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2020 ANNUAL AUTUMN MEETING



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**New Jersey State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution**

2020 VIRTUAL AUTUMN STATE MEETING

NATIONAL THEME

“RISE AND SHINE FOR AMERICA”

STATE THEME

“LIKE A CANDLE SHINES, SO DOES OUR MEMBERSHIP”

MEETING THEME

**ORDINARY WOMEN ACCOMPLISHING
EXTRAORDINARY THINGS**

September 18 and 19, 2020

WEBSITE: MEMBERS.NJDAR.ORG



Bonnie Nevard Matthews
NJDAR State Regent

*“Neither do people light a candle,
and put it under a bushel;
but on a candlestick, and it gives light
to all that are in the house.”*

Matthew 5:15



VIRTUAL AUTUMN STATE MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
12:00 - 5:00 PM

WORKSHOPS

10:00 -11:30 am

"Leadership"

Presented by Samantha Seamans-Frizzell

12:00 -1:30 pm (Live Zoom)

***"Bylaws and Congratulations on being Chapter
Regent: Now what do I do?"***

***Presented by Diane Oliver, State Vice Regent and
Catherine Medich, State Organizing Secretary***

1:30 - 3:30pm

"Historic Dress for the 250"

Presented by Patricia Sanftner and Adrienne Kubiak

**VIRTUAL AUTUMN STATE MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020
Morning Session 10:00 AM**

Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent, Presiding

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL State Board of Managers

CALL TO ORDERBonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INVOCATIONNancy L. Kritch, State Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAKathy Cook, State Flag Chair

THE AMERICAN’S CREEDNancy Kritch, State Chaplain

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICADiane Oliver, State Vice Regent

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA YOUTUBE.COM VIDEO

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT GENERALDenise Doring VanBuren, President General

GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY PHILIP DUTTON MURPHY, GOVERNORJane Daly, State Corresponding Secretary

WELCOME..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY STATE OFFICERS
..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

GREETINGS FROM THE HONORARY STATE OFFICERS
..... Rita Kline, Honorary State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF STATE OFFICERS
..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS
..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS
..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF PERSONAL PAGE
..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF CHAPTER REGENTS
..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF STATE CHAIRS OF NATIONAL
COMMITTEES Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF STATE CHAIRS OF STATE COMMITTEES
..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
..... Dona Radey, Credentials Co-Chair

STANDING RULES..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

PRESENTATION OF STATE REGENT'S PROJECT

.....Diane Oliver, State Vice Regent

STATE REGENT'S ADDRESS

.....Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

STATE OFFICER'S REMARKS

- Diane Waugh Oliver, State Vice Regent
- Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain
- Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary
- Jane Daly, State Corresponding Secretary
- Catherine Medich, State Organizing Secretary
- Linda Jurczak, State Treasurer
- Theresa Brasko, State Registrar
- Deborah Hvizdos, State Historian
- Donna Hare, State Librarian
- Diane Argraves, State Parliamentarian

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

.....Linda Jurczak, State Treasurer

Louise Stiloski, Founders Committee Treasurer

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS

.....Ann Rotunno, Central District Director

Pamela Campbell, Southern District Director

Barbara Pierson, Northern District Director

REPORT OF THE FOUNDERS COMMITTEE

.....Cornelia Ball Olde, State Chair

REPORT OF THE CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT AND

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE Ruth Ryno, State Chair

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

.....Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.

Nancy L. Kritch, State Chaplain
Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

LIGHTING OF CANDLE

PRELUDE Nancy L. Kritch, State Chaplain

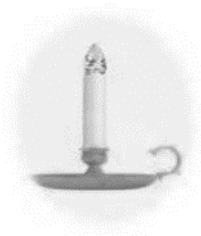
SCRIPTURE..... Nancy L. Kritch, State Chaplain

CHAPTER ROLL CALL.District Directors

During the Roll Call of Remembrance, chapters and friends are invited to stand while the names of your deceased Chapter members are presented.

BENEDICTIONNancy L. Kritch, State Chaplain

POSTLUDE



LUNCHEON AND VOTING 12:00 - 1:30 pm

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NJDAR VIRTUAL AUTUMN STATE MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:30 PM

WELCOME

VOTING RESULTS

Credentials Standing

Rules State Regent's Project

Auditor's Report

..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF FEATURED SPEAKER

..... Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent

FEATURED PRESENTATION

"The Watson House, our NJDAR Headquarters"

Presented by Cornelia Ball Olde, Honorary State Regent

and Past Reporter General

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

Outstanding Chapter Regent.....Nancy Donhauser, State Chair

Little Chapter that Could..... Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

NJ Daughter of Distinction..... Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 NEW JERSEY OUTSTANDING JUNIOR MEMBER

..... Stephanie Teagarden, State Chair

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

..... Louise Stiloski, State Co-Chair

..... Wendy Kelly, State Co-Chair

INVITATION TO SPRING CONFERENCE

..... Ann Rotunno, Central District Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

..... Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary

BENEDICTION Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

ADJOURNMENT

****LIVE ZOOM** Drawing of Voices - See Website**

MEETING COMMITTEES

General Chair of Conferences Lynda Aber

Vice ChairSamantha Seamans Frizzell, Melissa Wetzel

Registration/Reservations Bea Boyce, Alice Incorvaia

Program Nancy Donhauser

Pages Heather Varner

Vice Chairs Stephanie Teagarden, Ashley Wasser

Parliamentary Advisor Diane Agraves

Virtual VIS Coordinators Deborah Hvizdos & Kimberly Armstrong

HOSTESS CHAPTERS

CENTRAL DISTRICT CHAPTERS

ANN ROTUNNO, CENTRAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

CAMP MIDDLEBROOK

CRANE'S FORD

ELIZABETH SNYDER - CONTINENTAL

FRANCIS HOPKINSON

GENERAL DAVID FORMAN-PENELOPE HART

GENERAL MERCER

GENERAL WASHINGTON

GOVERNOR WILLIAM LIVINGSTON

JERSEY BLUE

MATOCHSHONING-REBECCA CORNELL

OLD WHITE HOUSE-GENERAL FRELINGHUYSEN-

COLONEL LOWREY

PRINCETON

SHREWSBURY TOWNE-MONMOUTH

THE COASTAL WATCH

WESTFIELD

NEW JERSEY STATE SOCIETY
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**Standing Rules for the NJDAR Virtual Autumn State Meeting
September 18 - 19, 2020**

- Rules I The business for which this meeting is called shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted at this meeting.
- Rule II No delegate shall represent more than one chapter or be entitled to more than one vote. There shall be no proxy voting.
- Rule III Delegates are requested to be in attendance before the opening of each session and remain until the close of that session.
- Rule IV Voting shall be conducted via SimplyVoting.com
- Rule V Speakers will address the chair only.
- Rule VI No member may speak more than twice to the same question except by consent of the voting body.
- Rule VII Reports, including those of committee chairs, shall be submitted in advance via video to the State Recording Secretary and shall be limited to two (2) minutes.
- Rule VIII Reports of absent chairs shall be filed by the Recording Secretary.
- Rule IX A composite of the chapter regents' reports by means of the District Directors, shall be submitted in advance via video to the State Recording Secretary and shall be limited to ten (10) minutes in length.
- Rule X Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the accepted authority on parliamentary procedure in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which are not inconsistent with the Bylaws

2020 ANNUAL AUTUMN FALL MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 – MORNING SESSION

For the first time in the New Jersey State Society National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution's history, State Regent Bonnie Matthews, called a virtual meeting of the NJDAR Autumn Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, September 19, 2020.

Those watching the pre-recorded virtual meeting were asked to stand during the opening exercises. The invocation was given by Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Kathy Cook, State Flag Chair. The American's Creed was led by Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain; The Preamble of the Constitution of the United States was led by, Diane Waugh Oliver, State Vice Regent

The State Regent welcomed the Assembly to the 2020 Autumn Meeting.

President General Denise Van Buren brought greetings via video. Greetings from the Governor of The State Of New Jersey, Philip Murphy were read by Jane Daly, State Corresponding Secretary. Honorary State Regent Rita. Kline, State Regent 2004-2007 sent video greetings from the Honorary State Regents.

The video report of the Credentials Committee was presented.

Delegates	77
Alternates	1
Other Registered Voters	18
Total Credentials	96

The Motion to Adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee.

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent, presented the following recommendation from the State Board of Management to the Assembly:

The motion to move to adopt the standing rules as printed in the virtual autumn state meeting program without reading aloud at this time will be voted on during the lunch break and the adoption will be announced later.

In a prerecorded video, Diane Oliver, State Vice Regent presented the State Regent Project, Semper Fido.

The motion to move to adopt the state regent's project will be voted on during the lunch break and the adoption will be announced later.

All motions will be voted on during the lunch break via SimplyVoting.com with the results announced during the virtual afternoon business session.

The state officers and state parliamentarian presented their annual reports in pre-recorded videos. State Regent Bonnie Matthews gave her state of the state report. Diane Oliver, State Vice Regent gave her report. State Chaplain, Nancy Kritch gave her report. State Recording Secretary, Kimberly Armstrong gave her report. State Corresponding Secretary, Jane Daly gave her report. State Organizing Secretary, Catherine Medich gave her report. State Treasurer, Linda Jurczak gave her report. State Registrar, Theresa Brasko. State Historian, Deborah Hvizdos gave her report. State Librarian, Donna Hare gave her report. State Parliamentarian, Diane Argraves gave her report.

Linda Jurczak, State Treasurer presented the financial report of the State Society and the audit report in a pre-recorded video. All voters received a copy of the treasurer's report/audit via email.

This report carries with it the report of the Founders Committee, Louise Stiloski, Treasurer.

The motion to move for the adoption of the auditor's report will be voted on during the lunch break and the adoption will be announced later.

The District Directors recounted on the accomplishments of their regions: Central District Director Ann Ruttono, Southern District Director Pam Campbell and Northern District Director Barbara Pierson in pre-recorded videos.

Committee Chair Connie Olde in a pre-recorded video, reported on the Founder's Committee.

In a pre-recorded video, Committee Chair Ruth Ryno presented the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission report.

The virtual reports of the state committees are available to view on the 2020 Fall Meeting Webpage.

Madam State Regent thanked everyone for attending and recessed the morning session at 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

During the lunch break in a pre-recorded video Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain, conducted the Memorial Service for those New Jersey Daughters passed in the last year.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 –AFTERNOON SESSION

State Regent Bonnie Matthews of the New Jersey State Society National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution greeted the Assembly at 2:00 P.M.

A Quorum was present as established through the quorum call and the voting strength of the Autumn State Meeting is 96 Voters.

Question 1 is on the Motion to adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee. The Report of the Credentials Committee is *adopted*.

Question 2 the Motion on the adoption of the standing rules as printed in the Virtual Autumn State Meeting program without reading aloud at this time is *adopted*.

Question 3 the Motion on the adoption of the State Regent’s Project is *adopted*.

Question 4 the motion on the adoption of the Auditor’s Report which carries with it the approval of the report of the treasurer and of the Founder’s committee is *adopted*.

Madam State Regent introduced guest speaker Connie B. Olde and her video presentation, DAR Behind the Scenes: “The Watson House”.

State Regent Matthews introduced Nancy Donhauser, State Chair, Outstanding Chapter Regent Award who via pre-recorded video presented the award to this year’s recipient Amanda Greene of the Beacon Fire Chapter.

A pre-recorded video from State Co-Chairs of the President General’s Project Wendy Kelley and Louise Stiloski encouraged chapters to prepay year three of their PG Project donation ahead of the President General’s visit to the 2021 NJDAR Spring Conference.

The State Regent next announced the Little Chapter That Could Award which is given to a chapter for outstanding achievements in support of the DAR objectives. The chapter is a merger of two DAR chapters Bergen Chapter, named for the village of Bergen, and the Paulus Hook Chapter named in honor of the trading post which was established at Paulus Hook. These two chapters merged in 1951. This chapter saw a 30% increase in new members in 2019.

New Jersey's first Daughter of Distinction Award was presented in 2011 to a member whose faithful and unfailing dedication and service to our society is above and beyond. The State Regent joyfully announced the 2020 NJDAR Daughter of Distinction, Melva Murray of Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapter.

Stephanie Teagarden, NJDAR Outstanding Junior Chair, announced via a pre-recorded video the 2020 Outstanding Junior Contest winner and National Outstanding Junior Runner-Up was Heather Varner of the Ferro Monte Chapter.

In a pre-recorded video, Central District Director Ann Rotunno cordially invited the assembly to the NJDAR 129TH Annual Spring Conference on April 29, 30 and May 1st at the Crown Plaza, Princeton.

State Recording Secretary Kimberly Armstrong by recorded video announced State Regent's Project items are all available for sale from the committee chairs by either phone or email.

State Chaplain Nancy Kritch gave the Benediction in a pre-recorded video.

The State Regent thanked the Assembly and gaveled the 2020 Autumn State Meeting of the New Jersey State Society Daughters of the American Revolution adjourned at 2:27 P.M.

REPORT OF STATE OFFICERS

STATE REGENT

This state officer was truly honored to have been installed at Continental Congress in June as your state regent with State Vice Regent, Diane Waugh Oliver, at her side. Your state regent attended both the June, October, and February National Board of Management meetings to learn more about the objectives of the VanBuren Administration. It is surely exciting to be able to vote monthly to approve our new members' applications and supplementals. Several key national program rollouts included the new DAR Historic Preservation Grants, changes to Chapter Achievement Awards, the Conservation Committee's No Straw September observance and a robust observance of Constitution Week.

The first six months of this new administration have been exhilarating and she has immersed herself in the many and varied duties of her office. She has been fortunate to have an exceptional state board that is willing to help in anyway and are extremely efficient and productive. This state officer has filled the State and National Committee chair positions and has added several new State Vice and Co-Chair positions to our committees. This will help provide future leadership opportunities and extra help for our chairs. Your state regent has been delighted to work as liaison to the Crossroads Courier, State Bylaws, State Awards, Parliamentarian, Protocol, Organization Liaisons, and State Awards. Your state officer liaison teams are here to assist our state chairs, as is your state regent.

Like a candle shine, so does our membership. New Jersey Daughters should be excited to know we now have 2,695 members, with 187 new members, of which 37 are new juniors.

The proposed State Regent’s Project, “Semper Fido” will raise funds for this non-profit organization that is committed to the rehabilitation of service members and veterans that have been injured while defending our country and have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and/or traumatic brain injuries.

The Autumn State Meeting “Honoring Our Ancestors” was a great success and the state recognized that its members enjoy having fun and Friday Fun Night proved just that. The primary goal was to bring everyone together to enjoy friends, make new friends, fundraise and have an overall fun weekend filled with success. Melissa Wetzel was recognized as the 2019 National Outstanding Junior. Many thanks to our General Chairmen of Conferences Lynda Aber, Vice Chairs Samantha Seamans-Frizzell, and Melissa Wetzel for all their diligent hard work and taking care of all the details and requirements.

The state regent has been working with the new Editor of the Crossroads Courier Samantha Seamans-Frizzell and her committee. Samantha is a new member to New Jersey coming from Massachusetts and we are so fortunate to have such a detail-oriented editor.

This state officer is impressed with the dedication of our NJDAR members who continue to volunteer to help our veterans. 810 youth and adult volunteers performed more than 936 hours and have donated \$113,391.68 in support of our veterans’ programs.

We are pleased that we have such close ties with the SAR, SR and the C.A.R. It is such a joy to work with our genealogical organizations towards our common goals. Our joint functions offer our members a chance to learn about each of these organizations.

Your state regent had an amazing opportunity to travel with over 80 Daughters on the DAR Sunshine Schools Tour and learn about the special work we do with the children at our DAR Schools. We boarded two buses and traveled more than 1,800 miles in eight days! The New Jersey Daughters are so generous in their support and especially our New Jersey Cottage at Tamasee DAR School.

Your state regent has enjoyed visiting chapters throughout the state and enjoying all their programs and events. Her calendar is updated regularly on the New Jersey State website. It is the goal of this officer to travel to all 46 chapters. To date she has visited with 23 chapters, only 23 to go.

In 2019 the talented and dedicated New Jersey Daughters volunteered 76,317 hours of service.

This officer is blessed to have an unsurpassed team of state officers, honorary state officers, district directors, state chairs, chapter regents, and members who help Keep the Lights of Tradition Burning while we Rise and Shine for America.

Bonnie Nevard Matthews
New Jersey State Regent

NEW JERSEY STATE STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Members: 2,676 Number of Chapters: 46

American Heritage: 49 programs presented in American Heritage special projects; 387 participants in American Heritage special projects; 2 entries submitted for Art & Sculpture; 5 entries submitted for Fiber Arts; 1 entry submitted for Crafts; 1 entry submitted for Literature and Drama; 1 entry submitted for Music; 0 awards presented to recognize Women in the Arts.

American History: 143 programs given at chapter meetings or to other groups; 51 programs presented about an outstanding American woman; 31 women in American History honored; 2 certificates awarded for Women in American History; 43 displays arranged in schools/public places; 9 spot announcements used; 129 schools participated in American History Essay Contest; 65 public schools participated; 10 private/parochial schools participated; 3 homeschoolers participated; 1,286 students participated; 1,190 certificates given for contest participation; 50 certificates of award presented; 18 bronze medals awarded; 73 schools participated in Christopher Columbus Essay Contest; 17 public schools participated; 2 private/parochial schools participated; 3 homeschoolers participated; 22 students participated; 22 certificates given for contest participation; 40 certificates given for outstanding work in American History in schools; 40 bronze medals awarded; 0 silver medals awarded.

American Indians: 36 programs held on Native Americans; 163 meetings held observing an American Indian Minute; 1 proclamation obtained to celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month; \$210 donated to American Indian Scholarship Fund; \$5 donated to Friends of the American Indians Fund; \$50 donated to Bacone College; \$426 donated to Chemawa Indian School; \$247.50 donated to Indian Youth of America Summer Camp Program; \$0 donated to Adopt-A-Camper program.

Americanism: 35 members referred to the DAR Manual for Citizenship; 28 members assisted with naturalization classes; 68 naturalization ceremonies/receptions attended; 1 award recipient sponsored; 0 Medals of Honor awarded; 1 Americanism Award presented; 3,919 flags distributed; 965 flag pins distributed; 1,141 bookmarks distributed; 2,325 copies of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag distributed; 1,042 copies of the American's Creed distributed.

Chaplain: 187 Sunshine reports provided; 332 birthday greetings sent to members 90 and older; 10 chapters observed NSDAR Day of Prayer on October 8, 2017; 10 chapters observed National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2017; 23 memorial services conducted; 7 grave markers placed.

Children of the American Revolution: 33 members served as senior leaders; 6 programs presented by C.A.R. members; 38 invitations extended to C.A.R. members to chapter meetings or special functions; 0 C.A.R. members participated in DAR contests; 2 C.A.R. members joined DAR; 6 dual members; 1 C.A.R. member joined DAR upon their 22nd birthday; \$598.66 donated to the local society; \$712 donated to the state society; \$80 donated to the national society (including regionals).

Commemorative Events: 357 members participated in July 4th parades or celebrations; 15 programs commemorated the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage; 5 programs commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War; 2 programs commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; 39 programs commemorated the 150th Anniversary of Memorial Day; 0 programs commemorated the 100th Anniversary WWI ended, Treaty of Versailles; 0 programs commemorated the 100th Anniversary of American's Creed; 6 chapters registered as a Commemorative Partner with The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

Community Classroom: 37 members volunteered in a local community classroom; 27 members volunteered in preschool through third grades; 22 members volunteered in fourth through eighth grades; 92 members volunteered in high school; 6 chapters provided financial support to a classroom; 0 photos submitted for Success Stories.

Conservation: 55 conservation projects completed; 192 meetings included a Conservation Minute; 63 members participated in a citizen science project; 138 members participated in Earth Day and/or Arbor Day; 1,514 members registered gardens with the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge.

Constitution Week: 16 chapters participated in Bells Across America; 16 chapters contacted one or more mayors for a proclamation; 33 chapters had a Constitution Week Minute or recited the Preamble at each meeting; 5 chapters contacted state senators or representatives; 27 schools contacted; 4 classrooms visited; 3 Constitution Week kits distributed; 26 displays arranged; 26 media articles; 2 hours of television time; 1 radio station sent spot announcements; 19 chapters use email to promote Constitution Week; 0 chapters use a blog to promote Constitution Week; 20 chapters use Facebook to promote Constitution Week; 5 chapters use text messages to promote Constitution Week; 1 chapter Tweet to promote Constitution Week.

DAR Genealogy Preservation: 18 members participated in categorizing supporting documentation; 198,309 documents categorized by members; 9 chapters participated in committee special projects; 431 hours spent on special projects.

DAR Good Citizens: 83 DAR Good Citizens recognized; 54 entries in the scholarship/essay contest; 132 schools contacted; 79 schools participated; 7 new schools participated; \$4,501 awarded to DAR Good Citizen students.

DAR Magazine: 37 chapter regents subscribe to American Spirit; 575 members subscribed to American Spirit; 241 meetings where the President General's Message was read.

DAR Museum Outreach: 0 programs presented by a DAR Museum docent/trainee; 9 people attended; 1 program presented by a DAR Museum correspondent docent/trainee; 6 people attended; 5 programs presented on the DAR Museum and its collections; 0 programs presented to another group; 0 chapters had the Museum Shop Trunk Show; 1 had the Portable Education Program; \$101 donated to Friends of the Museum Fund; \$150 donated to Museum Keepers.

DAR Project Patriot: 10 chapters participated in DAR Women Supporting Women in Military Service; 140 packages sent to women serving abroad; 80 packages sent to men serving abroad; \$18,835 donated for packages sent abroad; 4 chapters donated to DAR approved centers; \$625 donated to DAR approved centers; 3 chapters donated to a DAR Project Patriot state project; \$1,212 donated to a DAR Project Patriot state project; 10 chapters participated in a DAR Project Patriot chapter project; 40,136 coupons sent to military posts; 36 ounces of coupons; 1,514 cards sent to service members; \$3,711.66 donated for chapter projects.

DAR Scholarship: 14 chapters shared information on NSDAR scholarships in the community; 14 scholarships awarded for state scholarships; \$7,800 awarded in chapter scholarships; 8 programs/Minutes given at each meeting.

DAR School: 12 programs/Minutes given at each meeting; \$1,297.98 donated through the Friends of DAR Schools Fund.

DAR Service For Veterans: 224 youth volunteers; 586 adult volunteers; 936 youth volunteer hours performed; 45 Veterans History Project interviews conducted; 3 miles traveled for all volunteer participation; \$6,065 donated to DAR Service for

Veterans; \$107,326.68 value of donated items (clothing, food, gifts, games, books, magazines).

The Flag of the United States of America: 150 youth involved in flag programs or activities; 62 flag events with chapter participation; 2,939 flags presented; 1,737 Flag Code brochures presented; 1,249 copies of other flag literature distributed; 10 Braille flags presented; 88 meetings included Flag Minutes.

Genealogical Records: 11 pages sent to the Genealogical Records Committee state chair; 0 members participating in abstracting or copying unpublished source records; 12 members participating in the GRC Book Indexing Project.

Historian: 44 medals presented for History Awards; 0 nominations submitted for NSDAR's Excellence in American History Book Award; 0 nominations submitted for Outstanding Teacher of American History Award.

Historic Preservation: 44 programs on Historic Preservation; 0 chapters entered the Historic Preservation Project Contest; 4 awards presented for Historic Preservation Recognition; 1 medal presented for Historic Preservation; 2 chapters completed NSDAR Historic Sites and Property Report forms.

Junior American Citizens: 4 JAC groups sponsored; 2 pictures/articles published about JAC activities; 103 children participated in contests; 3 children participated in the Art Contest; 0 children participated in the Creative Expression Contest; 103 children participated in the Community Service Contest; 109 children involved in all JAC activities.

Junior Membership: 22 Juniors serve as a chapter chair of a committee; 16 Juniors serve as a chapter officer; 6 Juniors serve as a state vice chair; 4 Juniors serve as a state chair; 0 Juniors serve as a state officer; 3 Juniors serve as a national vice chair; 0 Juniors serve as a national chair; 32 Juniors added this year; 12 Juniors added from the PMD; 0 chapters had members who became

Friends or Best Friends of the Junior Membership Endowment Fund; \$2,054 members became Friends or Best Friends of the Junior Membership Endowment Fund; 0 chapters purchased Junior merchandise; \$0 spent to purchase Junior merchandise; 1 chapter held fundraisers for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

Librarian: 14 items donated to the DAR Library; 7 programs presented about the DAR Library; 102 members donated to Friends of the Library Fund; 1 member donated to Friends of Seimes Fund; \$110 donated to Friends of the Library Fund; \$180 donated to Friends of Seimes Fund.

Lineage Research: 18 chapters appointed a Lineage Research chair; 14 members have DAR Image Access; 25 requests for research assistance of the LRLB; 9 members completed look-up requests on the LRLB; 34 requests for research assistance of the Lineage Research Facebook, state, division, or national chairs; 19 requests for image access assistance of Lineage Research Facebook group, state, division, or national chairs; 0 chapters consulted the DNA Specialty-Research team; 0 chapters consulted the African American Patriot Specialty-Research team; 0 chapters consulted the French Patriot Specialty-Research team; 0 chapters consulted the Spanish Patriot Specialty-Research team.

Literacy Promotion: 96 members participated in literacy programs; 363 hours tutoring, assisting, and/or promoting literacy in adults; 3,126 hours tutoring, assisting, and/or promoting literacy in children; 2,544 books donated; \$2,410 given directly to literacy projects; 0 members nominated in the Literacy Promotion Committee contest; 0 projects submitted in the Literacy Promotion Committee contest.

Membership: 26 members enrolled in and/or completed the New Members Course; 9 members enrolled in and/or completed the New Horizons Course; 11 Members-At-Large were contacted to participate in a chapter event.

National Defense: 224 meetings devoted time to a three minute report about National Defense; 30 chapters had at least three minutes about National Defense at 100% of meetings; 212 article(s) from the National Defender were used; 6 Gold ROTC awards presented; 50 Bronze ROTC awards presented; 3 DAR Outstanding Cadets honored; 2 DAR Distinguished Citizens honored; 29 Youth Citizenship awards presented; \$1,300 contributed to the state and local National Defense ROTC/JROTC Cadet Fund; local National Defense award programs; and scholarships or monetary awards to ROTC/JROTC/Outstanding Cadets.

Patriot Records Project: 9 members indexed Patriot Records; 99,927 names indexed by members; 1 member supported special projects; 1,822 hours spent indexing Patriot Records.

Public Relations and Media: 25 chapters have a newsletter; 19 chapters use social media for communication with members; 24 chapters have a brochure or fact sheet; 20 chapters received print media coverage; 5 chapters received radio and/or TV broadcast coverage; 14 chapters received internet coverage; 6 chapters used; 21 chapters initiated publicity for a commemorative or community event; 0 media awards presented.

Service to America: 16 chapters included Service to America Minutes at meetings.

Volunteer Genealogists: 30 members are NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists; 10 members took GEP I Introduction to Genealogy Research for DAR Applications; 5 members took GEP II Applying Genealogy Research Techniques to DAR Applications; 0 members took GEP III Advanced Problem Solving Techniques for Establishing Lineage and Service on DAR Applications; 4 members took DNA and the DAR; 2 chapters had NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogist(s) assigned; 9 chapters requested assistance from the America 250! Membership Task Force; 10 workshops presented; 7 workshops presented by

members trained by national training programs; 113 participants attended; 47 members attended a non-DAR genealogy workshop; 23 members assisted another chapter in need of genealogy help.

Volunteer Information Specialists: 27 chapters have a public website; 6 chapters have a members-only website; 19 chapters have a public Facebook page; 11 chapters have a closed Facebook group; 115 prospective members contacted the chapter via the internet; 227 prospective members came to a chapter via the NSDAR website; 114 prospective members attended a chapter meeting; 111 papers are in progress or pending; 75 have become DAR members; 21 distributed the yearbook electronically; 21 distributed an electronic newsletter; 39 chapter regents use e-Membership; 26 chapter vice regents use e-Membership; 36 chapter treasurers use e-Membership; 36 chapter registrars use e-Membership.

Women's Issues: 12 members participated in the Women's Issues Essay Contest.

STATE VICE REGENT

This officer was so honored to be installed as the New Jersey State Society Vice Regent at the 128th Continental Congress. Madam State Regent promised this officer that the Matthews Administration would be filled with fun and lots of laughter. This officer is pleased to report Madam State Regent has, indeed, stayed true to her word.

In preparation for the Autumn 2019 meeting, this state officer worked closely with Madam State Regent and the Conference Committee team. This officer is thankful for the permanent name plates created and ordered by Madam State Chaplain. This simple act of kindness saves our environment of paper waste. She gave the response to the hotel and relished reading the list of awardees from the National Society.

This officer is the executive liaison to the Juniors Committee, CDR Committee, and Conference Committee. She has effectively communicated with the chair of each committee reminding them of the importance of finalizing their 2019 reports.

Along with Madam State Regent, she met with the District Directors aided in writing a job description for the position of district director. This officer helped to create, plan and execute “Friday Fun Night” at the Autumn Meeting, September 2019. (This officer had so much fun!). A private Facebook group has been created for the State Society by this officer. This page only serves as another means of communication for our members and associates. The official communication site for NJDAR continues to be the state web site

This officer arranged for the December 2019 State Board of Management meeting held at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Metuchen. She is most appreciative of the photo taking skills of Charlotte Gudorp who was able to snap a joyful photo of the

Matthews Administration. This officer ordered 100 cards and proceeded to hand write the addresses of the State Officers, Honorary State Regents, District Directors, National Board members and NJSSAR. She created labels for the chapter regents and with her husband's help, post mailed them to all.

This state officer is looking forward to attending the 250th Commemoration of the Boston Massacre, the awards program at Tamassee DAR School, and the upcoming 128th NJDAR State Conference.

Madam State Regent, it is an honor to serve you and the society.

Diane Waugh Oliver
New Jersey State Vice Regent

STATE CHAPLAIN

This officer attended all Board and State Meetings. She provided the invocations, grace and benedictions at the State Meetings. She sent birthday, get well and sympathy as requested.

A list was made of all New Jersey members who died since the previous Memorial Service March 30,2019. A total of 39 New Jersey Daughters were reported during April 1, 2019, to March 31,2020. Those members will be remembered at the Memorial Service during the Virtual Autumn Meeting State Conference September 19, 2020.

Madam State Regent, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the State with a Board of dedicated leaders.

Nancy L. Kritch
New Jersey State Chaplain

STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

This officer is honored to be a member of the Matthews Board of Management team. She prepared the minutes for the meetings and emailed them to all Board Members. She reached out her liaison committee chairs: Community Service, Conservation, DAR Museum and American Heritage offering any assistance needed.

This officer began the DAR Leadership Training Members module. It has also been her privilege to represent NJDAR at Crossroads of the American Revolution events including revolutionary nights with the Somerset Patriots and Trenton Thunder, Monmouth Battlefield and visiting all five NJDAR historic properties: Watson House, Schuyler-Hamilton House, Buccleuch Mansion, James and Ann Whitall House and DAR Van Bunschooten Museum.

She collected all the reports and information to prepare the NJDAR Annual Proceedings Booklet. This year we will be distributing the Proceedings Book primarily in digital format to all state chairwomen and chapter regents via email. A digital copy will also be available on the NJDAR Member website.

In closing, it has been a pleasure to serve the New Jersey Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and you Madam State Regent.

Kimberly Armstrong
NJDAR State Recording Secretary

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

This officer was honored to take her oath of office as New Jersey's Corresponding Secretary at the 2019 Spring Conference. She created a new electronic master file for the NJDAR State

Directory in Microsoft Word format to allow for easier editing and updating moving forward. She updated the State Directory information for the 2019-2022 Board of Management and Committee Chairs. She distributed printed copies at the 2019 Spring Conference, and the electronic copy was distributed via email and posted on the NJDAR Members website. She continued to update the State Directory throughout the year as changes were received.

This officer distributed information and notices to members as requested by the State Regent, District Directors and Committee Chairs. She attended State Board meetings, the Spring Conference, the Autumn Meeting, Chapter meetings and other NJDAR events.

Madame State Regent, it has been an honor and privilege to serve you and the State Society.

Jane M. Daly
New Jersey State Corresponding Secretary

STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

This officer was excited to be sworn in as state officer with the rest of your board in April. We are looking forward to a productive term.

This officer has attended Continental Congress, the Fall Meeting in September and all Matthews board meetings for the year 2019. This officer has been working with several chapters to assist with membership and other questions. In addition, work has continued to support and assist the Chapter Development and Redevelopment Committee in any way possible.

This officer looks forward to continuing to assist chapters and members. It is an honor to serve on your board.

Catherine S. Medich
New Jersey State Organizing Secretary

STATE TREASURER

Beginning July 1, 2019, this officer has performed all the functions of the Office of State Treasurer, including but not limited to depositing all receipts, payment of all expenses, reconciling accounts monthly, monitoring investment accounts, processing the National contributions in a timely manner, allocating funds to the proper committees and accounts, communicating with all chapters with respect to procedures and assist them with any concerns, and cooperate with the accountants to facilitate the annual audit.

Information pertaining to chapter financial responsibilities was distributed to all chapter Treasurers and Regents in August, articles were submitted through the Crossroads Courier and e-mailed reminders of best practices were forwarded electronically, as well. This officer has responded to all inquiries and makes herself available to all chapters should the need arise.

She attended each State Board meeting, the State Fall Meeting at which she emphasized fiscal responsibility for all chapters, attended New Jersey Sunday at Valley Forge, and many chapter level events.

This officer wishes to congratulate the NJ State Society members for their generosity which donated two trees to the Pathways to the Patriots project and made a total of \$79,737.00 in National and State Committee contributions.

Linda Jurczak
New Jersey State Treasurer

STATE REGISTRAR

This chairman has had the pleasure to serve the State Society as State Registrar since being installed to this office in June of 2019. After a smooth transition from the outgoing State Registrar, Donna L. Hare, she has the pleasure to report that she has attended all State Board of Management meetings since assuming the State Registrar position for the year of 2019. She has attended the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission Meeting in August in Bordentown, NJ, the NJDAR Fall Forum in Princeton, NJ, New Jersey Sunday at Valley Forge, Valley Forge, PA, the NJDAR Officers Club Meeting in Spring Lake NJ, and the Claverack Chapter Lineage Workshop in Ridgewood, NJ.

This officer is diligent in keeping the Chapter Registrars abreast of all developments relative to their positions by ensuring that all Sunrays emails from the Registrar General are forwarded to all Chapter Registrars and any other correspondence received from the Registrar General.

She continues to aid the Chapter Registrars with the difficult lineage problems presented to her from the Chapter Registrars. She offers assistance via telephone, email, research online and in person research at local repositories in PA and NJ as needed.

She also keeps the SBOM of all developments in the Chapters that impact our Chapter Registrars.

It has been a pleasure to serve you and the State Society.

Theresa H. Brasko
New Jersey State Registrar

STATE HISTORIAN

This State Historian is filing her last report for 2019. This Officer has been busy completing all her tasks and is ready for the end of year 2019 and very excited for 2020.

This officer has received three submissions for Outstanding Teacher of American History and a winner has been selected by our judges and the dossier will be sent to the National Chairman before the due date of December 15, 2019.

This officer has collaborated with State Organizing Secretary, Catherine Medich, and is in the process of creating a program/workshop “AI in the DAR” (Archives Investigation in the DAR) helping the chapters sort out what documents are to be kept in their “Archives” and what can be “tossed out”.

This officer finally after nearly three years was finally able to get the Isaac Watson House included on the NSDAR Historic Properties website and is in the process of updating both the Buccleuch Mansion and the Van Bunschoten Museums weblinks on the NSDAR website.

As of this report this officer is nearing completion of the packets for both the DAR History Medal and the Historic Preservation Recognition Certificate and will soon be submitting to the national chair. She has also identified and is the process of compiling information for a “Woman in American History” award in hopes that it may be presented on the Autumn Meeting in 2020 to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage.

To date this officer has continued an open line of communication to the chapter historians and state committee chairs that fall under her advisement.

Deborah Hvizdos
New Jersey State Historian

STATE LIBRARIAN

During this past year, this State Officer worked with the previous State Librarian to clean up the books that were left from those pick up from National. Most of what was left were in extremely poor condition. The balance was to be donated. This project was completed.

NJDAR Daughters have been very supportive of the NSDAR Library and Alexander Library at Rutgers University. Chapters have been encouraged to donate to their Local Libraries as well as the collections at the National and State Libraries. Forms were handed out at the Fall meeting for chapters to make donations. This officer would like to encourage all chapters and members to donate books to your local public libraries and to the DAR Library. The DAR Library belongs to all Daughters, and all are encouraged to support the work and purpose of our Library with donations of materials, funds and volunteer efforts. Since 1896, the DAR Library has thrived thanks to the generosity of members. Your support remains essential to maintaining the status as a premier research library. The National Society has a wish list on the website for books and periodicals they are looking for. This would be an easy way for your chapter to donate to the DAR library.

This officer has also received four boxes of books, proceedings and other papers, that have been categorized and sorted to be placed at the Alexander Library once access is available.

Thank you to all of the chapter, which donated books to the National Library and the Special Collections of NJDAR at Rutgers Alexander Library.

Donna L. Hare
New Jersey State Librarian

PARLIAMENTARIAN

This officer is a consultant on parliamentary procedure, helping to expedite meetings in accordance with the bylaws, special rules of order and Robert's Rules of Order. She attended state board meetings as requested and regularly addressed related procedures with the State Regent. She assisted the State Regent with the agenda and procedure for the Fall Meeting and was available at that meeting to address parliamentary matters.

The State Parliamentarian helped chapters with bylaws and protocol issues. To that end, she visited with one chapter to assist with revisions to their bylaws. All chapters are required to submit their current bylaws to this officer. She reviewed these bylaws for compliance and communicated with the chapters as needed.

She plans to place articles in *The Crossroads Courier*, the state bulletin. In an effort to help members become more knowledgeable in parliamentary procedure, the articles will include a piece called "Parliamentary Tidbits" for a future issue of the state bulletin.

Lastly, this officer has reviewed the State Bylaws and created a recommendation to be presented to the State Board.

Diane Clark Argraves
State Parliamentarian

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEES

AMERICAN HERITAGE

This year the 2019 - 2020 Theme was “Rise and Shine Your Light on the 19th Amendment”. The New Jersey daughters submitted 8 entries - Fiber Arts: Quilt Top, Knitting, Crochet, Other Fiber Arts, Literature – Drama: Narrative, Poetry, Music: Vocal, Art & Sculpture: Collage.

Joanne Stoy
American Heritage Committee State Chair

AMERICAN INDIANS

As chair of the NJDAR American Indian Committee as of September 2019, I have reached out to all 46 DAR chapters in New Jersey. This chair sent a package with the national website information; the list of DAR approved American Indian Schools, programs available, information for chapters to use at meetings, like the American Indian minute suggestions and information as state chair of this committee. This chair encouraged chapters to honor Native American Heritage Recognition Month, the month of November with getting proclamations from their towns or have a special program presented at their meetings. This was sent to chapter regents asking them to forward it to their chapter chair of American Indians. If they do not have a chapter chair, regents were asked to include an American Indian minute in their meeting agendas.

An article was put in the New Jersey “Crossroads Courier” for the Fall of 2019 about the NJDAR American Indian Committee. It also listed contact information so that chapters or members

could reach out to this committee with questions and information.

A few chapters have e-mailed the committee with questions and information. Several chapters received proclamations for the month of November, as Native American Heritage Recognition Month from their towns and townships. Many received them at their town council meetings. Several chapters had teachers that presented lessons on the American Indian in November 2019. Many chapters have on their chapter websites and Facebook pages information about the American Indians.

The Morristown Chapter DAR has over five different months, talked about American Indians: the Osage tribe and the Osage Orange tree or Hedge Apple trees; an exhibit the Metropolitan Museum had on the Art of Native America; writer Joy Harjo, a member of the Muscogee Nation, who served as Poet Laureate of the United States; information on the Native American women's role in the Women's Suffrage movement; and a brief history of the inception of the National Native American Heritage Month. This was reported by the Morristown Chapter DAR, chair of the American Indian Committee, Barbara Gagne.

This chair continues to research information that can be used by chapters. Hopefully things will be available to use in the future.

Susan Anderson
American Indian Committee State Chair

AMERICANISM

Throughout 2019, chapters continued their commitment of participating in patriotic events, supporting the naturalization process and honoring local heroes. The Basking Ridge Chapter participated in the Lord Stirling 1770s Festival distributing U.S. flag pins, copies of the Pledge of Allegiance and the American's Creed. The Chinkchewunsk Chapter took part in the Sussex County Salute to Military Veterans Parade distributing U.S. flag bookmarks containing the Pledge of Allegiance, U.S. flag pins, U.S. flags and flag code booklets. Elizabeth Parcels De Voe celebrated Flag Day with a class of 3rd graders, exhibiting and sharing information about historical flags with the class, and displaying a braille flag and a Pledge of Allegiance brochure in sign language. Students were given patriotic items including spinners, pins, key chains, notebooks, and booklets on the Constitution of the United States.

The Americanism Committee is pleased to report that New Jersey chapters participated in 68 naturalization ceremonies, 12 of which were in partnership with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. During those ceremonies, chapters including Beacon Fire, Bergen-Paulus Hook, Captain Joshua Huddy, Claverack, Colonel Thomas Reynolds, General David Forman-Penelope Hart, Jersey Blue, and Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth, sponsored and presented gift bags to 502 new citizens. Working with the New Jersey court system, the Haddonfield Chapter created personalized programs as mementos for each ceremony. Additionally, the Westfield and Ye Olde Newton-Nassau chapters also participated in naturalization ceremonies.

New Jersey chapters, 2,663 members strong, took advantage of many activities and events during 2019, distributing 3,919 U.S. flags, 965 U.S. flag pins, 1,141 U.S. flag bookmarks, 2,325 copies of the Pledge of Allegiance and 1,042 copies of the

American's Creed. The Major Joseph Bloomfield presented copies of the U.S. Flag Code to its chapter's American History Essay Award winners, the Francis Hopkinson Chapter placed and dedicated 10 Revolutionary War flag markers on graves at Old Tennent Cemetery in Manalapan Township, the Moorestown Chapter distributed 300 miniature folded U.S. flags to active-duty military, and the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter participated in an event at the Monmouth Battleground handing out U.S. flags, pinwheels and patriotic temporary tattoos for children.

The DAR Manual for Citizenship online (DAR Members' Website) was accessed by 33 members, and 28 members assisted with naturalization classes. Camp Middlebrook Chapter sponsored an Award recipient, and the Moorestown Chapter nominated a naturalized citizen for the DAR Americanism Medal.

Linda Chesko
Americanism Committee State Chair

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

This year has been a busy one for the New Jersey Children of the American Revolution. State President, Christianna Pagano, promoted her state theme "Searching for the Past in Today's Modern World", and her state project where she was raising money to help raise funds to help the Passaic County Historical Society purchase sonar equipment to find the Dey family cemetery. She raised over \$4000 to be given to the historical society. Members and seniors enjoyed learning about the Dey Family at the annual packet picnic.

The NJDAR continued to support the NJCAR this year as well. Many chapters have members serving as senior leaders for the

CAR and are actively supporting the state society. NJDAR members are actively working with their members to complete applications for their children and grandchildren to become members of NJCAR. NJDAR chapters invited CAR members and prospective members to chapter meetings and parades where CAR and DAR marched and passed out flags. CAR members also help to lead some of the rituals at DAR chapter meetings. DAR chapters provide resources for CAR societies to participate in programs and hold joint meetings to participate in the programs together. NJDAR chapters invited State President, Christianna, to their chapter meetings to speak about her project and learn more about the Dey Family. NJDAR Chapters donated over \$1300 to the NJCAR operating fund and State President's project this year.

Unfortunately, the 90th Annual State Conference was cancelled due to COVID-19. A wonderfully planned event to celebrate a very successful year was missed by all. Awards, elections, and other yearly business will be held at a later date to finish our CAR year.

This officer is excited that there are so many New Jersey members and seniors who will continue their dedication and hard work for the State and National Society. The connection between NJDAR and NJCAR is strong, and NJDAR fully embraces the NJCAR as the future of the DAR.

Ashley Wasser

NJCAR Senior State President and CAR Committee State Chair

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Throughout the year members participated in many patriotic holidays as well as the anniversaries of many significant historical events such as the Vietnam War and Women's Suffrage.

DAR chapters in New Jersey are continuing to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Six chapters are registered as a Commemorative Partner with The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. They are: Chinkchewunska, Ferro Monte, Governor William Livingston, Haddonfield, Jersey Blue, and Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth.

The chapters also honor Vietnam veterans in many ways. The Chinkchewunska Chapter, Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter, Coastal Watch Chapter, and the Governor William Livingston Chapter all hosted a breakfast for Vietnam veterans. The Jersey Blue Chapter serves many Vietnam veterans through their weekly work at the Menlo Park Veterans Home and at the annual gathering. They sort, bag and distribute gifts to the veterans' home during the holiday season. Members of the Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC. They also attended the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall in the fall of 2019.

Many chapters honor our veterans by participating in Wreath Across America or other wreath laying ceremonies. They are: Chinkchewunska, Ferro Monte, General Mercer Jersey Blue and Moorestown Chapters.

2020 is the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th amendment and several chapters had programs to commemorate this event. The Jersey Blue and Morristown Chapters both hosted programs about women's suffrage. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter participated in the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage at the Spirit of the Jersey's History Fair. The

most exciting item done was a "Suffragette Selfie" frame with photos of 19th Amendment, cartoons, photos of suffragettes and "Votes for Women" campaign posters all around the frame!

The Basking Ridge Chapter observed the 85th Anniversary of their chapter in November. They recognized their founding members and had a presentation of their charter.

The General Lafayette Chapter annually provides a Memorial Day observance at their Chestnut Neck Monument in Port Republic. The Cranes Ford Chapter participated in a Memorial Day parade and the regent spoke about the Revolutionary War. The Haddonfield Chapter participated in the town's Memorial Day parade and Flag Day Ceremony.

The Governor William Livingston hosts an annual rededication ceremony at the local Osborne Cemetery.

The Haddonfield Chapter participated in "The Skirmish," town-wide event commemorating the skirmish that took place during the Revolution between the Hessians and patriots.

The Jersey Blue Chapter celebrated the anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad and the lunar landing. The Chinkchewunaska Chapter participated in the 190th anniversary of the Old Clove Church.

The Morristown Chapter had an entire meeting dedicated to the 75th birthday of Smokey Bear. The birthday bear was there himself and they had a beautiful birthday cake, but no lit candles because 'Only you can prevent forest fires.' The entire chapter sang "Happy Birthday." The chapter was then given a presentation on the New Jersey Forest Fire Service by Section Warden George Efinger.

It has been a pleasure to serve the New Jersey society!

Ashley Ziccardi
Commemorative Events Committee State Chair

COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

New Jersey Daughters supported many local community schools through volunteerism and resources for students in elementary, middle, and high school all throughout the state. A total of 37 volunteers, representing 19 chapters, engaged in dynamic activities that taught students the importance of the American Revolution and the Constitution of the United States.

Noted highlights of volunteer activities included a presentation to several fourth grade classes by the Jersey Blue Chapter entitled “American Revolution History- What They Ate” presented to students by a volunteer dressed in colonial attire. The Claverack Chapter presented civics lessons to students in high school ESL courses. The Elizabeth Parcells De Voe Chapter continued their Flag Day program teaching students facts about eight historical flags, showed students a braille flag, and provided the students with a brochure of the Pledge of Allegiance in American Sign Language. Lessons on healthcare services for veterans and those in active service was presented to high school students by the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter. Also presenting in colonial dress was the Red Bank Chapter who gave a presentation to students in preschool through eighth grade, “The Story of James and Ann Whithall: A Family of the Frontline of the American Revolution.” Many more chapters participated in Read Across America and other classroom opportunities to read to children and to provide local community schools with donated books and school supplies.

The Educational Resources Committee, now a subcommittee of Community Classroom Committee, was established to electronically provide lesson plans focusing on America, its history, government, heritage, genealogy, as well as related language and/or math topics. Members are encouraged to submit lesson plans on all historical areas, not just the American Revolution. Lesson plans may be submitted by DAR members or

by the public for use in schools, by clubs or other interested groups. As more are received, the “pool” of lesson plans will continue to grow. The acceptable lesson plan format can be found on the members only section of the DAR website. Please forward completed lesson plans and cover sheets to the New Jersey Vice Chair Education Resources Stephanie.Teagarden@gmail.com or educationalresources@nsdar.org. Additionally, please encourage teachers to visit the DAR website to access all the lesson plans that have been posted. You do not need to be a member of DAR to access these websites.

Beth Scheiderman
Community Classroom Committee State Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Community Service Awards provide Chapter and States the opportunity to recognize individuals & organizations who have made contributions to their communities. These volunteer unpaid efforts can be cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriot or historical. They can involve citizenship, or environment conservation.

- **Lloyd Mullikin** - nominated by the Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter.
Mr. Mullikin founded "Support the Troops Project" which focuses on providing personal & food items to the United States military units stationed overseas in remote and isolated locations.

- **Kathy Goldenberg** - nominated by the Moorestown Chapter.

Kathy is a tireless champion for public education. She serves on NJ State Board of Education, member of the Burlington County Women's Advisory Council, 2018 Moorestown Citizen of the year, has served on the Moorestown Board of Education as president and vice president.

- **Barbara Green** - nominated by the General William Maxwell Chapter.

Barbara is an active community member and a dedicated volunteer in her community. She has served as recording secretary for the Blairstown Historic Preservation Commission since 2015. She has volunteered as a call center counselor and incoming family coordinator for the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis of Warren County since 1985. She is also a member of Blair Women's Club, Blairstown Board of Adjustment and Blairstown Seniors. Barbara has been a member of the General William Maxwell Chapter since 2010 and currently serves as the Chapter's Chaplain.

- **Michael E. Maniscalco** - nominated by the Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest Chapter.

Michael is a member of the Saddlebrook Troop 213 Boy Scout Troop. His Eagle Scout Project was renovating the Avon Park in Saddlebrook, NJ. His vision and dedication have made it possible for children of all abilities to now enjoy a park that had not been improved to current standards for many years.

- **Ron Aeillo** - nominated by the Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter.

Ron is a Vietnam Veteran and founder of United States War Dogs Association, Inc. The US War Dog Association, Inc., Honors our Nations War Dogs and their handlers: Past, Present and Future - a nonprofit organization of former and current US military dog handlers and supporting members committed to promoting the long history of the military service dogs, establishing permanent War Dog Memorials, and educating the public about the invaluable service of these canines to our country.

- **Sandy Mitchell** - nominated by the Chinkchewunaska Chapter.

Sandy is the director and founder of Project Help, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to helping veterans in times of need by offering financial support, assistance with finding stable jobs, housing and providing clothing and other necessities. Her most recent project which was revealed in September of this year - The Mobile Closet. The Mobile Closet is a refurbished-rebuilt bus with clothes racks, cabinets and drawers- a huge closet. The outside is painted with a patriotic design. One of the uses of Mobile Closet is to bring to college career fairs and job fair events, filled with interview appropriate clothing and shoes.

Lisaann Permunionian
Community Service Awards Committee State Chair

CONSERVATION

This Conservation Chairman was honored to be your chairman and had a busy year. 4 issues Conservation Courier were sent to NJDAR Daughters, Regents received NJDAR Conservation Minutes, and reading NSDAR Conservation medal entries.

NJDAR's busy. Sixteen chapters had fifty-five conservation projects. One hundred eighty-five Conservation Minutes read. Sixty-three Daughters Earth Day and/or Arbor Day 2019 participation. One hundred thirty-eight Daughters No Straw September participation. Thirty-nine Daughters took part in beach/river/lake clean-ups. One thousand five hundred sixteen Daughters recycled plastic.

CMR included much chapter information:

- Bergen-Paulus Hook had four conservation minutes. Daughter Joanne Tobias helped beautify Florham Park, also Liberty State Park Earth Day cleanup. Eyeglasses collected for needy.
- Capt. Joshua Huddy nominated Bonney Parker for the Conservation Award. Bonney spearheaded major planting effort envisioning a community garden where a field of weeds once grew producing 3000 pounds organic food yearly for local food pantries.
- Chinkchewunska presented the Conservation Award to Giselle Smisko, founder of Avian Wildlife for her work rehabilitating wild birds/community education.
- Claverack participated in historical cemetery clean-up cleaning headstones and debris/weeds removal.
- Cranes Ford had speaker at October meeting speaking on his hobby of Bee Keeping. Had presentation on NJ Public Gardens including historical information.
- Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe crocheted twenty-six nests and sent, along with hooks and eyes for repair of turtles' shells, to conservation societies. One daughter cleaned

- residents' bird houses. Mascara wands collected for cleaning birds. Junior member's rehabilitating parrot. Pull tabs and eyeglasses collected for needy.
- Francis Hopkinson's project focuses on Reuse and aiding women in shelters collecting gently used/new bras and new underwear throughout the year and mailing them to The Bra Collectors in Arizona for distribution to 40 shelters.
 - General Lafayette Daughter, Christa Delaney, and fellow teacher received Educator-Led Environmental Education award for 2019. First Lady of New Jersey visited Christa to see the environmental and sustainability programs. Christa received grant.
 - Great John Mathis's treasurer is treasurer of LBI Garden Club. Vice Regent Caryn Muskus is Master Gardener and Master Composter and participates growing food for food banks. Other members have butterfly gardens and feeding stations.
 - Haddonfield Daughter, Diane Argraves, participated in creation Watson House of the pollinator garden. Christine Castorino participated in river cleanup. Daughter Pam Campbell helped maintain Gibbsboro Community Pollinator Garden. Daughter Letitia Colombi participated in memorial tree planting.
 - Loantaka-Parsippanong recycled; took bags to Market Street Mission.
 - Morristown had member speak at September meeting on rescue animals. She's a wildlife rehabilitator and involved in wildlife refuge zoning. She captures injured eagles and raptors, assesses them, and cares for them. Grounds Curator participated in cleanup of Schuyler Hamilton House yard. Flower colors chosen to celebrate Women's Suffragist 100th Anniversary. Chapter celebrated Smokey Bear's 75th birthday in October with a no candles cake and learned Smokey's history.

- Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth displayed articles Conservation chair's advocate of recycling providing encouragement/suggestions, collecting bottle caps for church campaign. Conservation minutes in newsletter. Members have pollinator gardens, bird watchers and have bird feeders.

Emily Carlin

Conservation Committee State Chair

CONSTITUTION WEEK

New Jersey chapters [63%] do not just celebrate the constitution during Constitution Week, but all year long by reciting the preamble or including a Constitution Minute in their chapter meetings. Twenty-six chapters created displays for local libraries, schools, and other public venues. While 16 chapters obtained proclamations from town mayors and rang church bells to commemorate the importance of the US Constitution. Chapters eschewed traditional media outlets, instead using social media – email and Facebook primarily, to celebrate Constitution Week.

After reviewing the Constitution Week submissions of NJ chapter activities in the CMR, this chair was impressed with their energy and effort to educate young and older regarding this celebration too often overlooked.

As a trial attorney, the chair, was keenly aware of the wonderful document and its protections always under attack by government as well as citizens. The efforts made by New Jersey Daughters gives hope, even considering many schools' failure to make students appropriately aware of this Country's blessing.

All chapters did not add information beyond the CMR checkoffs, however those who did —deserve recognition:

- General William Maxwell Chapter was given space in a cooperating library for a whole month for their display and gave away Preamble bookmarks.
- Greenwich Tea Burning gave bells for naturalization ceremony use.
- Loantaka-Parsippanong wrangled a mayor to not only sign a proclamation for Constitution Week at a Town Meeting but also got that photo-op on the town’s website.
- Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter was able to have a member/teacher have her students sign proclamations and also read them on the school’s morning announcements.
- The members of the Peggy Warne Chapter gave a presentation at a chapter meeting then quizzed the members on that data.
- The Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest Chapter got the town engineering office to make a blow-up of the Constitution and have it displayed at the town hall entrance.
- The Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter was present at a NJ History Fair and displayed posters, handed out games, and copies of the Preamble to over 60 people.
- The Westfield Chapter was successful in getting a photo of a local mayor signing their proclamation into the newspaper.

None of the chapters submitted any extra information or photos beyond that printed in the CMR. I guess I am most impressed with the enlarged Constitution on the town hall entrance and the history fair games and the reading of student proclamations on the school’s morning announcements as many eyes and ears saw and heard unusual presentations regarding the Constitution. I would recommend these three for special recognition.

This chair does not have the names of the individuals who were primarily involved in the Constitution Week activities noted above. The chair intends to send a handwritten note to each of these chapters and congratulate them on their accomplishments in 2019.

Sarah Tarpine-Smith
Constitution Week Committee State Chair

DAR GOOD CITIZENS

The DAR Good Citizen Chair is pleased to report that the chapters of New Jersey actively participate with the DAR Good Citizens Award Committee. The chapter committee chairs were prompt and diligent with contacting High Schools, filling out pages of forms, responding to deadlines, and honoring their chapter's award recipients. New Jersey was honored with the 2019 National Winner from Cranes Ford Chapter.

Of the state's 46 chapters, 24 participated. These chapter chairs reached out to 123 schools of which 70 participated. In 2020 we will be looking to work on improving the number of participating schools. Are the schools not interested? Do we need to make follow up phone calls?

Within the State of New Jersey, 73 students were honored as their high school's Good Citizen. The total amount awarded was \$4,175.00. On average, most students receive \$50.00. Of these students, 54 entered the Essay Award part of the program. Using three non-DAR judges, these chapters sent 24 students further to State level. Again, with three non-DAR judges, our state chose a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner. New Jersey's first-place winner was forwarded to the district level, then to national level, where she won the NSDAR first place Good Citizen Award and Scholarship.

With the State Regent's permission, this chair will do some updating to the Good Citizens order form. The pins and certificates are set at \$2.50 each from National. Postage was individual, with each chapter sending a separate payment for their postage. The State will now use a 'flat rate' as the postage is similar for all chapters and a \$1.00 amount will be added to help defray the cost of copy and postage at the State level. It should make treasurers happy as there will be less paperwork.

One of the goals of this chair is to have more chapters participate. This chair is pleased to report Westfield Chapter participated for the first time. Packets were sent to seven new schools. This is a very rewarding program. The students are energetic and enthusiastic. It is gratifying to see young people committed to their communities and schools. They are patriotic, dependable and are developing leadership skills. The students exemplify the core of the DAR Good Citizens program.

Carrie T Efinger
DAR Good Citizen Committee State Chair

DAR MAGAZINE

The DAR Magazine Committee was honored to promote member subscriptions to American Spirit Magazine and to work closely with the New Jersey State Regent Karen L. Stroevever and her Board of Managers in creating the annual state advertisement pages appearing in the July/August issue of the Daughters Newsletter, which accompanies American Spirit Magazine.

American Spirit Magazine is widely enjoyed by DAR members and includes interesting articles on such topics as historic places, historic preservation, book reviews, travel adventures and colonial life and times. The magazine is an important source of inspiration and ideas to chapter regents and members. By

contrast, the Daughters Newsletter is a critical source of current updates on National Society policies and procedures and news from the various national officers and committees. The Newsletter provides chapters and state societies the opportunity to promote and recognize their many wonderful accomplishments to the Society at large.

Chapter Regents are encouraged strongly to purchase and maintain a subscription. Subscribing chapter regents are awarded credit on their annual CMR questionnaire. Moreover, an important consideration is that recent changes to the DAR Members and New Horizons courses now require that in order to graduate from and receive credit for those courses the member must be an American Spirit subscriber.

New Jersey chapters report that they promote the National Society and chapter membership by including copies of American Spirit Magazine and subscription forms in the new member packets, bringing copies to their meetings for members to peruse, leaving copies with chapter contact information in doctor and dentist offices and public places, and purchasing subscriptions for local libraries.

In 2019 New Jersey's state advertisements commemorated the visit of the President General, Ann T. Dillon, to the New Jersey DAR Spring State Conference in Princeton hosted by New Jersey State Regent Karen L. Stroever and her Board of Managers. Also featured was 2019 New Jersey Outstanding Junior Melissa Wetzel, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter. In accordance with the Stroever Administration motto "Every Member Matters," the New Jersey Society's efforts on behalf of Patriotism, in providing gift bags at new citizen Naturalization Ceremonies, on behalf of Historic Preservation in its support of the Tamasee School Mabel Clay Memorial Cottage, and in Education in participation in the Community Classroom initiative. A particularly unique page highlighted New

Jersey Daughters who figured prominently in the fight for women's suffrage and human rights, including Dazzling Daughter Alice Paul of Mount Laurel and Julia Hurlbut of Morristown.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Cain Wallace
DAR Magazine Committee State Chair

DAR MUSEUM OUTREACH

The past chairman for the outreach committee gives tour throughout the year as a docent for the period rooms. Funds are given each year from the state to support this committee activities.

The New Jersey Daughters are very proud of our period room. One of the first period room in the NSDAR museum--- the NJDAR ladies worked to present a story of the American Revolution which was Admiral Howe's trip up the Delaware River on his frigate the "Augusta". Since the room was made from the lumber and anchor from the "Augusta" this room has an interesting story.

We promote interest in the room by having a table at all state conferences to tell the daughters of New Jersey about the period room. We also go to many chapters throughout the year to give a presentation of the items in the room and tell the story of how it was developed. Each of the items in the room was donated by one of the chapters.

At every Continental Congress this room has a New Jersey daughter to docent for everyone visiting to understand its significance. We also have a small booklet telling about the room

which can be taken back to the various chapters to give a presentation about the New Jersey Period Room

Sarah Israel

DAR Museum Outreach Committee State Chair

DAR SCHOLARSHIP

There were 14 New Jersey chapters that shared information in their community on the NSDAR scholarship opportunities in 2019. Social media, packets to local schools and community events were some ways that chapters shared information. Other unique ways information was shared with the community were at local churches, local community festivals, and C.A.R. newsletters.

Ten New Jersey Chapters awarded scholarships to students totaling \$7,050. One more chapter was able to sponsor a chapter scholarship this year, raising the number of scholarships distributed from 10 to 12.

This chairman would like to thank all the members who have worked on sharing information, creating new scholarships, and awarding scholarships to deserving students. It has been an honor to serve the NJDAR.

Laura Franek

DAR Scholarship Committee State Chair

DAR SCHOOL

This year was a busy one for NJDAR as we were Hooked on DAR Schools. A DAR Schools Program was held in 12 of our 46 chapters with another 4 chapters holding a special project or

event promoting the Friends of the DAR School Fund. A total of 47 School of Sunfish pins were purchased. NJDAR Daughters donated over \$1300 dollars to the DAR Schools and continued to support the DAR Schools by donating labels, clothing, and other items to all DAR approved schools. Over 2400 Box Top Labels were donated to Tamasee, Kate Duncan Smith, and Crossnore Schools. 24 pounds of clothing including mittens, scarves, hats, and jewelry, socks, purses, headbands, and tights were also donated. Members donated items off the Amazon Wish Lists including, but not limited to school supplies, packets of seeds, and gift cards were also donated. Personal donations were also given by NJDAR members to specific schools and to the NJ Cottage at Tamasee.

NJDAR continues to support the DAR schools by purchasing Christmas gifts, sending books, school supplies, and supporting scholarship funds. NJDAR chapters promote the DAR schools in their chapter meetings, chapter newsletters, and CAR sponsored newsletters.

At the 2019 Fall Meeting, the DAR Schools committee sponsored a school supply drive. Chapters brought school supplies to the meeting which were then sent to DAR schools.

It is safe to say NJDAR is Hooked on DAR Schools, and we are thrilled to continue supporting the DAR schools.

Ashley Wasser
DAR Schools Committee State Chair

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS

The Chapters throughout New Jersey have been very active remembering and serving our Veterans in 2019. Some of the

activities have been in partnership with nationwide causes some have been local and even individual.

Wreaths Across America engaged 26 of our chapters, with 11 chapters acting as partners in their local events. Together our society, sponsored 2,162 wreaths, with three chapters sponsoring more than 250 each, Francis Hopkinson, Ferro Monte and Oak Tree, who alone sponsored 900 wreaths!

The DAR ladies have been busy within facilities and outside of them. They have welcomed veterans to luncheons and breakfasts, sang for them, and cheered them on in miniature golf. Some chapters have distinguished themselves, Jersey Blue in their constant dedication to activities and the clothing room at Menlo State Veteran's Home, Morristown in the hours spent in crafting 20 twin sized quilts dispersed to three different facilities, and to Basking Ridge with their ingenious means to raise funds. They were able to raise more than \$63,000 through food drives, rummage sales and corporate partners. Volunteer hours have been outstanding with almost 6,000 hours clocked. Three chapters recording over 1,000 hours each, Jersey Blue, Morristown, and General Lafayette. Some Chapters have been able to attract non-DAR volunteers to facilities or welcomed multiple chapters to shoulder the work alongside them.

Chapters reached out to other facilities and added to those we know. General Lafayette Chapter made new connections to Meadowview Nursing Home, which opened a veteran's wing this year; Basking Ridge chapter along with a girl scout, working on her Gold Project helped to establish, a women's veteran community room, at Community Hope, within the Lyon's campus.

The generosity of the New Jersey Daughters has been outstanding. More than \$111,000 worth of gifts of clothing, lap robes, calendars, greeting cards, quilts, MP3 players, toiletries,

stamps collected, and cash have been given to our veterans, and their facilities.

New Jersey is small but mighty and our dedication to those who sacrificed for our country seems to have no bounds.

Patricia Sanftner

Kathy Cook

DAR Service for Veterans Committee Co-Chairs

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Flag of the United States committee's is proud of the 28 chapters that took place in Flag programs and activities. They participated in Flag Day, Memorial Day and July 4th handing out flags and literature. They also put flags in cemeteries and on the graves of many veterans. New Jersey chapters also went into schools and talked about the Flag of the United States to students. They also put up displays in schools and libraries.

Chapters were also involved in the many Naturalization programs handing out new citizens gift bags which included flags, literature, flag codes and other goodies.

Morristown Chapter was a recipient of a United States Flag which was flown over Taskforce Base in Helmand and Nimroz Province in Afghanistan during Operation Freedom Sentinel. Morristown sent many care packages to Marines during their deployment and received a signed certificate and challenge coin to thank them.

It has been an honor to serve as chair for you.

Katherine Cook

The Flag of the United States State Committee Chair

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

This year the majority of our chapters were able to hold historical preservation programs. Many did more than one. Congratulations to Jersey Blue that held 12!!!

A total of six NSDAR grants were either sponsored or applied for. The winners of the money will be announced in May 2020.

Across the state our members support the DAR motto by supporting historical preservation. Members of Chinkchewunaska and Morristown own their own museums.

Other members and chapters are members of the local historical societies in their regions. Ladies across the state work tirelessly curating, cleaning, donating money, and helping manage collections of papers, books, artifacts, buildings, etc.

A highlight was Jersey Blue's dedication to Buccleuch Mansion in New Brunswick.: They held the grand reopening and rededication on the 4th of July, over 300 visitors toured the mansion. They raised funds for evaluation and possible conservation of 3 portraits by Micah Williams. They began to re-urate the museum because of the renovations. Lots of cleaning, evaluating, and organizing which is still going on. The chapter spent \$20,000 on new interior storm windows for the first, second, and third floors of the c.1737 historic home to eliminate air gaps and drafts at the windows; humidity sensors were now run throughout the building and one new dehumidifier in the basement.

Chapter members spent thousands of hours cleaning, packing, unpacking, re-cataloging, and other tasks associated with the reopening set-up and management of the collection, consisting of thousands of individual items in addition to furniture, rugs, bedding & linens and numerous boxes of paper artifacts, clothing and dishware.

State members support the state property, Watson House. The NJ room at Memorial Continental Hall is maintained and supported by our ladies. NJDAR members continue to participate in cleaning gravestones at local cemeteries. NJ Daughters are the champions of their state, local and national treasures. They fight tirelessly to preserve our history.

Susan Beall
Historic Preservation Committee State Chair

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

The New Jersey State Junior American Citizens (JAC) Committee had three entries honoring “The 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment: American Women Rise and Shine.”

In the Art - stamp category there were two entries, Christina Baratta from the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, Green Brook, NJ and Connor Christian Batcha from the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, Trenton, NJ.

The first-place winner in the Art - stamp category, 12th grade was Christina Baratta, and the first-place winner in the Art – stamp category, 7th grade was Connor Christian Batcha.

In the Art - poster category there was one entry and winner: Connor Christian Batcha from the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter.

The entries were sent to the Eastern Division Vice Chair in January 2020. In the Eastern Division contest, New Jersey’s winners came in 2nd and 3rd place. In the Art - stamp category, Christina Baratta came in 2nd place and Connor Christian Batcha came in 3rd place. In the Art – poster category, Connor Christian Batcha came in 3rd place.

Congratulations to the Governor William Livingston, General David Forman-Penelope Hart, and Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapters for sponsoring this year's entries. One hundred and nine students representing New Jersey Chapters participated in this year's contest. Areas of interest were the Art contest and Community Service.

The Governor William Livingston Chapter sponsored one JAC group with three students participating in community service. The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter sponsored two JAC groups with 100 students participating in community service through Somerset County 4-H clubs.

There were no Thatcher Awards given out, and no publicity pictures or articles.

Karen Kennedy
Junior American Citizens Committee State Chair

LITERACY PROMOTION

The Literacy Promotion Committee works to partner chapters with others who promote literacy, focuses on children who are our future readers, and publicizes the widespread problem of illiteracy and the importance of literacy at all ages. Ninety-six members in 25 New Jersey chapters reported that they supported these goals by participating in some way. During 2019, members volunteered 363 hours to reading to or tutoring adults and 3,523 hours reading to children. New Jersey members donated 7,062 books to schools, libraries, shelters, veterans, historic preservation projects, non-profit organizations, and churches. Chapter members donated \$2410 to literacy organizations, schools, and libraries. At the 127th NJDAR Spring Conference, chapter members brought 153 books about famous women in

American history and these were donated to elementary schools in Trenton, Camden and Atlantic City.

This chairman, a Literacy Volunteer in the Literacy NJ Sussex County Programs, participated in “Sponsor a Scholastic Child”, supported two children in a program which gives each child in a designated classroom a free book each month.

With the goal to improve reading motivation and deepen community connectedness, members of the Chinkchewunskas chapter made and sold “Uncle Sam Jam” to fully fund the building of a Little Free Library. The library will be a replica of the Greek Revival privy at the DAR Elias Van Bunschoten museum. The Little Free Library is a nationwide, non-profit organization and is the world’s largest book-sharing movement. Used books were collected and sold at the chapter’s fundraiser, Christmas in July.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter had a program presented by the North Plainfield Library, including the literacy programs offered at the library.

Members of General William Maxwell Chapter visited the Friendship Childcare Center on Schooley’s Mountain on November 19, 2019. They presented five requested children’s books. The chapter will be donating books to this center on a yearly basis.

Haddonfield Chapter donated 923 magazines to the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital and three books to the NSDAR Library. Eighteen children’s books were sent to the Native American Heritage Foundation.

Jersey Blue Chapter participated in the annual Read Across America at two local elementary schools. A chapter member dressed up as the Cat in the Hat for the reading sessions which was for approximately 500 students. One chapter member dressed in an 18th century costume and presented a program

called, “American Revolution History – What They Ate”, to eight 4th grade classes at the Adamsville School. The program consisted of a trunk program of 18th century replica items and a descriptive program about the items and their uses

Peggy Warne Chapter donated books to NJCAR for their literacy projects.

The Literacy Promotion Chairman of Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter connected with Bridges for Books. She encouraged chapter members to donate books to the project and delivered the contributions to the organization’s warehouse.

New Jersey Daughters continue to work together to promote literacy in their homes, communities, and schools and support book collections by our state society and NSDAR.

It has been a pleasure to serve this State Regent and the State Society.

Bea Kota
Literacy Promotion Committee State Chair

NATIONAL DEFENSE

The New Jersey National Defense Committee is pleased to report that one chapter dedicated a program to National Defense, and 37 chapters devoted at least three minutes to a National Defense report at every regular meeting. Articles from the National Defender online were used by 36 chapters for their three-minute reports.

The total amount of funds contributed directly to ROTC and Cadet Award Programs was \$2,000.00

New Jersey chapters presented the following medals: 6 Gold (College) ROTC Medals, 50 Bronze (High School) ROTC

Medals, 3 Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medals, 2 Distinguished Citizen Medals, and 23 Youth Citizenship Medals.

Chapter	Award
Ann Whitall	1 Bronze JROTC
Bergen-Paulus	1 Gold ROTC 6 Bronze JROTC
Captain Joshua Huddy	2 Bronze JROTC 10 DAR Youth Citizenship
Cranes Ford	3 Bronze JROTC
Elizabeth Snyder-Continental	1 Bronze JROTC
Francis Hopkinson	6 Bronze JROTC 2 DAR Youth Citizenship
General Lafayette	3 Bronze JROTC
General Mercer	10 Bronze JROTC
Greenwich Tea Burning	2 DAR Outstanding Cadet
Haddonfield	2 Bronze JROTC 1 DAR Youth Citizenship
Hester Schuyler Colfax	9 DAR Youth Citizenship
Jersey Blue	3 Gold ROTC 1 Bronze JROTC 5 DAR Youth Citizenship
Major Joseph Bloomfield	1 Gold ROTC 1 Bronze JROTC
Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell	2 Bronze JROTC
Moorestown	8 Bronze JROTC 1 DAR Outstanding Cadet 1 DAR Distinguished Citizen 1 DAR Youth Citizenship
Nova Caesarea	1 Gold ROTC
Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest	1 DAR Distinguished Citizen
Red Bank	1 Bronze JROTC 1 DAR Youth Citizenship
Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth	1 Bronze JROTC
The Coastal Watch	2 Bronze JROTC

Noteworthy National Defense programs presented by New Jersey chapters: Bergen Paulus-Hook, Captain Joshua Huddy, Elizabeth Parcels De Voe, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental, Hester Schuyler Colfax, Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest, and Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth.

It has been a pleasure to serve this administration.

Virginia Marie Pasternak
Valerie Trupp
National Defense Committee State Co-Chairs

SERVICE TO AMERICA

This chairman is proud to announce that New Jersey has posted Service to America hours. Our total for 2019 was 76,317 hours. NJ Daughters had a drop of 9% over 2018's high of 82,979 hours. However, our chapters showed innovation this year in their volunteer work. Here is a sample: Beacon Fire helped clean a community garden in Millburn, one recognized by the Smithsonian. Camp Middlebrook has a member who has founded an organization that works to rescue, feed, and provide vet services for stray cats. Chinkchewunska collects and distributes new pajamas to local charities just before holidays. Francis Hopkinson put together bags of items to help pass the time and distributed them to patients receiving intravenous treatments at Centrastate hospital. Our chapters truly have found unique ways to volunteer their time, and congratulations to Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth – they had the most volunteer hours for 2019 with a total of 9,009.

Chapters	Volunteer Hours
Ann Whitall	326
Basking Ridge	2,632
Beacon Fire	2,676
Bergen-Paulus Hook	2,371
Camp Middlebrook	40
Cape May Patriots	1,123
Captain Daniel Vliet	0
Captain Joshua Huddy	362

Chapters	Volunteer Hours
Chinkchewunska	2,493
Church and Cannon	836
Claverack	387
Colonel Thomas Reynolds	829
Cranes Ford	435
Eagle Rock-Cranetown	227
Elizabeth Parcels De Voe	2,017
Elizabeth Snyder-Continental	1,448
Ferro Monte	4,455
Francis Hopkinson-Monmouth Court House	2,243
General David Forman-Penelope Hart	2,412
General Lafayette	3,233
General Mercer	710
General Washington	0
General William Maxwell	968
Governor William Livingston	5,229
Great John Mathis	791
Greenwich Tea Burning	338
Haddonfield	1,854
Hester Schuyler Colfax	384
Jersey Blue	5,611
Loantaka-Parsippanong	1,955
Major Joseph Bloomfield	606
Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell	2,760
Member at Large	0
Moorestown	2,010
Morristown	7,762
Nova Caesarea	0
Oak Tree	983
Old White House-General Frelinghuysen	527
Peggy Warne	551
Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest	1,466
Princeton	241
Red Bank	1,070

Chapters	Volunteer Hours
Saddle River	81
Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth	9,009
The Coastal Watch	0
Westfield	0
Ye Olde Newton-Nassau	866
Totals	76,317

New Jersey has done impressive work. I would continue to encourage every chapter regent and chapter chairman to emphasize the need for reporting their activities on the Service to America website. The Van Buren administration's goal is to achieve 10 million Service to America Hours over their tenure. This chairman looks forward to a productive and creative year in 2020 for our New Jersey daughters.

Sandy Julian
Service to America Committee State Chair

**REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF
NATIONAL GENEALOGY COMMITTEES**

DAR GENEALOGY PRESERVATION

In 2019, twenty ladies from New Jersey volunteered to categorize application supporting documents (up from thirteen in 2018). The work of these twenty ladies categorized 199,996 documents! That's a 49% increase from 2018 (134,327 were categorized). This volunteer work helps to index DAR genealogical and membership information into computerized, searchable databases which will assist staff genealogist in processing applications. The New Jersey volunteers for 2019 include (sorted by Chapter), categorized the following total documents:

First Name	Last Name	Chapter	Document
Amanda	Greene	Beacon Fire	7,072
Kathleen	Walsh	Captain Joshua Huddy	136
Laura	Franek	Chinkchewunska	39
Julie	Van Dyke	Claverack	42
Kimberly	Frusco	Colonel Thomas Reynolds	405
Mary	Leonard	Cranes Ford	5,714
Donna	Majkowski	Ferro Monte	598
Linda	Smith	Ferro Monte	53
Kathryn	Nicita	Francis Hopkinson	2,262
Mary Ellen	Rogan	Francis Hopkinson	13
Sally	Bickford	General David Forman-Penelope Hart	171,010
Linda	Chesko	General David Forman-Penelope Hart	2,295
Jeanne	Bedard	Governor William Livingston	2,262
Mary	Dow	Great John Mathis	303
Elizabeth	Wheeler	Great John Mathis	166
Brooke	Orcutt	Jersey Blue	10

First Name	Last Name	Chapter Name	Document
Esther	Pierson	Oak Tree	33
Monica	Sharp	Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey	2,046
Wendy	Cummings	Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest	2,309
Vicki	Kumpel	Red Bank	3,228

Total Documents 199,996

This state chairman would like to thank this dedicated group of volunteers for their hard work!

Amanda Greene
DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee State Chair

LINEAGE RESEARCH

The chair sent a questionnaire to all New Jersey Chapters. The questions dealt with genealogy research and our familiarity and use of Lineage Research on the NSDAR website and on Facebook. Eighteen chapters responded. The tabulation of their responses follows:

- Eleven chapters reported having a lineage research chairperson.
- Six chapters reported having a Genealogical Research Committee.
- Only three chapters reported having members actively involved with DAR Lineage Research Lookup via Facebook or through the DAR website. Of those 3 Chapters, two of them had a single member involved. They most often used the Facebook site.
- Nine chapters reported that one or more members had been contacted to assist with a research issue in the past

12 months. Most often these requests came from women interested in joining that chapter.

- Only one chapter said their registrar or other chapter members had sought the assistance of DAR Lineage Research.
- Sixteen chapters reported that they have individuals who assist prospective members with application research.

While several chapters have a lineage research chairperson, that person works alone in conjunction with the chapter registrar. Only six chapters have committees whose purpose is to work on genealogy. One very progressive chapter has a committee of four members who work to solve genealogical roadblocks.

From the responses NSDAR Lineage Research Lookup Board is a valuable resource vastly under-utilized by NJ chapters. The Lineage Research Lookup Board is there to assist prospective members who need to find links between generations or who have other genealogical roadblocks. Board members not only search online but are often willing to search locally at repositories of vital records, wills, deeds, etc.

Genealogical research is the focal point of NSDAR. Registrars should not shoulder all the research responsibilities. The Lineage Research Committee's primary function is to assist prospective members with genealogical gaps or roadblocks. Additionally, it assists members with supplemental AIRS. Chapters should request at least two volunteers to join the Lineage Research Facebook page. A committee approach enables members to work collectively on genealogical issues and it distributes the workload rather than having the burden fall on one member.

Lyle Timpson
Lineage Research Committee State Chair

PATRIOT RECORDS PROJECT

This committee was established to index every name in the American Revolution War era records available to the NSDAR. In addition to indexing the names we also capture titles, positions, rank and location.

Thirteen NJDAR members from 12 chapters participated during 2019 indexing 121,726 names. The chair congratulates all volunteers and would like to recognize the following for indexing over 9,000 names during 2019!

First Name	Last Name	Chapter	Names
Sally	Bickford	General David Forman-Penelope Hart	53,767
Carrie	Efinger	Morristown Chapter	15,574
Diane	Bacher	Red Bank Chapter	14,273
Mary	Leonard	Cranes Ford Chapter	10,546
Lynn	Heck	Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest Chapter	9,391

Total Names 121,726

Volunteers are needed! By volunteering, you not only help create the valuable index but also your time can be accorded as Service to America. You can work on the project at any time, day or night, it is available 24/7 through NSDAR e-membership. Please visit member.dar.org and click the committee link. Click Patriot Records Project and you can view a power-point presentation on the project. You can “**VOLUNTEER NOW**” by clicking that link!

Mary Leonard
Patriot Records Project Committee State Chair

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Master Reports were electronically completed and filed for the New Jersey Chapters covering year 2019 before the Feb. 1, 2020, deadline. Forty-two chapters finalized as complete by Jan. 31, 2020, with four chapters recorded as in process/incomplete status. Thirty-five chapters paid National Dues by Dec. 1, 2019. The Master Report and Chapter Achievement Awards form reflects chapter contributions made and participation in activities from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2019.

Several chapters did not send in their contributions on time. When contributions are received after the deadline chapters will not receive credit. NSDAR has very strict policies regarding contributions and dues deadlines.

Three chapters did not meet the contribution deadline. 8 chapters did not send in Chapter Achievement Award contributions and therefore did not meet the contribution requirements for Chapter Achievement Awards.

- 26 chapters achieved Level 1 status (400 points+)
- 7 chapters achieved Level 2 status (300 points+)
- 5 chapter achieved Level 3 status (200 points+)
- 4 chapters did not meet the minimum 200 points to receive an award

All New Jersey Chapters are reminded that the Chapter Achievement Award form is not optional. The Chapter Achievement Award forms helps NSDAR measure the health of the chapters and determine what constitutes a viable chapter.

Sally Anne Bickford
Chapter Achievement Awards Committee State Chair

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION

The goals of the CDR Commission are to gain new members, engage and retain current members, assist chapter leadership to strengthen skills, train chapters to recruit prospective members, educate members about the DAR's rich history and the many service opportunities, train chapter membership teams in research techniques, and assist and mentor chapters facing membership challenges.

In August the CDR Commission members met to introduce themselves and the role that they will have on the team. The commission members include:

- State Regent – Bonnie Matthews – Advisor
- State Organizing Secretary – Catherine Medich
- State Registrar – Terry Brasko
- District Directors –
- North – Barbara Pierson
- Central – Ann Rotunno
- South – Pamela Campbell
- Genealogy Preservation Chair - Amanda Greene
- Genealogical Records Chair – Gail Kovacs-Felici
- Leadership Training Chair – Samantha Seamans-Frizzell
- Lineage Research Chair – Lyle Timpson
 - Vice Chairs – Christine Murphy, Cindy Knierim, Pat Munson-Siter, Mary Ellen Rogan
- Membership Chair – Kathy Fritz
 - Vice Chair – Pat Munson-Siter
- America 250 Membership Task Force – Gail Hahn, Donna Hare, Catherine Medich, Diane Oliver, Ruth Ryno, and Karen Stroever
- Volunteer Genealogists – Gail Hahn and Patti Christie
- Commission Chairman – Ruth Ryno

The District Directors have shared updates on the chapters in their districts. Kathy Fritz shared information from the PMD, as well as the Chapter Member Count.

In 2019 there were 187 new members. This was forty-one more than last year! Eighteen chapters increased membership while eighteen chapters had a decrease in membership.

Members of the team offer assistance to new chapter registrars and those chapter registrars who have AIR letters more than three months old. If there is still a need for help, the chapter registrars are encouraged to contact the America 250 Task Force. In 2019 there was a revised application form put out by the National Registrar. Other members of the team mentor chapters who have been identified with specific challenges.

At the Fall State Meeting the Commission had a tri-fold display which was manned by a member of the commission.

In November, the Claverack and Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapters sponsored a genealogy workshop for prospective members in Ridgewood. Five members of this team participated. Other workshops are planned for 2020.

This chairman is pleased to work with a wonderful team.

Ruth A. Ryno,
Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission Chairman

DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The NJDAR DAR Leadership Training Committee has seen a significant uptick in active participation from New Jersey daughters for member training since the transition from the Dillon Administration into the VanBuren Administration. As compared to the first half of 2019, and the last six months of the

Dillon Administration, which produced 1 New Members and 0 New Horizons graduates, the first six months of the VanBuren Administration yielded 1 New Members, 2 Members and 3 New Horizons graduates. As of December 13, 2019, there were 26 members working towards completing their coursework for Members (New Members has been revised and renamed “Members”) and 5 for New Horizons.

The goal for this transitional year was to increase overall member participation by 15%. With the understanding that several active members had begun their journey during the Dillon Administration, some graduating in the second half of 2019, some continuing their studies through to the new administration, and with the realization that an initial burst of participation is inherent to the launch of a new administration, our membership involvement in DAR Leadership Training courses for the first six months of the VanBuren Administration has surpassed this year’s goal by several hundred percent. For these same reasons, this chair has also seen an increase in chapter representation in the training courses.

Chapter representation for the New Members and New Horizons courses in the Dillon Administration included six chapters and by the end of 2019, 14 chapters were represented – an increase of more than 100%. In the new administration, chapters can receive national recognition by encouraging 25% of their membership to graduate from the Members course before the end of the VanBuren Administration in the spring of 2022. Of the 14 chapters now actively participating, Col. Thomas Reynolds Chapter is the leader in the state with 13 of the 23 chapter member participants needed to attain national recognition. State officer participation in DAR Leadership Training is also eligible for national recognition.

The NJDAR State Board is well on its way to 100% participation and recognition by President General VanBuren

upon her visit to the NJDAR spring conference in 2021 with three officers enrolled in, and three officers graduated from, the New Members/Members courses in 2019.

Madam State Regent, it is a privilege and an honor to serve NJDAR during your administration.

Samantha Seamans-Frizzell
DAR Leadership Training Committee State Chair

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

New Jersey Daughters continue to show their support for their Junior Members. New Jersey fully believes that Junior Members are the future of our society, so chapters, and the state society, try to involve them as much as they can. Chapters in New Jersey encourage their Junior Members to serve as chapter chairman and officers. This year 21 Junior Members served as chapter chairman, and 16 served as chapter officers. Chapters were also encouraged to honor a Junior Member by awarding a Chapter Outstanding Junior. This year three chapters honored a Junior Member for their work with the DAR.

Chapters keep Juniors coming back by holding meetings at friendly times so those with families can attend. Chapters hold lunchtime or late weekday evening meetings, have speakers that appeal to Junior members, and use a wide variety of social media including Facebook and Twitter to keep them updated. Chapters encourage members to bring family and friends to meetings and events, send out newsletters, emails, and keep their website updated with current information. Chapters speak at historical society events, and even place ads in the local historical society magazine. Chapters support local CAR societies in hopes that they will transfer over at the age of 18 and encourage the transfer of daughters and granddaughters.

Junior Members are also actively involved at the state level with nine serving as state chairman or vice chairman, three members are serving as National Vice-Chairs. Junior Members serve as pages at state events and Continental Congress. This past year 12 Junior Members served as a page at either a state or national event. Pages are invited free of charge, sit together during luncheons and banquets to get to know each other, and a page party is planned!

Chapters not only try to involve their Juniors, but New Jersey continues to recruit and gain new Junior members. This year New Jersey gained 37 new Junior Members. Chapters gain new members by encouraging aging out CAR members to transfer their membership, and completing applications for daughters, granddaughters, and nieces. Chapters recruit new Juniors by setting up information tables at street fairs and local events. Members regularly attend public, private research days at libraries and archives, genealogy classes, commemorative events, social events, and reenactments to talk with prospective Junior members. Chapters use newsletters, social media, and email to keep and recruit new Junior members.

At the New Jersey Spring State Conference chapters are rewarded for their work with Juniors throughout the year. A State Outstanding Junior Member is presented at our awards banquet. Awards are presented to chapters for most new junior members, purchasing the most junior products, junior members serving as chapter chairman, juniors serving as pages at state events and congress, and the chapter with the best all-around support of juniors. Each year the Junior Membership Committee awards one member with the title “Honorary Junior Member”. This award is presented to a non-junior member who continually supports junior members.

Stephanie Teagarden
Junior Membership Committee State Chair

MEMBERSHIP

New Jersey DAR membership saw an increase in 2019, adding 187 new members by application. Our total chapter membership is now 2,703. Life membership increased by 39 new members. Junior membership increased by 37 new members. There are 1,199 prospective members statewide including 24 pending.

Chapters have strived to become luminary challenge leaders for this term, those chapters will be announced and awarded at Continental Congress.

Chapters report on their most effective methods of recruitment include member recommendations of friends and family, having a presence at local community and historical events, referrals from the state via prospective member database, holding genie workshops, working with other service organizations, volunteering at local historical societies, having a social media presence and giving tours at historic sites. These efforts have resulted in a growth in our membership by 187.

Chapters keep prospective members engaged during the application process by inviting the prospective members to chapter meetings and events. Communicating with the prospective member regarding the status of her application and assisting her with obtaining documents. Documents located by chapter researchers are forwarded to the prospective. Chapter newsletters and announcements are sent by chapters and invitations to participate in chapter and state events: visiting veterans, Memorial Day services, assisting with naturalization ceremonies, state meetings, and book club meetings. Engaging the prospective member in all chapter activities creates involvement and bonding that continues once the prospective becomes a member.

Chapters reported on a variety of activities that engage current members: holding a chapter picnic with bonfire, assisting with

veterans luncheons, hosting tea parties, organizing bi-monthly book clubs, trips to local historical sites and museums, pre meeting breakfasts and post meeting luncheons are fun ways chapters use to engage members. Chapters also hold Memorial Day services, participate in Fourth of July parades and greet runners during the NJ Run for the Fallen. Chapters also send out monthly or quarterly newsletters, some chapters have transitioned to an electronic format. Birthday cards are sent out to chapter members by chaplains and get well cards sent by members.

Thank you, Madam State Regent, it is my honor to serve you and the State Society.

Kathy Fritz
Membership Committee State Chair

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT

As Co-Chairmen, we are pleased to report we introduced the President General's Project at the NJDAR Fall Meeting. Daughters were told of the very ambitious goal to dismantle Constitution Hall following Continental Congress 2020 and significantly restore Constitution Hall for Daughters to meet there for Continental Congress in 2021.

The New Jersey Daughters have been very generous in their support of our fundraising efforts contributing \$49,628.00 to the President General's Project. This includes \$3,291.00 merchandise sold at the NJDAR Fall Meeting, chapter contributions, two Van Buren Patriot Contributions, five Van Buren Benefactor Contributions and 726 Van Buren Project Donors.

Fourteen chapters have contributed 100% to President General's Project. As Mrs. Van Buren will be attending our Annual Meeting in 2021, it is hoped all chapters will fulfill their 100% contribution by December 2020. This will also result in New Jersey receiving a certificate for 100% participation. Mrs. Van Buren will present certificates to the Chapter Regents at this time with the opportunity of a photograph with the President General.

Wendy Kelly
Louise C. Stiloski
President General's Project Committee State Chairs

PROTOCOL

The Protocol Committee strives to assist the State Regent, State Officers, Chairmen, Chapter Regents, and members to conduct the business of the state society in a timely and proper manner. A letter was sent to all Regents with information on accessing the Protocol Guidelines published by NSDAR, available through the Members website. Additional assistance with questions on seating, and other procedures was provided for Anniversary luncheons and or NJDAR events. Answers for all queries were provided in a timely manner.

Susan Luczu
Protocol Committee State Chair

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE

Committee General Description: Public Relations & Media Committee supports the NJ DAR Board of Management and the membership by developing and implementing communication

strategies consistent with the goals and objectives of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). The Chair is responsible for directing and reporting on the activity of the committee which includes overseeing the duties of the committee coordinators for 47 chapters in New Jersey. Public Relations and Media Chairman responsibilities and duties listed on the NSDAR website are a guideline to inform members and the community about historic preservation, education, and patriotic mission activities of the DAR and increasing public awareness of DAR objectives and programs. Guidelines should be tailored to specific Chapters according to their State/Region.

- Section 1: Public Relations and Media Resources
Chapters combine public relations materials and tools including graphics, fact sheets, brochures, and templates that are available on the NSDAR website (including the Today's DAR 15-minute video) to increase public awareness of DAR objectives and programs.
- Section 2: News and Press Releases
Chapters prepare releases to issue to local media in accordance with NSDAR policy guidelines.
- Section 3: Public Outreach
Chapters are encouraged to participate in public events such as Memorial Day parades, Wreaths Across America, Flag Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day, host genealogy workshops, or set up displays at local libraries...etc.
- Section 4: Social Media – Facebook and YouTube
Chapters make use of official NSDAR blogs, Facebook and Today's DAR videos.
- Section 5: NSDAR Media and Entertainment Award
Awards for motion picture, radio, and television are encouraged to be given on the local level or recommended on for a national level award.

- Section 6: State Proceedings
State Proceedings are due to the State Regent and State Recording Secretary by March 1, 2020.
- Section 7: National Reports
The Annual report is submitted to the National Vice Chairman no later than March 15, 2020.
- Section 8: Chapter Awards
Results and recommendations will be submitted to the National Vice Chairman according to the requirements and categories as defined by the DAR National Society's Public Relations and Media Committee. A list of chapters recommended for awards in PR & Media will be given to the NJDAR State Recording Secretary for inclusion in the Spring Conference.

Laura E. Cramer
Public Relations & Media Committee State Chair

UNITS OVERSEAS

This chairman was delighted to be appointed Units Overseas Committee Chairman by the State Regent. This chairman has been developing relationships with the various DAR Units Overseas Chapters via email and soliciting information about their programs, local cultural traditions, and service projects for the New Jersey State Society newsletter, The Crossroads Courier. Countries highlighted during this past year were Austria and Australia. It has been a pleasure to learn how DAR members are serving the Society all across the globe and to share this information with local Daughters.

It has been a pleasure to serve the New Jersey Society!

Heather W. Speas
Units Overseas Committee State Chair

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALISTS

As Volunteer Information Specialist, VIS for the year of 2019, she was happy to have the edition of a Co-Chair, Debbie Wilkins for the second half of 2019. This chairman was extremely happy to have the addition of a State Members' VIS, Marianne Sweet of the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter who very much took over maintaining and assisting the chapter their websites and gave guidance in creating two new sites.

This chair is happy to report the Outstanding VIS Chapter Chairmen, with eleven certificates, Superior VIS Chapter Chairman, Marianne Sweet of the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth chapter, VIS, Volunteer of the Year, Debbie Hansen of the Basking Ridge Chapter will be receiving this award, VIS Chapter of the Year certificate will be presented to Moorestown Chapter for their dedication in achieving marks in every category on the CMR-VIS, VIS Outstanding Newsletter, Beacon Fire Chapter, VIS Outstanding Media Coverage –Web, Cape May Patriots “Daughters of the American Revolution Match Grant for Roof Replacement at Historic Spring Village”, VIS Outstanding Social Media, Instagram & Facebook, Cranes Ford Chapter, VIS Outstanding Website of the Year, Bergen-Paulus Hook, VIS Outstanding Community Service, Publicity, Jersey Blue Chapter – “Bucleuch Mansion Reopens After Revolutionary Renovation”, VIS Outstanding Commemorative Event Publicity, Eagle Rock-Cranetown Chapter

“George Washington Remembers New Jersey”, Most Creative Usage of PR by a chapter, Chinkchewunska Chapter “Public Invited to DAR 24th Annual Awards Luncheon to be Held March 2”

These outstanding awards and certificates of service in VIS to be presented at the 128th NJDAR Annual Spring Conference in April 2020.

This past year, 2019, the NJDAR Chapters have reported the total membership count from the CMR is 2,679. There are 38 chapter websites actual, reported with websites and 19 with no website. Six chapters with members only websites and 39 chapters with no members only website. Seventeen public Facebook pages and seven closed Facebook pages.

As of this report there 115 prospective members that have been reported from chapter websites and/or, other internet presence. Two hundred thirty-four prospective members are reported from the NSDAR website, with 114 attending chapter meetings, and 111 papers pending or in progress, and 67 new members being reported from the CMR-VIS report.

As of this report twenty-one chapters report that they distribute a yearbook electronically and 25 report as do not. Twenty chapters distribute an electronic newsletter and 23 do not distribute an electronic newsletter. Twenty-eight Regents reported use of E-Membership. Twenty-five Vice Regents, 39 treasurers and 34 registrars report use of E-Membership. A total of 14 chapters reports the use of social media or other web tools.

Two new chapter websites, Bergen Paulus Hook and The Coastal Watch were approved in the year 2019.

It has been a pleasure for this Chairman to serve this administration.

Deborah Hvizdos
VIS Committee State Chair

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF SPECIAL NATIONAL COMMITTEES

AMERICA 250!

This committee was formed to heighten the awareness of the ladies of NJ to the events leading to the anniversary of the Revolutionary War in 2026, and to involve members in those activities.

To meet this mission, the committee chair has met in the statewide workshops and meetings organized by Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, and the New Jersey Heritage Trust. Happily, other members of the NJDAR have joined me there including NJDAR state Historian Deb. Hvizdos.

We have also put together a team of members to focus our attention on developing accurate 18th century clothing to wear at events leading to the 250th Anniversary year. We have proposed a series of workshops four in total where we will be constructing four garments which together make a complete Revolutionary ensemble. They will be commencing at the State Conference this year and ending at the Spring State Conference in 2022. A total of eight workshops will be given. One Spring 2020, one in each district fall to winter of 2020, one in each district summer to fall of 2021, and the final one in Spring of 2022. It is our hope to have completed outfits by the last workshop. We aspire do a runway like entrance, at the State conference in 2022, to show off the work to the membership, and perhaps the President General. To get the ball rolling we have posted an announcement at the NJDAR State website, at the New Jersey NJDAR Facebook page, at personal Facebook sites, and chapter Facebook sites. This announcement included the link to <https://wordpress.com/njdarsews250.wordpress>. This is a blog site developed by this committee, expressly to answer questions,

and inform our members about historic clothing, fabrics, and each individual project. To date there have been five blog posts, with more expected on the way. We will also maintain a posting in the Crossroads Courier to encourage more member to join in.

It is a pleasure to serve the NJDAR and you Madame State Regent

Pat Sanftner
America 250! Committee State Chair

AWARDS DAY

The Annual Awards Day was not held this year due to the 2020 NJDAR Spring State Conference being canceled.

In place of an Awards Day program, all award winners were published in the 2020 Summer issue of the Crossroad Courier.

This chairman would like to thank all the state contest and scholarship chairmen for all their help and patience this past year.

Vittoria Flick
Awards Day Committee Chair

FASHION DESIGN

The DAR Fashion Design Contest had 16 participants from two chapters. Saddle River and Westfield Chapters sponsored students from Indian Hills and Ramapo High Schools in addition to the Cologne Busy Bees 4-H. Many of the young ladies showed off their sewing talents at the Spring Awards Dinner in a fashion show for the DAR and guests. The 2020 DAR Fashion Design Contest information was posted on-line, and a hard copy was put into every chapter's post box in the fall.

Josephine Guscott
Fashion Design Committee Chair

FOUNDERS

The Founders Committee is proud to announce that our two unique October 19th events were a fabulous success! The Dedication Ceremony of the Holly Jean Dunbar Pollinator Garden was such a special day and thrilled her beyond belief. Diane Argraves prepared beautiful certificates to thank the active participants to make this project happen, and presented those certificates to Anthony Cucchi, Superintendent of Parks, Mercer County Park Commission; Kelly Rypkema, Manager for Tulpehaking Nature Center; Alexandria Kosowski, the Garden Designer; and Richard Hunter, Archeologist. These new signs contain historic information and were funded by the Mercer County Park Commission. Deb Hvizdos publicized our event and reached out to the Governor for his official letter for Holly to recognize her dedication to conservation. Please plan to come visit your State Headquarters!

The “Watson After Dark” event was such fun, as we entertained many Daughters and the community! Susan Luczu helped organize this fabulous evening and brought extra items to supplement the staging of our house, as well as, created lovely candlelight walkway luminaries. Pat Sanftner provided extra battery operated candlelight to set the mood. Our period costumed committee members brought life to our headquarters and there were rave reviews from our visitors! Due to the visits of the community and our dedicated Daughters, we had a very successful fundraiser through the sales of tickets, items and donations. Diane Oliver provided the delicious donuts and cider for our visitors! Special thanks to the many other committee members who worked behind the scenes serving refreshments, taking tickets and selling our items!

Our six Open Houses have been well received with many visitors and special thanks to the wonderful publicity in local newspapers and the Tulpehaking Nature Center for adding our

dates to their schedule. Linda Chesko, Docent Chair, has done an outstanding job scheduling our members to serve as docents and made numerous arrangements for the chapter visits to our historic house. The New Jersey Daughters and Chapters have been very supportive of our historic preservation efforts with generous donations for speakers' programs, the adopting of objects and the purchasing of our sales items.

At the NJDAR State Conference and Fall Meeting, we collected funds through the sales of our beautiful butterfly pins, Watson House Holiday Ornaments, Watson House totes and "Voices" on numerous baskets and items! Our Ways and Means Co-Chairs, Diane Argraves and Diane Oliver, have worked overtime with their creative ideas to support our house beautiful!

We are so lucky to have Bob Simmons, our caretaker, continue to take an active role in landscaping, and preparing this site for chapter visits and our Open Houses.

We invite our chapters to request a tour and visit our house beautiful. With our New Jersey Daughters dedication, we will continue to promote our state headquarters and fundraise to continue to share its historic community legacy. Special recognition must go to all our committee members who are volunteering their time and talents to showcase the Watson House.

Cornelia "Connie" Ball Olde,
Founders Committee Chair

NEW JERSEY ROOM

The past chairman for the outreach committee gives tour throughout the year as a docent for the period rooms. Funds are

given each year from the state to support this committee activities.

The New Jersey daughters are immensely proud of our period room. One of the first period room in the NSDAR museum--- the NJDAR ladies worked to present a story of the American Revolution which was Admiral Howe's trip up the Delaware River on his frigate the "Augusta". Since the room was made from the lumber and anchor from the "Augusta" this room has an interesting story. We promote interest in the room by having a table at all state conferences to tell the daughters of New Jersey about the period room. We also go to many chapters throughout the year to give a presentation of the items in the room and tell the story of how it was developed. Each of the items in the room was donated by one of the chapters. At every Continental Congress this room has a New Jersey Daughter to docent for everyone visiting to understand its significance. We also have a small booklet telling about the room which can be taken back to the various chapters to give a presentation about the New Jersey Period Room

Sarah Israel
New Jersey Period Room Committee Chair

NJDAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship

This scholarship is for a New Jersey high school senior with a desire to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. The applicant must be a United States Citizen and a student with a need for financial aid to continue his/her education. The applicant must major in Political Science, History, Government or Economics. The amount of the scholarship is \$2000. This year's recipient is Katherine Diaz-

Trujillo, a senior at Central Regional High School, in Bayville, NJ. The sponsoring chapter is Captain Joshua Huddy. The Chapter Scholarship Chair is Caroline Germond. The Chapter Regent is Lynda Nolan. In honor of Katherine as the Betty Bradbury Scholarship State Winner, the NJDAR will donate a book “American Treasure-The Enduring Spirit of the DAR” and inscribed to the school in honor of Katherine.

NJDAR State Scholarship

This scholarship is for a New Jersey high school senior with a desire to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. The applicant must be a United States Citizen and a student with a need for financial aid to continue his/her education. The amount of the scholarship this year is \$1000.

This year’s recipient is Cecilia Munoz a senior at Egg Harbor Township High School. The sponsoring chapter is General Lafayette. The Chapter Chair is Elizabeth Naylor. The Chapter Regent is Jeannine Ingenito. We offer Cecilia our congratulations.

Patricia Franz
NJDAR State Scholarship Committee Chair

NJDAR STATE BULLETIN

2019 was a transitional year for both the national and state societies, and with the changing of state leadership in NJDAR, the revisions to the state bulletin would also transition to reflect the vision of a new state regent and a new state bulletin chair. This chair’s vision, first and foremost, was exactly that – to provide a clear visualization of the Who, What, When, Where, Why and How of our NJDAR state society. This meant the inclusion of as many visual aids as possible, which included, but

were not limited to chapter activity picture submissions, state officer portraits, official pin likenesses, varying text fonts and borders along with several categories of stock photographs for general use. It was the goal of this chair to not only inform NJDAR members about activities using clear, concise and appropriate language that satisfied NSDAR protocol, but to provide visual informational tools that would satisfy member's questions by putting a face to a name and/or an emphasis on the basic structure of our society. This was not to say that information within the state bulletin was not presented clearly in the past, but rather the intent of the current chair was to place more emphasis on those areas of DAR that made up the basic structure – those aspects that represented and reflected “every day” DAR life.

Most member questions and concerns arise from the nature of how DAR exists in the every day. Our society, for most members, is a part time interest not a full time job, so it takes longer for the basics to sink in if they ever do. Add to this the evolution of DAR with every passing administration, and it is no wonder that new members, as well as seasoned veterans, have questions and concerns about how to navigate through the DAR basics – “What is DAR Membership Training?”; “Which pin should I order for my new position?”; “Am I a chair of a state committee or a state chair of a national committee?” With this idea in mind, it is this chair's goal to continue to add that extra layer of informational content with the intent to circumvent member questions and concerns, through focusing additional emphasis on the basics.

Madam State Regent, it is a privilege and an honor to serve NJDAR during your administration.

Samantha Seamans-Frizzell
NJDAR Bulletin Chair

NJDAR SUNDAY AT VALLEY FORGE

The New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution held the annual service and luncheon at the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, PA on November 3, 2019. The 11:45 AM Service by Fr. Nestlehutt choir and organist, was followed by a catered luncheon held in chapel's common room, adjacent to the chapel.

Fifty four NJDAR and friends were in attendance. Through our members' generosity, and in addition to the service offering, donations to the Chapel, Bell Tower and Carillon totaled \$801. Fr. Nestlehutt, Carillonneur Doug Gefvert and the Organist/Choirmaster Charles Grove joined us for the luncheon. Our members were invited to climb the bell tower steps to observe Doug Gefvert's live playing of the carillon.

Once again, we were blessed with beautiful fall weather. Madame State Regent, it is a pleasure to serve our society.

Jeannine Holt Ingenito
NJDAR Sunday At Valley Forge Committee Chair

PAGES

Over the course of this year, this Chairman has been communicating with New Jersey DAR Chapters and the New Jersey C.A.R. Societies to invite and encourage new pages to serve at the State and National levels. We had responses from many chapters who added DAR Juniors and C.A.R. members.

New Jersey had a total of seven pages serving the national society during the June 2019 DAR Continental Congress this past summer. This past September, there were nine total pages serving at the Autumn State Meeting, including junior pages from our local C.A.R. societies.

Heather Varner
NJ Page Committee Chair

PHOTOGRAPHY

The photography committee was asked by Madam State Regent Bonnie Matthews to take photos at the 2019 NJDAR State Meeting in Princeton, New Jersey.

Photos of the guest speaker, D. Joshua Taylor, President of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the Semper Fido team, and the NJDAR State Officers for 2019-2022 were taken. These photos were used in the Crossroads Courier Fall, 2019 edition and NJDAR members website.

Picture of the State Officers appears on the NJDAR Member Site About Us; <http://members.njdar.org/about-us.html>

Karen Kennedy
Photography Committee Co-Chair

REAL DAUGHTERS PROJECT

The research focus of Real Daughters Project is Priscilla Ayers Inslee, daughter of Patriot Robert Ayers Jr. and his wife Rhoda Holton of Middlesex County, New Jersey. Documents obtained and conversations with Administrator of Alpine Cemetery, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, determined the location of her unmarked grave. Additional research and documentation are required to satisfy the application requirements of the Office of the Historian General and the Management of the Alpine Cemetery before applying for placement of Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot and Real Daughter markers.

Madam State Regent, it is a pleasure to serve this administration.

Beatrice A. Boyce
Real Daughters Project Committee Chair

STATE MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Madam State Regent the Chairman of the State Conference Committee would like to report on the very has successful 2019 NJDAR Fall Forum. Being the first forum of the Matthew administration, it was very well received by all members and guests. The state regent presented her project, Semper Fido followed by a tribute to our outstanding NJ daughter. Reports from committees and chapters were presented. The conference committee provided assistance and support as needed to assure a well-run forum.

This chairman and her vice chairmen provided services to our many guests, to include picking up and taking of guests to airports, arranging hotel and meeting rooms as well as meals,

arranging for committee tables and assist the regent and board of management as needed.

The attendance at this forum was very well received. This chairman is pleased to report that the forum was brought in under budget.

This chairman, my committee vice chairmen are to be commended for the time and effort they have given for a well-run forum.

Madam State Regent it is an honor and privilege for myself and my committee to serve you and the board of management. We look forward to assisting in providing in an enthusiastic, educational and inspiring State Conference this spring.

Lynda R. Aber
NJDAR State Conference Committee Chair

STATE REGENT'S PROJECT

My co-chair and I are honored to be serving the Matthews Administration in the raising of funds for your project, Semper Fido, to support the Marlton-based organization in their mission to provide a healing and rejuvenating bond between surrendered or shelter dogs and veterans who have been diagnosed with PTSD or mild to moderate traumatic brain injury.

In 2019, we manned the State Regent's table at the Fall State Meeting. We also attended the Northern District Luncheon and the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter Holiday Gathering.

Our sales consisted of DAR name badges, the State Regent's pin and scarf, many handmade items, and voices at the Fall State Meeting. We also received donations from many generous NJ Daughters.

We are very happy to report that, in the first six months of the Matthews Administration, \$9,034.90 has been raised for Project Semper Fido.

My co-chair and I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Matthews Administration and Project Semper Fido.

Cindi Ahrens
Grace McAfee

NJDAR State Regents Project Committee Co-Chairs

TOURS AND TRAVEL

From Tuesday, June 25 through Sunday, June 30, 2019, many Jersey Girls attended the 128th Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. This continued a longstanding tradition of traveling to and from the nation's capital on "The Bus," a luxurious motor coach provided by Passaic Valley Coaches and driven by Dave Lewis, who also served as our tour guide and porter. Throughout the week, Dave provided daily shuttle service from the Marriott Metro to all Congress events.

On Tuesday evening the group enjoyed dinner and a twilight tour of the major monuments. On Thursday, the New Jersey Luncheon took place at the Willard Hotel. The group was privileged to participate in the transition from the Dillon Administration to the Van Buren Administration. Of course, the highlight of the week was witnessing the installation of Bonnie Nevard Matthews as the New Jersey State Regent.

Kathryn Illo
Joanne Stoy

Tours and Travel Committee Co-Chairs

REPORTS OF SPECIAL STATE APPOINTMENTS

DAR/SAR LIAISON

It is a pleasure to work with the members of the NJSSAR. Both organizations strive for the common goals of patriotism, historic preservation, and education. It is always wonderful to meet so many of the NJ members.

In February many NJ Daughters attended the annual George Washington SAR luncheon in Princeton. The National SAR President was able to enjoy this meeting and program. This liaison also attended to the Court of Honor for an Eagle Scout, Matthew King.

This liaison attended two meetings of the Jockey Hollow SAR Chapter in Rockaway. She also attended meetings of the West Field Chapter SAR and their annual March dinner.

For Memorial Day this NJ Daughter assisted the Westfield SAR members to place flags on the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots, as well as other veterans at the First Presbyterian Church in Westfield. In August this liaison traveled to Delaware for the SAR Middle Atlantic Conference.

In October this DAR member greeted visitors who came to tour the Abraham Clark House, the NJSSAR State Headquarters, in Roselle for the annual Union County "Four Centuries in a Weekend." New Jersey Sunday at Valley Forge in November was attended by both NJ Daughters and several members of the NJSSAR.

It is an honor to work with Robert Meyer, NJSSAR State President and his state board.

Ruth Ryno
NJDAR /NJSSAR Liaison

DAR/SR LIAISON

This liaison worked closely with the Sons of the Revolution New Jersey (SRNJ) State President to review opportunities for mutual sharing and cooperation between SRNJ and NJDAR.

This liaison shared SRNJ news with all NJDAR daughters in The Crossroads Courier and was pleased that SRNJ invited all NJDAR daughters to the Fall Lecture Series that it sponsored at the Old Barracks in Trenton.

This liaison was pleased that the SRNJ State President brought greetings to the NJDAR State Conference and Autumn Meeting.

This liaison was delighted to be appointed the SRNJ liaison for the Matthews Administration!

Lucy A. Kramer
NJDAR/Sons of the Revolution Liaison

DAR/BOY SCOUTS LIAISON

All New Jersey BSA Councils were contacted and asked to send names of eligible Eagle Scouts. Nine requests were made to present The NJDAR Youth Good Citizenship Medal to Eagle Scouts this year. The medals were presented at their Eagle Courts of Honor.

Donna Hare
NJDAR/Boy Scout Liaison

DAR/GIRL SCOUTS LIAISON

The Morristown Chapter hosted one event for Girl Scouts of the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey Council at the Schuyler-

Hamilton House. The Girls Scouts were on a bus tour visiting sites related to Alexander Hamilton.

The Morristown Chapter and this liaison researched providing additional events to Girl Scouts at the Schuyler-Hamilton House

This liaison researched providing certificates to Gold Award recipients.

There was one inquiry from a Girl Scout of the Jersey Shore Council Gold Award candidate. There were no chapter inquiries.

This liaison was pleased to be appointed the Girl Scouts liaison for the Matthews Administration!

Lucy A. Kramer
NJDAR/Girl Scouts Liaison

DAR/4-H LIAISON

As one of America's oldest and largest youth organizations, 4-H offers educational programs for young people utilizing a learn-by-doing approach to teach leadership and life skills. This year, we can be proud of the fact that a 4-H club from New Jersey received national recognition from the DAR.

The People Pick Me Ups 4-H club from Somerset County placed first in the nation in the Junior American Citizens (J.A.C.) contest, Community Service category. The club was honored for bringing their pet therapy animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, and guinea pigs, for two visits with the patients at Lyons V.A. Medical Center. Club members also raised money to buy approved small gifts and treats for the veterans. In addition, the club made monthly visits to an assisted living facility, participated in community events, and members collected

donations for the Gress Mountain Ranch animal rescue center and spent a day there volunteering.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter presented the People Pick Me Ups with their state and chapter J.A.C. awards at the April meeting of the Somerset County 4-H Association where it was announced to the 4-H'ers, staff and volunteers present that the club had gone on to win first place on the national level.

Members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter held their annual Awards Presentation on August 7 on stage at the Somerset County 4-H Fair in Bridgewater. Two 4-H clubs received J.A.C. awards, and 4-H club members were presented with their awards for the American History Essay, Columbus Essay and Fashion Design contests. In addition, seventeen 4-H clubs were presented with the chapter's Patriot Award for community service. In November, chapter members donated cans of food for the Somerset County 4-H Community Outreach Dinner held on Christmas Day. This annual event is free and open to all, especially those who live alone, and is prepared and served by 4-H members and their families.

Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowery Chapter purchased a dozen wreaths sold by the Somerset County 4-H as a fundraiser and used them to decorate DAR Memorial Park cemetery in Whitehouse Station.

Chinkchewunska, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental, Haddonfield and Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowery chapters have members who are active 4-H volunteers; these women serve as advisors, club leaders and contest judges. Seven chapters have reported having members who are 4-H alumnae: Chinkchewunska, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental, General William Maxwell, Haddonfield, Jersey Blue, Matochshoning, Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowery.

New Jersey Daughters should be proud of the many outstanding achievements of the 4-H Youth Development Program in our state, where 4-H is organized by county and is administered by Rutgers Cooperative Extension. All chapters are encouraged to support their local 4-H program as they strive "To Make the Best Better," the motto of 4-H.

New Jersey chapters and members who are volunteers or alumnae are asked to continue to report their involvement with and support of 4-H with this liaison.

Holly Jean Dunbar
NJDAR/4-H Liaison

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

NORTHERN DISTRICT

The 19 Northern District Chapters have continued to complete outstanding efforts to support the State and National Society of the DAR. Numerous members served the State and National Society as Officers and Committee Chairs. Northern District Chapters completed over 32,000 Service to America hours.

The Northern District Luncheon honoring the state regent and her board of managers at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield was the highlight for the northern district. The event had a record turnout of guests, selling out a month prior to the event. The northern district chapters raised over \$3000 for the State Regents Project “Semper Fido-K9 Basics”.

Basking Ridge Chapter supported a Girl Scout earning her Gold Award by participating in her project to repaint and refurnish the Community Room for homeless female veterans at Community Hope, Lyons VA Hospital. The chapter also celebrated their 85th Anniversary remembering their 25 founding members and unveiling their chapter’s Charter.

Beacon Fire Chapter continued their outreach to members through new electronic newsletter and electronic meeting invitations. Members participated in a Valentine’s Day Luncheon at Lyons VA Hospital, distributing Valentines made by the Jeremiah Crane Garthwaite C.A.R. Society. Gift bags were prepared, and volunteers attended the Naturalization ceremony for 50 new citizens at Liberty State Park.

Bergen Paulus Hook Chapter participated in a Memorial Day remembrance by teaming up with other DAR, C.A.R. and local groups to place 4000 flags at the George Washington Memorial Cemetery in Paramus, NJ. A Constitution Week display in City Hall, Jersey City included two original oil paintings by a chapter

HODAR. This display and proclamation from the mayor were recognized in the Jersey Journal.

Chinkchewunska Chapter hosted their first ever “Ghost Walk” to raise awareness and funds to support their DAR Van Bunschooten Museum. Members of the chapter, Saddle River C.A.R. and the community volunteered to portray original family members who lived in the house from 1797-1920. The chapter had 167 students participate in the American History Essay contest and all 11 high schools in the Sussex County participated in the Good Citizen program.

Church and Cannon Chapter was excited to participate in the 225th Anniversary of the founding of the Township of Springfield. Members partnered with the SAR and the Brigade of the American Revolution to lay wreaths in three locations to honor those who lost their lives in the American Revolution. The chapter held their annual Holiday Tea and collected \$450 in goods and gift cards to donate to the female veterans at Menlo Park Memorial Veterans Home.

Claverack Chapter donated 124 gift bags for four naturalization ceremonies including Bergen County Law Day and Great Falls National Park where members attended. As part of an annual project, 45 American flags and brackets were donated to the Paterson School District. The chapter is working with the Passaic County Department of Cultural and Historical Affairs in its efforts to restore the Vanderhoef House in Weasel Brook Park in Clifton.

Eagle Rock-Cranetown Chapter partnered with West Caldwell Public Library to present a program on “George Washington Remembers New Jersey”. This was the chapter’s first public event in many years. Donations were made to the residents at Lyons VA Medical Center. The chapter continues to participate in events sponsored by the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association.

Elizabeth Parcells Devoe logged 2017 Service to America hours. This included a junior member who rescued and is rehabilitating an Amazon parrot. Also, members volunteer at the Paramus Veterans Facility. Over 16 lbs. of coupons were sent overseas for Project Patriot. The chapter concentrated on women's issues which included donations to a teenage and baby shelter and blank cards to a women's prison.

Ferro Monte sent 9 lbs. of coupons to bases overseas. Members volunteered at the Lake Hopatcong Veterans Cruise where veterans are given a complimentary boat ride while bystanders cheer from bridges and docks waving American Flags. The chapter organized its sixth Wreaths Across America event laying 610 wreaths on veteran graves in three cemeteries in Roxbury. Five members serve as Senior State leaders for N.J.C.A.R.

General William Maxwell continues to serve the community with a very active membership. The chapter doubled its Service to America hours. Many items were donated to Veteran's Haven North and the local food pantry. The chapter supported a Girl Scout earning her Silver Award Project which was a compiled history of chapter patriots. Chapter members cleaned tombstones at the Greenwich Cemetery where General Maxwell is buried.

Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapter held a Genealogy Workshop in November. Members attended three naturalization ceremonies welcoming 75 new citizens and distributed gift bags. A group of members and associate members spent many hours cleaning tombstones at the Crooked Pond Cemetery in Franklin Lakes an ongoing project for the chapter.

Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter finished a project of supporting a local animal shelter and is now working to give support to the Jersey Battered Women's Shelter. The chapter made their first award of the Capt. Anne Westerfield USN Scholarship. Constitution Week displays were placed in two local libraries.

Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter received 572 entries for the American History Essay Contest from 5th to 7th graders in the Bloomfield Public School District. At the state level, a fifth grade essayist placed first and a sixth grader placed second. Donations were made to active duty service women through Military and Family Support Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

The Morristown Chapter focused much of their efforts on commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Women's Suffragist Movement with events. A suffragist garden on the grounds of their Schuyler-Hamilton House has been planned with a vintage bench and flowers planted in the suffrage colors of yellow, purple, and white. The chapter continues numerous outreach projects in the community including support for local food pantry, giving tree for local shelter and donations to veterans.

Nova Caesarea is proud to be the oldest chapter in the state society. Their members volunteer within the community and provide senior leadership support for the State Society of the Children of the American Revolution. A scholarship and Jr. ROTC Medal were awarded to a West Orange High School Student.

Peggy Warne Chapter explored different meeting venues to increase meeting attendance. A Flag Day presentation was given by the regent about the history of the Pledge of Allegiance and writing of the Star Spangled Banner. Members visited the Menlo Park Memorial veterans Home and brought gifts of requested clothing items for Christmas.

Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest Chapter honored Veteran's Day by serving a buffet lunch to 30 military recruiters at the Hackensack Recruitment Center. Members attended the C.A.R. State Society Packet Picnic at Dey Mansion in Wayne. The chapter donated \$300 to the State President's project to locate the

graves of the Dey Family on the property. A Community Service Award was presented to an Eagle Scout whose project was to renovate Avon Park and improve ADA standards in order to accommodate children of all abilities.

Saddle River Chapter presented a wreath at the Ridgewood Memorial Day Service and participated in the Fourth of July Parade. With the help of the Washington Elm C.A.R. Society, 3,000 flags were placed on veteran's graves at Washington Memorial Cemetery. Four Good Citizen's Awards winners received \$600 in scholarships from the chapter.

Barbara Pierson
Northern District Director

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Great John Mathis Chapter held an art show and sponsored an essay contest commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Women's right to vote. In honor of Women's History month, the March program was a presentation by The Mayor of Tuckerton and how her life led to an elected political position. In May the chapter had a hosted private tour of the Cedar Bridge Tavern built in 1740.

Greenwich Team Burning Chapter celebrated suffragist Alice Paul. Daughters wore period costumes; signs were donated by a local school, and the guests were treated to a rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by a local high school vocalist. An honor guard was provided by the Civil Air Patrol.

Haddonfield Chapter hosted a joint meeting at Springdale Farms with other southern New Jersey chapters. The speaker was Diane Oliver. A framed antique tea towel was presented that displayed past and present DAR historic buildings in NJ. It was originally sold as a fundraiser. Haddonfield Chapter continues to support the Camden US District Court Naturalization ceremonies. In 2019, the Haddonfield Chapter Chair of Americanism attended six ceremonies.

Moorestown Chapter members volunteered over 1000 hours at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home (VVMH), delivering personal items to residents, putting together over 300 Christmas gift bags and working in the donation room. They made over 400 Patriotic book markers for the residents along with 40 Patriotic wreaths. The chapter donated toiletries for 20 care packages for Air Force pilots and gathered over 150 boxes of toiletries for our Active Military men and women stationed at Joint Base-McGuire-Fort Dix-Lakehurst.

Oak Tree Chapter programs included Antarctica by Davey Jones, Genealogy of Salem County by chapter member Bonnie

Beth Elwell; Honoring a Woman of History by chapter member Marlyce Pietrantonio; and Battle of the Brandywine by Michael C. Harris; 18th Century Life, by Dr. Douglas “Muggs” Jones.

Red Bank Chapter celebrated new members by holding a tea party in February and a summer picnic for. New members were sworn in at both well attended events.

The Coastal Watch Chapter members volunteered to hostess at a Vietnam veteran’s breakfast at a local high school in spring. Members assisted with serving light breakfast foods and ensuring the students were interacting with the different veterans, who displayed equipment and told of their experiences.

Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter is a member of the Camden County History Alliance (CCHA). A magazine created by the group is published twice a year. The chapter contributed an article for the Autumn edition. The CCHA held a Camden County History Month in October. Ye Olde Newton-Nassau’s Regent helped organize the event and served on two committees. The chapter had a month-long display of chapter memorabilia, DAR history, and membership information at the local library.

This Director and the Southern District Chapters look forward to the activities of the next year and serving our NJDAR State Society.

Pamela S. Campbell
Southern District Director

REPORTS OF CHAPTER REGENTS

ANN WHITALL

Ann Whitall Chapter spent the year making a difference in service to America by keeping the lights of tradition burning. Although small this chapter met regularly and relied on its officers to wear many hats. Members enjoyed a year of camaraderie, education, patriotism and service.

The Good Citizen Tea, held in February, honored local high school Good Citizens and the JROTC medal recipient. Everyone in attendance was mesmerized by “A Family Remembrance and Reflection: WWII and the Blitz on London” presented by Dan Cooper.

During the year the Ann Whitall Chapter members enjoyed varied programs on the First Family of Botany – The Batrams; A Family Account of a Korean War Friendship – Lost and Found; and A Look Back and Forward - DAR and the One Millionth Member.

Chapter members rang bells to commemorate Constitution Day, shared favorite Christmas books and stories, toured the Indian King Museum and enjoyed an afternoon of DAR fellowship at a joint chapter meeting.

Members were drenched at the annual festivities surrounding the 18th century Field Day and the 50th anniversary of the Jonas Cattell run held on the grounds of Red Bank Battlefield. A tour of the James and Ann Whitall House helped escape the downpour.

Throughout the year the Ann Whitall Chapter continued its support of the DAR Schools with box top donations and a scholarship to Tamasee. The members collected soda tabs for

the Ronald McDonald House and made caps for the infants at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Inspira, Vineland.

The Ann Whitall Chapter looks forward to continuing dedicated service to our chapter, state and national DAR.

Susan Novalsky
Ann Whitall Chapter Regent

BASKING RIDGE

The Basking Ridge Chapter began the year with an informative talk on “Lesser Known Heroes of the American Revolution” given by Joel Farkas, historian, and docent at Morristown’s Ford Mansion.

In March, Rory Britt, Chairman of Warren Township’s Historic Sites Committee, shared information with our members and the public at Bernards Township Library on “18th Century Sayings and Myths.” Members also attended the NJDAR Spring Conference in Princeton.

We were delighted to have actress Pat Jordan from the American Historical Theater portray “Clara Barton: Angel of the Battlefield” at our April gathering. This program was generously funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Our members were thrilled to tour the historic Buccleuch Mansion in New Brunswick with State Regent Karen Stroeve, Jersey Blue officer Susan Luczu and their members.

During the spring our DAR Service for Veterans Chair, Marianne Golden, and Chapter Daughters supported Girl Scout Claire Tunny on earning her Gold Award. Her main project was to repaint and refurbish the Community Room for homeless women veterans at Community Hope, Lyons, NJ.

Joel Farkas discussed “Iconic Moments, and People from the American Revolution” at our May meeting. New Basking Ridge Chapter officers were installed.

Our silent auction fundraiser and picnic was held in June at a member’s home. Donated items raised funds to frame the chapter charter for our anniversary.

During the summer months, the new Executive Board met monthly to plan for the remainder of 2019 and first half of 2020.

In September, historian Joel Farkas gave an informative talk on “Women During the American Revolution.” Members also attended the NJDAR Fall Conference in Princeton.

David Price, author and historical interpreter at Washington Crossing State Park, PA, shared with us in October at Bernards Township Library about “10 Crucial Days of the Revolutionary War”.

Our Chapter had a table display outdoors in October at the Lord Stirling 1770’s Festival in Basking Ridge where the public learned of DAR goals and accomplishments. People looked up their possible Patriot Ancestors and children were given Revolutionary War puzzle and coloring pages.

A highlight of the year came in November at the Celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the chapter. Debbie Hansen was chairperson assisted by the Executive Board. The 25 founding members were remembered, the chapter’s Charter was unveiled, a summary of the chapter’s history was narrated in a historic place and a festive time was had by members and visitors.

The year ended in December with a covered dish Holiday Luncheon at a member’s home. “Songs of the Season” were sung to the accompaniment of a player piano. The theme presentation was “A Colonial Christmas.” Clothing Christmas presents were

brought to the gathering to be distributed for veterans who live at Community Hope at Lyons, NJ.

The 2019 financial total for the Basking Ridge Chapter DAR Service to Veterans Committee was \$63,348 for dollar amounts donated and for value of items donated as reported by Marianne Golden, Chairperson and her committee. Thank you to this committee for their dedication and tireless committee work!

Edythe Joan Palmer
Basking Ridge Chapter Regent

BEACON FIRE

Beacon Fire Chapter had a busy calendar in 2019. At the January board meeting, plans for the spring were established and a nominating committee was formed. In February, chapter members joined Basking Ridge Chapter in hosting a festive Valentine's Day luncheon at Lyons VA Hospital. The chapter affiliate C.A.R. society, Jeremiah Crane Garthwaite, made Valentines to distribute to veterans.

In February, this chapter hosted George Washington's birthday celebration, organized by Eebie Zobitz with a life-sized George and trivia quiz. In April, this chapter held its annual Library Speaker Program at Summit Public Library. Actress and speaker, Jill Lawrence, presented "Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis: Preservation, Grace and American Legacy."

This chapter held two book group meetings led by Maureen Bednar and hosted by Lesley Quinlan. In March, members read and discussed "We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of the American Women Trapped on Bataan" by Elizabeth Norman. In November, members read and discussed "Code Girls" by Liza Mundy.

At the State Conference, Amanda Greene was recognized for her work developing the new chapter website and received the NJDAR award for “Outstanding Website of the Year” and Amanda Greene received an award for “Outstanding VIS Service.”

In May, this chapter held its Annual Meeting at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum organized by Ruth Huneke. At this meeting, new officers were inducted, and Marie Robertson was recognized as Honorary Chapter Regent for her 44 years of dedicated chapter service. Lois Hageman organized this chapter’s participation in the Summit Memorial Day Parade, where 22 members and friends marched in the parade and a wreath was laid at the War Memorial.

In September, this chapter volunteered at a Naturalization Ceremony at Liberty State Park, where 50 new citizens were welcomed with gift bags prepared by members. This chapter received a Constitution Week Proclamation from the Summit City Council. September was highlighted with a chapter meeting that reintroduced the theme of a “Jewel Tea,” a meeting held by this chapter 80 years ago – a show-and-tell of family heirlooms.

Beacon Fire daughters were represented at New Jersey state meetings: two attended the Spring State Conference; three attended the Fall State Meeting; and five attended the Northern District Luncheon.

In December, this chapter held its 97th Annual Christmas Luncheon, where 27 members and guests gathered. At this luncheon, this chapter welcomed six new members, recognized special DAR anniversaries, including Lesley Quinlan with 25 years and Patricia Black with 20 years, and celebrated Shirley Bittman’s 90th birthday.

In 2019, this chapter was thrilled to welcome nine new members and two reinstatements. This chapter ended the year

with 68 members. This chapter is also proud to have two state committee chairmen: Amanda Greene, DAR Genealogy Preservation Chair, and Heather Speas, Units Overseas Chair.

This chapter developed an electronic newsletter to share the work of the chapter, state, and national organization, keeping members abreast of DAR happenings. In addition, this chapter began sending electronic invitations to meetings, leading to increased attendance. These electronic tools have helped to keep members engaged in chapter activities.

Amanda Greene
Beacon Fire Chapter Regent

BERGEN-PAULUS HOOK

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter held four meetings. Each meeting began with prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, President General's letter, National Defense Minute, American Indian Minute, Women's Minute, Chapter Minute, Constitution Minute, Preamble, Conservation Minute, Patriot Minute, Service to America Minute and Flag Minute.

For Memorial Day 2019, this chapter, Saddle River DAR, Washington Elm CAR, Glen Rock VFW, and First Mountain Chapter SAR marked veterans' graves with 4,000 flags at the George Washington Memorial Cemetery in Paramus, NJ. Meeting topics were: 100th Anniversary of Suffrage, Supplemental Applications, 250th /Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, and 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower.

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter updated Bylaws, tri-fold brochure, chapter website, and the chapter's Facebook private and public pages. Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter is an e-chapter since many members are not in New Jersey. Meeting information

is emailed to members to include them in chapter activities. Also, the chapter has a newsletter.

Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter gained seven new members by application. Numerous perspective members have papers in progress. Letters were sent to those on the PMD to ascertain interest and check status, and they are emailed monthly. PMD was updated. The chapter utilized the 250 Task Force and Lineage Research Committee.

The chapter constructed a display for Constitution Week at City Hall in Jersey City for the month of September. Constitution Week chair's HODAR painted two oil paintings for the display. The display and proclamation from Mayor Fulop were received as well as publicity in the Jersey Journal.

The chapter shared the American History Essay and Christopher Columbus Essay with Washington Elm Society CAR since we could not find a school this year. Hopefully, we will find a school for the contests in 2020. The chapter gave six bronze ROTC Medals: 1 gold ROTC medal.

Chapter registrar contacted new PMs and began researching. Each prospective member was invited to all meetings. Chapter treasurer collected all members' dues and utilized the direct deposit. Chapter website created 2019 and was under review process as of December 2019. A chapter member, a curator, is repairing the certificate of a chapter's founding member that was damaged. Regent's Box was compiled.

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter collected stamps for veterans, Box Tops for Education, and ink cartridges for local schools. The chapter sent two 15 pound boxes to Tamasee School; three boxes of coupons to military bases; 125 boxes Vietnam Vets; COJ to military; 7 oz cancelled stamps for veterans, 61 cards to St Jude's; and 1695 pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

The chapter continued research into proving the Jane Tuers legend with the goal of marking Jane Tuers unmarked grave in the Old Bergen Church historical cemetery. This chapter was asked to write an article on this project for the historical society's newsletter.

The chapter had 2,371 Service to America hours; CMR completed, and e-postcard filed. Daughters participated in the Jersey City and Newark naturalization ceremonies.

The chapter hopes to have a productive 2020 and increased membership.

Emily Carlin
Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter Regent

CAMP MIDDLEBROOK

Camp Middlebrook is a small chapter with 34 members of which are spread all over the country. We have chapter members in Arkansas, Florida, Virginia, New York, Texas, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. These members are immensely proud of Camp Middlebrook Chapter and their family members that worked to establish this chapter over 125 years ago. Currently there is one member pending and four prospective members. Prospective members have found the chapter via the chapter website and several community events the chapter participates in on a regular basis. Attendance at chapter meetings has been a problem. The board has tried to have meeting in the evening and possibly Saturday as well as regular time in the afternoon. The board found the same members come to the evening and afternoon meetings. We keep our members involved with the activities of our chapter by sending out e-mails to inform everyone.

The chapter is very active in community events. Each year members march in the Memorial Day Parade and attend the commemoration of the Middlebrook Encampment where the Declaration of Independence is read each July 4th. Members volunteer at the Abraham Staats House for various events and are involved with the Battle of Bound Brook each year. Many of chapter members are docents at the Abraham Staats House in colonial costume. The chapter has been fortunate to have a costume designer as a member. Chapter members are active with the Somerset County Historical Society and the local Bound Brook Library where some of the chapter history is located. A current project is creating a list of all of chapter historical artifacts and documents and where they are. kept including the Rutgers special collection.

At the September meeting new officers were installed as well as three new chapter members. At the October meeting the chapter feted a member's husband who became an American citizen in August 2019.

The chapter continued to collect items for the Lyons Hospital. A fund raiser of selling cards was to a donated to the raising of a seeing eye dog. Box tops were collected. The chapter contacted the schools for the essay contest, good citizen, and fashion review. had winner in the Christopher Columbus essay contest.

For a Little Chapter That Could... Camp Middlebrook is working hard to promote NSDAR to the community and to New Jersey.

Cynthia Voorhees
Camp Middlebrook Chapter Regent

CAPE MAY PATRIOTS

In 2019 the Cape May Patriots Chapter continued to Celebrate, Remember and Honor our Veterans. Members participated in the Wreaths Across America [WAA] program, made donations to the Vineland Veterans Home and financially supported DAR Project Patriots. This chapter will continue to support these programs for our veterans.

At the WAA, the chapter registrar, an Air Force veteran, laid a ceremonial wreath in honor of Lt. Richard Wiches. Lt. Wiches died in the only American Revolution Battle fought in Cape May County. Lt. Wiches, a Navy Officer, was the first American Navy Casualty of the American Revolution War in New Jersey.

At the Chapter's Annual 2019 Spring Luncheon, Dr. Eleanor Bochenek spoke about "Climate, Fisheries and Windmills." Dr. Bochenek is the director of the Fisheries Cooperative Center, Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory, Rutgers University, Cape May, New Jersey. Dr. Bochnek directed the presentation to the eastern shores of New Jersey and the impact of climate change and windmills on the local fisheries. Silence Auction proceeds were dedicated to DAR Project Patriots.

In the promotion of education chapter members financially supported the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School and lead the American History Essay Program locally. Scholarship information was sent to newspapers and high school guidance counselors in Cape May County. Articles on Constitution Week were distributed. The chapter registrar made a display on the Constitution at a local library.

This year the chapter had one (1) new member who transferred from the Delaware Chapter. The chapter has three (3) new prospective members. Mary Elizabeth Pittman Buckwalter died March 13, 2019. Mary's patriot is Christian Hoffman, PA, PVT. Our chapter has fifty-one (51) members (about 53% resided in

Cape May County) and seven (7) associate members (only one resides in New Jersey.) The chapter has very few active members. Chapter officers work hard to pursue DAR objectives in country, state, county, and community. Chapter registrar is actively involved in holding workshops in conjunction with Cape May County Historic and Genealogy Society, NJDAR Chapters and SAR and recruiting new members and assisting them in their search for their lineage. Chapter member Mary Blake celebrated seventy (70) years anniversary. Mary is one of the Anderson sisters and lives in Maine.

The chapter members encourage members and nonmembers who have memorabilia from ancestors and relatives to donate them to places like local historical society museums, battlefield museums, the Library of Congress, and so on. One never knows what material will prove useful to future historians and to their genealogy. In connection with historic, genealogy, military this Chapter plans to continue to educate local school students on how to record the history of their ancestors and immediate family and preserve photographs and documents for future reference.

Sharon Lee Fruchtman,
Cape May Patriots Chapter Regent

CAPTAIN JOSHUA HUDDY

The Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter has 89 members and four associate members. At each meeting, the chapter has an Indian Minute, Conservation Minute, National Defense Minute, and recently added Women's Issues and Patriot Minutes. Meetings are held in the community room at a local church. At every meeting, members bring non-perishable items for their food pantry.

Members of the chapter attended six naturalization ceremonies. Chapter members assembled over 280 gift bags that were presented to the new citizens.

Members began collecting for “Cell Phones for Soldiers”, a non-profit organization that recycles used cell phones and mails approximately 1,500 calling cards each week to soldiers stationed overseas. Members have collected 15 used cell phones since October.

Members attended ten Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and presented medals and Youth Citizenship certificates. Twenty-three Girl Scouts were awarded DAR Achievement Certificates for earning the Gold Award, the highest rank a Girl Scout can achieve. Members attended two ROTC award ceremonies and presented medals and certificates.

Members attended Berkeley Pride Day, a local community event, and gave out flags, patriotic material, and DAR information.

The chapter had locally published articles for participating in Berkeley Pride Day and the DAR topping one million members.

At the chapter’s annual awards luncheon, our winning Good Citizen, Christopher Quinn was honored with a medal, certificate and a check. Christopher was also the third place winner at the state level. Two other students received Good Citizen medals, certificates, and checks. Members presented a \$1,500 scholarship to a deserving young woman and honored the Outstanding Teacher of American History with a certificate and a check.

For Constitution Week, the chapter set up two display cases of informative, patriotic material at the Ocean County Library.

For the National Day of Service, members went to the Veteran’s Memorial Home in Vineland. They visited with veterans and delivered needed items to the resident’s bedside.

Veteran's Day the chapter joined with Toms River Elks to serve lunch to 85 disabled veterans.

Thanks to the hard work of our member Karen Kennedy, the chapter presented three community members with awards for their outstanding work to better our community and our country.

- Lloyd Mullikin received the State Community Service Award for his founding and ongoing work with the "Support the Troops Project". Lloyd collects, packages and sends over 400 boxes of needed items to our troops overseas annually.
- Ronald Aiello was presented the State Community Service Award for forming the U.S. War Dog Association. This organization supports military working dogs used to help protect our military personnel by sniffing out bombs. The organization also helps bring home service animals and care for their medical needs after they have been retired.
- Bonnie Parker received the NSDAR Conservation Award and medal for her founding of the Wrangle Brook Community Garden in Berkeley Township. The garden provides over 3,000 pounds of fresh, organically grown vegetables each year to local food banks.

Lynda Nolan
Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter Regent

CHINKCHEWUNSKA

This year was highly successful and fun for the Chinkchewunska Chapter. As proud owners of the DAR Van Bunschooten Museum, the members of the Chinkchewunska Chapter had a goal in 2019 to bring more people from the community into the museum, so they could share with them the

rich history within its walls. Several innovative programs along with increased publicity helped to successfully accomplish this goal. Programs were planned to appeal to different audiences of varies ages and interests. Events were publicized on the chapter's website and Facebook page as well as the newly created website and Facebook page dedicated to the DAR Van Bunschooten Museum. The chapter also publicized events on the radio for the first time this year.

Each year the chapter hosts a 3-day Christmas in July open house. The museum and grounds are beautifully decorated for Christmas and guests enjoy complimentary tours of the home, an attic treasurer's barn, a quilt barn, and re-enactors. They can also have lunch or a homemade baked item on the historic grounds. This year for the first time, the chapter hosted a brunch with Santa Claus and George Washington. This event was planned to bring in more families with younger children to the museum. It was especially important to the members of the chapter to share the history with young children and help them to feel that learning about history is fun and exciting!

In October, the chapter hosted their first ever ghost walk. Members of the Chinkchewunski Chapter, Saddle River Chapter, C.A.R., and members of the community volunteered to portray members of the Van Bunschooten and Cooper families who lived in the house from 1797-1920. Guests went on a candlelit guided tour through the house to "meet" members of the original family while also "traveling" through 130 years of Wantage history, as each room had a family member from a different generation. The script, which was written by two members of the chapter, told true stories of the family and the town's history. This event brought many people to the museum who had never visited before. The goal of bringing history alive was truly accomplished as many of the guests were moved to tears when hearing the tragic story of Daniel Webster Cooper.

Many guests were so intrigued by the ghost walk that they returned the next day for a tour of the museum.

Our chapter's outreach to the local school districts was very successful through the American History Essay Contest and DAR Good Citizens Committee. This year there were 167 students who participated in the American History Essay contest. The chapter was very happy that all 11 high schools in the county participated in the DAR Good Citizens program.

Additional programs, which focused on education, membership, patriotism and veterans, were held throughout the year.

It has been an honor to serve the Chinkchewunska Chapter.

Ashley Ziccardi
Chinkchewunska Chapter Regent

CHURCH AND CANNON

The Church and Cannon Chapter had another wonderful year. The chapter continues to have a group of active members, who work hard to fulfill the goals of the chapter. This chapter has reached Level One for Chapter Achievement for the past seven years.

The chapter is proud to sponsor the Jeremiah Crane Garthwaite C.A.R. Society. C.A.R. members were invited to attend chapter events. Members also attended the annual SAR Washington's Birthday Luncheon & NJ Sunday at Valley Forge.

Church and Cannon Chapter continued to work with prospective members. Chapter members attended the 2019 NJDAR Spring Conference and Fall Meeting. Linda Jurczak, State Treasurer, Barbara Pierson, Northern District Director and

Nancy Donhauser Outstanding Regent Chairman, Janice Bongiovanni, State Greeter made their Chapter proud by serving the State Society.

Five Chapter members belong to the Cameo Society. Two of our members Linda Jurczak and Barbara Pierson are officers for the Cameo Society. All attended the Cameo Luncheon in May. One member attended the National Convention and enjoyed sitting in the NJ Box for National Defense night.

Community outreach includes participation in the Springfield Street Fair and Memorial Day Parades. The Chapter continues to nurture a relationship with the Springfield Historical Society by providing support during their Four Centuries Weekend in October.

Our most exciting event was participating in the celebrations of the 225th Anniversary of the founding of the Twp of Springfield. Members of the Church and Cannon Chapter, Jockey Hollow SAR and the Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR) participated in three wreath-laying ceremonies. The first was The Old Burial Grounds which the Chapter maintains. After many years of planning and fundraising, our Chapter unveiled a new sign that tells the story of Rev. James Caldwell, “The Fighting Parson”. It also contains a map of the cemetery and other interesting facts and documentation.

The DAR, SAR & BAR laid wreaths to honor those buried at the Presbyterian Church Revolutionary Church Yard and at the Continental Soldier, which is the smallest state park in NJ. Members and guests toured the Church, where 239 years ago, Rev. Caldwell tore the pages from the Watt’s Hymnals, for the soldiers to use as wadding – telling them “Give ‘em Watts, Boys!”

Chapter members were happy to assist our own Barbara Pierson, NDD, with the Northern District State Regent’s

Luncheon which was held in our own ‘backyard’, the Baltusrol Golf Club. It turned out to be a lovely October Day and we were so proud to show the state our Historic town of Springfield.

At the Annual Chapter Holiday Tea, donations of personal care items and clothing were collected for the Female Veterans at Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home. The chapter donated over \$450 in products and gift cards to the VA. The chapter’s Service to America Volunteer Hours totaled 836 hours

Nancy Donhauser
Church & Cannon Chapter Regent

CLAVERACK

The Claverack Chapter meets Sunday afternoons to best accommodate its members. Seven business meetings are held each year. The Pledge of Allegiance, Flag Salute and American’s Creed are recited at each meeting. Meeting notices are sent to all members and prospective members. The Chapter celebrates its Patriots annually with a candle lighting ceremony. A subscription to The American Spirit magazine is purchased with Chapter funds for all active members who wish to receive it.

Five members attended the Spring State Meeting, and four members attended the Fall State Meeting. Four Chapter members were added in 2019, including one Junior. Furthermore, two supplemental applications were pending as of the end of December 2019. Sadly, the chapter lost one ex-regent who passed away in December and several members moved out of state. These are in addition to the twenty-four prospective members that the Chapter has who are actively working on their application. Overall, the Chapter level of membership has maintained at the same level as 2018.

Four members participated in a Naturalization Ceremony for Bergen County Law Day in May and presented gift bags to the twenty-five new citizens containing patriotic items such as American flags and copies of the U.S. Constitution. Three members participated in the Great Falls National Park Naturalization Ceremony held in October. The Chapter also provided 124 gift bags which were delivered for the ceremonies in four different locations through the year.

Claverack Chapter holds a holiday luncheon in December at a local restaurant and pays for its members to attend. As the chapter members do not have to pay for the luncheon, chapter members are requested to bring donations for the food pantry of Clifton. This year we donated 138 pounds of food.

Claverack purchased 45 flags and brackets for the Paterson School District for the use in the classrooms of the Great Falls Academy and School #14. This is an annual project of the chapter.

The chapter contributed tombstone cleaning help as well as monetary assistance to the Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapter in its efforts to assure access to a Franklin Lakes historic cemetery in which there are eleven Revolutionary War soldiers, including three patriots, as well as soldiers from the War of 1812 and the Civil War. The chapter is also working with the Passaic County Department of Cultural and Historical Affairs in its current planning efforts to restore the Vanderhoef House in Weasel Brook Park in Clifton.

In the Stroeever administration, the chapter has two state chairs: Americanism and DAR Leadership Training. In the Matthews administration, the chapter has one national vice chair: Community Classroom Committee and one state chair: National Defense.

The Chapter made the following donations in 2019: \$1,000 to Sneakers for Soldiers, \$100 for items for the 102nd Calvary Regiment stationed in South Africa; \$300 to the NJ Mission of Honor for the military burial of the cremains of unclaimed veterans; and, \$240 was sent to NJDAR for the gift bags given out at Naturalization Ceremonies.

Valerie C. Trupp,
Claverack Chapter Regent

COLONEL THOMAS REYNOLDS

Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter would be honored to report to the NJDAR State Regent for 2019. The chapter bylaws have been updated, eight new members for 2019 and as of September the chapter holds all meeting at the Garden State Council BSA building. Chapter fundraising included selling jam and holding a large yard sale. Our VIS committee posts what happened on this day in American history on Facebook along with chapter photos and Patriot minutes.

Members of the chapter attended many fellow chapters luncheon's, DAR Sunday at Valley Forge, PA, the Northern District luncheon, the NJDAR State Conference, the NJ Luncheon and the 128th NSDAR Continental Congress, in Washington DC.

Colonel Thomas Reynold chapter members attended a naturalization ceremony at the historic Burlington County Courthouse, NJ where they gave gift bags to all the new citizens. For Founders Day of Service, the chapter collected items for Distributing Dignity. Collecting 30 bras and numerous feminine hygiene products for homeless women and children who have aged out of foster care.

Programs included “What is Considered a DAR patriot!” by the chapter registrar, to help with application and supplementals, Patriot minutes given by chapter members, a program on the “Lighthouses of NJ” given by members of the NJ Lighthouse Society. To celebrate Constitution Week the chapter played Billo, a game created to teach school children the Bill of Rights. The Women’s Issues Committee had a representative from Providence House Domestic Violence Services of Burlington County, NJ give a program on domestic violence and we had a holiday gift collection for the families who were removed from their homes or in need of Providence House service during the holidays.

Members of the Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Beverly National Cemetery, NJ placing wreaths on the graves of veterans that included seven unknown Revolutionary War soldiers and laid a wreath at the grave of Colonel Thomas Reynolds at Saint Andrew’s Graveyard in NJ. Members took part in the assembling of 300 gift bags for the residence of the Vineland Veterans Home, NJ. The chapter also collected personal care items for the Veterans Home and distributed them to the residence. The chapter took a collection for the US Coast Guard during the government shutdown from our chapter members, NJDAR Southern District members and the attendees at the Haddonfield Chapter Luncheon.

Grace McAfee
Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter Regent

CRANES FORD

Our February event was a joint luncheon with Church and Cannon Chapter celebrating George Washington's Birthday.

Before the joint meeting our chapter members planted a holly tree dedicated to George Washington to replace one that died. Mayor Gibbons attended.

In March Crane's Ford Chapter celebrated 75 years in existence. Pat Sanftner, NJDAR State Historian presented a program on Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler. State Regent Karen Stroevever attended.

Photographer Walter Choroszewski spoke in April on 25 public gardens with colorful photography and historic information.

For the May meeting, Chapter Registrar Patty Campanelli presented a power point presentation on the women who formed our chapter. 75 years ago.

In October, Cranford resident Tago Haun presented a program on beekeeping as a hobby. We sampled honey he produced.

Ex Regent Mary Leonard attended Wreath Across America at the 1st Presbyterian Church laying wreaths on the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers.

Bonnie Cierkowski
Crane's Ford Chapter Regent

EAGLE ROCK-CRANETOWN

In 2019, the Eagle Rock-Cranetown Chapter had 25 active members with nearly one half living outside the state. Fifty year members also accounted for half the group. When compared with the membership last year, the number was equivalent since, sadly, one member, Louise Molinaro, passed away. Four prospective members expressed an interest in joining the chapter.

The chapter met four times during the year, a goal set in 2018 during discussions on rebuilding the group. Each meeting

included the ritual, consideration of business matters and an informative program. A new member described her search for her Revolutionary War ancestor and how she partnered with a New York county historical society to save his burial site from destruction. Since the merger between the Eagle Rock and Cranetown Chapters in 2001, the group has maintained a connection to the Grover Cleveland Birthplace. Members gathered for a tour of the home as the May meeting's program. In September, the chapter and the West Caldwell Public Library partnered to present a New Jersey Council for the Humanities' Public Scholars Project program, "George Washington Remembers New Jersey." This was the chapter's first public program in many years, and everyone was delighted by its success. The living history interpreter who portrayed the General did an excellent job and was well received. The large audience included chapter and other NJDAR members, local residents and history aficionados. At the December meeting, the business meeting discussions, particularly planning for 2020, absorbed all of the available time. The program about Christmas traditions was postponed.

The members continued to achieve the chapter's traditional goals in education, patriotism, and historic preservation. A senior at James Caldwell High School who was selected for her academic excellence and community involvement received a scholarship of \$1,000. The chapter's connection with the Union High School JROTC program ended and no medal was awarded this year. Another program running at the Eastside High School (Paterson) is interested in having one of their outstanding students honored with a medal and a relationship is under development. Donations were made to the residents at the VA Medical Center (Lyons). The chapter continued its affiliation with the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association by participating in the Association's events, the President's Birthday Party on March 18 and the annual Fourth of July Ice Cream

Social. Historian Edith Jenkins contributes much time and energy as the Association's vice president and serves as liaison between the two groups.

In order to foster a sense of community among our far flung members, a newsletter was initiated in 2018 and continued publication this year with two new issues. A new chapter brochure was developed for recruitment and, with the nationally issued "Today's DAR and You!" has been distributed to local libraries, historic sites, and at events.

Ann Watkins
Eagle Rock Cranetown Chapter Regent

ELIZABETH PARCELLS DE VOE

The chapter welcomed two new members this year. 2,017 hours were logged into Service to America.

Chapter members continue to be leaders, officers, and members of many town and county organizations. Daughter's plan and organize many events-parades, 911 services, etc.

Conservation efforts continue with collecting eyeglasses for the needy, can tabs for Shriner's. Twenty-six crocheted bird nests were donated to two Carolina Wildlife Refuges, along with mascara wands for bird feathers, hooks, and eyes for turtle shells, along with monetary donations. A Junior member rescued and is rehabilitating an Amazon Parrot who was neglected since birth. Bird houses were cleaned.

Donations of hats and scarves continue to the Bergen County homeless.

Packages were sent overseas to service personnel and Landstuhl. Over 16 lbs. of coupons were sent overseas for

Project Patriot. Included in each box or bag were American Flags.

Calendars are placed in each Veterans room at the Paramus Veterans Facility. One member helps with bingo and visits with patients. Crossword puzzles, search a word, and coloring books along with pencils were donated. A \$50 target card was presented to a homeless Paramus Veteran.

One hundred sixty eight flags were donated along with 20 braille flags and a Pledge of Allegiance in Sign.

A Flag day program was presented to a 3rd grade class. Eight historical American Flags with histories of each were displayed. All 18 students were involved. Goodie bags were distributed with all American Flag items-spinners, flags, flag codes, pens, pencils, key chains, pins. Two books were donated; one read to the classes. A teacher requested a pencil sharpener and another “guided readers” for her class.

The chapter concentrated on women’s issues this year with donations to a teenage and baby shelter and blank cards to a woman’s prison for their use. Programs included domestic violence, Alice Price and Alice Huyler of Ramsey who was named Woman Motorist of the Century in 1960. An article was read for the 20th anniversary of the Columbine shooting.

All DAR and DAR approved schools were sent requested items either by mail or through Amazon Wish List. We continue to honor our patriots with an annual candle lightening ceremony.

We are small but mighty and it a pleasure to serve with these dynamic women. 5th term as regent in 40 years and still going strong.

Patricia Franz
Elizabeth Parcels Devoe Chapter Regent

ELIZABETH SNYDER-CONTINENTAL

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter had an interesting and active year of service and camaraderie. Chapter members participated in events, recognized achievement in the community and within the chapter, and provided service to veterans and community service organizations. The chapter members were active all year long, including the months when no formal chapter meetings were held.

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter was represented with member attendance at the Spring Annual Conference, Continental Congress, and the Fall Meeting. Chapter members continued community service through the annual collection of items for the Plainfield Area Humane Society and residents of the Lyons VA. The chapter continued the strong relationship with the Somerset County 4-H and participated in the 4-H Fair and collected donations for the 4-H free community dinner.

Recognitions to students and chapter members were given by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter over the course of 2019. Chapter awards were presented to students through Somerset County 4-H and North Plainfield Jr. ROTC. In June, the chapter attended a Somerset Patriots baseball game having won use of the county box seats. Chapter members participated in several naturalization ceremonies and Somerville Flag Day. The chapter also engaged in fundraising to replace a local stolen historical marker.

Service to veterans was accomplished through support to Wreaths Across America, and the Lyons VA. Chapter members participated in the Green Light a Vet program to raise awareness in the community to employ veterans. These service projects are the heart of the chapter's dedication to God, home, and country.

Beth Scheiderman
Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter Regent

FERRO MONTE

Ferro Monte kept busy in 2019. Throughout the year, members participated in local, state, and national events and projects. Continental Congress was attended by six members, four of whom served as pages. Five members attended the Spring State Conference and seven attended the Fall State Meeting. Five new members were welcomed during our annual tea in October. Members were excited to meet up with two other local chapters, Loantaka-Parsippanong and Morristown, to learn about the local history of the Morris County's Courthouse.

Locally, our chapter has been busy supporting our military and veterans. Nine pounds of coupons were sent to military bases overseas to aid families of active service members in their grocery shopping. Cards were sent out to veterans on Veterans Day, to recognize their service, and thank them. Members also organized a showing of the movie "Beyond Glory". The movie highlights stories of eight veterans throughout various wars. Members volunteered at the Lake Hopatcong Veterans Cruise, where veterans get a complimentary ride on Miss Lotta around Lake Hopatcong, while bystanders cheer them on from bridges and docks waving flags. The chapter organized its sixth annual Wreaths Across America Event laying of 610 wreaths on veteran graves in three cemeteries in Roxbury: First Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church and Flanders-Hillside. The event is attended each year by girl scouts, boy scouts, public officials, and veterans. The Garrison Commander of Picatinny Arsenal, LTC Samuel Morgan gave the keynote address during the remembrance ceremony.

Ferro Monte members also love to support the students. Four high school seniors were recognized as Good Citizens. One student participated in the American History Essay Contest. Members knitted mittens, scarves and hats to send to students at the Tamassee DAR School. Five members volunteer as senior

leaders in the NJCAR. The site of the NJCAR State President's Project, the Dey Mansion, was the annual tour and picnic. Members were able to learn about the history of the mansion, along with the NJCAR State President.

To keep active in the community, members march in the Roxbury Memorial Day Parade. They also join the festivities of the local Olde Suckasunny Day and Home for the Holidays, where word of what the DAR does can reach the community. Local towns were contacted to make Proclamations for Constitution Week.

It has been an honor to serve as Regent for this chapter, and members look forward to more exciting years to come.

Rebecca Martinsen
Ferro Monte Chapter Regent

FRANCIS HOPKINSON-MONMOUTH COURT HOUSE

The Francis Hopkinson Chapter had an interesting and productive 2019. Completing its 101st year, the chapter grew by 11 members, including 3 Juniors. Members logged 2,243 hours for Service to America in 2019, an increase of 69%.

The 2019 program year consisted of a variety of programs and activities. Deb Hvizdos presented an interesting program on the Battle of Culloden.

In April Susan Luczu's program focused on 18th century cooking. Seven members attended the Spring Conference. Donations of books were made for underserved areas of the state and over \$200 in requested items were provided to Vinelands Veterans Home and Active Military. One member led a workshop on the Celebrating Women's Suffrage.

May brought the induction of new members and the installation of a new slate of officers. In honor of Mother's Day, members brought a remembrance item of their mother, or another woman who played an important role in their life, then shared stories. Seven members participated in the Naturalization Ceremony at the Sandy Hook National Seashore Park for 53 new citizens. Gift bags were assembled and distributed, along with flags.

In June, the chapter visited Monmouth Battlefield for a tour and a film. Members gathered at the Old Tennent Cemetery to mark the graves of five Revolutionary soldiers. Two Junior Good Citizen Awards and six Junior ROTC Awards totaling \$450.00. Four members attended Continental Congress.

September consisted of a tour of the Covenhoven House in Freehold. Nine members attended the NJDAR Autumn Meeting. Members were excited to participate in two projects for Service to America. First, members painted 145 golf balls for mini-golf at the Menlo Park Veteran's Home in various themes such as holiday, crazy hat and patriotic. The second project consisted of preparing 25 infusion care packages for patients at Centrastate Hospital to help infusion patients pass the time while undergoing various intravenous treatments.

The November meeting had Dr. William Field, a professor of History and Politics at Rutgers University, present the history of the Holmdel Community United Church of Christ, our meeting location.

A program focused on Domestic Violence Awareness was presented in December by 180 Turning Lives Around in Hazlet. The chapter members collected over 20 pounds of clothing and donated more than \$500 in gift cards and checks to the organization.

The chapter sponsored Wreaths Across America at the Old Tennent Cemetery. Over 75 people gathered to place 254

wreaths on the graves of veterans. The chapter marked the graves of five Revolutionary soldiers earlier that morning. The chapter raised \$1,250 for a plaque on the donor wall in DC in honor and memorial of our beloved Katherine “Kitty” Bowers. Chapter members donated \$200 in clothing to Lyons Hospital Homeless Veterans Outreach and a \$1,000 in cash, clothing, and other items to Menlo Park Veterans Home.

Two members completed a GEP course, and one member is enrolled in the Members Course. DAR Schools were supported through monetary and box top donations. A chapter member created a quilt top for the Quilts for Veterans project. An ongoing conservation project involves collecting new and gently used bras to be distributed to women’s shelters.

May we keep the lights of tradition burning for our beloved Society as we move forward in 2020.

Wendy Kelly

Francis Hopkinson Monmouth Courthouse Chapter Regent

GENERAL DAVID FORMAN-PENELOPE HART

Twenty-nineteen was an exciting and productive year for the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter. The chapter hosted 10 meetings and participated in a myriad of activities including conducting and participating in programs on American History and National Defense; observing multiple “minutes” at each chapter meeting including conservation, American Indian, Constitution and U.S Flag; participating in naturalization ceremonies, Constitution Week’s “Bells Across America” and national commemorative events; supporting Veterans through volunteer activities at Menlo Park Veterans Home; recognizing a DAR Good Citizen and sponsoring children participating in JAC contests; providing financial support of Wreaths Across America

and collecting and distributing of personal-care items for Women Veterans. Endeavoring to consider members varied interests, the chapter held each meeting at varying venues. Three meetings were held at the homes of chapter members Catherine Medich, Sally Bickford and Linda Chesko, four meetings were held at historical sites including the Isaac Watson House, the Old Barracks Museum, the Grafton House and the Riverview Cemetery, and three meetings were held at local restaurants including The Washington Crossing Inn and Mastoris Restaurant.

Members also logged over 2,200 Service to America hours participating in the Patriot Records Project, the Supporting Document Project, the National Board of Management, and C.A.R. projects as well as other DAR and local community activities and events. Chapter members also attended New Jersey's State Society's spring and fall conferences and the National Society's Continental Congress in June. Chapter members attending Continental Congress were overjoyed to share in the excitement when chapter member Melissa Wetzel was named National Outstanding Junior. The Chapter also honored members Connie Olde and Catherine Medich in recognition of their exceptional service to the chapter as Honorary Chapter Regent and Past Regent, respectively.

The chapter ended the calendar year with a total of 51 members including six juniors as well as five associate members. During the year, the chapter boasted an increase of five new members and two additional members who transferred in from other chapters. The losses included three resignation/drops. During calendar year 2019 the chapter gained nine prospectives. Our chapter is pleased to report that over 96% of chapter members' dues were paid before the December 2019 deadline, a 7.4% increase in members, with 37% of the total membership subscribed to the DAR Magazine/Newsletter including the Chapter Regent, and two each new Heritage Club and 1890

Annual Giving Circle members and nine new Sustaining Supporter Participants. In addition, the chapter supported the President General's Project by sponsoring a seat at Constitution Hall.

In 2019, the chapter added a tool to its social-media toolbox when it launched its e-Newsletter in September 2019. The e-Newsletter, issued bi-monthly, contains a message from the Regent, a section on Chapter News & Events, State & National News, the Chapter's Yearbook and a link to the President General's blog.

Linda Chesko
General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter Regent

GENERAL LAFAYETTE

The General Lafayette Chapter of the NSDAR has engaged in many activities in 2019 as a chapter. The Lovely Ladies of Lafayette have started a Book Club and actively post on the chapter's Facebook page. The Book Club met three times in 2019. The Facebook posts include "Tombstone Tuesdays" and other insightful information.

As part of the Day of Service, the chapter collaborated with the Atlantic County Historical Society (ACHS) and the Colonial Richard Somers Sons of the American Revolution to collect and ship eight boxes of donations to Operation Gratitude for active and military and their families. Seven chapter members attended the New Jersey Day at Valley Forge. Again, this year, the Lovely Ladies of Lafayette were at the Chestnut Neck Monument to cheer on the participants for the Run for the Fallen. Seven chapter members attended the Watson House After Dark and the dedication of the pollinator garden. The chapter and one of its

members, Betsy Naylor, were featured in the local newspaper article about the DAR's dedication to service to veterans.

Chapter Registrar, Kathy Fritz, created and presented Constitution Quizzo at our chapter meeting. Krista Delaney, daughter of Kathy Fritz, was recognized at the state level for her sustainability program she implemented at the Egg Harbor Township High School.

In June, nine chapter members attended the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. Six members went with the ACHS on a boat tour around Ocean City, NJ in August. Several members participated in a headstone dedication of deceased members Dottie Kinsley at the Union Cemetery in Mays Landing, NJ. Two Daughters attended the National Night Out to help promote NJDAR and its purpose.

The annual Memorial Day service took place on May 25th at the Chestnut Neck Monument. This profound program was led by Suzanne Smith with a Missing Man table. Scholarships were awards by chapter members to local students.

Ten members have enrolled in the New Members or New Horizon class. The chapter is planning its 125th celebration which will be held in October of 2020. Two chapter members participated in the Stand Down program in Atlantic City. Collectively the chapter members volunteered a total of 3,232 hours.

It is an honor to serve the General Lafayette Chapter and our State Society.

Jeannine Holt Ingenito
General Lafayette Chapter Regent

GENERAL MERCER

The General Mercer Chapter has forty-eight members, fourteen of whom live out of state. There are approximately twelve active members who attend the four membership meetings per year. Flag, Indian and Conservation Minutes and the National Defense Report are presented at every meeting.

During the year we have had programs on “American Women in War”, “Helen the Welder” about World War II, lifetime service to the American military by Richard Glass, and “The Battle of Chestnut Neck”.

The chapter awarded Good Citizen Awards to students from two high schools in the Trenton, New Jersey area, and awarded a JROTC bronze medal to a student at Pemberton High School in Pemberton, New Jersey.

Judith King serves on the Founders Committee for the Watson House, our state DAR building. Many members are engaged as volunteers with local historical societies, garden club, the Masonic Home of New Jersey, libraries and church functions.

Several members attended the Annual State Conference in April 2019.

Catherine Medich, State Organizing Secretary, visited the chapter in May 2019 and installed the new officers for the chapter.

The chapter hosts guests at their meetings and has four prospective members at present. Husbands often attend the meetings as well.

Donations to veterans in the form of clothing, CDs, toiletries, etc. were collected and delivered to the Vineland Memorial Veterans Home in Vineland, New Jersey in December.

The sum of \$245. was donated to Tamassee DAR School in May of 2019.

The Chapter Regent and Vice-Regent participated in the Wreaths Across America event at Beverly National Cemetery in December 2019.

Former Chapter Regent Ellen Fayer, Chapter Treasurer Debby Simmins and chapter member Barbara Hencheck attended the Princeton/Cranbury SAR meeting in November 2019.

As always, our goal is to attract new members.

Judith L. King
General Mercer Chapter Regent

GENERAL WASHINGTON

General Washington Chapter continues to struggle with active members. Several members pay dues but do not participate in meetings. In late 2019 the chapter had a change in officers but with the lack of members attending meetings, the slate is difficult to fill and typically sees the same members rotating through the officer positions.

2019 was a quiet year. The chapter continues to work on facilitating the placement of their plaque to commemorate the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route. A site for the plaque had been selected but has been bogged down in navigation of ownership of the property. The chapter continues to work with local political and private owners to determine the best site.

With the lack of active members our meetings continue but are mostly social in nature. We have our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday lunches which take place at the Regent's

home. Every member brings a covered dish to share, and we celebrate our long terms friendships and the blessings of the seasons. In June the chapter toured the Morven Museum & Garden, a historic 18th-century house in Princeton; Morven served as the governor's mansion for nearly four decades. It was a delightful afternoon learning the historical significance of this national landmark.

Joan Bercari
General Washington Chapter Regent

GENERAL WILLIAM MAXWELL

General William Maxwell Chapter continues to serve the community as a robust level-one chapter with six new members. Several of them stepped up to chair five committees that are new to the chapter.

Chapter meeting programs included an Awards Day celebration for the essay contest winners, their families and teachers, and topics such as colonial housekeeping and cooking, community service quilting, Family Promise, a program that assists the homeless, “Is Your Patriot Lonely? The Hows and Whys of DAR Supplementals,” “Jersey Girls and the Women’s Suffrage Movement,” and “Christopher Ludwick, Baker General.” The annual outing was a tour of the restored Buccleuch Mansion.

The chapter received proclamations from the Warren Country freeholders and the mayor of Belvidere for Constitution Week and installed a Constitution Week display in the Washington Public Library for the month of September.

Members raised funds selling jams and educated the public about DAR at the annual Hope Christmas Craft Market.

Members donated food for the Belvidere Food Pantry and books from the wish list of the Friendship Center, an inter-generational pre-school. For DAR Day of Service, members cleaned tombstones at the Greenwich Cemetery in Stewartsville.

The chapter doubled its number of service hours for Service to America. Chapter members donated and delivered Wish List items, holiday cards and gift cards to Veteran's Haven North. The chapter supported a Girl Scout with her Silver Award Project, resulting in a binder with the compiled history of chapter Patriots. A DAR Community Service Award was granted to Barbara Green for her many, many hours of service to Warren County. Barbara has served as chapter chaplain and librarian in addition to her many service activities in the community.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve.

Jan Hunold
General William Maxwell Chapter Regent

GOVERNOR WILLIAM LIVINGSTON

The Governor William Livingston Chapter had a very productive year. With seven new members and nine additional prospectives waiting to become members. The Chapter friends helping friends committee has worked diligently reaching out to over 23 prospectives to help them with their applications, forming friendships and learning about research tips.

The March meeting had a member speaking about local history. Our April meeting was attended by students and parents as the chapter presented good citizen medals to nine local school students. Members attended the State Spring conference.

May is a very busy month for our chapter. Our annual luncheon was held at the Breakers in Spring Lake. Our speaker Catherine

Medich gave an inspiring program on the NJ State Archives. Attending was special guest State Regent Bonnie Matthew, we were proud to install newly elected chapter officers and induct seven new members. We presented the Chapter's Jean Wengler Scholarship to a local high school student.

Once again, the chapter co-sponsored a breakfast at Manasquan High School to welcome home Vietnam Veterans. The students spoke with the veterans, learning of time spent in the war and the many hardships of returning home. There was a missing man table presentation as well as presenting Veterans with their Vietnam service pin.

Also, in May the chapter participated in the Spring Lake parade, riding in the lead car and waving American flags. In June members attended and some worked on committees at Continental Congress. In August members attended a service for DAR at the Cathedral of the Pines in New Hampshire.

September, we had a National Chairman speak about American Heritage and a member gave a program on Constitution Week. And yes, we all rang our bells. Members attended the NJ State Fall Meeting.

October was a program about Wreaths Across America. For our Day of Service project members took baked goods and thank you for your service cards to local fire, police, EMT and lifeguards in their town. November a member gave a program on DAR pins and DAR protocol.

December chapter members participated in Wreaths Across America, attending a ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel followed by 15 members placing wreaths at a local cemetery. We also placed a wreath at the Quaker cemetery, site of a chapter members Patriot. The chapter Christmas party members made gingerbread houses, signed cards for Veterans, made Patriot ornaments, sang Christmas carols and

enjoyed friendships. The end of the year brought a time to give back and be thankful.

The chapter sent a donation for a chair renovation in Constitution Hall, gave monies to our CAR society Susan and Henry Livingston Society, sent money to a school in the Bahamas and supported the State Regent Project. Chapter members performed over 5,000 service hours in their community.

With such a vibrant DAR chapter, it is an honor and a pleasure to serve as Chapter Regent

Lynda Aber
Governor William Livingston Chapter Regent

GREAT JOHN MATHIS

The year 2019 has been a fun, educational and productive year for Great John Mathis chapter and our members. The chapter increased membership by two new members and recorded 791 Hours for Service to America.

Regent Sharon Romano promoted conservation by maintaining a butterfly sanctuary garden and hummingbird stations. She also serves as President of the Frank Massaro Stafford Scholarship Fund and presented 2019 graduate a \$1,000 scholarship at the Southern Regional High School Scholarship Awards Day on May 30, 2019. Registrar Judith Ollivier donated her time regularly at the food pantry in Tuckerton. She and fellow member Eleanor Ollivier organized the annual American Essay History Contest. Caryn Muskus, Chapter Vice Regent, donated her time knitting prosthetics for breast cancer patients and chemo caps for cancer patients, worked at church in the clothing pantry and counting collection money. Her master gardener work

included gardening and giving food to culinary school students and the local food pantry. Chapter members participated in the LBI beach cleanup. Member Cathleen Engelsen served as State Chair for the Arts, and as an active member of the Surf City Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

The chapter started off the year with an art show and sponsored an essay contest commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote. In honor of Women's History Month, our March program was a presentation by the mayor of Tuckerton and her interesting life that led to an elected political position. April was a delightful presentation on conservation hosted by the Long Beach Island Foundation.

The May program was a presentation by Timothy Hart, Division Director of the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission who hosted private tour of the Cedar Bridge Tavern built in 1740.

In September the chapter celebrated Constitution Week with a very special guest presenter. Honorary State Regent and Past Reporter General Cornelia Ball Olde taught members all about the Constitution.

Chapter members participated in Veterans Day ceremony and honored a veteran at lunch.

The chapter finished up the year with two very special occasions. The chapter membership sponsored 101 wreaths to be placed at the gravesites of our fallen heroes on National Wreaths Across America Day. This resulted in \$505 contributed to the Chapter Treasury. At the chapter Christmas party, we honored two long time members with a 50 year pin and a 60 year pin, as well as certificates for 11 Daughters who have been members from 25 to 40 years.

Our plans for the next two years are exciting ones for increasing membership and adding several interesting public programs and speakers.

Madam Regent it is a pleasure and an honor for us to serve you.

Sharon Romano
Great John Mathis Chapter Regent

GREENWICH TEA BURNING

The Daughters of Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter had a successful year in its efforts to fulfill the mission of the National Society.

The Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at the Greenwich Church where many tea burners and Revolutionary War soldiers are interred. A cocoa-cookie reception was held for those attending. Graciously the donations for Wreaths and attendance increased. The Chapter continued its historical education program for the community utilizing professional actors. In 2019 the chapter celebrated Alice Paul, a famous South Jersey suffragist. Daughters wore era costumes; Signs were donated by a local school, and the guests were treated to a rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner by a local high school vocalist which so moved the audience that they joined in. A second gift was an honor guard from the Civil Air Patrol.

The Daughters worked on quilts/lap robes for the residents of the Veterans Home throughout the year. Some members supported fundraising events at other South Jersey chapters. Daughters visited meetings of other South Jersey chapters. Some members assisted in the packing and delivery of Christmas

presents at the Vineland Veteran's Home, in addition to the visitation program the chapter maintains at the Veterans Home.

Daughters attended Memorial Day events honoring military patriots including the Vineland Veteran's Home and the County Veteran's Cemetery.

Some members attended genealogical research events. Several worked on getting the chapter's activities into the local newspapers and radio stations. The chapter celebrated Constitution Week, supported a table at the NJ DAR conference, contributed bells, and requested resolutions from Cumberland County mayors for Constitution Week.

One chapter member taught preschool children how to spin yarns at a county historical fair. Another taught the lifecycle of the butterfly. Donations were made to Cumberland County organizations for preservation.

Two area citizens who have donated time and labor to local conservation efforts and to local veterans, were given certificates. Awards were given to the Civil Air Patrol, the Junior ROTC of Bridgeton, and the Junior ROTC of Vineland outstanding seniors. The chapter was very pleased to add another outstanding senior for recognition this year— the Cumberland County 4-H.

Members volunteer with an ongoing program at the veteran's home involving conservation-oriented education and crafts.

The chapter attends local events where members can handout DAR flyers and promote the organization. Daughters attended both state conference and state meeting in Princeton.

Daughters attended a naturalization ceremony on the USS New Jersey, welcoming new citizens. Older residents expressed a desire to place Christmas decorations on the graves of their family and were given sprays of greens and bows.

And finally, the Daughter's number one goal for the year was to add to our membership. Success was elusive until the chapter admitted a 100 year-young new member with much celebration during the chapter's 115th anniversary.

Sarah Tarpine-Smith
Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter Regent

HADDONFIELD

Tradition is paramount for the Haddonfield Chapter. In 2019, members continued their tradition of supporting Chemawa Indian High School with a \$350 donation for a Christmas party and their scholarship fund. Literacy is also paramount which is why chapter members voted to donate three books to the DAR Library. Other areas the Haddonfield Chapter continues its support is Camden US District Court Naturalization ceremonies. In 2019, the chair of Americanism attended six ceremonies. In addition, the Haddonfield Chapter continued to create, print and donate programs for each ceremony. Members also maintained their tradition of collecting toiletries to support Volunteers of America and donating and participating in Wreaths Across America at Beverly National Cemetery.

Weather was a challenge for members attending the October evening meeting. The guest speaker was Dr. Sam Moyer, a broom squire. Dr. Moyer displayed handmade brooms and explained how he patented a genetically altered seed that shortened the height of broom straw. The shorter straw creates a better broom. Mid-speech, the lights went out due to an accident caused by the stormy weather. Instead of ending the meeting, workers at Springdale Farm brought in oil lanterns to light the Conservatory in order to complete the meeting.

On a rainy October morning, members of the Haddonfield Chapter attended the 50th anniversary of the Jonas Cattell Commemorative Run. In conjunction with Gloucester County Freeholder, Jim Lavender, the Haddonfield Chapter presented a plaque and \$50 gift card to the first male high school runner to complete the 10-mile run.

New activities were added in 2019. Members promoted the Chapter at a reenactment of a revolutionary skirmish held on Kings Highway in front of the Indian King Tavern Museum. Numerous prospective members signed on for more information. Membership also voted to support a new endeavor, Project Poppy, a two-story art installation of red poppies scheduled to open on Memorial Day of 2020.

The combination of old traditions with new activities provides members with options and allow new members to present and implement new ideas and grow our beloved Society.

Shelly Castorino
Haddonfield Chapter Regent

HESTER SCHUYLER COLFAX

The Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapter began its 91st year! That is historic! In 2019, we started a new chapter lineage research team. This new team has been a tremendous help in moving prospective members along with their research and applications. A member of the team, along with the registrar, attends the first meeting with a prospective member. They get to know each other and the three can divide the work to be done including breaking through some brick walls. The chapter also sponsored a Genealogy Workshop in November and invited the entire chapter database of prospective members.

Attending Naturalization Ceremonies is always an important Patriotic event. Our chapter treasurer, and this regent attended three Naturalization Ceremonies. We welcomed about 75 new citizens and gave out DAR gift bags. Truly, a wonderful experience for all!

One of the chapters major projects over the past five years is the Crooked Pond Cemetery in Franklin Lakes. Buried there are 86 souls, some of the earliest settlers in our area, including ten who served the Revolutionary War cause, two who served in the War of 1812 and two who served in the Civil War.

In the summer of 2019, members and associate members spent hours cleaning the old tomb stones. The chapter obtained the cleaning material that is used at Arlington National Cemetery. One of the members even created a video of the group working on the tomb stones. In September, the chapter had a social and business meeting at the Van Riper – Hopper Museum House. Besides voting on new officers, the most important aspect of the meeting were the discussions about the kinds of activities that members would like to have their chapter involved in. Many ideas were presented, and our 2020 programming is based on some of those member suggestions.

At the November luncheon, two women were honored who have given much to the chapter. Honored were Melva Paine Murray, who has devoted many volunteer hours of service over 52 years to this chapter and to the NJ State DAR. Also, honored was Carol D'Alessandro, the Coordinator of the Wayne Museum Houses. Carol provided various programs to the chapter as well as helped members who have been involved in historic book preservation and the preservation of the Schuyler Colfax House. The guest speaker was Carol Levin Simon, who portrayed several of the ladies from her book, *From Patriots in Petticoats to Presidential Candidates. Wreaths Across America*, honoring

veterans by placing wreaths on the graves, was another event that several chapter members participated in.

We have renewed hopes that our chapter will revive and thrive in 2020 and beyond.

Lynne Skead
Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapter Regent

JERSEY BLUE

Jersey Blue Chapter functions as the governing body and oversees maintenance of Buccleuch Mansion Museum; public open houses are held twice monthly April - August and monthly from September - December with approximately 500 individuals attending. Private tours were conducted for NJ chapters and other organizations, 125 individuals participated in eight tours. Buccleuch Mansion Museum reopened in April 2019 after extensive renovations and repairs; the Chapter invested in the ongoing maintenance through the purchase and installation of interior storm windows for the building, to seal drafts and assist heat conservation in the building. The Chapter hosted a Re-dedication and Grand Re-opening of the building on July 4th with over 300 visitors: in cooperation with three other historic sites in the area.

Chapter meeting program topics included: Genealogy and Research discussions; Constitution 101; a program on Veteran's issues and collection of sweatpants for the Veteran's Memorial Home in Menlo Park; a program on making heritage holiday ornaments; and a program on recycling old jewelry into wearable brooches.

The Chapter celebrated their 125th Anniversary in 2019, 65 members and guests attended the event at the Forsgate Country

Club in Jamesburg, NJ, with a program on “DAR Jeopardy” – with commemorative theme topics on the Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad, the Moon Landing, the Women’s Suffrage movement and Veteran’s Day; Chapter members attended the Spring CAR Annual meeting; distributed flags to area cemeteries for display on Veterans graves; attended the NJ State Conference and Fall Meeting and the CAR Packet Picnic. CAR members participated in recreational golf with Chapter members and residents at the NJ Veterans Home, Menlo Park.

Members read books to primary school students in three local elementary schools as part of Read Across America observation and donated 12 new books for the school libraries; they also staffed information tables at East Jersey Olde Town History Day and the Tri-County History Day in Plainfield, distributing information on DAR and Buccleuch Mansion. The Chapter honored five BSA members of Troop 223 with Good Citizenship Award and Youth citizenship certificates and pins at their Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. Members attended memorial and commemorative services for Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Sept. 11th, and Veteran’s Day. Proclamations were read for Black History & Women’s History Month. Members participated in NJDAR Awards Day and Conference, the NJ Veterans Home Golf Awards Day; Chapter was represented at 128th NSDAR Continental Congress, in Washington; members participated in DAR Sunday at Valley Forge, PA. Chapter provided supervision, workers and leadership for holiday gift distribution for residents of Menlo Veterans Home. Total cash, In-kind donations, gifts, supplies and services valued at approximately \$45,000.00. Chapter members recorded over 5,600 Volunteer hours and over 7,500 miles traveled for DAR service.

Susan Luczu
Jersey Blue Chapter Regent

LOANTAKA-PARSIPPANONG

The Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter NSDAR has had an interesting year. We finished the third year of our support for local animal shelters needing help by donating pet supplies and a cheque and have moved on to our new three year project: Jersey Battered Women's Shelter. In addition to a cheque, we started by donating a variety of non-perishable foods, diapers, children' mittens, a new knitted afghan, greeting cards, etc.

This year we made our first award of our Capt. Anne Westerfield USN (ret) Scholarship. This award is for a woman at least 30 years old. Women with some association to the DAR or who are veterans have priority. Chapter members were pleased to meet our first winner at an informal reception this past summer.

Scrapbooks and papers of the early Parsippanong Chapter years have been examined. Some material was donated to the local historical society, extraneous material was discarded, and old crumbling newspaper articles were recopied. The materials to be kept were remounted in new scrap books. Having finished this half of our old chapter records the next project will be to complete the project by updating the Loantaka materials.

For Constitution Week once again we had displays in two local libraries and one proclamation. The Mayor invited chapter members to attend the public town meeting at which he spoke on the history and activities of the NSDAR and then signed his proclamation which was then put on display in the main Parsippany Library.

Meetings covered a wide range to topics. A meeting was held at an historic house owned by Parsippany. After some structural renovations are completed, we anticipate with pleasure the time when we will be able to store records and chapter artifacts in the house. A police officer's topic "Personal Safety", included recognition of the major forms of scams, keeping homes secure

and safe driving. At another meeting a chapter member presented a thought provoking talk titled " Coping with Suicide". A Program entitled "Check Out Your Antiques" discussed effective ways of downsizing and offered valuations of articles brought in by members. A tour of Washington's Headquarters led by Park Rangers gave new insights on earlier times. Members lit candles in honor of their patriot ancestors at our Patriot Memorial Service. At our Christmas covered dish luncheon members enjoyed an assortment of appetizers and desserts.

Our Chapter continues to hold non-meetings during periods when the chapter is not holding regular meetings so that members stay in touch. These informal gatherings are social gatherings which are also sometimes fund raisers. As always, our chapter collected donations at chapter meetings for DAR Schools as well as cancelled stamps for veterans. New white socks for both men and women were once again collected and taken to Lyons VA Hospital, a donation was made to Wreaths across America and to the Parsippany Historic Society.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Chapter Regent.

Ruth P. Westerfield
Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter Regent

MAJOR JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD

The Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter had fifty-four members at the end of 2019. One prospective member has an application pending.

The chapter held four meetings, one awards ceremony and two luncheon meetings; at one meeting, members enjoyed a presentation on the history of our namesake, Major Joseph Bloomfield.

The chapter hosted its annual Chapter Awards Night at the Bloomfield Civic Center honoring chapter winners of the American History Essay Contest and the DAR Good Citizen Award. In addition to chapter members and students, the ceremony was attended by parents and other family members, teachers and administrators. The chapter had another successful year in participating in the American History Essay Contest: 572 essays were received from Bloomfield public school students in the fifth through seventh grades. First place winners from each grade were awarded NSDAR bronze medals and certificates; first through third place winners in each grade were awarded plaques engraved with their names. All 572 essay entrants received a Certificate of Appreciation for participating. Our chapter Good Citizen was awarded the Good Citizen Medal, certificate, and pin. Each winner received an American Flag, a flag pin and flag information. At the state level, our fifth grade essayist placed first, and our sixth grade essayist placed second.

At the Bloomfield High School Awards Night, a \$500 scholarship was presented to the winner of the chapter's Good Citizen Award, and a \$1500 scholarship, the Margaret Sherlock Scholarship, was presented to a student who demonstrated excellence in science. Ms. Sherlock, a DAR member, and a graduate of Bloomfield High School was a respected chemist in the pharmaceutical industry and bequeathed money to the chapter to fund the scholarship.

The chapter provided ROTC medals to East Orange Campus High School and NJIT to honor outstanding cadets.

The chapter provided information on the Constitution to two schools in celebration of Constitution Week.

The chapter had two main service projects. Chapter members collected several bags of non-perishable food items and \$20 in cash for donation to the Food Pantry at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green. Members also donated \$180

worth of toiletries and snacks to active duty female service members through the Military and Family Support Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Also, several members individually volunteered to promote literacy and to assist in classrooms; many individually collected clothing and household goods for donation to veterans' organizations.

Members of the Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter look forward to continuing our service projects and supporting education in the coming year.

Anita Magatti
Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter Regent

MATOC SHONING-REBECCA CORNELL

The Matochshoning- Rebecca Cornell chapter is proud to present this summation of our activities and events from 2019. We were once again well represented at the 127th NJDAR State Conference, the Autumn 2019 Meeting, the Northern District Luncheon, Continental Congress and Valley Forge Sunday.

The chapter began its year with the Annual Christmas Luncheon, on January 5th. Members enjoy having this gathering after the holiday rush to relax and share Christmas stories. The collection for veterans at the luncheon. It was presented at their annual golf outing at the Menlo Veteran's home in Edison in June.

Members were finally able to visit the NJDAR's own State Headquarters, Watson House in April. A little rain did not dampen the experience, as it was a first time visit for most of the members. The chapter supported both Watson House and the butterfly garden.

The Annual Member's Day meeting in May was a joyous one, three new members were inducted and welcomed three transfers as well.

Throughout the year chapter members donated over 400 lbs. of magazines to JFK Hospital in Edison. The ROTC medal was presented to Ms. Luz Santana at Perth Amboy High School, by this regent and the vice regent on May 23rd. Ms. Santana was extremely excited to receive her medal.

The DAR National Day of Service was spent in the pumpkin patch of our host church, St. Luke's in Metuchen. The chapter also partnered with Allstate Insurance by collecting women's workforce clothing to assist in combating Domestic Violence.

Chapter bylaws were updated and voted on at the November meeting.

The chapter's final outing was Wreaths Across America at First Presbyterian Church in Woodbridge, where members not only donated to the purchase of wreaths and assisted the Sea Cadets in placing them. Three of the graves were Jersey Daughters Patriot graves.

Colleen Parliman

Matochshoning – Rebecca Cornell Chapter Regent

MOORESTOWN

The Moorestown Chapter held 6 meetings and 1 luncheon. Each meeting included the Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble, and the American Creed. Also included were the reading of the President General's Message, and National Defender along with Conservation, Literacy, DAR Schools, Service to America and Service to Veterans Minutes.

The chapter welcomed 6 new members, has 3 prospective members at National waiting approval, 2 members transferred out of state and 2 members passed away for a total of 71 members.

Members donated personal items and toys for the women and children supported by the Providence House for battered women. The chapter donated \$600.00 for books to Tamassee School, 25 books to the Moorestown Library and 75 wreaths to Wreaths Across America. Two chapter meetings included a day of service. Members wrote 200 Christmas cards to active military, cut over \$3500.00 worth of Troupons for active military families, folded over 400 miniature flags for care packages to our active military and assembled over 1000 Stars for Vets.

The chapter volunteered over 1000 hours at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home (VVMH), delivering personal items to residents, putting together over 300 Christmas gift bags and working in the donation room. They hand made over 400 Patriotic book markers for the residents along with 40 Patriotic wreaths. The chapter donated toiletries for 20 care packages for Air Force Pilots and gathered over 150 boxes of toiletries for our Active Military men and women stationed at Joint Base-McGuire-Fort Dix –Lakehurst.

Seventeen members visited the Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Members volunteered at the Moorestown Day Festival and the Moorestown Independence Day parade. Over 1200 American flags and the Story of the Pledge of Allegiance were distributed. Members joined with the Sons of the American Revolution laying wreaths at the Wreaths Across America event in December. Members volunteered a total of over 2000 hours in 2019.

The chapter contacted 7 High Schools with JROTC programs, giving out 5 awards. Ten schools were contacted for the 2019 Good Citizen Award and 3 awards were given out. Jane

Engleman was given a certificate for 20 years of service to the NSDAR. Diane Donnelly received a certificate for her completion of the New Members course and two members attended Continental Congress.

The chapter was awarded certificates for the 2016-2019 Team Awesome Trailblazer Award and the 2016-2019 Silver Arrow Club award, being 1 of only 30 chapters Nationwide and the only chapter in NJ to receive the award, to name a few. The Chapter Regent, Diane Donnelly received the New Jersey Outstanding Regent award.

The Moorestown Chapter has teamed with the NJSAR to give back to our community. Chapter members Diane Donnelly and Jane Engleman were awarded the SAR's Lydia Darrah Award. The chapter plans to continue its work at the VVMH, provide needed donations to our active men and women, raise funds for the State Regents Project, Semper Fido, and continue partnership with the NJ State SAR to provide ongoing support to our community.

Diane Donnelly
Moorestown Chapter Regent

MORRISTOWN

The Morristown Chapter had a wonderful and successful year. The chapter is increasing its DAR outreach into the community with awards, ceremonies, contact with the SAR, and within its community. The chapter has honored DAR Good Citizens, nominated an Outstanding History Teacher and an Outstanding Veterans Volunteer. The chapter has sponsored two organizations applying for the NSDAR Historic Preservation Grant.

Two of the chapter's community outreach are: collecting items for the Morristown Battered Woman's shelter and provide food goods to our local food pantry. Ornaments are placed on a 'Giving Tree' with listed items on the shelter's wish list and members bring the items during the chapter's holiday party. The chapter's Awards Ceremony is in February and always falls on Superbowl Sunday. It has been renamed to "Soup"er Bowl Sunday and the chapter collected nearly 100 pounds of soup and other non-perishable food items.

The Morristown Chapter has celebrated two commemorative events: one program, presented in period attire, outlined the American suffragists movement and the role of four New Jersey women, two from Morristown. This was also carried onto the New Jersey State Spring Conference with two members dressed in period attire. One member made 'Vote's for Women' sashes to sell as a fund raiser. The chapter's grounds curator is working on a Suffragist Garden on the property with a newly purchased vintage bench and flowers planted in the suffrage colors of yellow, purple, and white – those embraced by the women who worked tirelessly to pass the 19th Amendment.

In October, the Morristown Chapter celebrated Smokey Bear's 75th birthday with cake and a presentation by a section warden of New Jersey Forest Fire Service. Happy Birthday was sung, but candles were not lit, as "Only you can prevent forest fires".

Projects that support and recognize veterans is a central focus of the Morristown Chapter's activities. The chapter's DAR Day of Service is spent pinning the top, bottom, and batting of quilts together at the Morris County Library. About a dozen women gather for a good purpose and good fellowship. The chapter was presented with a history and description of the works of the American Legion and how much they do to help our veterans. The Morristown Chapter was made aware that homeless veterans and their service dogs were in need of backpacks, blankets, hats

and mittens. Again, the generosity of the chapter prevailed, and the back of an SUV was filled with the needed items.

The Morristown Chapter is doing its part for conservation and historic preservation. One member presented a slide show on her work rescuing and nurturing eagles, birds of prey, and turtles. She spends hours weekly volunteering her time to protect these creatures. Upkeep of our ground is a part of this also. We are registered as a butterfly garden and try to keep a little green within the pavement of downtown Morristown.

Carrie T Efinger
Morristown Chapter Regent

NOVA CAESAREA

Nova Caesarea Chapter is proud to be the oldest chapter in the state society, and the third oldest chapter in the National Society. Its members volunteer within their communities and provide senior leadership for the New Jersey State Society Children of the American Revolution. In 2019, a \$250 scholarship and a Jr. ROTC Medal was given to a West Orange, NJ High School Student. This officer attended the N.J.C.A.R. State Conference in March as well as the New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania C.A.R. State Conferences, the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention in April, the N.S.C.A.R. Eastern, Southeastern and New England Regional Meetings in June and July. Chapter members attended the NJDAR Fall Meeting and Northern District Luncheon. A new junior member signed her application papers on December 1 and received her National Number in January.

Amy Northrop Wittorff
Nova Caesarea Chapter Regent

OAK TREE

The year 2019 was a delightful year for the Oak Tree Chapter. Programs included Antarctica by Davey Jones, Genealogy of Salem County by Chapter Member Bonnie Beth Elwell; Honoring a Woman of History by Chapter Member Marlyce Pietrantonio; Battle of the Brandywine by Michael C. Harris; 18th Century Life, by Dr. Douglas “Muggs” Jones; Issues for Veterans and Their Families by Joe Hannigan, Salem County Veterans Representative; as well as a Christmas Party and an afternoon Tea. The chapter presented a \$250 scholarship for Excellence in History to a Salem County Senior at Senior Awards Night in June.

The chapter increased its Service to America Hours this year. Service as a chapter included: the collection of money, box tops and can tops for the schools, and food collection for a local food bank. Members participated in the DAR Day of Service, Day of Prayer, cleanup of the beaches, and money was collected for the Tamassee School. Chapter members worked sorting and counting clothing and toiletries for the Vineland Veterans Home, and a check for \$200 was given to the Vineland Veterans Home along with many clothing and toiletry items. Several members also went to the home and assisted with Christmas decorations.

By far the biggest accomplishment in service was the “Wreaths Across America Ceremony and Wreath Laying” on December 14, 2019, our twelfth year of supporting the mission to “Remember, Honor, and Teach,” which honors active and veteran members of all the military units. Over 900 wreaths (every grave and monument in the cemetery had a wreath) were placed on the graves at Finn’s Point National Cemetery in Pennsville, New Jersey. Coordinator and Chapter Chaplain, Helen Petrin, headed up this effort. There were boy and girl

scouts, military active and veteran members, a local high school choir, school buses that were donated for transportation, portable potties that were donated, buglers and refreshments. The weather was cold and rainy, but over 300 people came and participated in the ceremony and in placing wreaths on over 900 graves and monuments.

The Chapter admitted one new member (a junior) in May. Oak Tree Chapter has worked hard to improve its rating in the Chapter Master Report and will continue to work to admit new members.

Helen Fite Keaton Petrin
Oak Tree Chapter Regent

OLD WHITE HOUSE-GENERAL FRELINGHUYSEN-COLONEL LOWREY

The Old White House ~ General Frelinghuysen ~ Colonel Lowrey Chapter is proud to report that we had a productive, fulfilled year in 2019 which included meetings and activities in a year where the previous chapter board handed over the reins to the current chapter board.

The year started out with membership totaling 100 and finished with 111, placing this chapter consistently in the top five highest-membership chapters in the state. Members logged over 535 hours in Service to America through volunteer efforts that included citizenship, the scanning of photos and artifact inventory at a local museum, Scout leadership and co-hosting with the Beacon Fire Chapter in a Valentine's Day luncheon to homeless veterans at the VA Lyons facility to name a few. The joint effort for the veterans was so enjoyable that we teamed up with the General David Forman - Penelope Hart Chapter to

furnish congratulatory goody bags to 48 new citizens at a Trenton Court House Naturalization Ceremony.

The summer months kept us busy with three of our favorite events. In June, we held our 24th Annual Flag Disposal Ceremony at our chapter-owned DAR Memorial Park Cemetery. This ceremony combines paying tribute to our patriots, our flag and our Good Citizens. Attendees roam the cemetery to see the graves of the nine Revolutionary War veterans interred, watch as the local fire department assists in the flag burning and listen to our Good Citizens Award participants read their essays aloud. In July chapter members dressed in Suffragette attire (and one astronaut) and joined in the Lebanon 4th of July Parade where our “One Small Step for Man, One Giant Leap for Women” motto and festive garb garnered us a First Place trophy. We wrapped up our summer activities with two food drives supporting two local food banks collecting more than 1250 pounds of items and cash and gift cards totaling more than \$400.

The new board is shaking things up with some fresh ideas. We are now holding meetings at not only our regular church location but at ever-changing local historic venues such as the Abraham Staats House and the 1760 Joseph Turner House. We are welcoming our newest and prospective members to each meeting with the newly created ‘Member Ambassadors’; at each meeting different veteran members are paired with the new or prospective members for that meeting allowing for relationship-building with other than the chapter registrar who is often their only contact for months.

Ann Rotunno
*Old White House ~ Gen. Frelinghuysen ~ Col. Lowrey Chapter
Regent*

PEGGY WARNE

The chapter tried different meeting venues increase attendance. March 2019 meeting at Washington Public Library. Joan Boehm presented program on Native American Veteran Memorial and the women whose service inspired it: Marie Aioe Dorion who helped with expedition across America from St. Lewis to California to establish a trading post in 1810, and DAR Daughter from the Manitou Chapter who taught middle school history of Potawatomi American Indians.

April, the chapter met at the new Southwest branch of Warren County Library near Phillipsburg. Sue Sloan displayed military service awards received by her brother for his participation as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War. He was shot down, receiving significant injuries. He has since passed away. All those who served in the military were recognized. Flyers regarding Peggy Warne Chapter were left at the library.

Nonperishable food items and toiletry items worth \$200 were brought to state conference for Vineland Veterans. Also, books were given to C.A.R. for children in Camden, Trenton and Atlantic City schools.

The May meeting was at Warren County Library Headquarters, Belvidere. Women's Suffrage program presented by Gerri Calvin. Many women suffered during this movement to gain their right to vote. Finally, women gaining right to vote 1919.

Letters were sent to members who had not attended meetings asking for a reply regarding their reasons for not attending and their suggestions for changes in time or dates of meetings, activities recommended.

June meeting was held at Belvidere, Route 519 Library. To celebrate Flag Day, program presented by Joan Boehm about history of writing of Pledge of Allegiance and writing of Star Spangled Banner.

September meeting, a program was presented by Gerri Calvin about her visit to September 11 Memorial in New York City.

Baskets were made for auction at the State meeting for the State Regent Project.

October meeting program was about books children read in the 17th and 18th centuries. Discussion followed regarding children now using modern technology and its effects on today's children.

Two baskets were brought to Northern District Meeting for auction to fund Project Fido – training of dogs for military personnel with PTSD.

November, members attended Menlo Park Veterans home for Veterans Day Ceremony and visit with veterans. Needed clothing was brought to Veterans Home for Christmas gifts. Estimated monetary total was \$248.

The December meeting was celebrated with luncheon at Broadway U. Methodist Church. Food was donated by a member of the Chapter. Program presented was history of music sung by ancestors in 17th and 18th century during Christmas holiday.

Our chapter's focus has been helping veterans. Our members give generously, recognizing veteran's service to America.

Due to a decrease in members attending meetings board has been exploring ways to increase membership or to join with another chapter to better meet the goals of DAR. Members met with Chapter Revitalization Committee Chair Ruth Ryno and State Organizing Secretary Catherine Medich to explore future plans for the chapter. The coming year will focus on revitalizing chapter, deciding on plan for its future.

Joan Boehm,
Peggy Warne Chapter Regent

POLLY WYCKOFF-DAVID DEMAREST

The Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest Chapter gained five new members, four of which were juniors. Continued efforts will go forward towards the goal to increase membership.

The chapter supported Project Patriot by sending three care boxes to service members abroad: one specifically for women and two designated for servicemen. The packages were sent to a Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey pilot serving in the Middle East. The chapter will continue to support our deployed military and pray for their safe return home.

In honor of Veterans Day, the chapter served a buffet lunch to about 30 military recruiters at the Hackensack Recruitment Center. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines were represented. The chapter supported the Menlo Park VA Nursing Home by donating \$100.00, volunteering at mini-golf events and sewing fleece blankets for residents.

To commemorate Constitution Week, the chapter received a proclamation from the Mayor of Fair Lawn. The document was enlarged and displayed in the lobby of the Borough Hall.

Students from Charles Selzer, Honiss, and Grant Schools in Dumont participated in the DAR American History Essay Contest. The Helen Pouch Memorial Grant was awarded to Michael Rosenberg, Social Studies teacher at the George White School in Hillsdale.

The spring chapter meeting was held at the Schoolhouse Museum in Ridgewood. Members were given a private tour by curator Vicki Herbert. The 2019 museum theme included a display of wedding attire from the turn of the century to the present. The chapter donated \$100.00 for historic preservation.

The chapter sponsored a DAR Historic Preservation Grant to renovate the clubhouse of the Rutherford Woman's Club, which

was the former Carriage House of the historic “Iviswold” Estate; also known as “The Castle”. DAR Grant approvals will be awarded in May 2020.

The chapter attended the annual C.A.R. State Society Packet Picnic at the historic Dey Mansion in Wayne. In support of the State President’s project to raise funds for the ground-breaking equipment to locate the original Dey family graves, the chapter donated \$300.00.

The chapter was honored with the presence of NJ State Regent Bonnie Matthews at the annual awards luncheon. The Women in American History Award was presented to Deborah Powell, Past President of the Bergen County Historical Society, who was honored for her many years of dedicated service. The Distinguished Citizen Award was presented to Air Force Veteran Nick Magarelli for meritorious service in the borough of Fair Lawn. The Community Service Award was presented to Michael Maniscalco for his exemplary Eagle Scout Project in Saddle Brook. His vision was to renovate Avon Park and improve it to current ADA standards in order to accommodate children of all abilities. Upon completion, he dedicated the park to his disabled sister, Samantha. CBS News thought that his accomplishments were newsworthy enough to air the story on their evening news program. All three recipients were presented with medals, award certificates, and DAR Challenge Coins.

Jean Duncan Thiel

Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest Chapter Regent

PRINCETON

Our Chapter members were busy last year. Our list of accomplishments begins with marching behind the DAR banner in the Princeton Memorial Day Parade.

We shared an information table with the Princeton Battlefield Society at Princeton's Communiversy and fielded many questions from potential Daughters.

The Washington Headquarters Museum offered us a private tour of their archives. We viewed letters and objects of Alexander Hamilton and other prominent Revolutionaries.

In May, we participated with the Cranbury/Princeton SAR and the Princeton Battlefield Society in the flag changing ceremony at the Princeton Battlefield. In attendance were local, State and National politicians.

Our Chapter collaborated with the Princeton Battlefield Society to create the most successful Young Patriots Day in the event's history. Attended by families, scouts, and revolutionary war re-enactors.

Our Silent Auction raised over \$2,300 toward the restoration of the Clarke House at The Princeton Battlefield. This is in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. We plan to continue our efforts toward the Clarke House Restoration.

Our biggest challenge has been the project to restore the Princeton Wars Memorial monument, a nationally recognized historical and architectural treasure in the center of Princeton. We initiated the project and early were joined by The Garden Club of Princeton. Our committee included an architect from Princeton University, members of the Historic Preservation Commission and the town mayor. After encountering costs more than double the estimated cost, we solicited the town council for assistance. In the end, the restoration was extraordinarily successful. The Municipality of Princeton and Princeton University joined with us to complete the project.

At the Veterans Day ceremony, Madam State Regent Bonnie Matthews listened along with us, when Mayor Liz Lempert said

our work was the finest example of collaboration among various parts of the community to come together for the greater good. We told her that all three of our missions were fulfilled. Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism.

Rosemary Kelley
Princeton Chapter Regent

RED BANK

The Red Bank Chapter had a very active and event-filled 2019. The chapter held the customary Executive Board Meetings in January and February and achieved the goals of completing annual reports and preparing agendas for upcoming meetings and events throughout the coming year.

In addition, on January 13th, Regent Debbie Wilkins attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Jason Michael McGovern, and presented him with the DAR Youth Citizenship Award on behalf of Red Bank Chapter. A new members tea party was held on Saturday, February 16th, at the home of former regent and current Membership Chairperson Linda Boyd. Current members joyfully witnessed the swearing-in of new members.

March was an incredibly busy month for Red Bank. Members attended the Joint Chapters Spring Luncheon held at Springdale Farm Market in Cherry Hill; then, Red Bank hosted the Good Citizens Awards recipients and their families at the monthly chapter meeting at the Mullica Hill Library; and lastly, several Red Bank members attended the NJDAR State Conference in Princeton. In April, eleven members visited the Vineland Veterans Home and enjoyed socializing with residents while distributing personal grooming and pastime items.

A new slate of officers was elected by the Chapter members for the 2019-2022 term at the May Chapter meeting. In addition, Regent Debbie Wilkins attended the annual JROTC Awards Night at Williamstown High School and presented the National Defense Committee ROTC Medal to Outstanding Cadet Marissa Tantaros.

During the last week in June, Regent Debbie Wilkins and former regent and current Membership Chairperson Linda Boyd enjoyed a patriotic, educational, and memorable week at Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. Of special interest was the performance of George Washington by Dean Malissa, professional actor/impersonator.

Red Bank associate member and current Haddonfield Chapter member Mary Cloud Hollingshead hosted a summer picnic for Red Bank members at her home in Clarksboro, NJ. New member Ann Piekarski was sworn in by Regent Debbie Wilkins and Membership Chairperson Linda Boyd. In August, several members visited the Vineland Veterans Home to socialize with residents and distribute needed items.

Red Bank Chapter had the pleasure of hosting NJDAR State Organizing Secretary Catherine Medich at the September meeting learning how to effectively search for ancestor records in the NJ State Archives. Membership Chairperson Linda Boyd provided a memorable presentation in observance of Constitution Week. Several members also attended events at the NJDAR State Conference.

At the October Red Bank Chapter meeting members helped to commemorate the National Society's announcement of the 1,000,000th member to be inducted into the NSDAR, Amy Dickinson. In November, several members of Red Bank attended the Veterans Day event at the Vineland Veterans Home and honored those who served by participating in various activities with the residents. Red Bank members had the pleasure of inducting a new member, Dr. Rosemary Biggio, into the National

Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at the annual Christmas Luncheon. The festive event was held at Terra Nova in Sewell, NJ.

Debbie Wilkins
Red Bank Chapter Regent

SADDLE RIVER

The Saddle River Chapter had one program in 2019 that fulfilled the American Heritage and American History categories: DVD- Buildings that Changed America.

The American Indian Minute was read at all meetings, and \$200 went to the American Indian Scholarship Fund. A wreath was presented at the Ridgewood Memorial Day Service, and with the help of the C.A.R. chapter – The Washington Elm, over 3000 flags were placed on veterans’ graves at Washington Memorial Cemetery. The chapter also participated in the Ridgewood Fourth of July Parade and invited the C.A.R. to join them. Two chapter members attended the Autumn State Meeting and reported back. Recommendations on various aspects of women’s health were addressed at several meetings.

Service to America volunteer hours totaled 89. Each meeting opened with the DAR ritual. The Chaplain conducted one memorial service and gave Sunshine Reports at 6 meetings. A Constitution minute and an excerpt from the National Defender were read at each meeting. Articles are regularly submitted to 3 local newspapers and to the “Crossroads Courier”. Nine Schools were contacted for the Good Citizen’s Award, and four applications were received. All entries are winners at the chapter level and received scholarships totally \$600.

Two books were presented to the Ridgewood Library's Historic Room, and the chapter contributed \$200 to the Friends of the Library and \$100 to Friends of Seimes. The chapter has 31 subscriptions to the DAR Magazine, and the President General's message was read at all meetings.

This chapter contributed \$200 to the DAR Museum Exhibition Fund and \$100 to Project Patriot. Friends of the DAR Scholarship received \$200, \$25 to NJDAR State Scholarship and \$25 to Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship. 18 box tops and labels were collected for the Kate Duncan Smith School. \$200 was contributed to the Friends of the DAR schools. Through the state \$25 was given to the NJ Cottage at Tamasee, to DAR Schools, and to Educational Programs & Funds. This chapter contributed \$200 to the NSDAR Archives, and \$25 to Historic Programs and Funds. Chapter Achievement contributions of \$75 went to National, \$240 to State, and \$250 to the President General's Project. The chapter participated in the Lord and Taylor "Shop Smart, Do Good Charity Event" Fund Raiser.

The Saddle River Chapter welcomed two new members, bringing the total number of members to 92.

Angela S. Perkins
Saddle River Chapter Regent

SHREWSBURY TOWNE-MONMOUTH

The chapter had a very lively year in 2019. It has been so fortunate to have both established and newer members become officers or committee chairs and get excited about various projects (and may that continue!).

In February, the chapter meeting was at the historic Old First Church in Middletown with noted historian Elaine Lent speaking on William Alexander, Lord Stirling.

In March, several members attended the NJDAR Spring meeting to applaud this chapter's winning candidate for Outstanding American History Teacher. April's meeting was devoted to honoring the local student participants in the American History Essay contest (with over 500 entries, this chapter's winners for grades 6, 7 and 8 all placed first at the state level). May's gathering was held at a private home for the installation of new officers.

In September, an informal 'welcome' meeting was held to greet newest members and experience a guided tour of the Shrewsbury Historical Museum (designated meeting site). October featured a PowerPoint program of highlights from Continental Congress (four members had attended); members also toasted DAR's 250th anniversary (with sparkling apple juice).

November's presenter was a licensed stress reduction therapist/counselor (and her trained dog). The chapter's December meeting featured a young historian who spoke of his experience as a re-enactor. 'Voices' from that luncheon netted over \$1200 that was donated to two local charities - Mary's Place By the Sea (respite for women suffering from cancer) and Amanda's Easel (art therapy program for children experiencing domestic violence).

Chapter members joined in at some commemorative events, namely the Shrewsbury Towne Memorial Day ceremony and the Battle of Monmouth Reenactment in June. DAR's National Day of Service was devoted to cleaning gravestones at Shrewsbury's Christ Church. Several members also planned and held a gravesite memorial service to honor a deceased member following the installation of her DAR grave marker. In June, once again, a chapter representative attended the awards ceremony at Long

Branch High School to present the school's outstanding ROTC cadet with a medal.

Volunteer hours topped 9,000 with members assisting at food banks, Menlo Park Veterans Home, with church activities, community organizations, county parks and gardens, non-profit organizations and libraries. At the Ocean Grove National Historic Site, two members volunteered throughout the summer, and in August, four served as docents for the annual house tour. Seven members assisted at two naturalization ceremonies this year. For the first time, this chapter participated at Wreaths Across America at two cemeteries - Fair View in Middletown and Old Free Church Cemetery in West Long Branch.

This chapter's website was maintained and regularly updated as is a Facebook page. A bi-monthly newsletter containing chapter, state and national information goes to all members and associate members via email or US mail. For the first time, the Yearbook was transmitted electronically; printed copies were also made available for members upon request.

It has been a pleasure serving this year.

Kathleen Jo Evans
Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter Regent

THE COASTAL WATCH

The Coastal Watch Chapter had a successful year in 2019. Members, associates, and prospective members were all encouraged to join in events as the chapter embarked on numerous activities.

A new website was created, with the approval of our NJ VIS Committee, to provide helpful information about our chapter and how to join. In addition, the chapter newsletter is emailed every

two months to inform members and prospective members of meetings, activities, and accomplishments.

To help educate the public, the chapter sponsored an emergency preparedness program, which was presented at a local library for chapter members as well as the public. The chapter also arranged sponsoring a special presentation on NJ cemeteries and tombstones also open for members and the public.

The Coastal Watch Chapter has been very generous with donations of goods throughout the year. Several items were donated for the Hope Center, a local charity for women and girls. Donations of soap were given for a special program to help the homeless. In addition, chapter members generously donated gift cards to help families of active Coast Guard service people.

Chapter members are also generous with their time. In the spring, chapter members volunteered to hostess at a Vietnam veteran's breakfast at a local high school. Members assisted with serving light breakfast foods and ensuring the students were interacting with the different veterans, who displayed equipment and told of their experiences.

The chapter regent is an official counselor of the Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge. She teaches sessions to scouts of a local troop, so the boys earn the merit badge and learn to trace their own family histories. The chapter registrar donates her time to a memorial garden in Allenhurst, NJ throughout the growing seasons. The chapter awards committee presented medals and certificates to ROTC cadets at two different schools. The committee also contacted schools regarding the Good Citizenship Award.

Chapter members teamed with a local rotary club to participate in Wreaths Across America. Members, prospective members, and family members placed wreaths on veterans' graves at a large local cemetery.

In December, the chapter presented a genealogy workshop at Barnes & Noble bookstore for shoppers. At the same time, the members worked the chapter's annual fundraiser by wrapping gifts. The proceeds will help fund the chapter's future activities.

The chapter has several new membership applications being processed. A strong goal for the upcoming year is to increase the current membership. In the meantime, the chapter consists of daughters, who are enthusiastic about stepping up for a good cause.

Cheryl Blake
The Coastal Watch Regent

WESTFIELD

2019 far surpassed 2018 in the Westfield, NJ Chapter with even greater growth and success than expected. New membership infused excitement and tremendous involvement in new DAR projects and committees with many new members being the most active.

The January general meeting had more members present than ever before and kicked off the new year with participation in the DAR Fashion Design Contest, judging of the four contestants' garments, golf at the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home in February, a Chapter meeting and the Fashion Design awards presentation at the NJDAR Spring Conference meeting in March.

April was busy with the Westfield Chapter's first Historic Site trip to Liberty Hall in Union, NJ for a tour and tea which twelve members enjoyed and volunteering at the Menlo Park Veterans Home Golf event. Westfield members continued to volunteer at the Menlo Park Veterans Golf event in May, and the chapter had another well attended chapter meeting on May 23.

DAR awards for Good Citizenship and History were presented June 7 by the chapter to deserving 8th grade students at the Holy Trinity Intermediate School graduation ceremony. The Westfield Chapter also sponsored BINGO on June 15 at the Menlo Park Veterans Home by running the event with ten chapter members and donating the winnings. Seven chapter members handed out patriotic DAR gift bags at the June 22 Immigration Naturalization Ceremony in Plainfield, NJ, and there was a Board meeting at the end of June.

The chapter regent and registrar met with a potential new member at the hospital in July to sign all the paperwork for membership for herself and her daughters. A chapter meeting on July 25 closed out the month for the balance of the summer.

September started with Golf at the Menlo Park Veterans Home, a meeting and photo with the Westfield Mayor signing the Constitution Week Proclamation, and the NJDAR state meeting. The Westfield Chapter announced the DAR Good Citizen Contest and notified schools, and a chapter meeting was also held on September 26.

October included five members meeting with the Westfield Mayor to sign the American Indian Proclamation and the annual chapter Wine & Cheese Meeting with eighteen members. The 2019 year ended with writing over 300 Christmas cards to veterans in November, the annual serving of Desserts to the veterans at the Westfield American Legion on Veterans Day, and members assisting with sorting and packing holiday gifts for veterans at the Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park.

It is an honor to serve as the Westfield Chapter Regent and be an active part of the NJDAR. The Chapter will continue to grow its membership and fulfill the mission of the NSDAR.

Barbara Benko
Westfield NJ, Chapter Regent

YE OLDE NEWTON-NASSAU

This chapter held six meetings in 2019. The chapter started out the term with a joint meeting with other chapters. Programs at other meetings included Marion Anderson, Fascinating Facts about the Constitution, Colonial Medicines and Cures, members crafted, and a Christmas Social. This chapter held its election of officers in May for the 2019-2022 term.

Many committee items were presented at the meetings. The chapter observed Conservation, Indian Minute, Commemorative Events, American History, Veterans, Literacy, Membership, Constitution, and Citizenship. There were observations of Earth Day, Arbor Day, the 100th Anniversary of Prohibition, the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown, the 100th Anniversary of Women's Vote, Nature's Record Holders in the United States, and D-Day.

Two chapter members attended the NJDAR State Conference. They took donations of books for the State Librarian's project. One member participated in a Memorial Day ceremony. Another member participated in a citizenship ceremony. A total of 866 hours was logged by chapter members to Service to America.

This chapter donated many items to the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home. One member made several volunteer trips to the facility. She helped stock shelves, take items to residents' rooms, and fill Christmas bags.

This chapter continues to be an active presence on social media. Having a Facebook page, this chapter continually posts items of interest to members and the public.

This chapter is a member of the Camden County History Alliance (CCHA). A magazine created by the group is published twice a year. This chapter contributed an article for the Autumn edition. The CCHA organized Camden County History Month in October. The Chapter Regent helped organize the event and served on two committees. The chapter had a month-long display

of chapter memorabilia, DAR history, and membership information at the local library.

It has been a fun and productive year. This chapter looks forward to continuing its good works in 2020.

Mary E. “Beth” Pomponio
Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter Regent

BYLAWS OF NJDAR

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be THE NEW JERSEY STATE SOCIETY OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION hereinafter referred to as NJDAR.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The objects of this Society shall be to promote the objects of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the National Society.

- 1) To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results, by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;
- 2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American Citizens;
- 3) To cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for all mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership. The membership of the state society shall consist of the chapters in good standing of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in the State of New Jersey.

Section 2. New Chapters. The Recording Secretary shall enroll a chapter newly confirmed by the National Society as a member of New Jersey State Society upon receipt of the following information from the chapter: name of the chapter; the date of its organization; the names of its officers and its members.

ARTICLE IV - FEES AND DUES

Section 1. Annual Dues. The annual state dues of \$10.00 for each chapter member shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and postmarked no later than December 1. A chapter whose dues have not been paid before December 1 shall be notified by the state treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the state conference.

Section 2. New Chapters. Newly organized chapters shall pay the dues required per member to the State Treasurer within one year of the date of its organization to entitle the chapter to representation at the state conference. New chapters, organized after the annual state conference, are exempt from state dues until December 1.

Section 3. Reinstated members. Members who are reinstated prior to July 1 shall pay the dues required per member to the state treasurer.

Section 4. State Conference. A registration fee shall be collected for the state conference and meeting, the amount to be determined by the state board of management.

Section 5. Fiscal year. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through the last day of December.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The elected officers of the New Jersey State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution shall be regent, vice regent, chaplain, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, organizing secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian and librarian. The regent may appoint a parliamentarian, who acts as an advisor in matters pertaining to Parliamentary Law and Procedure; advise the state society, board of management and chapters, when requested, maintain a file of current chapter bylaws. As a member of the state board of management in this advisory capacity, she does not have a vote.

Section 2. Term of Office. The term of office shall be for three years or until their successors are elected. The term of office shall begin no earlier than at the close of the Continental Congress at which the regent and vice regent are confirmed. A member having served more than one-half a term in office shall be deemed to have served a full term.

Section 3. Eligibility.

A. To be eligible for the office of state regent or state vice regent, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter within the New Jersey State Society for at least five (5) years prior to her election and have served a term as chapter regent.

B. To be eligible for any other office a member shall have been a member of a New Jersey State Society chapter for at least five (5) years.

C. A chapter may not have more than one state officer at one time.

D. A member holding two or more offices each carrying a vote at an annual state conference shall be limited to vote only in one of the offices held by said member.

E. No state officer shall be eligible to serve two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.

F. No state officer shall hold a state office and a chapter office at the same time.

Section 4. Vacancy. The State Board of Management shall fill a vacancy in any office, except that of state regent, within 60 days. If the office of state regent becomes vacant, the state vice regent shall become state regent automatically provided she has been confirmed as state vice regent.

Section 5. Honorary State Regent. A member who has completed a term as State Regent may be elected honorary state regent for life by a majority voice vote at the state conference at which her successor is elected. She shall have all the rights and privileges of a voting member as long as she remains a member in good standing in a chapter of this state. Honorary state regents shall be exempt from state dues and conference registration fees.

Section 6. Honorary State Officer. A member of the State Board of Management who has demonstrated extraordinary service may be elected honorary state officer for life by a majority voice vote at a state conference. She shall have all the rights and privileges of a voting member as long as she remains a member in good standing in a chapter of this state. Honorary state officers shall be exempt from state dues and conference registration fees.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS

Section 1. Endorsement. A candidate, whose consent has been obtained, shall be endorsed by her chapter. This endorsement will be in writing. No chapter shall present a candidate for office before Continental Congress preceding the year of the election.

Section 2. Nominations. Nominations of candidates for all state offices shall be made from the floor of the State Conference

providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained and the nominee shall have the endorsement of her chapter in writing. A candidate for a state office shall send her name, address and the state office for which she is candidate to the State Recording Secretary no later than sixty (60) days prior to the State Conference at which she is to be a candidate.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

Section 1. State Officers. Officers shall be elected for a term of three (3) years at the annual State Conference in the same year as the National Society election occurs. A majority vote shall elect. If there is only one nominee for any office, the election for that office may be by voice vote. A member who has served more than half a term in any office shall be considered to have served a term.

Section 2. Vice President General. A candidate for the office of Vice President General shall have been endorsed for the office by a majority vote by ballot at a State Conference of the state in which she holds membership. The motion for endorsement shall designate the specific Continental Congress at which she desires to be a candidate for election and shall be made not more than eighteen months in advance of the Congress so designated.

Section 3. No state monies shall be provided for campaigns.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, by the bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the National Society.

Section 2. The regent shall:

- A. preside at all meetings of the state, the board of management and have general supervision of the affairs of the society;
- B. have the option to appoint a parliamentarian who shall be approved by the state board of management. The parliamentarian shall serve in an advisory capacity, without vote and shall not be a member of the state board of management. The parliamentarian shall maintain a file of current chapter bylaws;
- C. appoint all committees, not otherwise provided for;
- D. be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, audit committee, and disciplinary committee;
- E. sign checks in the absence of the treasurer;
- F. sign all contracts and agreements made in the name of the state and authorized by the state conference or the board of management;
- G. engage a certified public accountant, with the approval of the board of management at its first meeting following the annual state conference at which officers have been elected, to perform an audit;
- H. perform such other duties as the National Society may require or as directed state board of management, or the state conference.

Section 3. The vice regent shall:

- A. perform the duties and responsibilities of the regent in her absence or inability to serve;
- B. fill the unexpired term if a vacancy occurs in the office of regent;

- C. sign checks in the absence or inability of the regent and treasurer;
- D. perform such other duties as may be directed by the National Society, regent, the board of management, or the state conference.

Section 4. The State Chaplain shall:

- A. open all meetings with reading of scripture and prayer;
- B. conduct memorial services and religious services as may be required or requested;
- C. keep a file of all deceased members of the state;
- D. perform other duties as may be directed by the Chaplain General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

Section 5. The state recording secretary shall:

- A. keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the State Society and the board of management;
- B. be custodian of the state records;
- C. notify officers and chairmen of votes and of proceedings of these meetings, which affect their duties;
- D. compile, edit and print the Annual Proceedings;
- E. perform such other duties as may be directed by the Recording Secretary General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

Section 6. The corresponding secretary shall:

- A. send notices of all meetings to the appropriate members;

- B. send notice of proposed bylaws amendments to all chapters, voters, delegates and alternates thirty days before the state conference;
- C. conduct correspondence as may be requested;
- D. compile and publish the directory;
- E. purchase, print and distribute stationary;
- F. perform other duties designated by the Corresponding Secretary General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

Section 7. The state organizing secretary shall:

- A. assist in organizing new chapters, assist in the merging of chapters, and the disbanding of chapters;
- B. consult with the regent concerning chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by NSDAR bylaws and chapters in danger of disbanding, and assist such chapters;
- C. assist the Lineage Research and Volunteer Genealogist committees as needed;
- D. perform other duties designated by the Organizing Secretary General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

Section 8. The state treasurer shall:

- A. be the custodian of all funds and securities;
- B. be bonded in an amount determined by the board of management and paid for by the New Jersey State Society;
- C. disburse funds by check only upon order of the state conference or the board of management;
- D. deposit the funds in such banks or financial institutions as may be

designated by the board of management and approved by the state regent;

E. prepare a detailed financial statement representing funds received and dispersed from the beginning of the fiscal year to be presented to the state board of management;

F. close the books at the end of the fiscal year for audit by a Certified Public Accountant after which, it is adopted by the state board of management and which may be published in the proceedings;

G. provide NSDAR by May 31 each year with a copy of the appropriate IRS form 990 or confirmation the at the 990-N epostcard has been filed, a copy of the state's annual financial report, and a copy of the audit report;

H. ensure that all chapters comply with IRS and state filing requirements, receive a copy of the chapters' filed federal tax returns or confirmations that the 990-N epostcard has been filed, and that any electronic state forms have been filed as required;

I. on November 1, notify chapters that they will be in arrears for State Society dues as of December 1;

J. receive from chapters their state dues, and contributions other than national dues, for national, state and chapter projects, and shall transmit these contributions for the purposes designated by the contributors;

K. have charge of the seal;

L. perform other duties designated by the Treasurer General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

Section 9. The registrar shall:

- A. keep a record of all chapters including chapter names, dates of organization, names of all members with the support of eMembership, with their national number, date of admission, ancestral lines, dates of marriages, divorces, births, and deaths;
- B. keep records of all state officers, past and present, and national officers from New Jersey;
- C. prepare such data as the chaplain may require for the preparation of the necrology to read at the annual State Conference;
- D. compile a list of genealogists and make it available to applicants who desire assistance to prove a line of descent;
- E. perform other duties designated by the Registrar General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

Section 10. The historian shall:

- A. keep a record of historical and commemorative work done in the state;
- B. send a report of each state conference for publication in the Daughter's newsletter;
- C. keep an updated inventory of the NJDAR material on file at the state headquarters;
- D. perform such other historical works as may be designated by the office of the Historian General;
- E. perform other duties designated by the regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

Section 11. The librarian shall:

- A. solicit, collect and catalog historical and genealogical books, with emphasis on New Jersey, for the DAR Library

and file duplicate copies in the New Jersey DAR section at the Special Collections and University Archives, Alexander Library at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey;

B. perform other duties designated by the Librarian General, regent, the state board of management, or the state conference.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

Section 1. State Conference. The annual meeting of the state shall be held in the month of April, unless otherwise ordered by the board of management or the executive committee, for the purpose of receiving reports, electing officers and transacting other necessary business. The regent shall appoint a conference chairman and in consultation with her determine the site of the state conference.

Section 2. Special Meetings. The regent shall call special meetings of the state when ordered by six members of the board of management, or when requested by 10 chapters. The business for which the special meeting is called shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted at the special meeting. At least fifteen (15) days notice shall be given.

Section 3. Voting Members. The voting members for state meetings shall be:

A. the elected state officers as provided in these bylaws;

B. the honorary state regents, honorary state officers, national officers and honorary national officers whose membership is within the state;

C. the chapter regent or in her absence the first vice regent or her alternate;

D. the elected delegates or alternates of each chapter of the state entitled to representation at the Continental Congress or special meeting of the National Society.

Section 4. Chapter Representation.

A. The number of representatives from each chapter shall be the same number allowed by the National Society at Continental Congress;

B. Delegates and alternates shall have belonged to the chapter at least one continuous year immediately preceding the Continental Congress to be eligible to represent the chapter, except the regent or first vice regent of a newly organized chapter;

C. Each chapter may elect two (2) alternates for each delegate;

D. The delegates and alternates selected shall be delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the state, which may be held prior to the annual state conference of the next year.

Section 5. Quorum. One-fourth (1/4) of the total voting members present with credentials shall constitute a quorum for the state conference and Special Meetings.

Section 6. Attendance. All members of the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution in good standing shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor at state conference.

Section 7. Credentials Committee. As soon as possible after the election of delegates and alternates and no later than 30 days postmarked prior to the state conference, a typed list of delegates and alternates to the state conference shall be sent to the regent, treasurer and to the chair of the credentials committee. The committee will verify that the delegate count is authorized and that those elected are in good standing.

Section 8. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting at any state meeting.

Section 9. Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent and recording secretary, in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.

Section 10. Districts. The state shall be divided into three (3) geographical districts by the Board of Management. District Directors shall:

- A. be appointed by the State Regent;
- B. act as leaders of district wide events and functions;
- C. be assigned to direct and communicate with district chapters and committees;
- D. assist the Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee;
- E. perform other duties designated by the State Regent and as pertains to the appointment.

Section 11. Autumn Meeting. A general meeting of the state society and/or other meeting shall be held in the second half of each year known as the autumn meeting, the time and place of which shall be arranged by the regent. The object of the autumn meeting of the state society shall be to promote enthusiasm and the patriotic aims of the Daughters of the American Revolution. No business of the state society, which would normally be considered and acted upon at a state conference, may be considered and acted upon at such autumn meeting unless prior written notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be given in the manner provided for the call of special meetings [Article IX, Section 2].

ARTICLE X - BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Section 1. Members. The members of the board of management shall be:

A. the elected officers of the New Jersey State Society consisting of the ten (10) state officers: regent, vice regent, chaplain, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, organizing secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian and librarian.

Section 2. Meetings. The board of management shall meet at the call of the regent at least four (4) times during the year, one of which shall be at the time of the annual state conference. Special meetings of the board of management may be held at the call of the State Regent, and shall be called upon the written request of six (6) of the State Officers. At least five (5) days' notice of the time and place of regular and special meetings shall be given each member of said board. Votes may be by mail, email or teleconference if necessary, and will be reaffirmed at the next board of management meeting.

The Board of Management shall:

A. have all power and authority over the affairs of the New Jersey State Society during the interim between meetings of the New Jersey State Society excepting that of modifying any action taken by the state conference;

B. be the custodian for all real and personal property of the New Jersey State Society;

C. make a complete report at each meeting of the Board of Management;

D. approve the budget at the first meeting following Continental Congress;

E. authorize the expenditures within the adopted budget;

- F. approve appointment of a Certified Public Accountant;
- G. fill vacancies in elective state offices;
- H. fix the time and place of the state conference when not arranged by the preceding conference.

Section 3. Quorum. A quorum for any regular or special meeting of the board of management shall be six (6) members.

Section 4. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 5. Contractual work for a project costing five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) or greater shall require procurement of three (3) bids before award is made. The lowest bidder for the same quality work and/or supplies shall be awarded the contract or work required. The Board of Management, by a majority vote, shall render the final decision as to what constitutes same quality.

Section 6. The Board of Management shall receive notice of all bequests to the New Jersey State Society, NSDAR. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Management to study the terms and conditions of said bequests prior to acceptance or rejection of same as funds must be used for approved DAR projects.

Section 7. No individual will benefit from the income of any bequest or from any state or chapter funds.

ARTICLE XI - COMMITTEES

Section 1. State Committees. The State Committees shall be: Bylaws; Conference Committee; Finance; Founders Committee; New Jersey Period Room; New Jersey Sunday at Valley Forge; Newsletter; NJDAR Awards, Contests & Scholarships; State Regent's Project; and Tours & Travel.

Section 2. Members. The regent shall appoint the members of committees and of such other committees as the board of management shall create.

Section 3. The Bylaws Committee shall:

- A. review the state bylaws for compliance with NSDAR Bylaws;
- B. submit any necessary amendments to the Board of Management prior to the State Conference;
- C. edit and correlate proposed amendments from chapters or the board of management before notice is given;
- D. prepare the notice of proposed amendments for distribution by the corresponding secretary thirty (30) days prior to the conference to all voting members, including chapter regents.

Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of the state chairman, regent and treasurer. The committee shall:

- A. prepare an annual budget based on receipts of the preceding year;
- B. present the budget for approval at the first meeting of the board of management following Continental Congress;
- D. supervise expenditures within the adopted budget.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum of each committee shall be a majority of the committee members.

Section 6. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

ARTICLE XII - CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The Chapter Regent, immediately following her election shall furnish:

- A. a list of chapter officers to the office of the Organizing Secretary General, the state regent and the state corresponding secretary;

- B. the name of the corresponding chapter officer to each state officer;
- C. the name of the corresponding chapter chairman to each state chairman;
- D. a current copy of the chapter bylaws to the state parliamentarian and state chair of the bylaws committee;
- E. a current copy of the chapter yearbook to the state officers.

Section 2. The Chapter Regent shall complete the Chapter Master Report or ensure it is completed and submit it as instructed by the State Regent. The information is to be used in compiling the state report to the National Society.

ARTICLE XIII - REPORTS

Section 1. Each State Officer, the District Directors, the Regent of each chapter, the State Chairman of each national committee, state committee, and the State Chairmen of such special committees as may be requested by the State Regent or the State Board of Management, shall prepare an annual report. These reports shall be submitted to the State Regent and the State Recording Secretary.

Section 2. Each State Officer, State Chairman of National, State and Special Committees shall pass to her successor all materials pertaining to the office within thirty (30) days of the close of the Continental Congress in the year of her election or appointment.

ARTICLE XIV - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or rulings of the National Society Daughters of the

American Revolution, these bylaws or any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1. Notice. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any state conference, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent to the board of management, the national officers and honorary national officers of the state, honorary state regents, honorary state officers, and all chapters of the state, at least thirty (30) days before the State Conference.

Section 2. Effective. Any amendment to the bylaws shall take effect at the close of the state conference at which it is adopted unless otherwise provided for prior to its adoption or in the motion to adopt.

Section 3. Mandatory Amendments. Any amendment to the bylaws of the National Society shall become the law of the state without further notice.

ARTICLE XVI - LIABILITY

The State Society shall be an independent legal entity from the National Society, solely responsible in all instances, for their debts, legal obligations, liabilities, expenditures, claims made against it and any actions taken by it.

ARTICLE XVII - DISSOLUTION

Although the period of duration of the state organization is perpetual, if for any reason the state organization is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the state organization or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the officers or members of the state organization. Upon the dissolution of the state organization, assets

shall be distributed by the Board of Management to and only to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. [Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the local United States District Court, exclusively to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3), with purposes and objectives consistent with those of the state organization.]

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