



The BAR Tab

New Castle, Delaware

May 2024

Organized October 15, 2022



CALENDAR

June 15, 2024, 10:30 a.m.:
Chapter Meeting and Lunch;
New Castle Court House
Museum

June 26 – 30, 2024:
Continental Congress
Washington, D.C.

July and August - No
meetings; may arrange social
event

September 17 – 23, 2024,
10:30 a.m. Constitution
Week; need for new display

September 21, 2024 –
Chapter Meeting, TBD

October 6, 2024: Lafayette in
Delaware

- 4:30 Wine and Cheese
reception at Amstel
House (free event)
- Pre-fixe dinner at
Jessop's Tavern -
Charlie Zahn

October 10, 2024: Day of
Service

Dear Daughters,

May was a great month with Teacher Appreciation Week, A Day in Old New Castle and Memorial Day activities. I asked members to submit articles and comments about the events. See those stories on the following pages.

The new chapter pin has arrived! I will have them at the June 15 chapter meeting. They are \$15 each. I prefer cash but I can now take Zelle or Venmo!

Sherrye Eaton designed a chapter tee-shirt and will have size samples at the June 15 meeting. Each person will be able to log into a link and purchase their preferred color and size.

At the June 15 meeting, several bylaws will be presented for an update or change. Most substantive is the proposal to change the chapter meeting from the 3rd Saturday to the 2nd Saturday of the month. My reasons for proposing this change are:

- There are fewer scheduling conflicts with Fall and Spring State Meetings and events in New Castle.
- I tend not to read the President General's Message at our meetings because it feels "stale" by the 3rd Saturday.
- It would give me more options in the month for DAR after Dark.

Your executive board will be meeting June 20, 2024 to discuss the budget, programming, etc. Please provide any ideas and feedback to any of the officers including myself.

Yours in DAR Friendship,

Valarie Leary, Regent

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Janet Rossiter



On Wednesday, May 8th. Tracy, Susan B., Denise, and Janet R. presented Thank You cards at Wilmington Manor Elementary School to recognize and honor the 32 teachers for their dedication and hard work in the education of our children. Orchestrated by Rebecca D., the ladies were met by Principal, Lindsay DiEmidio and visited First, Third and Fifth grade classrooms where 4 teachers were given the gifts. Susan engaged with the children providing insights into the DAR with some fun Q & A and of course a photoshoot with all three classes.

The teachers were grateful for the visit and gifts. Rebecca D, Valarie, Sandra C. Janet R. and Debbie S. compiled the thank you cards earlier in the week which included a hand written message and Amazon and Wawa gift cards.



A DAY IN OLD NEW CASTLE

Antoinette Maccari-Klingsberg: Perhaps most of us did not expect to be singing in the rain on May 18th, 2024, where Lucy Uke and Patrick Daniels made the ladies at our DAR pop-up tent feel festive, while they sang their tunes at the corner of Delaware and Market Streets! The New Castle Community Partnership (NCCP) hosted “A Day in Old New Castle: Stories Ignited,” commemorating the



1824 Great Fire that affected our amazing town; this was the 99th annual house and garden tour event that has become much more

over the years. Despite the weather, over 400 visitors participated, and numerous volunteers from our chapter made the event possible, spurred on by our regent, Valarie Leary, who always champions our volunteerism.



The event featured a rich tapestry of historical and thematic activities; a showcase of vintage fire apparatus assembled by Good Will Fire Co. Chief Dave Majewski, a special exhibit curated by Ken Sturgis of Opera House Antiques, community narratives about the town's perseverance post-fire, a talk and a unique signage walking tour of the Strand, offered by Mike Connolly of the New Castle Historical Society.

History came alive on the Green with reenactors; encampments of the First Delaware Regiment and the Colonial New Amstel Garrison helped us imagine our ancestors' experiences during the American Revolution.

Shipboard cooking with Susan Plaisted transported attendees back in time, while tours of the tall ship Kalmar Nyckel provided a glimpse into maritime history on the Delaware River.



The Read House & Gardens featured stories of survival and destruction linked to the Read family. The George Read II property is where the Great Fire ceased. The Declaration of

Independence signer, George Read's house was consumed by fire in 1824. In 2024 a Peony sale was happening where Gertrude Ross Till Read (our DAR mother namesake), supported her husband's presidency (governorship) during the American Revolution.

The event highlighted community spirit and historical appreciation, making it a day to remember despite the rain. To join us in planning next year's Centennial Celebration of A Day in Old New Castle, contact Antoinette Maccari-Klingsberg at antoinette.maccari@gmail.com.



Lori Porter: I chatted with visitors who braved the rain and stopped by our DAR display. I informed them about the upcoming Lafayette Bicentennial Tour and gave away freebies.



I learned how to make dog biscuits, poodles make the best hunting dogs, a local man is trying to preserve a New Castle farm site, and a portrait of the Marquis de Lafayette hangs above the fireplace in the Van Dyke house.



concessions down at the wharf. Antoinette even had a QR code to place on the tables asking how they thought A Day in Old New Castle went!



Laurie Lorenz:

I put out the (beautifully created!) signs regarding the houses on the Strand. It was fascinating to read the blurbs on “damaged”, “destroyed” & “survived”.

Janet R: My husband Rob and I volunteered at ADIONC at the volunteer and information table during the few afternoon hours without rain. Stationed in front of the Courthouse, we had a perfect view of the Antique Firetrucks and directed guests to the registration tables. Afterwards, I joined the Battell and Read tent for the final hour and breakdown.

Rebecca D: The rain did not diminish our SPARKLE! I had the opportunity to meet a new friend and volunteer with published author and poet Torrey Malek! We worked to put up tables and place table clothes for the

After we accomplished that we walked up enjoying the artist painting on their canvas for the art competition then made it to the BAR tent. I introduced Torrey to my fellow daughters. Susan and Torrey immediately struck up a conversation about being in the SAR and genealogy. You never know what interests someone shares with you! I volunteered for an hour at the tent, greeting the public and sharing about the Battell and Read Chapter and the Lafayette Celebration on October 6th. One of my favorite parts was talking to Lori and getting to know her better and also when Antoinette purchased some of our puppy treats, we made to give to the puppies from the SPCA that were hoping to find new forever homes.

I would highly recommend to our daughters to spend a few hours volunteering next year.

Valarie: Despite the nearly constant rain, ADIONC was a success! The theme of “The Great Fire of 1824” was carried off exceptionally well! Our pop-up did very well, considering the decreased attendance. The dog treats and catnip toys went over well and were “cat approved.”



Central to the event's success were fellow DAR sisters, Cindy Snyder, who has led “A Day in Old New Castle” for over a decade, and Antoinette Maccari-Klingsberg, serving her first year as chairperson from the NCCP. Antoinette's fresh leadership and Cindy's seasoned experience ensured another smooth execution. You might have seen them zipping around in a golf cart!



Thanks to each and every one of you who volunteered whether at the pop-up or at the event itself or both! I know that Cindy and Antoinette also appreciate it! Be sure to enter

your hours and service to America, or be prepared to put them on the sheet at our year end meeting on June 15. Mark your calendars!!

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Doris Duffy at the Delaware Memorial Veterans Cemetery

Keynote Speaker Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long, and Special Remarks Speaker U.S. House Representative Lisa Blunt-Rochester were guest speakers at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, Delaware on Saturday, May 25th for the annual Memorial Day celebration to honor our fallen veterans.



Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long delivered a speech entitled “Telling Their Stories”, ‘All gave some...some gave All.’”

During her address, she urged us to engage our relatives in conversations about their experiences serving our country, inviting us to uncover the bravery, hardships, and other challenges they faced. She disclosed her own familial connection to a soldier who fought in the Revolutionary War.

A small crowd attended due to information about this event being hard to find.

The 102-year old Ray Firmani was also in attendance. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his B52 Fighter Pilot missions during World War II.

We were given flags, coffee, and assorted pastries. We placed our flags on the graves of two friends who were buried there.

Please make plans to attend next year’s service to honor our veterans.

Denise Dyson at the DRBA Memorial Day Ceremony

I attended the Memorial Service for Veterans on Thursday, May 30th, 2024, in New Castle, Delaware with Mary Ellen Craig and Sherrye Eaton. It was my first time attending, so I wasn’t sure what to expect. I arrived late and had trouble finding my way before finally parking my car.



After making my way to the tent, I found Mary Ellen and Sherrye, who had saved a seat for me, but I chose to walk around and take pictures instead. The service was beautiful, with dignitaries speaking and heartfelt speeches.



Three things stood out to me the most and made me emotional. First was when they recognized all the organizations supporting the Memorial Day event and asked us to honor the wreath symbolizing those who died in the war. Our organization, The Daughters of the American Revolution, was also acknowledged, which made us proud.



Second was when soldiers from every branch of the service marched in front of the monument and fired their rifles as a tribute. It was especially moving when taps was played

on the trumpet. I saw many people wiping their eyes.

I captured a moment of Mary Ellen placing her hand on the name of her husband's uncle, who died at 18 during WWII. This experience made me realize the sacrifices made by these brave men and women in the armed forces, and it's something that we should always remember and honor.



Lafayette Bicentennial Takes Delaware by Storm! Lori Porter

Hold onto your powdered wigs ladies, because the Lafayette Bicentennial Tour is about to hit Delaware like a tsunami of chocolate croissants and French charm! As the countdown begins to this historical extravaganza, the American Friends of Lafayette – Delaware is pulling out all the stops and buzzing with anticipation as they prepare for the arrival of the legendary Marquis de Lafayette.

On Sunday, October 6, 2024, the Delaware Lafayette Bicentennial celebration will sweep through Delaware. Featuring five Wilmington locations, participants can expect guest speakers, educational programs, tours, historical reenactments, children's programs, military salutes, period music, food, and more - all aimed at commemorating Lafayette's contributions to human rights and American

independence. The final Delaware tour stop is in Old New Castle with a 4pm cocktail reception at Amstel House and a 6pm ticketed prix fixe dinner at Jessop's Tavern.

For more information visit lafayett200.org or join our FB group page "Lafayette Bicentennial -Delaware."

So, grab your tri-corner hats, dust off your French phrasebook, and join in the merriment as Lafayette descends upon Delaware for a Bicentennial Tour like no other. Vive la Lafayette!

2024
LAFAYETTE
ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

"Who is Lafayette, and What Does He Mean to America, Then and Now?"

FIRST PLACE
GIDEON FORSLUND
Homeschooled, Fifth Grade
Stanwood, WA

SECOND PLACE
CAROLINE GROW
St. Mary Magdalen, Fourth Grade
Wilmington, DE

THIRD PLACE
MARIA SPROUSE
St. Benedict's Catholic School, Fourth Grade
Atchison, KS

HONORABLE MENTION
JOHN-PAUL SPROUSE
St. Benedict's Catholic School, Fifth Grade
Atchison, KS

Congratulations!

REGISTRAR REPORT May 2024

Deb Shetzler, Registrar
Sherrye Eaton, Asst. Registrar

Below is an updated summary for our current list of 12 PMs.

• **In review by National**

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- AIR: 1
- Initial review: 1
- **In process (app or research): 5**
 - App complete - pending gen 1-3 docs: 1
 - Research & app in progress:
 - Research needed - not yet begun: 2
- **Assess continued interest / On Hold / Remove: 3**
 - No reply since February: 1
 - On hold since March at PM request: 1
 - App complete - no reply from PM about signing: 1

50 books were distributed among 6 boxes. Our shipment was reported to Marisa at Operation Paperback.

Congratulations to all who were able to donate books! We will do it again in a few months.

[Operation Paperback](#) is a national, non-profit organization, whose volunteers collect gently-used books and send them to American troops overseas, as well as veterans and military families here at home. Since 1999, we have shipped over 2.9 million books to countries all over the world.

Thanks to Deb and Sherrye!!!



OPERATION PAPERBACK

The chapter collected books in February for Operations Paperback but due to scheduling,

the need for several boxes, and other excuses (LOL), the books sat by my front door until the other day. My husband threatened to take the books to Goodwill unless I took care of them.

Many thanks to Allie (a prospective member) who lives nearby as she was able to come over and help pack up and label the boxes.



Today's Daughters rise up to perform meaningful service promoting DAR's mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism every day. Members are encouraged to record their volunteer service efforts to help demonstrate DAR's widespread significant impact in local communities.

Members are eligible to wear this pin once hours of service, under any administration, have been logged into the online tally. No verification is required.

As of June 3, 2024, 561 hours are logged! And we are only half way through the year! Our chapter goal is 750 hours which I know we will exceed.

Log your **Service to America** hours [here](#)

DID YOU KNOW that the below activities ALL count as Service to America hours:

- Volunteering at local historical societies or associations
- Volunteering in schools, hospitals, and churches
- Volunteering with other lineage societies outside of DAR
- Transporting or sitting with those facing medical issues (non-family members)
- Service as a DAR chapter / C.A.R. senior society, state or national officer; committee chairman, vice chairman, co-chairman, committee member, etc. This includes all planning, communication, board meetings, and committee meetings.

If you need help logging hours, or are unsure if your hours count, please contact Valarie.

**What's a QUORUM?
And why should you care**

Our by-laws state that a quorum is 50% + 1 of our membership. *We have 27 members as of June 3, 2024 and our quorum is 14.*

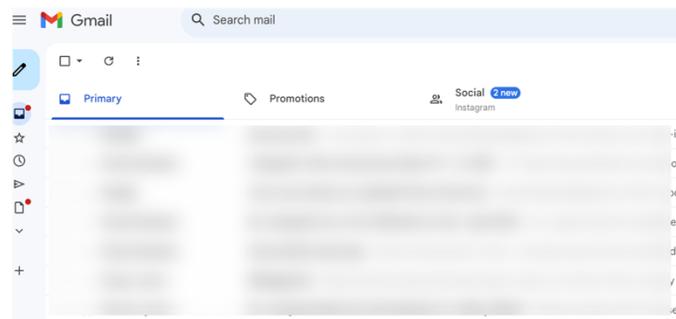
A quorum is the minimum number of members that must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid. A meeting quorum is required at our chapter meetings for the purpose of conducting and voting on new chapter business. Without it we can't make motions, change bylaws, initiate group projects, purchase items, donate money, and so forth.

Please plan to attend as many meetings as possible so we can meet the quorum needed to achieve our chapter goals.

VIS MINUTE

Gmail will place emails from a mass email application in the Promotions inbox instead of the Primary inbox. If this is occurring, one should open the Promotions inbox, locate the email they would like to always go to the Primary inbox, and click & drag it to the Primary inbox. Going forward, Gmail will know to place emails with that 'from address' into the Primary inbox.

Bev Baker, National Chair



THIS CALENDAR REFLECTS THE 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.



June 8, 2024 – Separation Day

June 15, 2024: Chapter meeting

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Washington, D.C.

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- Pre-fixe dinner at Jessop's Tavern - Charlie Zahn

October 10, 2024: Day of Service

October 12, 2024 – Chapter Meeting and Card Signing for Active-Duty Military

October 19, 2024 – State Fall Meeting; Odessa Fire Hall

November - Stockings for Soldiers

November 7, 2024: Naturalization Ceremony at the New Castle Court House Museum

November 11, 2024: Veterans Day

November 17, 2024 – Chapter Meeting

December 7, 2024 – Holiday Tea

December 14 - Spirit of Christmas

**BYLAWS OF THE BATTELL AND READ CHAPTER
OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this chapter shall be the Battell and Read Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II - Objects

The objects of this chapter shall be to promote the objects of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the National Society or NSDAR.

- (1) To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results; by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;
- (2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens;
- (3) To cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III - Members

Section 1. Eligibility. Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is lineally descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided an applicant for chapter membership is personally acceptable to the chapter.

Section 2. Admission. No chapter may discriminate against an eligible applicant for membership. The applicant shall submit all required documents, prepared in accordance with instructions established and distributed by the National Society, and accompanied by the prescribed fees and dues within one year, unless granted extension by the chapter.

Section 3. Transfers and reinstatements. A member desiring to unite with the chapter by transfer, either from another chapter or from member-at-large, or by reinstatement, shall be approved by the chapter.

Section 4. Associates.

- a. Members whose membership is in another chapter may be admitted as associate members provided that any member so admitted shall be a chapter member in good standing and may be an associate member in not more than two chapters in a state at the same time.
- b. An associate member shall not be counted toward representation or have a right to vote or to hold office in the chapter. An associate member may participate in a committee.

Section 5. Resignations. A member desiring to resign shall present her resignation in writing to the chapter registrar, who shall immediately report the resignation to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General. A member whose dues are delinquent shall not be entitled to resign from membership. [NSDAR Bylaws Article IV. Section 2(e)(4).]

Section 6. Honorary Chapter Regent. At the end of her term a chapter regent may be eligible to be elected honorary chapter regent after serving a full term in office. Election may be by voice or ballot vote and a majority shall elect. An honorary chapter regent shall have no duties or privileges.

ARTICLE IV - Fees and Dues

Section 1. Application Fee. The application fee to the National Society shall be as determined by the Continental Congress. [NSDAR Bylaws Article IV. Section 1.(a)]

Section 2. Annual Dues.

- a. The annual chapter dues shall be \$20.00 plus the amount required by the National Society and the Delaware State Society DAR payable in advance on or before November 1 of each year.
- b. Dues for a member admitted or reinstated on or after July 5 shall be credited for the upcoming dues year, which begins December 1. [NSDAR Bylaws, Article IV. Section 2.(c)]
- c. The dues and fees for readmission of a resigned member and of a member dropped for non-payment of dues shall be as established in the bylaws of the National Society. [NSDAR Bylaws Article IV. Section 4.]
- d. The annual dues of an associate member shall be \$15 payable in advance on or before November 1 of each year with evidence of her membership in good standing in another chapter. She shall pay no national or state dues through this chapter.
- e. The annual national dues for each member shall be sent by the chapter treasurer to the Office of the Organizing Secretary General, payable to the Treasurer General, by the date and method established in the bylaws of the National Society.
- f. On December 1 the chapter treasurer shall notify all members whose dues have not been paid that their dues are delinquent and that such member is ineligible to vote in

chapter business. Membership will automatically terminate if national dues are not received by the date and method established in the bylaws of the National Society.

ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 1. Officers. The elected officers of the chapter shall be a Regent, First Vice Regent, Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian and Librarian. The chapter officers reported to the National Society shall be the Regent, the First Vice Regent, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Registrar. The Battell and Read Chapter shall have at least these five officers, and no member shall hold two of these offices, except if the chapter has thirty (30) or fewer members. The offices of chapter regent, chapter recording secretary and chapter treasurer shall be held by three separate chapter members in all chapters. [*NSDAR Bylaws*, Article XIII. Section 6(a) & (d)]

Section 2. Nominations. In the year of an election, a nominating committee of 3 members shall be elected at the regular meeting in January. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate, whose consent to serve has been obtained for each office to be filled and to report two months prior to the meeting at which election will be held. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee shall first have been obtained.

Section 3. Eligibility. To be eligible for the office of Regent or First Vice Regent, a member shall have held membership in the chapter for at least one year prior to her election. Requests for exceptions may be submitted to the National Board of Management by a vote of a two-thirds of the chapter members.

Section 4. Term of Office. Officers shall be elected by ballot for a term of 3 years or until their successors are elected. A majority vote shall elect. If there is only one nominee, the election for that office may be by voice vote or declared elected by the regent. The term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting. No member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office. To ensure good health and vitality of a chapter, incumbents are encouraged to seek out and train/mentor replacement officers. A member who has served more than half a term in any office shall be considered to have served a term. A chapter regent may not serve more than six consecutive years, except by permission of the National Board of Management.

Section 5. Vacancies. In case of a vacancy in the office of chapter regent, the first vice regent shall become chapter regent. Vacancies in other offices shall be filled by the executive board until the next annual meeting when the chapter shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI - Duties of Officers

Section 1. Duties. The officers of the Battell and Read Chapter shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, and such others as the bylaws of the National Society, the bylaws of the Delaware State Society DAR and the parliamentary authority, and such other duties as shall be ordered by the chapter.

Section. 2. The regent shall:

- a. preside at all meetings of the chapter and of the executive board, and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter;
- b. be the chief executive officer of the chapter;
- c. appoint all committees except the nominating committee
- d. appoint a parliamentarian if desired
- e. be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee;
- f. complete the Chapter Master Report, or ensure it is completed, and submit it as instructed.

Section 3. The first vice regent shall:

- a. perform the duties and responsibilities of the chapter regent in her absence or inability to serve.
- b. Take an active role in planning the programs for chapter meetings, along with the help of other chapter members or committees.

Section 4. The chaplain shall:

- a. conduct such religious services as required;
- b. communicate, whenever possible, with members who are ill or in distress;
- c. plan memorial services for deceased members.

Section 5. The recording secretary shall:

- a. record the proceedings of the meetings of the chapter and executive board;
- b. be custodian of all records not otherwise provided for;
- c. notify officers of their election and committees of their appointment;
- d. notify officers and chairs of votes affecting their duties;
- e. keep a roll of members of committees and of the chapter.

Section 6. The corresponding secretary shall:

- a. send notices of meetings;
- c. conduct correspondence as requested by the regent or required by action of the chapter or the executive board.

Section 7. The treasurer shall:

- a. receive all funds of the chapter and deposit them in a financial institution as may be designated by the chapter or the executive board;

- b. disburse funds as directed by the chapter, and pay only those bills authorized by the Regent.
- c. remit national dues to the office of the Organizing Secretary General prior to the first day of December, and state dues to the state treasurer by the first day of December, of every active member;
- d. file the appropriate form 990 with the IRS following the end of the fiscal year and any annual reports required by the state taxing authority.
- d. prepare the accounts for a financial review or audit before each annual meeting.

Section 8. The registrar shall:

- a. assist prospective members in the application process;
- b. ascertain, prior to submitting, that the application is in proper form and accompanied by properly prepared supporting documentation;
- c. see that together with the application and documentation, the proper fees are remitted as established by the current procedure of the National Society;
- d. notify chapter officers and the new member of acceptance to membership;
- f. upon transfer out of the chapter, send the member's application to the member (if transfer is to member-at-large) or the receiving chapter;
- g. report to the office of the Organizing Secretary General all changes in membership, marriage, divorce, deaths, resignations, transfers, and changes in contact information as they occur.

Section 9. The historian shall:

- a. direct such historical work as may be requested by the chapter in accordance with the historical programs of the National Society and of the Delaware State Society.
- b. be custodian of historical and biographical papers which the chapter may acquire.

Section 10. The librarian shall:

- a. cooperate with the state librarian in securing books for the DAR Library in Washington DC;
- b. provide other library work as the National Society and the Delaware State Society may authorize.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

Section 1. Monthly Meetings. The regular meetings of the chapter shall be held on the third Saturday of each month from September to May inclusive, unless otherwise ordered by the chapter or executive committee.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The regular meeting in May shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of officers and committees, electing officers, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the regent or by the executive committee and shall be called upon the written request of 3 members. Except in cases of

emergency, 3 days notice shall be given. The business transacted at any special meeting shall be limited to that stated in the call to the meeting.

Section 4. Electronic Meetings. The majority of regular chapter meetings shall be held in-person, except that provision may be made for members who are unable to attend in person to participate electronically, so long as all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate, subject to any limitations established in special rules of order or standing rules adopted to govern such participation, and at reasonable expense to the chapter. Electronic mail (email) shall not be used to conduct meetings.

Section 5. Quorum. The majority of members of the chapter shall constitute a quorum for a regular or special meeting. [The quorum should be as large a number of members as can reasonably be expected to be present at any meeting. If membership is continually declining, a percentage may be more suitable. If no quorum is set in the bylaws, the default is a majority of the membership.]

Section 6. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 7. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent electronically.

Section 8. Cancelled Meetings. In case of emergency, 3 chapter officers may collectively agree to cancel a regularly scheduled meeting due to adverse weather or other circumstances beyond the control of the chapter or members. Every attempt will be made to provide timely notification to members.

ARTICLE VIII - Executive Committee

Section 1. Officers. The elected officers of the chapter shall constitute the executive committee.

Section 2. Authority. The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its meetings and shall make recommendations to the chapter. The committee is subject to the orders of the chapter and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the chapter.

Section 3. Meetings. Meetings of the executive committee shall be at the call of the regent, or upon written request of 4 members of the executive committee. Meetings shall be held at a central location, but executive committee members who are not present in person may be permitted to participate electronically, so long as all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate, subject to any limitations established in special rules of order or standing rules adopted by the executive committee to govern such participation, and at reasonable expense to the chapter.

Section 4. Quorum. 4 of the members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for a regular or special meeting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 5. Non-members. With the consent of the members of the executive committee the regent may invite chapter chairs or other non-members to attend meetings of the executive committee and to participate in discussion. Chapter chairs and other non-members shall not make motions, second motions, or vote.

Section 6. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 7. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent electronically.

Section 8. Email Voting. In an emergency the Regent and/or the Executive Committee shall have the authority to render a decision by electronic means providing that all available officers have been consulted.

ARTICLE IX - Committees

Section 1. Program Committee. A Program Committee of 3 members appointed by the regent, shall plan the programs for the year (subject to approval by the executive committee). The committee shall elect the chair.

Section 2. Budget Committee. A budget committee consisting of the treasurer and 2 members, appointed by the regent, shall consider requests for funds, prepare a budget, and submit it to the chapter for approval at the October meeting. The treasurer shall not serve as chair. The regent shall appoint the chair.

Section 3. Financial Review Committee. A Financial Review Committee of 3 members, appointed by the regent, shall examine the Treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year and report at the annual meeting. Such report will be adopted by the members.

Section 4. Other committees. Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the regent as the chapter may authorize or as the National Society or the Delaware State Society may require.

Section 5. Meetings. Committee meetings shall be held at the call of the chair or upon the request 3 members of the committee. Meetings shall be held at a central location, except that provision may be allowed for members who are unable to attend in person to participate electronically, so long as all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate, subject to any limitations established in special rules of order or standing rules

adopted to govern such participation, and at reasonable expense to the chapter. Electronic mail (email) shall not be used to conduct meetings.

Section 6. Quorum. The majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. [Alternatively, a majority of the members could be set as the quorum; however, this creates a problem when there are vacancies. If the bylaws do not set quorum, it is a majority of the membership.]

Section 7. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 8. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the chair, in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent electronically.

Section 9. Email Voting. In matters that require urgency and when a meeting is not critical to a decision, and with the written permission of every member, a vote may be conducted by electronic mail (email) which must be ratified at the next meeting.

ARTICLE X - Representation

Section 1. Continental Congress. The representation of the chapter at Continental Congress shall be as provided in the bylaws of the National Society.

Section 2. State Conference. The representation of the chapter at meetings of the Delaware State Society shall be as provided in the bylaws of the Delaware State Society.

Section 3. Delegates. The chapter shall elect delegates and alternates for Continental Congress and for the state conference at the February meeting. [Delegates and alternates for Continental Congress must be elected on or before the first day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress each year and credentials forms must be postmarked no later than the 15th day of the second month preceding the month of Continental Congress. If the state bylaws provide a different deadline for the list of delegates elected to represent the chapter at the state conference, make two sections and give the deadline required for the state meeting.]

ARTICLE XI - Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the chapter in all cases to which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, or the bylaws, special rules of order, standing rules or any rulings of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Delaware State Society.

ARTICLE XII - Amendment to Bylaws

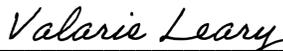
Section 1. Proposed Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the chapter by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting (or with the call of the meeting). Unless otherwise provided prior to its adoption or in the motion to adopt, an amendment shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 2. Mandatory Amendments. Any amendment adopted by the National Society, or by the Delaware State Society affecting the work of this chapter shall become the law of the chapter without further notice. [*NSDAR Bylaws*, Article XV. Section 10 and Article XXI. Section 3.]

ARTICLE XIII - Dissolution

Although the period of duration of the chapter is perpetual, if for any reason the chapter is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the chapter or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the officers or members of the chapter. Upon the dissolution of the chapter, assets shall be distributed by the chapter executive committee to and only to the state organization of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Bylaws approved: November 19, 2022



Valarie Leary, Organizing Regent

Amended: Amended May 17, 2023

BATTELL AND READ CHAPTER, NSDAR BY-LAWS PROPOSALS

Article 3, Section 3: Section 3. Transfers and reinstatements. A member desiring to unite with the chapter by transfer, either from another chapter or from member-at-large, or by reinstatement, shall be approved by the chapter.

Proposed: Section 3. Transfers and reinstatements. A member desiring to unite with the chapter by transfer, either from another chapter or from member-at-large, or by reinstatement, **shall notify the chapter via email.**

Article 3, Section 4. Associates.

a. Members whose membership is in another chapter may be admitted as associate members provided that any member so admitted shall be a chapter member in good standing and may be an associate member in not more than two chapters in a state at the same time.

Proposed: Section 4. Associates.

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Article IV, Section 2:

Proposed: *G. Friends of Battell and Read (FOBAR) is offered to those prospective members whose application does not result in a valid patriot and who have shown an interest in the chapter meetings and activities. The annual dues of a FOBAR shall be \$15 payable in advance on or before November 1 of each year.*

Article V, Duties of Officers:

Section 6. The corresponding secretary shall:

- a. send notices of meetings;
- c. conduct correspondence as requested by the regent or required by action of the chapter or the executive board.

Proposed: Section 6. The corresponding secretary shall:

~~a. send notices of meetings;~~

- a. conduct correspondence as requested by the regent or required by action of the chapter or the executive board.

Article VII, Section 1: Meetings

Section 1. Monthly Meetings. The regular meetings of the chapter shall be held on the third Saturday of each month from September to May inclusive, unless otherwise ordered by the chapter or executive committee.

BATTELL AND READ CHAPTER, NSDAR BY-LAWS PROPOSALS

Proposed: Section 1. Monthly Meetings. The regular meetings of the chapter shall be held on the **second** Saturday of each month from September to **June** inclusive, unless otherwise ordered by the chapter or executive committee.

Section 2: Section 2. Annual Meeting. The regular meeting in May shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of officers and committees, electing officers, and for any other business that may arise.

Proposed: Section 2. Annual Meeting. The regular meeting in **June** shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of receiving reports of officers and committees, electing officers, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 5: Quorum. The majority of members of the chapter shall constitute a quorum for a regular or special meeting. [The quorum should be as large a number of members as can reasonably be expected to be present at any meeting. If membership is continually declining, a percentage may be more suitable. If no quorum is set in the bylaws, the default is a majority of the membership.]

Do we want to change the quorum from 50% of the membership +1 to a specific # of attendees.? We will have 31 members by mid summer.