



# The BAR Tab

## New Castle, Delaware

### October 2023

Organized October 15, 20



#### CALENDAR

**November 4, 2023, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Cards for Active Duty Military:** New Castle Library, 424 Delaware St. New Castle

**November 6, 2023; Stockings for Soldiers Stuffing 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**November 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m.:** Regular Chapter Meeting, Read House, 42 The Strand, New Castle; business meeting with tour to follow

**December 2, 2023:** Chapter Holiday Tea, 201 Harmony St., New Castle

**December 9, 2023:** Spirit of Christmas, New Castle, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**January 20, 2023; 10:30 a.m.:** Museum of the American Revolution Field Trip

**February 17, 2023; 10:30 a.m.:** Regular Chapter Meeting

**March 16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.:** Regular Chapter Meeting

Dear Daughters,

The Battell and Read Chapter organized on October 15, 2022. We were the first chapter to organize in Delaware in 50 years, and we have exceeded expectations!

At nearly every event I attend, as well as via emails and phone calls, I hear from other Daughters that they are impressed by our chapter...by what we do and how we do it! Our chapter represents the best of #TodaysDAR in so many ways including diverse backgrounds, a variety of interests and by thinking outside of the box. Bourbon Tasting, wristlets, milkweed seed balls and more!

DAR involvement is what you make of it. You can spend as much time participating in the DAR as you want or are able to. The DAR is meaningful to its members throughout their lives, and you can participate in a variety of ways during different stages in your life.

I am so proud of all of you for persevering through our growing pains, for contributing your time and resources. It truly warms my heart to see the care and concern we have for one another and the friendships that have developed. I would like to recognize our Organizing and Charter members:

Organizing Members: Jackie Albaum, Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz, Susan Brook, Pam Derrickson, Rebecca DeVore, Doris Duffy, Denise Dyson, Sherrye Eaton, Chris Everhart, Sandra Komenda, Janet Leishman, Nanette Oddo, Deb Shetzler, Deb Smith, Liz Walsh, Tracy Walsh, and Jan Henion.

*October 15, 2022*



Charter Members: Cindy Snyder, MaryJo Davison, Lissa Hilsee and Janet Rossiter. Sandra Clay, Mary Ellen Craig, and Antoinette Maccari-Klingsberg will also be charter members thanks to the great work of our Registrar, Deb Shetzler, and Assistant Registrar, Sherrye Eaton.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Valarie Leary  
Regent  
Battell and Read

## OCTOBER HAPPENINGS NATURALIZATION CEREMONY October 5, 2023

20 new citizens were sworn in at the New Castle Court House Museum. Those that took the oath were so excited! The Battell and Read Chapter was honored to be asked to provide a small reception. Many thanks to Chris Everhart who provided homemade cookies and apple cider. Chris also contacted the Governor's office and the Delaware Tourism office and received items for the gift bags to the new citizens.



Thanks to Denise and Janet R. for (wo)manning the tables, handing out all of the goodies. Founding Father, George Washington was a popular photo opportunity! Thank you to SAR member Larry Josefowski for the loan of George. We hope to have this opportunity again.



## INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

At our October 14 Chapter Meeting, “new officers” were installed. These women will serve until June 2025.

Regent: Valarie Leary  
Vice Regent: Rebecca DeVore  
*Chaplain: Laurie Bottoni Lorenz\**  
Recording Secretary: Cindy Snyder  
Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Albaum  
Treasurer: Janet Rossiter  
*Registrar: Deb Shetzler\**  
*Historian: Denise Dyson\**

We were honored to be installed by Susan Stonesifer, District of Columbia State Chaplain and Associate member of our chapter.

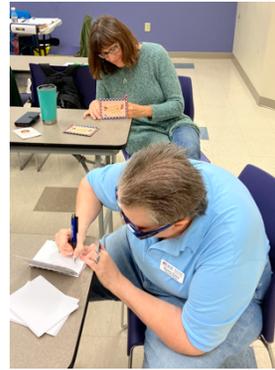


A special “shout out” to Tracy Walsh, outgoing Treasurer and Janet Rossiter, incoming Treasurer. Tracy humored me by trying Quickbooks for Non-Profits. Even after giving ourselves grace regarding the learning curve, we realized it wasn't for us and quite frankly made, it made Tracy's job that much harder. Many thanks to Janet who was willing to step in, and created the 2023-2024 budget and helped convert our chapter to WAVE (a free accounting software).



\*Denise, Deb and Laurie will be installed 11/18 or 12/2

## DAY OF SERVICE: HOPE CENTER PROJECT



At the same meeting, the chapter completed first half of the Hope Center Project which was 10 small move out kits. The small move out kits were assembled at the meeting and were also considered our “Day of Service” (which celebrates the founding of the DAR).



The second half of the project, 10 large move out kits will require funding. I am hoping to acquire funding through a grant(s).

Later in the week, the baskets were delivered to the Hope Center by Denise and Doris. They were very appreciative to the Battell & Read Chapter, DSSDAR for gathering the items needed to be distributed to the veterans. Thank you to everyone who donated items, time and help putting the baskets together!



## STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS SORTING NIGHT October 25, 2023

**We came, we saw, we conquered!** Lissa, Sandra, Cindy, Susan, Sherrye, Rebecca, Denise and I signed up to sort Wednesday evening. The sorting was quickly done and so we took to other tasks, such as sorting flags, folding socks (Bomba donated 15,000 pair!), writing cards (Sherrye wrote 50!), and working on the stockings. Also, kudos to Jackie who dropped off 80 (!) signed cards at my house earlier in the day.



**Next up: Monday, November 6, 2023;  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Stockings for  
Soldiers Stuffing Night!**

**Laurie, Mary Ellen, Rebecca, Doris,  
Denise, Jenn, Janet L, and Janet R.  
have signed up to participate.**

Brandywine Town Center  
5300 Brandywine Parkway  
Wilmington, Delaware 19803

## SERVICE TO AMERICA

200%

As of October 30, 2023, we have 1,093 Service to America Hours logged for 2023, with the goal of 540 hours for the year.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

***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.**

*\*That is 30 hours per member for the year and is also based on the # of members on January 1, 2023 which was 18. In 2024, with 25 members (so far), the hours will be 750.*

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

**As of October 30, we have 20 wreaths.**

The order form (attached) has been updated with a good QR code and live link.



Remember \$5 of every wreath sponsored returns to the chapter! Our goal is 300 wreaths!

### APPLICATION / TRANSFER STATUS

**Congratulations to Sandra Clay, Mary Ellen Craig, and Antoinette Maccari-Klingsberg who will be inducted on Saturday, November 18 at our next chapter meeting!!**

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

Our by-laws state that a quorum is 50% + 1 of our membership. *We will have 25 members as of November 5, 2023 and our quorum will change to 13.*

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.**

## GENIE TIP OF THE MONTH

Sherrye Eaton, Assistant Registrar

### **“Dealing with Discrepancies – based on evidence and investigative techniques”**

Errors are a frustrating fact when researching your family tree. Research demands every genealogy source be searched in-order to compile as near an accuracy on an ancestor as possible. However, you are going to discover that “facts” in one record will not always agree with another record. So, how do you resolve these discrepancies?

There are instances when only one piece of information can be found on an individual. There are no dissimilarities because there is nothing else to compare it with. When only one record exists, you are forced to evaluate the evidence in that record by subjecting it to a credibility test.

Direct evidence is proof beyond a reasonable doubt of a fact. Circumstantial (a.k.a. Indirect) evidence consists of a chain of circumstances pointing to the existence of certain facts. In genealogy research direct evidence is relevant information that specifically states the answer to a research question.

EXAMPLE: The death date on a death certificate signed by a witness (medical doctor) or other witnesses (funeral director or next-of-kin).

Circumstantial (Indirect) evidence needs to be combined with other evidence to provide an answer. A lack of direct evidence does not mean that a question of identity, circumstance, or relationship cannot be resolved.

EXAMPLE-1: A tombstone record indicating a death date vs. a death certificate witnessed and signed.

EXAMPLE-2: Two obituaries: each obituary indicating a place of burial but in two different locations.

Indirect/Circumstantial evidence only provides a partial answer but when combined with other indirect evidence, the researcher, to infer the answer to a question by using a preponderance of the evidence from different sources. This type of evidence requires researchers to draw conclusions based on evidence presented during the research of an ancestor. DNA is considered circumstantial evidence. A researcher can still use their DNA information backed by additional evidence to support the researchers claim.

When more than one piece of evidence pertaining to an individual exists, each fact contained in each piece of evidence must be compared for conflicting information, such as differences in names, dates, places, relationships, and historical details. Other discrepancies evolve from family memories, changes in geographical boundaries, falsifications, and ignorance. Some people have poor memories for dates, and rather than not respond to a question proposed by a census taker they will estimate or guess at a fact to satisfy the need for an answer.

Geographical boundary changes were large tracts of land conveyed into relatively large counties, and as the population grew the jurisdictions were unable to administer effectively. The problem was solved by creating new counties out of older ones. EXAMPLE: Accomack County, VA is an original county of the state. It was established in 1634 (known as Accomac Shire). In 1642, the name changed to Northampton County. Then in 1663, Northampton was split into two counties: Northampton and Accomac. In 1670, Governor Berkley, abolished Accomac County but the Virginia General Assembly recreated it in 1671. In 1940, the General Assembly officially added a “k” to its name and gave its official listing as “Accomack.”

Falsification ranks as the most difficult research discrepancy. People deceived

recordkeepers as much back then as they do now for lots of reasons. Marriage age requirements were low in frontier America and it was common to find young girls marrying at fourteen or fifteen without parental consent. Many young couples lied about their ages and records reflect those discrepancies.

Ignorance is also a cause of dissimilarity. Before this century, most of America bordered on illiteracy. Many recordkeepers did not ask an individual how to spell their name just as many people had no idea how their name was spelled.

Whatever the discrepancy between records, they must be dealt with to ensure the most accurate lineage is possible. When attempting to resolve these discrepancies, accept the facts at hand by the record containing the evidence. Solve them by evaluating the credibility of sources, choose primary over secondary and direct over circumstantial evidence. Primary sources containing direct evidence of a name, date, place, event, or relationship are the best forms of evidence. Primary sources containing circumstantial evidence are less credible and the least acceptable are secondary sources providing only circumstantial evidence.



# WREATHS *across* AMERICA

## 2023 Wreath Sponsorship Order Form



Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local and community cemeteries each December for National Wreaths Across America Day.

**Your donation will ensure the placement of a veteran's wreath for one or more veterans laid to rest at the participating location of your choice.**

*All sponsored veteran wreaths are shipped directly to the location selected by the sponsor on this form. Wreaths are not shipped to individual wreath sponsors.*

Please make checks payable to:  
**Wreaths Across America**  
 PO Box 249  
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.  
 Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in  
 our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

SPONSORSHIP TYPE	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		

For quicker processing and the convenience of paying with a credit card, debit card, Google Pay, or PayPal, veteran wreaths may be sponsored online by visiting:  
[Wreaths Across America](https://www.wreathscrossamerica.com)

*You should be the only one to enter your credit card information at checkout on the Wreaths Across America website. For your security, do not share this information with anyone else who offers to place an order for you.*

If you prefer to pay with a check, please complete this form and mail it along with your check to Wreaths Across America at the address listed in the box above.

*To split your donation between multiple groups and/or locations, please list the IDs and dollar amounts for each.*

CHECK #		CHECK DATE		SPONSOR NAME FOR DISPLAY <i>If different than name on check.</i>	
GROUP ID(s)	DE0112P	DE0112P	DE0112P	EMAIL ADDRESS	
LOCATION ID(s)	DEVMBE (BEAR)			PHONE #	
DOLLAR AMOUNTS(s)				MAILING ADDRESS	

### SPECIAL REQUESTS

*Please note in memory/honor of requests do not place a wreath on a specific loved one's grave.*

<b>IN MEMORY OF REQUEST</b>	The "In Memory Of" Name will be listed on the Wreaths Across America online Remember Wall, along with your personal message.	<b>IN HONOR OF REQUEST</b>	An email will be sent to your chosen recipient from Wreaths Across America letting them know of your donation of sponsored veteran wreaths in their honor.
<b>NAME FOR MEMORY WALL POST</b>		<b>RECIPIENT NAME</b>	
<b>SPONSOR EMAIL ADDRESS</b>		<b>RECIPIENT EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	
<b>MESSAGE (optional)</b>		<b>MESSAGE (optional)</b>	

**Thank you for supporting our mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!**