



# The BAR Tab

## New Castle, Delaware

### May 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](http://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](http://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

### May 15, 2023 Battell and Read Chapter Meeting Overview

Valarie Leary, Regent

Laurie provided the beautiful prayer that I read.  
Jan led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and  
Denise led us in the American's Creed.

Thanks to Aaron Vedermann, co-owner of the  
Mercury Café and Teahouse for a great "Tea  
Talk with the Tea Guy" presentation!



Welcome to Mary Jo Davison, a new member  
that has transferred from Cooch's Bridge.  
Mary Jo lives right over on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Welcome to our prospective member Jenn  
Leary and new prospective member, Sandra  
Clay. The applications for Jenn, Lissa, and  
Antoinette will be submitted June 1.

We welcomed 2 new associate members:  
Janet Maher and her daughter Katie Maher  
from the Col. David Hall Chapter.

Also, welcome to Nancy Whitesell from the  
Salem Oak Chapter, Salem, NJ.

At our October 2023 meeting, we will complete  
our Organizing/Charter year! At this time  
officers will need to be installed. The  
Nominating Committee is Sandra Komenda,



I accidentally  
left the thank  
you gift of  
one of our  
wristlets at  
home so I will  
be dropping it  
off on the  
weekend.

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Jenn Leary (Jenn will be a member by the time action is necessary), 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.

May meeting minutes will provide more information.

By popular demand, the poem recited at the closing of the meeting with thanks to Laurie, Chapter Chaplain for finding it:

"My Mother's Garden", author unknown  
 My mother kept a garden  
 A garden of the heart:  
 She planted all the good things  
 That gave my life a start.

She turned me to the sunshine,  
 And encouraged me to dream:  
 Fostering and nurturing  
 The seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rains came,  
 She protected me enough:  
 But not too much, she knew I'd need  
 To stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example,  
 Always taught me right from wrong:  
 Markers for my pathway  
 To last my whole life long.

I am my Mother's garden.



## SERVIAM GIRLS ACADEMY

On May 6, Deb, Rebecca, Lissa, Janet R., Denise and myself gathered at the New Castle Library and put together 14-quart jars AND 14 additional cellophane bags as Teacher

Appreciation Gifts for the instructors at Serviam Academy.



Just a few days later, Denise, Janet R. and myself presented these wonderful Teacher Appreciation Gifts to the instructors!



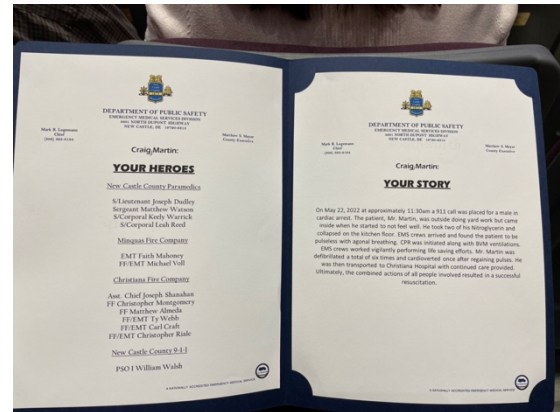
## NCC EMS SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVOR REUNION

(This warms the cockles of my little paramedic heart!)

Prospective member Mary Ellen Craig shared photos with us of she and her husband, Craig attending the 11th Annual New Castle County



EMS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survivor Reunion as her husband suffered cardiac arrest in May 22, 2022 and survived due to the “chain of survival.”



## GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Pam Derrickson

Sherrye presented a great webinar! We hope to be able to record them in the future to share.

The next Genealogy Committee will be **Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. ZOOM only.**

Email Pam at [pam\\_d99@hotmail.com](mailto:pam_d99@hotmail.com) to get on the list to receive the Zoom link.

## **SERVICE TO VETERANS**

Doris Duffy

I contacted Eden Veterans' Refuge and Lady Jackson will be submitting 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. Still waiting to hear back as the center has been going through some audits.

I will make up a Service to Veterans Calendar for next month's meeting (thanks to Valarie's suggestion) so our group can plan ahead for upcoming veterans' events.

I'm planning on attending some Memorial Day Veterans events this month to see what I need to do for next year.

## **APPLICATION / TRANSFER STATUS**

Welcome to new member, Mary Jo Davison! She is a transfer from Cooch's Bridge.

Holding: Lissa, Jenn and Antoinette. To be mailed June 1.

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 currently being worked on.

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. 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 20 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. If you are not one of the five, no worries, you can reach out to Gloria Lester at [glesterdd@aol.com](mailto: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:

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

## **GENIE TIPS**

Sherrye Eaton

Genie Tip(s) of the Month – May Newsletter  
Beginning Your Quest, part 3 of 3.....

### **Setting the Pace**

Start out with short term goals by working on your family history in short intervals to avoid burn-out.

You can always increase the amount of time spent as you become more familiar with your search.

Keep a research log (such as a journal) by documenting who, what, where, when, why, and how. Example: “Ima Sample (great grandmother),  
Birth, Marriage, Death dates and locations  
Where record(s) were obtained and date it was recorded  
Where is this information currently located (Ancestry.com, FamilyTree Maker, etc.).

Document clues and theories and why you think they could be of importance now or later down the road. Back-up everything both

physical and digital and store in a safe place along with other important documents. Do not forget to label what you are storing.

Do not set yourself up to fail. Research a few hours per week to start. Take a break periodically to rest your brain and eyes. If you get stuck on one branch in the tree work on another branch. You can always return to the first branch when new information becomes available.

Long-term Goals – Dream Big.

What do you want to do once you have collected all the data and documents?  
Do you want to become an:

Amateur Genealogist is someone who pursues tracing their own ancestry out of curiosity about their heritage and typically have less than two years of experience in genealogical research.

Family Genealogist is someone who researches not only their own ancestry but others ancestry as well. They also try to understand not just where and when people lived but also their lifestyles, biographies, and motivations.

Family Historians may also blend with a family genealogist but includes writing and compiling stories about theirs and others ancestral lives. Family Historians and Family Genealogists may or may not charge for time and/or costs.

Professional Genealogist is someone who has extensive education in the field and are certified and/or accredited to conduct research on others ancestry, publishing books on genealogical methods, teaching, or producing their own databases. These accredited genealogists are typically paid for their expert time and costs.

Get the whole family involved.

\*Start a family scrapbook.

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- \*Create a family video/audio of conversations, happy occasions, family stories, etc.
- \*Plan a family reunion.
- \*Sharing is caring.
- \*Create a Family Tree online by using “Ancestry, My Heritage, FamilySearch, etc.” When using these platforms, you can opt out of others seeing your information or not (for privacy reasons).

- \*Do not want to use an online platform, not a problem. You can purchase a family tracking platform that only you have access too, and/or can share with other family members, such as: Family Tree Maker, Family Historian, etc.
- \*Do not want to buy a family tracking platform, not a problem. Create your own tracking page using an excel spreadsheet or use something similar.

Family Group Sheet		Husband's Full Name							
Information Obtained From		Date of:	Day	Month	Year	Town	County	State or Country	Additional Info.
Marriage:									
Death:									
Burial:									
Place of Residence:									
Occupation:								Religion:	Military Record:
Other names:									
His father:									
His mother:									
Wife's Full Maiden Name:									
Date of:		Day	Month	Year	Town	County	State or Country	Additional Info.	
Birth:									
Marriage:									
Death:									
Burial:									
Place of Residence:									
Occupation:								Religion:	
Other husbands:									
His father:									
His mother:									
Sex:	Children's Full Names:	Date of:	Day	Month	Year	Town	County	State or Country	Additional Info.
1.	Birth:								
	Marriage:								
	Full Name of Spouse:								
	Death:								
	Burial:								
2.	Birth:								
	Marriage:								
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Family Tree Chart-1

The chart shows a hierarchical structure for family members. At the top is the 'Family' section, followed by 'Grandfather' and 'Grandmother'. Below these are several 'Member' entries. Each entry has a set of fields for personal and vital statistics.

## HISTORY CORNER

Denise Dyson

The Delaware Women's Hall of Fame

Year Honored: 2008

### Biography

Little personal information survives about Elizabeth Empson Battell, also known as the “Godmother of the First State.” Battell ran the Golden Fleece Tavern on the Dover Green from 1777 until 1792. She and her husband, French Battell, a Quarter Master in the local militia, ran it as partners throughout the Revolutionary War until his death in 1781.

The Golden Fleece Tavern, sometimes called Battell's Tavern, had a long history as a place of political importance. During the Revolutionary War, the tavern had served as a vital point of communications exchange. It also hosted the meetings of the Committee of

- \*Create a Family blog or write a Family History Book.

Genealogy is a lot of fun but can be a lot of work. As the saying goes, you will get more information out of it the more research you put into it. Do not let it be a drag on your life, go out and have fun with it. You will not be disappointed. There is always something new to learn.

Inspection and Observation, and when the State Government moved from New Castle to Dover in 1777, the tavern hosted the meetings of the Assembly's Upper House until the State House was completed in 1791.



Elizabeth Empson Battell

In 1787, when 30 delegates from around the state met to review the Constitution put forth by the Philadelphia Convention, they did so at the Golden Fleece Tavern. When it was unanimously

approved on December 7, 1787 – making Delaware the First State – it occurred under Battell's stewardship. The legislatures, in their excitement to spread the news about statehood, skipped out on the bill. The unpaid invoice is in the Delaware Archives, and a copy hangs in the modern incarnation of the Golden Fleece. In 1790, delegates also ratified the Bill of Rights at the tavern.

#### Sources and Additional Readings

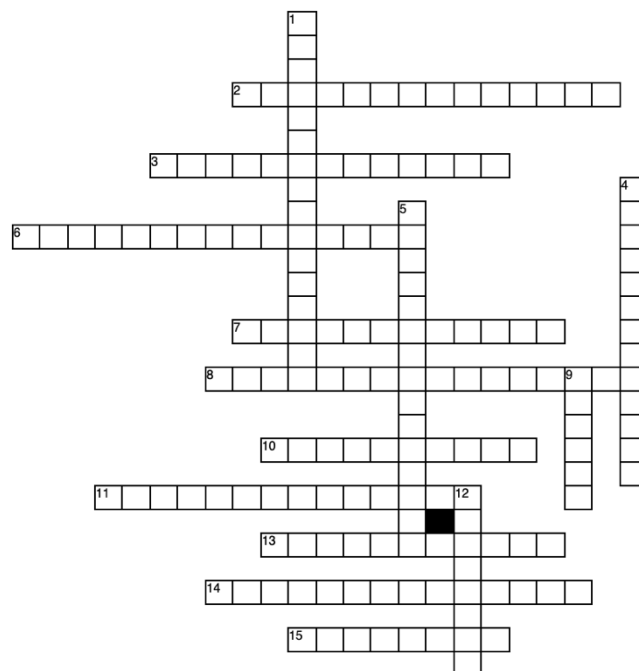
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### REVOLUTIONARY WAR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



#### Across

- 2. Tension between colonists and red coats peaked and a fight broke out
- 3. King of England
- 6. Author of the Declaration of Independence
- 7. Taxed glass, lead, paint, paper and tea
- 8. Served as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army
- 10. Rode the midnight ride



- 11. First person to be killed in the Boston Massacre
- 13. Published the Common Sense
- 14. Protest against the Tea Act
- 15. Tax on all sugar products including molasses

**Down**

- 1. England’s name for the French and Indian War
- 4. To house British troops and take care of them
- 5. King’s response to the Boston Tea Party
- 9. Allowed British East India company to sell tea directly to the colonists
- 12. Required colonists to buy special tax stamps for all kinds of products

**CHAPTER COMMITTEE “MINUTES”**

**American Heritage** - It is hard to believe that young men once rode horses to carry mail from Missouri to California in the unprecedented time of only 10 days. This relay system along the Pony Express National Historic Trail in eight states was the most direct and practical means of east-west communications before the telegraph. The Pony Express National Historic Trail extends between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California.

**Conservation** - Climate Change - To prevent irreversible harm to Earth’s life-support systems, humanity must emit less climate-warming greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, while also removing excess carbon from the atmosphere. This will require an urgent and large-scale transition to clean and renewable sources of energy. But even if the world stopped using fossil fuels completely, we would fail to avert a worst-case scenario if we did not also reverse the destruction of ecosystems such as forests that absorb and

store carbon. In other words: No matter what, if we don’t protect and restore nature, we will fail to prevent catastrophic climate breakdown. By restoring degraded lands and conserving protected lands we can make a difference. But simply planting a tree isn’t the answer, it needs to be the right tree, in the right location. Get online and get educated.

**Constitution** - How could Jeannette Rankin have served in Congress before the Nineteenth Amendment was adopted? The Constitution never prohibited women from voting or serving in public office, leaving that for the states to decide. Several western states adopted woman’s suffrage in advance of the constitutional amendment. Jeannette Rankin had been a leader in the movement to gain women’s right to vote in Montana, and in 1916, after the state changed its laws, she was elected to Congress. After 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment prohibited the states from barring women from voting.

**Insignia** - DAR insignia and pins should be worn with business professional attire and formal evening attire, which includes mix and match or coordinating skirt suits and pants suits, day dresses, tea-length dresses, evening gowns, and other formal evening attire. If you’re wearing casual attire such as denim jeans, yoga pants, and other casual clothing, please do not wear your DAR insignia and pins. The DAR Handbook states, “The insignia pin may be worn with attire appropriate for DAR occasions, which include pants and jackets.”

**National Defense** - By Ruth Tofle, Columbian Chapter National Defense Chair, Columbia, MO Our family stories were told and retold on Decoration Days while reading the names and dates on tombstones. A red checkered tablecloth was spread on the grass for relatives young and old to picnic at the cemetery. We

tasted fresh picked strawberries, homemade sweet chocolate cake, and tart lemonade. We also pulled up grassy weeds and decorated graves with the flowering weed called Queen Ann's Lace. Veterans were identified with a bronze marker—and these graves were honored with small American flags. My children and grandchildren no longer reside nearby to carry on these family traditions. However, we can keep family stories alive to honor our loved ones, fly the flag, and pause for a minute on this national holiday. Decoration Day began in 1866, following the Civil War, when General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery and the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers—both Confederate and Union-- were decorated. Decoration Day became the time for the nation to decorate the graves of veterans with flowers and flags. The World Wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May. My family's tradition in our hometown of Washington, Missouri, was to decorate the graves of those who served in the military at any time in their life. Today, the National Moment of Remembrance honors those who died in the pursuit of peace and freedom. This moment of silence, actually 60 seconds, was first proclaimed in May 2000 by Congress. On the last Monday of May, at exactly 3 p.m. local time wherever we find ourselves, we will all be together in spirit.

**Women's Issues** - Mental Health Awareness Month (or Mental Health Month) is recognized in the United States each May and has been observed every year since 1949. The purpose of Mental Health Month is to help eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness by raising awareness of mental health conditions and those who have them. At Centerstone, we recognize the importance of positive mental

well-being throughout the year, but use the month of May to go the extra mile to show our support for the cause. Although mental health issues might seem like a recent phenomenon, mental illness has been observed throughout history. The term "mental hygiene" spread in the medical field starting in the 19th century. Prior to this, there wasn't an official term to describe emotional or behavioral struggles that have existed for ages. Historians and mental health professionals have ample evidence of the history of mental illness through documented cases. These cases cover a wide array of issues, including anxiety and alcoholism. In fact, many researchers theorize that well-known historical figures struggled with mental disorders. Mental illnesses were present long before we had names or diagnoses for specific disorders. Disorders we now know as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and bipolar disorder have had names such as hysteria, shell shock, psychosis, and, in some cases, demonic possession. When the 20th century came around, society finally acknowledged the existence of mental illness and doctors started to treat these conditions.

National Defense Night at Continental Congress 2022: Van Morris reciting "Old Glory"  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/Ze8PAb4TBK1?feature=share>

## TODAY'S DAR BLOG



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**April 26, 2025:** Delaware State Spring Conference, Lewes, Delaware.

**June 17, 2022:** Chapter Meeting, New Castle Library

**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.

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Answer Key to Crossword:

