



# NEW CASTLE AREA ORGANIZING CHAPTER NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

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## The President General's Message

### Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship

It was wonderful to reunite in our House Beautiful for the 131st Continental Congress after three long years apart! The awardees were inspiring, and it was invigorating to hear the breadth of all that our members have accomplished across the country. As an exciting end to the week, we *Celebrated Stars & Stripes Forever!* and kicked off the Wright Administration through Fourth of July festivities on the National Mall.

For many chapters, September marks the beginning of the new meeting year. We encourage all to peruse the updated themes, contests, project ideas and opportunities that your 2022–2025 Wright Administration Executive Officers and Committee Chairs have provided in this issue of the *Daughters* newsletter and in the [National Information Packet](#). We would also like to highlight the newly redesigned [DAR Members' Website](#), which features streamlined navigation and improved search functions. We hope this will serve as a valuable tool as your chapter plans for the 2022–2023 year.

Constitution Week from September 17–23 and our National DAR Day of Service in honor of the NSDAR's founding on October 11 are quickly approaching—we encourage you to use these opportunities to *Celebrate Stars &*

*Stripes Forever!* and give back to your communities. Don't forget that you can apply for the new [America 250! Committee Stars & Stripes Celebration Grants](#) to help fund your initiatives.

September is also the perfect time to support children and teachers and “Spark the Love of Learning” through [Community Classroom](#) initiatives. There are so many opportunities, from adopting a classroom to developing course curriculums. Please reach out to your local schools to see how the DAR can help.

We invite everyone to meet us at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School on September 30, 2022, for Dedication Day. It is always a joy to celebrate with the Alabama Daughters, and we look forward to visiting with the students and faculty and seeing firsthand how your generous donations to the Friends of DAR Schools fund have been used. Following Dedication Day, the National Board of Management will gather at our National Headquarters for leadership training and meetings. We will visit the DAR-supported schools upon their invitation throughout our administration.

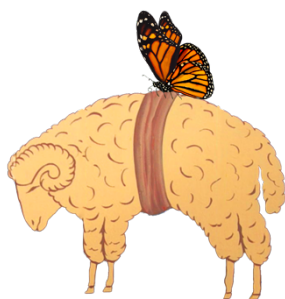
We also hope that you will take time this fall to enjoy the fellowship of chapter members as you work together to advance historic preservation, education and patriotism. Help each new member to find their niche in our organization and thank all those who give so generously of their time.

Finally, don't forget to make your plans now to attend the 132nd Continental Congress beginning on June 28 through July 2, 2023. New information will be posted on the DAR Members' Website Congress Committee webpage as it becomes available.

Please know your Executive Officers appreciate each one of you and look forward to working with you throughout this Administration as we *Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship*.

*Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever!*

Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright  
President General



Wow! Did we have a busy month!



Several of us met at my house to play with dirt, clay and seeds! We made approximately



160 milkweed seed bombs as well as a great Battell and Read DAR trifold.

Saturday, September 10, we set up our first booth at Chautauqua. We sold out of the seed bombs (only 80 were packaged; 2 to a bag), and began selling



tickets for the raffle basket. Thanks to Lissa, Denise and Rebecca who helped man the booth.



The third "preliminary" meeting of our chapter was held on Saturday, September 17. Bylaws



were reviewed (a copy will be emailed to you once they are updated with our decisions).







Following “business”, two tri-folds were created for Constitution Week. I am constantly amazed at the creative talent in our chapter!



White gloves?? How about bell-bottomed star pattern pants! Love them!



We did do a lot this month. Definitely more than we will normally do. But two opportunities presented themselves and we jumped on them to do a bit of fundraising and have some fun while we were at it. Thank you to each of you who made it possible!

I wrote in the previous newsletter, and I write it here again as a reminder:

“If you are only able to join us for 1-2 activities, that is fine! *There is no minimum requirement for participation in the DAR.* It is hoped that you are participating because what we are doing is fun and relevant.”

Our next “meeting” is our Organizing Meeting. Look for more information in this newsletter.

In DAR friendship,

Valarie Leary  
Organizing Regent



This past Saturday was Art on the Green and we were busy! All of the seed bombs were sold and the basket was raffled off at 3

p.m. Thanks to Tracy, Laurie, Sandra, Denise, Jackie, Nanette, Lissa, and Doris as well as Jennifer Horsley, Vice Regent of the Col. David Hall Chapter for volunteering at the booth!



The DAR is a major sponsor. It is important that each and every veteran not be forgotten, and be honored for their sacrifice. You are encouraged to reach out to a



variety of groups for sponsorship (VFW, church groups, local businesses, etc.).

***However, I recognize that asking for sponsorship is not necessarily something that everyone is comfortable with, so with that said, if you provide the contact name, address, email, etc. to me, I will send the letter under your name (you are the common denominator after all)!***

## APPLICATION / TRANSFER STATUS

The following Prospective Members will become members on October 5, 2022:

Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz  
Christina Everhart  
Debra Shetzler

Welcome to Janet Leishman who is a transfer from Cooch's Bridge!!

The applications of Denise Dyson and Nanette Oddo were mailed on Thursday, and were to be delivered on Saturday.

In process: Cindy Snyder, Lissa Hilsee and Michelle Carre.

## ORGANIZING MEETING

The Battell and Read Organizing Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2022, 10:30 a.m. outside in The Read House Parterre Gardens, located at 42 The Strand, Historic New Castle.

This is a truly important event as we will be the first new chapter in Delaware in over 50 years!! It will be attended by the State Regent as well as Honorary State Regents and other guests.



YOU ARE INVITED

TO THE ORGANIZING MEETING OF

THE BATTELL AND READ CHAPTER, NSDAR  
DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022  
10:30 A.M.

THE READ HOUSE PARTERRE GARDENS  
42 THE STRAND  
HISTORIC NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE

GRAVE MARKING AND RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO  
DELAWAREDARI895@GMAIL.COM

The Order of Organization will be signed at this meeting, and I encourage you to make every effort to attend. If for some reason you cannot attend, please let me know as soon as possible.

The meeting will be followed by the marking of Gertrude Ross Till Read's grave, and a reception. The location of the reception is likely my home but that may change before October 15.

In the event of inclement weather, we will move inside the Read House or relocate to the New Castle Court House Museum, in the Court Room itself. You will be advised of this change prior to the meeting should it be necessary.

## NOMINATED ORGANIZING OFFICERS:

Regent: Valarie Leary  
Vice Regent: Rebecca DeVore  
Chaplain: Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz  
Recording Secretary: Cindy Snyder  
Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Albaum  
Treasurer: Tracy Walsh  
Historian: Denise Dyson

These women will be sworn in at the Organizing Meeting and serve in these positions for the first formal year. A nominating committee will meet prior to the end of the formal year to discuss and present a slate of officers to be voted upon to serve from November 2023 – May 2025.

### Service for Veterans and Active-Duty Military

Congratulations to Doris Duffy who will be the chair of this committee!!

She will be reaching out to Victory Village (Port Penn) and the Brian Conley Veterans Resiliency Center (Middletown) as well as some other contacts.

Both Doris and Rebecca are encouraging members to participate with **STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS** by donating a couple of hours at the Stocking Store to stuff stockings. This will be their 19<sup>th</sup> year of “sending smiles, hugs, and our colorful Christmas stockings to our deployed members of the military.”

**Doris will be volunteering on October 10<sup>th</sup>, to determine the needs and process.**

The Stocking Store is located to the right of Bob's Furniture at [5300 Brandywine Parkway](#), in the Brandywine Town Center in

Wilmington, Delaware, facing Naamans Road. Please look for their fabulous banner to find the Stocking Store.

Please visit their [website](#) for all the updates for this year's project as well as the Calendar for all the specific dates and times that we will be open.

**Also, this year, they really need to receive sewn STOCKINGS. Please be sure to sew them from the requested pattern on the website.**

*As of the writing of this newsletter, I am available October 18, and November 10 and 15 if anyone wants to make arrangements for several of us to go together.*

[www.StockingsForSoldiers.org](http://www.StockingsForSoldiers.org)



An opportunity to “play” with another chapter is available on October 1, 2022. I am working this day but please feel free to participate. I have been wanting to see this cemetery!!!

Dear Conservation Daughters!

The Cooch's Bridge chapter has been leading an annual grave cleaning in October for several years. But this year we have been requested to lead a cemetery beautification! Who can resist digging in dirt! In line with the Conservation Committee mission to preserve our natural resources, this opportunity will also enable us to plant native plants. You are on this list because you have participated in grave cleaning/ conservation



events AND/OR you may be in a position to 'spread the word'!

George Widger (SAR and Pencader Museum) has asked for our help in his ongoing efforts to restore Pigeon Run Presbyterian Cemetery. The cemetery had become overgrown. Over the years, volunteers have cleared much of the main cemetery, repaired and cleared the gravestones and marked veterans from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Recently, many unmarked graves have been located in the main cemetery and adjacent land through ground penetrating radar (GPR).

This summer, we identified beautification ideas, e.g.: plant daffodils near headstones, irises in 'wet' areas, native perennials, rhododendrons near the entrance.

**On Saturday, October 1st (Rain Date: October 8th)** we will meet at Pigeon Run Presbyterian Cemetery (Behind 201 Jestan Blvd, New Castle) from 9 AM – noon. CAR and SAR are welcome! Participants should bring garden gloves and tools (shovels, spades, picks, etc.) and insect repellent. Plants/bulbs, bottled water and snacks will be supplied.

Please bring containers filled with tap water; **there is no water source at this cemetery for watering.** Also inform me if you have bulbs and/or plants you can bring. Natives are particularly welcome; deer resistant species are encouraged.

If you plan to attend (family/friends included), please let me know along with how many will be coming with you. My contact information is - Sarah O'Donnell ([sarahlareod@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlareod@gmail.com); 908-285-0701).

## Miscellaneous Announcements

**Do you enjoy the Sound of Music and have a beautiful singing voice? The Delaware State Society is forming a State Chorus, if you are interested, please contact Barbara Seningen ([seningenba@aol.com](mailto:seningenba@aol.com)) to share the joy of music at our Fall State Meeting.**

## Delaware State Service

*By Carol Evans, State Chaplain*

Save the date!!!

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**

Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, PA located on Pennsylvania Route 23. This chapel is both a national memorial dedicated to George Washington and an active Episcopal parish.

You are cordially invited to spend the day with NSDAR, SAR and CAR members as we celebrate the Delaware State Service at the Washington Memorial Chapel.

Please see the registration form at the back of this newsletter.



**October 15, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – Organizing Meeting, Grave Marking and Reception**

**October 29, 2022 – Delaware State Society DAR Fall State Meeting.** Dover Agricultural Museum, Dover, Delaware. More information once it's available. All are encouraged to attend. The registration form is attached.

**November 13, 2022** - Delaware State Service at the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, PA.

**November 19, 2022, 10:30 a.m.** – Chapter Meeting. Location TBD.

**December 10, 2022, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** Spirit of New Castle, a free holiday event in Historic New Castle with home tours, entertainment, etc. and a possible opportunity for fundraising (baking and crafts); more information to follow.

**\*January 21, 2023:** Chapter Meeting

**\*February 15 or 18, 2023:** Chapter Social

**March 10 and 11, 2023:** Delaware State Society DAR Spring Conference \*\*President General's Visit. \*\* Wilmington, Delaware. More information to come.

**\*March 18, 2022:** Chapter Meeting

**\*April 15, 2022:** Chapter Meeting

**\*May 20, 2022:** Chapter Meeting

**\*June 14 or 17, 2022:** Chapter Meeting/Social

**October 21, 2023:** Delaware State Fall Meeting. Dover, Delaware.

**April 27, 2024:** Delaware State Conference, Smyrna, Delaware.

**October 19, 2024:** Delaware State Fall Meeting, Odessa, Delaware.

**April 26, 2025:** Delaware State Spring Conference, Lewes, Delaware.

\*Programming in process; to be updated.

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



Delaware State Society Public Facebook (share!)



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Open to Delaware State Society Members only

Thanks to Deb Smith, the Battell and Read Chapter website is currently "under construction."



## INVITATION TO THE FALL STATE MEETING OF THE DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY NSDAR

**Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Delaware Agricultural Museum, 866 N. Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901

### EXCITING/FUN/ACTIVITIES



Some of the activities include: Name that Committee sponsored by our State Chairs, a power point presentation Dr. Gloria Lester goes to Washington, news from the 131th Continental Congress, DAR Member Training and Graduations and a visit from C.A.S.H. Canines Assisting Service Heroes, the State Regents project and many more surprises. Masks are required.

Following lunch everyone will be free to walk around the inside of the museum or visit the buildings outside till the museum closes at 3:00 pm. Please come and share this day of fun and fellowship with your fellow Delaware Daughters.

### MENU

Vegetable Soup

Roasted Turkey or

Stuffed Portabella Mushroom (Vegetarian and Gluten Free Option)

Herb & Parmesan Crusted Potatoes / Roasted Squash Medley / Dinner Rolls & Butter

### Beverages

Sweet Tea and Unsweetened Tea / Bottled Water / Ice

Dessert will be Assorted Cupcakes



Mail completed form and check for **\$35.00** payable to: **DSSDAR by October 19, 2022**

To: Robin Hughes, Conference Coordinator, 5317 Newman Ln, Middletown, DE 19709-6620

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OR CHAPTER OFFICER (FOR NAME BADGE): \_\_\_\_\_

I have my own badge and will bring it: **Yes or No** VOTING DELAGATE: **Yes or No**

Participation: **In-Person or Zoom**

ENTRÉE CHOICE: Roasted Turkey or Stuffed Portabella Mushroom (*Vegetarian and Gluten Free Option*)

Please let us know if there are any other special dietary requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



**At Washington Memorial Chapel - RR23, Valley Forge, PA 19481**  
**wmchapel.org**

**Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, PA** You are cordially invited to spend the day with NSDAR, SAR, and CAR members as we celebrate the **Delaware State Service** at the Washington Memorial Chapel. Construction of the Chapel began in 1903 with funds raised by the NSDAR and SAR. The National Patriots' Bell Tower and Carillon, a gift from NSDAR, was dedicated in April, 1953 and houses one of the worlds' largest carillons

**Schedule of Events**

11:30 am - DAR Wreath Laying

12:00 noon - Delaware Chapel Service

Chapel Tour - Lunch served at the Chapel

Tour - Tower and Carillon

**Luncheon Menu**

Beef Burgundy / Slow Roasted Filet Mignon / Slow Roasted Brisket

Chicken Francaise, Lemon-White Wine, Caper Sauce

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes

Caesar Salad, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Chef's Choice Assorted Mini Desserts

Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Coffee, Decaffeinated

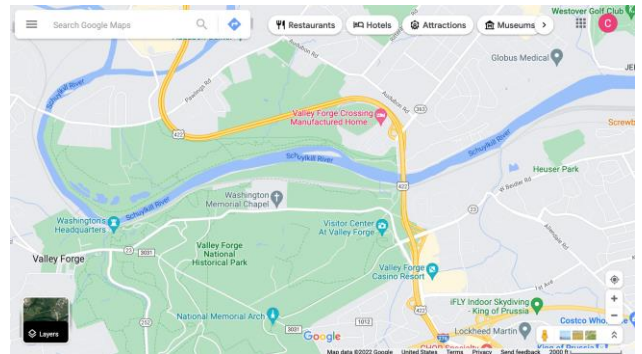
**Checks** should be made payable to **Carol Evans** (Delaware DAR State Chaplain) and mailed to the following address along with the completed reservation form by **October 5, 2022**

**Carol Evans**

**DE State Chaplain, NSDAR**

**24359 Gravel Hill Road**

**Georgetown, DE 19947**



**Cut Here**

**Washington Memorial Chapel Delaware State Service Reservation Form 2022**

Please check all that apply:

• ☐ I will attend. Total number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guests attending:

• ☐ I will attend the Luncheon (Please enclose a check for \$30.00 per person. We need at least 30 people for this price)

• ☐ I wish to be listed in the bulletin at (check all that apply)

☐ Floral Level (\$100.00)

☐ Patron Level (\$50.00)

☐ Sponsor Level (\$25.00)

☐ Patriot Level (\$10.00)

Please legibly **Print** the appropriate names as they should appear in the bulletin: