



The BAR Tab

New Castle, Delaware

February 2024

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Stern, New Castle Historical
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Dear Daughters,

I know you were tired of hearing from me regarding HUNDREDX but *IT WAS SUCCESSFUL!* See page 2 for more information.

We made and donated blankets to Project Linus, took a field trip to the Museum of the American Revolution, learned how to make spring flowers and several of you are nearing the finish line for the Members Course. This does not include all of the other volunteer work each of you have done to support our veterans, support those in need and other organizations that support historical preservation. Be sure to enter those hours at [Service to America](#) on DAR.org. You will need your national number. Otherwise, please provide your hours on the StA form that is passed around during the meetings.

Our next "chapter meeting" is **Saturday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. and will take place at the Arsenal (30 Market St., New Castle).** Terri Stern will be presenting "DNA: The Key to Family History." This is in partnership with the New Castle Historical Society. No official chapter business will take place. Even if genealogy is not your interest, you will likely find DNA interesting and maybe useful in the future.

For those attending the Spring Conference, be sure to register! The form is attached at the end of this newsletter as well as instructions to pay online.

Cindy Snyder, our Recording Secretary, is the Chair of "A Day in Old New Castle" (ADIONC) which will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **She is in need of a variety of volunteers.** You can volunteer all day or just a couple of hours. Please contact Cindy at Cynthiarobinsnyder@gmail.com or call her at 302-304-5179.

Yours in DAR Friendship,

Valarie Leary, Regent

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First, **thank you to those who participated in our HUNDRED X FUNDRAISER!**

Some data:

43 people signed up, 39 participated
19 were chapter members and 1 associate
19 were friends and family

1,046 reviews were submitted and the vast majority qualified. In fact, as far as I can tell, all of them may have qualified!

Our net result: **\$1,673!!!!**

Kudos to the following ladies for having 50 or more qualifying reviews!!!!

75 Reviews (completed max of 75 with a minimum of 50 qualifying):

Cindy Snyder
Sandra Clay
Sherrye Eaton
Doris Duffy
Joy Hansen (FOBAR)
Laura MacKelcan (PM)

50-75 Reviews (completed 50 - 74 reviews with a minimum of 50 qualifying):

Deb Shetzler
Janet Rossiter
Rebecca DeVore
Jan Henion
Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz

A \$10 gift card to Dunkin's Donuts, Wawa or Starbucks is yours for having 50 or more qualifying reviews. Please let me know which

you prefer.

One of the concerns, and therefore hesitations, about participating was the possible increase in spam email since you needed to register with your email. Please let me know if this is the case as I feel our chapter could benefit from participating in this program again in a year. So far other DAR participants have not experienced an increase in spam email.

Congratulations again, and thank you!!!

MEMBERS COURSE WORKSHOP

Behind the scenes we have been diligently working in our Members Class courses. Each month we have pulled together to work on classes of the online modules. Congratulations to Deb Schetzler who was the first of us to finish the courses. Way to go Deb!

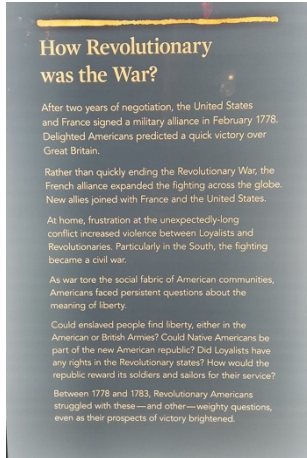
We have several other members who are working to finish up by the end of March they are: Sandra Clay, Denise Dyson, Janet Rossiter, Tracy Walsh and Rebecca DeVore. The members who complete these classes and projects will be recognized at the April meeting. It has been a wonderful experience to dive into the history of the DAR and find out more about what our organization was built upon, the many working parts of the DAR and how to better navigate the National website.

We challenge you to join the next group to work on this class. We meet in a small group once a month. Please let Rebecca or Valarie know if you are interested in this exciting class series. Click [here](#) for more information.

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Janet Maher, Associate Member

After a snowy first attempt the Chapters' trip to the Museum of the American Revolution occurred on Saturday, February 10, 2024. 15 members of the chapter and associate member, Janet Maher, State American History Chair, carpoled to the Museum located in



Washington's War Tent



Philadelphia. The Museum, opened in 2017 is designed as a walking tour through the timeline of the Revolution. Beginning on the second floor and starting in the rooms to the right you first encounter "Tearing down the King".

As you walk through the circular designed path to the new nation, there are many interactive displays that teach all aspects of the year from 1760 to the ratification of the Constitution in 1788. The Washington's War Tent Experience was the highlight of the day for many of us. Learning that General Washington's tent is still with us and so beautifully preserved was amazing! Did you know that we almost lost it during the Civil War as it was owned at the time by Robert E. Lee's wife, Mary Anna Custis Lee, great granddaughter of Martha Washington. Selina Norris Gray, the enslaved housekeeper of the Lee's protected the tent and other artifacts owned by Washington, when Arlington House was attached by the Union. Our day ended with fellowship and

food as we lunched at Big Fish Grill on the Waterfront on our way home. Thanks to the Battle and Read Chapter for inviting me along.



Rebecca DeVore –
Vice Regent

Fifteen of our terrific women took a journey to the American Revolutionary War

Museum in Philadelphia, PA. A little snow did not deter us from planning a second date to make this trip a success! When we returned, members were asked what was their favorite part of the trip. There was an overwhelming response that having the opportunity to travel and talk to the members they carpoled with to get to know them better was a favorite part. The Museum sparkled with treasures and history from the Revolutionary war. A close second favorite was experiencing in person George Washington's tent. It's simple and elegant gracefulness was awe inspiring. One might think that the George Washington tent was set up in a different place from where his troops had their tents to protect their commander and chief, but that was not the case. They were shoulder to shoulder in battle and tent to tent living together. This comradery and sense of togetherness instilled in the troops that they were all in the battle together fighting for what they believed true... "Remember officers and soldiers that you are free men, fighting for the blessing of liberty" ~ General George Washington. A fact that helped them win the war. The Battell and Read DAR chapter is growing, but let us not ever forget that we are allies and together we can accomplish anything we put our minds to.

If you did not get a chance to make this trip and are interested in going, please reach out to Valarie. She is planning on setting up another trip.

PROJECT LINUS

Project Linus provides handmade blankets to children 0-18 in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

Between the January DAR after Dark gathering and the February chapter meeting, 25 blankets



were completed! Thank you to Deb Shetzler for doing quite a bit of prep work for the February meeting.



DAR AFTER DARK – SPRING FLOWERS

Sometimes there is no service project but just learning a craft to do for fun. Enter paper flowers. This pattern is one of the simplest to learn and do.

DAR After Dark is meant to be an informal evening to gather together. This evening is also for those women who

may be unable to attend a Saturday meeting as I want you to feel included. As it warms up, we just may find ourselves outside with a glass of ?? in hand enjoying the chiminea or camaraderie on the screened veranda.

Coming up and SOLD OUT!

Bourbon vs. Scotch ... Taste the difference

Jessop's Tavern and Prestige-Ledroit Distributing Co.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**114 Delaware St.
New Castle, DE**

SEATING IS LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS.

REGISTER NOW

Prepare to tantalize your palate with the essence of the world's most iconic spirits. From the heartland of America, discover how location influences every drop of these exceptional spirits.

In this exquisite tasting, you'll explore the geographical essence that defines these iconic spirits. From the heartland of America, discover how location influences every drop of these exceptional spirits.

You will experience 3 types of bourbon and 3 types of scotch as well as delectable tastings to accompany each sample while enjoying the ambiance of Jessop's Tavern.

Seating is limited to 24 guests.

Scotch

Jessop's Tavern
114 Delaware St.
New Castle, DE

PRESTIGE-LEDROIT DISTRIBUTING CO.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Bartel and Hazel Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution to assist in their mission of Historical Preservation, Education and Promotional Service to Women and Active Duty Personnel. The DAR is the world's largest nonprofit and nonpartisan women's service organization with vibrant and active women who are passionate about community service, genealogy history, genealogy classes, as well as mentoring those who seek and are serving our nation. All women 18 years of age or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove their descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership.

If you are not attending the event but would like to support Jessop's Tavern, please let me know if you would like to

join us for dinner on Monday, March 25,
at 4:30 p.m.



[The Daughters Online Community](#) is a secure, DAR-only

website where Daughters may interact with one another and share resources and ideas—similar to the way we have interacted in national committee Facebook groups in the past. Since the launch of the Daughters Online Community in February 2023, national committee Facebook groups have transitioned to this private online community, making it possible to be an engaged DAR member without having a Facebook profile.

When you log in to the [Daughters Online Community](#), you will see a news feed featuring the latest content from the “communities” you have chosen to join. These might be national committee communities, communities related to specific chapter officer roles or communities around specific interest areas. You may add your photograph to your member profile, as well as list your DAR interests and other details. The amazing resources you may struggle to find on Facebook because of the constantly changing algorithm are organized in an easily accessible resource library. The community features a responsive design, meaning it functions well on your computer, your tablet or your smartphone. And you can choose to receive specific communities’ posts via email in either a digest format or in real-time, allowing you to keep up with the action right from your email inbox.



Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Terri Stern
DNA: the Magic Ingredient for Family History

Terri is an expert in genealogy & DNA tools and research methods. She is well versed in use of Ancestry, AncestryDNA, Family Finder, 23&Me, GEDmatch, Genome Mate, Roots Magic, and more. Terri is affiliated with the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (SOGG).

The event will be held at the New Castle Historical Society, 30 Market Street, New Castle. The event is free to DAR and NCHS members. All others are \$5.

This is in partnership with the New Castle Historical Society. St. Patrick’s Day is the next day on Sunday! Come dressed in green!!

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Rebecca DeVore, Chair

2024 Christina River Watershed Cleanup
Saturday April 13th starting at 8:00 AM



It is that time of year again to mark our calendars for the Christina River Watershed

Cleanup! How does so much trash end up in the oceans? Much of it travels along the path of fresh water downhill and into the oceans by way of rivers.

The Christina River Watershed includes beautiful rolling hills, farms and forests, and large and small towns. But litter, dropped or dumped by anyone, can travel the Brandywine, White Clay, and Red Clay Creeks, and Christina River before continuing into the Delaware River. **This watershed provides more than 75% of the water supply for residents and businesses in New Castle County, Delaware.**

The Christina River Watershed Cleanup’s mission has always been the removal of man-made debris from within this beautiful watershed, while raising public awareness for pollution prevention. Since the Cleanup began in 1992, more than 360 tons of tires, appliances, household items, and other trash have been cleared from within the watershed.

There will be a DAR team that will meet early on April 13th at the historic Hale Byrnes House to pick up trash, bag it and move it to a pickup point nearby. Sadly, this area is known as a heavy trash site. We can use your help; bring your family including husbands, teenagers for community service hours, etc.

Here are the specific details you need to know! Our DAR team will meet at the Hale Byrnes House, 606 Stanton Christiana Rd, Newark, DE 19713, at 8:00 AM (because of the tides) to pick up trash until about 11:00 AM. It will be led by Sarah O’Donnell, State and Cooch’s Bridge Conservation Chair. This event is **rain or shine** so dress for the weather and wear boots. Trash bags, some tools and gloves will be available, but you may want to wear your favorite garden gloves. To join us, please let Sarah know before April 13th by providing your name, email and phone number to Sarah

(sarahlareod@gmail.com). She will keep you informed.

REGISTRAR UPDATE

March 2024

Deb Shetzler, Registrar

Sherrye Eaton, Asst. Registrar

Registrar’s Report – March 2024

# Members:	36
Regular Members.....	25
Associate Members.....	11
(Friends of BAR - FoBAR.....)	2)

Prospective Members:

Pending (in review by National):...2	
• Elaine Newcomb	
• Lois Racine	

Complete:.....3	
• Sara Merkle (complete – will submit in June 2024)	
• Mary Lastowka (pending signatures & check)	
• Sandra Rossiter-Lastowka (pending signatures & check)	

In Process:.....5	
• Lisa Johnson	
• Laura Mackelcan	
• Lori “Allie” Mathews	
• Serah Pesce	
• Catherine Woodfield	

On Hold:.....2	
• Christa Stefanisko	
• Cindy Savelli – placed on hold until she retires and moves back to New Castle in 2024-2025	

Removed:	
• Hanna Witcher – no replies	

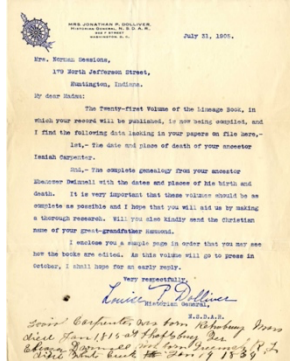
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- Sheila Arnold
- Joy Hansen

March Birthdays:

Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz
 Mary Jo Davison
 Joy Hansen

Thanks to Deb and Sherrye!!!



BEFORE YOU SIT DOWN WITH YOUR DATE BOOK/LAPTOP/IPHONE AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

One of the hardest tasks for a Regent or Vice Regent is programming, especially for a new chapter, one who is building their history, building their personality and style. Battell and Read is setting new standards.



My goal has been to have a variety of activities to appeal to as many members as possible in order to keep YOU, the Battell and Read Chapter Members, active and engaged, and to build relationships that will last for years to come. Until I put my fingers to the keys, and compiled this calendar, I didn't think we had enough planned. I was wrong...lol.

Do you have a project or service you want to lead? A class you would like to teach? A presentation? All of our life experiences are different and we each have gifts, big or small...what can you bring to the table? Do not be afraid...our small group is perfect for test runs.

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

July 20, 2024: Chapter BBQ at Sherrye's House

July and August - No meetings; may arrange social event

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Post Scriptum

As of January 31, 2024 (the last day to log 2023 hours), we had 1,575.75 Service to America Hours logged for 2023. The original goal was 540 hours!

**Can you say
“we knocked out of the park?!!”**

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, 2024. The goal for this year, with 25 members (so far), the hours will be 750.*

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

What's a QUORUM? And why should you care

Our by-laws state that a quorum is 50% + 1 of our membership. *We have 25 members as of January 1, 2024 and our quorum is 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.

Our troops have received a disproportionate amount of this genre and they aren't very happy about it.

Step 2 - Sort

Weed out any books that do not meet the standards of our program. Do NOT send:

- Ripped, stained, molding, damaged materials
- Religious material unless specifically requested (pamphlets and bookmarks included)
- Out of date items (ex. your uncle's map collection)

Remember that your package is a gift meant to entertain our troops and veterans! Take pride in what you send and don't be shy about pitching unsuitable materials into your recycling bin.

Then sort your books by genre. Also sort by hardcover/paperback. Overseas addresses receive paperbacks only. Domestic addresses can receive both hardcovers and paperbacks.



OPERATION PAPERBACK

[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 (shown in orange on the adjacent map).

Step 1 – Collect

The following genres are most frequently requested: action, bestsellers, biographies and memoirs, fantasy, history, horror, mysteries, science-fiction, true crime. Do NOT send romance novels unless specifically requested by the individual!

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**INVITATION TO THE SPRING STATE CONFERENCE
OF THE DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY, NSDAR**



Saturday, April 27, 2024

Registration 8:30 am

Conference and Luncheon
9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Citizens' Hose Fire Company
103 W. Commerce St, Smyrna, DE 19977

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Tour of Bombay Hook National Refuge
2591 Whitehall Neck Road, Smyrna, DE 19977

Luncheon Buffet

Caprese Skewers, Fruit & Cheese Skewers
Oven Roasted Chicken
Baked Ziti
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Assorted Desserts
Sweet Tea, Unsweetened Tea, Water and Lemonade



Use electronic payment instructions on prior page or mail completed form and check for **\$50.00** payable to: **DSSDAR by April 13, 2024** To:Carolynn Foxwell, State Vice Regent, 11363 Line Rd, Delmar, DE 19940-2423

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHAPTER: _____

STATE OR CHAPTER OFFICER (FOR NAME BADGE): _____

I have my own badge and will bring it: **Yes or No** VOTING DELAGATE: **Yes or No**

Participation: **In-Person or Zoom**

Please let us know if there are any other special dietary requests: _____

OPTIONAL: Donations may be included for the State Regent's Project. Checks should be made out to the **DSSDAR**. Donors will be recognized in the State Conference Program.

Gold Support \$100 _____ Silver Support \$50 _____ Bronze Support \$25 _____

Electronic Registration and Payment Instructions

You may use the traditional paper mail-inform **OR** you may now register online.

You may mail the registration form attached to this newsletter OR you may register online.

1. Ctrl+Click on this link: <https://delaware-state-society-nsdar-2024-spring-state-conference.cheddarup.com>
2. The link is self-explanatory. Scroll to the icon for “Registration and Lunch for One Attendee” and click “Add to Cart.”
3. If you would like to make a donation to defray the cost of the meeting, click the Patronage Level of your choice. Click “Continue”.
4. *****Complete the “Registration Information (Required)” section *****. This includes your name, email address, Chapter name, offices/committees (if any), whether you are a voter, and whether you have a name tag. It is essential that this section is completed. Click “View Form” and complete. Click “Done”.
5. Lastly, once the Registration is complete, click “Continue to Checkout”. An additional fee will be added to cover the cost of processing.

If you are registering multiple members and/or guests, you will have to complete this process multiple times. This is not efficient on the registration end, but it is cost effective for the State Society and will allow us to keep registrations as separate records. Please contact Kathleen Schrader (kittydickerson@yahoo.com; 302-236-3336) for questions or issues.