



BATTELL AND READ CHAPTER NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE NOVEMBER 2022

November 2022

Wishing You a Holiday Season Filled with Joy and Friendship

The end of the year is a time for celebration and is also one of the busiest times of year. As you participate in DAR service activities in your communities and spend time with friends and family, please also take time to just enjoy the moment, rest and reflect.

Since the last issue, a highlight for me was visiting Berry College in Rome, Ga., to lay a wreath at the grave of Martha McChesney Berry, Founder of the Berry Schools in 1902. Your Executive Officers also attended Kate Duncan Smith DAR School's 98th Dedication Day in Alabama. We are so grateful for the generous contributions that our members across the country make in supporting [DAR schools](#), and it was meaningful to spend time visiting both campuses in person, meeting students, and participating in the Alabama "Find Your Wings" garden dedication. In October, it was also [wonderful to welcome](#) our National Board members and National Chairs to our Headquarters building for various meetings and extensive leadership training. Key updates are found within the *Daughters* newsletter.

This month, we are excited to unveil a new format for our beloved [American Spirit](#) magazine. We hope you will find the content enjoyable and appealing to all ages as we continue to highlight key aspects of American history and culture. The issue has a feature on "Stars and Stripes Forever"

composer John Philip Sousa. For me, the stirring National March embodies patriotism and love of country, and also brings back years of Congress memories with Daughters from around the world.

Separately, please join the DAR in honoring Veterans Day on November 11. We are grateful for all those who are serving or who have served in the United States Armed Forces, and are especially proud of our many military DAR members. We also thank all of our members across the country who will be taking time on November 11 to celebrate our veterans, whether by serving a meal, writing thank you notes, or participating in commemorative services.

Looking forward to December, we hope that you will be able to be with us at our House Beautiful in Washington, D.C., on December 7, for the [DAR Christmas and Holiday Open House](#). The building will be beautifully decorated for this annual tradition and we will celebrate the season with musicians, hot chocolate and cookies for everyone. Santa Claus will even join your Executive Officers as we greet guests and fellowship together! Most of all, I wish you blessings and a holiday season filled with joy, love and friendship as you celebrate in your faith and traditions. I am deeply grateful for each of you and your devoted service as we Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!

Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever!

Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright
President General

STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

Many thanks to Doris Duffy, Service to Veterans and Active-Duty Soldiers!



On November 2, over 300 cards were signed to be stuffed into the stockings!



On November 10, Susan Brook, Tracy Walsh, Sherrye Eaton, Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz and myself

showed up to stuff stockings only to find out I had misunderstood the schedule. They were not open for stuffing, but for dropping off. However,

the gentleman there gave us a tour of all the different stations and how they work.

The Battell and Read Chapter returned "en masse" on November 14. Deb Shetzler, Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz, Rebecca DeVore, Doris Duffy, Nanette Oddo, Tracy Walsh, Sandra



Komenda, Sherrye Eaton, prospective members Lissa Hilsee and Jenn Leary and myself.



A good time was had by all and I look forward to doing it again next year. I did hear whispers from Deb Shetzler and Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz regarding the sewing of stockings for next year...

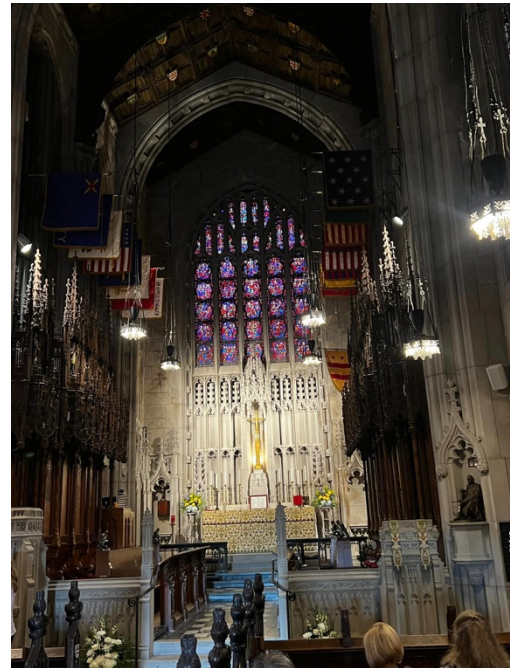


The Delaware Service held at the Washington Memorial Chapel located at Valley Forge was held November 13.

"The Memorial Chapel and a modest bell tower were originally dedicated in 1926 in order to observe the 150th anniversary of the American Revolution. In the beginning, it was a mere wooden tower that housed the "Star Spangled Banner National Peace Chime" of 13 bells representing each of the 13 original colonies. Though expanded over time to add more bells, the unstable wooden structure had to be demolished by 1953. The involvement of our National Society made possible its monumental, permanent replacement."



Jackie Albaum, Nanette Oddo, Janet Leishman and myself were in attendance.



The DAR Commitment to Remembering Valley Forge

Denise Doring VanBuren, President General

December 7, 2020

<https://blog.dar.org/dar-commitment-remembering-valley-forge>)



Our FIRST OFFICIAL chapter meeting was held on November 19, 2022 in the west wing of the New Castle Court House Museum. X of

18 members were in attendance with 3 PMs and 1 pending member.

Due to an error in the Organizing Meeting script, Deb Shetzler had not been called forward to take her oath of office (Registrar).



She was quite surprised to be called forward to do so at the meeting!



Our initial bylaws and budget were passed with all acknowledging these are fluid documents as we grow.

We enjoyed Jennifer Horsley's "Right Sided Pins" presentation on the big screen TV. Deb Shetzler and Laurie Lorenz had a grand idea, and they have ordered the DAR tartan fabric**, as well as magnets and pins to make right sided pin ribbons to sell at the state conference and elsewhere as a fundraiser. Do you sew? Let us know!

There will be no December meeting. Our next meeting is Saturday, January 21, 2023. New

Castle Court House Museum unless otherwise noted.

Our presentation will be by Debbie Duay "I Know It's There, But I Just Can't Find It! - Debbie's "Secret" Search Strategies." This presentation covers key strategies for effectively searching FamilySearch and Ancestry.com.

I had invited Debbie to speak to us via Zoom, but as she is now the Florida State Regent, she had to decline but invited me to feel free to share one of her workshop videos.

Debbie Duay received her Ph.D. in Adult Education from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in 2007. She has over 20 years of experience in genealogy, and she has taught numerous workshops throughout the United States on researching early American ancestry.

Debbie is the Florida State Society DAR State Regent. She also serves as the National Vice Chairman for French Canadian Specialty Research. Debbie has served as the State Vice Regent, State Second Vice Regent, State Organizing Secretary, State Chairman of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission, State Chairman of the Lineage Research Committee, and State Chairman of the Volunteer Genealogists Committee. Her husband, Ted Duay, is a past President of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution. Through Debbie's research skills, her husband has proven his descent from 41 Revolutionary War patriots, a Mayflower passenger, a Jamestowne ancestor, King Edward I of England, and Charlemagne.

Debbie has helped over 450 people join the DAR, and her websites receive more than 250 visitors each day.

You are invited to stop in at my house on Saturday, December 10, between 1p.m. and 3 p.m. for an invite only open house. My house is not on the Spirit of Christmas tour, but I invite each of you to attend the Spirit of Christmas Event and stop by. More information on Spirit of Christmas can be found [here](#).

Be sure to enter any "Service to America" hours after November 19 at this [link](#). I would love to see us get to 100 hours before December 31, 2022. Remember that activities outside the DAR count: SPCA, Lions Club, Church activities, and so much more. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me! I will even put it in the hours for you.

You will notice "**Irregulars Meeting**" dates on the calendar. These are primarily social gatherings for those who may have missed the "regular" meeting but can also be project or education related assistance.

In DAR friendship,

Valarie Leary
Organizing Regent

****The DAR Tartan fabric arrived on Thursday, December 1, 2022. It is GORGEOUS! The photo does not do it justice!**



APPLICATION / TRANSFER STATUS

Prospective Members: Lissa Hilsee, Jenn Leary and Janet Rossiter.

Please be sure to welcome them at our meetings and activities.

Associate Members

Welcome to:

Susan Stonesifer (D.C./DE)
Washington D.C. State Chaplain
Eleanor Wilson Chapter, Past Chapter Regent

Debbie Marshall Vaughn (Cary, NC)
Samuel Johnston Chapter, Regent

Thank you for your support!

DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Rebecca DeVore - Chair

Are you a New Member to DAR or interested in learning more about the Daughters of the American Revolution?

Well, you are in LUCK! The DAR Leadership Training Committee is the place you need to visit 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.

What are you interested in doing with your DAR chapter? What can you bring to the group? Explore the courses and how you can enrich your membership with your chapter.

The courses have been 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.
- **Committee Leaders Course** – Learn what it takes to be a more effective committee leader, from the chapter level all the way up to national chair.
- **New Horizons Course** – Build confidence and leadership skills as an aspiring or current DAR leader.

Please contact your Chapter AND State Coordinator before beginning any course.

Dr. Gloria Lester (glesteredd@aol.com) will provide you with a course syllabus, along with instructions and guidance on how to submit your worksheets for each of the modules.

For more info:

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/standing-committees/dar-leadership-training/member-training-courses>

**** LOOK for more upcoming information about small group learning together in January.**



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. Open House at the home of Chapter Regent, Valarie Leary 201 Harmony St., 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

January 21, 2023, 10:30 a.m.: Regular Chapter Meeting; Topic: "I Know It's There, But I Just Can't Find It! - Debbie's "Secret" Search Strategies."

January 24, 2023: 6:30 p.m. "Irregulars" Meeting/Social.

February 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m.: Regular Chapter Meeting; Honorary State Regent Ginger Trader: DAR Museum Outreach, State Chair Topic: DAR Museum Treasures and "left side" Pins

February 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m. "Irregulars" Meeting/Social

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

March 18, 2022: Fundraiser

March 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: "Irregulars" Meeting/Social

April 15, 2022: Regular Chapter Meeting; Topic: Thomas Lunt, Fort Casimir Honey Company (Beekeeper)

April 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: "Irregulars" Meeting/Social

May 20, 2022: A Day in Old New Castle

May 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: "Irregulars" Meeting/Social

June 14 or 17, 2022: Chapter Meeting/Social, TBD

June 28 – July 2, 2023: Continental Congress

July 15, 2023: Possible Chapter Picnic

September 16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.: Regular Chapter Meeting, TBA

September 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: Irregulars Meeting/Social

October 21, 2023: Delaware State Fall Meeting. Dover, Delaware. *The Fall Meeting falls on the date of our normally scheduled chapter meeting.

October 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: Irregulars Meeting

November 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m.: Regular Chapter Meeting, TBD

November 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: Irregulars Meeting/Social

December, 2023: TBD

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.

The Battell and Read Chapter as well as the Delaware State Society DAR are on Facebook and Instagram!!



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Battell and Read Chapter, NSDAR (public – share!)



Delaware State Society Public Facebook (share!)



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