



The BAR Tab

New Castle, Delaware

June 2023



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June 17, 2023 Battell and Read Chapter Meeting Overview

Valarie Leary, Organizing Regent

First, my apologies that this newsletter is so delayed. It had been my intent to complete it the first couple of days of Continental Congress however, that did not happen. Last year was my first year to attend Continental Congress and I was a bit bored. This year I made sure that I had plenty to do but I think I planned just a fraction too much... L O L. I volunteered for the House Committee, Property Beautification and Maintenance Committee and the President General's Sales for a total of 21 hours! Photos from Congress begin on page 8.

Just a few highlights from our June 17th meeting:

We celebrated Cindy's retirement from the New Castle Court Houses Museum...30 years!!! Our first few meetings were held there, and our Organizing Meeting



actually took place in the Court Room. Cindy has been working on the Vietnam Vets Memorial as

well as the Lafayette Presentation and will work with the new supervisor on these projects.

Many thanks to Laurie who provided the beautiful and delicious cake! It was YUM!

Please mark your calendars now for our chapter meetings, typically the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. **On September 16,** we will vote on the officers to install at the end of our charter year, swear in several NEW members, present the 2023-2024 budget and make the ceremonial presentation to Serviam Academy for the \$2,500 Legacy Grant, and more. PLEASE plan on attending so that we have a quorum. I anticipate that the **minimum number needed will be 14 members** if all 5 new member applications are approved. We cannot do take care of chapter business without a quorum.

Beginning with this meeting, we will collect canned goods for the Dover AFB Food Pantry. This will take place at each meeting. Jackie will deliver them for us. Thank you, Jackie!

We reviewed our needs for Art on the Green, which will be items to sell and people to work the stand. More information on page 3.

Members and associates were requested to forward 2-3 (or more if you have them) potential sponsorship partners for Wreaths Across America.

Rebecca and Nanette will attend the Monarch Butterfly Migration Celebration on September 16 to represent the chapter.

In October, we will complete our Organizing/Charter year! At this time officers will need to be installed. Our regularly scheduled October meeting falls on the State Fall Meeting so we will have to adjust this date.

The Nominating Committee is Sandra Komenda, Jenn Leary, and Jan Henion. They will ask current officers if they would like to continue, find new ones if not, and present the slate of officers for nomination and vote in September. Those officers will be installed at our October meeting.

Welcome to Nancy Whitesell from the Salem Oak Chapter, Salem, New Jersey. Nancy is our newest associate member!!

In closing, this issue of the BAR Tab ends Volume I of our newsletter. The next issue will begin Volume 2.

We have a come a long baby! Thanks to each and every one of you!

Valarie

SERVICE TO AMERICA

UPDATE:

As of July 2, 2023, we have 611 Service to America Hours logged for 2023, with the goal of 540 hours for the year.*

113%

***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.

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!](#)

Logging in our Service to America Hours is important because it shows a representation of all the volunteering that DAR members do. This includes not only work for DAR projects but for other philanthropic organizations as well. This also represents caring for neighbors, stray animals, and random acts of kindness.

Nationally, as well as locally, DAR can use these service hours to help obtain grants and continue to show why we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit. That's why your service hours are important. Remember, you're already doing this wonderful work -- just let us know about it. If you cannot log in your hours, please just let Valarie know what you are doing, and she will log them in for you.

ART ON THE GREEN September 23, 2023

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



For fundraising:

- 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.



53 sponsorship requests have been mailed. Many thanks to Deb Shetzler who provided 19 potential sponsors, and to Doris who provided 34 (banks and manufacturers).

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!

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Pam Derrickson

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.

SERVICE TO VETERANS

Doris Duffy

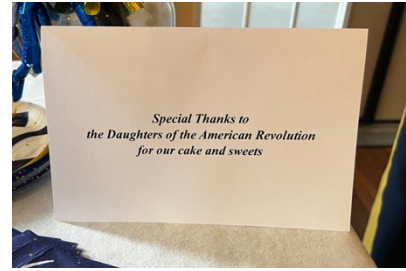
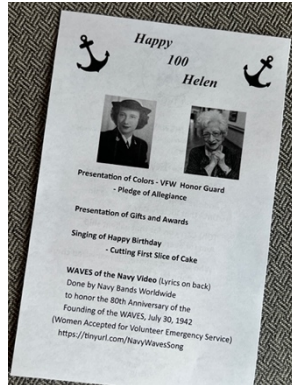
Eden Veterans' Refuge and Lady Jackson submitted the documents needed with the grant application.

Several calls and e-mails have been made to The Hope Center to obtain a Move-Out Box list so we can make some up for the female veterans. Fundraising is needed to accomplish

this project. 18 sponsorship request letters have been mailed.

A Service to Veterans Calendar was provided at the June meeting so our group can plan ahead for upcoming veterans' events.

Valarie and I attended the 100th Birthday Celebration of Helen Knapp.



Helen was presented with a "Quilt of Valor."

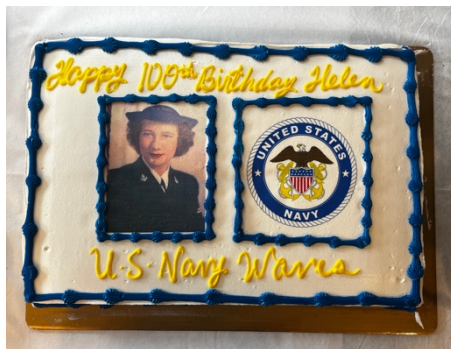
The First State Military Women Warriors invited



us to join them for lunch at Gallucio's prior to the celebration. Everyone then walked down to Kentmere.



It was a wonderful and well-done celebration for this magnificent veteran.



(Grateful thanks to Doris for making this happen...VL)

APPLICATION / TRANSFER STATUS

**VERIFIED:
LISSA HILSEE AND JENN LEARY!!!**

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. Right now, we have 21 established members, and so 11 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

We currently have five members taking the class and we are meeting every couple of weeks via Zoom to work together on the course.

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.

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

Sherrye Eaton

Vital Records consist of Birth, Marriage, and Death documents recorded in civil authority districts in both Europe and the United States. British and European countries began keeping registration of birth and death records beginning in the 1800's but the United States opted not to start registration of births and deaths until the beginning of the 1900's on a state-by-state basis, except for New England and a few other states that started prior.

Every state required a marriage record at the time the state was created except for New York (started in 1880), Pennsylvania (1885), and South Carolina (1911). The type of marriage recorded differed from place to place and included:

- Applications
- Bonds
- Certificates
- Consents

- Contracts
- Intentions
- Licenses
- Registers
- Returns

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services periodically compiles “Where to write for Vital Records – Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces” publication number “PHS 82-1142” that lists state-by-state the dates the records began, the types of records kept, the cost of certified copies, and the address of where the records are kept for each state. The last publication printed was in 1982 and you can look up where to obtain a copy thru www.worldcat.org.

Enforcement of early registration was arbitrary especially in rural and frontier areas and not everyone that was born or died during the registration period are included in the listings. Also, early records offer less information than current registrations but are still considered the best evidence to these events.

I have been asked in the past if baptismal and burial records are considered the same as birth and death records and the answer is “no.” Baptismal (christening) and burial records are kept primarily by the church in which the event took place and are not typically kept by state authorities. Church records will be discussed in the next newsletter issue – stay tuned!

HISTORY CORNER

Denise Dyson

On this day in history, June 16, 1738, **Mary Katherine Goddard** is born. Mary would become one of the most prominent printers of the American Revolution and would print the first copies of the **Declaration of**

Independence that contained the names of all 56 signers.

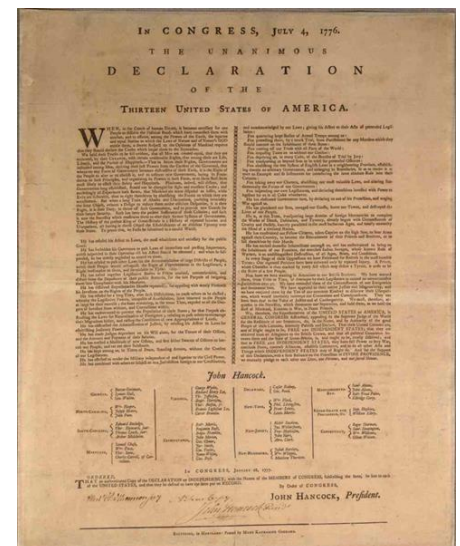
Mary Katherine was born in New London, Connecticut to a wealthy doctor and postmaster. When her father died, Mary's mother moved the family to Providence, Rhode Island and lent her younger son, William, the money to open the **Providence Gazette**, the city's first newspaper, in 1762. As the business grew, William traveled a lot, leaving Mary Katherine and their mother to run the paper.



In 1767, William founded the **Pennsylvania Chronicle** in Philadelphia with several partners, including **Benjamin Franklin**. When the elder Mrs. Goddard

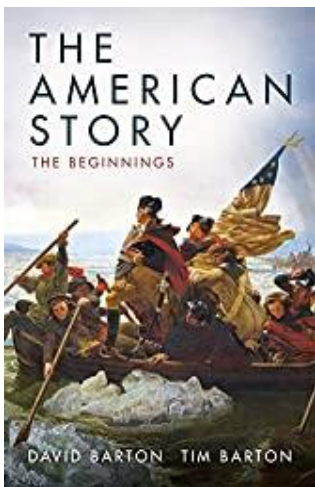
died in 1770, Mary Katherine moved to Philadelphia and took over the publishing of the **Chronicle**. Mary moved again, this time to Baltimore, when William started the **Maryland Journal** in 1772.

By this time, William was heavily involved in politics. His pro-revolutionary and anti-Crown opinions drew the scrutiny of the Royal government. He even spent some time in jail for his incendiary opinions. Mary kept the



papers going all the while. She, however, rarely printed her own opinions.

By 1773, the authorities were censoring the mail heavily. Some postal lines were completely blocked to prevent communication between the colonies. The mail difficulties eventually forced the Goddards to shut down the ***Pennsylvania Chronicle***. This prompted William to create his own postal system with the advice and help of **Ben Franklin**, who had been the Crown's chief Postmaster for North America. William's system was eventually adopted and became the US Postal Service.



Mary Katherine became the new postmaster of Baltimore in 1775. She would continue publishing the newspaper, serve as postmaster, bind books, print almanacs and other books, and open a bookstore in the coming years. Her most famous claim to

fame was printing the **Declaration of Independence** with the names of all **56 signers** in January, 1777. Congress was meeting in Baltimore at the time because the British army was near Philadelphia. The original Declaration was printed by **John Dunlap** in Philadelphia with no signatures. The signatures were written on a copy in August of 1776 and it was this document that Mary Katherine reproduced with the typeset names, putting her own life at risk.

After the war, Mary Katherine and William had a falling out and she was forced out of the paper for reasons which are unclear. She continued selling books and dry goods for years and as postmaster until 1789 when she

was forced out of this position as well.

When the new US government created its official post office in August of 1789, the first postmaster general appointed by **George Washington**, **Samuel Osgood**, immediately fired Mary and put a political ally in her place. Mary was told the position would require a lot of travel and since she was a woman she would not be able to handle it. Mary had been running the busiest post office in the country for years, but this didn't matter to Osgood. The protests of hundreds of businessmen in Baltimore fell on deaf ears as well and Mary's contribution to the post office came to an end. **Mary Katherine Goddard** remained in business until the early 1800s and passed away at the age of 78 in 1816, having made her mark in the printing industry and on the post office.

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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.

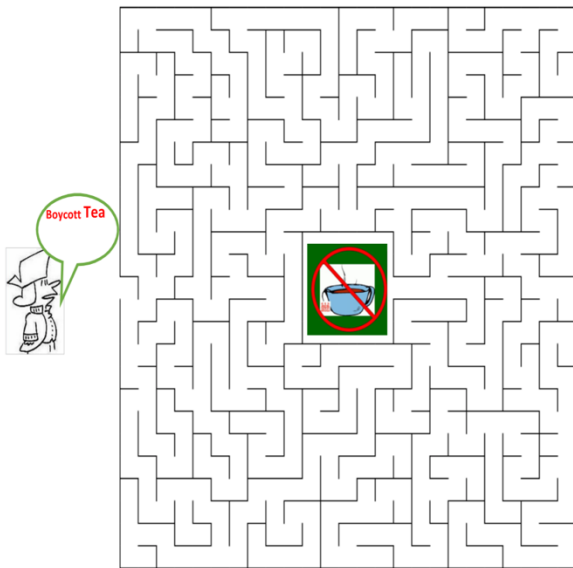
We currently have 21 members generating a total annual income of \$420 for those

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.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR MAZE PUZZLE

	<p>Philadelphia Resolutions 1773 Maze Puzzle</p>
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Help Benjamin Rush and the Philadelphia Citizens spread the news to Boycott the approaching East India Company Tea.

(answer key on page 11)

Photos from Continental Congress 2023

America 250 Quilt



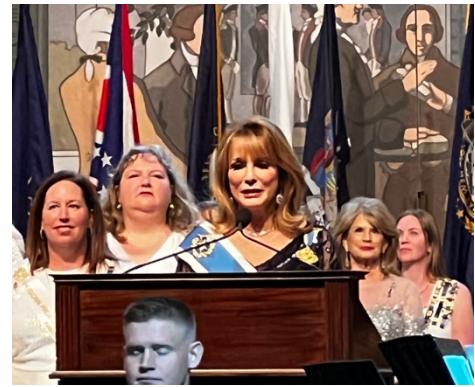
A close up of the Delaware Square



A right side ribbon



Sparkle in Service Committee Night
The Property Beautification and Maintenance display



Pamela Rouse Wright, President General



My roommates: Katie Paulsen, Eden Tanzosh (2023 Arizona Outstanding Junior), and Kandy Wagenbach (all from Arizona)



The Delaware Delegation

TODAY'S DAR BLOG



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August 26, 2023: Progressive Dinner (more info to come)

September 16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.: Regular Chapter Meeting, TBA

September 16, 2023, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Monarch Migration Celebration (Rebecca and Nanette will be attending)

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.

Answer Key to Maze:

	<p>Philadelphia Resolutions 1773 Maze Answer</p>
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