



The BAR Tab

New Castle, Delaware

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Dear Daughters,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It seems like we are always celebrating something, whether it is the chapter anniversary, the end of the DAR year (June), the beginning of the DAR year (September), the holidays, or our own accomplishments, personal as well as in and by the chapter.

Our first meeting in 2024 was to have been the January 20 field trip to the Museum of the American Revolution. Alas, Mother Nature created some concerns with snow and ice. While many of us are good drivers, we have to be cognizant of those who are not. With possible road closures, parking difficulties, etc., it was decided to reschedule the field trip to Saturday, February 10. I am looking forward to the photos as due to a previously scheduled mayoral commitment, I will not be able to attend although I'll be joining everyone for lunch at 1:30 p.m. at the Big Fish Grill. For those of you attending, please reach out to Rebecca if you have any questions (radevore@ccps.org).

We were NOT inactive however, and you will read more about our activities in this newsletter.

Please make a note of all calendar items (to the left and also provided later in the newsletter beginning on page 6). Keep in mind, just like a council agenda, items are subject to change and may be considered in a different order...lol.

I know you are tired of hearing from me re HUNDREDX but this is our first fundraiser and it ends on February 13, 2024. Funds raised now and with the upcoming Bourbon vs Scotch Tasting are what help us to meet our goals and mission of the DAR. **I will personally award a \$10 gift card to the DAR Store, Dunkin' or Wawa to those that have 50+ quality reviews (this is determined by HundredX).**

Yours in DAR Friendship,

Valarie Leary, Regent

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MEMBERS COURSE WORKSHOP

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEB SHETZLER!

She is the first Battell and Read Chapter member to complete the member's course!

On Saturday, January 10, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Janet R., Sandra Clay, Mary Ellen, Rebecca and Joy Hansen (PM) met at the New Castle Library. Since I have completed all 3 courses (Members, New Horizons, and Committee Leader), I shared some advice and helpful hints. A number of webinars were crossed off the list!



A second Members Course Workshop was held Saturday, February 3. Janet R. was also in attendance. Another will be scheduled in March.

Those who complete the Members Course will be recognized and “graduate” at the State Spring Conference in April.

Whether you have just joined or have been a member for many years, the DAR Leadership Training Committee has a constellation of resources to give you a greater foundation and understanding of the organization and to make you and our chapter shine.

Click [here](#) for more information.

DAR AFTER DARK – PROJECT LINUS

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

Several of us gathered on Wednesday, January 17, in the classroom at the New Castle Library and got to work. Within 2 hours eleven fleece blankets were completed!

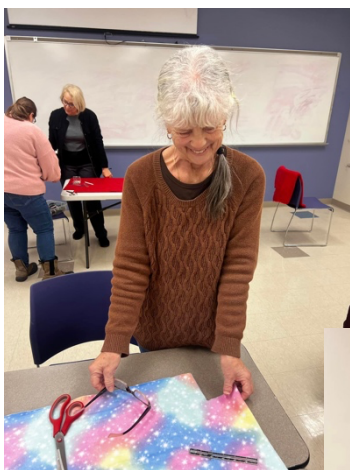
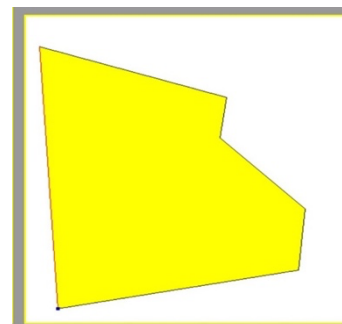
We hope to complete at least 9 more before delivering them to Joann's.



GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Sherry Eaton, Chair

The Workshop for January was held at the Kirkwood Highway Library on Sunday, Jan. 21st. The subject was on Land Surveys. After a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation the group learned how to plot deeds by drawing out a tracts directional coordinates for about 1-1/2 hours. Those in attendance were Deb Shetzler, Sandra Clay, Doris Duffy, and Sandra Lastowka.



DATE:	1760	
OWNER:	Thomas Stevenson	
LOCATION:	Northside of Seacock Swamp Southampton County, Virginia	
DESCRIPT:	300 acres	
SOURCE:	Land Ofc. Patents #33, 1756-1761 (vol. 1, 2, 3, 4), p. 944	
LINE	BEARINGS	DISTANCE (poles)
1 - 2	N, 79E	250
2 - 3	N, 5E	75
3 - 4	NW	122
4 - 5	N, 7E	50
5 - 6	N, 72W	200

February's Workshop will be held on Monday February. 19th and the topic will be on Heraldry.

Stay tuned for additional information in the coming days.

Speaking of Heraldry: Lozengy argent and vert, on a chief indented purple three roses Or barbed vert seeded gules.

Regent's Note: Many years ago, I was involved in the Society for Creative Anachronism. Above is my SCA "device" (heraldic insignia) painted on a wine glass.



**Lafayette:
The Hero of Two Worlds
The Story of the Marquis de
Lafayette and the Bicentennial of
his Farewell Tour of America
(1824 - 1825).**

Get ready to party like it is 1824!

**March 10, 2024, 1 p.m.
New Castle Court House
Museum
211 Delaware Street,
New Castle, DE**

Lafayette's Farewell Tour saw the French 67 year old last surviving major general of the American Revolution triumphantly return to the country he loved. From August 15, 1824 to September 9, 1825, Lafayette covered over 6000 miles by carriage, stagecoach, canal barge, and steamboat, traveling to all 24 exiting states and "Washington City." This presentation will cover the details of Lafayette's Farewell Tour of America, how it will be celebrated in 2024 – 2025, and how everyone will have the opportunity to get involved. Get ready to celebrate Lafayette, the Hero of Two Worlds.

Bio - Patricia L. Maclay, MD

Dr. Maclay is a lifetime member of the American Friends of Lafayette and serves on its Governing Board. She is the National Steering Committee Vice Chair responsible for the 13-month 24-state Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour scheduled to kick-off in New York City on August 16, 2024. Beside national and local presentations on Lafayette's life and the Farewell Tour, she serves on multiple Tour planning committees including New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.

In DAR, Dr. Maclay is the National Chair for the new Franco-American Memorial Committee which is inclusive of the Lafayette Farewell Tour. She serves as a DAR Museum Docent, Corresponding Docent, and an outreach educator, is the immediate past Maryland State Historian and Regent of the Janet Montgomery Chapter in Rockville Maryland.



**Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10
a.m. Terri Stern on
DNA and Genealogy.**

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).

Deb is still confirming the topic but it will likely be either Autosomal DNA: How can it help me find Ancestors; or DNA and Brick Walls: Applying the Golden Rules.

This is in partnership with the New Castle Historical Society. It will finish with more than enough time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Come dressed in green!!

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Rebecca DeVore, Chair

The Great Backyard Bird Count 2024

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) (<https://www.birdcount.org/>) this year will be held on **February 16–19, 2024**. Birds are

everywhere, all the time, doing fascinating things! Anyone can participate in the Great



Backyard Bird Count. During four days in February **every year**, participants watch, learn about, count, and celebrate birds. There are 11,188 bird species in the world as of the beginning of 2023 – so let's celebrate!

During those days, spend some time in your **favorite places watching birds**—then tell the folks who run this wonder event about them! Who is behind the GBBC? They are: The Cornell Lab, Audubon and Birds Canada.

In as little as **15 minutes** you can notice the birds around you, like this Carolina Chickadee, common in Delaware. You can **identify** them, **count** them, and **submit** them to help scientists better understand and protect birds around the world. It's easy even for a novice!

The easiest way is to use one of the free apps available. These apps can be used on your phone where you can identify and record your bird sightings! Using these apps, your submissions over the 4-days count towards GBBC.

If you are new to bird watching, try loading and using **Merlin** (<https://www.birdcount.org/merlin-bird-id->

[app/](#)). This app will ask you questions including the size and color(s) of the bird you saw. When you finish the identification questions, your sighting goes to GBBC that weekend.

If you already use eBird

(<https://www.birdcount.org/ebird-mobile-app/>), or **Merlin**, To use eBird, start a checklist and record your sightings for at least 15 minutes as instructed and submit when you are finished.

Happy Birding!

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.

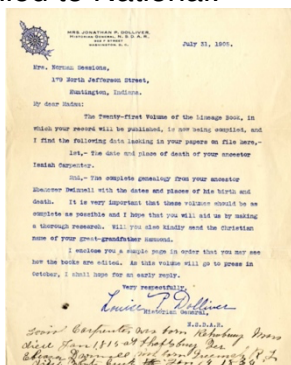
REGISTRAR UPDATE

Deb Shetzler, Registrar
Sherrye Eaton, Asst. Registrar

The applications for Elaine Newcomb and Lois Racine have been mailed to National!

Currently, the chapter has 25 members, and several prospective members!!

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, 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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April 7 – 13, 2024: Library Appreciation Week

April 19, 2024: Servium Academy Gala at Bellevue. Janet Rossiter organizing.

April 20, 2024: Regular Chapter Meeting. TBD.

April 27, 2024: Delaware State Meeting, Smyrna, Delaware; more information to come

May 5-10, 2024: Teacher Appreciation Week Rebecca DeVore organizing

May 18, 2024: ADIONC table/volunteer opportunity

May 27, 2024: Memorial Day

June 8, 2024 – Separation Day
Walk in the parade or table in the park

June 18, 2024: Chapter meeting - Wilmington, Delaware; Antoinette to arrange tour of historical buildings downtown.

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

July and August - No meetings; may arrange social event

September 17 – 23, 2024 – Constitution Week; need for new display

September 21, 2024 - Kick off meeting. Speaker Chief Justice Seitz - Constitution and Amendments (waiting for confirmation)

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

October 17, 2024 – Chapter Meeting and Card Signing for Active-Duty Military

There is a Fall State Meeting in here somewhere*

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

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.**



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!

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.



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