

The Starfish

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Delaware State Regent 2019 – 2022



STATE THEME

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

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

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in making the first State Meeting of the Lester Administration a huge success. The venue was spacious and beautifully decorated in a fall décor by Lexi McFassel and the hosting chapter, Col. John Haslett. The food was delicious. We were fortunate to have the Color Guard from the Dover Airforce Base participate in our Opening Ceremonies. Six Pages from Delaware and three other states helped the meeting run smoothly. Thank you, Ladies.

Anastasia Clair, CAR President, gave a great presentation on her State Project, a butterfly garden and bench for the Veterans home. She needed 500 lbs. of plastic bags to have the bench molded for the garden. She collected 700 lbs. and donated 200 lbs. to the DAR to use for a similar project.

The State Regents Projects were presented. The first project is the refurbishing of the Delaware Box, which is part of the initiative to update Memorial Hall. This Commitment of \$5000 is an excellent contribution to our National Society. The second Project is a contribution to Casa San Francisco, a very worthy charitable organization in our own state that supplies food and shelter to those in need as well as gift certificates for school supplies and Christmas presents for children. Wenona Sutton, the Community Relations Director gave an enlightening presentation on the services of this organization. Treasurer, Denise Clemmons has made me aware that we have collected \$1,434.44, to date, from various sources toward these two projects.

We unveiled the Starfish pin. The Starfish symbolizes regeneration, renewal and self-sustainability. Qualities that will enhance the prosperity of our organization. The pins will be available in 8 wks. for \$25.

Barb Seningen presented an exciting slide show on the Adventures of the Delaware Daughters at the 128th Continental Congress.

We have 20 rooms blocked at the Metro Marriott and plans for a bus. She also presented a great slide-show through-out the meeting with appropriate pictures for each presentation. Good job Barb!!!!

Barb Seningen and Cathy Hudson updated us on the Training Programs and conducted the New Horizon and Members graduation. Pattie Haas, Valarie Leary and Gloria Lester graduated from the New Horizons course and Christine Lashbrook was the Members graduate. Congratulations to the graduates. The courses require a lot of commitment but are very enlightening and worth the effort.

Claudia Onken presented certificates and pins to honor five deserving veterans. They were very grateful for the recognition and we were grateful for their service. Ginger Trader presented a Shadowbox to Beth Beachell to honor her mother, our Honorary State Regent, Susan Mead-Beachell who passed away in May. State, Chapters and individuals were recognized for their contributions to our organization.

The workshop on Chapter Fund-raising presented by Sandra Pollack from the Office of Development at National was well received. She is such an energetic speaker. We are grateful she was able to present at our meeting. The Guest Speaker, Karen A Chase, a Virginia Daughter, presented her new novel, Carrying Independence. Everyone agreed she is such a dynamic speaker. She took time to do a book signing for us. She was gracious to donate \$2 to the State Regents Project for every book sold at the meeting.

Several State Chairmen had impressive poster presentations in the display area. Voices for baskets were sold by the State and Chapters. The President General's items, the School pins and The Starfish pin were on sale.

It was a very full meeting with fun and friendship. A special thanks to the "Meeting Committee" and our "photographer", Valarie Leary. I hope you all enjoyed the meeting as much as I did. I encourage each of you who attended to bring one member who did not attend to our Spring Conference.

In DAR Friendship,

Dr. Gloria Lester



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American History Committee

Ginger Trader

The American History Committee focuses on four main objectives: American History Essay Contest, Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, Outstanding Women in American History, and Recognizing Outstanding Work in American History.

Chapters should be contacting their local public, private and home schools now to get the involvement of the students in grades 5 thru 8 for the American History Essay Contest and students in grades 9 thru 12 for the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest. Check out all the criteria for this contest on the committee website or I may be contacted directly at ginger@gingertrader.com. The entries must arrive to me no later than January 15, 2020 to be able to make the judging deadline.

Chapters are encouraged to recognize those women in their community that have made a special impact on American History. This is not a contest, and selection is at the sole discretion of the chapters.

Please read the details on this committee on the members website:
<http://members.dar.org/committees/history/index.html>.

Historic Preservation Committee

Ginger Trader

The Historic Preservation Committee was established to honor the nation's heritage, focus on the future, and to celebrate America. Through the Historic Preservation Grant Program, NSDAR provides financial assistance for local communities with projects that exemplify the mission of the Society. Chapters are encouraged to seek out that historic project in their community that needs some extra help and nominate them for a grant.

The two awards, Historic Preservation Medal and the Historic Preservation Recognition Award encourages recognition of significant volunteer efforts at the community, state and national levels.

Has your chapter completed a Historic Preservation project that needs to be entered in the contest? Check out the committee page for all the details on this contest.

The Historic Sites and Properties Database, housed on the member's only website, recognizes and promotes an awareness of the wide array of DAR owned and maintained sites and properties throughout the nation.

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/historic-sites-and-properties>

Delaware Genealogical Records

Jennifer Horsley

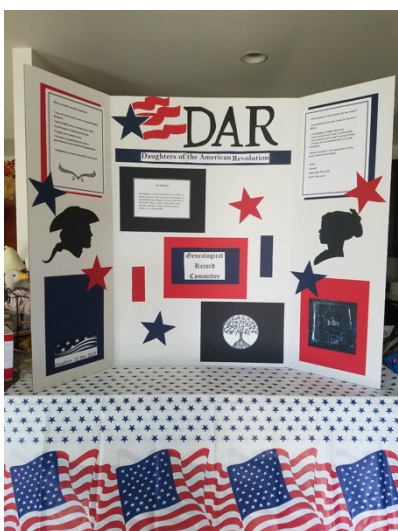
Daughters, I am happy to be able to reach out to you as the Delaware Genealogical Records Committee Chair, especially to members that were not able to be with us at our recent Fall Meeting this past Saturday in Dover. At our State meeting I presented a poster board display in order to create conversation and encourage our Delaware Daughters to go home and gather up



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historical records they may have never submitted to National as part of their initial application or on a supplemental application.

As a longtime genealogy hobbyist and researcher, I would like to take a moment to ask if you could not only reach out to your family, but also your friends in gathering unrecorded genealogical documents the DAR tries to collect for not only future generations, but for ours also. Examples of what we need are Bible Records, Deeds, Wills, Birth Certificates, pictures of grave stones or markers, Church records, Marriage Certificates, Death certificates and any others that no one could find recorded on any genealogical website. The State of Delaware is one of the lowest in records submissions. I want to change that statistic. Please, let us gather our unarchived documents and bring up not only or totals, but provide a source of encouragement and brilliance for the future Daughters of the American Revolution.

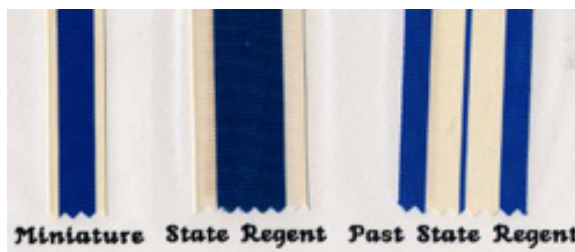


Feel free to reach out to me via Facebook or the digital yearbook sent out earlier this month. The NSDAR website has instructions in the Genealogical Records Committee page to show how to collect and copy your documents to submit to me. Let's set a goal for at least 100 by 31 December 2019.

Protocol

Kristen Jones

The Protocol display board gave tips on when to stand during the State meeting. Also, protocol on how to introduce various dignitaries, order of officers' reports and when ribbons/sashes are to be worn.



C.A.R. Project

What an overwhelming response to the bag collection we had! Anastasia really felt the love that the DAR had for the younger organization. She has met her 500 lb. requirement and the bench for the Brian Conley Veteran's Resiliency Center is on order. We are hoping to have a dedication, possibly in the spring and will keep the DE State Society, NSDAR informed.



Thank you again for all of your help with the State C.A.R. project!!

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Presentation of Shadow Box



Ginger Trader presented Beth Beachell a shadowbox which showcases her mother Susan's Past Regent Pin, her Holly Pin, and the past PG pin (and a photo of Susan).

The shadowbox was lovingly created by Ginger Trader.

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.

DAR Education and Leadership

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



Christine Lashbrook, New Members Course Graduate (under the Dillon administration) pictured with Cathy Hudson

Report from the VIS Office:

Valarie Leary

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

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New Horizons Graduates (under the Dillon Administration): Valarie Leary, Patti Haas, and Gloria Lester, Regent, pictured with Barbara Seningen, Vice Regent



The Leadership Training Coordinators presented a tri-fold at the Fall State Conference to promote interest in the Members and New Horizon courses. The tri-fold gave a brief overview of both courses. We were pleased with the results and wish to thank all who have signed for the courses. A packet will be sent via e-mail to each chapter Regent as well as to all members who have registered for the courses with more information in early November.

Once again thank and we look forward to working with you as we move forward with the courses.

Currently, the following courses are available:

Members Course – Explore the many aspects of the 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.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Sandra Pollack, Director of Development for the National DAR Development Office gave a presentation on Fundraising at the October Delaware DAR State Meeting in Dover.

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Ms. Pollack has spent many years in fundraising and provided attendees with some useful information in generating income for their Chapters activities.

She discussed the key elements to a successful fundraiser - planning, strong volunteer support, and commitment to success.



Fundraiser ideas were also provided and several Chapters shared their own past fundraising events. For more information, a webinar on the National DAR website "[Beyond the Bake Sale](#)" is available for

viewing. We encourage everyone to watch this video since successful fundraisers depend on you! (submitted by Lori Porter, Caesar Rodney)

Thanks to our Pages:



Margaret Onken (DE), Niki Rittenhouse (CT), Anastasia Claire (DE), Nannette Feedback (TN) Julia Williams (DE), and Anne Harrigan (RI). Many thanks to Beth Beachell for bringing together these young ladies.

Certificates Awarded to the Delaware State DAR at Continental Congress:

Page Committee - Bringing 3 pages to Congress

Americanism - Most flag bookmarks distributed

Junior Membership - 2nd place Friends of Jr membership contributions

Chapter Development and Revitalization - Excellence in Reporting

Chapter Achievements - 100% participation

Historic Participation - Active Participation in Historic Preservation

Constitution Week - 100% chapters participating North Eastern Division and Eastern Division

Constitution Week - Excellence in Constitution Week Leadership Eastern Division and North Eastern Division

DAR Schools - Second Place Friends of DAR Schools Eastern Division

Membership Committee - 3 years greatest % of New Members by Application Eastern Division

Members Committee - Most New Horizons Course Participants Eastern Division

Membership Committee - 3 years greatest % increase in Membership first place Eastern Division

Chapter Awards

Caesar Rodney:

1. Level 1 Chapter Achievement Awards 2017, 2018
2. Outstanding Recruitment Efforts 2019 Most flags Distributed 2019

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3. Excellence in Constitution Week Leadership 2018
4. Excellence in Promoting Americanism within the Community 2018
5. 100% Applications Verified Without Pre or Air Letters

Col. David Hall:

1. Colonel David Hall, Chapter Achievement Award, Level I 2018
2. Colonel David Hall, Chapter Achievement Award, Level I 2017
3. Colonel David Hall, One Hundred Percent Participation in the President General's Project
4. Moving Forward in Service to America 2019
5. Colonel David Hall, Delaware Eastern Division National for Constitution Week Leadership Award-Chapter 2019
6. The Flag of the USA Committee presented to the Colonel David Hall Chapter, Delaware Eastern
7. Division Service for Other Flag Literature 2019
8. Colonel David Hall, Delaware Eastern Division Membership Committee, National for Outstanding Recruitment Efforts 2019
9. Colonel David Hall, Delaware Eastern Division Membership Committee, National for Outstanding Recruitment Efforts 2018

Cooch's Bridge Chapter Awards:

1. Cooch's Bridge Chapter, Chapter Achievement Award, Level I, 2017
2. Cooch's Bridge Chapter, Chapter Achievement Award, Level I, 2018
3. DAR School Committee, presented to the Cooch's Bridge Chapter Delaware for Contribution of \$200 or more to Friends of the DAR Schools
4. Cooch's Bridge Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division National for Chapter with a Proclamation from a City Mayor
5. Cooch's Bridge Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division National for Excellence in Constitution Week Leadership Award-Chapter & Community
6. The Flag of the USA Committee presented to the Cooch's Bridge Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division, Outstanding Service for Most Braille Flags
7. Historic Preservation Committee presented to the Cooch's Bridge Chapter Delaware for Presentation of an Historic Preservation Medal
8. Volunteer Information Specialists Committee presented to Deborah Smith, Cooch's Bridge Chapter Delaware for State VIS of the Year
9. American Heritage Committee presented to Linda Coates, Eastern Division Vice Chair Delaware for Masterful Collaboration and Dedicated Service
10. The Office of the Registrar General Award presented to Melissa Levy, Cooch's Bridge Chapter Delaware for Outstanding Service to DAR America 250! Membership Task Force Volunteer

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11. Women's Issues Committee presented to Janet Walton, Cooch's Bridge Chapter Delaware, Eastern Division for Division Winner, Family-Essay

Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter

1. Daughters of the American Revolution Awards this Citation to the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter for outstanding accomplishments in attaining Chapter Achievement Award Level 1, 2017.
2. Constitution Week Committee Presented to the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter Delaware Eastern Division National Second Place for State with the Best Chapter Constitution Week Activity "Constitution Day Ceremony" June 2018
3. Constitution Week Committee Presented to the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter Delaware Eastern Division for Chapter
4. with Best Constitution Week Activity June Americanism Committee 2018. (Received two of these)
5. Constitution Week Committee Presented to Carol Evans, Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division for Exemplary Contribution to Constitution Week Promotion June 2018.
6. Constitution Week Committee Presented to Charlotte Hart, Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division for Exemplary Contribution to Constitution Week Promotion June 2018.
7. Constitution Week Committee Presented to Norma Jean Fowler, Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, Delaware Eastern

Division for Exemplary Contribution to Constitution Week Promotion June 2018

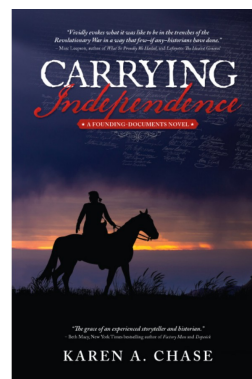
8. Constitution Week Committee Presented to Karen Parker, Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division for Exemplary Contribution to Constitution Week Promotion June 2018.
9. Constitution Week Committee Presented to Mary Lee Philips, Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division for Exemplary Contribution to Constitution Week Promotion June 2018.
10. Constitution Week Committee Presented to Catherine Hudson, Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division for Exemplary Contribution to Constitution Week Promotion June 2018.
11. Americanism Committee Presented to Catherine Hudson, Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division for Exemplary Contribution to Americanism June 2019.
12. Volunteer Genealogist Committee Presented to Catherine Hudson, Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division for Exemplary Contribution to Genealogy 2018.
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14. Constitution Week Committee Presented to Catherine Hudson, Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter Eastern Division National for Exemplary Contribution to Constitution Week Promotion 2019.

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15. Constitution Week Committee Presented to the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter Delaware Eastern Division National for Excellence in Constitution Week Leadership Award-Chapter & Community June 2019.
16. Daughters of the American Revolution Awards this Citation to the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter for outstanding accomplishments in attaining Chapter Achievement Award Level 1, 2018.
17. The Flag of the USA Committee Presented to the Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter Delaware Eastern Division Service for Youth Involved June 2019
18. Constitution Week Committee Presented to Sue Pepper Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter, Delaware Eastern Division for Exemplary Contribution to Constitution Week Promotion June 2018

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.

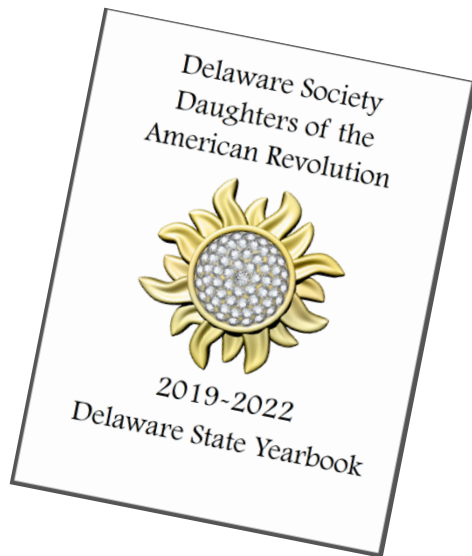
A long-standing member of the DAR and James River Writers, she is also a member of the Virginia Historical Society, the Historical Novelist Society, the Women's Fiction Writers Association, and the American Revolutionary Round Table. She resides with her partner, Ted, and two scrappy cats in Richmond,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

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Call Gloria Lester, 302-542-6818, to purchase a spiral bound State Directory with a clear cover and DAR blue vinyl back for \$12. Proceeds benefit the State Regent's Projects.



Many thanks to Valarie Leary and Carolynn Foxwell for the production of the State Directory and Janett Leashman for the printing of the directories.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOG YOUR SERVICE TO AMERICA HOURS!

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!

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

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Upcoming Events/Meetings

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

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

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.

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 24, 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 .