



The BAR Tab

New Castle, Delaware

April 2023



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Dear Daughters,

Spring has sprung, and it's so encouraging to see our members advancing Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism from sea to shining sea! We are grateful for each of you and all the unique ways that you enrich the National Society.

We are excited to announce a new initiative that began this past month and hope you will join us in the **Spread the Sparkle Challenge** to "add four more by '24!" Chapters are challenged to add four or more members by application and or reinstatement by the end of 2023. Consider sharing your joy for all things DAR with your family and friends by bringing them to a chapter meeting or service event in your community. For more details, please see the Membership Committee page on the [Members' Website](#). All chapters meeting the challenge will be recognized during the 133rd Continental Congress!

Registration is still open for the second annual DAR Genealogy Research Institute at DAR headquarters in Washington, D.C., from May 1st through 3rd, 2023. From interacting with world-class genealogists, learning more about our outstanding DAR Library, to studying best practices and tools for your resource, we hope that this year's agenda will maximize your experience and help you along your

genealogical journey. You'll also have a chance to meet one-on-one with one of our genealogists to answer any questions you might have about your personal research. Spots are running out quickly, so please see the [Members' Website](#) for more details.

One of the things that keeps me invigorated about the DAR's mission is seeing our Daughters in action across the country, working together to serve in their communities. The Service to America Committee's "Service in Seconds" demonstrates how Daughters can make big impacts in their communities with just seconds of work. Consider planning a meaningful, hands-on Service in Seconds project as a chapter program or as an activity at a district or state meeting/conference. One idea is to create pick-me-up jars filled with notes of encouragement for teachers or fun facts about the Constitution and deliver to a local school.

Finally, this month pre-registration for the 132nd Continental Congress opens online through the official Congress Website, www.dar.org/Congress. Members, delegates, alternates, and guests can pre-register from April 15 to June 1. We hope you will join us at our House Beautiful to **Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever!** Please visit the Continental Congress Website at www.dar.org/Congress for the most up-to-date information.

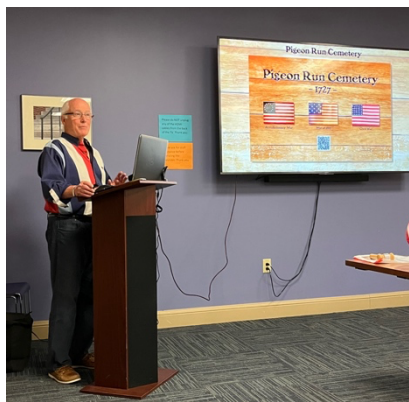
Let's Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!

Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright
President General

April 15, 2023 Battell and Read Chapter Meeting Overview

Rebecca DeVore, Vice Regent

The meeting was called to order. Laurie led us in a prayer. Sherrye led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lissa led us in the American's Creed. Tracy led us in Salute to the Flag of 1812 as this was a joint meeting with USD 1812 and she is the current president of USD 1812.



We had a fantastic historical presentation of the Pigeon Run Cemetery given by George Widger, the President of the Friends of Pigeon Run

Cemetery. After the ceremony we presented Mr. Widger with a token of our appreciation from both our chapter and USD 1812.



The attendance for the meeting was four from USD 1812, three prospective members, Lissa,

Jenn and Antoinette, and 12 members. We did have a quorum.



Tracy is inquiring on a different format for monthly totals. Reviewing the officer reports, Jenn will inquire for us on how we can have a Google page to upload monthly photos of events, meetings and all the fun we are having. We talked about making kits for Door of Hope later this Spring. More information to follow on this! We discussed and voted on making Teacher appreciation jars for Serviam Academy by May 8th. A sign-up Genius will be created soon and emailed to everyone to help collaborate the effort.

Next, Genealogy reported about their meeting on April 3rd and reminded everyone to please read Sherrye's Genie Tips each month and to take the survey they emailed out to everyone please. We have two grants to look forward to giving out and our first JROTC Award will take place April 25th at 8:00 am. If you are able to attend, please do so. The Historic Bourbon Tasting and DAR Tartan Wristlet sales have been a huge success and we are growing our bank account by leaps and bounds!

Coming up on Apr 30, 2023 our chapter is collaborating with the New Castle Court House Museum for the Presentation: The Bicentennial Celebration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour to America (1824-1825). We would love to have one - two members volunteer to help with our table at this event.

Thank you all who attended this meeting. We missed those of you who were not able to

attend. Our next meeting will be May 17th at 6:00 pm for dinner and Tea Talk at the Mercury Café and Tea House. More information soon!

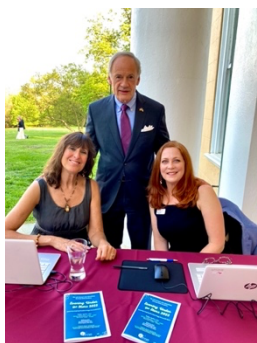
Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Warm Regards,

Rebecca DeVore

SERVIAM EVENING UNDER THE STARS, FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

Thanks to those who volunteered and to Janet for bringing the opportunity to us!!



CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Rebecca DeVore



The Christina Watershed Cleanup took place on April 22nd from 9 am to noon. The DAR group met at

the Hale Byrnes House, 606 Stanton Christiana Rd, Newark, DE 19713.

(Kudos to Rebecca for her participation. As Mike Rowe would say "it's a dirty job!"...VL)

The Conservation Committee strongly encourages participation in a watershed cleanup and we only have two large ones in Delaware. If you are interested in helping keep our water clean, please contact Rebecca or email the event coordinator Sarah O'Donnell (sarahlareod@gmail.com).

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Pam Derrickson and Jan Henion

We will have our next committee meeting on Monday, May 8, at 1pm at the New Castle Public library. It will be a hybrid meeting. If you would like to Zoom, please let Pam and/or Jan know so you can be sent the link.

Sherrye will lead a discussion on our exciting new program-Genealogy Workshop/Education. Your ideas are welcome.

Please RSVP and let us know if you think that you will be attending in person, or on Zoom.

Pam_d99@hotmail.com or Cobblestones27@gmail.com

GENIE TIPS OF THE MONTH

Sherrye Eaton

Beginning your Quest, part 2 of 3.....

I. Preservation.

A. Photographs (family, cemetery, etc.) – dig out the new and old family photos.

Then grab the relatives and start jotting down names and locations.

- 1) Name everyone in the family picture and write them down (in order, left to right) on the back of the photo (if you do not know who they are put a “?”). Do not write on the photo itself. Write clearly using a #2 pencil (ink pens tend to fade over time and do not use anything that will bleed into the photo, like a magic marker).
- 2) Write down when and where the photo was taken (if known).
- 3) If it is a tombstone photo, write how the person was related or connected to you. Also, note where the cemetery is located and the date taken.
- 4) Store photos in archival sheets and/or archival boxes and place in a dry storage area away from extreme temps and moisture.
- 5) Scan/upload photos on your computer and make a back-up on a labeled flash drive.

B. Documents – collect all family records and documents.

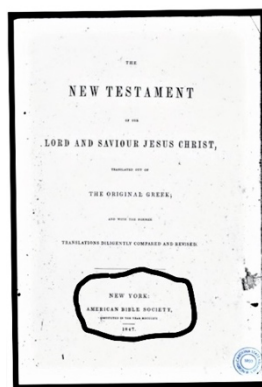
- 1) Birth, baptismal, marriage, and death certificates (if not framed) should be placed in archival sheets and/or archival boxes in a dry

storage area away from extreme temps and moisture.

- 2) Do the same for family letters and emails that document family events or anything you feel is of family history interest.
- 3) Other documents to keep are family recipes, newspaper articles, obituaries/funeral cards, and graduation/wedding/christening programs, etc.

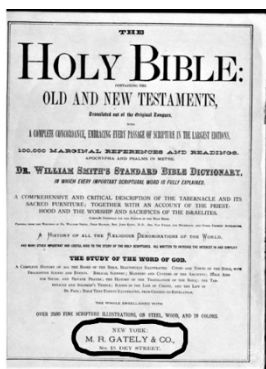
C. Family Bibles – back up written information.

- 1) Record or copy all births, marriages, and deaths on paper and on your computer.
- 2) Document the name of the Bible, publisher name and address, and the year the Bible was published (typically found on the first two or three pages of the book).
- 3) Do not forget to store the Bible in archival sheets and/or archival boxes and store in a dry storage area away from extreme temps and moisture.



Example1 (obtained from Pinterest)

Example2 (obtained from NC State Archives)



NOTE:

Archival supplies can be purchased at Staples, Amazon, Hobby Lobby, the Library Store, etc. Make sure all archival supplies (photo/document sheets, boxes, binders, etc.) are ACID FREE.



Example 1 (Archival Box)



Example 2 (archival sheets for Negatives)

Example 3 (archival sheets for photos & documents)



SERVICE TO VETERANS

Doris Duffy

Eden Veterans' Refuge

- Waiting for one more subcontractor quote. Offered to help fill out the Delaware State grant application. Waiting for Lady Tyshee Jackson's response.

Hope Center Visit on Monday, 03/27/23

- Met with Carrie Casey at the Hope Center. Took a tour of the facilities. Very neat and clean.
- Properly staffed, very good security, no problems with thefts or violence.
- **Their most urgent need is "move-out kits" that contain household cleaning supplies for female veterans who are moving into new permanent housing. Could also use other household items as they do not have anything when they move into permanent housing.**
- Presently, have 13 rooms for female veterans. One female veteran has 6 kids.
- Female veterans get free meals from Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans.
- Have after-school programs for the children and pet care through Faithful Friends.
- Christiana Care has the entire 6th floor to provide medical services for the homeless.
- No laundry facilities on site, Uber tickets provided by the Lions Club for people to take their laundry to laundromats.

Needs:

- ***Most urgent need is household move-out kits**
- Bus passes
- Uber gift certificates
- Snacks
- Toys for kids (they have 104 children there)
- Can we get volunteers to do laundry in their homes?

Other support options:

- Provide dinner for 60-100 people.
- (Note: no need for women's supplies as they have plenty)
- I will check into whether 1 in 7B Foundation can bring their tractor trailer with showers/laundry equipment in May as they are having a grand opening towards the end of April. Will get further details then.

Opportunities:

- Opportunity for our chapter to use the 50-75 seat conference room "free" at any time. Has projectors, and laptop connections. We should provide a donation if we ever need to use it.
- Is it okay to work with the "Journey" Church in Newark to co-coordinate veterans' efforts, they are interested in helping us?

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Margaret Onken, State Chair

I'd like to have at least 30 members in the state do the 5k as this is the highest level of recognition for us at the Junior Luncheon during Congress. I think I have 5 people signed up so far so only 25 more are needed! You don't have to run the 5k - **members can walk, bike, row, etc. The 5k doesn't have to be**

done all at one time so any age can participate and support Juniors.

Since its inception in 2020, the NSDAR Junior Membership 5k has proven to be a crucial tool in support and promotion of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. Sign up for the 2023 NSDAR Junior Membership 5k [here!](#)

In a now-famous letter written by Abigail Adams, she urged her husband, John Adams, to "remember the ladies." As we race towards America's



250th anniversary, the Juniors urge you to do the same!

This year, we celebrate Polly Cooper of the Oneida Indian Nation. During the harsh winter of 1777-78, which George Washington and his Continental Army spent at Valley Forge, Polly provided medical aid and sustenance to the soldiers. The expedition was also sent with a surplus of white corn from the Oneida Indian Nation.

This is a healthy and fun way for members, friends, and guests to come together and share our sparkle in support of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund (HPMF). You do NOT have to be a member of DAR to participate and this virtual event is open to anyone who would like to support Junior Membership (so please spread the word!).

When you register, don't forget to tag Delaware as your DAR membership state and select yes to receive a race medal honoring Polly! The medal is pie-shaped and when displayed with the medals for the next

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two years will create a circle - make sure you participate all three years to complete your collection!

If you want to show your pride in Junior Membership, you can purchase race shirts through [Custom Ink](#) with proceeds benefiting HMPF.

Don't forget to share your participation on social media using hashtags: #NSDARJuniorMembership5k and #RememberTheLadies5k!

Thank you in advance for helping Junior Membership to Remember the Ladies!

APPLICATION / TRANSFER STATUS

This is a tricky time of year and to avoid paying National Dues TWICE (now and again in the Fall when we collect for 2024), the applications that we are working on now will be mailed at the beginning of June thus having the prospective member pay National Dues only once (which are applied to 2024). Right now, we have **Lissa** (ready to go), **Antoinette** (being finalized), and **Jenn** who is only awaiting birth certificates. **Mary Ellen**, our newest prospective member, is having her genealogy worked on collaboratively by Debra, our Registrar and the Genealogy Committee. GO TEAM!

With that said, NOW is the time to get friends or family members to join us! Do you know someone who is hesitating? Please let them know that applying now will save them money. Do they need to order documents (birth or death certificates)? Encourage them to do it as soon as possible.

Please invite them to a meeting or activity. If they join before October 15, 2023, they are considered a Charter Member.

What's a QUORUM? And why should I care??

A quorum is the minimum number of members of an assembly or society 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. We currently have 19 members in our chapter with 50% of the chapter constituting a quorum, according to our bylaws. Therefore, a quorum at our meeting requires 10 people in attendance to validate proceedings. Please plan to attend as many meetings as possible so we can meet the quorum needed to achieve our chapter goals.

DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Rebecca DeVore – Chair

We currently have five members taking the class. If you are not one of the five, no worries, you can reach out to Gloria Lester at glesterdd@aol.com.

If you are interested in finding out more about what the Daughters of the American Revolution is all about, this course is for you. It only takes an hour or two a week to work on the classes.

(I encourage everyone to take the Members Course; it is self-paced and you will learn so much about the DAR!...VL)

Please let me know if you have any questions or are interested in taking the course, you can

reach me at radevore@ccps.org or (302) 563-4336.

For more info:

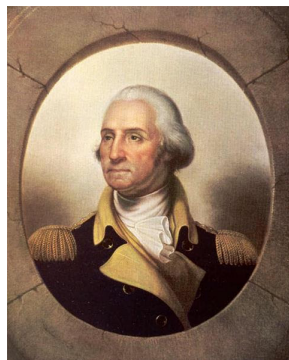
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HISTORY CORNER

Denise Dyson

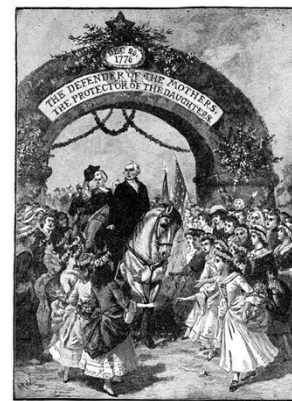
On this day in history, April 21, 1789, **George Washington** is welcomed by the citizens of Trenton, New Jersey at the **Assunpink Creek Bridge** as he travels to New York to be inaugurated president. The bridge was the site of Washington's victory over the British known as the **Second Battle of Trenton** or the **Battle of Assunpink Creek** during the American Revolution.

After a devastating defeat and the loss of Long Island and Manhattan to the British in the fall of 1776, **George Washington** had led the Continental Army in retreat across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania. The Army entrenched on the western side of the Delaware River, but the British were unable to cross because Washington had commandeered all the boats

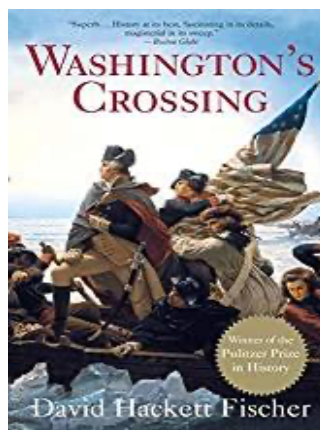


on the eastern side of the river. British Lieutenant General **Charles Cornwallis** was forced to set up a series of posts across New Jersey, while he waited for an opportunity to attack Washington.

Washington took the advantage and crossed the river in the middle of the night on December 25th and won a surprise victory against the British allied Hessians at Trenton. Washington retreated back across the river, anticipating a counterattack from Cornwallis. Hoping to continue the momentum from the victory at Trenton, Washington decided to cross the Delaware again and meet Cornwallis head on.



They met at the **Assunpink Creek Bridge** just south of Trenton on January 2, 1777. The Continental Army repelled Cornwallis' attack 3 times at the bridge, forcing Cornwallis to withdraw and wait to attack again in the morning. Instead, Washington quietly withdrew his troops in the night and went to Princeton where he won [another surprise victory](#). This series of surprise victories brought much needed encouragement to the Americans, whose hopes were waning after the losses in New York.



On April 14, 1789, Washington [learned he was elected](#) the first President of the United States. He left **Mount Vernon** two days later on his way to New York City for his inauguration. On the way, he traveled through such towns as Alexandria,

Georgetown, Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia. He was received with great celebrations in every city along the way.

On April 21, Washington arrived to a celebratory crowd at the **Assunpink Creek Bridge** where the citizens had erected a triumphal arch. Washington passed under the arch and into Trenton where church bells were ringing and girls dressed in white sang a song to "The Defender of the Mothers, The Protector of the Daughters." Washington then dined at the **French Arms Tavern** before continuing his journey.



Election Day was made more enjoyable when some lovely ladies (and a gentleman) stopped by to wish me well. We laughed and smiled, and it was fun!

On April 23rd, Washington arrived at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, where he got on a barge headed for New York. Several dignitaries rode with him and a flotilla of small ships accompanied the barge to New York. The Spanish warship **Galveston** sat in New York's harbor and fired a 13-gun salute when Washington passed. The **Battery Fort** on Manhattan's southern tip fired a 13-gun salute in response and another when Washington landed. Thousands of people had come to welcome him into the city. New York Governor [George Clinton](#) met him at the pier and escorted him to the home prepared for him. Washington would be [inaugurated one week later](#) on April 30.

I didn't think I had got so far behind but playing "catch-up" has taken more time than I anticipated. Thanks to each of you for your patience and support these last 6-7 weeks.



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AND THE RACE IS OVER...

Thank goodness! Having run for office 3 times previously (lost the first one, won the next 2) this was by far the worst experience. But I am a firm believer in that things happen for a reason.



I will be attending the Pennsylvania State Society State Conference in Lancaster from Thursday, April 27 – Sunday, April 30. Have no fear, I will arrive back in town around 11 a.m. on Sunday to set up our table and attend the Lafayette Event. Dr. Patti Maclay is a funny person in her own right (as evidenced in the photo), and an engaging speaker. Please attend and support this chapter event!



Rebecca has the Serviam Teacher Appreciation Gifts initiative off and running. I picked up quart canning jars today and she will pick them up.

Our next meeting will be held at the Mercury Café and Teahouse at 6 p.m. on May 17. We will have a "Tea Talk with the Tea Guy" before

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moving onto business. You are on your own for any food or beverages you may purchase.

This meeting is being held on May 17 so as not to conflict with A Day in Old New Castle on Saturday, May 20. PLEASE consider volunteering! It is fun AND you get invited to the ADIONC Thank You party!

Contact Cindy Snyder (our Chapter Recording Secretary and ADIONC Chair) at Cynthia.Snyder@state.de.us to volunteer!

National Defense Night at Continental Congress 2022: Van Morris reciting "Old Glory" <https://www.youtube.com/live/Ze8PAb4TBKl?feature=share>

TODAY'S DAR BLOG



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April 26, 2023, 8:30 a.m.: William Penn High School Air Force JROTC Annual National Awards on William Penn High School Auditorium. Sandra Komenda to present. Other members are welcome to attend.

April 30, 2023, 1 p.m.: The Bicentennial Celebration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour to America, (1824 – 1825) in partnership with the

New Castle Court House Museum. The New Castle Court House Museum,

May 17, 2023, 6 p.m.: Chapter Meeting; "Tea Talk with the Tea Guy" with business meeting to follow. Mercury Café and Tea House, 206 Delaware St., New Castle, Delaware

May 20, 2022: A Day in Old New Castle
****VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY****

May 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: DAR After Dark 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 16, 2023, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Monarch Migration Celebration

September 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: DAR After Dark Meeting/Social

September 23, 2023, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Art on the Green

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

October 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: DAR After Dark

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

November 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: DAR After Dark Meeting/Social

December 2, 2023: Chapter Holiday Tea

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.

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Continental Congress, June 28, 2023 – July 2, 3034

If you would like to attend Congress from Wednesday - Sunday, definitely reach out to me. I have a room with 2 double beds at the IHG. If you want to come only for a night or two, let me know. Everyone shares the rooms to keep the cost down. Imagine 4 women in a room with one bathroom and multiple clothing changes...LOL.

First, there is a lot of walking. It is a 15-minute walk across the Eclipse from the hotel to DAR but if the U.S. President is on the move, you have to walk around the Eclipse. Good walking shoes are a must.

The JW Marriott is next door to the IHG, and many events happen there.

Oft times several women will share a cab going back and forth to Continental Hall which makes your share of the fare \$2-3. Bring lots of ones.

It will be hot and humid, but well-air-conditioned at the hotels and DAR Continental Hall.

If you want to come down for one night, I suggest either Wednesday, for Opening Night, or Saturday for National Defense Night. If you buy train tickets now it is seriously less expensive.

For Opening Night, come down in the morning, drop your bags at the hotel, head over to check in at the DAR, attend the Historian General or Registrar General Forum (free), check out the state rooms that are open, check out the museum, the DAR Library, maybe attend the Texas Tea (fee), then change into evening attire and go to Opening Night. The next day attend part of the morning business session, maybe one of the luncheons (fee), or go to the National Archives, tour the Library of Congress or any one of the museums in DC before heading home.

For National Defense night, same as above except maybe you won't get there in time for the business session, but you can still check out all the state rooms, the DAR library, etc. There are educational breakout sessions being scheduled for the afternoon but I do not know what they are yet. Attend National Defense Night and the Congress Reception after (fee). In the morning, go to the Memorial Service if you wish, or spend the day in D.C. before heading back home.

Come down Friday, and attend a couple things during the day, then attend the business session the next morning...then see above.

The schedule and registration can be found [here](#).

Here is my schedule THUS FAR:

Sunday, June 25: going down by train later in the evening and staying with my son until Wednesday.

Monday, June 26: Serving at the NBOM luncheon from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27: MAYBE the California Tea 3 - 4 p.m., but definitely the National Vice Chair Meeting and Dinner (5:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 28: Heritage Club Breakfast (8 a.m.; will bring my bags with me and drop them off at the hotel when I can); Celebrating membership (10-11:30 a.m.), check into the hotel in the afternoon, Opening Night at 7 p.m.ish

Thursday, June 29: "D" Street Door Attendant 8 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.; may attend part of the business session, check out the Units Overseas Bazaar, Pennsylvania Dazzling Daisy Tea at 4:30; may attend part of Education Awards Night or not, go to dinner somewhere

Friday, June 30: "D" Street Door Attendant 8 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.; may attend part of the business session, Sparkle in Service Showcase at 6:30 p.m. **I am tentatively planning on doing some sort of museum depending on the weather, or maybe go to the Zoo.

Saturday, July 1: "D" Street Door Attendant 8 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.; may attend part of the business session, Educational Breakout Sessions, National Defense Night (7pm ish), Congress Reception (10 p.m. - midnight)

Sunday, July 2: Serving at the second NBOM luncheon, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., then my train leaves around 4:30 p.m.

Maybe we can do lunch, cocktails, or dinner with associate members attending.

The room with taxes, etc. is around \$340/night. Split it 2, 3, or 4 ways and figure the cost. Breakfast can be done in the room (coffee makers, tea, yogurt, oatmeal, etc.), there are NO restaurants by DAR Continental Hall. There are some food trucks but I have never eaten from one of them. I usually went back to the hotel and ate near there as there are several restaurants.

I know it's a lot of info. If you have questions, let's chat!