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# ***Falls of the Rappahannock***

## ***Chapter NSDAR***



### **October Chapter Meeting**

The upcoming Chapter meeting will be on Thursday, October 12, 7pm at St. George's Episcopal Church, Faulkner Hall, 905 Princess Anne St, Fredericksburg. The program will be **"Empowerhouse"**. Our speaker will be Kathy Anderson, Executive Director of Empowerhouse. See page 2 for more information.

### **Directions to Meeting**

If you are driving south on I-95, take the Fredericksburg exit (exit 130A at Central Park), and drive east on State Route 3 into Fredericksburg (route 3 turns into William Street.) Continue down William Street, and turn right onto Princess Anne. St. George's Church is on the left - at the corner of Princess Anne and George Street. As you are facing the church cemetery on Princess Anne, the Faulkner Hall entrance is the door to your left. There is a black fence at the entrance door.

# CHAPTER CHAT

## National Day of Service—Our Chapter Service Project Oct 12

Ready to be a blessing? Our national day of service is coming up on October 11. This year, we will be putting together blessing bags for ladies at *Empower House*, a local domestic violence shelter. Their mission is to help women and their children rebuild their lives. You can read more about their mission here: <http://www.empowerhouseva.org/>. We will be collecting new and gently used ladies' handbags as well as toiletries to fill them. I have been assured that this project will be a great help to the ladies at Empower House and many of them arrive with only the clothes on their backs. **Please bring any donations toward this project to the September and October meetings. We will present the bags to Kathy Anderson, Empower House director, at our October 12 meeting.** If you have questions or you have a large donation and need to get it off your hands sooner than our meeting dates, please contact Alicia at 540-287-2787 or [alicia7183@msn.com](mailto:alicia7183@msn.com).

### Community Service Opportunities for the Chapter:

Blue Star Mothers: Packing for the Troops  
Saturday, November 18 at 9 AM - 12 PM  
Berea - Engine & Truck Company 12  
20 Sebring Dr, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406

### Wreaths across America

Saturday, December 16 at 12 PM - 2 PM  
Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Rd, Quantico, Virginia 22172

### In Memoriam

**Anne Isabel Gordon Swift 1921-2017**

Myra, Susan & Donna attended the funeral last month of a much loved and respected Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter member. A DAR member for 52 years she gave cheerful encouragement to many of us when tracing our ancestors became almost overwhelming. Many of us were fortunate to also know her thru mutual association with UMW. As both an alumna and former employee she touched and enriched many lives. Isabel had been an associate member of our chapter for many years, just transferring her membership to FOTR a couple of years ago.

Thank you and rest in peace Isabel, you will be missed

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### September

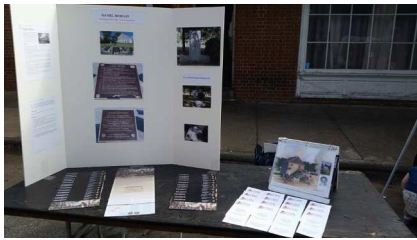
Jennifer Upton 1  
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### Naturalization Ceremony December 7, 2pm Federal Courthouse in Alexandria

Please mark your calendars now for the Naturalization Ceremony in Alexandria. We help with this each December. If you have never been, it is well worth taking the time to go. Ask us about it.



Many thanks to Sonja Johnson and Elizabeth Ernst for manning the FOTR table at the Fredericksburg Welsh Festival last month.



VADAR members including FOTR Regent Susan Harvin, preparing to serve lunch to the volunteer crews at **Saluting Troops** (tree trimming) at Quantico Cemetery. A big Thank you Mission Barbeque for a wonderful lunch and to Susan H. and Anne K. for contributing 4 cases of water and 3 cases of Gatorade in addition to the water donations of the other ladies chapters. Proud to support our Veterans.



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Anne, Susan and Donna attended the Mine Run Chapter's Bell Ringing Service at Berea Church. Guest speaker was the VA State Regent Judy Surber.



Sept. 30 VADAR wreath laying ceremony at Arlington

## SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated total as of  
October 7, 2017

**377**

Please remember to log your hours!

<http://services.dar.org/members/committees/ServiceToAmerica/>

The Service to America! Committee encourages community service by **all** members on **all** levels as a means of honoring our heritage. You may now count your DAR hours!



## From our State Regent:

Dear Virginia Daughters,

One of the key aims of my administration is to make it easier for Virginia Daughters to attend district meetings and training sessions. Earlier this year, a commission was formed to study the size and geographic boundaries of our districts and recommend changes that will make it easier, in terms of driving time or distance, for members to come to district meetings, workshops, and events.

The commission also looked at making the sizes of the districts more manageable for our district directors, who say that 15-17 chapters is the optimal size for efficient oversight and effective assistance.

The commission's recommendations to the State Executive Committee included changing district boundaries to take in chapters that meet at locations closer to the central point of their new district than to the central point of their previous district. The commission also recommended the formation of two additional districts from the 28 chapters currently in District V. Only 23 of the state's 130 chapters would have any changes in district assignment.

The State Executive Committee adopted the commission's recommendations at last weekend's Fall Forum. Consequently, at the close of Continental Congress 2019, Virginia DAR will have nine districts with the existing chapters as listed below.

Further information on the election process for district officers in the new districts and in those districts affected by boundary changes will come in a future email.

In DAR friendship,  
Judy

## District IX: 12 chapters; 822 members

Chantilly  
Culpeper Minute Men  
**Falls of the Rappahannock**  
Fauquier Court House  
Henricopolis  
Leedstown Resolutions  
Mine Run  
Montpelier  
Overwharton Parish  
Spotsylvania  
Susannah Chandler  
Washington-Lewis

Both District VIII and District IX are in population growth areas; District VIII encompasses Loudoun County, one of the fastest growing areas in the country.

## HISTORIC CEMETERY TOURS SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

Trolley pick up:  
Saturday 11am, 12:45pm, & 2:30pm  
next to  
The Fredericksburg Visitor Center  
706 Caroline Street  
(special chartered trolley)

### Refreshments served: St. George's Church in front of Cemetery

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tour of three of Fredericksburg's oldest cemeteries as they answer your questions about those who have permanent resident status in St. George's Episcopal Church Cemetery, the Masonic Cemetery and the Gordon/Washington cemetery near Kenmore. (And a few buried in cemeteries which no longer exist!)

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### Annual Wreath Sale Pre-Orders ONLY

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Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
(George St. entrance)  
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## President General's Message August 2017

Dear Daughters,

Fall is now in full swing and you are beginning to implement your programming and projects. I hope your chapters will see growth and productivity and will make an impact in your local communities over the coming months. I am especially concerned for our members, schools and veterans who have been impacted by the destruction of recent hurricanes. With the holidays approaching you might want to consider ways to help, there is a [Members' Announcement](#)\* online with information. Thank you for your outpouring of concern and assistance in the aftermath of these storms.

The Executive Committee and National Board of Management meets the first week of October and time has been set aside during the week for leadership training and a National Chairs forum. Our national leadership will be learning more about the work of our committees, as well as what other states are doing. It is important to stay connected and for states and chapters to share ideas. Because the DAR leadership on the national, state and chapter levels change every two to three years, it is vital to consistently provide training at all levels of leadership so the organization can be successful and effective while retaining continuity into the future. Look for ways to engage both your new and long-time members in the work, history and activities of the Society.

Following the October Board Meetings, some of us will embark on the Celebrating the Franco-American Alliance Tour in France. We will spend the week visiting the battle grounds where millions of US soldiers arrived to fight during WWI; the town of Tilloloy, France, where DAR assisted with reconstructing the water system after its destruction during WWI; and Paris where we will visit the Louvre Museum and the Palace of Versailles, among other sites. I have asked some of the tour participants to write guest blog posts throughout the week so be sure to follow along on the [Today's DAR Blog](#).\*

During the month of October, we celebrate the 127th anniversary of the founding of DAR! Members are encouraged to participate in service projects on October 11 and throughout the month of October as part of the National DAR Day of Service in honor of our anniversary. Since the day of our anniversary falls on a weekday, chapters are welcome to hold their [National DAR Day of Service](#)\* project on a day that is most convenient for them. On October 11, be sure to share photos and stories of your service projects on Facebook and Twitter with the hashtag #DARDayofService. Don't forget enter your hours in the [Service to America Online Tally](#).\*

Recently on the Today's DAR Blog we learned about the work of the [American 250! Membership Task Force](#)\*, the restoration work on the [Constitution Hall stage](#)\*, the [DAR Museum Docent program](#)\* and the new [Educational Resources Lesson Plans](#).\* I hope you will take time to read these interesting stories on the blog and share them with your chapter members.

If you are not receiving the [Today's DAR Blog](#) via email, you are encouraged to [subscribe](#) and read all of the posts. It is a great way to stay up to date on news from National Headquarters. Another way to find out what's happening is to subscribe to the *American Spirit* magazine and *Daughters* newsletter. Be sure to check the Members' Section of the DAR website often for [members' announcements](#).

Moving Forward in Service to America,  
Ann Turner Dillon  
President General



## Upcoming Events Around Us

### DAR Museum

**Oct 10— Men's Fashions in America 1780-1830** 12-1p, DAR Headquarters Free, Drop In  
Join Mark Hutter, Tailor at Colonial Williamsburg, for a discussion of male fashion in the early days of the United States. Having recently won independence from England, the new American male faced the challenge of defining himself politically, socially, and sartorially. Male fashion, at home and abroad, reflected the remarkable changes of the age of revolution.

**Oct 17 Secrets and Scandals** DAR Headquarters Tour times: 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 Adults Only  
Discover shocking secrets among the DAR Museum collection. Counterfeiting! Piracy! Immorality! What else will be revealed? Find out the true stories behind these museum objects that their creators or owners would not want you to know. Everybody has a few skeletons in their closet; we're about to open the door...  
*Tickets sales begin Friday, September 1; refunds allowed up to 7 days prior to event*  
Learn more here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/114782895909796/>

**November 14, 2017 Museum Lecture: Enslaved Africans in Portraiture** 12-1 pm DAR Headquarters  
Free, Drop In  
Portraits were meant to provide a likeness of an individual and were riddled with symbolism. What, then, does a portrait say about that sitter if enslaved Africans are among the symbols? This lecture will look at the role of the enslaved African in 18th and early 19th-century portraits and the symbology surrounding their use

**December 2, 2017 DAR Museum Historical Tea** 12-2 pm DAR Museum  
Travel back to a 1917 tea room at the DAR Museum's second annual Historical Tea! The Great War inspired a lot of changes on the home front, including women's increasing visibility outside the home. American women joined volunteer organizations, ran businesses, and met at local tea rooms to discuss contemporary politics and events. Inspired by the elegance and comfort of 20<sup>th</sup> century tea rooms, this event will include afternoon tea and a luncheon with finger sandwiches and pastries. All are welcome! Don your top hat, poppy pin, or ankle-skirt and join us for this centennial event. Tickets available through Eventbrite. **Sales begin November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### DAR Library

#### **October 26—Genealogy 101: Cemeteries and Death Records. 10-11 am**

Presented by Karen Janczy, NSDAR Staff Genealogist

Death Records and Cemetery Records can be one of the most valuable source of genealogical evidence. Come learn about where you can find these records and the ways in which you can use them in your genealogical research—including how they might be used and evaluated as part of a DAR Application or Supplemental.

#### **November 16—Genealogy 101: Native American Genealogy 10-11 am**

Presented by Briana Diaz, NSDAR Historian

Come learn about some specific resources and concepts related to researching Native American genealogy.

#### **December 16—Genealogy 101: The Real Widows of the Pension Office 10-11 am**

Presented by Pamela Loos-Noji, NSDAR Staff Genealogist

### Library of Virginia

**Friday, November 17th, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Out of the Shadows: Little-Known Records for Virginia Genealogy

Intermediate

To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/out-of-the-shadows-little-known-records-for-virginia-genealogy-tickets-32299949017?aff=es2>



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## ***October 19 is Yorktown Day!***

There will be ceremonies, a parade, fifes and drums performances, and special programs to commemorate the 236th anniversary of America's momentous Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown.

Virginia DAR supports four historic properties; all of which have significance to the American Revolution. One of those is the Yorktown Custom House. The Custom House, located at the corner of Main and Read Streets in historic Yorktown, was built about 1720 by Richard Ambler, the first Collector of Customs for the York River District.

Restored in 1930, the building and its dependencies still stand on their original sites. Donations from the Virginia Daughters over the years have been very helpful with upkeep and making repairs to the buildings. Currently, attention is being given to updating and adding new museum displays.



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## **National Society Children of the American Revolution N.S.C.A.R.**

The 2017-2018 national project is to raise funds for the creation of James Monroe Online (JMO), a free & open online database for accessing the archival collections devoted to James Monroe. Our goal is to raise \$25,000. Your help is appreciated!



Erin Catherine Moore  
National President  
2017-2018

Joanne E. Zumbrun  
Senior National President  
2016-2018

## **Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution V.S.C.A.R.**



Virginia C.A.R. will be raising funds to replace the late 1800s steps on the south west side of Pohick Church. The second part of the project will be the installation of a plaque on Pohick's Vestry House. The Vestry House was a part of the original plan for Pohick, but it was not built in the aftermath of the Revolution.

The estimated cost of the entire project is \$26,000.

\* A match has been arranged through the Historic Pohick Church Foundation, so every dollar donated will be matched, and thus only half the above amount needs to be raised by the Virginia C.A.R.

Emily Elston,  
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