

The Starfish

A Publication of the Delaware State Society Daughters of the American Revolution - Spring 2021



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

Welcome to our Winter Edition of the Starfish Newsletter. I hope you all enjoyed the Holiday Season and were able to reinvent Holiday traditions to stay safe. In spite of the pandemic, I have truly enjoyed my first two years as your state Regent. It has been such a pleasure to work with the many Delaware Daughters that give their time and talents to the DAR and to our community.

I am proud of all the activities and accomplishments our members have achieved during these difficult times. We have managed to stay connected with virtual Chapter and State meetings, virtual socials, teas and book clubs, webinars with National, the President General's Blog, Facebook, our websites, and Instagram. But more important, we have used these tools to continue to achieve the DAR mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

To promote patriotism, we have cleaned Patriots graves, participated in Wreaths Across America, donated food, masks and supplies to the Home of the Brave, the VA Hospital and the USO, supported Service Dogs for Vets, adorned Veteran's graves with flags and presented ROTC awards. To promote education, we continue to give Good Citizenship awards and scholarships, assist with home schooling, read to children virtually, participate in Members Training, support the C.A.R., and donate school supplies. To promote historic preservation, we have continued to maintain and support the historic Maull House, the Cooch House, and the Hale-Byrnes House. We sponsored activities and proclamations to promote the Constitution.

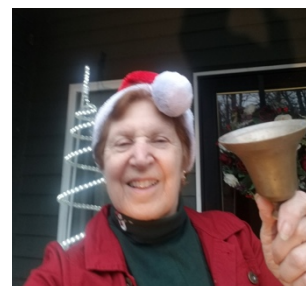
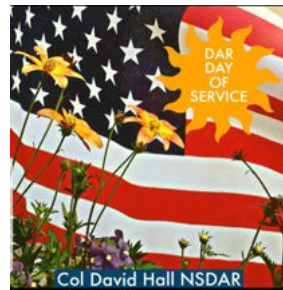
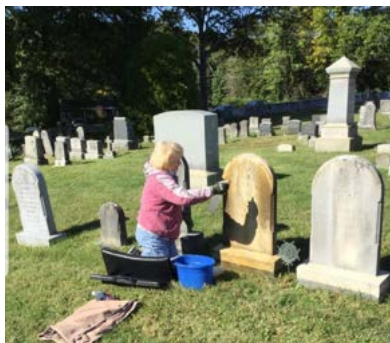
We also continue to participate in service to America by making masks, contributing to the canned food drive, feeding first line workers, donating to the food bank, cleaning the Christiana Watershed, supplying bird feeders, cleaning the beaches, supplying masks and supplies to the Navaho Nation and many more acts of charity and service. I am proud and amazed that 610 Delaware Daughters have been able to accomplish so much during a global pandemic. Thank you!

Be proud of what you have accomplished under these circumstances and keep up the great work! You have all done so much, but I am asking you to do one more good deed. Please support my State Regent's Project by purchasing a Starfish pin. The proceeds help support Casa San Francisco and the refurbishing of the Delaware Box at National. Details on how to purchase the pin can be found later in this newsletter.

Once again, DAR Spring Conferences throughout the Nation are being forced to go virtual, including our own Delaware State Conference. The theme for this year's Conference will be "rise and Shine Delaware." This conference is very special because the President General will be attending. We have many special events and activities planned for this meeting. We have worked very hard to make this Spring Conference educational, entertaining and enjoyable for you. You can find the invitation to register on page 5. We had 84 participants at our Fall State Meeting. My hope is we see many more of you at the April 17th State Conference. Until then, stay safe, wear a mask, wash your hands, and get vaccinated as soon as you can!

In DAR Friendship,

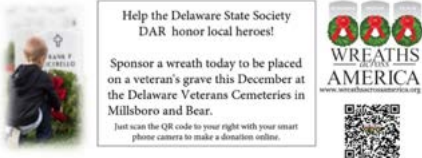
Dr. Gloria Lester





Join Us in Our Mission
Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 19, 2020** ★
National Wreaths Across America Day



#WorthFightingFor2020



ETIQUETTE AND TIPS FOR THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S VISIT

To prepare for Mrs. Denise VanBuren's official visit, I am providing a list of Etiquette Tips that may be helpful.

Since Mrs. VanBuren is the highest-ranking officer in NSDAR, we stand and clap when she first enters the Zoom Meeting. We clap when she is recognized to speak to us and again after she concludes her remarks. Mrs. VanBuren should always be introduced and greeted as Madam President General. Because the meeting is virtual, there will not be a receiving line.

It is perfectly alright for members to wear pantsuits to this event, but State Officers and Chapter Regents should wear skirted suits or dresses. No member should wear jeans or casual clothing. Ribbons and pins should be worn to the Saturday Conference but not to the Friday virtual visit to Winterthur or to the Saturday evening Cocktail party. Remember, we want to make a good impression!

State Officers, Chapter Regents and State Chairs will all be reporting at this meeting. Please remember to adhere to the two-minute rule for reading your reports. I know Mrs. VanBuren will enjoy hearing your reports, but we do need to keep the meeting moving forward.

Mrs. VanBuren is a truly lovely person and she certainly enjoys her State visits. We may not be a large state, but Delaware is known for its hospitality and gracious warmth.

Dr Gloria Lester
Delaware State Regent

SPRING CONFERENCE

April 16th and 17th, 2021

Much planning has gone into this State Conference to make it a special event for all of you and for the President General. We begin our State Conference on Friday afternoon, April 16th with a virtual tour of the Winterthur Estate and their current exhibit sponsored for the President General by the Delaware DAR Board of Directors. This will be followed by a Virtual High Tea and Trivia game. Participants will be invited to dress for the tea in hats and gloves.

Saturday Morning will begin with The Heritage Club Virtual Breakfast with the President General sponsored by National. All Heritage Club members will be invited to attend. After the breakfast, the morning will begin with the Opening Ceremony and rituals. As a special treat, our Color Guard will be in American Revolutionary War attire.

Following the morning Rituals, the Executive Board members, Chapter Regents, and State Committee Chairs will present their reports. This will cover the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. To make the reports more interesting, the reports will be accompanied by a picture slide show created by our, own artistic Barb Seningen. Throughout the day we will award prizes for playing Delaware DAR Trivia. On our lunch break we will take a walk down Memory Lane as we watch a Carousel of Vintage Delaware DAR Pictures.

The President General will be our opening act and key note speaker for the afternoon. She is a fabulous speaker that will make you proud to be a DAR daughter. With each visit of the President General, the Hosting State presents the President General with a Basket of gifts for her visit. Because the visit is virtual, we will be mailing her gifts that are representative of Delaware life and the Delaware DAR. We will have her open these gifts during our meeting.

The afternoon will also include the Members and New Horizons Graduation, Installation of new State Registrar, election of the Nominating Committee that will nominate the slate of officers for the next administration, the Good Citizen Awards and our Memorial Service. We are asking members to wear their Hats for the Memorial service to honor our fallen daughters.

After a relaxing dinner break, Sandra Pollack, from National, will present a workshop on conflict resolution. She is a fantastic speaker that I am sure she will keep everyone interested. To end the evening, we will have a relaxing cocktail party where we can socialize. Please use the invitation found later in this news letter to register. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Dr Gloria Lester

Delaware State Regent



INVITATION TO THE VIRTUAL SPRING STATE CONFERENCE OF THE DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY NSDAR

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2021

2 p.m.: PowerPoint and Virtual tour of Winterthur and Current Exhibit (Lady of The House: Ruth Whales du Pont}

4 p.m.: Virtual High Tea and Trivia Game (Hats and Gloves optional}

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2021

8:30 a.m.: Virtual Heritage Club Breakfast with the President General (Open to Heritage Club Members Only)

9:15 p.m.: Zoom Meeting will open for information and socializing

9:30 p.m.: Opening Ceremonies, Greetings, Morning Business and Reports with entertaining Power Point

Morning activities include DAR and Delaware Trivia with Prizes

Lunch Break – Sit back and relax and enjoy a carousel of slides that will bring you down DAR memory lane

1:30 p.m.: Afternoon Session - President General's Key Note Presentation and Gift Opening

Afternoon activities will include Heritage Club Information, Members and New Horizons

Graduation, Good Citizen Awards, Memorial Service (Hats Encouraged), and Delaware and DAR

Trivia with Prizes

Dinner Break

6:30 p.m.: Workshop on Conflict Resolution Presented by Sandra Pollack from DAR National Headquarters

7:15 p.m.: Cocktail Party and time to Socialize



Mail forms by APRIL 14, 2021 to Claudia Onken, Conference Coordinator, 388 Mulberrie Point, Frederica, DE 19946

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL FOR ZOOM INVITATION: _____ COST OF CONFERENCE: NO CHARGE

CHAPTER: _____ STATE OR CHAPTER OFFICE: _____ VOTING DELAGATE: Yes or No

OPTIONAL: Donations may be included for the State Regent's Project. Donors will be recognized in The State Conference Program that will be distributed by E-Mail prior to the State Meeting.

Gold Support \$100 _____ Silver Support \$50 _____ Bronze Support \$25 _____

SALE OF PINS: SEND CHECK DESIGNATING YOUR DESIRED PURCHASE AND ADDRESS FOR SHIPPING

STARFISH PIN \$25 PLUS \$5 SHIPPING HOLLY PIN FROM BEACHELL ADMINISTRATION \$25 PLUS \$5 SHIPPING

PLEASE MAKE OUT SEPARATE CHECKS FOR DONATIONS AND PINS AND MAKE PAYABLE TO DSSNSDAR

A TRIBUTE TO THE LOSS OF A BELOVED STATE BOARD MEMBER



On January 25th 2021, Katherine Hudson, National Number 901918, passed away after a short and sudden illness. Professionally, Cathy was a Registered Nurse. She had one adopted son. After her retirement she has been volunteering at the NAAB Genealogy Center at Salisbury Univ. Cathy was a very active Chapter, State and National DAR Member. She was accepted into the DAR February 4th 2012 as a member of the Captain Johnathan Caldwell Chapter. Cathy became the First Vice Regent for that Chapter. When the Johnathan Caldwell Chapter dissolved in 2014, Cathy joined the Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter and brought several of the members of the Caldwell Chapter with her. In the past she served as the State Constitution Week Chair and the State Americanism Chair.

At the time of her passing, Cathy was serving as our State Registrar. She was also serving as State Chapter Development and Revitalization Chair and State Members Chair. She was the State Members Course Coordinator.

At the Chapter level, in addition to being Chapter Registrar, Cathy was serving as Americanism Chair, Historic Preservation Chair, Jr Membership Chair, Membership Chair, Lineage Chair, Volunteer Genealogist Chair and C.A.R. Chair. I was told that Cathy was the glue that held the Chapter together.

At the National level, Cathy was serving as the Eastern Division Vice Chair for Constitution Week and had a President General's appointment to the 250 Task Force. Cathy was a friend to all and will be greatly missed by the Delaware Daughters. You left us way too soon. I salute you Catherine Hudson for all you did for the DAR and the Community.

State Officer Updates

State Corresponding Secretary

Valarie Leary

During 2020, (4) editions of "The Starfish," were published: Spring 2020, Spring 2020 Covid Edition (in lieu of the cancelled State Spring Meeting), Fall 2020 and Fall 2020 *Special Edition* (post State Meeting).

A statewide email list was created on Mailchimp and was first used to distribute the Fall 2020 Invitation to the State Meeting. 580 emails to members were sent, of which 286 opened the email. A second mailing to those who did not originally open the emails resulted in an additional 64 members opening the email. The total was 350 members/60.3% of the State Membership. Why is this important? Newsletters/emails are the best way to communicate the state and chapter activities and reports. Some of our members may not be able to attend meetings, and their continued involvement may stem from what they are able to read about in newsletters or emails.

Treasurer Report

Denise Clemons

For the Year Ending December 31, 2020

Despite the many uncertainties and unusual circumstances during 2020, the Delaware State DAR has done an excellent job of supporting the National and State Societies.

The Profit and Loss summary shows total income of \$7,796 and expenses of \$2,365 for a positive net income of \$ 5,430.40 for the year. The negative amounts seen in the report reflect payments in 2020 against receipts in 2019 for CAA and the President General's Project. The negative amount shown for the State Regent's Pin Sales reflects the cost of producing the pins, which has not yet been covered by sales.

The total amount accumulated for the State Regent's Project since the start of this administration is \$5,512 and total net income for the period of August 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 is \$14,637.

Wreaths Across America was an excellent source of revenue for the State. Our income has been steady and our expenses have been greatly reduced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which has curtailed many of our typical activities held in rented spaces.

The Balance Sheet shows our funds held in WSFS Bank totaling \$44,716. The interest earnings in both the Savings and Money Market accounts have been quite low, but the Society is in a sound financial position.

We have submitted payment to National for CAA, the President General's Project and the annual Daughters newsletter advertisement. The State's Profit and Loss report and Balance Sheet report has been submitted to National and the records will be subject to review by the State Audit Committee.

*The P & L as well as the balance sheet are attached to this newsletter.

State Historian

Frances O'Reilly

Chapter historians and members please email or send pictures or articles to me of what your chapters are involved in for our State Scrapbook. Many thanks.

ofrancia57@gmail.com

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Milton, Delaware 19968

Chapter and State Committee Updates

Caesar Rodney Wilmington, Delaware

Cindy Vander Laan, Regent

In September we held a well-attended Zoom meeting with members recounting stories from their genealogical trees. At that time, we also organized our annual Veteran's Day project that culminated in November with our donation to the VA hospital in Elsmere (thank you to Vivian Adams for spearheading the project again!). We filled 6 "needs bags" for women and 18 for men that had all of the necessary items one would need when transitioning into a shelter or group home.



This past Fall, our chapter donated a Little Free Library, with great organizational help from Nancy Graybeal. She talked with the State Park system and they requested that it be placed at the gardens in

Brandywine Park near the Zoo. They will be installing it in the Spring because of the pandemic. A folk artist painted white flowers to decorate it and it has our chapter name on it. They will be placing it and be in charge of cleaning and maintenance. We will be donating a portion of the books at our meetings in Spring of 2021. There are publishing houses that have been contacted that will also be donating books. Many children visit and play around this location, especially when the weather is nicer, meaning... more kids reading!

The Chadds Ford Historical Society is where a small group met for our October meeting to enjoy a tour of the museum and the



John Chad House. A movie, guided tour and lunch afterward outside at nearby Hank's diner was a good way to spend a beautiful autumn Saturday morning.

Also, this past Fall, our chapter worked on donations for the DE State Society Wreaths Across America 2020 initiative by promoting sponsorship both in and out of the DAR Community. Valarie Leary played a huge part in organizing this successful event which will only grow in numbers and support in the coming years.

Although not celebrating together as planned, our chapter remembered our 125th anniversary of its founding on December 7, 2020 with an ecard going out to all members. A rescheduled celebration is planned for June 5th at the Columbus Inn in Wilmington.

Colonel David Hall

Lewes, Delaware

Kathy Lindemer, Regent

The Colonel David Hall Chapter DAR in Lewes, Delaware started 2021 by accepting a grant and scheduling the installation of an HVAC system to provide much needed climate control in our historic [Maul House](#). This grant was made possible by the Special Projects Committee of the Color Guard of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution. Installation is scheduled for March 2021.

We are currently holding an engraved brick fundraiser and the proceeds are being used to create a handicapped sidewalk at the Maul House and to raise funds for the upkeep of the grounds and house. So far 70 bricks have been purchased to create this walkway. Our goal is to sell a minimum of 100 bricks. In addition to being a fundraiser, bricks showcase DAR members, loved ones, DAR patriots, SAR patriots, as well as chapter history. It is becoming clear that the walkway is a patriot and memory walk. With the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution

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approaching the brick pathway is a perfect way to highlight our patriots. It is our hope that all of Delaware DAR chapters as well as some DAR daughters from around the state will join us in highlighting our patriots. What a great way to show patriots from around the entire state. Which patriot will you add?

You can help by purchasing a 4 x 8 brick with 3 lines of text or a 4 x 8 brick with a logo. (See the attached form). On the form are many logos to choose from such as DAR, SAR, and each of the armed services are some of the options. You can pay by check by using the attached form. If you would prefer to charge, please go to our [webpage](#) and use our secure shopping cart to charge.

We started off the year with a couple of members who completed important DAR courses. Congrats Mary Alice Kelly who passed the Registrar Training Course. Jennifer Horsley completed the New Members Course.

In February, the chapter held our annual social on Zoom. We enjoyed an entertaining program



on the romance of George and Martha Washington presented by [The Elders](#) who are costumed historical interpreters. There

was a presentation as well as time for questions, answers and socializing. This was a perfect Valentine treat for members, perspectives and guests.

Some of our members enjoy both the DAR Book Club as well as Delaware Daughters DAR Book Club hosted by the Col. John Haslet chapter and open to all Delaware daughters.

Chapter Chair of the Good Citizen Committee Debbie Russo is proud to announce that Daniel Adili-Khams and Riley Klopp are our female and

male Good Citizen winners from the Col. David Hall Chapter. They also won the State contest and have been submitted to the national level. Both are seniors at Cape Henlopen High School. We wish them well as they advance in the contest. We will be awarding the bronze JROTC metal, a certificate, and a monetary award to another high school JROTC student at Cape Henlopen High School this spring also.

In April 2021 we are co-hosting the Delaware State Spring Virtual Conference along with Cooch's Bridge. We have created Delaware beach themed favors for the breakfast table and a special welcome gift basket for the President General from the State chapters. We look forward to seeing other daughters from around the State at the conference.

Throughout the winter and spring, we have continued to provide a complete dinner to the veterans at the Home of the Brave in Milford, Delaware. Each monthly meal has a theme.

With vaccines, face masks, and social distancing we are hoping this summer will provide us with an opportunity to host several Open Houses to share with everyone our historic Maull House and collection. Stay tuned!

Upcoming Events

- **March 13, 2021** ~ Chapter Meeting on Zoom 10:30
- **April 10, 2021** ~ Chapter Meeting on Zoom 10:30
- **April 17, 2021** ~ State Spring Conference, Colonel David Hall and Cooch's Bridge hosting, President General Visit on Zoom
- **May 8, 2021** ~ Chapter Meeting TBD
- **Nov. 11, 2021** ~ On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 2021, Americans will pause in silence to recognize those who have sacrificed and those who will sacrifice in the future in the defense of America's freedom and democracy.

Chapter and State Committee Updates

Colonel John Haslet

Dover, Delaware
Donna Josefowski, Regent

The Colonel John Haslet Chapter continues to meet online through Zoom and working to stay connected through Facebook, email, and cards. These are just a few things we have been doing the past few months:

Online Chapter Meetings: In November, we had a female Veteran from VFW Post 3238 who spoke on Flag Code and Etiquette and in January, we were honored to have Ginger Trader speak about DAR Pins and Insignia – how and when to wear them and how to order.

Online Book Study: Catherine Schuyler: A Woman of the Revolution. We had another successful book study thanks to our chapter coordinator, Debbie St. Jean. This time we expanded our study to other Delaware chapter members.

Wreaths Across America Participation – Our chapter supported Wreaths Across America by purchasing wreaths (as a chapter and individually) and helping with the ceremonies at various cemeteries. Notably,



Claudia Onken who coordinated at Barrett's Chapel in Kent County along with other members and others who helped at both Veterans Cemeteries in Delaware.

Zoom Holiday Party – We had a great time at our Chapter Holiday Party. Those who attended wore Christmas sweaters or Santa hats to get into the spirit. What fun! We began the evening with Colonial Christmas Trivia and had a Scavenger Hunt - finding items such as one of our favorite books, a favorite or sentimental ornament, and more. This was a great way to get to know each other better. It was certainly a lot of fun and we

were honored that State Regent, Gloria Lester joined in on the fun.



What's Happening Next? The topics for our next few meetings will be:

March 13: Project Recover. The Speaker will be **Dr. Colin Colbourn of Project Recover** which is a collaborative effort to enlist 21st century science and technology in a quest to find and repatriate Americans missing in action since WWII and provide recognition and closure for families and the Nation.

May 8: David Price who will speak on his book, **John Haslet's World.**

In April, we look forward to an Earth Day project and our next book study. We will be reading **Treacherous Beauty: Peggy Shippen. The Woman Behind Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray America.** All our welcome. Please contact Debbie St. Jean at debbie@tnias.org to receive the Zoom link.

Cooch's Bridge

Newark, Delaware
Sarah O'Donnell, Regent

In December, 2020, the Cooch's Bridge Chapter Americanism Committee initiated and encouraged participation to post flags on Facebook as



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part of Wreaths Across America. In direct support of Wreaths Across American, at least 57 wreaths were purchased through member donations and two members volunteered to help place wreaths on graves.

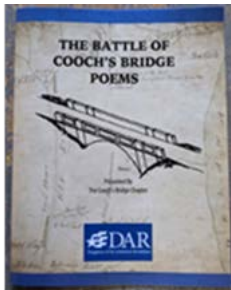
At the Cooch's Bridge Chapter November meeting, we celebrated the 100th Birthday of Mable Stafford by reciting a poem from her daughter during one of our virtual meetings. The last stanza beautifully reads as follows:

Mom, we all want to know the secret you keep
Is it eating good food, or getting good sleep?
I'd be willing to bet, at least in your case
It's the laughter you share and the smile on your face.



Mable Stafford

We continue to support the acquisition of the Cooch Property by the State of Delaware. My Regent's Project is collecting funds to help the State restore furniture in the house. Thus, we are selling professionally published *The Battle of Cooch's Bridge Poems*, written, illustrated, and edited by Cooch's Bridge Daughters. Please contact me



(sarahlareod@gmail.com; 908 285 0701) to arrange purchase and delivery. I am willing to negotiate multiple purchases, e.g., classroom distribution.

Major Nathaniel Mitchell

Georgetown, Delaware
Carol Evans, Regent

September 12, 2020, we held our regular monthly meeting at the Counting House in Georgetown. Our speaker was Erin Willis who talked about "The Importance of Supporting the Military Working Mom". This meeting was in-person, adhering to the masks and social distancing guidelines as well as it being offered virtual. We participated in the say no to Plastic Straws Challenge.



We became a Commemorative Partner with the Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration. Thank you, Vietnam Veterans for your Service!



On 9/11 Judy Schlott volunteered for Warriors Helping Warriors Golf Tournament. The event helped to raise money for the Brian

Conley Veterans Resiliency Center.



Constitution Week looked very different this year due to the coronavirus. Constitution Day and Constitution Week was posted on Facebook. Bags of candy with a Constitution Day reminder.

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In October, the chapter toured the Delaware Aviation Museum, in Georgetown, DE. They are dedicated to promoting and preserving the history of aviation through education of students and the community.



Judith Schlott, Alice Min, and Carol Evans.

Beach, street, road, or yard cleanup was our project for National Day of Service.



The Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter hosted the Fall State Conference. We made bags filled with mints and flower arrangements that represented the Women's Suffrage Movement.



Our speaker for November was Barbara Paulish. We celebrated the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower. Barbara is a descendent of Richard Warren who came here from London on the Mayflower. Her granddaughter Amanda Jester is also a chapter member.



In December our Project Patriot Committee collected and donated many items to the USO in Dover.



We also donated to the Home of the Brave, 14 bags of items for men and 2 bags for women. \$10 gift cards were given as well.

A Christmas Recipe Swap was enjoyed by those that participated.

A very enjoyable evening was the Christmas Trivia Zoom!



State Regent, Dr. Gloria Lester, Judith Schlott, Patty Haas, Carol Evans, Adrienne Donaway, and Laura Brittingham.

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On December 10th, the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter donated two books to the Bridgeville Library.



1st row: Karen Johnson, Library Director, and Alice Min; 2nd row: Ruth Gilefski, President of the Board of Trustees, and Carol Evans; 3rd row: Deb Pevost and Cathy Connor

A Wreath Laying Ceremony was held December 11th at the Nathaniel Mitchell Gravesite.



Figure 1 Judith Schlott, Norma Jean Fowler, Carol Evans, Carla Hankins, and Sue Bramhall.



We placed a wreath at the site of a Vietnam Veteran.

The Lewes Lights Caravan was a great Fun Filled evening!

January 2021's meeting was virtual.



Top row: Adrienne Donaway, Carol Evans, Cathy Connor; Middle row: Libby Tingle, Karen Parker, Judith Schlott. Bottom Row: Sue Bramhall, Carla Hankins, Fay Statler.

January 25, 2021 was a sad day for our chapter. We lost our Chapter Registrar, Catherine Hudson. Cathy loved genealogy and she worked tirelessly getting new members into our chapter! She was State Registrar, member of the America 250! Membership Task Force, Members Course Coordinator, Division Vice Chair Eastern of Constitution Week, and was Chair of several committees. She will be missed!



Mary Vining

Seaford, Delaware
Carolynn Foxwell, Regent

As the Mary Vining Chapter continues to navigate these times, we are continuing the Daughters purpose. Partnering with the Nanticoke Chapter and Delaware State

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Children of American Revolution we sent Christmas Cards to the men and women at Home of the Brave. Several chapter members participated in laying of wreaths and clean-up of Wreaths Across America. Many of our members volunteer by taking local elderly to doctors' appointments, grocery shopping, and other errands. We are continuing to plan for events that we can participate in once the state restrictions allow us to.

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

The deadline for the 2020/21 American Heritage contest entries is February 15. The Contest Entry form, narrative, photos, flash drive, and signature document must be mailed to your category National Vice Chair. However, you must also mail a copy of the Contest Entry form to Lana Browne to enable her to accurately make her participant reports to the State Regent and Divisional Chair. In addition, those in the Fiber Arts area must send all the above documents to me by February 5. Once again, all the information for the contest is available on the DAR website under Members – Committees – American Heritage. To date, I have received only three entries for this year's contest: one each from Cooch's Bridge, Colonel David Hall, and Major Nathaniel Mitchell.

I participated in a Zoom webinar with the State and Divisional American Heritage chairs hosted by Dianna Callaway, the national AH Chair, on January 27. It was most informative and also helpful for completing the AH part of the CMR. Several notable items for this committee coming up for next year are: 1) the new 2021/22 contest theme will be available March 1 on the DAR website and Facebook page, 2) all entries for next year must be totally entered digitally – no postal entries allowed, 3) a new Art and Sculpture category will Computer Art, 4) new Crafts categories to be added will be Hand Made Books, including cook books, and Paper Dolls and 5) the winners for this year's contest will be announced in April.

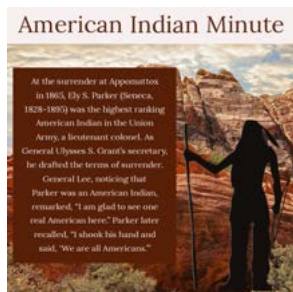
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I look forward to having more entries for next year and working with the chapters in having American Heritage programming as part of their chapter meetings.

American Indian Committee

Jennifer Horsley, State Chair

American Indian Minutes are posted on the private Facebook Group pages for those who use Facebook. It's also posted on the NSDAR American Indian Facebook page.



February's minute: At the surrender at Appomattox in 1865, Ely S. Parker (Seneca, 1828-1895) was the highest ranking American Indian in the Union Army, a Lieutenant Colonel. As General Ulysses S. Grant's secretary, he drafted the terms of surrender. General Lee, noticing that Parker was an American Indian, remarked, "I am glad to see one real American here." Parker later recalled, "I shook his hand and said, 'We are all Americans.'"

Genealogical Records Committee

Jennifer Horsley, State Chair

It's been a challenge to research and obtain documents for submission to the NSDAR Genealogical Records Committee portal. Without library access locally, we have not been able to get 10 new documents per Chapter in 2020. If your Chapter is able to get access and time to procure new records, or if you have some lying around at home you have not gotten around too, I would be happy to have them. The GRC goal continues to be 10 new records per Chapter. Please mail them to me at my home address:

12524 Reynolds Road, Milton, Delaware 19968-3003. According to NSDAR GRC rules, the GRC State Chairs are the only authorized agent to submit to National for credit.

Good Citizen

Frances O'Reilly, State Chair

Even with Covid-19 more Delaware Chapters participated in the Good Citizens scholarship for 2020-21. The winners will be honored at the State spring meeting in April.

Membership Committee

Mary Alice Kelly, State Chair

The DAR Membership Committee is calling on all members to join in the 2020**ONE** Challenge! During the 2020**ONE** calendar year, we are challenging each member to bring **ONE** new member into a chapter. It's that simple – **ONE** new member by **ONE** Daughter! Of course, there is no need to stop at just **ONE**. Feel free to bring in as many as you would like! Intrigued? Let's do this!

- To qualify, a member must recruit at least **ONE** new member into a chapter during the 2020**ONE** calendar year.
- The new member is not required to join the recruiting member's chapter. She may become a member in any chapter and in any state.
- The new member must be voted into a DAR chapter during any of the National Boards in 2020**ONE** (January – December).
- For this challenge, recruitment is defined as a member introducing a prospective member to DAR and recommending her to join a specific chapter. It does not include application preparation, lineage research, or other duties falling within a member's DAR position, such as State Application Team Volunteer or State Membership Committee Chair.

Chapter and State Committee Updates

- Members must notify the assigned person in their chapter once the recruited prospective becomes a member.
- Chapters will recognize members that meet the challenge.

Debbie Cannon
Jennifer Horsley
Christine Lashbrook
Barb Seningen
Michelle West

Cooch's Bridge
Col David Hall
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Members Training

Cindy Vander Laan, Members Course
Coordinator
Barbara Seningen, New Horizons Coordinator

As of the end of 2020 four more members have successfully completed the **Members Course** and will join at least 6 other members receiving their Certificates at the April State Conference.

Leslie Donaldson	Col. David Hall
Debbie Cannon	Cooch's Bridge
Barb Seningen	Cooch's Bridge
Michelle West	Cooch's Bridge
Catherine Hudson	Mjr. Nathaniel Mitchell
Carol Halsey	Cooch's Bridge
Jennifer Horsley	Col. David Hall
Janet Maher	Col. David Hall
Cindy Vander Laan	Caesar Rodney

The first session of the virtual Members Course was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021. Sixteen members registered for the virtual course representing 83.33% chapter participation. Feedback received to date has been quite positive. We anticipate this will result in more graduates in April 2021. The success is largely due to our moderator Cindy Vander Laan. It's not too late, you may still join the DAR fun learning experience by registering with Cindy at vdhealthyvending@comcast.net and join us for one of the upcoming sessions.

A few members took advantage of the pandemic and the completed the **New Horizon's Course** by the end of 2020. During the April State Conference five members will share their Capstone projects and receive their Gold graduation cords.

Congratulations to all!

President General's Project

Carol Evans, State Chair

Contributions to the President General's Project are always welcomed! Each and every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference. Your donation will help the National Society accomplish many goals and complete the ongoing commitment to restore DAR Constitution Hall.

Check out the VanBuren Administration Items at the DAR Store. There are some new pins honoring Healthcare, Firefighters and Police Officers.



Chapter and State Committee Updates

Public Relations and Media

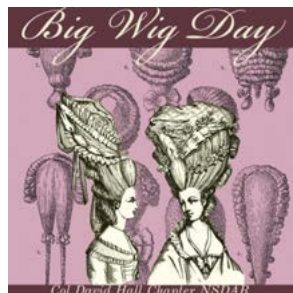
Valarie Leary, State Co-Chair
Jennifer Horsley, State Co-Chair



We continue to see an increased Social Media presence on Instagram and Facebook. Our current themes for Delaware State are the America 250!, Santa Fe Trail Commemoration,

Veterans and Active-Duty Military, Patriotism, Membership and Various National Themes. We are reaching approximately 1,299 other social media platforms.

Please keep me informed of your Chapters current happenings so we can shine some sunshine on your events. Also, please keep me current with your Chapter Regents projects, i.e. Cooch's Bridge Honey Drive, etc. Finally, any membership updates for Children of the American Revolution. I'll be happy to circulate whatever you would like to share. Please email me @1973Jennifer19@gmail.com.



Service to America

Patricia L. Haas



Kudos to my outstanding DARling Daughters! Every Chapter has exceeded their service hour goals! Our communities are blessed to have so many women dedicated to serving others, especially in this trying Covid-19 pandemic. I will save the amazing service hour total for a reveal at the April State Conference. Thank you for Rising and Shining in Delaware!!



VIS Committee

Valarie Leary, State Chair

Many thanks to Deb Smith (Caesar Rodney) who is our website designer EXTRAORDINAIRE!

The [Delaware State Society Website](#) and the Major Nathaniel Mitchell - [Instagram](#) account have received NSDAR Recognized Site 2021 designations!



Chapters in process:

Col. John Haslet Website

Next up:

Websites for Major Nathaniel Mitchell and Mary Vining.

The redesign of the chapter and state websites is ongoing 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

Announcements and Upcoming Activities

Important Notice:

We will be voting at our April 17th State Conference on the members who will be on the nominating committee to develop the slate of officers for the next administration.

The Delaware State Regent Pin



Photo credit: Mark Leary

Funds raised from the sale of the 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.

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!

Wreaths Across America

Thank you to all Delaware State Society DAR Members who sponsored and/or secured other sponsors for our Wreaths Across America initiative!

400 wreaths were sponsored raising just over \$2,000 for the DSSDAR! We exceeded our initial goal by 100 wreaths!!



Thank you to all those who generously supported Wreaths Across America!

Chris Cashman and the Patterson Schwartz Foundation
www.chriscashman.com/
www.pattersonschwartz.com

New Castle Insurance, Ltd., New Castle, Delaware
<https://www.newcastleinsure.com/>

OneCall Services, Inc., Lewes, Delaware
<https://www.onecallservices.biz>

C.J.'s Beach Bays, Inc., Lewes, Delaware
<https://www.cjsbeachbays.com>

Hydroshield of Delmarva, Lewes, Delaware
<https://www.hydroshielddelmarva.com/>

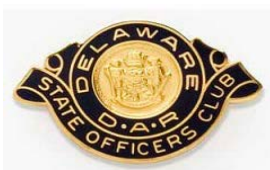
The Seashell Shop, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
<http://www.seashellshop.com/>

Steen, Waehler & Schrider-Fox LLC, Ocean View, Delaware
<http://www.swsflaw.com/>

Delaware State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
<https://dessar.org/>

Janet Maher-Financial Advisor-Edward Jones, Lewes, Delaware.
[www.EdwardJones.com/Janet Maher](http://www.EdwardJones.com/Janet%20Maher)

Announcements and Upcoming Activities



Delaware DAR State Officers Club

The 2021 Annual meeting of the Delaware DAR State Officers Club will be held via Zoom on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 10:30 am. All

members who have paid their annual dues will receive an invitation to the meeting. The primary agenda item is the election of Officers, each for a two-year term. The Nominating Committee has prepared the following slate for your consideration:

President — Ginger Trader
Vice President — Valarie Windle Leary
Chaplain — Barbara Seningen
Secretary — Donna Josefowski
Treasurer — Denise Clemons

If you have questions about the status of your membership or dues payment, please contact Denise Clemons (dmclemons@comcast.net or 302-645-2089).

Helpful Hints from the VIS, PR and Social Media, and VIS Committees:
Valarie Leary

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



Open to Delaware State Society Members only.



The Delaware State Society Public Facebook



Delaware State Society Instagram

Click on the links above to like or follow! These are great tools for recognition and PR. As a State Society, we should support every chapter whenever possible so please 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.

CALENDAR

- **March 13, 2021 ~ Col. David Hall Chapter**
Meeting on Zoom 10:30
- **March 13, 2021 ~ Col. John Haslet Chapter: Project Recover.** The Speaker will be **Dr. Colin Colbourn of Project Recover** which is a collaborative effort to enlist 21st century science and technology in a quest to find and repatriate Americans missing in action since WWII and provide recognition and closure for families and the Nation.
- **April 2021 ~ Col. John Haslet Earth Day** project and our next book study. We will be reading **Treacherous Beauty: Peggy Shippen. The Woman Behind Benedict Arnold's Plot to Betray America.** All our welcome. Please contact Debbie St. Jean at debbie@tnias.org to receive the Zoom link.

Announcements and Upcoming Activities

- **April 10, 2021** ~ *Col. David Hall Chapter* Meeting on Zoom 10:30
- **April 17, 2021** ~ State Spring Conference, *Colonel David Hall and Cooch's Bridge* hosting, President General Visit on Zoom
- **March 20, 2021** – ***American Heritage Committee Program***, 10 a.m.; video and potluck lunch at the home of Tracey Reinbold RSVP to Tracey (610) 235-9810
- **April 3, 2021** – ***Hagley Museum and Library Tour***, (200 Hagley Creek Rd., Wilmington)
- **May 8, 2021** ~ *Col. David Hall Chapter* Meeting TBD
- **May 8, 2021** ~ *Col. John Haslet Chapter* will welcome David Price who will speak on his book, ***John Haslet's World***.
- **May 8, 2021** – ***Member Supplementals Program***, 10 a.m., video and overview of process and talk by Libby Bak and Nancy Graybeal about the women they have in their “supplemental ancestor tree” at the home RSVP to Cindy (610) 299-
- **May 30, 2021** – ***Memorial Day Service***, 10:30 a.m., Delaware Memorial Bridge Veterans Park
- **June 5, 2021** - ***Caesar Rodney's 125th Anniversary Party***, 11:30 a.m., Columbus Inn, (2216 Pennsylvania Ave, Wilmington, rescheduled from 2020!),
- **June 12-13, 2021** – ***Separation Day Parade***, Old New Castle – walk in parade, and/or table set up to hand out flags in honor of Flag Day the 14th
- **Oct 16, 2021** ~ State Fall Conference, *Caesar Rodney Chapter*
- **Nov. 11, 2021** ~ On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 2021, Americans will pause in silence to recognize those who have sacrificed and those who will sacrifice in the future in the defense of America's freedom and democracy.
- **April 23, 2022** ~ State Spring Conference, Open for bid

Protocol in the time of Pandemic, Or what to do during a Zoom meeting

Kristin Jones DE State Protocol Chair

The DAR has provided information about the conduct during a Zoom meeting. Although we hope to soon meet in person, in the meantime we must follow the protocol set by National.

We set the tone of the meeting by maintaining business decorum in the virtual world. Dress as though you are attending your State/Chapter meeting in person. No sweats are acceptable in the DAR world. You are in control of your screen. If you are not dressed properly, please turn off your video. If you must leave the room for any reason, please turn off your video, so others attending are not looking at an empty chair. Do not have two or more devices with a microphone "on" in the same room, as this gives audio feedback which is disruptive to the meeting. Mute your audio unless you have the floor, avoid showing your midriff when standing during the ritual, by adjusting your screen, and if appropriate, turn off your video. The Chat function is for conducting business and is not to be used for side-line chats.

Chapter business meeting decorum is maintained by conducting a virtual meeting as you would an in-person meeting. It is a good idea to script each meeting and give a copy to the parliamentarian and recording secretary. A good practice is to open the meeting one-half hour before the meeting is called to order to allow for social time.

Meeting protocol is not relaxed due to conducting the meetings virtually. Etiquette for meetings has been established by convention for appropriate dress, while wearing the official insignia, rules of conduct and polite behavior. Address the chapter regent as Madam Regent, adjust your screen when you stand for the opening ritual, expect dignitaries to be introduced and be prepared to participate as your position requires.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Chapter Regent will instruct all to mute their microphones, until they are called on to speak. She may say "Please stand and adjust your screen accordingly for the Opening Ritual." She will call on the daughter who is to lead the pledge. Then she will call on the daughter to lead the American's Creed and then the Preamble to the US Constitution. This method allows members to recite the ritual, but without audio feedback and avoiding lag time, since only the daughter leading has her audio on.

The meeting proceeds with the introduction of dignitaries and the invitation to bring greetings, as appropriate. Members stand to greet the State Regent and President General. Even though the meeting is virtual this is not eliminated. Appreciation can be

shown by “Sunshine Hands” (quickly waving hands and moving fingers) since audio is muted. At a state meeting, members stand when their Chapter Regent is introduced to give her report.

Some State Societies have created a Power Point presentation for processions that include the names, photos and titles of the State Board, with background music included. Honorary State Regents and members serving at National and other dignitaries are also recognized in Power Point presentations. It is appropriate for members to stand during the procession, during the regent reports and the Chaplain’s “In Memory” portions of the meeting.

One of the positive things about a virtual meeting is that those separated by mile or time zones, may participate. It also allows out of state dignitaries to attend. Please follow the chain of command when inviting other State Regents, or National members, and other dignitaries.

Rise and Shine as we work through this time of virtual meetings. We CAN do this!



COLONEL DAVID HALL CHAPTER

NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



The historic Thomas Maull House is owned and maintained by the Colonel David Hall Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). It is our goal to seek funding to preserve this home and property which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Our vision is to have this house and grounds serve as a museum

for the community to enjoy. You may help us build the first phase of a Brick Walkway and update the grounds. This phase moves us closer to having an entrance way that is handicap accessible from the road to the house. By ordering a brick below on this website, you can help with our mission of historic preservation. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity. Thank you for your support.

Examples of what DAR members might engrave on a brick include recognizing a membership i.e. your name and chapter or patriot, marking an office held in NSDAR or chapter, or recognizing your DAR family members.

As a community member or an organization, you may wish to be recognized as a Friend. We are happy to provide each donor with an engraved brick with Friend on first line and your name or organization available on 2nd or 3rd line. If there is room for a logo, please feel free to select an appropriate logo from the clip art. If you wish to be anonymous, the chapter will engrave the name of a deceased chapter member or patriot to honor our past.

Chapter members should place orders from now until Dec. 31, 2020. After Dec. 31, the chapter will open sales to business or organizations. All sales will end April 30, 2021. Our goal is to sell 100 engraved bricks. A summer 2021 dedication is planned. Thank you for your support!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Judy Long
31538 Gooseberry Way
Lewes, DE 19958

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Colonel David Hall Chapter
NSDAR

☐ **\$100 - 4x8 Brick**

3 lines of text, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)



☐ **\$100 - 4x8 Brick with Clipart**

3 lines of text, 12 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)

Clipart



1C



2C



3C



4C



5C



9SB



14SB



15SB



6RE



20B



1SB



2SB



17B



23MI



12SB



8SB



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DE State Society, NSDAR				
Profit and Loss				
January through December 2020				Cash Basis
	Ordinary Income/Expense			
	Income			
		CAA		--100.00
		Contributions to Friends & Fund		202.00
		Interest		4.51
		President General's Project		--2,055.00
		State Dues		4,730.00
		State Regent's Project		
		Directory		72.00
		Donations		3,253.00
		Pin Sales		--473.98
		Total State Regent's Project		2,851.02
		Wreaths Across America		2,163.67
		Total Income		7,796.20
	Expense			
		Donations		
		Donation to PG Project		--250.00
		Donations - Crossnore		50.00
		Total Donations		--200.00
		Operations		
		Magazine Ad		600.00
		Insurance		802.00
		Chaplain's Expenses		94.90
		Postage, Mailing Service		--35.00
		Total Operations		1,461.90
		State Meetings		1,103.90
		Total Expense		2,365.80
		Net Income		5,430.40

DE State Society, NSDAR				
Year End Balance Sheet 2020				
				Cash Basis
				Dec 31, 2020
Current Assets				
		Checking/Savings		
		ASSETS		23,601.84
		WSFS Small Bus Money Market		8,597.01
		WSFS Small Business Core Savin		12,517.28
		Total Checking/Savings		44,716.13
Total Current Assets				44,716.13
TOTAL ASSETS				44,716.13
Equity				
		Opening Balance Equity		37,032.30
		Unrestricted Net Assets		1,516.08
		Net Income		6,167.75
Total Equity				44,716.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY				44,716.13