



The BAR Tab

New Castle, Delaware

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Dear Battell and Read Chapter, Associate and Prospective members,

This past year has been a wonderful time of growth for our chapter. We welcomed many new members, have members engaged in Service to Veterans, Conservation, Genealogy, DAR Leadership Courses and more, and are now setting the course for the next year. A leader shows the way, and in the process, lets each Chapter member know that what they do makes a difference. ***I want you to know that you have each made a difference in my life this year, and in the life of the Chapter.***

I hope all of you are having a great summer thus far! For me, my activities have been unexpected. The new mayor of my city resigned 13 days after being sworn in. By law, another election was scheduled for August 5. And yes, I filed again so most of my time off has been spent with campaign activities. Many thanks to Rebecca who canvassed with me one day, and to Lissa who covered part of a neighborhood for me. Ladies, don't forget to enter your hours in Service to America! They count!

The State Regent is looking for recipes for her Delaware State Society Cookbook. Please send your recipes to: Christine Lashbrook, christinelashbrook@verizon.net by **August 1!!**

Although no "official meetings" are taking place this summer, we have a couple great activities coming up:

Saturday, July 29: America 250! Genealogy Workshop, Bowie, MD.
Denise, Doris, Sherrye, Deb Shetzler, Deb's mom and I will be attending.

Saturday, August 5: Battell and Read's Summer Soiree; 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please join us for a day filled with summer fun! Nanette has graciously opened her home for swimming, lunch and to help us get started on our Milkweed Seed Bombs.



*Members, Associates, Prospective members are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP by July 30 to Nanette at: oddon@comcast.net

Nanette's Home:
105 Wynleigh Dr E.
Wilmington, Delaware

Saturday, August 26: Battell and Read
Progressive Dinner; 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Our Hostesses are opening their homes to us for our first progressive dinner:

Lissa Hilsee – Appetizers (406B Delaware Street, New Castle)

Janet Rossiter – Soup and Salad (57 The Strand)

Valarie Leary – Main (102 Harmony Street)

Laurie. Lorenz – Dessert (59 The Strand)



Please join us for a fun filled evening!

Let's *Flamingle* together!

We are asking that each person contribute \$20 to offset the cost of the evening. Cash or check the day of at Lissa's home will be accepted. Also, please feel free to pay if you are attending the August 5 event then.

We plan on spending about 50 minutes at each home and the evening will conclude at 10 p.m.

Please RSVP by August 16 to Lissa at lissa@lissahilsee.com

** Everyone should have received online invitations from Punchbowl. Be sure to check your spam or trash folders. Invites will be resent in the next day or two.

Saturday, September 16, 2023: Battell and Read Regular Chapter Meeting with a special presentation by Karen Jesse, Bustles to Bras, sponsored in part by Delaware Humanities. At this meeting we will vote on the budget and the slate of officers to be installed in October as we move out of our charter/organizing year. Don't forget to bring your donations for the Airmen's Attic Dover Air Force Base.

Our chapter has been asked to participate with the other two northern chapters, Caesar Rodney and Cooch's Bridge to go to the VA hospital once a month (day/time TBD) to play bingo with the residents. Each session would be about 2 hours. More information to come.

We have been encouraged to apply for Delaware State Grant in Aid in 2024. The Colonel David Hall Chapter received \$70k for renovations to the Maull House. Hope Center Move Out Kits are a good project but that is a delay of a year if we wait that long.

An online link to pay 2024 dues via debit/credit card will be emailed in the next week or two. Information will also be included to pay dues via check.

A LOOK AT MEMBER DUES

A member recently asked how the \$79.50 2024 membership dues are utilized. Below is a breakdown of the individual chapter member's dues.

TOTAL \$79.50

- National Society dues: \$45.00
- State Society dues: \$14.50 (includes \$2.00 to State Regents pin & \$2.50 to President Generals project*)

- Battell and Read Chapter dues: \$20.00

As you can see the chapter receives only \$20.00 annually from each member to run the chapter, engage in meaningful service projects, and provide chapter programs.

We currently have 23 members generating a total annual income of \$460 for those purposes. This is why we fundraise and seek sponsorships.

*Because we paid the President General's Project Dues in full for the current term of 2022 - 2025, the \$2.50 will stay with the chapter.



For those not on Facebook, George Widger received the \$100 donation today. It was presented by Treasurer Tracy Walsh who also presented a \$100 check as President of

Delaware State Society USD 1812.

Also, thank you to Denise Dyson who assisted George Widger in completing the Delaware State Grant in Aid application. He requested \$5,900 for tree removal and received his grant!!



Deb Shetzler, her mother, Denise Dyson, Doris Duffy, Sherrye Eaton and myself attended the America 250! Genealogy Workshop in Bowie, Maryland on Saturday, July

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29. There was quite a bit of info shared on alternate sources to find info, which will be very helpful. I caught up with Michelle Tarlecki who was sitting at the DAR table.



I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Valarie Leary
Organizing Regent

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE Rebecca DeVore, Chair

Hey Daughters we are making the Milkweed seed bombs for the [Monarch Butterfly Migration Celebration](#) and for [Art on the Green](#) Please join us on Aug 5, 2023 at Nanette Oddo's home to prepare for the events. We will be making seed bombs and working on a few other projects for the events.

After the event if you are able we are going to Old New Castle to support Valarie's election.

The future of the Bees and Butterflies need our help!

SERVICE TO AMERICA

As of July 31, 2023, we have **659** Service to America Hours logged for 2023, with the goal of **540** hours for the year.*



***We have accomplished our goal and more!
Can we double this?***

Let's do it!

***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.

- Milkweed seed balls
- Earrings (Rebecca)
- 1-2 Raffle Baskets (I will be asking Salon Rispoli to donate a basket)

Volunteers will be needed to staff the tent! Please plan on attending AOTG and giving a couple hours (or more) to your chapter! This is an excellent opportunity to fundraise and promote the Battell and Read Chapter, and the DAR.



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.*

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

As requested at the June meeting please forward 2-3 potential sponsors to Doris or I and we will send out the letters. Please include the address and a contact name if at all possible. A phone number for follow up would be great!

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

ART ON THE GREEN September 23, 2023

- A-frame sign to advertise
- Membership Materials – trifold and brochures
- Monarch Butterfly Display



For fundraising:

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Pam Derrickson

Congratulations to Deb Shetzler who has completed GEP 1, 2 and 3!!! (Genealogy Education Programs)

The next Genealogy Committee will be scheduled for August as the committee will take a break in July.

Email Pam at pam_d99@hotmail.com to get on the list to receive future Zoom link.

APPLICATION / TRANSFER STATUS

Antoinette's application is at National.

Mary Ellen Craig's application was sent up the chain to the National Lineage Research Committee to assist with establishing a patriot.

Sandra Clay is in the hands of our outstanding Genealogy Committee.

NOW is the time to get friends or family members to join us! Do you know someone who is hesitating?

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

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

Our by-laws state that a quorum is 50% + 1 of our membership. *We have 23 established members, and 12 is the quorum.*

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.**

DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Rebecca DeVore – Chair

Stay cool in the summer heat!

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.

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:

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/standing-committees/dar-leadership-training/member-training-courses>

GENIE TIPS – CHURCH RECORDS

Sherrye Eaton

At one time church records sole keepers of tracking births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, and burials. Unlike other countries, the United States has no state church. The country's guarantee of freedom of religion drew people of every faith and with each faith came a different approach to maintaining records. Puritans and Separatists founded New England, Maryland became a haven for Catholics, and the Scottish and Scot-Irish Presbyterians settled primarily in Pennsylvania and Virginia during the early colonial period. Pennsylvania had a mixture of religions practiced by people of every nationality, including Quakers, Lutherans, Huguenots, Dunkards (conservative anabaptists) and others.

Each religious group maintained a variety of records. Congressional, Anglican, Dutch

Reformed, Lutheran, and Catholic churches kept birth, baptismal, marriage, death, and burial records. The form and content of each record varied from group to group. Quakers kept excellent records, including entire family groups with complete birth, marriage, and death information. Religions with American roots, such as the Baptist, Methodist, and United Brethren churches rarely births, baptisms, deaths, or burials. Some kept marriage records but on the whole only membership files were compiled.

Keep in mind when researching that online databases are *incomplete*. This can lead to two common mistakes:

- 1) Near matches: You might mistakenly accept an entry very similar to your ancestor. Only use information that matches your ancestor in date, place, other relationships, and details.
- 2) You might also assume that a database proves church records do not exist. Actually, the record is still out there just not in the “incomplete” collection of records.

The Family Search Library of the Church of Latter-Day Saints has a collection of original church records and transcripts on microfilm for churches in the United States. If you find a record that has not yet been digitized, see “How do I request that a microfilm be digitized?” Some records may have viewing restrictions and can only be viewed at a Family Search Center. There are four of these centers located in the State of Delaware:

- 1) Wilmington Delaware Family Search Center – 143 Dickinson Lane, Wilmington, DE 19807-3139
- 2) Newark Delaware Family Search Center – 500 West Chestnut Hill Road, Newark, DE 19713 – 1158

- 3) Dover Delaware Family Search Center – 237 West Lebanon Road, Dover, DE 19901-6251
- 4) Henry Francis DuPont Winterthur Museum – 5105 Kennett Pike, Winterthur, DE 19735 (this is a Family Search affiliate)

Look for published books with transcripts of church records. Many early records from the 1600’s and 1700’s have been transcribed and published in books. These books can be digitized and available online by checking out Google Books, Internet Archive, etc.

Some records are still held in the local churches. Contact the current minister of the church to find out what records are still available. You can also request to make an appointment to look at the records. A donation for their time and effort to help you would be appropriate. Some church records have been deposited for preservation in government archives. Also, some church records are given to local historical societies and if not, they should be able to tell you where the records are being held.

(Sources: “Case Studies in American Genealogy” by John Cerny & Arlene Eakle; and the LDS Library)



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August 26, 2023: Progressive Dinner (see page 2)

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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. Jonathan's Landing, Magnolia, 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.