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Falls of the Rappahannock

Chapter NSDAR



February Chapter Meeting

The upcoming Chapter meeting will be on **Thursday, February 9**, 7pm at St. Matthias United Methodist Church, 426 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg. Our program will be *Women's Health* presented by Donna Sayre



Directions to Meeting

From Stafford, take US 1 south to Falmouth and take a left onto Butler Rd. Go about 1.5 miles and turn left onto Deacon Rd. Follow Deacon Rd. about 2 miles and take a right onto Edwards Dr. The St. Matthias parking lot entrance is the first right.

From upper William Street in Fredericksburg, take the Blue-Gray Highway across the river to Stafford County. Take a left onto Route 3 West (Kings Hwy) and then at the second light turn right onto Cool Springs Road. At the next light Cool Springs Rd. becomes Deacon Rd. Follow about 2 miles then turn right onto Edwards Dr. The church parking lot is the first right.

CHAPTER CHAT

SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter 2016 hours donated total as of
December 31

5,902

2015 Hours 7,154

2014 Hours 2,406

Please remember to log your hours!

[http://services.dar.org/members/committees/
ServiceToAmerica/](http://services.dar.org/members/committees/ServiceToAmerica/)

Service to America! Hours

Continue to keep track of your hours of meaningful volunteer service. The Dillon administration wants to continue to track the impact we are having on our communities.

Ideas for meaningful service:

- Read to your Grandchildren
- Master Gardener hours
- Donate blood
- Volunteer at an historic site
- Collect books and donate them to the local library or schools
- Volunteer at a 5K race that supports worthy cause
- Welcome home active duty personnel
- Volunteer at a church, school or hospital

State Regent to Visit

Mark your calendars! **Saturday, April 8, 2017.** We will be joining with other area chapters to host a visit by State Regent Judy Surber. The meeting will be at the Fredericksburg Country Club. As more details become available they will be included in the newsletter.

As you know, our April meeting is usually our Youth Recognition meeting on a Saturday. We want to encourage you to attend the State Regent's visit so we have moved our Youth Recognition meeting to our normal second Thursday night which will be April 13, at St. Matthias United Methodist Church.

I know these meetings are just a few days apart, but I encourage you to mark your calendars and try to attend BOTH. You will be enriched by meeting members from other area chapters, and April is the month we vote on our new officers so we need you to be at the regular meeting as well.

Thank you for all your support!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

Erika deBroekert 4th

Falls of the Rappahannock is on FaceBook!!

We now have a secret FaceBook group where we can share photos and information that only our chapter members can see. We are working on approval for a public page so we can let people know about us. I (Myra) have sent invitations to join the group to those of you who pulled up when I typed in your name in the search box. Here is the link if you did not get an invite—

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1083834758372363/>

Several of us, as administrators, have been using it for a short while already so you will see photos already there.



Be a part of the history of Stafford County and honor our Veterans!

Did you know Stafford County is building an Armed Forces Memorial this year? They have already raised the bulk of the money, so it is definitely happening. However, they are just \$120,000 shy of their total goal. To help raise funds and to allow community members to be a part of this special and important monument, they are selling bricks for \$200 that you can dedicate in honor or memory of a service member or veteran. Please consider purchasing a brick to help this most worthy cause.

Here is a link to the website with more information:
<http://staffordarmedservicesmemorial.weebly.com/>

I will have brick forms at our next chapter meeting. If you plan to purchase a brick, please bring a check for \$200 made out to Stafford County Armed Services Memorial Fund. Though you can purchase online, I would like to collect all the forms and money for our chapter, so we can show them that the Falls of the Rappahannock chapter supports their efforts. I will present at their committee meeting following our chapter meeting. There is limited time left to purchase bricks to be included.

Mark your calendar for the groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, March 4, 2017. I will pass along the time as soon as I find out. The dedication date is currently July 15, 2017.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

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We welcomed New Members Amy Stromberg and Kirsten Marshall at the January meeting.



AMERICAN SPIRIT MAGAZINE

At just \$18 for six issues per year, *American Spirit and Daughters newsletter* are affordable, enjoyable resources that help you celebrate our heritage and keep up with the latest news from executive Officers, National chairmen, states and chapters.

Anyone can subscribe to the magazine (It also makes a wonderful gift). Subscribing to our wonderful magazine and newsletter is easier than ever before: To subscribe online visit www.dar.org/americanspirit, or call 1-866-327-6242.

It's that easy! And best of all, our chapter will receive Chapter Achievement Award credit for your paid subscription.

America Spirit Subscriptions



Four generations of DAR membership

VADAR STATE CONFERENCE

March 24-26, 2017

Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke VA

If you haven't attended State Conference make this your year! It's informative but also a LOT of fun. The 121st Virginia State Conference will be held at the Hotel Roanoke March 24-26, 2017, in Roanoke, Virginia. The 2017 Conference theme is "*We the Daughters, many hands... Strive to Preserve the History*".

If any of our Prospective Members are interested in going as a guest, talk to Donna Sayre. The only thing you can't do is attend Business Sessions and those are on Saturday. But you are welcome at the Workshops and any of the meals/banquets.

There will be workshops on Friday, March 24. These are always awesome and this year is no exception: **"How to Protect Yourself (Scams, Identify Theft, and Internet Risks)"** – Rob Garbee, founder of RISE (Roanoke Information Security Exchange) will educate you on how to be safe in our new and rapidly changing information world. Come hear this important speaker!

"Genealogical Research Committee" – Patricia Hatfield, Librarian General, NSDAR, will educate you on the "ins" and "outs" about the GRC. The main focus will be understanding how GRC records can help you find little known information housed in the DAR Library. Currently, volunteers to the Genealogical Research Committee are encouraging Daughters to push for Bible record projects in their states.

"Just.One.Plan." – Adele Morris, Educational Resources National Chairman, will educate you about how to get your chapter involved with compiling various electronic lesson plans that focus on America, its history, government, heritage, and genealogy for use by teachers, scouts, SAR, CAR, and community groups. This is an exciting new committee and all can participate! This workshop will address who may submit lesson plans, what format to use for submitted lesson plans, who may use the lesson plans, and how the lesson plans will be reviewed and approved.

"Yes, You Have Help!" – Deborah Clayton, Lineage Research State Chairman, and Nancy Simmons, Volunteer Genealogists State Chairman, will educate you on tips for successful completion of membership applications and on how to get additional assistance. Regardless of whether you have an elusive link between generations, four straight generations of John Smiths, or simply need a document from a local courthouse to establish a new DAR patriot, these volunteers stand ready to help.

You can get more information and forms here: <http://www.vadar.org/membersonly/committees/conference.html> It is a password protected site so ask one of us if you have forgotten the password.

DAR Wish Lists

The items on the Wish List directly help NSDAR achieve our mission. Your support of the items on this list allows us to honor, learn from, and preserve the past for future generations.

Funding these items helps us conserve objects in the [DAR Museum's](#) extensive collection, acquire important texts for the [DAR Library](#) and Museum Library, reach out to people of all ages through educational programming, and keep our historic [National Headquarters](#) up and running.
<http://www.dar.org/giving/dar-wishlist>

Thank you for supporting the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

National Defender Jan/Feb 2017

Hats off to Amy Barron, Mariemont Chapter, DAR who, in cooperation with her local U.S. Congressman wrote an important article about PTSD and suicide in the military. We will be featuring a follow up article to this in the March/April 2017 issue of The National Defender about service dogs. I noticed in November last year, military units around the country sponsored walks to raise awareness of the suicide rate among our military personnel. **NSDAR has a new commemoration opportunity for your chapter or state: WWICC or World War I Centennial Commission.** As with the Vietnam War commemoration, DAR has become a partner to honor the 100th anniversary of the Great War. With the New Year comes new responsibility. It is important for all citizens to be aware of National defense related issues particularly with regard to budget cuts and priorities of both our president and congressional leaders. Military force levels, benefits and pay, housing allowances, TRICARE reform, Veteran's legislation and survivor benefits are key issues that need to be addressed. These items affect our military readiness and ability to safeguard our nation. Julia Miller Rog-

Honoring the Promise

by Donna Crisp, Rear Admiral United States Navy (Retired) National Vice Chair, Commemorative Events Committee, 100th Anniversary of World War I/Treaty of Versailles

2017 is the centennial of our nation's entry into World War I. America mobilized over 4 million citizens to military service, with over 110,000 making the ultimate sacrifice and 200,000 returning home wounded. DAR Daughters stepped forward on April 6, 1917 and throughout the war to meet the call by shaping the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, lending assistance to Navy, Army and Marine Corps Bases, supporting orphans, rebuilding water systems, knitting for troops, and assisting in supplying poultry to France to ensure a food supply after the war. The DAR never took their eye off of the ball and chapters, such as Great Bridge, continued to support the orphans until 1922. The DAR recognizes that our nation's heroes are gone, but not forgotten. Nationally, the Commemorative Events Committee is excited to share that NSDAR is now a commemorative partner with the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission. State DAR Commemorative Events Chairs are joining with State efforts to honor our patriots, educate our citizens, and locate and preserve our World War I memorials. World War I changed the lives and forward movement of America. Please join in honoring the service men and women of WWI. Opportunities exist through a variety of committees to provide curriculum to teachers to enhance students' understanding of WWI, locate and preserve our city and state WWI memorials, and capture stories of Native Americans and family members in the U.S. WWI Centennial Commissions "Family Ties Project". Daughters can assist in building the first WWI Memorial in our nation's capital and get access to a nationwide effort to commemorate WWI on the U.S. WWI Centennial Commission website: <http://www.worldwar1centennial.org>. For the latest updates in projects, events and activities, review the Commemorative Events page on the NSDAR members only site and join the "DAR WWI Centennial Commemoration" Facebook page. DAR, honoring the promise that our nation's World War I heroes are gone, but never forgotten

Message from the President General about DAR Headquarters

I arrived in our Nation's Capital during the historic weekend surrounding the activities of the Presidential Inauguration and the Women's March on Washington. Given the close proximity of our DAR Headquarters Building to the White House and National Mall, some members have inquired about our building after seeing photos and reports of participants of the March leaving their signs around the city.



Let me assure you that our building and property are fine. There was no vandalism and the Founders Monument is still beautiful with no damage.

Yes, an incredible number of signs were left all around the city, on the grounds of our neighbors, and on various statues that might normally go unnoticed. Our Founders Monument was among the many places where signs were left. Our property was cleared quickly and no damage was done. Rain caused one of the signs to fade blue ink onto the base of the monument, but by morning the same rain washed away any remaining ink. The signs were quickly picked up by Sunday morning at no additional expense.

I am grateful that our members are passionate and protective of our building and the Founders Monument, but it seems that discussion on social media has led to some political arguments. One of the things that I most appreciate about our organization is that we can have differing opinions, yet still serve our country with energy and passion. Our members come from diverse backgrounds and hold various political beliefs, but the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonpolitical organization. DAR members join together in their love of country and common descent from the men and women who began our nation.

Let me reiterate my President General's Message from the January/February 2017 issue of the *Daughters* newsletter and posted on the [Members' Website](#):

Our members are passionate about this country. May that always be true! I hope and believe that the DAR is an organization that demonstrates civility and the courtesy to respect one another's opinions. Without that attitude our country will not survive, much less move forward.

Read the entire President General's Message on the next page:

Looking for a Gift for someone? Visit the DAR Online Store at
<http://www.dar.org/dar-shopping/dar-online-store>

or visit the Museum Shop. They have interesting and unusual gifts for young and old alike. If you can't get there in person, you can visit the Museum Shop Online, by following the link that is on the DAR Online Store, and you can even order by phone. They also sell gift certificates.

President General's Message February 2017

Dear Daughters,

As January brings us to another new year, it offers us a time to reflect and to set new (or old, but unfinished) goals. Promises of new beginnings keep us moving forward into this new year with a renewed sense of service. I hope you will embrace the opportunities to serve your communities and our nation that come your way.

This month we will also see the inauguration of a new President of the United States. After a particularly divisive and emotional election, it is important to reaffirm that the DAR is a nonpolitical, nonpartisan organization. While our members are active in supporting our country and promoting civic responsibility, we do not use the platform of our organization as a forum for political discussion, nor to endorse candidates, nor to lobby political issues. We respect the varying personal political affiliations of all our members.

DAR has long shown respect to elected officials at the local and national levels, but such respect does not constitute an endorsement of their political policies. States and chapters are welcome to invite political office holders to bring greetings or speak at their DAR gatherings in a nonpartisan atmosphere. If you invite an elected official to speak at a meeting, remind him or her that DAR is not a political entity, and that controversial opinions should be avoided.

Personally, what has concerned me most during this election cycle is the lack of respect for opinions other than our own. Are we so fearful of one another that we cannot respect our differences? What became of the nation created by Patrick Henry's cry, "I disagree with what you say, but I will defend to my death your right to say it"? When we silence another's opinion, we nullify the right to express our own. What makes this country great has always been the foundation laid by our ancestors to provide checks and balances, to anticipate differing opinions and to ensure a peaceful transfer of power.

The DAR has come a long way from the time when we were perceived as an organization consisting of a single political mindset. We are proud of the diversity in our members' backgrounds and beliefs. Our members are passionate about this country. May that always be true! I hope and believe that the DAR is an organization that demonstrates civility and the courtesy to respect one another's opinions. Without that attitude our country will not survive, much less move forward.

As you reflect on your chapter's successes from the past year and plan for new initiatives in the year ahead, take this opportunity to join together with your fellow members to work as a team. We are stronger when we work together and forming friendships at the chapter level is what keeps us connected.

With Valentine's Day on the horizon, I always remember a friend who told me that love is not a feeling but a choice. May you choose to contemplate what is important to you and to one another and consider that Service to America may very well begin at home.

Moving Forward in Service to America,

Ann T. Dillon
President General



Upcoming Events Around Us

DAR Museum

Feb. 11—Workshop: *Pretty Little Bags: Exploring 19th century Inked Bags*

Sign up for one of the two sessions: [9:30am-12:00pm](#) or [2:00pm-4:30pm](#). \$45 per person

In the collection of the DAR are a group of unique little bags made of lightweight cotton and decorated with lovely little inked designs. Some have the addition of prose and perhaps the name of the owner or giver. These little bags were something a young girl who was honing her sewing skills could make. Easy to assemble, fun to decorate and far less tedious than their embroidered counterparts they might have been given as friendship tokens in the early 19th century. Join Angela Burnley as we explore and make our own little bags based on the ones in the collection. Bring your fabric scissors and paper scissors, pins, needles and white and cream cotton thread. The remainder of the materials will be provided.

About the presenter: Angela Burnley is the owner of Burnley and Trowbridge Company, a historic business specializing in textiles and related items of the 17th, 18th and early 19th century. She is the founder and sponsor of the "Historic Fashion Workshop Series", a series of hands-on workshops teaching the "making techniques" of the Mantua Maker, Milliner and Tailor, now in its 15th year. She is also an independent researcher concentrating in historic textile and costume and has presented at museums and professional symposium throughout the United States including the DAR Museum and Colonial Williamsburg.

Feb 14—Museum Lecture: *The Good, the Bad, and the Beautiful: Cosmetics of Early America*

12-1pm DAR Headquarters

You've heard the horror of lead and arsenic as beauty aids from the past. But what else did people use? Was it all bad? Discover both the deadly and the harmless ingredients involved, and what was acceptable in 18th and 19th century America. Samples included! (...Of the safe stuff, don't worry.)

March 4—Family Event: *Science!* 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, DAR Headquarters

Scientists and discoverers of the past used special tools to learn about the world around them. Take a look through a real 18th century microscope and see if you can navigate the seas using an octant

March 24—*An Agreeable Evening* 5:00-7:30pm

Join us for a 19th-century happy hour at the DAR Museum! The evening will include live folk music by local musicians, tastings of various hard ciders, light hors d'oeuvres, and tours of our special exhibit "*An Agreeable Tyrant: Fashion After the Revolution*". Come explore the DAR Museum after-hours and discover what it means to have an 'agreeable evening.'

March 25—*An Agreeable Symposium* 9:00am-5:00pm

Join the DAR Museum for this all-day symposium! Based on the current exhibit "*An Agreeable Tyrant: Fashion After the Revolution*". See next page for more information.

"An Agreeable Tyrant"
FASHION AFTER THE REVOLUTION

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Staff from Distillery Lane Ciderworks, a family-owned cidery in Jefferson, Maryland, will provide tastings of their popular hard ciders. Tickets include samples of two hard ciders but additional tastings will be available for purchase. For more information on Distillery Lane Ciderworks, see their [website](#).

\$25; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-agreeable-evening-tickets-30246389766>

Join the DAR Museum for this all-day symposium! Based on the current exhibit "*An Agreeable Tyrant: Fashion After the Revolution*", these engaging speakers will explore the following topics:

- **Who Wore What When and Where?** - Alden O'Brien, Curator of Costumes and Textiles, DAR Museum
 - **Race-Based Fashion in the New Nation: Re-centering African Influences within American Culture** - Katie Knowles, PhD
 - **A Tale of Two Suits: George Washington and the Quest for Aesthetic Independence, 1783-1815** - Linzy Brekke-Aloise, Associate Professor of History and Chair of Gender Studies, Stonehill College
 - **Imports, Homespun, and Industry: Apparel Textiles of Federal-Era America** - Madelyn Shaw, Curator of Textiles, National Museum of American History
 - **Republican Raiment and Federal Foppery: Men's Fashion in America, 1780-1830** - Mark Hutter, Tailor, Colonial Williamsburg
 - **Paste and Pearls: Jewelry of the Federal Era** – Taylor Shelby, Dames a la Mode
- \$125; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-agreeable-symposium-tickets-30052939150>



Registration deadline: March 11, 2017