



## BATTELL AND READ CHAPTER NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE OCTOBER 2022

### October 2022

Dear Daughters,

In October, we celebrate 132 years since the founding of our National Society in 1890. It is remarkable to reflect on the incredible legacy of our founders and how it has lasted over time. Today we are more than 190,000-women strong and engage in activities all over country (and world!), and everything we do remains grounded in service and patriotism.

As you meet with your chapter or states on or around October 11 to celebrate the [DAR National Day of Service](#), we hope that you pause to reflect on the vision that four courageous women—Mary Desha, Eugenia Washington, Mary Smith Lockwood, and Ellen Hardin Walworth—had to establish an organization to perpetuate the memory of our Revolutionary ancestors through service.

This month also marks the 130th anniversary of the first recorded organized recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Hearing the pledge recited in unity always stirs my own love of country and motivates me to share this patriotism with others. As we **Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever!** through this milestone, please consider ways that chapters might share the pledge in your communities, through displays, attending naturalization ceremonies, or by highlighting the anniversary on social media.

Also, please don't forget to apply for the new \$500 [Celebration Grants](#) available to all chapters during the Wright Administration.

These grants, which are part of the President General's Project, are designed celebrate our nation's 250th birthday and the Patriots who achieved American independence. Everything you need to get started, including ideas and application instructions, is available via the [America 250! Committee page](#) on the DAR Members' Website.

As we enjoy the crisp fall weather, this is also the perfect time to reach out to local schools regarding opportunities for students, including various DAR-sponsored scholarships and contests, and needs that chapters might be able to fill. Please see the [Community Classrooms Committee webpage](#) for ideas for how you might engage!

Thank you for the time and dedication that you give our Society. Together, let's ***Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!***

Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright

President General



## Organizing Meeting

Wow! What a wonderful day! WE received so many compliments about the meeting, the Memorial Tribute and luncheon. Thank you all! It truly takes us all working together.

*What happens now?*

I chose to have our Organizing Meeting before being chartered to avoid the “holiday crush.” The Battell and Read Chapter will be chartered by the National Board of Management on November 5.

At our November 19 Chapter Meeting, we will vote on the Bylaws and Budget, both of which you will have for review before the meeting.

Once chartered, we will file for an EIN #, so that we can receive non-profit status information from National. With this information, the Treasurer and myself will open a checking account.

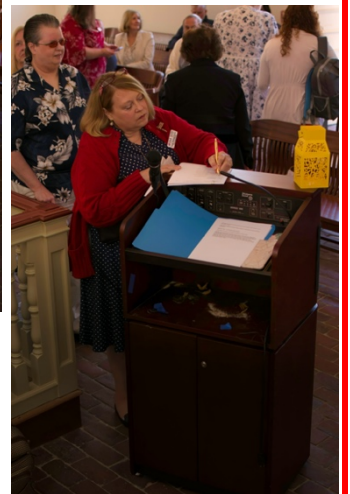
Following opening the checking account, online payment access for any dues, donations, etc. will be set up as well as accounting software.

As a new chapter, we want to build a firm foundation not only ourselves but for those who become members in the future. Goals are ease of use and ease of transfer when officers change, and quality over quantity.

Please enjoy these photos (and those on Facebook) and be sure to check out the articles that were printed in the Cape Gazette (Lewes, Delaware) and the New Castle Weekly (New Castle, Delaware).







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In DAR friendship,  
  
Valarie Leary  
Organizing Regent



## Last Call:

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 became members on October 5, 2022:

Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz  
Christina Everhart  
Debra Shetzler  
Denise Dyson  
Nanette Oddo

The following member has been verified and will become a member on November, 5, 2022:

Pam Derrickson

Pending: Cindy Snyder

Prospective Member: Lissa Hilsee



## STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

**November 2, 2022, 6:30 p.m.:** sign 150+ cards for active-duty military; 201 Harmony St., New Castle, Delaware. Contact Valarie at 302-540-5887 if you have questions. BRING A PEN!

**November 10, 2022, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**November 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

On both of these dates, we will be “stuffing and packing” stockings. If you want to car-pool, let me know.

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.

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



## DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The DAR Leadership Training Committee is proud to be the home 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. 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 State Coordinator before beginning any course**

Dr. Gloria Lester ([glesteredd@aol.com](mailto: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>

## BATTELL AND READ CHAPTER, NSDAR REPRESENTS AT THE 2023 FALL MEETING



Valarie Leary, Tracy Walsh, Denise Dyson, Rebecca DeVore





Janet Leishman, with Harry Roberts, and Lawrence Josefowski, President of Delaware State SAR (DSSSAR) and Harry Roberts III, Former President of the DSSSAR.



**November 2, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Stockings for Soldiers – Card Writing Extravaganza;** currently scheduled at the home of Chapter Regent, Valarie Leary, 201 Harmony St., New Castle, Delaware. If you have not already sent your RSVP, and you intend to attend, please do so as soon as possible.

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

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**November 19, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – Chapter Meeting.** West Wing, New Castle Court House Museum. Bylaws and Budget!

**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: Genealogy

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

**\*February 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m.:** Regular Chapter Meeting; Ginger Trader; DAR Museum/Pins

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

**June 28 – July 2, 2023:** Continental Congress

**July 15, 2023:** Possible Chapter Picnic

**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.

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



Delaware State Society Public Facebook (share!)



Delaware State Society Instagram (share!)



Open to Delaware State Society Members only



## The Bird Report



by Dorothy Colburn

Our mockingbird has resumed his duties as head of the area and is often on his hummingbird feeder crook or at the top of a cedar. I was getting so used to hearing him again that I almost did not notice a catbird going on about something on the 6th. I have often been surprised by how late they linger before migrating but am always thankful that they're here longer. I have seen them as late as October 25th.

Several people have mentioned that hummingbird numbers seem to be down this year. We did not see our usual amounts, and our feeders never ran out, for the first time.

We had another gullfest on the 7th around 5 o'clock, in bright sunlight, also over land, not over the river. There were not as many and were flying much faster, not on a steady counter-clockwise, elongated circle path, much more helter-skelter. This gave rise to more near collisions. Usually both birds slowed almost to a stop, and altered their directions to avoid each other, then quickly resumed their breakneck pace. As before, suddenly their numbers decreased, and in a few minutes, all were gone.

I see the great blue heron at Bull Run almost every day and I have heard blue jays frequently. The geese numbers seem to have declined considerably, so the mallards are back along the edge of the river. All the robins I saw in the woods and in the cemetery are nowhere to be seen, but we know we'll see flocks from time to time, all winter.

In early 2021 University of Delaware scientists installed a tracking system tower on the roof of the Delaware Museum of Nature and Science as part of an international collaborative research network dedicated to tracking the migration of small birds, especially purple martins. These towers read the transmitter tags on birds that fly within about nine miles. The museum's tower has logged more than 3,200 readings.

This July 13th it detected a lesser yellowlegs that had been banded in Colombia in April and was detected in Missouri and Michigan before it was detected by the museum's and five other Delaware towers. I do not think that any banded bird will be able to travel in secret now.

Many more homeowners and heads of businesses have invested in renewable energy, resulting in lower costs so that more will make these choices. On the 27th the News Journal reported that because interest rates have been, "shooting up, several Delaware businesses and agencies are teaming up on a possible solution – a small, modular, super energy-efficient home.

"These solar-powered houses could eliminate monthly bills for electricity, heating and cooling. These homes have higher-than-normal insulation in the walls, roof and floor, an all-electric heating and cooling system with high-efficiency heat-pump technology, well insulated, draft-free windows and doors, and high-efficiency appliances and lighting. They will have 'zero net' energy costs. They were recently honored with two awards from the Department of Energy."

The Associated Press reported on the 1st, "The Environmental Protection Agency is increasing funds for electric school buses from \$500 million to \$964 million across the country. The agency has received requests for more than 12,000 buses. About 1% of the nation's 480,000 buses were electric as of last year."

On the 28th the News Journal reported, "A prototype, all-electric airplane took its first flight in Washington state. If the Federal Aviation Administration certifies the plane to carry passengers, it could become the first all-electric commercial airplane. It was built to carry nine passengers and two pilots and is powered by 21,500 small Tesla-style battery cells."

On the 11th USA Today reported that a major airline, "has invested in a company that hopes to deliver hydrogen for use in planes. The hydrogen company expects to deliver hydrogen for regional aircraft in 2025 and to larger, single-aisle aircraft as a primary fuel by the mid-2030s. The airline cast its investment as a vote of confidence in hydrogen becoming a key element of a sustainable aviation industry."

High-flying birds and people who work in airports or live near them, as well as all the nearby creatures, will probably benefit hugely from breathing cleaner air.

## First New Chapter Of DAR in 50 Years Meets

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, the Battell and Read Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held their organizing meeting. The Battell and Read Chapter is the first new chapter of the DAR to be established in Delaware in over 50 years.

The event was held at the New Castle Court House Museum, in recognition of its historical significance to the founding of our country. The oath of membership was administered by Delaware State Regent, Barbara Seningen to 12 new members. 6 Transferring members renewed their oath of membership together with the new members. Special guests included Honorary State Regents Virginia Trader and Dr. Gloria Lester, Delaware Sons of the American Revolution President Larry Josefowski, Councilman and First State National Historical Park Superintendent (ret.) Russ Smith. Also in attendance were Dawn Clair, State Recording Secretary, and Sarah O'Donnell, State Corresponding Secretary.

Following the meeting, a memorial tribute was held at the graveside of Gertrude Ross Till Read, who is interred at Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green. A luncheon catered by Zollie's Jazz Cucina was held at the Academy Building.

The Battell and Read Chapter name honors the historic contributions of two Delaware daughters, while proudly displaying the face of #TodaysDAR. Elizabeth Empson Battell and Gertrude Ross Till Read came from different counties (Kent and New Castle) and diverse socio-economic classes, but both worked tirelessly to support and keep Delaware united in the cause for independence. Though very different, they were clearly empowered to do what needed to be done and made significant contributions to the history of the American Revolution in Delaware.

DAR daughters are vibrant, active women who are passionate

history, educating children, as well as honoring and supporting those who serve our nation. Members come from a variety of backgrounds and interests, but all share a common bond of having an ancestor who helped contribute to securing the independence of the United States of America. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible to join. Since its founding in 1890, over 1,000,000 women have been members.



*#TodaysDAR is a welcoming, dynamic, and relevant organization with a mission that matters. Through active engagement and determination, our members show our communities what it means to be a member of our diverse, vibrant organization, and demonstrate our vitality through service projects and positive outreach. There is something for every woman in #TodaysDAR and we invite you to join us as we rejoice in our ties of service and friendship. For more information, please email [info@battellandreadar.org](mailto:info@battellandreadar.org), or visit [dar.org](http://dar.org).*



Lewes DAR supports new upstate chapter

October 26, 2022

The Col. David Hall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, based in Lewes, and the newly established Battell and Read Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, based in New Castle, received their Lantern designations Oct. 15. The designation goes to any chapter that transfers an organizing regent to establish a new chapter.

The Col. David Hall Chapter transferred Valarie Leary as the organizing regent of the the first new DAR chapter to be established in Delaware in more than 50 years.

The Battell and Read Chapter name honors the historic contributions of two Delaware daughters, Elizabeth Empson Battell and Gertrude Ross Till Read. The two women came from different counties, Kent and New Castle, and diverse socioeconomic classes, but both worked tirelessly to support and keep Delaware united in the cause for independence. Both made significant contributions to the history of the American Revolution in Delaware.

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Following the meeting, a memorial tribute was held at the graveside of Gertrude Ross Till Read, who is interred at Immanuel Episcopal Church on The Green. A catered luncheon was held at the Old Academy Building.

DAR members are vibrant, active women who are passionate about community service, preserving history, educating children, and honoring and supporting those who serve the nation. Members come from a variety of backgrounds and interests, but all share a common bond of having an ancestor who helped contribute to securing the independence of the United States of America.

To learn more, email [delawaredar1895@gmail.com](mailto:delawaredar1895@gmail.com) (<https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=delawaredar1895@gmail.com>) or go to [dar.org](http://www.dar.org) (<http://www.dar.org>) .



Daughters of the American Revolution members are in back (l-r) Sherry Eaton; Cindy Snyder; Valarie Leary, organizing regent; Jan Henion; Denise Dyson; Tracy Walsh; Rebecca DeVore; Sandra Schmidt Komenda; and Susan Brook. In front are Janet Leishman, Jackie Albaum, Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz, Christina Everhart, Nanette Oddo, Doris Duffy and Debra Shetzler. Not pictured are Pam Derrickson and Deborah Smith. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today  
(All day)  
Virtual Autumn at the Beach Kitchen Tour Fundraiser  
(All day)

Tomorrow  
(All day)  
Rehoboth Beach Then & Now Self-guided Walking Tour  
(All day)