

The Starfish

A Publication of the Delaware State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Fall-2019



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

It was with heavy heart that I began my duties as Acting Delaware State Regent, after receiving a phone call from Historian General, Ginger Trader, that Delaware State Regent Susan Meade-Beachell had passed away on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019. I could not believe the words I was hearing. Life changed for all the Delaware Daughters at that moment. The State Society was in shock. Each Chapter and the Board expressed their grief and support of Susan's Family by sending donations to The National Society. Some donations were allocated specifically to Friends of Veterans and Friends of Junior Membership, as Susan was passionate about these committees. On June 15th many Delaware Daughters again showed their respect for Susan and support for her family by attending her Memorial service. The love and respect that was felt for Susan was clear in the testimonies given by those in attendance.

I know I have a high bar to meet following Susan's successful term, but I can assure you I will do my best to meet all the demands and challenges ahead. I want to share with you how honored I am to serve with you in this great society.

The 128th Congress was an amazing experience. My week started on Monday with an eight-hour orientation for New State Regents that gave us an overwhelming amount of helpful information. My Mentors and DAR friends, Historian General, Ginger Trader and Vice President General, Claudia Onken helped make this a very positive experience. I had the privilege of riding to Congress with Claudia and sharing Ginger's suite. They both shared volumes of knowledge with me about Congress Protocol and the DAR.

My first challenge was writing and presenting the Delaware State Regents Report in Susan's absence. With God's help and the encouragement of the attending Delaware Daughters I survived this challenge quite well. Carolynn Foxwell, the Mary Vining Regent, carried the Delaware Flag for my presentation. My installation as Delaware State Regent, along with that of my Vice Regent, Barbara Seningen, on June 30, 2019 was memorable. I had the honor of being "sashed" by Incoming

President General, Denise VanBuren. I appreciate the support of my chapter members of Colonel David Hall and all the Delaware Daughters that made this an awesome experience especially Bernadette Kucharczuk who chauffeured many of us to the hotel after the exciting Evening Programs at Continental Hall.

New Horizon Graduation, the unveiling of the new State Pin and other surprises that will appeal to all. I encourage all of you to share this day of fun and fellowship with the Delaware Daughters.

In DAR Friendship,

Dr. Gloria Lester

After returning from 8 days at Congress, it was time to celebrate 4th of July with The Sons of the American Revolution at Wesley Methodist Church Cemetery. The following week I co-chaired a committee for Colonel David Hall to supply docents for a house for the Rehoboth Art League Cottage Tours which is their major fund-raising event. August 9-10th I accepted an invitation at a black-tie event at the Atlantic Middle States Association of the SAR 2019 conference.



Delaware Daughters Cocktail Party

Serving with me on the Delaware State Board are nine very capable State Officers, six energetic Chapter Regents and four experienced Honorary State Regents. They will be introduced later in this edition of The Starfish. All have been extremely helpful with the transition to a new administration. The first Board meeting for this administration was scheduled in Dover for August 3, 2019. I am excited to announce that Carolynn Foxwell has worked very hard to help Cathy Hudson publish our State Directory that will be available at our October State Meeting. Valarie Leary has worked enthusiastically to publish this first edition of The Starfish for the Lester administration.



The Delaware Daughters in evening attire at National Defense Night June 29, 2019

My first state conference will be held on October 19, 2019 at the Duncan Center in Dover. We were hoping that a central location would draw more participants. Colonel John Haslet Chapter has agreed to host the Conference. Kitty Dickerson has agreed to act as State Parliamentarian, Claudia Onken will be Conference Coordinator and Kristen Jones will enforce protocol. Barbara Seningen, State Vice Regent has arranged for an exciting guest speaker. We have plans for workshops, power point presentations, information about Congress,



Sarah O'Donnell (Regent of Cooch's Bridge), Deborah Cannon (State Chaplain), Gloria Lester (State Regent), Barbara Seningen (State Vice Regent) in the Delaware Box at the 2019 Congress

Tribute to Susan Meade-Beachell

**Delaware State
Regent 2016-2019**

This edition of The Starfish is dedicated to Susan Meade-Beachell who passed away suddenly on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019. She will be remembered for all her contributions to her Chapter and the Delaware State Society of the NSDAR.

Susan Mead-Beachell joined the DAR on October 14, 1993 at the age of 38 through her paternal line. Her patriot was Jonathan Cutler from Massachusetts, who served as a Private during the American Revolution. Two years after joining the DAR, Susan began serving in leadership positions in her home chapter of Cooch's Bridge. She served two terms as a Chapter Treasurer, one term as Chapter Vice Regent and one term as Chapter Regent 2001-2004.

Susan also served in the Delaware State Society as State Corresponding Secretary, State Registrar, State Vice Regent and State Regent 2016-2019. She was the State Chair for multiple State Committees including The DAR Magazine Committee, The DAR Museum Outreach Committee, and The Women's Issues Committee. One of Susan's greatest joys in DAR was conducting the installation of her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Beachell.

Susan's State Regent projects included the commission of an oil painting of Elizabeth "Betty" Seimes, the only President General from Delaware. This painting now hangs outside the Delaware Room in the DAR Museum. Funding from her State Regent's project was, also, dedicated to the Home of the Brave in Milford, DE to support homeless female veterans and their children. Susan conducted her last State meeting on April 13, 2019. President General Dillon was present as Susan proudly unveiled the portrait of Honorary President General Elizabeth Seimes. At that meeting, Susan was unanimously elected to serve as an Honorary State Regent for the State of Delaware. The Delaware Daughters are deeply saddened by the loss of someone who gave so much to our Society and still had so much to give. Honorary State Regent, Susan Meade-Beachell you will be greatly missed.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dr. Gloria Lester
Delaware State Regent*



Claudia Onken, Vice Regent General, Susan Meade-Beachell, State Regent, and Ginger Trader, Historian General, at the Wild Quail Country Club



Susan with Mrs. Dillon during the President General's visit to Winterthur Museum



Susan with artist Shawn Faust and Vice President General Claudia Onken unveiling Mrs. Seimes portrait

News from the Chapters

Col. David Hall

Lewes, Delaware

Kathy Lindemer, Regent

In the Spring, our chapter honored past State Regent Susan Meade-Beachell with a donation to the President General's Project in her memory and we all expressed appreciation for her service and leadership. At the May awards event at Cape Henlopen High School, we awarded an outstanding cadet with the DAR ROTC Medal and monetary gift as well as a DAR Good Citizen Scholarship. We enjoyed a talk on the local Mill Pond Garden at our chapter meeting, and members received an invitation to visit on Mother's Day to see first-hand how a garden can increase conservation of wildlife, as the garden is a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat.

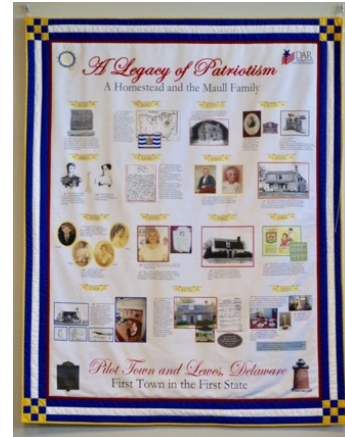
Our chapter placed second at the National level American Heritage Committee contest, and this dominated our chapter events in the spring and summer.



Lana Browne receiving the second-place award at the National Level for the American Heritage Committee contest with State Regent Gloria Lester at her side.

In April at our chapter meeting we honored our American Heritage Committee Chair Lana Browne with a certificate for her outstanding leadership. In June Lana traveled to Continental Congress to receive a certificate from President General Dillon with chapter member and State Regent Gloria Lester attending.

Each member who worked with Lana received a certificate as well and may purchase a national pin to wear. In August we held an Open House and invited the public to see our chapter's historic Maull House and the winning wall hanging.



The American Heritage Committee National second place winning quilt created by Lana Browne and the Ladies of Col. David Hall.

We attended the Rehoboth Memorial Day Event at the bandstand and hosted our traditional Memorial Day Wreath Laying in Lewes where DAR members were joined by representatives from the SAR, CAR, elected officials and a color guard from the JROTC.



Jane DeRose, Pattie Haas and Judy Long at The Col. David Hall Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Members joined other Delaware daughters and CAR members for Delaware Day Services at the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge.

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The members participated in the Patriotic Celebration hosted by the Caesar Rodney SAR on the 4th of July. The chapter enjoyed a field trip to the Seaford History Museum.

We also worked as docents at the Rehoboth Art League Cottage Tour which is the art league's major fundraiser.



Members of Col. David Hall Chapter visit the Seaford History Museum.

In the Fall we look forward to continuing our service to the Home of the Brave by cooking and joining the veterans for a monthly dinner. We will be inducting new members, awarding a Community Service award and pin, and recognizing chapter daughters with membership certificates.

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

Cooch's Bridge

Newark, Delaware
Sarah O'Donnell, Regent

The transition from Barbara Seningen to myself as Regent of the Cooch's Bridge chapter took place at the May 18, 2019 meeting. Barb is a wonderful mentor; I want to express my thanks for her help and ever-present support. In the photo, we are holding a painting of Taylor's Bridge School, which I gifted to her at the meeting. I painted the picture as a small token of my thanks.



Sara O'Donnell, Incoming Chapter Regent presents outgoing Chapter Regent, Barb Seningen with picture for her gratitude

We were so sad when we learned of the death of Susan Meade-Beachell. Susan was a Past Regent of Cooch's Bridge and current State Regent. At our May meeting, she was happy and supportive of the new chapter officers, as she always was. We will miss her greatly.



The Daughters of Cooch's Bridge and Caesar Rodney at the "Ringing of the Bells" in New Castle for 4th of July.

Over the summer, the Cooch's Bridge chapter participated in its traditional events, including the Newark Memorial Day Parade and the 2019 annual Delaware Day Service at the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Also, we hosted a cocktail party for Delaware Daughters at the 128th Continental Congress!

To celebrate July 4th, we participated in two events, including the "Ringing of the Bells" in New Castle, Delaware and the Patriotic

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Celebration and Grave Marking Ceremony in Dover, Delaware. And, we continue to host the Hale-Byrnes House This Place Matter Series. We are planning to also support the Pencader Museum in its planned September 7th Tribute to the Colonial Soldiers Who Perished in the Battle of Cooch's Bridge.

We are also planning two new events this summer and fall. On August 17th, the Cooch's Bridge Chapter will participate in the 2019 Old Tyme Peach Festival in Middletown, Delaware. Juniors and other members will man a table in front of the Academy. There we will provide postcards to interested prospective members and provide a children's activity that promotes literacy through instructions and materials to make tissue paper peach blossoms! At my house around the corner, cold drinks and food will be available to members who want a break from the heat!

On September 28th, we are planning to clean some of the Revolutionary War Patriot Gravestones located in the Head of the Christiana Cemetery. Some of these gravestones are covered with mosses and lichens, which can do damage to any stone surface. Climate Change has resulted in a change in species and a longer growing season for these plants and fungi. We will be joined by the CAR, as we gently wash these precious gravestones.

Mary Vining

Seaford, Delaware
Carolynn Foxwell, Regent

The Mary Vining Chapter is very excited to have our first meeting in September. We are a small but mighty chapter, and have lots of ideas to get the DESDAR and Mary Vining Chapter out into the community.



Historian General Ginger Trader with President General Dillon and the 128th Congress

Over the summer chapter members attended The Delaware DAR, SAR, CAR Memorial Service at Valley Forge, Susan's Funeral, Continental Congress, and The SAR Fourth of July Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony. We will be partnering with the Nanticoke Society Children of the American Revolution to collect plastic grocery bags to go towards their goal of a recycled bench at the VA Home in Middletown.

With this being my first year as Chapter Regent I am looking to hit ground running. We will be celebrating Constitution Day with a recognition at the Mayor's Office in Seaford, and participating in a Community Service Project for the National Day of Service in October. I am looking forward to serving during State Regent Lester's 3 years and helping the chapter promote God, Home and Country.

Major Nathaniel Mitchell

Georgetown, Delaware
Carol Evans, Regent

This is a new term for most of our officers. We are anxious and excited to continually improve upon our efforts in service to our community and America!

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Installation of the Officers of the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter

A few highlights since the last Holly:

Ginger Trader, Past Historian General of the NSDAR gave a presentation on the proper placement for wearing our ribbons and pins. We all benefited from her knowledge on this subject.

In the month of May the JROTC awards were presented to students from Sussex Central (Victoria Diaz-Hanzer), Indian River (Brayan Canseco) and Sussex Tech (Sharnae' Harmon) High Schools.

The Chapter nominated Sharnae' Harmon (a senior at Sussex Tech) to the National Federation of Women Legislators essay competition as requested by Ruth Briggs King, Delaware State Representative and member of our Chapter. Six winners will be elected nationally each receiving a \$3,000 scholarship and all-expense paid trip to Texas for the National Conference. We are proud to say that Sharnae' was the recipient of the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter JROTC Award at the Sussex Technical High School.



Carol Evans, Chapter Regent and Chapter Registrar, Catherine Hudson present JROTC Awards

A Memorial Day Ceremony was attended by our members on the circle in Georgetown, where we placed a wreath in honor of those who gave their lives for this nation.



Carol Evans, Chapter Regent and Ruth Briggs King place wreaths at the Memorial Day Service in the Circle in Georgetown

On June 14 we were able to take a 99-year-old WWII veteran to the Flag Day Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro. While he was there, he visited the grave of his wife who died in March of this year after 74 years of marriage. He was accompanied by John Evans, a Coast Guard veteran.



99 year-old WW II Veteran accompanied by his friend HODAR John Evans at the Flag Day Ceremony at Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro

President General Denise VanBuren invited our very own Catherine Hudson to assume the position of Constitution Week Committee Division Vice Chair Eastern – DE, DC, MD, NJ PA, VA, UO for NSDAR!! Few than 1% of members are offered opportunities to serve on

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a National level. We are very pleased and proud of Cathy!



Catherine Hudson, the newly appointed Eastern Division Vice Chair of the Constitution Week Committee

August 6th will be our traditional family Fun Night! We enjoy getting to know our members and their families.

Colonel John Haslet

Dover, Delaware

Lexie McFassel, Regent

The Colonel John Haslet Chapter continues to participate in many community events, Veteran's Luncheons and trips. The Chapter welcomed many new members while also mourning the loss of old friends. The Chapter donated two books to the NSDAR Library in memory of Caroline Abbott and Ann Happoldt, one entitled Delaware's John Dickinson, the Constant Watchman of Liberty.

The Chapter held Veterans socials at Dover Place with Veterans and Chapter Members enjoying pizza and conversation. The Chapter presented several JROTC Awards to outstanding cadets participating in local high school JROTC Programs, including First State Military Academy, Caesar Rodney High School, Polytech High School, and Dover High School.

Spring programs included members learning sign language in a great presentation regarding the use of American Sign Language, presented

by Deaf Outreach, Inc. Deaf Outreach, Inc. is a group that provides education and access to resources and services for residents of Kent County. Another presentation was given by John McCarthy, a cultural preservation specialist with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, who spoke about the "Ceramic Tastes of Colonial Quakers." A program was also presented regarding the services and assistance available to veterans and the military community at the May meeting.



Members of Col. Haslet with their patriotic red, white and blue wreath for a wreath laying ceremony

In June, Chapter Members participated in a trip to the Hale-Byrnes House near Stanton. The house, currently owned by Kim Burdick, was the site of a Council of War held by General George Washington on Sept. 6, 1776. The members were treated to a speaker regarding the house and had lunch at Cantwell's Tavern in Odessa. The Chapter participated in the laying of a wreath at the Dover Memorial Day Service and attended the July 4th Patriotic Celebration at Christ Church.

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The daughters of Col. John Haslet Chapter enjoy lunch at Cantwell's Tavern in Odessa after their tour of the Hale-Byrnes House near Stanton

Many members attended the Spring Conference, where one of our own became the State Librarian. New Chapter officers were inducted at the May meeting.

Caesar Rodney

Wilmington, Delaware

Cindy Vanderlaan, Regent

April found our chapter with a booth participating in "A Day in Old New Castle." We had many members help donate to and create a patriotic/beach basket which we raffled off with an ice cream maker. We had fun interacting with the public and spoke with 12 women who expressed interest in joining DAR.



Patriotic Beach Basket made by Caesar Rodney Members as a fundraiser.

April also came with a tour of Winterthur with Anne Turner Dillon, Susan Meade-Beachell, other

State Regents and many Delaware DAR dignitaries. The next day we enjoyed a wonderful State meeting at the Chase Center on Wilmington's waterfront. It was with great sadness that we learned of Susan's passing. We paid tribute to our past State Regent, donating in her honor to the NSDAR, and saw the respect and love she personified shown at her services in June.

We had a great Spring turn out for a trip to Pea Patch Island and Fort Delaware. Our chapter's final get-together and installation of New Officers was at the historic David Finney Inn in downtown New Castle in June.

On July 4th members attended the "Bells Across the Nation" freedom celebration at the New Castle Presbyterian Meeting House. The history of Black Loyalists and Black Patriots were highlighted. Those that attended said it was a lovely event and they enjoyed the roles the Roger Kirkwood SAR, Cooch's Bridge and Caesar Rodney DAR chapters played in the ceremony.

We continue to proudly support with time and donations many local and state organizations like the SAR, CAR, Elsmere VA Hospital, Read Aloud DE and other church and local civic commitments. Our Chapter had a great year and is enthusiastically anticipating the next!



The June Brunch at The David Finney Inn in Historic New Castle

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Greetings from the Delaware State Society N.S.C.A.R.!

This year's State C.A.R. project is installing a Butterfly Garden for Warriors Helping Warriors at the Brian Conley Veterans Center, in Middletown, Delaware. More about the butterfly garden will be presented at the Fall meeting, however, we would like to ask your assistance with part of the project now.

A focal point of the garden will be a bench made out of recycled materials. Trex is a company that will take plastic bags and recycle them to build benches. Over the next six months the Delaware C.A.R. will be collecting plastic bags throughout the state to complete the 500 lb. requirement in order to obtain a free bench made of recycled materials. We would like to ask you to please bring your clean bags to the Delaware State Society meeting to help us reach our goal. The following may be used:

grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags.

All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

In C.A.R. Friendship,

Anastasia Clair
President, Delaware State Society, N.S.C.A.R.

The 128TH NSDAR Congress Dr. Gloria Lester, Regent

The 128th NSDAR Congress was an enlightening, rejuvenating and enjoyable experience. I strongly recommend that any Delaware Daughter that is able to should try to attend next year for the 129th Congress. There is something for everyone. You can plan your own days. Enjoy the pomp and circumstance. You will be proud to be a Daughter of the American Revolution.

I personally attended the New Regents Orientation, the Board of Management Meetings and luncheon, the Business meetings, the State Regents Club Brunch, the Vice Regents Club luncheon meeting, the Heritage Club Breakfast, the Historic Preservation Luncheon, the National Officers Club meeting and the Delaware State cocktail party hosted by Cooches Bridge Chapter.

The evening sessions included Opening Night Ceremonies, National Defense Night, Service to America Night and The Congress Reception. All were extremely entertaining and educational. We opened the Delaware Room and unveiled the Portrait of Honorary President General Elizabeth Seimes. There were committee workshops, State luncheons and Teas, the Overseas Market, and vendors with jewelry, hats, clothing, scarfs and much more. The incoming President General's pins were available to purchase.

The conference closed Sunday with a moving Memorial Service, a Wreath Laying Ceremony for the Founders and the Installation Ceremonies. We met many new DAR friends and revisited and shared meals with old friends. Come to our State Conference and enjoy a pictorial power point presentation of Continental Congress presented by Barbara Seningen.

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Report from the Chaplain's Office:

Deborah Cannon

Delaware Day at the Washington Memorial Chapel

It was a joy to share the Delaware Day Service at the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania with both CAR and SAR members alike! The day began with a wreath laying by Delaware CAR members. A Presentation of the Colors by Delaware SAR lead the procession into the Chapel for a beautiful service.

A special thanks to State Chaplain Deborah Cannon who arranged for us to enjoy the beauty and history of the Chapel and the Bell Tower with a private tour following the luncheon. Several members even climbed all 112 steps to the top of the Bell Tower to watch the carillonneur play! Make plans to join us next year for this annual event!



DAR, SAR, and CAR at the Valley Forge Memorial Chapel in June 2019

Report from the VIS Office:

Valarie Leary

It has been a fun and interesting learning experience assuming oversight of **"The Starfish aka The Holly"**. A previously unknown formatting issue was discovered which presented the opportunity to recreate the

template and make some other *subtle* changes for ease of use and eye appeal.

All websites have been updated with the information that was provided to me. I am aware that a couple of chapters are interested in a "member's only" section to post meeting minutes, chapter newsletter and other info. This is on the list.

Did you know the Delaware State Society DAR is on Facebook?

Find us on 

Click on the link above to join! This is a closed group which only members can see and post. 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 being planned and 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.

Report from DAR Education and Leadership Training State Coordinators:

Barbara Seningen (New Horizons) and
Cathy Hudson (Members Course):

Beam with brilliance as your chapter and state rise to meet the challenge to promote DAR education and leadership training over the next three years! The DAR Leadership Training Committee is proud to be the new home for the member training courses. The courses provide an opportunity for members to learn more about DAR and how to become active and engaged participants in DAR at all levels — chapter, state, and national. The courses have been

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designed to fit into anyone's busy schedule of work, family, and play, through mostly online self-directed learning.

Currently, the following courses are available:

- **Members Course** – Explore the many aspects of DAR and what it means to be a Daughter.
- **New Horizons Course** – Build confidence and leadership skills as an aspiring or current DAR leader.

Although requirements may vary slightly from state to state, in general the **Members Course** is open to any current DAR member in good standing with a current subscription to the **American Spirit Magazine**, who is interested in learning more about the organization. The State Coordinator for the **Members Course** is Cathy Hudson. To register for this course, contact Cathy Hudson (cahudson5@verizon.net).

The Delaware State Coordinator for the New Horizons Course for this term will be Barb Seningen. Since the DAR intends this course to be completed in one year, Barb is planning the 1st session in 2020:

February 1, 2020 through November 1, 2020

Please contact Barb by January 1, 2020 (seningenba@aol.com) in order for her to begin the registration process to help you get started in February. The main requirements for this course are the DAR member must have completed either the former New Members Course by **October 31, 2019** (prior to the VanBuren Administration) or the Members Course (no deadline) and have a current subscription to the **American Spirit Magazine**.

Barb will be taking the course along with all of you. This way we can all work on the course at the same time. A list of participants will be supplied just before the starting date.

Participants will receive a bi-monthly guide/tips to help keep everyone on track. At each Spring & Fall State Conference, we'll have a short workshop to discuss any problems members may be having, so we can all finish on time. _____

REMINDER: IF YOU STARTED THE "NEW MEMBERS" OR "NEW HORIZONS" COURSE UNDER THE DILLON ADMINISTRATION, THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION IS OCTOBER 31, 2019.



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!***

Member Challenge: "No Straw September"

DAR Conservation Committee Overview, click [here!](#)

In just the U.S. alone, it is estimated that 500 million straws are used every day. One study found that as many as 8.3 billion plastic straws pollute the world's beaches. Skipping the straw is an easy way to make an impact!

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Daughters are encouraged to skip the plastic straw and participate in No Straw September! Skipping the straw is taking a stand against single use plastic pollution. Small steps make a difference!

Plastic Straw Alternatives

- Bamboo Straws
- Paper Straws
- Steel Straws
- Glass Straws
- No Straw

While the straw is a start, there is still much more to do! Take a moment to consider those other single use plastics that you may be able to skip and skip those when able. Consistently and properly recycle your plastics. Purchase items made from recycled plastics. When it comes to plastic, think twice!

*While there is an initiative for Daughters to skip the straw in September, it is understood that some members may need to utilize straws for certain medical conditions.



Women's Issues National Theme for 2019: *Family: "Prevention of Domestic Violence."* October is National Prevention of Domestic Violence Month.

Members may wear *Purple* in October to signify your solidarity with all those protesting

Domestic Violence, which takes many forms, designed to isolate and make dependent the violated individual.

STILL AVAILABLE:

DAR magnets for your car or other magnetic surface. Great new member gifts, gift baskets, marketing/promotion, etc.



\$7 each or 10 for \$60

Individual mailing is possible. They will also be available at the Fall State Meeting.

For further information, contact Valarie at elzregina@gmail.com.

Cameo Société Meeting



The next Cameo Société meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24th, at McGlynn's Pub in Dover. The meeting will begin at 11:30 AM. The speaker will be Regina Fitzpatrick, a genealogy librarian at the Trenton, New Jersey State Library.

New members are welcome to join! The requirement is for a new member to join the Cameo Société is having a mother or grandmother in DAR.

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We want to step up how we honor our Veterans! We have honored and invited Veterans to our November meeting by the Cooch's Bridge Chapter; other chapters have honored them in their own ways! But we want to give our Veterans an even Bigger Thank You at the state level.

So, rather than inviting them to our chapter meetings, we are inviting them to the October 19, 2019 state meeting in Dover. If you would like to nominate a Veteran to the state meeting, submissions should be emailed to Claudia Onken (claudiaonken@msn.com) by September 1, 2019. Also, please let Claudia know if the Veteran was a POW so that he/she can receive a special certificate.

If you can't make this date, please think about nominating veterans next year. This will become an annual event by our Delaware State Daughters.

A Call for Pages at the Fall State Meeting



Pages will be needed for the Fall State Meeting. Requirements include a willingness to help, a smile, and a white outfit (with matching white shoes). Members under the age of 40 may volunteer, and mature female CAR members (age 12 and above) are welcome

to page at this meeting. If interested, please contact Junior and Page Chairman Beth Beachell (bbeach88@comcast.net, or text at 302- 528- 6077).



Delaware Daughters,

Thank you so much for all the love, encouragement and support during my amazing journey as Historian General. I was most honored to represent the National Society and the First State as I traveled throughout the country.

This has been a once in a lifetime experience for which I will always be grateful. As we moved forward in Service to America during the Dillon Administration, I challenge each of you to Rise and Shine for America during the Van Buren Administration. Together we can make a difference in our chapters, our communities and our country.

Virginia "Ginger" Hudson Trader
Past Historian General



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JOIN
US

AT THE DELAWARE STATE FALL CONFERENCE!

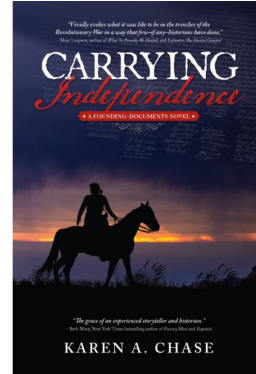
I am excited to personally invite every Delaware Daughter to our Fall State Conference. The Conference will be held at the Duncan Center in Dover, which is a central location for everyone. We have many exciting events planned. Our guest speaker is a vibrant Virginia Daughter and author who is promoting her recently released novel, *Carrying Independence*, a factually based novel about the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We are fortunate to have Sandra Pollack, a dynamic speaker, from the Office of Development NSDAR present a workshop on Chapter Fundraising. Barbara Seningen will give an exciting power-point presentation on The Delaware Daughter's fun filled adventures at the 128th Congress. Other activities include a presentation on the changes in the Member's Training courses, the New Horizons Graduation, the CAR State Project by Anastasia Clair, a Tribute to Veterans and other surprises. Pins from the Van Buren Administration and the new School pins will be available and, I will unveil the new State Pin. As a bonus, the food is always excellent at this venue. So, come join us for a day filled with fun and friendship.

Dr. Gloria Lester
Delaware State Regent

GUEST SPEAKER AT THE FALL STATE CONFERENCE:

Karen A. Chase is an award-winning author and photographer, and a Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) with the Commonwealth Chapter in Virginia. Her first book, *Bonjour 40: A Travel Log*, garnered seven independent publishing awards. *Carrying Independence* secured second place in the William Faulkner, William Wisdom

Unpublished Novel Competition against 502 other entries. Both *Carrying Independence* and *Decoys* were semi-finalists in the 2018 Screencraft Cinematic Book competition.



She was a visiting scholar at the American Antiquarian Society through funding from the Fellowships for Creative and Performing Artists and Writers. Karen will be a Virginia Foundation for the Humanities fellow for the 2019-2020 academic year, with full residency at the Library of Virginia to continue her studies for a nonfiction work on two women from Revolutionary period.

Originally from Calgary, Canada, throughout her childhood Karen traveled through the United States in an R.V. with her family. Those journeys instilled a lifelong love of history, travel, and learning. She has lived in the United States since 1990 when she enrolled as a foreign-exchange student, studying advertising art in San Antonio, Texas.

A long-standing member of the DAR and James River Writers, she is also a member of the Virginia Historical Society, the Historical Novelist Society, the Women's Fiction Writers Association, and the American Revolutionary Round Table. She resides with her partner, Ted, and two scrappy cats in Richmond, Virginia.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

August 17, 2019: The Middletown Peach Festival Cooch's Bridge Chapter Out Reach, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Aug 18, 2019:** This Place Matters at the Hale-Byrnes House – Hostess; “Battle of the Chesapeake”, 2:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.

Sept 7, 2019:** Pencader Heritage Museum, Battle of Cooch's Bridge Tribute, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Sept 8, 2019:** This Place Matters at the Hale-Byrnes House – Hostess; Behind the Stucco Veneer: The Stone Houses of Delaware's Piedmont Region, 1750-1940, 2:30 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.

Sept 21, 2019: Cooch's Bridge, Chapter Meeting and Luncheon at Christiana Hilton, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

September 24, 2019: Cameo Société, McGlynn's Pub, Dover, Delaware. 11:30 AM. The speaker will be Regina Fitzpatrick, a genealogy librarian at the Trenton, New Jersey State Library.

Sept 28, 2019:** Historical Preservation of Revolutionary War Patriot Gravestones, Head of the Christiana Cemetery, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

October 10, 2019: Major Nathaniel Mitchell DAR partners with Laurel Public Library for their Annual Family History Program to celebrate Family History Month and NSDAR Birthday! Event is open to the public, the topic being Land Platting and Land Records. Morning refreshments, lunch, coffee, tea and water are provided at no cost. For more information call Cathy Hudson, 302-856- 7904 or email cahudson5@verzion.net.

Oct. 11, 2019: DAR National Day of Service

Oct 13, 2019:** This Place Matters at the Hale-Byrnes House, “Delaware Natural History Museum, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Oct 19, 2019: Fall Conference, John Haslett, The Duncan Center in Dover (included in this Newsletter).

Nov 7, 2019: Naturalization Ceremony at Court House in Wilmington, 10:30 – noon. If interested contact, Debbie Cannon (Deborah.cannon59@gmail.com)

Nov 17 2019 **: This Place Matters at the Hale-Byrnes House – Hostess; “White Clay Creek Landing, An 18th Century Commercial Hub of Northern Delaware”, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

November 7, 2019: Caesar Rodney Veterans Fundraiser at the Brandywine Brewing Company, Greenville, Delaware, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

April 18, 2020: State Spring Conference, Open for bid

April 22, 2020: Earth Day

April 24, 2020: Arbor Day

June 24 – 28, 2020: Continental Congress

Oct 17, 2020: State Fall Conference, Colonel David Hall Chapter

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

Oct 16, 2021: State Fall Conference, Caesar Rodney

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

** 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 Regent Sarah O'Donnell at sarahlareod@gmail.com .



INVITATION TO THE FALL STATE CONFERENCE OF THE DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY NSDAR

Saturday October 19th 2019 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

The Duncan Center, 500 Loockerman Street Dover, DE 19904

Come join us for the first State Conference of the Lester Administration

Registration opens at 8:30 am: coffee and tea will be available

The meeting starts after 9:30 am with the procession of Officers

GUEST SPEAKER- KAREN A. CHASE, A VIRGINIA DAUGHTER

Karen is promoting her recently released Novel, *Carrying Independence*, a factually based novel about the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas McKean, a New Castle, DE politician and Lawyer who signed the Declaration of Independence at Continental Congress plays a crucial role the novel.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Conference Activities include a workshop on Chapter Fund Raising presented by Sandra Pollack from the NSDAR office of Development, a power point presentation from the 128th Continental Congress, Member Training information and New Horizons Graduation, the unveiling of the New State Pin, and other surprises that will appeal to all. Come share this day of fun and fellowship with the Delaware Daughters.

MENU

Mediterranean Salmon or Chicken Marsala

Outlook House salad, fresh green beans & sliced onions, roasted shallot & garlic smashed potatoes, rolls & butter

Dessert: sorbet & assorted treats Beverages: coffee, decaf coffee, iced tea and hot tea

Directions to the Duncan Center

From the North: Take Rt. 1 South to exit 97 to US 13 south. Turn right on Loockerman Street and follow to 500 Loockerman Street, a 5-story brick building on the left. **From the South:** Take Rt. 1 North to exit 95. Continue straight on Rt. 13 (Bay Rd). Turn left on Loockerman Street and follow to 500 Loockerman Street, a 5-story brick building on the left.



Mail completed form and check for \$39.50 payable to DSSDAR by October 9th 2019 to Claudia Onken, Conference Coordinator, PO Box 1386 Dover, Delaware 19903-1386

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHAPTER: _____

STATE OR CHAPTER OFFICER (FOR NAME BADGE): _____

VOTING DELAGATE: Yes or No

ENTRÉE CHOICE: Salmon or Chicken Marsala

Send special dietary requests to glesteredd@aol.com or 302-542-6818

OPTIONAL: Donations may be included for the State Regent's Project. Checks should be made out to the DSSNSDAR. Donors will be recognized in The State Conference Program.

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