make us whole again.

Community Classroom

Janice Ekoniak, State Chair

Seventy-eight (78) Delaware Daughters performed voluntary service for **Community Classroom** efforts in 2019:

- Forty-one (41) in Kindergarten – Grade 3
- Twenty-one (21) in Grades 4-8
- Sixteen (16) in Grades 9 - 12

A variety of Community Classroom services were performed by these classroom volunteers:

- Reading to children
- Assisting children with reading (e.g. Read Aloud Delaware project)
- Mentoring
- Working in school libraries
- Providing lesson plans and materials (e.g. US Constitution from DAR Educational Resources)
- Assisting teachers with classroom preparation (bulletin boards, photocopies)

- Helping with classroom parties

In addition to service hours, Delaware Daughters provided direct financial support by donating:

- Monetary gifts to individual classrooms or school fundraisers
- Books and classroom materials and supplies to classrooms in Delaware
- 150 American Constitution books to a school in Florida
- Resources to sponsor two children in Haiti so they could attend school
- Toothbrushes and dental floss

Delaware also contributed to NSDAR's **Community Classroom Committee-Educational Resource** collection in 2019 by submitting a STEM-related lesson plan for high school students. This plan was reviewed by **NSDAR's Educational Resources** expert panel for content and construct validity and was accepted. This environmental science lesson plan is now posted in NSDAR's online collection of lesson plans and can be accessed and utilized by classroom teachers and homeschool educators across the US.

Four of the six DAR Chapters in Delaware reported Community Classroom activity in 2019 and for this we are very grateful given that **Community Classroom** is a relatively new DAR Committee.

Community Service Committee

Gloria Lester, Chair

I am proud to report that we had four recipients of the Community Service Award in our State. Two recipients were nominated by the Col. David Hall Chapter and two were nominated by the Mary Vining Chapter.

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Jennifer Horsley was nominated by Col. David Hall for her life saving intervention as a Good Samaritan when she assisted an unconscious, woman in the parking lot of Wawa. Kay Lucille



Carnahan was also nominated by Col. David Hall for her work in writing and administering zoning and subdivision ordinances and developing a comprehensive land use plan consistent

with the communities established core values.

The Mary Vining Chapter nominated Jim Blackwell for his research and development of a comprehensive exhibit for the Seaford Museum. Based on his research he was able to have a historic marker made to depict the story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. Maria Heysel was also nominated by Mary Vining for her fundraising efforts and volunteer work with the Seaford Historic Society and newly renovated Ross Mansion.

Conservation Committee

Barbara Paulish

Conservation minutes are being read at chapter meetings.

Tri-State Bird Rescue was supported by Cooches Bridge Chapter who also cleaned grave stones at Christiana grave yard.

Maj. Nathaniel Mitchell participated in the following activities to promote conservation- small pond perimeter kept clean of debris. Hummingbird feeders available for hummers. Purple Martin houses hung in March for the purple martins who arrive each spring. When they leave in August, all the houses are cleaned and made ready for the

following year. Bird feeders are made available for local birds: cardinals, chickadees, sparrows, and many other small birds. Butterfly weed planted and seeds shared w/chapter members. We are enabling the Monarchs to find food to keep them strong to fly South to Mexico.

Constitution Week

Janet Patchall

I am pleased to report that all six Delaware chapters participated in some form of Constitution Week Activity in 2019. Throughout the year at every chapter meeting, all six Delaware chapters either had a Constitution Week minute or recited the Preamble to the Constitution.

DAR Magazine

Cathy Geyer, State Chair

Total DE State Society Members with active subscriptions for 2019 – 188. This is an increase of 14 subscriptions from 2018.

Two Chapters reached Award Levels:

- Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter received Bronze Level. 49% of their members had subscriptions
- Mary Vining Chapter received Gold Level. 90% of their membership had subscriptions

National has set the 2020 goal for all chapters to reach a minimum of Bronze Level which is 31% of chapter members having an active subscription.

DAR Museum Outreach

Catherine Cofrancesco, State Chair

The Delaware State Society of the NSDAR Museum Outreach has little to report. This is a position not filled by many chapters throughout the state. Therefore, I have no report.

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DAR Schools

Carolyn Foxwell

The Delaware Daughters defiantly paid attention in class this year.

The Delaware Daughters supported the DAR schools in many ways this year.

Several Daughters bought the “school of fish” pin. With just over \$1000 raised for the DAR schools that were donated to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, and the DAR Schools/DAR School Fund Supported by the Treasurer Generals Office. Finally, the Delaware daughters also collected over 75 labels donated to the various DAR Schools.

Don’t give up Daughters, let’s keep swimming towards the DAR School Goal.

DAR Service to Veterans

Margie Tucker

Delaware Daughters of the American Revolution Service to Veterans Committees participated in a wide variety of volunteer activities to support and celebrate veterans throughout the state. For example, holiday cards were sent to assisted living facilities, Veterans’ hospitals, and Home of the Brave; Bingo and other games, along with quarterly pizza socials were provided at and assisted living facility for veterans; home cooked dinners were provided to the combined garden women and men residents at Home of the Brave in Milford; presentation of hats with an American Flag motif; support of the Warriors Project through information distribution and collection of stamps; and recycling plastic bags to be made into a garden bench for veterans through the Delaware Children of the American Revolution.

Several chapters recognized veterans during the winter holidays with gift bags, gift cards, presents for veterans to give to their children in a

residential setting. We are particularly proud to claim 100% support of the WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA project by our Delaware chapters. We can also say that 100% of our chapters participated in volunteering for our Service to Veterans Committees in one way or another with a grand total of 1681 hours! We can also say that special recognition and support of our women veterans in Delaware was focus this year.

We look forward to an even more productive year to come through our Service to Veterans Committees in Delaware. It is truly an opportunity to Rise and Shine for America.

Flags of the USA Committee

Denise Clemons, State Chair

During 2019, Delaware Daughters were very active promoting the Flag of the United States. Through State Meetings and commemorative



events, we engaged over 25 young ROTC cadets who served as color guards presenting the flag.

The members of the State Society participated in 4 different flag events, distributing over 65 flags, 65 flag codes and 150 copies of flag literature. Although none of the chapters presented any braille flags, one chapter purchased a flag flown over the Society’s complex in Washington, DC.

Through our monthly meetings, chapters totaled 10 where a flag minute was presented. Several chapters included flag information or displays in other events they conducted.

The Cooch’s Bridge Chapter was busy, placing American flags on the graves of Revolutionary War veterans in Head of Christiana Cemetery, leaving the flags in place from

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Memorial Day through Veterans Day. In addition, flag holders were made for graves of Revolutionary War veterans, making them easier to identify for future honors.

Delaware Daughters continue to promote the flag of the United States in a variety of significant ways.

Genealogy Preservation

Elizabeth Bak, State Chair

In 2019, there were three Delaware Daughters who participated in the Supporting Documentation

Project of the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee. These members represented the Caesar Rodney Chapter and the Mary Vining Chapter. There were 53 total documents categorized by these members in 2019.

The Supporting Documentation Project has now been virtually completed, thanks to the hard work of DAR volunteers all across the nation. Over 8.2 million documents have been categorized since the Project began. The National Chair is currently working to determine if there are other projects that our Committee can work on going forward.

Genealogical Records Committee

Jennifer Horsley, State Chair

This Genealogical Records Committee Chair was busy this year working with Delaware State Registrar Chair Catherine Hudson to figure how we can best get our numbers recorded for the GRS from GRS Chairs identified with Col Haslett and Mary Vining and Registrars documents from all five Delaware State, NSDAR Chapters. It was very successful and I received great response as we Rise and Shine together to get our numbers increased with National.

In addition, I attended the Sussex County Delaware Genealogical Society's meeting at the



Lewes Library in February and answered questions regarding Old Bible records and documents, and those desiring to join the Daughters of the American Revolution. I ended my first year with a trip to Valley Forge.

Good Citizen

Frances O'Reilly, State Chair

The State Good Citizen award winner this year is Madeline Jo Betts. She attends Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes. She is also the Col. David Hall Chapter winner. Due to cancellation of our state and local meetings she will not be able to read her essay. She will receive her checks and certificates via the mail.

National has decided to have a female and male Good Citizen winners for the 2020-2021 school year and beyond. This will be on the Chapter and State levels.

I encourage all of our local chapters to participate in this scholarship program. I am available to help the Good Citizen Chair navigate the process.

Historic Preservation

Ginger Trader

Chapters throughout the state have been very busy fulfilling the DAR mission of Historic Preservation.

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Members of the Cooch's Bridge Chapter participated in cleaning twelve historical grave markers.

The members of the Mary Vining Chapter helped in the fund raising for the restoration of the Old Caboose in Delmar while also giving guided tours of the caboose on Heritage Day. Cleanup was done at the old Freeney-Hearne cemetery that is located in the middle of a sod farm field. Freeney and Hearne were the two families that donated the land for the establishment of the town of Delmar in 1859.

Cooch's Bridge Chapter members hosted an event called, "This Place Matters" at the historic Hale-Byrnes House to raise funds for the preservation of this historical property. Members also cleaned thirty-eight headstones at Head of

Christiana church Cemetery where thirty-five known Revolutionary War Patriots are buried. Several members participated in the Delaware State Kickoff Gathering for the preservation of the Historic Cooch Property, site of the Cooch's Bridge Battle.

Colonel David Hall Chapter owns and maintains the property known as the Maull House. Patti Haas worked many hours to restore the Lewes Fountain of Youth and Gazebo that sits across the road from the Maull House. Chapter Regent, Kathy Lindemer put together the amazing, detailed packet of the project including many pictures of the progress that was submitted to the Historic Preservation Contest, Eastern Division. I am happy to say that this project was the winner for the Eastern Division. This project will now be judged at the national level with results to be announced in June. Congratulations!

This chair would like to thank you for Rising and Shining for America through Historic Preservation.

Insignia Committee

Beth Beachell, State Chair

During the reporting period, this Chairman has been available for any member with Insignia questions.

Junior American Citizens Committee

Beth Beachell, State Chair

During the reporting period, the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter sponsored a JAC group of 6 children. They practiced and sang a song at church.

Junior Committee

Beth Beachell, State Chair

During the reporting period, Junior members serve as chapter officers and chapter and state

chairman. Beth Beachell, Sarah Cannon and Margaret Onken have serviced as State Pages, and Margaret Onken and Helen Reed-Bryan have served as Congress pages. We had two classroom grants granted during the reporting period.

Lineage Research Committee

Julie Williams

The Lineage Research Committee is ready to help your chapter to increase membership!

Committee members from the chapter, state, district and national levels are available to shine a light and provide assistance with the lineage research needs of your prospective members.

All chapters reported to this State Chairman and 4 out of the 6 chapters appointed a Lineage Research chapter chair.

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Two chapters utilized the Lineage Research Lookup Board for additional aid in application help.

All chapter Registrars should have access to image access and hopefully this has been a helpful tool to both registrars and prospective members for new applications or supplemental applications.

Literacy Promotion Committee

Anita Wheeler, State Chair

In 2019, the Delaware State Chapters spent a total of 111 hours tutoring adults and 2,025 hours tutoring children. They donated \$25 and 5,471 books to their communities. 56 of our members took the opportunity to promote literacy. During Constitution Week in September an exhibit was placed in the Newark, Delaware Library by Cooch's Bridge Chapter. Several books were used in the colorful display to inform the public about our Constitution. The Brookside Elementary School in Newark, Delaware requested more information and the chapter presented fifty booklets to them about the Constitution.



In November, a committee of eleven very talented artists who are Cooch's Bridge chapter members

decorated a Christmas tree with handmade decorations for the Odessa Foundation's annual Storybook Trees Exhibit in Odessa, Delaware. The exhibits celebrate children's literature and the love of reading. These trees use a book as inspiration for decorating the trees and to encourage children to read. The book selected for this year was *The Steadfast Tin Soldier* by: Hans Christian Anderson. Each year the chapter artists make beautiful ornaments that are inspired by the

story in the book. The Christmas tree is decorated with dozens of these handmade items. This year Fran Johnson made the unique tree topper and Anita Wheeler made the lovely tree skirt. The tree itself was displayed prominently in the main hallway of the Wilson-Warner House at the foot of the stairs and was the first one seen by visitors to the house. For many years it has been the chapter's honor and delight to create these beautiful trees to help promote literacy in the Odessa area.

The Cooch's Bridge chapter alone reported participating in forty-six literacy programs and spending five hours assisting in promoting literacy in adults. They spent 1,761 hours tutoring or assisting in promoting literacy in children. Chapter members donated 5,471 books to libraries, senior centers and other organizations to help promote literacy.

Three books were given to grade one, Georgetown Elementary and nine books were given to the schools for Constitution Week by the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter.

If your chapter has a special activity or project and would like to be considered for possible recognition, please send a complete report to the State Literacy Committee Chair.

Membership Committee

Cathy Hudson, State Chair

The current membership of the Delaware State Society of the DAR is 605 Daughters. While there is a slight decrease in total numbers it doesn't tell the entire story. It does reflect 23 new members since May 2019, 10 of which have been verified since January 01, 2020.

These numbers while accurate does not offer the total picture of our Society's growth. The figures definitely do indicate we shined brighter in recruitment than in retention in 2019 and early 2020. Congratulations to the two chapters that

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managed a 100% retention while another maintained a 99.9% retention for 2019 into 2020. While a minimal decrease is currently reflected this chair is optimistic that our membership will definitely increase prior to the fall conference of 2020.



This chair sent a monthly report to our State Regent with an account of the membership

of each chapter. A 23 electronic newsletter was received from the National Society's Membership

Chair. The newsletter was filled with great information pertaining to retention as well as recruitment and was forwarded to the State Regent as well as all Chapter Regents.

Members Training

Cathy Hudson, Members Course Coordinator

The Members Course has provided this coordinator with enlightening, challenging and at times frustrating experiences. The transition from the previous administration to the present brought forth the challenges and occasional frustration. Thanks to the National Chair and Vice Chair's understanding and assistance as well as the great State New Horizon Coordinator survival happened.

To date 38 Delaware Daughters expressed an interest in the Members Course each receiving an e-mail. Three attachments were added to each e-mail outlining the requirements to begin the course, complete the course as well as suggested Independent Projects as provided by the Leadership Training Committee. This coordinator participated in all three of the teleconferences

held by our National Leadership Training Chair and Vice Chair.

Four Delaware Daughters were slated to graduate the Members Course at the Spring Conference scheduled for April 11, 2020. This coordinator is hopeful that at least a dozen will graduate at the Fall State Conference scheduled for October 2020. Multiple Independent Projects have been submitted by this coordinator for National recognition either on the Face Book page and hopefully even at Continental Congress.

What our Society lacks in quantity is more than compensated in quality which is definitely being shown in this course.

National Defense

Pamela Broussard

Chapter: Colonel David Hall (2005DE)

The chapter regent presented a bronze metal and \$100 to an outstanding JROTC cadet at their high school on stage before an audience of community members, students, family.

Chapter: Cooch's Bridge (2003DE)

January 2020 by Bernadette Kucharczuk
This committee strives to preserve our American heritage of freedom, to protect the U.S. Constitution, and to ensure the survival of our national sovereignty. To this end, the committee advocates a strong military defense and unwavering faithfulness to the ideals of the Founding Fathers as set forth in the U.S. Constitution. An informed membership that can promote an enlightened public opinion is a key element of the National Defense Committee mission.

Bernadette Kucharczuk researched, prepared and presented a relevant 3-5 minute National Defense Report at all regular chapter meetings incorporating pictures and video as much as possible.

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Topics for the meetings were:

- January 2019 – The Iron Man Suit
- March 2019 – What does the NSDAR National Defense Committee Do?
- May 2019 – Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery
- September 2019 – Active Shooter Preparation
- November 2019 – Honoring the Military Family

Additionally, Bernadette Kucharczuk attended the Veteran's Day ceremony at the Delaware Memorial Bridge. In total, Bernadette Kucharczuk, a decorated veteran of the United State Air Force, contributed 54 hours of time in service to the National Defense committee.

This JROTC committee chairman, Barb Seningen, sent letters and either mailed or presented the DAR Certificate and Medal at the following JROTC Ceremonies:

- Appoquinimink High School, mailed before awards ceremony on 5/24/19, did not attend due to late confirmation of date and ceremony on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend.
- Christiana High School, attended Awards Ceremony & Dinner on 5/9/19
- Delaware Military Academy, attended Awards Ceremony on 4/17/19
- Glasgow High School – mailed before Awards ceremony on 4/17/19, could not attend due to another ceremony on the same evening.
- Middletown High School - No Response in 2019! However, a follow up email was received saying, the JROTC program commander would respond to us in 2020.
- William Penn High School – mailed before Awards Ceremony on 4/18/19 at 9:00 am, could not attend due to a work conflict.

Chapter: Major Nathaniel Mitchell (2010DE)

This chapter was able to participate in three local high school events presenting certificates

and medals to three individuals worthy of the honor.

Project Patriot Committee

Roberta Gibson, State Chair

During 2019, the Patriot Committee in Delaware contributed to active military personnel serving overseas. Several personal items were donated to the men and women serving their country in places far from home. Monetary donations were also collected, and along with the personal items, were delivered to the USO for

distribution. The total amount of personal items and cash gifts totaled \$600.



As Chair of the Patriot Committee, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this important and worthy National cause.

I am hopeful that our military personnel are staying safe while on their missions. [DAR Project Patriot Facebook page](#)

President General's Project

Carol Evans, State Chair

I would like to thank all of our chapters for being in compliance with giving 100% to the President General's Project. You have accomplished this either by paying \$7.50 for all three years or by using the installment plan of \$2.50 each year for each chapter member. If we give 100% for all three years we will qualify for a certificate from National. This money also goes toward completing the final phase of the restoration for DAR Constitution Hall.

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Denise Clemons and myself at the Fall State Conference sold \$1,290 worth of items for the

President General's Project. New items have been recently added, you can now purchase Sunshine Post Earrings, the Sun Apron and the VanBuren Charm. You can always order items from the DAR Store. More items will be added for Continental Congress including an evening bag and shawl.

There are some other ways to donate to the Project:

1. With a donation of \$100 dollars chapters can receive points on the Chapter Achievement Award and individuals are eligible to purchase the President General's Project pin.
2. \$300 donations are being accepted to sponsor a seat in Constitution Hall to be repaired, refinished and reupholstered.
3. The DAR Constitution Hall: The Next Act Donor Wall has been installed at DAR Headquarters. Contributions of \$300 or more entitle the donor to an inscription on the wall.
4. A one-time gift of \$1,250 distinguishes the donor as a Benefactor. Recognition will be given during Continental Congress and the donor will receive a Benefactor Pin and Certificate.

Please consider donating to the President General's Project.

Public Relations and Media

Valarie Leary, State Chair

This chair was asked to assume this vacated position in last quarter of 2019. This committee

ties heavily into the VIS committee as websites, Facebook pages and Instagram are also tools for public relations and publicity. Radio, TV, newspapers, newsletters and the variety of social media options are tools that *"... will change the public's frequent misperception that we are insular, outdated and inactive. We need to write our own story through active, visible and relevant work on behalf of a mission that matters more than ever before."* – Denise Doring Van Buren

Details:

- 6 chapters have a newsletter
- 6 chapters communicate with their members via social media (Facebook, Twitter, Google +, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)
- 1 chapter has its own brochure/fact sheet
- 5 chapters have received newspaper or magazine coverage
- 1 chapter received radio/TV coverage
- 3 chapters have received electronic/internet coverage
- All chapters have initiated publicity for a commemorative or community event whether or not it was picked up by the media.

Highlights:

The Col. David Hall Chapter received radio, television, and newspaper coverage in 2019:

The DAR and the chapter were featured on local Rehoboth, Delaware radio station 99.1 FM January 22, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Regent Denise Clemons was interviewed. Clemons explained what the DAR is all about, the mission and she talked about what the chapter does to carry out the DAR mission locally.

WBOC television interviewed members Patti Haas and Denise Clemons in August 2019. The chapter August 2019 Open House and restoration of their "Fountain of Youth" were the subjects. This interview is on the chapter Facebook website.

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There have been a number of news releases and coverage of the restoration of their "Fountain of Youth" well on the Maull House property. Information regarding the chapter winning second place in the American Heritage contest was included in news releases regarding about their August 2019 Open House. They had several articles leading up to the event as well as coverage of the event.

Member Barbara Harmeyer put together a 4-page color pamphlet called a "Legacy of Patriotism" that the chapter uses to tell the history of their namesake patriot Colonel David Hall and patriots of the Maull family whose house is now owned by the chapter. The pamphlet contains the photos and narrative that were used in their winning textile. It is available for sale at a minimal cost.

They also publicized their Holiday Open House/Bake Sale 2019. The chapter paid for two newspaper ads in addition to our submitted news releases. An ad for the Memorial Day Wreath



certainly guarantees that.

A news release was sent and the chapter received coverage of member Kay Carnahan receiving the DAR Community Service Certificate. News releases were sent describing a number of the speakers who have presented at their chapter meetings.

New this year is the inclusion in the print edition of the Calendar of Events for the Lewes Chamber of Commerce. This is in addition to having the chapter events listed on their website.

Samples of the above were submitted to National for recognition.

A photo and article announcing Barbara Winkler, one of two recipients of the Junior Membership Classroom Grant, together the Caesar Rodney Chapter Regent, Cynthia Vander Laan, and Vice Regent, Valarie Leary, appeared in the New Castle Weekly, the Cobblestones and the William Penn High School paper. The Caesar Rodney Chapter sponsored a guest bartender fundraising event on November 7, 2019. Publicity for the event appeared on Facebook and in the New Castle Weekly (pre and post event) and in the Cobblestones (both weeklies). The event gave us the opportunity for a more contemporary setting to present the DAR.



Press Releases for the "Wreaths Across America" campaign in November and December of 2019 appeared in the Cape Gazette, the New Castle Weekly and Cobblestones.

I encourage all chapters to submit press releases which are free to submit, or any paid ads, to local or state media. Some media outlets give discounts to non-profits. If you do so, **please forward a copy to me for my records.** I would like to RING THE BELL with National on our behalf. Also, please make sure to notate these items on your CMR as it will bring them to the attention of the PR and Media State Chair so that they can be included on the annual report.

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At the end of this newsletter you will find a list of media outlets that I have collected to date. Please create a mailing list in your contacts so that you can send out a press release to all on the list or you may select those you would think would be most pertinent. If you have additional sources, please send them to me to add to this list.

Service to America

Patricia L. Haas

Congratulations State Daughters on amassing 14,555 Service to America hours for the 2019 report!! I thank you for all the wonderful projects you were involved in to serve your community and our veterans. At the end of the Chapter Report a question asks if a report of any project was submitted to be sent to the Eastern Chair. Sarah O'Donnell, Cooch's Bridge Chapter, sent me her report and two pictures. The Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church, West of Newark DE, contains 35 Patriot Graves. With 16 DAR, SAR, CAR and family volunteers, they cleaned 24 marked Revolutionary Patriot grave stones and 14 surrounding family stones with D/2 cleaner, water and a soft brush. They plan to return to clean the remaining 11 Patriot stones. Sarah sent a before and after picture of one of the grave stones. What



a difference it made! This was a wonderful idea and one that all chapters could perform.

I encourage you to send me information and pictures of 2020 projects to submit next year. I would like to brag about our great Delaware Daughter's accomplishments!

Special Projects Grants

Denise Clemons, State Chair

No report as no chapters filed for any project grants.

State Scholarship Committee

Kathy Lindemer

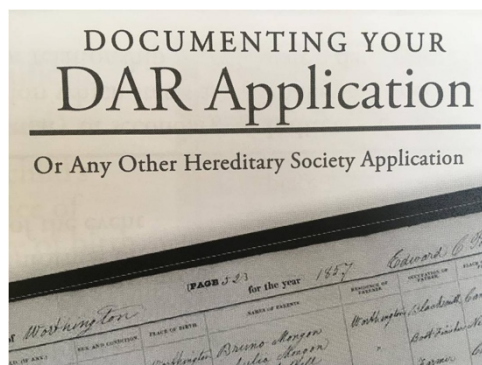
A big thank you to the 3 chapters and the Delaware State Society who shared information about NSDAR scholarships on their websites. I hope that by next year all the chapters will have the link on their chapter website.

Other ways that the information was shared included making the scholarship link to the information available on the chapter Facebook pages, sharing with area guidance offices in the local high schools, and sharing with community groups.

None of the chapters nor the State Society offer scholarships. The NSDAR would like to see chapters and the state Society offer scholarships.

Volunteer Genealogists Committee

Denise Clemons, State Chair



Across the 6 chapters in Delaware we currently have 8 DAR-trained Volunteer Genealogists. During the year, 4 Daughters

completed GEP 1, 3 Daughters completed GEP 2 and 2 Daughters completed GEP 3. No one completed the DNA course.

One of the Delaware chapters received assistance from an NSDAR-trained Genealogist assigned to them and another chapter reported

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they would benefit from this type of assistance in the future. Three chapters requested help from TaskForce 250 and several of us in the State assisted other chapters in the country for this group.

Our Chapters conducted 4 genealogy workshops, 3 of which were conducted by NSDAR-trained members. Over 50 people attended the DAR workshops and 14 attended non-DAR workshops. Almost all the chapters have members who have assisted other chapters.

Delaware Daughters continue to help the National Society increase membership numbers while also growing their respective Chapter membership through their ongoing skills development in genealogical research and generosity to those needing assistance.

Womens' Issues Committee

Beth Beachell, State Chair

During the reporting period, three members submitted essay for the essay contest, and of those, Sarah O'Donnell and Janet Walton's essays were division winners. Multiple Women's Issues minutes were read at meeting and food and supplies were donated to Home of the Brave.

VIS Committee

Valarie Leary, State Chair

This chair was excited that social media in its variety of forms has been embraced and encouraged by our President General. *"RISE up in service to your community and then SHINE by using both traditional and social media to illustrate our mission. This is how we will change the public's frequent misperception that we are insular, outdated and inactive. We need to write our own story through active, visible and relevant work on behalf of a mission that matters more than ever before."*

Although it has its pros and cons, the pros outweigh the cons as long as we follow the guidelines set forth by the society as well as utilize common sense.

6 chapters have a website; 4 of those chapters plus the state website were created by Deb Smith, a Caesar Rodney chapter member and owner of Small-Details. This state chair has developed a working relationship Deb Smith and I am now able to update those websites on my own and with her guidance when necessary. These websites also have a "members only" section at no cost to the chapter or state. Maj. Nathaniel Haslet and Cooch's Bridge have websites through alternate website developers.

5 of the 6 chapter websites as well as the State website are linked to National and those same chapters are linked to the State website.

The following sites have been vetted and received the NSDAR Recognized Site 2020 designation:

- Col. David Hall Chapter Website
- The Delaware State Public Facebook page
- The Caesar Rodney Public Facebook page
- The Delaware State Instagram account



The remaining 3 chapter websites and the state website will be submitted this year.

Redesign of the chapter and state websites is being considered in order to reflect the color and vibrancy of the rebranded logo.

All chapters should consider a public Facebook page and/or Instagram account to share their events and activities.

State Committee Reports

Denise Clemons, Deb Smith, Jennifer Horsley, Donna Josefowski, Bernadette Kucharczuk and myself have been recommended either by their chapter and/or the VIS State Chair for their contributions to their websites, Facebook and/or Instagram accounts. Detailed commentary was submitted to Hillary Fisk, VIS Eastern Division Chair.



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Upcoming Events/Meetings

The Delaware State Regent Pin



Photo credit: Mark Leary

Funds raised from the sale of the Starfish pin will go toward the refurbishing of the Delaware Box at The NSDAR Constitution Hall (new carpet, painting and/or staining, new chairs, etc.) and to Casa San Francisco, a charitable organization in our state that supplies food and shelter to those in need as well as gift certificates for school supplies and Christmas presents for children. **Pins are \$25 and can be mailed for an additional \$5 shipping. Contact glesteredd@aol.com for more information or to purchase.**

Additional funds for the State Regent's Projects are raised through the sale of the Yearbook/Directory, **Silver, Bronze and Gold sponsorships** available at the state meetings, basket voices, and general donations. Unfortunately, cancellation of the Spring Meeting meant that funds that may have been raised at the meeting did not occur. ***If you had planned on being a State Regent's Projects sponsor at any level please consider making the contribution. Your "Spring" sponsorship will be noted in the Fall Meeting booklet together with contributions made at that time. Please make checks out to DSSNSDAR and mail to the State Regent, Gloria Lester, 31685 Millcreek Ct., Lewes, DE. 19958 notating that it***

is Spring 2020 Sponsorship contribution. Thank you!

NSDAR Madonnas of the Trail

Jennifer Horsley

If you are a new member or longtime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, you may already be familiar with the 12 Madonnas of the Trail Statues that stretch from Maryland to California. As a new Daughter, and while completing the Member Course, I discovered not only the statues history, but also found that one of the 12 statues is in dire need of being moved to a final placement location.

In 1911 the NSDAR created a National Old Trails Road Committee to oversee a Commemoration project to honor the Old Trail of Major General Braddock, while honoring the pioneer women who braved the travel out West in search of other prosperity and establishment of our Countries frontier.

Finally, in 1923 Harry S. Truman agreed with a plan and payment for the monuments. Originally a small cast iron plaque was conceived, but upon final approval from the NSDAR in 1927 it was now a tall bronze monument. All 12 statues were placed in 12 separate states and honored by President Truman from 1928 to 1929.

Fast forward to present day conditions, the closest statue to Delaware is the Madonnas of the Trail in Bethesda, Maryland. Overseen by the Col. Tench Tilghman Chapter, NSDAR and the MSSDAR, the statue must be moved for a third time. As society as expanded and underground transportation takes its' toll on the Madonnas foundation, there is now an online petition, and support from local Maryland politicians to move the statues to the Farm Women's Cooperative Market. By combining the two historic fixtures into one, the Madonnas of the Trail statue will finally face West and the two can share in the valiant efforts of women together. Please consider signing the petition and help preserve history.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

Helpful Hints from the VIS, PR and Social Media Office:

Valarie Leary

The Delaware State Society DAR is on Facebook and Instagram!!



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Click on the links above to join! One is a closed group which only members can see or post on. The public Facebook can be a good tool for public relations and understanding of the DAR. As a State Society, we should support every chapter whenever possible, but it is difficult to attend events and/or support other chapters when we do not know what is needed or scheduled.

Please feel free to post upcoming events and other happenings including outings and awards/recognition! If you have any questions, please contact Valarie Leary, State Corresponding Secretary and State VIS Chair at elzregina@gmail.com.

Our public social media is about:

- encouraging new membership and other volunteers,
- providing education about the NSDAR and its programs,
- creating public awareness of the chapter, the good that it does, and the needs that it meets in the community,
- as well as providing fun and social time for the members themselves.



We want a society founded on service."

**Eugenia Washington,
DAR Founder**

It's time to Rise and Shine for America! The "Rise" portion of the VanBuren Administration's theme is directed at encouraging DAR members to rise up in meaningful service promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism within their communities in order to demonstrate the vibrancy of Today's DAR.

Our goal during the VanBuren Administration is to log 10 million Service to America Hours.

Please remember to log your hours online for Service to America!!!



National Service to America Project from Home

ATTENTION DAUGHTERS! Do you own a sewing machine? Many medical facilities, organizations and individuals in need are seeking [#volunteers](#) to sew and donate homemade face masks and mask covers. Ladies, let's help!

How to participate in the Service to America Project from Home:

1. Contact local medical facilities, organizations and individuals in need to ask if they are accepting donations of homemade masks.
2. Obtain guidance for sewing the homemade masks directly from medical facilities, organizations and individuals in need.

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3. Sew the masks and donate them to those in need.

4. Report how many masks you donate @ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DARSTAProject2020>.

5. Log your volunteer hours into our Service to America online tally @ <http://dar.org/onlinetally>.

Share this initiative with your chapter and all #DAR members!

Let's Rise and Shine in Service to America during this time of great need.

Can we do it? Of course, we can!

#TodaysDAR #ServiceToAmerica #RiseAndShine #NSDAR



DAR Mask Count - May 10, 2020

As of today, May 10th, dedicated DAR members have sewn **320,922 masks** and made **14,856 other PPE items** for those in need! Thank you so much, ladies!

Are you sewing homemade masks and other PPE? Please log your numbers @

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DARSTA2020>

Please sign-up to volunteer using our website:
<https://www.fssdar.com/sta/>

Current DAR Mask Count by State / Units Overseas:

Alabama 4,982
Alaska 756
Arizona 15,128
Arkansas 2,282

Bahamas 50
California 15,064
Colorado 6,583
Connecticut 3,324
Delaware 1,144
Florida 19,467
France 80
Georgia 15,774
Germany 173
Guam 126
Hawaii 317
Idaho 4,648
Illinois 5,868
Indiana 8,977
Iowa 3,030
Kansas 6,610
Kentucky 9,163
Louisiana 14,426
Maine 966
Maryland 7,246
Massachusetts 3,607
Michigan 24,380
Minnesota 1,774
Mississippi 1,261
Missouri 6,554
Montana 468
Nebraska 2,564
Nevada 571
New Hampshire 2,740
New Jersey 4,653
New Mexico 1,111
New York 5,322
North Carolina 11,001
North Dakota 536
Ohio 9,021
Oklahoma 4,651
Oregon 4,180
Pennsylvania 8,254
Rhode Island 3,495
South Carolina 5,424
South Dakota 884
Tennessee 9,967
Texas 29,014
Utah 4,619
Vermont 565
Virginia 12,741

Upcoming Events/Meetings

Washington 9,082
Washington, D.C. 541
West Virginia 3,153
Wisconsin 2,390
Wyoming 215

Total 320,922

Learn more about how to get involved:

<https://www.fssdar.com/sta/>

About the DAR Mask Count: the DAR Mask Count is the self-reported number of homemade [#masks](#) sewn by Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) member [#volunteers](#). Please use our online survey to log your homemade mask and other PPE numbers @

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DARSTA2020>.

Thank you for your Service to America!

[#ServiceToAmerica](#) [#TodaysDAR](#) [#RiseAndShine](#)
[DAR President General Denise Doring VanBuren](#)

CALENDAR

May 16, 2020 ~ Cooch's Bridge Chapter Virtual Meeting. Contact Sarah O'Donnell (sarahlareod@gmail.com) or Robin Hughes (robin.hughes54@gmail.com) if you wish to "attend."

~~**May 30, 2020** ~ Wilmington Memorial Day Parade, 6 p.m.~~

~~**June 20, 2020** ~ Caesar Rodney Chapter, Kickoff luncheon celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Chapter, Columbus Inn, Wilmington, Delaware; Special Guest: State Regent Gloria Lester~~

July 4, 2020 ~ Christ Episcopal Church, Dover ~ Patriotic Celebration with SAR

July 7 - 8, 2020 ~ Rehoboth Art League Cottage Tour

~~**August 22, 2020** ~ Maull House Open House and 19th Amendment Celebration (Col. David Hall)~~

~~**August 26, 2020** ~ 6-7:30, Woman in White parade on Rehoboth Beach Boardwalk in cooperation with the VIA.~~

September 19, 2020 ~ Cooch's Bridge Chapter Meeting/Luncheon at The Christiana Hilton; Speaker: Nancylee Ridden, ICL Dover (Design and Manufacture of Spacesuits)

September 26, 2020 ~ 12 noon, Parade and dedication of the Suffrage Memorial at Legislative Hall in Dover.

October 31, 2020 ~ Colonel David Hall Chapter hosting Fall Delaware State Conference ~ Maple Dale Country Club

November 14, 2020 ~ Caesar Rodney Chapter, American Indian Program, New Castle Court House Museum; more info to follow.

April 17, 2021 ~ State Spring Conference, Cooch's Bridge, President General Visit

May 2021 ~ Caesar Rodney 125th Anniversary luncheon. More info to come.

Oct 16, 2021 ~ State Fall Conference, Caesar Rodney

April 23, 2022 ~ State Spring Conference, Open for bid

For more 19th Amendment Events including exhibits, lectures and more, click [here](#).

*If you are interested in helping at any of the VA Hospital events mentioned above please contact our DAR Service to Veterans Committee Co-Chairman, Clare Vosteen at clare_vosteen@hotmail.com or (740) 424-6501. We need volunteers for each of these events! Many hands make light work.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

** If you are interested in serving as a Hostess at one of the “This Place Matters” series held at the Hale Byrnes House or another ** event, please contact Historic Preservation Chair, Michelle West at Michelle.L.West@hotmail.com or (240) 344-1979.

If you are interested in participating in Wreaths Across American at Pencader Museum, please Contact Sarah O'Donnell at sarahlareod@gmail.com or 908 285 0701.

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Cash Basis

DE Society, NSDAR Balance Sheet Standard

As of March 23, 2020

	<u>Mar 23, '20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
DE STATE SOCIETY NSDAR	11,197.12
WSFS Small Bus Money Market	8,596.18
WSFS Small Business Core Sa...	12,514.91
Total Checking/Savings	<u>32,308.21</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>32,308.21</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>32,308.21</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	37,032.30
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,516.08
Net Income	<u>-6,240.17</u>
Total Equity	<u>32,308.21</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>32,308.21</u></u>

State Chapter Achievement

April 11, 2020

This chairman sent many emails to the Chapter Regents reminding them to complete their Master Questionnaire before the due date.

Below are the results that this Chairman reported to the Eastern Division Chairman via email before the due date of March 1, 2020.

This chairman will like next year's report to include a comparison. This could help the individual chapter results increase over time.

Barbara Seningen

Chapter Achievement, State Chairman

Code	Name	Sec 8 - Chapter	Sec 8 - State	Sec 8 - Compare	1 Dues	2.A Mbrs	2.B Jrs	2.C Incrs	2.D 10% Incrs	2.E Org Trns	3 STA	4 Prg Srv	5 Comm	6.A Mag Ad	6.B Mag Subs	6.C Reg Sub	7 Nat Def	8 Ch Contr	9.A Clubs	9.B Opt Contr	Gd Tot
2001DE	Caesar Rodney	0	175	***	20	180	30	10	0	0	25	125	20	25	20	10	0	0	10	5	480
2005DE	Colonel David Hall	175	175		20	300	30	10	0	0	25	150	40	25	20	10	20	175	90	50	965
2006DE	Colonel John Haslet	0	175	***	20	30	0	0	0	0	25	125	40	25	30	10	20	0	40	125	490
2003DE	Cooch's Bridge	175	175		20	390	60	0	0	0	25	120	40	25	20	10	20	175	160	125	1190
2010DE	Major Nathaniel Mitchell	175	175		20	270	30	10	10	0	25	145	40	25	40	10	20	175	10	10	840
2009DE	Mary Vining	175	0	***	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	85	40	25	40	10	20	175	20	30	470

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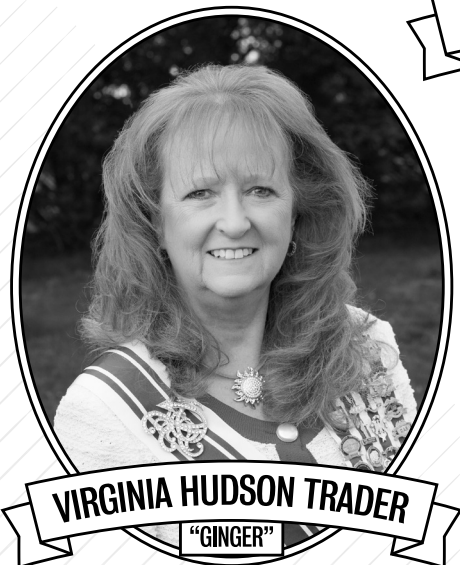
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Delaware State Regent
2019 - 2022

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



Historian General 2016 - 2019
Vice President General 2011 - 2014
Honorary State Regent 2007 - 2010



Vice President General 2017 - 2020
Honorary State Regent 2013 - 2016



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA!



The Delaware State Society is a registered sponsorship group for [Wreaths Across America](#). As a sponsorship group, we help to provide as many wreaths as possible to place on the graves of our veterans. We support both the Bear and Millsboro Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemeteries.

Delaware DAR Daughters are encouraged to assist in the support of the cemeteries and the fundraising by promoting sponsorship of wreaths to families, friends, coworkers, churches, local businesses, larger corporations, etc.

As a result of this sponsorship, the Delaware State Society receives \$5 for every wreath sold. In 2019, the State Society received \$315 from the sponsorships of 63 wreaths. This was accomplished in only 3 short weeks as we learned about the sponsorship/fundraising program in early November. The original goal had modestly been set at 50 as a result of the later start.

The Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit is tentatively scheduled to be at the Fall State Meeting on October 31, 2020.

For more info:

[Delaware State Society NSDAR](#)



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March 27, 2020

Gloria Conte Lester, Regent
Delaware State Society, NSDAR
31685 Mill Creek Ct
Lewes, DE 19958-3632

Dear Ms. Lester,

The Office of the Historian General has examined your application and the information submitted pertaining to Caesar Rodney. It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Caesar Rodney has been approved for the DAR Pathway of the Patriots project.

Please contact the Development Office by telephone at: 1 (800) 449-1776 or by e-mail at: development@dar.org or Pathway of the Patriots at DARPathway@nsdar.org, should you have any questions about the tree that you are sponsoring or any other questions about the DAR Pathway of the Patriots.

Best wishes as the Delaware State Society proceeds in the endeavor to honor Revolutionary War patriot Caesar Rodney through sponsorship of a tree in the DAR's Pathway of the Patriots.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura McCrillis Kessler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura McCrillis Kessler
Historian General, NSDAR

Cc: Cynthia Sweeney, National Vice Chair, Pathway of the Patriots
Development Office, NSDAR

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National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
American Heritage Committee –
Fiber Arts Contest 2019-2020

Judges Information

American Heritage Committee

The American Heritage Committee was established to preserve our rich American heritage in the fields of art and sculpture, crafts, fiber arts, literature and drama, and music. Members are invited to participate in the various contests conducted by this committee. The area with which I am involved is the Fiber Arts category which is the only category that the State American Heritage Chair is responsible for the preliminary judging of the entries submitted by the DAR chapter members in the State of Delaware.

There are 12 categories within the Fiber Arts area:

1. Embroidery, 2. Cross-Stitch, 3. Needlepoint, 4. Knitting, 5. Crochet, 6. Hand Quilted Quilt, 7. Hand Quilted Wall Hanging, 8. Quilt Top (not quilted or bound), 9 Weaving, 10. Historic Costume (Era: 1848 – 1920); Theme: The Era of the Women's Suffrage Movement), 11. Rug Making, and 12. Other Fiber Arts.

Each year there is a theme determined by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, which must be integral to the piece being made. This year's contest theme is:

Rise, And Shine Your Light on the 19th Amendment

The State American Heritage chair is responsible for sending the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners materials to the National Vice Chair for the Fiber Arts area after the DE entries have been judged. From there they are judged against the entries submitted for all the other States for national finalists. The national winners are awarded certificates and ribbons at the DAR Continental Congress in June and the first place winners are displayed.

Judges for the Fiber Arts area must *not* be DAR members and knowledgeable in areas emphasized in the fiber arts. They will use basic criteria to evaluate the entries provided by the National DAR American Heritage Committee. Their expertise is an invaluable tool for the success of this contest.

Judging Criteria

Overall Requirements

- All entries must be the original work designed, created and finished by an individual DAR member or a group of DAR members, while they are active members.
- Posthumous entries are not eligible, even if the deceased member was part of a group.
- The entrant shall incorporate the theme within the piece and submit a paragraph or more stating how the work reflects the theme.
- Commercial framing or the use of commercially obtained mounting is acceptable, however quilting, quilt binding and any other fiber art must be done by a DAR member.
- Entries that are quilted by a non-DAR member are disqualified.
- NO machine quilting allowed.
- Commercially available patterns or printed/painted canvases may be used.
- The entrant is expected to have selected the fabrics, yarns, trim, colors, etc., herself in order to create a personal, one-of-a-kind piece.
- Machine embroidery should be designed and digitized by the entrant if it is an integral part of her piece, however, if the entrant uses machine embroidery as embellishment it may be commercially designed and/or digitized.

Judging Criteria by Category

Judging criteria: *(subjective to judges)*

- 50 points - Quality of work
- 30 points - Uniqueness of design
- 10 points - Originality
- 10 points - Expression of theme

Needlepoint, Cross-Stitch, Embroidery criteria

- *Construction:* stitches are firm and uniform in size, corners are square, knots are secure and hidden, and smooth transition from color to color.
- *Color and Design:* colors work together to express design, color and design work together to support a feeling, and design reflects title of the piece.
- *Finishing:* clean and neat, outside edges are straight, and blocked and finished.

Knitting and Crocheting criteria:

- *Construction:* stitches are uniform, edges are flat, knots are hidden, and smooth transition from color to color.
- *Color and Design:* colors work together to express design, color and design work together to support a feeling, and design reflects the title of the work.
- *Finishing:* clean and neat, and outside edges are smooth.

Quilts, Quilt Tops, and Wall Hangings criteria:

- *Construction:* appliqué is firmly attached, appliqué pieces have smooth edges, corners are square, and opposite borders are equal.
- *Color and Design:* colors and shapes of border frame the quilt, colors work together to express the design, colors and design work together to support a feeling, and design reflects the title of the work.
- *Finishing:* clean and neat, outside edges are straight, and outside corners are square.

Weaving and Rug Making criteria:

- *Construction:* tension is even and consistent, weaving is even and consistent, yams straight, joining and raw edges are hidden, pattern is consistent, and ends are securely finished.
- *Color and Design:* colors work together to express the design, colors and design work together to support a feeling, and color, design, and texture are harmonious and uniform.
- *Finishing:* clean and neat and straight even selvages.

***** Historic Dress Information*****

American Heritage Contest Theme: ***Rise, and Shine Your Light On The 19th Amendment***

- Historic Dress Era: **1848 - 1920**
- Historic Dress Theme: **The Era of the Women's Suffrage Movement**

Historic Dress criteria:

- Garment constructed for an adult or child, male or female.
- Must be a heritage period costume of the historical period specified for the contest and incorporate the overall theme of the competition.
- May be hand or machine sewn.
- Must exhibit correct construction; i.e., zippers were not used in garments prior to 1930
- Fabric used must be correct for the period, i.e., wool, cotton, linen, leather, silk. Fabric prints must be correct for the period.
- Notions and accessories shall be of the closest available substitutes when the original materials are not available (i.e., plastic boning substituted for whale bone). A statement explaining why the substituted item was used must be included with entry.

- Entrants are encouraged to properly reference and include detailed descriptions of their historical research, as well as pictures and descriptions of their garment's construction in progress.

Judges Reporting Form

DAR American Heritage Fiber Arts Category

DAR Member Name on Entry _____

Title of Work _____

Fiber Arts Category

Needlepoint _____

Cross-Stitch _____

Embroidery _____

Knitting _____

Crocheting _____

Quilts _____

Quilt Tops _____

Wall Hangings _____

Weaving _____

Rug Making _____

Historic Dress _____

Other Fiber Arts _____

Does the work meet minimum overall requirements? Yes _____ No _____

If NO, describe the deficiency:

Looking at the specific requirements for the categories of 1) Construction, 2) Color and Design, and 3) Finishing, write an appropriate descriptive comment.

Construction _____

Color and Design _____

Finishing _____

Assigning Placement of Work

Using the suggested point distribution, assign points to each category. If you feel there should be an exception to the point distribution, please note the change and the reason why below.

Quality of work (50 points) _____

Uniqueness of design (30 points) _____

Originality (10 points) _____

Expression of theme (10 points) _____

TOTAL POINTS _____

First Place _____

Second Place _____

Third Place _____

No Placement _____

Any overall comment: _____

Judges Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____