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State Regent Diane Waugh Oliver





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Ann Whitall Chapter, NSDAR
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America's 250th Birthday**

Marker Day April 27, 2022



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New Jersey Places First DAR America 250 Patriots Marker and Honors Pvt. Oliver Cromwell, a Black Revolutionary War Patriot

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022, NJDAR and guests gathered for two historic marker ceremony events. The first was the Commemorative Bronze Marker for the "Original Home of Revolutionary War Soldier - Private Oliver Cromwell" He served as a private in the 2nd New Jersey Regiment between 1777 and 1783 fighting in many of the battles that eventually lead to American victory and independence. His discharge papers, signed by George Washington, noted he received the badge of merit.

The second ceremony was to place New Jersey's first DAR America 250 Patriots Marker at the Battle of Assunpink Creek at Mill Hill Park, Trenton, NJ. The Battle of Assunpink Creek was a pivotal moment in history and this marker honors all the Patriots who fought for freedom at the 2nd Battle of Trenton during the Ten Crucial Days of the American Revolution.

The markers were dedicated by President General Denise Doring VanBuren; America 250 National Chair and Secretary of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission Lynn Forney Young; Historian General Laura Kessler; State Regent Bonnie Matthews; and the New Jersey DAR State Officers.

Composed by Deb Hvizdos, State Historian 2019-2022

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State Chairs of National Committees As of July 3, 2022

America 250! State Co-Chair	Elizabeth Dunnell
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American Heritage State Chair	Adrienne Kubiak
American History State Chair	Diane Barsa
American Indians State Chair	Holly Dunbar
Americanism State Chair	Laura Troy
Chapter Development and Revitalization State Chair	Ruth Ryno
Children of the American Revolution State Chair	Vittoria Flick
Commemorative Events State Chair	Elizabeth Medich
Community Classroom State Chair	Patricia Franz
Community Service Awards State Chair	Heather Speas
Conservation State Chair	Heather Varner
Constitution State Chair	Catherine Jacoby
DAR Genealogy Preservation State Chair	Laura Franek
DAR Good Citizen State Chair	Julia Diddell
DAR Library Outreach	Lynda Aber
DAR Magazine State Chair	Kim Armstrong
DAR Museum Outreach State Chair	Pam Campbell
DAR Project Patriot State Chair	Michele Donnelly
DAR Scholarship State Chair	Barbara Eckert
DAR Schools State Chair	Alice Gates Incorvaia
DAR Service for Veterans	Leslie Clark
DAR/SAR State Chair	Ruth Ryno
DAR/SR State Chair	Heather Speas
Genealogical Records State Co-Chair	Beatrice Boyce
Genealogical Records State Co- Chair	Elizabeth Medich
Historic Preservation State Chair	Susan Bailey
Insignia State Chair	Susan Luczu
Junior American Citizens State Chair	Cheryl Knobe

Junior Membership State Co-Chair	Vittoria Flick
Junior Membership State Co-Chair	Gina Setzer
Lineage Research State Chair	Patricia Christie
Literacy Promotion State Chair	Katherine Mazzacco
Master Reports State Chair	Susan Shaw
Membership State Chair	Karen Hardy
National Defense State Chair	Marcia Szedula
Patriotic Records State Chair	Rhonda Aminian
President General's Project State Co-Chair	Collen Parliman
President General's Project State Co-Chair	Dorothy Ponte
Public Relations State Co-Chair	Sylvia Allen
Public Relations State Co-Chair	Patricia Jackson
Service to America State Chair	Nancy Donhauser
The Flag of the United States of America State Chair	Lisaann Permunionian
Volunteer Genealogist State Chair	Barbara Trokan
Volunteer Information Specialist State Co-Chairs	Kimberly Armstrong and Deborah Hvizdos
Women's Issues State Chair	Wendy Kelly



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

2022 Autumn State Meeting

NATIONAL THEME

“Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever!
Rejoice in our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship”

STATE THEME

“Kind Hearts Inspiring
Family, Service, and Community”

MEETING THEME

“Our Story Begins”

*September 24, 2022
Forsgate Country Club
Monroe Township, New Jersey*



Diane Waugh Oliver
NJDAR State Regent 2022-2025

“...the Lord looks on the heart.”
1 Samuel 16:7



Our Guest



Emily Robinson
State Regent Tennessee State Society

Our Luncheon Speaker



Judy Russell
“The Legal Genealogist”

2022 STATE MEETING

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent, Presiding

Musical Prelude

ProcessionalMarshall

Call To Order.....Diane W. Oliver, State Regent

InvocationMary Leonard, State Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
Lisaann Permunion, State Chair

The American’s CreedLaura Troy, State Chair

Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America
Catherine Ann Jacoby, State Chair

The National Anthem.....Linda Chesko, State Chorus Chair

Greetings from Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, President General
Linda B. Jurczak, State Vice Regent

Greetings from Philip Murphy, Governor of New Jersey
Rosemary Wallace, State Corresponding Secretary

Welcome.....Diane W. Oliver, State Regent

Introduction of Honored Members and Guests

Diane W. Oliver, State Regent

Greetings from Honorary State Officers

Bonnie N. Matthews, Honorary State Regent

Introduction of Pages and the State Regent’s Personal Page

Melissa Wetzel, State Chair

Announcements.....Jo Guscott, State Recording Secretary

**Saturday Afternoon
1:00 p.m.**

***** Luncheon *****

Grace.....Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

Luncheon Speaker

Judy Russell “The Rest of the Story”

DAR Leadership Training Committee Graduation

Hostess Chapters

Northern District Chapters

Rebecca Martinsen, Northern District Director

Basking Ridge

Beacon Fire

Bergen-Paulus Hook

Captain Daniel Vliet

Chinkchewunska

Church And Cannon

Claverack

Eagle Rock - Cranetown

Elizabeth Parcels De Voe

Ferro Monte

General William Maxwell

Hester Schuyler Colfax

Loantaka - Parsippanong

Major Joseph Bloomfield

Morristown

Nova Caesarea

PollyWyckoff-DavidDemarest

Saddle River

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it Stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

~Francis M. Bellamy

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I THEREFORE believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

~William Tyler Page

Preamble to the United States Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

~Francis Scott Key

NJDAR Autumn Meeting

Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2022

AM Session

The meeting was called to order at 9:46 am by the State Regent, Mrs. Diane Oliver, at the Forsgate County Club in Monroe Township, NJ.

The opening exercises were observed. The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Mary Leonard. Lisaann Permunion led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. Laura Troy, State Chair of Americanism, led the reciting of the American's Creed. The Preamble to the Constitution was led by State Chair of Constitution Week, Catherine Ann Jacoby. Linda Chesko and the Jersey Girl Choir sang the National Anthem.

State Vice Regent, Linda Jurczak read greetings from the NSDAR President General, Mrs. Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright. State Corresponding Secretary, Rosemary Wallace, read greetings from Phillip Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey. Forsgate Country Club Banquet Manager, Sheri Courtney welcomed the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution to the facilities and Linda Jurczak, State Vice Regent, thanked her for the hospitality.

The State Regent recognized and thanked the Conference Chairs: Grace McAfee and Cindi Aherns.

Mrs. Oliver introduced the Honorary State Regents: Rita C. Kline, Honorary State Regent 2007; Cornelia Ball Olde, Honorary State Regent, 2016, Past Reporter General, 2019 and our State Parliamentarian; Karen Fritensky Storever, Honorary State Regent, 2019; Bonnie Nevard Matthews, Honorary State Regent, 2022. Bonnie Matthews brought greetings from the Honorary State Regents.

State Regent, Diane Oliver, introduced the State Board of Managers for the 2022-2024 term:

State Vice Regent Linda Bongiovanni Jurczak, State Chaplain Mary Robbins Leonard, State Recording Secretary Josephine Cavallaro Guscott, State Corresponding Secretary Rosemary Cain Wallace, State Organizing Secretary Gayle Loftis, State Treasurer Jane Cowan Daly, State Registrar Christine Murphy, and State Librarian Lynda R. Aber. Ms. Sanftner, State Historian, was unable to attend.

Diane Oliver, State Regent, introduced her personal Page, Adrienne Kubiak.

The State Regent introduced the following national appointments from New Jersey:

Genealogical Records, National Chair Catherine Medich
Continental Congress, National Co-Chair Cornelia Olde
Continental Congress, National Co-Chair Melissa Wetzel
Continental Congress ,Registration Line Chair Lynda Aber
American Heritage, National Vice Chair Patricia Sanftner
Community Classroom, National Vice Chair Heather Varner
Community Classroom, National Vice Chair Ashley Wasser
DAR Leadership Training, National Vice Chair Kimberly Armstrong
DAR Scholarship, National Vice Chair Jane Daly
Junior American Citizen, National Vice Chair Linda Chesko

Lineage Research, National Vice Chair	Terry Brasko
Public Relations and Media, National Vice Chair	Bonnie Matthews
Volunteer Information Specialist, National Vice Chair	
Deb Hvizdos	
Community Classroom, Division Vice Chair	Barbara Pierson
Conservation, Division Vice Chair	Laura Franek
Constitution Week, Division Vice Chair	Lisaann Permunionian
DAR Good Citizen, Division Vice Chair	Carrie Efinger
DAR Project Patriot, Division Vice Chair	Katherine Cook
Community Classroom, Member	Gayle Loftis
Community Classroom, Member	Stephanie Teagarden
DAR Genealogy Commission, Member	Patti Christie
Lineage Research, Member	Catherine Medich
Lineage Research, Member	Karen Stroever
Specialty Research, Member	Deb Hvizdos
Specialty Research, Member	Evelyn McDowell

Madam State Regent recognized members who serve the veterans via the VAVS program.

Joanne Stoy, Lyons VA Hospital, Bernard's Township
 Karen Stroever,

Edison Memorial Home for Disabled Veterans, Menlo Park

Diane Donnelly, Vineland Veteran's Home, Vineland

Susan Novalsky, Deputy, Vineland Veteran's Home, Vineland

Mrs. Oliver introduced the District Directors seated at the head table.

Vittoria Flick, Central District Director
General David Foreman- Penelope Hart Chapter
Rebecca Martinsen, Northern District Director
Ferro Monte Chapter
Jeanine Ingenito, Southern District Director
General Lafayette Chapter

Mrs. Oliver introduced the State Chairs of National and State Committees, and Special Appointments.

National Service Committees:

American Heritage	Adrienne Kubiak
American History	Diane Barsa
Vice Chair, American History Essay Contest	Patricia Hicks
Vice Chair, Patriots of the American Revolution, Essay Contest	Wendy Kelly
American Indians	Holly Dunbar
Americanism	Laura Troy
Children of the American Revolution	Vittoria Flick
Commemorative Events	Elizabeth Medich
Community Classroom	Patricia Frank
Community Service Award	Heather Speas
Conservation	Heather Varner
Constitution Week	Catherine Ann Jacoby
DAR Good Citizen	Julie Diddel
DAR Library Outreach	Lynda Aber
DAR Magazine	Kimberly Armstrong
DAR Museum Outreach	Pamela Campbell
DAR Patriot Project	Michele Donnelly
DAR Scholarship	Barbara Eckert
DAR School	Alice Gates Incorvaia
DAR Service to Veterans	Leslie Clark

The Flag of the United States of American	Lisaann Permunionian
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Literacy Promotion	Kathleen Mazzacco
National Defense	Marcia Szedula
Service to American	Nancy Donhauser
Women's Issues	Wendy Kelly

Genealogy Committees:

Application Task Force	Christine Murphy
DAR DNA Network	Debbie Hansen
DAR Genealogy Preservation	Laura Franek
DAR Genealogy Commission	Christine Murphy
Genealogical Records, Co-Chair	Bea Boyce
Genealogical Records, Co- Chair	Elizabeth Medich
Lineage Research	Patricia Christie
Lineage Research, Northern District	Emily Carlin
Lineage Research, Central District	Cindy Knierim
Lineage Research, Southern District	Kathy Fritz
Patriots Records Project	Rhonda Aminan
Specialty Research	Mary Ellen Rogan
Volunteer Genealogist	Barbara Trokan

Members Engagement Committees:

Chapter Development and Revitalization	Ruth Ryno
DAR Leadership Training, Co-Chair	Tina Sculerati
DAR Leadership Training, Co-Chair	Kathy Walsh
Insignia	Susan Luczu
Junior Membership	Gina Setzer
Junior Membership, Vice Chair	
Outstanding Junior Contest	Vittoria Flick
Master Reports	Susan Shaw
Membership	Karen Hardy

President General's Project, Co-Chair	Dorothy Ponte
President General's Project, Co-Chair Protocol	Colleen Parlman
Public Relations and Media, Co-Chair	Nancy Kritch
Public Relations and Media, Co-Chair.	Sylvia Allen
Social Media	Patty Jackman
Units Overseas	Patty Jackman
Volunteer Information Specialist	Amanda Greene
	Kim Armstrong

Administrative Committees:

Bylaws	Cornelia Olde
Special Committees:	
America 250! Co-Chair	Patricia Sanftner
America 250! Co-Chair	Elizabeth Dunnell

State Committees:

Awards Day Event	Kate Cutts
Credentials, State Conference	Diane Donnelly
Crossroads Courier	Heather Sanford
Fashion Design	Jo Guscott
Finance	Louise Stiloski
New Jersey Room	Cheryl Knabe
NJDAR Scholarships	Barbara Pollison-Beck
NJDAR Sunday at Valley Forge, Co-Chair	Joan McNicol
NJDAR Sunday at Valley Forge, Co-Chair	Katy Marshall
Outstanding Chapter Regent Contest	Bonnie Matthews
Pages	Melissa Wetzel
Parliamentarian	Cornelia Olde
Post Box	Melissa Mogen
Photography	Lisaann Pennunian

Program - Design and Print	Heather Sanford
Real Daughters Project	Bea Boyce
Conference Committee Chair	Grace McAfee
Conference Committee Vice Chair	Cindi Aherns
State Regent's Project Co-Chairs	Bea Boyce and Catherine Medich
The Founders Committee	Linda Chesko
Tours and Travel	Diane Argraves

Special State Appointments:

DAR/Boy Scouts Liaison	Colleen Parliman
DAR/Girl Scouts Liaison	Melissa Mogen
DAR/ROTC Liaison	Gerry Varley
DAR/SAR Liaison	Ruth Ryno
DAR/SR Liaison	Heather Speas
DAR/4-H Liaison	Holly Dunbar

Madam State Regent introduced leaders of DAR Clubs: Diane Argraves, President, State Officers Club; Lynda Aber, President, Ex-Regents Club; Heather Varner, President, Page Club; Karen Stroeveer, President, NJDAR 50 Year Club.

Melissa Olde Wetzel, State Chair of Pages, introduced the pages serving at the meeting: Ashley Wasser, Ferro Monte Chapter, State Vice Chair of Pages; Adrienne Kubiak, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, Personal Page to the State Regent, Laura Franek, Chinkchewunska Chapter, Personal Page to Honored Guests; Vittoria Flick, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, Personal Page to Honorary State Officers Heather Varner, Ferro Monte Chapter, Personal Page to Conference Chair, Hannah Maurice, Ferro Monte Chapter, Personal Page to State Officers; Stephanie Teagarden, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, Personal Page to

Registration and Credentials; Rebecca Martinsen, Ferro Monte Chapter, Personal Page to Marshal; Heather Kees, The Coastal Watch Chapter, Floor Page; Jess McCann, Transfer from Ohio, Floor Page; Mary Whitman, Red Bank Chapter, Floor Page; Gwendolyn Beslow, Morristown Chapter, Floor Page; Tiffany Willshaw, Morristown Chapter, Floor Page; Caroline Kircher, Exhibit Room Page; Zoe Mogen, Exhibit Room Junior Page

Madam State Regent introduced her friend and guest, Ms. Emily Robinson, State Regent of Tennessee.

Ms. Andiorio gave the registration commission morning report:

State Officers 9

Honoraries 4

Chapter Regents 19

Members 118

Guests 5

A motion was made, and the report was adopted.

Mrs. Oliver recounted her Washington DC swearing in and sashing as the 47th NJ State Regent and how thrilled she was to have Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Jurczak by her side, while her family and Mr. Jurczak sat in the New Jersey Box.

New Beginnings was the theme of the Autumn State Meeting with communications being the primary focus. The state website, Daughter's Digest, and Crossroads Courier are designed to propel members to become more involved in serviced based programs and projects. Facebook is for any member to share pictures and events of past events, experiences, and stories.

The Registrar's membership cards that were stored at Watson House and rescued by the Olde Administration provide valuable information about the members from 1900- 2010. This information will help fill out the history of our state society and furnished ancestors for the "Where Does Your Revolutionary Story Begin?" map.

Mrs. Oliver shared her DAR story that began 18 years ago in Eatontown, NJ that resulted in a beautiful friendship with Nancy Kritch. Mrs. Oliver encouraged the members to share their own DAR story to help build a stronger community of kind and gracious women.

The state officers then gave their reports.

State Recording Secretary, Mrs. Guscott, read the following morning announcements:

-Information about the Jersey Girl Bus to Washington DC can be picked up at the travel and tourism table, at the state website or by contacting Mrs. Argraves.

- Reminder to pick up postbox materials.
- Register for Ocean Sweep Clean Up Day, October 22, 2022.

The morning session ended at 11:47 am, at which time Mrs. Oliver stated that we would recess until 1 pm and lunch would be served. The membership stood while the platform recessed.

Meeting Minutes
Sept 24, 2022
PM Session

At 1 pm the State Regents along with her personal page, Northern District Director and the Northern District Chapter Regents and Vice Regents processed in.

Mrs. Martinsen, Northern District Director, introduced the host chapters.

Mrs. Oliver introduced the Tennessee State Regent, Mrs. Emily Robinson, who brought greetings from her state. Mrs. Robinson shared her state theme, “Volunteerism - Hearts in Action”, and her pin that depicted an imperfect heart to remind us we are not perfect but can be united in service to others. Mrs. Oliver presented her with a gift.

The State Regent, Mrs. Oliver, introduced others in attendance: Ms. Judy Russell, Mr. Douglas Oliver, and Ms. Anna Kline Cook.

Ms. Caroline Kircher, Vice President of the New Jersey State Society Children of the American Revolution brought greetings and spoke about the “Hands Up for Homeless Veterans” project. Mrs. Oliver presented her with a check for the project from the NJ state society.

Mr. Robert Meyer, Vice President General of the Sons of the American Revolution brought greetings and gifted corsages to Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Rita Kline. Mrs. Oliver gave Mr. Meyer a “Certificate of Friendship” from the DAR.

Mrs. Mary Leonard, State Chaplain, gave a blessing and lunch was served.

Judy G. Russell, known as the “Legal Genealogist “, spoke about the how to use various documents to piece together family history.

DAR Leadership Training Commitment Co-Chairs, Tina Sculerati and Kathleen Walsh presented certificates to members who have completed courses.

Members Course recipients:

Leslie Clark

Patricia Jackman

Melissa Mogen

Heather Sanford

Pat Sanftner

Committee Leaders Course recipients:

Diane Humphries Barsa

Linda Chesko

Laura Franek

Debbie Hanson

Deborah Hvizdos

Grace McAfee

Catherine Stearns Medich

Cornelia Olde

Lisaann Permunian

Patricia Sanftner

Barbara Herbst Trokan

New Horizons Course recipients:

Beatrice Boyce

Grace McAfee

Melissa Carton Mogen

Christine Murphy
Dorothy Mariah Ponte
Heather J. Sanford

Mrs. Oliver congratulated and thanked all who completed the courses.

Mrs. Andiorio gave the final registration report.
State Officers 9
Honoraries 4
Chapter Regents 22
Members 128
Guests 10

The report was moved and adopted.

Mrs. Oliver thanked the members who made the Autumn Meeting possible. They included: Conference Chair Grace McAffe and Vice Chair Cindy Aherns, Reservation and Registration Chair Stacy Andiorio and Vice Chair Valerie Trupp, Guest Hospitality Chair Debbie Langdon, Kim Armstrong for the music, and the women who served as pages for their dedicated efforts.

Voices were announced and winner stood and showed off their prizes.

Mrs. Rebecca Martinsen, Northern District Director issued an invitation to the 131 State Conference on April 14 and 15, 2023 at the Forsgate Country Club.

Final announcements were made by Mrs. Guscott.

-Northern District Director and Northern District Chapter Regents and Vice Regents are to meet at the back of the room at the close of the meeting for a photo opportunity.

-The Washington DC trip information can be found at the state website or by contacting Mrs. Diane Argraves.

- Don't forget to pick up post box materials.
- Ocean Sweep Clean Up Day is Saturday October 22.

Mrs. Leonard gave the Benediction.

The Colors were retired.

Mrs. Oliver, State Regent, closed the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Josephine Guscott
State Recording Secretary

Report of State Officers

STATE REGENT

Dear New Jersey Daughters,

Abraham Lincoln is credited with the following quote,

“Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out. It will wear well and will be remembered long after the prism of politeness or the complexion of courtesy has faded away.”

I officially became your State Regent on Sunday, the 3rd of July 2022 at the 131st Continental Congress, in our newly renovated and stunning Constitution Hall. It was an amazing feeling knowing that I was selected to lead our State Society for the next three years. However, the process of becoming a state regent began months before.

One of the greatest gifts I could have ever received as a New Jersey Daughter was the happenstance to follow in the steps of Bonnie Nevard Matthews, our 46th State Regent. Mrs. Matthews was always gracious and her attention to the small details of every task helped to make me a better and kinder person. Mrs. Matthews informed me very early in her term that my role as State Vice Regent was to prepare for the next term – to choose well and wisely, to keep our State Society strong and well-functioning.

I wasn't able to truly begin the process of selecting the future state board of managers until after Mrs. Matthews completed eighteen

months and a day of her term. Once past that very specific marker of time, I was able to commence. The “If I Am So Blessed To Be Elected...” phrase was repeated many times in those early months and throughout the process as I spoke with women who agreed to be a part of the executive board, district directors, and committee leaders.

April 30th was the day I could finally say, “I am SO blessed to have been elected as New Jersey’s 47th State Regent!” I was thrilled to have Cornelia Olde, a long-time mentor and dear friend, agree to nominate me and that my daughter, Alice Gates Oliver Incorvaia, was able to second my nomination.

Mrs. Matthews’ term did not end on April 30. She continued to lead and visit chapters throughout the very end of her term. The day after our 130th State Conference, Mrs. Matthews visited with the Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter and as a thank offering of her service to our society, the chapter gifted and presented Mrs. Matthews with two supplemental applications. A gift like none other.

Once the Oliver Associates was assembled, I asked each person to create a project that resonated with the individual on a personal as well as a DAR leadership level. I am thrilled to say each member was able to compose a designated project and is in the process of seeing it come to fruition.

While walking that expansive aisle on Sunday morning, the day before our nation was to celebrate its 247th birthday, I thought of the women from New Jersey who had come before me and had walked that walk. Were they rightfully a little nervous, possibly a little overwhelmed by the whole process? I know I was! I initially had Mrs. Matthews beside me and then, at the end of the day, there

stood another kind and gracious and highly invested Daughter and now New Jersey's State Vice Regent, Linda Bongiovanni Jurczak.

It was a true joy to be sashed with old friends around and Daughters whom I had yet to meet. Following the sashing ceremony, in our newly renovated New Jersey Box, Mrs. Matthews pinned New Jersey's official ribbon which held the New Jersey State Regent's pin at the top and our beloved insignia attached to the bottom, on me, with my husband Douglas, my kids, Alice and Geoffrey, and Linda's beloved husband, Steve, to bear witness.

My family went home, and I went to lunch with the newly installed Executive Board of Managers, the 21 Vice President Generals, and fellow state regents. Following lunch, I attended my first National Board of Management meeting, and that's where all of this became suddenly Real. The capital r is purposeful!

Dear Reader, it is so rare to have a woman from New Jersey chosen to lead a national committee. My first goal was to create our first service-based project of collecting Bible records that would enhance the national society's collection and honor New Jersey Daughter Catherine Medich, newly appointed National Chair, Genealogical Records Committee. I knew such a project would be a wonderful way to acknowledge and honor Catherine's achievement. I have faith that with the support of NJDAR's state chairs and co-chairs of Historical Preservation and Genealogical Records Committee that NJ Daughters will gather at least 25 pages of noted documents.

I requested Connie Olde, State Parliamentarian and Bylaws Chair, to reach out to chapters asking for a copy of their bylaws so we could ensure that each chapter was working with up-to-date tools

that would help them continue the work of the Society. She received most.

The leaders of the newly formed Middletown Chapter were installed, and the chapter followed up with a wonderful celebration a few weeks later. General Washington Chapter merged with General Mercer Chapter on August 5, 2022.

The Oliver Administration is off to a grand beginning and our success is directly related to the dedication and efforts of every single member of our society. Indeed, the Lord looks on the hearts of the 2700+ New Jersey Daughters and sees kindness, a willingness to serve. and know they have the ability to make a difference in their community.

With Kind Hearts Inspiring Family, Service, and Community –

Diane Waugh Oliver
State Regent

STATE VICE REGENT

The first year of an administrative term is traditionally that of transition and opportunities to enhance one's knowledge of the intricate workings of the State Society, and 2022 was no exception. As State Vice Regent, this officer is prepared to step up to any task required by the State Regent. The strongest lesson learned to date is to communicate well. In that regard, this officer corresponds with the Honorary State Regents who are unable to attend State Meetings, State Board members via regular, in-person and electronic meetings, Committee chairs that have been assigned to as their Liaison to the Board, and with the general membership via articles in the state newsletter, Daughters Digest, and members' Facebook page. At the end of the year, this Officer has the fun task of creating and distributing the holiday greeting card from the

Board of Managers.

As the threat of COVID was downgraded in 2022, we were afforded the opportunity to plan and attend events in person. This officer had the honor of attending NJSSAR, SAR-Midstate and NJCAR events as well as Continental Congress, NJ Sunday at Valley Forge and many chapter events throughout the state. Each event builds on the momentum of America's 250th anniversary in 2026.

A positive outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic is that leaders and members continued and improved upon ways to conduct informative meetings, webcasts, as well as more social gatherings through the use of computers. It is wonderful to be able to "meet" with groups via the internet that just a few years ago would have been inaccessible due to distance.

It is truly an honor to serve the New Jersey State Society as part of the Oliver Administration where each member is encouraged by the state theme of, "Kind hearts inspiring family, service and community". Let the service of NJDAR "sparkle" for all to see! Thank you, Madame State Regent, for this opportunity!

Linda Bongiovanni Jurczak
State Vice Regent

STATE CHAPLAIN

This officer began her duties as the New Jersey State Chaplain on July 1, 2022. She was installed on April 30, 2022, at the Annual State Conference.

This State Chaplain was kept busy sending numerous get well, birthday and sympathy cards. As the chapters notify this officer of 90+ birthday, cards are sent out in a timely manner. She wishes to

thank all the chapter chaplains and chapter members who keep her informed.

This officer attended all Board Meetings and State Meetings. She provided the Invocation, Grace and Benedictions at state meetings. A total of 41 New Jersey Daughters were reported deceased during the 2022 calendar year.

Madam State Regent, it has been an honor and joy to serve the New Jersey State Society.

Mary Leonard
State Chaplain

STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

This officer was installed in April 2022 at the Spring Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Princeton Junction and she began her official duties on July 1, 2022.

This officer attended the National Conference in Washington, DC in June. She has recorded notes at the Fall Meeting and board meetings and disseminated meeting notes to board members.

In addition, this officer has contracted with a printer for the 2022 Proceedings Book. She was in contact with the previous State Recording Secretary, Kim Armstrong, for guidance and consultation. She liaised with her committee chairwomen.

This officer attended numerous luncheons and chapter meetings in addition to Wreaths Across America at Holmdel, NJ.

It is an honor to serve the Oliver Administration and a pleasure to serve the New Jersey Society.

Josephine Guscott
State Recording Secretary

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The year 2022 has been one of transition from the Matthews Administration to the Oliver Administration. For roughly the first

half of the year the State Corresponding Secretary conducted all correspondence on behalf of the state society, forwarded emails for distribution to District Directors, Committee Chairs and State Officers and chapter regents, obtained Governor's greetings and continuously updated the Directory and email lists. She also assisted graciously in the smooth transition to the Oliver Administration.

Following the official inauguration of the Oliver Administration in July, this officer was excited to participate in Madam Regent's new and comprehensive system of communication with each and every member of the state society. In particular, this officer worked closely with the VIS Committee in creating the twice-monthly New Jersey Daughters Digest emailed directly to each NJ daughter with a registered email address.

This officer is pleased to report that in 2022 nine editions of the Daughters Digest were produced and emailed to approximately 2,400 NJ daughters. Gratifyingly, the email open rate for the Digest was reported at 57 per cent which is substantially greater than the recorded average open rate of 42 per cent for non-profit organizations.

This officer completed a comprehensive review and revision of the NJ State Directory to reflect the change in national, state and chapter officers, committee chairs and national reorganization. The initial printed version was distributed in September at the Autumn State Meeting and posted on the members website. A second revision was completed and posted in January 2023. A second revised printed version will be distributed at the Spring Conference in April 2023.

Madame State Regent, it is an honor to serve you and the New Jersey Society.

STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

Over the past year, this officer has engaged in an assessment to work with our chapters to ensure that they are healthy, strong, and able to successfully grow. As State Organizing Secretary, it is my honor to attempt to communicate and resolve issues for chapters that will permit each chapter, and in turn the State Organization, to identify, retain and grow with new members, as it is through the chapters that we gain our strength. Working with the CDR committee and our State Registrar are integral to functions in my office and to the health of our organization.

To achieve the goal of assessment of current issues that may be present within our chapters, there was circulated a Survey Questionnaire, the results of which were distributed to the leadership and will be made available to our membership. Its responses were very interesting and may prove helpful for determination of where our organization and chapters show strength and where it may be strengthened further in the future.

Chapter merger began during the last Administration was approved in calendar year 2022 by National and is now completed. Exploration continues for the creation of a new chapter in Central Jersey with members of the Oliver Cromwell descendants. Overall, as of the end of the past year, the state has 45 chapters and 2,713 members which showed a gain of 28 new members over our prior numbers. Attendance by this officer at chapter meetings, workshops and events throughout the state will continue into the future in order to facilitate communication between our chapters and our State Board.

In response to interest expressed by membership, this officer undertook to assess whether that interest was sufficient to permit the

organization to petition the State of New Jersey to issue NJDAR Specialty Plates for membership motor vehicles. Unfortunately, we were not able to obtain that requisite level of member commitment to initiate development within the State Motor Vehicle Commission at this time.

This officer has also worked over the past year, and will continue to do so, to raise the profile of the State DAR and its chapters with other organizations. Those efforts have ranged from attendance at statewide conventions relating to municipalities and other organizations within which chapters may interact in furtherance of DAR missions, to the preliminary development of a bank of minority patriot profiles which may be showcased and shared in publications throughout the state in the future.

Lastly, this officer continues to assist our Parliamentarian in compiling Chapter Bylaws for review in order to ensure that the chapters comply with the requirements of our National Society as they are amended by the National Board of Management. This bidirectional communication assists in furtherance of our State Regent's program of communication with our chapters to ensure that we move forward together.

It has been an honor to serve on your Board, Madame State Regent.

Gayle Loftis
State Organizing Secretary

STATE TREASURER

This officer was honored to be installed as State Treasurer at the 2022 State Conference and afterwards collaborated with the previous Treasurer to ensure a smooth transition of the Society's financial records. A forensic audit was also performed in conjunction with this transition to streamline the accounts and update the accounting software.

This officer attended all State Board meetings and numerous chapter events throughout the year. She performed all the duties of her office including depositing receipts, paying expenses, reconciling accounts, and processing contributions to the appropriate accounts in a timely manner. She distributed updated forms and information to the chapters and responded to questions as they arose. She prepared a budget for the upcoming year which was reviewed by the State Finance Chair and approved by the State Board of Management.

This officer is happy to report that in 2022 New Jersey Daughters continued their generous ways. Chapters and members contributed \$36,855.64 toward National and State Committees. Mrs. Matthews' State Regent's Project culminated with a donation of \$75,328 to Semper Fido and contributions for Mrs. Oliver's Project reached \$20,382.00 at year end.

Madam State Regent, thank you for the opportunity to serve as a State Officer. It is an honor and privilege.

Jane Daly
State Treasurer

STATE REGISTRAR

This officer attended all meetings of the State Board of Management, the Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee, and the NJDAR Autumn meeting this past fall. This

officer has kept the NJ chapter registrars current on all correspondence from National. She works with the State Membership Chair, Karen Hardy, to make sure the Prospective Members are assigned to the appropriate chapter in a timely manner.

This officer has devoted herself to answering emails and phone calls from chapter registrars and state genealogy chairs on registrar responsibilities, AIRs and pre-letters.

This officer has had the pleasure of hosting the virtual monthly meeting, "Genealogy Happy Hour," which is open to all New Jersey Daughters. This gathering gives small lessons on the proper way to prepare applications and supplementals and answers questions about chapter registrar responsibilities.

This officer was beyond excited to participate in the First Annual DAR Genealogy Institute in May 2022. Listening to genealogy speakers from the staff at National was extremely helpful. Talking and exchanging ideas with 100 other DAR researchers over three days was priceless.

This officer is pleased to report the following number of admitted members in New Jersey:

From January through July, 94 members were admitted to the National Society; from August through December, 68 members were admitted.

Madame State Regent, it is an honor and a pleasure to serve you and the New Jersey State Society this past year.

Christine Murphy
State Registrar

STATE HISTORIAN

It is such a great pleasure to be the historian for the state of New Jersey.

The project given to this officer for this administration was the compiling of the 4th volume of the NJDAR history. It is still with Diane Argraves being edited. There are a few items outstanding, this officer will check with chapters next week to see if there will be reports added, if not we can go to press as soon as the copy is edited.

The project this state officer has initiated is the compiling of a thorough listing of each Revolutionary Soldier in the state done county by county. On March 21 a zoom meeting was held where over 40 members were invited to learn about the process. On April 13th there will be a “Hands On Workshop”, where members have been invited to bring their computers and start the work. The overall response to this project has been exciting and it is hoped that members will complete the work in the time left in this administration. In addition, as the America 250! Co-chair, she has been introducing this project as hours dedicated to the committee. With invitations to speak at several chapters, the volunteer pool is growing.

The Outstanding Teacher of American History was chosen at the end of 2022, JoAnn DaSilva from Newton High School was the winner sponsored by Chinkchewunska Chapter.

After attending a meeting for RevolutionNJ, regarding the 250!th, this officer was asked to form a conduit for information to lineal societies. As such she contacted Roger Williams of the SAR/SSR and he has agreed to be the secretary for this lineal group. 20 different groups were included. So far, we have had 2 zoom meetings, and are working on a calendar, shared publicity, and volunteer possibilities.

In addition, this state Officer produced successful nominations for both Mrs. Olde and Mrs. Argraves as Outstanding Women in

American History. She has also attended all State Board of Managers meetings, luncheons, many chapter meetings and events.

Patricia Sanftner
State Historian

STATE LIBRARIAN

This officer is proud to report on the activities of the members of the New Jersey DAR chapters.

As reported from the NSDAR Librarian General, the New Jersey DAR chapters donated nine books to the NSDAR library in 2022, and chapters have continued to reach out to their local libraries and schools with donations.

A very appreciative thank you to each of the chapters that donated to our much-loved National DAR library, local libraries and schools. This officer would like to recognize chapters that contributed to libraries: Cape May Chapter donated the geological library of Pat Munson Siter to the Cape May Historical Society on her passing. Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter donated a book authored by a member's mother entitled "My Family" to the NSDAR library. Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe chapter donated 10 patriotic children flag books to a local school. Francis Hopkinson chapter collected children's books for a local school and sent a newspaper abstract to NSDAR library. Governor William Livingston Chapter donated three books to the NSDAR Library; Shrewsbury Towne Monmouth Chapter held a 125th anniversary of the NSDAR library with a video and birthday cake celebration; Ferro Monte Chapter donated a two-set volume, "Forgotten Patriots" to their local library. Morristown Chapter donated proceeding books to the NJ State Board to be added to our collection.

In addition, several chapters have ongoing book clubs that meet either by zoom or in person. Beacon Fire club read "The Widow Washington" and "The Doctors Blackwell"; General Lafayette Chapter read "Rebels at Sea" and then had a book party with a pirate

theme, with booty bags and friendship. Governor William Livingston read “The Indigo Girl”.

The chapters have been very active in honoring and donating to all of the libraries within the state and DAR library. Members have volunteered time to work at local and University libraries each month.

This Officer has suggested to chapter librarians to encourage their chapter to make a goal to donate at least one book per year to NSDAR Library or a local/ School library.

As State Librarian I will oversee collection of three complete sets of proceeding books from the first State Conference to current 2022. One set to be stored at the Rutgers Alexander Library New Brunswick in special collections section, one will remain at State Headquarters, and one will be used to create a digital copy. Secondly, encouraging members to sponsor and place a “take one leave one library” free library in their community, to be manned by their chapter members and placed in their local area.

This officer will be working with the State Board to explore how State board members may assist chapters in encouraging membership; at home projects when members cannot go to meetings, as well as defining goals to determine interest in serving within their chapters, state, and National DAR, while also suggesting informative programs each member will feel a pride to become involved in.

This Officer is proud to serve local DAR chapters, and NSDAR to bring to each of our members the richness of information contained in our libraries, encouraging DAR members to start book clubs within their own chapters or join very enlightened book clubs on the NSDAR website.

Madam State Regent it is an honor and pleasure to serve the Oliver Administration.

Lynda R. Aber
State Librarian

**REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF
NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEES**

AMERICA 250!

Some astounding things are being done by a few chapters for America 250! In the state of New Jersey.

Marker Day sponsored by our State Society, saw the placement of our only 250! Marker. Responsibility is shared by many chapters, Chinkchewunska, Matochshoning – Rebecca Cornell, Ferro Monte, and Morristown. Special recognition to Shrewsbury Towne- Monmouth member Deb Hvizdos for her particularly outstanding work and to State Regent, Bonnie Matthews.

Great John Mathis member, DiAnne Grove, a New Jersey legislator, is happily on the New Jersey 250! State Commission. NJ members have been inactive in Revolution NJ, the group creating events and encouraging public interaction. Your committee chairs, and other members have been attending their meetings.

Middletown Chapter focuses on the soldiers buried in their cemeteries, identifying the gravesites, assessing the condition of the stones, and either restoring, or ordering new stones replacements from the military. In all more than 35 graves have been marked or stones replaced to date. With the help of an Atlas Preservation Workshop which drew in scores of participants including people from 5 states, Middletown Chapter got a boost with restoration of these gravesites.

Morristown has compiled a list of each of their Counties' 2,158 Revolutionary War soldiers, with the information they have recovered, they have either posted new listings on Find -A -Grave or augmented existing ones. Each F-A-G listing now includes graphics suggested by the President General in April 2022, and information leading back to Morristown Chapter. These postings have led to a stream of inquiries from all over the nation, helping DAR members, and prospective members find proof of service, or residence. As many as 50% of these Revolutionary War Veterans are not DAR Proven Ancestors, so these listings are making it possible to prove "new" Patriots. The Morristown Chapter spreadsheet has been gifted to research areas like, the Morris County's List of Veterans, the New Jersey Historical Society, The NJ Society of the Cincinnati, and the NJSAR. Chapter member Bobbi Baliey has taken stories interpolated from pension records and has shared them with members and the public; via FaceBook, and the Morris County Tourism Bureau. Morristown Chapter has also applied for and been granted a Celebration Grant for their marking of the grave of Jabez Campfield, Revolutionary War surgeon and former owner of their Chapter House.

In Westfield there was a Rochambeau Revolutionary Route parade attended by George Washington, General Rochambeau, members of the State NJDAR Board of Managers, and Westfield Chapter. At their kickoff, speakers highlighted the upcoming 250th, stressing its importance. The event was organized by a Middletown chapter member.

Recognition of patriot graves was a theme with many chapters including Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth, Colonel Thomas Reynolds, General William Maxwell, General Lafayette, Beacon Fire, as well as the aforementioned Middletown.

Intimate things happened too. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth shared ornaments of their chapter patriots at the NJ Vietnam Memorial. And a bench in honor of Colonel Thomas Reynolds from that Chapter, now sits near his grave.

Sadly, responses from all our chapters were lacking. With 3 years remaining before 2026, we hope to address this and see it changed.

Patricia Sanftner & Elizabeth Dunnell
America 250! Committee, State Co-Chairs

AMERICAN HISTORY

Thirty-one chapters added sparkle to their activities by participating in at least one of this committee's programs.

Chapter meetings were enhanced by no less than 74 presentations on American history topics, 18 of which were about Women in American History.

Displays placed in 24 public venues included information tables exhibiting chapters' involvement in local history, educational materials regarding both the National Society and New Jersey DAR, and genealogy research. The Middletown Chapter's information table, featured at the Battle of Monmouth Anniversary and Middletown Day, offered unique information about local history and local Patriots. The Jersey Blue Chapter's display at East Jersey Old Towne History Day featured their chapter house, Buccleuch Mansion. In addition to informational materials, American flags and coloring sheets were distributed.

Chapters shone in local newspapers and historical societies newsletters, as well as on their individual and NJDAR's Facebook pages. Several chapters received print coverage for the American History Essay Contest. The Great John Mathis Chapter was highlighted in an issue of *The Sandpaper* for service to the

community in the areas of history, education, and patriotism. Photographs accompanied the article. The Princeton Chapter participated in the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Princeton Monument and the reenactment of the Battle of Princeton. Photographs and portions of a speech given by a chapter member were in the *Princeton Packet*.

State Historian, Deborah Hvizdos took part in a President's Day radio broadcast: A radio interview for black Revolutionary War soldier, Private Oliver Cromwell.

The American History Essay Contest was a great success with 860 students submitting essays. The Shrewsbury Towne – Monmouth Chapter is to be commended for the work of the chapter's committee of nine dedicated members who read, reviewed, and judged 604 essays during the December holiday season.

Four chapters participated in the Patriots of the American Revolution High School Essay Contest. Two participants were awarded bronze medals.

The Excellence in American History Awards were given to 26 deserving students. The Chinkchewunska Chapter presented this award to 20 students in elementary through high school. The General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter honored the senior class student with the highest GPA in American History and the senior class student with the highest GPA in History a bronze medal, certificate, and American history book. In addition, they gave three eighth grade students with the highest GPA in American History bronze medals and certificates.

The kind hearts of members participating in this committee's mission accomplished inspiring students, community members, and other chapter members.

Diane Humphrey Barsa
American History Committee, State Chair

AMERICAN INDIANS

2022 saw an increased awareness of issues facing our nation's Indigenous Peoples, and a growing appreciation for their unique cultures and contributions.

Thirty-five NJ chapters reported participating in Committee activities. A total of 178 American Indian Minutes were presented with a three-way tie between Claverack, Maj. Joseph Bloomfield and Morristown for a high count of nine. In addition, 14 chapters presented a total of 23 American Indian programs.

Four Native American Heritage Month Proclamations were issued, two at the request of Ferro Monte and one each for Elizabeth Snyder-Continental and Westfield.

Eight chapters made monetary donations totaling \$1,582. This included \$763 for Bacone College and \$552 for Chemawa Indian School. Haddonfield led the way with donations totaling \$581, followed by Morristown with \$448. Memorial gifts were made by Basking Ridge and Red Bank. Other school donors included Francis Hopkinson, Greenwich Tea Burning and Gen. Lafayette, who also donated \$240 to the Friends fund, and Gen. Mercer donated to the Scholarship fund.

Chemawa received holiday gifts valued at \$250 from Chinkchewunska, books worth \$129 from Francis Hopkinson, and wish list items from Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe. Gen. Mercer donated a projector to Bacone.

Westfield participated in virtual meetings with the NJ Commission on American Indian Affairs concerning a project to create a painting honoring the Lenape for Liberty State Park, and a member visited missions on a Navajo reservation. Five members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental participated in Native American Heritage Month activities and the chapter received press for their Proclamation from Middlesex County.

There are many videos online that can be used as programs. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth featured "Cherokee Veterans from

Bacone College.” A member of Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell shares news from the Onondaga Nation, and a member of Princeton participated in an event featuring Native American music. Beacon Fire includes a Native American Minute in their chapter newsletter.

NJ Daughters were encouraged to watch the live-streamed coverage of the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Veterans’ Day. A link was provided, and several chapters had members who watched this historic and moving ceremony.

The inaugural issue of “Native Heritage” was published in September. This state newsletter serves to promote Committee projects and to educate members about Native Peoples. Articles feature Committee news, the history of America’s Indigenous People with a focus on the Lenape of NJ, program ideas, upcoming events, and even a Native American recipe. Every chapter received a print copy at the Autumn State Meeting. Two issues will be published each year to coincide with state meetings.

The American Indians Committee section of the NJDAR Members’ Website features Committee news, a calendar of upcoming Native American cultural and educational events in the region, issues of “Native Heritage,” and more. Committee news also appeared in the “Crossroads Courier,” and the NJDAR Digest. In the coming year, this state chairman hopes to increase the online committee resources for NJ chapters, host a state project and increase chapter participation.

Holly Jean Dunbar
American Indians Committee, State Chair

AMERICANISM

As COVID-19 restrictions loosened, 44 New Jersey Daughters supported a total of 412 immigrants on their path to citizenship at in-person Naturalization Ceremonies in 2022. In spring, Daughters

from the Colonel Thomas Reynolds, Moorestown, Princeton, General Lafayette and Greenwich Tea Burning Chapters welcomed a total of 90 new citizens. Ceremonies were held in various locations throughout central and southern New Jersey. Rowan College in Mount Laurel, Morven Museum in Princeton, and Stockton University in Galloway provided backdrops for the ceremonies.

Daughters recognized Citizenship Day and Constitution Week through various activities. The Beacon Fire Chapter promoted citizenship and patriotism with a Mayoral Proclamation for Constitution Week at Summit City Hall. The Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter presented two Constitution programs to second and third graders. Students signed a Class Constitution as the Founding Fathers did, played Patriotic Bingo, sang “Happy Birthday” to the Constitution, and rang bells to celebrate its 235th Anniversary.

The Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter presented a “Heroines of the American Revolution” program featuring a first-person portrayal of New Jersey’s Annis Boudinot Stockton, Revolutionary-era patriot, writer, poet and wife of Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Stories of women of all colors and creeds were re-created. Historic costumes were worn. Patriotic songs were sung and played. Civil Air Patrol Cadets presented the Colors. Daughters distributed DAR and Flag Code brochures.

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter championed an occupational therapy program for immigrants detained in Elizabeth and sponsored the child of immigrants in the American History essay contest. Basking Ridge Daughter Debbie Hansen created chapter name tags with the American’s Creed and Preamble to the Constitution printed on back. The Claverack Chapter, with one past and present Americanism Chair, assembled welcome bags for naturalization ceremonies across the state.

A naturalization ceremony was held on October 12 at the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. Paterson Mayor Andre Sayegh presided. State Regent Diane Waugh Oliver welcomed our newest Americans with a keynote address. Also attending: Gayle Loftis, State Organizing Secretary; Rebecca Martinson, Northern District Director; and Laura Troy, State Americanism Chair. Daughters from the Ferro Monte, Claverack, Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest, and Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapters also presented gift bags to 40 new Americans from 15 different countries. Several major news outlets covered the event.

Daughters enthusiastically supported Americanism activities during 2022. Eighty-three referred to the online DAR Manual for Citizenship and 61 manuals were distributed. Three hundred and nine Daughters recognized Citizenship Day on September 17 and nine assisted with naturalization classes. Eight hundred and thirty-nine copies of the American's Creed were distributed, and 39 patriotic songs were sung at chapter meetings. Chapters gave 71 Americanism programs and shared Americanism activities with 260 adults and 60 children.

Laura Troy would like to thank past chairs Linda Chesko and Gayle Loftis for their support and encouragement as she leads the Americanism Committee. New Jersey Daughters look forward to making 2023 sparkle and shine!

Laura Troy
Americanism Committee, State Chair

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Many chapters were hard at work marking various commemorative events. Beacon Fire and Elizabeth Snyder Continental both marked important anniversaries – 100 years and 125 years respectively. Many chapters marked Memorial Day by marking graves and marching in parades. Princeton Chapter celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Princeton Battle Monument. New Jersey

Daughters took to heart honoring Vietnam Veterans. Morristown attended a Vietnam POW/MIA vigil. Christmas trees were decorated at the New Jersey Vietnam Era Museum by Middletown and Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth chapters. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth donated \$6000 to conserve Ricky's Banner made to commemorate a Vietnam era soldier's return to New Jersey. Westfield was instrumental in organizing a parade honoring Washington-Rochambeau March to Yorktown. This chair thanks all the chapters in New Jersey who worked to remember important events.

Elizabeth Medich
Commemorative Events Committee, State Chair

COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

19 chapters reported 27 members volunteer in local schools, 12 provided financial support, five participated in National Teacher

Appreciation Week, nine lesson plans were submitted to local schools, and two to the NVC of Educational Resources. The majority of chapters donated supplies to local schools. Some chapter hi-lights include:

Chinkchewunska-received \$200 from "Pennies from Heaven" and bought supplies for a 4th grade classroom. Church and Cannon-held two Constitution Week and Community events. One was a story walk of "We the People" book at a local library. Children were invited to make a tri corner hat craft, recite the preamble, and ring bells. 2nd grade students read "We the People" book, heard the preamble and rang bells. Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe donated tissues, wipes, markers, etc. 10 Patriotic books, and 250 American Flags for Flag Day. Francis Hopkinson donated \$250 in gift cards and

school supplies to Turning Lives Around who provides support to families of victims of domestic and sexual violence. General Lafayette members were volunteer readers and donated books and Constitution Week bags. Jersey Blue held a food and shoe drive along with donated books. Princeton donated \$500 in support to Bridge Academy's "Bridge to the American Revolution" commemoration. Red Bank spoke about American History in Clayton High School. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth-members volunteered to read to classrooms (K-2) about an American History hero. Bookmarks were designed by the chapter to commemorate this activity and distributed to the students.

This Chairwoman is proud of the accomplishments of the New Jersey Chapters as they SPARK THE LOVE OF LEARNING.

Patricia Franz
Community Classroom Committee, State Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The DAR Community Service Awards Committee provides chapters the opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations who have made worthy contributions to their communities. These volunteer efforts can be realized in many areas, such as cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, or historical.

The following 2022 award winners showed great diversity in their areas of service, and it was a pleasure to be able to award these volunteers in New Jersey:

Daniel Anderson, nominated by Shrewsbury-Monmouth Chapter, was awarded for offering his volunteer services with the Annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day Services, Riverview Medical

Center, Meals on Wheels, and his time volunteering with his local church.

Lenore Aulenbach, nominated by Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter, was awarded for her efforts in nineteen quilts for Quilts of Valor, an organization supporting veterans.

Janena Benjamin, nominated by Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter, was awarded for her volunteer service to local non-profit boards: Daughters of the British Empire, The Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance, and the Borough of Improvement League in Metuchen.

Benny's Bodega, nominated by Chinkchewunska Chapter, was awarded for its store which accepts donated goods of food, clothing, and supplies and makes them available to the less fortunate in the community at no cost.

Anne Conover, nominated by Beacon Fire Chapter, was awarded for her dedication to "Home for Good Dogs," a rescue shelter and for her fostering of over 100 dogs while they are waiting for a permanent home.

Dr. Jennifer Janofsky, nominated by Red Bank Chapter, was awarded for her tireless work and research at the Redbank Battlefield, uncovering the remains of thirteen Hessian soldiers who were killed during the Revolutionary War.

Suzanne Murray, nominated by Moorestown Chapter, was awarded for her work providing healthy meals to community members in need. Meals provided during the pandemic were 1,512 in 2021 alone.

Matthew Reiter, nominated by General Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, was awarded for his hard work and diligence to perform

ecological restoration of the Blue Trail in Crystal Lake Park and for providing a safe trail for visitors to the park.

Aiden Sheppard, nominated by Westfield Chapter, was awarded for his building of a custom shed for the local American Legion, Post 3, to house American flags before they are retired.

Georgean Wardzinski, nominated by Moorestown Chapter, was awarded for her volunteer time and efforts supporting the fine arts in the Moorestown Public Schools and throughout the community, specifically working with the MoorArts and the Moorestown Educational Foundation.

This committee continues to encourage each chapter to seek out worthy nominees for this award and to submit two entries each year. This year's total is more than double that of 2021, so it is hoped that this trend continues into the future.

It is an honor to serve the Oliver administration.

Heather Speas
Community Service Awards Committee, State Chair

CONSTITUTION WEEK

The New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution were busy with organizing events and activities in September to celebrate Constitution Week. They helped the Society educate and honor the Constitution in inventive and unique ways. To promote Constitution Week through social media nineteen chapters sent out emails, eighteen used Facebook and five chapters texts or used Twitter. Seven chapters had articles printed in local newspapers (some with photos) and one chapter had ten hours of television

coverage. “Bells Across America” was a popular activity. Twenty-three chapters reported bell ringing together or individually. Bells were available at the State Meeting Jersey Girls Dinner in September where everyone participated in honoring the Constitution. A group of Daughters sang the Preamble to the Constitution that they learned as children through the TV series “Schoolhouse Rock”. Another chapter had their members ring bells at their meeting and asked anyone not in attendance to send a picture of themselves ringing a bell from wherever they were at the time. One chapter distributed one hundred bells, with printed Preamble cards, to ring as a group. Also, thirty-two chapters reported that they recite the Preamble to the Constitution before meetings. Two of our chapters met with their mayor or Town Council to get Proclamations. One of the meetings received coverage in the local newspaper with a photo and a mention on Facebook. In all, twelve proclamations were obtained by chapters in New Jersey. Three chapters created a Constitution program and six chapters presented programs. One chapter organized and attended a talk about the Constitution at a local library and handed out pocket sized DAR Constitutions. Schools were a main focus. It is noteworthy that so many students were involved in some way. A total of twenty-four schools were contacted and fourteen classrooms visited. Posters and lesson plans were donated to classrooms and teachers. A program was prepared for one school where students learned about the Constitution, wrote, and signed their own class constitution, played Patriotic Bingo, sang “Happy Birthday” to the Constitution and rang bells in celebration. Gift bags were given to seventy-four students in total. Each bag contained a variety of items with a red, white, and blue theme. Every chapter planned their own gift bags. Another event was the reading of a daily “Constitution Minute” during morning announcements at four high schools. One way to bring notice to

Constitution Week is to set up a display in a local library. Forty-nine displays were made to educate the public. Supplying pocket Constitutions and flags was also done by one chapter. Another chapter provided information using a wall-to-floor display of the Constitution at a meeting and then had a quiz about it. An inventive chapter had the idea to have street-side signs printed for display in member's yards during the weeks preceding Constitution Week. All in all, the New Jersey Chapters did a wonderful job of celebrating and honoring our Constitution during this week in 2022.

Catherine Ann Jacoby
Constitution Week Committee, State Chair

DAR MAGAZINE

The DAR Magazine Committee has two primary tasks: promoting American Spirit magazine subscriptions and creating state advertisement pages appearing in the Daughters Newsletter, the member companion piece to the American Spirit.

All DAR daughters are encouraged to subscribe to the American Spirit/DAR Newsletter. To encourage member, National requires subscriptions for members taking DAR Leadership Training and gives awards for chapters achieving levels of participation. National rewards chapters with 20% subscription rate and above, points towards Chapter Achievement Awards. This year 24 chapters had subscription rates over 20%. CAA points are also given for chapter regents with subscriptions. Those chapter regents

were given certificates at the NJDAR Spring Conference. Chapters promoted the magazine.

Chapters bolstered magazine subscriptions among members in a variety of ways. Basking Ridge and Ferro Monte include a subscription payment option on their dues bill. Ferro Monte also gifted new members a subscription. Church and Cannon include past issues in their new member welcome packets. Beacon Fire Chapter shares "minute" reports of articles in the American Spirit magazine.

The American Spirit is an excellent promotional tool for Chapter outreach to the community. Chapters may sponsor subscriptions for local libraries, schools, senior centers and other outlets. This year Church & Canon [1], Ferro Monte [4], Saddle River [10], Captain Joshua Huddy [2], Chinkchewunska [1], General William Maxwell [1], Morristown [2], Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey [3], Colonel Thomas Reynolds [1], Cranes Ford [1] all donated subscriptions to local libraries. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth gifts four subscriptions including one to the Soldier On Veterans Facility where they regularly volunteer with formerly homeless female veterans.

Our annual state advertisement pages in the Daughters Newsletter featured Madam Regent Bonnie Matthews and her only in person state conference thanks to COVID; highlighted two historic markings of Oliver Cromwell's home in Burlington and the Battle of Assunpink Creek at Mill Hill Park; it introduced the incoming Oliver State Board of Management and the hailed our State Outstanding Junior and top ten National Finalist, Stephanie Teagarden.

Kimberly Armstrong
DAR Magazine Committee, State Chair

DAR Museum Outreach

The Museum Outreach committee was delighted to participate in the reopening of the NSDAR buildings to the public including the New Jersey period room in Memorial Hall. During the return of Continental Congress to an in-person event the NJ DAR Museum Outreach chair acted as Docent for the NJ room open house on Wednesday morning of Continental Congress. During the two hours the room was open Mrs. Cornelia Olde, Honorary State Regent and Past Report General visited the room and welcomed back the NJ Daughters. We had many guests from other states who enjoyed viewing the museum room and listening to the story of its creation. The New Jersey Period Room booklet was also on sale during the open house.

New Jersey also has a Corresponding Docent in training. Corresponding Docents have access to a number of DAR Museum approved programs that they study and present to both the DAR community and the larger community in their state. Our NJ Corresponding Decent was invited to present two programs this year. The first was “Myth or Truth” presented at the Haddonfield Chapter meeting in October. The second was “For the Fun of It” for the Gibbsboro Elementary School 5th Grade Class. “For the Fun of It” looks at American childhood from the 18th through the early 20th century by examining toys in the New Hampshire children’s attic. The children had many questions and enjoyed the program.

Chapters are encouraged to support the DAR Museum by adopting an object and donating books. Chapters may also make financial donations and become a Friend of the Museum. Bergen-Paulus Hook chapter had a member Adopt-an-Object in 2022. Camp

Middlebrook donated to the upkeep of the New Jersey period room. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth donated the book: “Family Lineage and Descendants of John Lawrence and Wife, Anne, of New England and Carteret County, North Carolina: The First Eight Generations”. Other New Jersey Daughters attended DAR Museum sponsored live and recorded on-line education programs. Many of our NJ Daughters read the Facebook and Instagram posts offered by the DAR Museum on artifacts in the museum’s collections.

This chairman would like to invite NJ to consider a Corresponding Docent program when planning their programs for the 2023-2024 season.

Pamela Campbell
DAR Museum Outreach Committee, State Chair

DAR Project Patriot

DAR Scholarship

It is with pride with which this chairwoman submits this report for the DAR Scholarship Committee. Seven chapters noted they presented chapter scholarships to most deserving students within their community. Due to the procedural changes in how an individual applies for the national scholarships, a chapter no longer must sponsor a potential scholarship applicant. There are currently 23 scholarships available to students in a variety of areas.

New Jersey had 3 winning applicants:
Richard and Elizabeth Dean Scholarship

Nelly Love Butcher Scholarship
Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship
It's an honor to serve the State Society.

Barbara L. Ecker
DAR Scholarship Committee, State Chair

DAR Schools

“Schools **ARE** the Jewels of DAR”! This term’s theme is so fitting for New Jersey Daughters. . A DAR Schools Program was held in 13 of our 45 chapters. A total of 21 “Schools Are the Jewels of DAR” pins were purchased. NJDAR Daughters donated \$1200.00 dollars to the DAR Schools and continued to support the DAR Schools by donating labels, clothing, and other items to all DAR approved schools. 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 Facebook pages, as well as chapter based websites, and chapter newsletters.

Bravo to Moorestown Chapter for purchasing the most “Schools Are the Jewels of DAR” pins and to General Lafayette Chapter for having the greatest number of people view the various videos relating to the various DAR Schools.

Haddonfield Chapter graciously gave over \$1000.00 to Hindman’s Flood Relief Project.

Francis Hopkinson Chapter led by Chapter Chair, Catherine Jacoby donated \$98 to KDS in honor of their 98th anniversary; the chapter donated money for music lessons; sponsored three children to receive a book a month via the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project; sent funds to KDS to help offset the costs of the Blessing Bag Project; sponsored two students for a year to be given food for the weekend when school was closed. With a request from our State Regent, joined in and supported the eight Berry College students who happen to be from New Jersey by helping to offset the costs of the “Good Luck on Your Finals” treasurers and treats boxes.

NJDAR loves to help our DAR Schools sparkle!

Alice Gates Oliver Incorvaia
DAR School Committee, State Chair

DAR Service For Veterans

The Flag Of The United States Of America

Genealogy Preservation

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Jeanne	Bedard	Governor William Livingston
Sally	Bickford	General David Forman-Penelope Hart
Linda	Chesko	General David Forman-Penelope Hart
Wendy	Cummings	Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest
Mary	Dow	Great John Mathis
Amanda	Greene	Beacon Fire
Vicki	Kumpel	Red Bank
Mary	Leonard	Cranes Ford
Catherine	Medich	General Mercer
Kathryn	Nicita	Francis Hopkinson
Mary Ellen	Rogan	Francis Hopkinson
Monica	Sharp	Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey

Historic Preservation

Morristown Chapter's ca 1760 Schuyler-Hamilton House. Historic artwork at Isaac Watson House and Schuyler-Hamilton House was conserved.

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter completed a year-long project to repair the fence of the historic Allen House, receiving local media coverage. Camp Middlebrook Chapter helped preserve local church historical records. Beacon Fire and Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapters organized and documented their Chapter history. Francis Hopkinson donated an antique desk to the MacKenzie Museum and Library, a condemned building now being restored. Chapters organized at least 67 Historic Preservation programs, many open to the public.

Several Historic Preservation Grant applications were submitted, and \$6000 was awarded to the Union County Historical Society, sponsored by the Cranes Ford Chapter. Applications supported by General William Maxwell and Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapters await decision. After three years of fundraising, Beacon Fire Chapter presented a \$4000 donation to the Summit Historical Society. The chapter also organized the award of a \$2,050 Historic Preservation grant for a historic marker at the ca 1741 Carter House.

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter honored the Monmouth County Park System with an Excellence in Historic Preservation Medal for preservation of the historic Browns Dock Burial Ground.

The State Society installed a marker to commemorate the Battle of Assunpink Creek. Governor William Livingston Chapter dedicated

a monument at the Old Tennant Church (next to the Monmouth battlefield) to honor patriots killed in the Battle of Monmouth and buried in the churchyard. Gravestones and honorary plaques were placed to commemorate Revolutionary War patriots Oliver Cromwell, Gershom Loveless, Corporal Henry Johnson, and others. The state Society dedicated the Oliver Cromwell plaque with support from Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter. Multiple chapters organized ceremonies at existing monuments, including Church and Cannon Chapter's large annual public commemoration of the Battle of Springfield. Wreath laying ceremonies were held by the Camp Middlebrook and Princeton Chapters. Many of these events received local media coverage.

Additionally, many members donate their time to historic preservation efforts outside of DAR, such as local historical societies and national parks.

Susan Roberta Bailey
Historic Preservation Committee, State Chair

Junior American Citizen

It was a quiet year for JAC activities and contests, with two exceptions. General Lafayette Chapter sponsored a group of first graders from Reeds Road Elementary School in Galloway Township who met veterans and learned about their service. They drew pictures and wrote letters of appreciation for their sacrifice which were delivered to the veterans at Meadowview Nursing Home in Northfield.

Just Kidding 4-H Club from Somerset County, sponsored by Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, enjoyed publicity from their national group community service award earned last year. The club collected 192 books that were shipped via Operation Paperback to

Fort Wainright, AK active service members and veterans in need. Recognition in the *Green Brook Gazette*, the *Watchung Post*, *Clover Connection* newsletter, and social media sites was well-deserved. New Jersey News 12 broadcast of the local chapter award presentation was shared with Madam State Regent and this state chair and can be viewed on the 4-H Liaison page of the NJDAR Members' Website. Holly Jean Dunbar, DAR/4-H Liaison, reported that the student group is already planning for their next service project. It will be exciting to see how these youth leaders continue their service to others! Holly is appreciated for her dedication to our country's young citizens and organizations that value their potential.

The JAC initial training meeting in August was attended. Informational packets were prepared for chapter regents at the Autumn Meeting. The purpose of JAC and its contests was presented to attendees at a table during the meeting weekend. Articles were submitted to the Crossroads Courier, Daughters Digest, as well as posts on the state Facebook pages. Training continued with State Chairs of National Committees: Chair Reports.

As schools and youth organizations continue to build back towards holding their regular activities, this chair believes the opportunity for more JAC awareness and involvement is attainable. She looks forward to serving the New Jersey State Society in this capacity under Madam State Regent's leadership.

Cheryl Knabe
Junior American Citizen Committee, State Chair

Literacy Promotion

Membership

The membership chair helps to engage and attract new members to join the DAR. The state online prospective membership database helps ladies of interest find the right chapter to join. Sometimes this can be a woman who does not even live in the state New Jersey. Many prospective members have no knowledge of the local DAR chapters around them or the requirements to join the DAR. Some ladies have fill out the prospective member database asking about information about a different state membership. In 2022 the database had 233 prospective members fill out the online database. These members were all assigned to chapter by closest location or chapter request. The total NJ state prospective membership list for 2022 is 1002. It was reported that 71 of these prospective became members in 2022. The new membership report for the state of New Jersey in 2022 was 178. The total membership in the state of New Jersey in December 2022 was 2720 and there is a total of 264 juniors. This was a change from the previous year with a positive +18 percent increase and an additional 33 were juniors who joined New Jersey DAR. This chair would like to say an extra thank you to Terry Brasko, Christine Murphy and Kathy Fritz for their personal help and guidance.

Karen Hardy
Membership Committee, State Chair

National Defense

The New Jersey National Defense Committee Chair is pleased to report that 10 chapters dedicated programs to National Defense, and 34 chapters devoted at least three minutes to a National Defense report at every regular meeting. Articles from the National Defender online were used by these 34 chapters for their three-minute reports.

Total amount of contributions to a state National Defense ROTC/JROTC/Outstanding Cadet fund; local National Defense award programs; and scholarships or other monetary awards to ROTC/JROTC/Outstanding Cadets totaled \$1,788.17.

New Jersey Chapters presented the following medals: 3 Gold (College) ROTC, 18 Bronze (High School) ROTC, 2 Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medals, 3 DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal, and 22 DAR Youth Citizenship Medals.

New Jersey has 18 members who have served or are serving in the Military.

Noteworthy National Defense programs presented by New Jersey Chapters were:

Basking Ridge- The History of the Waves Organization

General David Forman-Penelope Hart- Toured the National Guard Militia Museum in Lawrenceville NJ.

General Lafayette- Cleaned the headstones of Revolutionary Patriots at Zion Church in Egg Harbor Township, NJ. Participated in Wreaths Across America and placed wreaths at the headstones of Revolutionary Patriots at Zion church in Egg Harbor Township, NJ

Greenwich Tea Burning-1 1/2 hour educational guided Tour of Millville Army Air Field Museum. Monetary Award given to Cumberland Composite Squadron Outstanding Civil Air Patrol Cadet: \$100.00

Middletown- Several members of the chapter were invited to tour Earle Weapons Naval Station as part of a veterans group. Learned about the history of the base and received access to restricted areas.

Participated in a dedication to 4-Star General Tillelli.

Chapter members delivered homemade baked goods to the Holmdel Police Department for Police Appreciation Week.

Morristown-In November 2022, CM/Sgt Robert Bedell (USAF Retired) spoke to the chapter about his Air Force experience and how he came to be the founding instructor of the Mt. Olive High School (Mt. Olive, NJ) JROTC program.

Polly Wycoff- William Demarest-One of their Distinguished Citizen awards was given to a Veteran. The chapter arranged for two military helicopters to fly into our ceremony to add to the excitement of this award. The participants were able to inspect the helicopters and talk to the military men present.

It has been a pleasure to serve this administration.

Marcia Szeduk
National Defense Committee, State Chair

Service To America

A goal of the Wright Administration is to encourage and support projects and service opportunities for every chapter to highlight historic preservation, education, and patriotism in unique, local, and impactful ways. Their goal is to log 15 million Service to America Hours into the online tally. To that end, 41 NJ Chapters logged in Service to America hours in 2022 and 19 exceeded their Chapter Goal. Well done Daughters! .

More than half of our Chapters (27) participated in the DAR Day of Service on or around October 11th. Activities geared towards Veterans were: Beacon Fire gathered together to make holiday cards for active military troops; General William Maxwell filled 60 tote bags imprinted with an American Flag and "Thank you for your Service", with personal care items, snacks, notebooks, etc. These were delivered to Veterans Haven North in Glen Gardner; Morristown Chapter members gathered at the Morris County Library on Oct 11, 2022, to pin quilt tops made by chapter members. Quilts were given to NJ Veterans facilities; Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest Members volunteered at a Veteran's Home helping the residents play mini-golf.

Other Day of Service Activities included: Church and Cannon members assisted the Springfield Historical Society at their annual open house for 4 Centuries in a Weekend; Col. Thomas Reynolds unveiled a bench dedicated to the memory of their chapter's namesake, Colonel Thomas Reynolds, who is buried in St. Andrews Cemetery in Mount Holly; Ferro Monte cleaned the headstone of Governor Mahlon Dickerson at First Presbyterian Cemetery Succasunna; Francis Hopkinson participated in the Beach Cleanup; Greenwich Tea Burning volunteered to help clean up debris from a local river waterway, Maurice River; Old White

House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey members helped with Princeton Battlefield's Clean-up Day on October 22nd; Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter members completed the restoration of an historic fence surrounding the historic Allen House in Historic Four Corners Shrewsbury the weekend of October 8th.

Twenty (20) chapters planned Service to America Projects. Some of those projects were: The Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe Chapter donated supplies to create 48 "thank you" gift bags for first responders. Members passed out bags to local fire, ambulance, and police departments.

The Middletown Chapter volunteers with the Cootie Division of the VFW. On the second Sunday of the Month, the Cooties sponsor a breakfast at the VFW. Members of the Chapter assisted as servers to the guests as well as helping to cleaning up.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental chapter continued a tradition of collecting pet food, cleaning supplies and gift cards for the Plainfield Area Humane Society Shelter in Plainfield.

Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell chapter created a new reading nook at Metuchen's Old Franklin Schoolhouse. This was stocked with donated historical and genealogical resources. Members also weeded and beautified a marker onsite, which was placed there by the Matochshoning chapter in 1936.

Another highlighted Service Project was to clean headstones or undertake restoration or beautification projects at a local cemetery. We had 21 Chapters participate in that activity in some way.

Nancy Donhauser
Service to America Committee, State Chair

Reports of the State Chairs of National Genealogy Committees

Genealogical Preservation

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Linda Chesko, General David Foreman-Penelope Hart, 1182
Wendy Cummings, Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest, 17
Mary Dow, Great John Mathis, 16
Amanda Greene, Beacon Fire, 125
Vicki Kumpel, Red Bank, 126

Mary Leonard, Cranes Ford, 88
Catherine Medich, General Mercer, 35
Kathryn Nicita, Francis Hopkinson, 12
Mary Ellen Rogan, Francis Hopkinson, 27
Monica Sharp, Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel
Lowrey, 87

Laura Franek
Genealogical Preservation Committee, State Chair

Genealogical Records

Lineage Research

New Jersey Daughters are guiding stars, providing lineage documentation support to prospective members for new applications and applications with Additional Information Requested (AIR) letters.

Lineage Research Committee members provided virtual support with personal consultations- via phone and video- lending their expertise as DAR trained volunteer genealogists to guide and mentor prospective members, chapter registrars, and other members who are completing new member applications. They provided lineage regional support by visiting repositories, courthouses, and cemeteries for lineage documentation, residency, and service proof not found online. They communicated with and guided members on the Lineage Research NSDAR Facebook Group.

Fifteen chapter chairs were appointed with more than 35 members serving on chapter committees and four members serving on a

State Application Team. Lineage workshops were attended by prospective members and members with supplemental applications.

Chapters requested lineage research assistance of the State Registrar, Lineage Research Chair, and other State Regent appointed resources 43 times with 15 requests referred to the National Lineage Research Committee. Several chapters utilized the Lineage Research Virtual Support Consultation for new member application assistance.

New Jersey Daughters were active in specialty lineage research.

- The Jersey Blue Chapter promoted online webinars showcasing research by the African American, Jewish, and Spanish Specialty Teams.
- Using African American Specialty Research, a Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter member and NJDAR State Historian proved a new patriot and graced the Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter with a dazzling new member.
- The Morristown Chapter turned lineage research into action with contributions to the Morris County Revolutionary War soldier database, monthly Soldier Stories, a Cudio Banquante marker, Dr. Jabez Campfield gravestone and commemorative marker & restoration of the Campfield Bible projects, an extensive Find-a-Grave commemorative graphics project, and even hosted the annual meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Genealogy truly is a team sport! It is a great honor and pleasure to serve this State Regent and the State Society.

Patricia Christie
Lineage Research State Chair

Patriots Records Project

After expressing her love of genealogy, New Jersey State Regent, Diane Oliver, asked this DAR member to chair the Patriot Records Project. The Project began in 2015 and has already resulted in the indexing of thousands of names of men and women who helped with our fight for independence. This officer reached out via social media to fellow daughters to make it clear that this is something that can be done from home at one's convenience. It is also a great way to support the DAR and earn Service to America hours. This officer along with 27 other chapter volunteers indexed a total of 205,767 names and are now indexing names from South Carolina. A total of 17 chapters participated this year and this officer would like to recognize the following volunteers: Sally Bickford from GDFPH 64,453, Mary Leonard from Cranes Ford 61,609, Carrie Efinger from Morristown 23,150, Barbara Trokan from Captain Joshua Huddy 12,219, Barbara Harris from General Lafayette 11,168, Lynn Heck from Polly Wyckoff- David Demarest 11,151.

Congratulations to these ladies, especially Sally Bickford for maintaining her position as number one, and a special commendation to Lynn Heck for saying each patriot's name aloud after entering the name.

This officer's goal as State Chair is to continue reaching out to the chapters and to begin offering Zoom meetings to share helpful hints.

Madam State Regent, it has been an honor to serve as State Chairman of the Patriots Records Project.

Rhonda Aminian
Patriots Records Project Committee, State Chair

Reports of the State Chairs of National Administrative Committees

Chapter Achievement Awards

The Chapter Master Report & Chapter Achievement Awards were electronically completed and filed for the New Jersey Chapters covering the year 2022. All 45 Chapters were marked complete prior to the February 1, 2023, deadline.

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

The committee is pleased to report that the Level 1 status increased from 33 chapters in 2021 to 38 chapters in 2022, and only one chapter did not meet the minimum points as compared to 3 chapters in 2021. A few chapters did not send in Chapter Achievement Awards contributions by the deadline. Contributions received after the deadline do not qualify to receive 175 points. The Chapter Master Report/Chapter Achievement Awards report provides chapters with guidelines for planning next year's activities for the committees that they support. The reports also promote balanced, healthy chapter involvement. Share this valuable information with your members to keep your chapter sparkling in DAR service and friendship.

The top three chapters with the highest percentage increase were the General Mercer Chapter, the Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter, and the Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter. The top three chapters with the highest total points were the General Lafayette Chapter, the Ferro Monte Chapter, and the Morristown Chapter.

It is an honor to serve as the state chair of the NJDAR Chapter Master Report & Chapter Achievement Awards Committee.

Susan Addison Shaw
Chapter Master Reports Committee, State Chair

Chapter Development and Revitalization

As the year began this Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission was made up of 21 very talented and experienced members. A Zoom meeting was held on March 1, 2022.

Each of the three district directors shared issues of various chapters within their district. A Volunteer Genealogist was assigned to assist with applications for prospective members for one south Jersey chapter. A Zoom genealogy workshop was set up for another south Jersey chapter which gained two new members. The Central District Director met with chapter regents before the State Meeting. The Northern District Director assisted a chapter with dues and end of year reports. This chapter now has a new chapter regent and who was installed at the SAR Washington Luncheon.

NJDAR membership increased from 2,683 in 2021 to 2,702 in 2022. There are several chapters that have more than 40 prospective members on the Prospective Member Database (PMD). Members of this team reached out to the chapter registrars to offer assistance in contacting prospective members.

As Covid began to subside, several chapters have reached out for assistance with applications and would like assistance for planning future genealogy workshops. Genealogy workshops are already planned for late winter and spring of 2023.

This team has worked with chapters to resolve issues such as finding chapter leadership, encouraging chapter members to attend chapter meetings, and align chapter bylaws to meet current guidelines.

With the new Wright Administration, many genealogy-related positions have been re-designed. This CDR Commission now has 26 members. This team met in August to plan for the upcoming months.

The Leadership Training Chairmen recognized those members who complete the DAR courses at the Fall State Meeting.

The CDR Commission includes:

Advisor – State Regent, Diane Oliver

State Organizing Secretary – Gayle Loftis

State Registrar – Christine Murphy

National Chairman Genealogical Records – Catherine Medich

District Directors – Rebecca Martinson, Vittoria Flick, Jeannine Ingenito

Membership State Chairman – Karen Hardy

DAR DNA Network Chairman State Chairman – Debbie Hansen

Genealogy Preservation State Chairman – Laura Franek

Genealogical Records State Co-Chairmen – Beatrice Boyce and Elizabeth Medich

Lineage Research National Vice Chairman – Region 2 – Terry Brasko

Lineage Research National Chair Member – Region 1 – Catherine Medich

Lineage Research National Chair Member – Region 2 – Patti Christie

Lineage Research State Chairman – Patti Christie

Lineage Research Northern District – Emily Carlin

Lineage Research Central District – Cindy Knierim

Lineage Research Southern District – Kathy Fritz

Lineage Support Application AIRS National team member – Karen Stroever

Patriot Records Project State Chairman – Rhonda Aminian

Specialty Research State Chairman – Mary Ellen Rogan

African American Research State Chairman – Deb Hvizdos

Volunteer Genealogist State Chairman – Barbara Trokan

Leadership Training State Co-Chairmen – Kathy Walsh and Tina Sculerati

CDR State Chairman – Ruth Ryno

This State Chairman would like to thank the members of the CDR team for all their great work to help make this commission successful. She wishes to thank Madam State Regent Oliver for her guidance and the opportunity to serve in this position.

Ruth A Ryno
Chapter Development and Revitalization, State Chair

DAR DNA Network

This officer is honored to be a member of the Oliver Team. The NJ State DAR DNA Network committee was established in September of 2022. In September, this chair created the material for the NJDAR DAR DNA Network Committee page. This chair encouraged state members to participate in the DAR DNA Project and has personally joined the Project.

Fifteen NJ Daughters have submitted DNA tests to the project, twenty Daughters have attended programs or workshops on DNA, no Chapters have held or hosted programs on DNA, and fifteen Daughters have completed “GEP4-DNA and the DAR”.

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.

Deborah “Debbie” Hansen
DAR DNA Network Committee, State Chair

Children of the American Revolution

The New Jersey State Society of the Children of the American Revolution has been busy this year. State President, Alex Slavinsky, promoted his state theme “Hand up for Homeless Veterans.” The project this year honored those veterans who are homeless because no veteran should be without a place to call home. The project raised money and awareness for two Veterans’ shelters in New Jersey: Veterans’ Haven North in Glenn Gardner,

NJ, and Veterans' Haven South in Winslow, NJ. N.J.C.A.R. raised funds for the Veterans' Havens to enable them to purchase necessities for the veterans to improve their quality of life. Over \$1000 and 100+ Veteran's Day cards were donated to the Havens. Thank you to the many daughters that donated money at the State Conference and workshops and those that helped make Veteran's Day cards at the N.J.C.A.R. Packet Picnic.

NJDAR continued the wonderful support towards N.J.C.A.R. Thank you to the many daughters that support N.J.C.A.R. state and local societies by volunteering as senior leaders and mentoring the members of N.J.C.A.R. A few chapters had members go to different N.J.C.A.R. events like the 20 daughters that were at the N.J.C.A.R. Packet Picnic. Other chapters had N.J.C.A.R. members attend a chapter meeting. The Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe Chapter had N.J.C.A.R. members at one of their meetings that they were making Valentine's Day cards for military members. Thank you to the chapters that donated snacks and supplies to the N.S.C.A.R. National Awards Committee Weekend that was held in NJ.

NJDAR members are actively working with their members to complete applications for their children and grandchildren to become members of N.J.C.A.R. The connection between NJDAR and N.J.C.A.R. is strong, and NJDAR fully embraces the N.J.C.A.R. as the future of the DAR.

The 93rd Annual State Conference was held on March 11, 2023, in New Brunswick, NJ, and showcased a successful 2022-2023 year for the New Jersey State Society. Members, seniors, and guests heard of all the wonderful activities and meetings the local societies participated in this past year. Awards were presented to members, seniors, and local societies for their dedication, hard work, and programs throughout the year.

This chairman 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.

Vittoria Flick
Children of the American Revolution Committee, State Chair

DAR Leadership Training

Insignia

This appointed Insignia State Chair would like to thank the Oliver Administration for the opportunity to serve the State and National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

New Jersey Daughters continue to "Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever!" wearing their Insignia with pride and distinction. This state chair has received numerous inquiries regarding Insignia and ribbon protocol since assuming the office in July 2022. Chapter programs are being offered on the proper use and wearing of the Insignia with a specially designed display board and program that includes the history of our Insignia and new pins that were introduced in 2022. The program was presented to three New Jersey chapters in 2022 with approximately 35 members and several prospective members in attendance and two additional chapter programs are booked for 2023.

This state chair would like to highlight changes approved by the National Society regarding our Insignia:

- Several new Commemorative pins that can be worn on our official ribbon were introduced in 2022, including the America 250! Pin, the first in a Limited 250th Anniversary Series. Additional pins in the series include the Boston Massacre, Daughters of Liberty, Sons of Liberty and Liberty Tree pins.

Commemorative pins for World War I; World War II; Santa Fe Trail; and the 56 Signers Memorial are also available. These pins do not require approval.

- Service to America Pin is now available. Members will be eligible to wear the pin after logging hours into the Service to America online tally. No verification is required.
- DAR Pierced Recognition pin is perfect to wear to show your DAR membership at any time (may not be worn on official ribbon).
- Daughters are eligible to purchase the President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright project pin after making a \$100 donation to the President General's Project which supports America 250! Celebration Grants for chapters and other initiatives to further the administration's goals. Not to be worn on official ribbon.

The insignia store is filling their stock and fulfilling orders as quickly as they can. The DAR insignia store webpage is updated with inventory on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. If you are waiting for a specific pin or pins to become available at the insignia store, create a Wishlist and check it on Tuesday mornings!

This Insignia State Chair is looking forward to new and exciting things this year.

Susan Luczu
Insignia Committee, State Chair

Junior Membership

Membership

President General's Project

The New Jersey State Co-Chairmen for the President General's Project Committee are pleased to report meeting with members at the NJDAR Autumn Meeting and other organized celebrations and events to inform and encourage Daughters to fulfill the following Wright Administration initiatives:

- The *Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever—Rejoice in our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship* theme that brings DAR members together to celebrate our Nation's and local community's rich history of diversity.
- The \$500 Stars and Stripes America 250! Celebration Grants used to promote the DAR within one's community during the nation's semi-quincentennial celebration.

Besides communicating with members individually or in groups, Social Media, email, websites, newsletters and other printed resources were utilized to encourage Chapters to remit a donation of \$7.50 per member for the Wright Administration's three-year term of office prior to Mrs. Edwards Rouse Wright's visit to the 131st Annual NJDAR State Conference. Those Chapters supporting the President General's project during her three-year term will receive a national certificate recognizing their 100% participation. To date, 26 Chapters have contributed 100% toward this endeavor. It is anticipated all Chapter Regents will desire to be presented with 100% participation certificates at the Annual NJDAR State Conference.

The State Co-Chairmen of the President General's Project ordered and sold *Stars & Stripes Forever!* -themed merchandise at the 2022 NJDAR Autumn Meeting to promote the Wright Administration's President General's Project. Initial sales totaled \$3055. It is expected member enthusiasm for project merchandise to increase prior to and during Mrs. Edwards Rouse Wright's visit

to the 2023 Annual NJDAR State Conference. Additionally, members are encouraged to contribute to the President General's Project through the Sustaining Supporter monthly giving program.

To date, New Jersey Daughters have contributed \$18,799 to the President General's (PG) Project. Other donations this past fiscal year include the: 3-year PG Planner - \$6370; PG Winter Scarf - \$3763; Spring Campaign Commemorative Mailing - \$700; and on-line donations toward the PG Wright pin - \$200.

Support of the President General's Project during the Wright Administration will help the National Society to:

- Celebrate our Nation's rich history and diversity of experience upon the threshold of America's 250th Anniversary.
- Promote belonging throughout our membership by acknowledging with gratitude and friendship each member and her dedicated service to God, home, and country.
- Propel membership growth by welcoming all descendants of American Patriots while retaining our treasured Daughters.
- Encourage and support projects and service opportunities for every chapter to highlight historic preservation, education, and patriotism in unique, local and impactful ways.
- Maintain financial stability and maximize operational effectiveness.
- Recognize with appreciation our dedication National Society staff.

Madam State Regent, it is an honor to serve you and the State Society. These co-chaiRS desire that the DAR ties of service and friendship continue to keep members involved and inspired

to serve God, Home, and Country through historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Dorothy M. Ponte
Colleen D. Parliman

President General's Project Committee, State Co-Chairs

Protocol

NJDAR State Protocol Chair for the Oliver Administration enclosed to all officers and chapter regents a copy of the NSDAR Protocol Handbook.

A copy of the handbook can be found on the state website. Articles were submitted to the Crossroad Courier for publication in the quarterly newsletter.

Madam State Regent, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the State and your dedicated board members.

Nancy L. Kritch
Protocol Committee, State Chair

Public Relations and Media Committee

As Public Relations & Media (PR & Media) Co-Chair since July 2022, this chairman is honored to manage the New Jersey State

Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (NJSSDAR) public and private social media while growing and learning in her new role.

This chairman is thrilled to report the Outstanding PR & Media Chapter Chairmen, with 20 certificates. These awards and certificates of service in PR & Media will be presented at the 131st NJSSDAR Annual Spring Conference in April 2023.

This chairman is proud that NJSSDAR sparkled in 2022 with increases in social media, media coverage and communication! Of the 45 chapters who reported PR & Media on their Chapter Master Report (CMR): 22 have newsletters, 20 communicated with members via members only website/private social media, 20 used video to communicate with members, 16 have a brochure or fact sheet, 22 received print coverage, five received broadcast coverage, 23 have public Facebooks, five have public Instagrams, two have other social media accounts, 25 have public websites, 25 initiated publicity for a commemorative/community event, one presented a local media award and five forwarded additional material to the State Committee Chair.

This chairman uses communication strategies for social media, including frequency, objectives, roles and content to be shared. She uses a social media tracking chart to ensure timely posts and Canva to create eye-catching graphics. She encourages and assists Chapters and Committees in managing their own social media and posting on NJSSDAR social media.

This chairman is proud of social media gains with 760 total followers and minimum five posts per week. The Facebook members private group has 351 members. Post examples: Committee Minutes; NJ Patriot Pride; Join DAR initiatives; DAR schools; Celebrating holidays; Scholarships and awards; Promote events, Constitution Week, genealogy, DAR forests and Patriotic Records Project.

This chairman was pleased to see public media coverage of the Cromwell and Carney historical marker events, The Crossroads

Courier emailed quarterly and Daughters Digest emailed twice-monthly.

STATE AWARDS

Outstanding Brochure

1st Chinkchewunska Chapter

Outstanding Electronic Coverage

1st General William Maxwell Chapter

Honorable Mention Middletown Chapter

Honorable Mention Morristown Chapter

Honorable Mention Westfield Chapter

Outstanding Newsletter

1st Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter

Honorable Mention Chinkchewunuska Chapter

Honorable Mention Church and Cannon Chapter

Honorable Mention General Lafayette Chapter

Honorable Mention Middletown Chapter

Outstanding Print Coverage

1st Princeton Chapter

Honorable Mention Church and Cannon Chapter

Honorable Mention Westfield Chapter

Outstanding Publicity for Commemorative/Community Events

1st Church and Cannon Chapter

Outstanding Social Media Presence

1st Jersey Blue Chapter

Honorable Mention Westfield Chapter

Outstanding Social Media Private Page

1st General Lafayette Chapter

Outstanding Public Relations & Media Chapter Chairman

Heather Sanford, Church and Cannon Chapter

Outstanding Public Relations & Media Chapter of the Year (Based on CMR)

1st Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter

Outstanding Volunteer Information Specialists (VIS)

Volunteer

Deborah Hvizdos, NJDAR VIS Co-Chair, Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter

It is a pleasure for this Chairman to serve this administration.

Patricia Jackman and Sylvia Allen
Public Relations and Media Committee, State Co-Chairs

Units Overseas

Volunteer Genealogists

This chair was honored to serve the office and the NJDAR State Board.

She accepted this position in the summer of 2022. She reviewed all committee information available on the National site and discussed Chair responsibilities with the National Vice Chair. She worked with our chapters to foster relationships to make this committee a success. She completed her remaining GEP courses; GEP 5 (eApps) and GEP 7 (Mid-Level Review Training).

Chapters reported a total of 33 members that are NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists. Member Mary Ellen Rogan of the Francis Hopkinson's Chapter was assigned as the NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogist to assist the Cape May Patriots Chapter. Five chapters felt they would benefit from having a NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogist assigned to their chapter. Note area of follow up for next year.

Twelve members continued their individual Genealogy Education by taking the GEP classes offered by the NSDAR.

Eight chapters requested and received assistance from the America250! Membership Task Force this past year.

A total of nine genealogy or application workshops were conducted by members trained by National training programs. A total of 54 participants attended these NJDAR sponsored programs. Gail Hahn and Bea Boyce, members of the Francis Hopkinson's Chapter, presented workshops entitled "Beginning your Genealogy Research" through the Monmouth County Parks Department. Seeking to increase their knowledge base, 38 members attended non-DAR genealogy workshops. Twenty members volunteered their time to assist other chapters in need of genealogy or application help. Member Deborah Hvizdos of the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter assisted members throughout the state with their lineage research.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve our NJ State daughters.

Barbara Trokan
Volunteer Genealogists Committee, State Chair

Volunteer Information Specialists

The VIS team had a busy 2022, starting with creating a webpage, portable backdrop, Facebook livestream of the event and evites for Marker Day honoring Patriot Oliver Cromwell and the Battle of Assunpink Creek. The start of the new administration ushered in a new communications strategy encompassing an overhaul of the member website; a new platform and look for the *Crossroads*

Courier. It introduced the *NJDAR Daughters New Digest*, the bi-monthly state communication from the State Corresponding Secretary. A redesign of the public state and chapter website began and will continue through 2023. Social Media focused on increasing the state's presence on Facebook and Instagram utilizing planned posts highlighting monthly committee minutes, NJ Patriot Pride, and Join DAR which can also be shared by our chapters.

There are thirty-nine chapters that have chapter websites. Data supplied from the chapters on the Chapter Master Report informs us that 53% of the chapters continued to utilize Zoom or other online virtual meeting platforms to keep members engaged. Additionally, thirty-seven chapters report that they distribute chapter minutes, yearbooks, newsletters, and other DAR material and information electronically.

2022 VIS of Year is being awarded to long overlooked, Deborah Hvizdos of Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter who has steadfastly maintained the state's cloud computing service and websites; while with good grace and patience keeps the state, chapter, and members in compliance with national VIS guidelines. This chair is happy to present the twenty-eight New Jersey Daughters with Outstanding VIS certificates for their accomplishments in 2022. Some of the highlights: Holly Dunbar PowerPoint presentation for the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter 125th anniversary celebration; Hester Schuyler Colfax's Eva Conover compiling a listing of chapter chairs for the state board; Heather Sanford digitized Church and Cannon's scrapbooks, as well as redesigned the Crossroads Courier; Pricilla Stanley created a compelling travel log shared with the Governor

William Livingston Chapter; and General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter's Patty Jackman creative social media posts.

It is a pleasure to serve the Oliver Administration.

Kimberly Armstrong and Deborah Hvizdos
VIS Committee, State Co-Chairs

Women's Issues

New Jersey Daughters Celebrated and Cared for Women by providing interesting programs and activities for their chapters during 2022. Chapters promoted the Women's Issues monthly themes through social media, community events, local media, and meetings as well as reading the monthly Women's Issues minutes and past winning essays.

This chairman is excited to announce that Nancy L. Kritch, a member of the Chinkchewunska Chapter, was the first-place winner of the NJDAR Women's Issues Essay Contest in the Physical Health category. Her essay entitled What If You Woke Up Different One Day? tells of her stroke experience and how her family and DAR friends have helped in her recovery. Nancy is a kind-hearted woman who has touched many lives throughout our national organization. As a result, these women have showered her with love and encouragement along her road to recovery. To quote Nancy "I did not realize my little kindness to others would one day be my biggest reward."

New Jersey Daughters held programs covering a variety of topics including how helpful women were during WWII and its lasting effect on their lives and society, the importance of mammograms, and how to beat the stress of the December holidays, to name a

few. Daughters participated in projects and activities in support of Women's Issues. Chapters donated items such tote bags filled with baby supplies, holiday gifts, toiletries, clothing, food, and monetary gifts for women's shelters. Chapters sent crocheted children's blankets to new mothers in Germany while others collected items for women veterans, and some participated in cancer awareness activities.

A Certificate of Appreciation has been given to the Beacon Fire Chapter for remembering women veterans with an online baby shower. Members Elizabeth Valdes and Liz Clark, who were instrumental in coordinating this project, have received certificates for their efforts.

A Certificate of Appreciation has been given to the Francis Hopkinson Chapter who collected school supplies, backpacks, and gift cards for an abused women's shelter.

Certificates of Appreciation have been given to members Laurel King and Barbara Keune who volunteered over 650 hours at Food Banks in the Freehold area.

This chairman would like to thank all New Jersey chapters for supporting women through informative programs and activities which showed your commitment. Jersey Girls demonstrated how their kind hearts are inspiring family, service, and community.

Wendy Kelly
Women's Issues Committee, State Chair

Reports of the State Chairs of State Committees

Awards Day

A lovely ceremony was held during the 2022 NJDAR Annual Spring Meeting on April 30, 2022. The ceremony was hosted by Awards Day Committee Chairman, Vittoria Flick. Twenty-one contest and scholarships were recognized and celebrated during the event. The chairman thanks all the state contest and scholarship chairmen for their efforts to celebrate the bright young Americans who were awarded and congratulated for their hard work.

Thank you, Madam State Regent for the pleasure of serving our State Society.

R. Kate Cutts
Awards Day Committee, State Chair

Fashion Design

The 2022 DAR Fashion Design Contest had 15 participants from two chapters, Westfield, and Saddle River. There are two categories: Junior up to age 13 and Senior ages 14-21. \$300 of prize money was awarded.

The Junior winners were Leah Nott, Penelope Ort and Faith Oporto all from the Westfield Chapter. Senior winners were Tatiana Fecowycz from the Westfield Chapter, Addison Palmer and Joelle Minicucci both from the Saddle River Chapter.

The entrants ranged in age from eight to 18.

Fashion Design Contest information was posted on the state website and the chairperson sent personal emails to the chapters that had previously participated.

Josephine Guscott
Fashion Design Contest Committee, State Chair

Finance

This Chairman received the draft of the 2023 NJDAR budget from the State Treasurer and reviewed it. She responded to the State Treasurer and following the vote of the Board of Management, she received a copy of the approved budget.

This Chairman received four monthly reconciliations and two quarterly reports from the Treasurer of The Founders Committee.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the Oliver Administration.

Louise C. Stiloski
Finance State Chair

Founders

In 2022, The Founders Committee welcomed over 900 visitors to the Isaac Watson House. In addition to the six open houses, special events included Hamilton Township Elementary School Tours, NJ C.A.R. Annual Picnic, Watson After Dark and Christmas on the Creek. Committee members spent over 180 hours conducting docent-led tours and 84 hours in educational programs.

The Committee is pleased to report the property deed dated 1812 discovered in a trunk at the Watson House was accepted for donation by the National Society. The deed was presented by Past State Regent Bonnie Matthews and The Founders Committee

Honorary Chair Connie Olde during the 131st Continental Congress Gift Acceptance Ceremony.

Curator Patricia Sanftner and Honorary Chair Diane Argraves completed a five-year project of recording the addition of all objects to the Watson House inventory. The document contains a myriad of information on each artifact including a description of each object, its item number, location, measurement, condition, provenance, and photograph.

Daughters very generously supported the State Headquarters through its purchases of voices and other fundraising initiatives during the year. The funds generated throughout 2022 were used to maintain and support the house and its collection including \$1,019 for the restoration of its curtains and samplers.

Throughout the year, The Founders Committee used a variety of marketing materials including social media, brochures, flyers, bookmarks, and coloring pages to educate and engage the community about the Watson House and promote our Society. Promotional materials were distributed at events such as the DAR America 250! Patriotic Marker Ceremony honoring The Battle of Assunpink Creek in Trenton and school tours.

Committee members continued to generously donate their time and talents. Crucial to the successful operation of the Society's headquarters, members facilitated educational programs, conducted historical research, maintained social-media sites, and organized special events. In addition, the Committee presented the Historic Preservation Committee Award of Excellence in Historic Preservation to Steven Balducci for his work on the restoration of two 3rd floor windowsills and the installation of 16 UV protected and energy-efficient windows, and to Bob Simmons, caretaker, for his dedication to the care of the Watson House including the maintenance of its gardens and the design and installation of Path to Preservation memorial pathway.

The Committee is working with the Mercer County Park Commission on designing a space next to the *Holly Jean Dunbar Pollinator Garden* for a butterfly bench and book box. Once complete, the site will be a wonderful location to relax and enjoy the beauty of the grounds and a great picture spot.

In June, Connie Olde stepped down as Chair of the Founders Committee. Upon completion of her tenure, she was named Honorary Chair by the Committee's members. In September, Marcia Szedula submitted her letter of resignation to the Committee after years of dedicated service including holding the positions of Recording Secretary and Docent Chair. The Committee also welcomed new members R. Kate Cutts and Dorothy Ponte.

Linda Chesko
The Founders Committee State Chair

State Scholarships

NJDAR State Scholarship|

Alexandria Kisseberth, Toms River East High School
Sponsoring Chapter: Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter

Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship

Zaina Qureshi, Chatham High School
Morristown Chapter

Patricia Franz
State Scholarships 2019-2022, State Chairs

NJDAR State Bulletin

This chair is grateful to Samantha Seamans-Frizzell, State Bulletin Chair under the Matthews Administration for her guidance at the beginning of the Oliver Administration.

The Crossroads Courier, State Bulletin of NJDAR, is a free, quarterly publication that is found on the members-only portion of the state website. Using the new Daughter's Digest email, a link to the Crossroads Courier is emailed to all members on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. Those wishing a printed copy paid \$12 for an annual subscription. The cost of the Courier was increased to \$16 for 2023 and the number of subscriptions dropped from 79 to 48.

The Crossroads Courier has undergone major renovations for the Oliver Administration. The Courier is now created using a program called Canva. At the direction of Mrs. Oliver and with the assistance of Kimberly Armstrong, VIS Chair, this chairman has helped shift the focus of the Crossroads Courier to be more forward thinking. Chapter articles now focus on teaching other chapters how to succeed in promoting the Society's goals of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. Officer Messages and Committee Articles will focus on news, upcoming projects, goals, contests, and deadlines. The page count of the Courier was reduced to 16 pages and the word count for each article was capped at 200 plus one photo. Ann Jacoby has done a marvelous job proof-reading each issue.

It is the goal of this committee chair to provide our members with timely and useful information that will strengthen their chapters. By focusing chapter articles more on What, Why, and How and less on Who, Where, and When, other chapters will hopefully be inspired to take similar actions in their own communities.

Submission deadlines are the 15th of the month prior to publication. Guidelines can be found on the state website.

Heather Sanford
State Bulletin State Chair

New Jersey Period Room

This chair is honored to represent our State Society as hostess of the New Jersey Period Room at Continental Congress.

During her most recent visit to the DAR Library in November, she was able to confirm to Madam State Regent that her request to have a reproduction of the memorial paper plaque enclosed in a protective frame and placed on the lectern for viewing was nicely completed. The original document is now safely stored in the DAR Museum's artwork storage system.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the New Jersey State Society in this capacity as we work together with kind hearts.

Cheryl Knabe
New Jersey Period Room State Chair

NJ Sunday At Valley Forge

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, 52 DAR sisters and their guests attended Valley Forge Sunday, in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Those in attendance enjoyed a brunch prepared by Valley Forge Caterers and gathered prayerfully in the Washington Memorial Chapel for a Service of Evensong led by Father Tommy Thompson. All who gathered joined in thanksgiving and prayer for the health and success of the Oliver Administration and for all of our DAR sisters. Following the service, we were invited to ascend the bell tower and to enjoy a short recital by the chapel's carillonneur, Douglas Gefvert.

The cost for the service, as invoiced by the Washington Memorial Chapel, was met through receipts collected for brunch and through additional donations from members. A full financial accounting for the event has been provided.

Attendees remarked upon the beauty of the service and the pageantry of the processional as led by the Color Guard for the Sons of the American Revolution. Photographs of all assembled were taken on the steps of the chapel, capturing the beauty of the day for posterity.

Madame Regent, it has been our honor to serve your administration.

Katherine R. Marshall and Joan McNichols
Valley Forge Sunday, State Co-Chairs

Outstanding Chapter Regent Contest

NJDAR State Chorus

Through its performances in 2022, the NJ DAR Chorus supported the State Society by singing at the NJ State Society's 130th Annual State Conference at the Crowne Plaza Princeton. The Chorus sang the National Anthem at the start of its morning business sessions (April 29 and 30) as well as the Friday Evening Banquet. In addition, the Chorus performed two songs: "New Jersey, My Home" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee" at its business luncheon. The Chorus also performed the National Anthem at the Autumn State Meeting at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township.

Linda Chesko
Jersey Girls' Choir, State Chair

Pages

Parliamentarian

The State Parliamentarian has actively sought copies of all Chapter Bylaws, as per your directive. Each Chapter was contacted to provide us with their current copy. This Parliamentarian reviewed each copy and then provided the National Society's "Model for Chapter Bylaws" to each chapter who needed an update. Correspondence and answers to questions were provided as needed.

To date:

41 Chapters have current updated Bylaws.

1 Chapter with updated Bylaws is awaiting revised and/or adopted dates.

3 Chapters still need to completely update their dues information, electronic meeting, and voting procedures or other items

A complete list of all the chapters status is included in this report. A special thank you to all who assisted in this necessary update.

Madam State Regent, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve.

Cornelia “Connie” Ball Olde
NJDAR State Parliamentarian

Photography

Post Box

This chairman was honored to serve this office.

In preparation for the Autumn State Meeting in September, this chairman advertised for the collection of any pertinent information on the State Facebook page and by email to the state division chairs for dissemination to the chapter regents.

This chairman collected flyers from 10 committees and chapters and filed them among the state’s chapter post boxes.

This chairman purchased autumn scratch off tickets for those that signed for post boxes. The winner received a mum plant from the chairman. The mum was won quite early in the passing out of files.

At the Autumn meeting, although the office was delayed in opening until just before lunch, the post boxes were signed for and passed out quite quickly. Those that were not picked up were divided among the divisions and given to the chairs for each section of the state. Ms. Flick, Mrs. Martinsen and Dr. Ingenito were to see that each chapter under them received their post box.

The chairman did mail out post for Mrs. Argraves who recently moved to Florida and was unable to attend the meeting.

Although this chairman was a novice at the office; she believes things went smoothly and will be able to improve upon certain aspects for meetings going forward.

Once again, thank you for the honor of serving your administration.

Melissa Carton Mogen
Post Box Committee, State Chair

Real Daughters Project

With the purchase of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Real Daughter grave marker for Priscilla Ayers Inslee, daughter of Patriot Robert Ayers Jr. and his wife

Rhoda Holton of Middlesex County, New Jersey, the Real Daughters Project reached the successful conclusion. The purchase of the marker and the arrangements for installation at the Alpine Cemetery in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, would not be possible without the tireless efforts of Catherina Vargas, Shevchenko Monuments, LLC. Due to the time of year when ordering her marker and uncertain exact dedication date, the placement reads “New Jersey State Society April 2023”. Completed a review and update to the existing records for our Real Daughter Project. Collaborated with Genevieve Shishak, Office of the Historian General, ensuring their records are up to date. The New Jersey State Society Collection of Real Daughters is complete.

Beatrice A. Boyce
Real Daughters Project, State Chair

Registration

The 2022 Autumn State Meeting was held at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township, NJ on September 23-24, 2022. Registrations were taken by this chair and her co-chair, Ms. Valerie Trupp. Registration forms and checks were mailed to this chair, sorted, and entered an Excel spreadsheet. The Excel spreadsheet was organized by last name and included the registrants’ National numbers, Chapters, emergency contact information, meal choices, workshop choices, and amounts paid. The spreadsheet was shared with the State Regent and the Conference Co-Chairs. Head counts were provided to the Workshop presenters and the Fun Night organizer. Meal counts were provided to the Conference Chair so she could place the food orders. This Chair worked with the State Regent to assign table numbers for meals. Payments collected were

photocopied along with the registration form and forwarded to the State Treasurer. Copies of the registration forms were kept with this chairperson for reference during the conference if necessary, and afterwards were destroyed by shredding. During the conference, the Registration committee co-chairs were seated at the reservation table and welcomed conference guests, checked them in and provided meal and table assignments, and other information as requested. A first count and final count of the registration committee was given when requested by the State Regent during the conference.

This co-chair is honored to serve the NJDAR in this capacity and thanks The State Board for the opportunity.

Stacey Andiorio
Registration/Reservations, State Chair

State Regent's Project

The Matthews Administration, 2019 – 2022, raised over \$ 75,000 for Semper Fido K9 Basics. Their mission is Helping Veterans One at a Time. Unique fundraising opportunities were required do to the Covid 19 pandemic which limited in person events. The creativity and originality of the project co-chairs, partnering with an online manufacturing and sales organization, proved that nothing would deter them from supporting their project. In the Fall of 2021, an in-person fund raising luncheon was held with members of the New Jersey State Society donating over one hundred baskets for voices. A silent auction by Board members provided opportunities to spend one-on-one time with them in their area of specialization.

The Oliver Administration began fundraising at the Autumn 2022 Meeting. Items available for purchase in support of this project included signature jewelry in The Tree of Life Collection. Two round silver pins, with a small purple heart adjacent to the tree, were offered in a non-sparkly or sparkly design. Earrings were also available. Custom designed purple and black scarves embellished with the State Theme, Scripture, Tree of Life and DAR emblem around the border add to the collection. Also available were three New Jersey themed table runners. Longaberger Baskets and two large counted cross stitch framed artworks were silent auction items. Daughters were able to order member name badges showing their Chapter membership. Jewelry, scarves and name badges will be available mid-year for sale on the NJDAR website.

Bea Boyce and Catherine Medich
State Regent's Project, State Co-Chairs

REPORTS OF SPECIAL STATE APPOINTMENTS

DAR/ROTC

DAR/SAR/SR Liaison

The NJDAR (New Jersey Society Daughters of the American Revolution) looks forward to its continued work with the NJSSAR (New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution) and the NJSR (Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New Jersey) and to further the goals of all three societies: Education, Historic Preservation, and Patriotism.

With regard to NJSSAR, each October, Union County holds the opportunity for the public to visit various historic sites in the county via the “Four Centuries in a Weekend” program. The NJSSAR Headquarters, located in Roselle, New Jersey was opened to the public for touring the weekend of October 15 and 16. Co-Chair Ruth Ryno assisted with tours of the Abraham Clark House. She also regularly sets up the file folders for the new SAR members which are then placed in the Abraham Clark House. She also attended the SAR meeting at the West Fields Chapter in November and the Jockey Hollow Chapter in December.

With regard to NJSR, the organization meets three times year and hosts various events throughout the year, including reenactments, fellowship events, and an annual meeting consisting of a parade through Trenton, New Jersey and a worship service at the local Episcopal Church, followed by a luncheon. This past summer and fall, Co-Chair Heather Speas attended the Somerset Patriots baseball game, at which members of the SR served as the color guard, that game, in particular, honoring American Veterans. She also attended the annual SR social at Princeton University where members tailgated and attended the local Princeton football game.

All of these events and activities strengthen the bonds between all three organizations, and it has been a pleasure to serve the NJDAR in this manner.

Ruth A. Ryno and Heather Speas
DAR/SAR/SR Liaison State Co-Chairs

DAR/Boy Scouts Liaison

The following Chapters reported in their Service To America hours Boy Scout activities by their members: General Lafayette, General William Maxwell, Jersey Blue, Matochshoning – Rebecca Cornell, Morristown & Ye Olde Newton – Nassau. They supported these young men & women in various ways, and this Liaison would like to thank them for their continued support, plus their collective 1,755 service hours.

Colleen Parliman
DAR/Boy Scout Liaison State Chair

DAR/Girl Scout Liaison

This chairman is honored to serve this office.

After being asked to take the liaison position this officer researched the women in charge of the highest award in Girl Scouts for each of three councils in the state of New Jersey. She then drafted letters to each council introducing herself and her objective.

In November she drafted emails to each council and reiterated her mission to honor each Gold Award Girl Scout with a certificate and acknowledgement from the DAR.

She issued 30 Certificates to Girl Scout Gold Award recipients from the Jersey Shore Council for 2022.

She will continue to be in touch with the councils and expects the names of girls awarded for 2023 in March of 2023.

The proceedings from the chapters are as follows:

Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe Chapter – Melissa Mogen acted as a leader for GS Troop 97293 in Hawthorne. The chapter worked to teach the girls about flag etiquette and gave each girl the Flag Code. They collected, prepared, and ceremoniously cremated old flags to retire them. Some of the members worked on sewing badges for the girls. The chapter presented one certificate in recognition of the achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

General William Maxwell Chapter – Girl Scouts laid wreaths with members for Wreaths Across America this past December.

Ferro Monte Chapter – Girl Scouts place marker flags at soldier's graves before the chapter members place wreaths for Wreaths Across America. On the day of the event scouts help at another location to place wreaths on veteran's graves.

Many of our daughters support the Girl Scouts by buying and enjoying cookies at cookie sale time.

Thank you for the honor of serving your administration.

Melissa Mogen
DAR/Girl Scout Liaison State Chair

Reports of the District Directors

Northern District

The northern chapters have been busy this year. Each chapter continues to shine in their own way while honoring veterans, supporting schools, promoting patriotism, and staying active in their local communities.

Multiple chapters participated in a Wreaths Across America event in December. Chapters sponsored wreaths to place on veteran's graves in their local towns. Others coordinated with local groups to host. Ferro Monte Chapter hosted their 9th year, organizing the placement of 670 graves across 2 cemeteries. Church and Cannon chapter hosted its first public ceremony for the nationwide event.

Other ways chapters honored veterans was to deliver cards on Veterans Day. Chinkchewunska Chapter hosted a Prayer Breakfast for 35 Vietnam War veterans and their wives. After breakfast, the attendees enjoyed a tour of their museum. Polly Wycoff - David Demarest Chapter held a military fly-in event on the grounds of Bergan Community College, they had over 200 attendees. At the event, all veterans present were honored. Basking Ridge Chapter collected, serviced, and donated 10 bikes to veterans for transportation. Many chapters knitted scarves and hats to send to veterans, along with baby blankets that were sent to newborn babies of veterans and active-duty military members.

Members made sure that Constitution Week was celebrated in September. Many chapters created displays for their local libraries and town halls. Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter coordinated with

local high schools to have a constitution minute read during the morning announcements.

Daughters worked to stay active in their communities, as well. Elizabeth Parcels De Voe Chapter put together "thank you" bags

to first responders, complete with a handwritten note. Bergen Paulus Hook chapter volunteered in town beautification projects, and Habitat for Humanity. Claverack Chapter cleaned and revitalized Crooked Pond Cemetery and the Passaic County Cemetery. Morristown Chapter donated to their local women's shelters and cleaned headstones.

Many chapters worked with their local schools to encourage children to enter the American History Essay Contests. Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter sponsored 97 essays this year. Chinkchewunska Chapter recognized 11 Good Citizens this year. They were also able to purchase supplies from a wish list for a local school. Flags were sent to multiple schools to recognize Flag Day. Daughters were also supporting their DAR schools. Bergen Paulus Hook Chapter sent a box of educational items to Crossnore School.

Service to America Day was well celebrated in the Northern Chapters. Morristown chapter held their annual quilt pinning. Ferro Monte chapter cleaned local gravestones. Church and Canon volunteered at the Springfield Historical Society's Cannon Ball House Tours. Beacon Fire made 119 cards for active-duty military troops.

Claverack Chapter members crafted gift bags to give to new citizens when they took their oath of citizenship. Members from multiple northern chapters attended these ceremonies to help celebrate some of America's newest citizens.

Beacon Fire chapter celebrated their 100th anniversary this year with a luncheon. Over 95 people came out to celebrate the milestone.

Northern Daughters stayed busy this past year. They remembered veterans, welcomed new citizens, supported the youth, and helped out their local communities. The chapters were all excited to restart meetings, and enjoy the company and community while serving God, Home, and Country.

Rebecca Martinsen
Northern District Director

Central District

The central district chapters had a year full of events and giving.

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter was proud to present the national awards to the Just Kidding 4-H goat club in the Junior American Citizens contest, Community Service category.

Daughters in the Francis Hopkinson Chapter donated over \$350 worth of school supplies and gift cards to fill backpacks donated to 180 Turning Lives Around in Hazlet, NJ. General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter members contributed to the Patriot Records project by indexing more than 65,500 names. This chapter also celebrated chapter member Stephanie Teagarden as the NJDAR State Outstanding Junior and National Finalist. Governor William Livingston Chapter's former regent LTC (retired) Gladys Haynes co-chaired a Vietnam Day at Manasquan High School; 25 veterans took part and over 400 students viewed the exhibits and talked with the veterans. The Jersey Blue Chapter donated and delivered backpacks and duffle bags to foster kids to give them a sense of dignity when moving so they do not have to use garbage bags to carry their possessions. The Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter looked outside of New Jersey and donated 3 handmade Quilts of Valor to veterans in New Jersey and Arizona and donated gift boxes filled with toys for Ukrainian children seeking refuge in

Poland. Middletown Chapter has a lot to celebrate this year as the newest chapter in NJDAR and their eventful year including distributing 540 pounds of food, filling 2 SUVs, to local veterans during the holidays. The Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowery looked toward the first responders of their community and donated lemon bars and a bundt cake from a recipe in the DAR magazine. The Princeton Chapter promoted DAR at an information table at Young Patriots Day at Princeton Battlefield.

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter was able to put together a formal ceremony to dedicate a plaque at the former home of Oliver Cromwell, an African American Revolutionary Soldier. The Coastal Watch Chapter had a member work with 16 local Scouts to help them earn the BSA Genealogy Badge. A member of the Westfield Chapter managed the Washington-Rochambeau “March To Yorktown Day” event and parade that will now be held annually.

On top of all of that, these chapters helped veterans in many ways and with many facilities and organizations including the Lyons V.A. Medical Center, East Orange Veterans Hospital, Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home, Soldier On, VFW Post 2179, USO at Newark Airport, Unbroken Warriors and Stamps for the Wounded. Chapters helped the veterans in these facilities and organizations by celebrating Mardi Gras and Lunar New Year with them, playing mini golf, reading to the veterans, donating many Thank you, Valentine's Day, and holiday cards, and donating money and many items. Veterans were also remembered and honored this past year by the over 11 chapters participating in Wreaths Across America. The central district chapters donated at least 1,000 wreaths.

The District Director participated in many district chapter events and programs. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Central District Director.

Vittoria Flick
Central District Director

Southern District

It is an honor to report that the twelve chapters of the Southern District are actively fulfilling the mission of DAR. To begin the year, many chapters were still dealing with COVID-19 restrictions. However, as the year progressed many of those restrictions dissolved or were eliminated altogether. The Southern District totaled 17,031 Service to America volunteer hours for 2022.

The Ann Whitall Chapter wrote out Christmas cards and donated calendars to the veterans residing at the Vineland's Veterans Home. Chapter Treasurer, Judy Thompson designed the winning quilt square for New Jersey's contribution to the National Quilt for America's 250th Anniversary.

The Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter has an active Facebook group and an electronic newsletter. During the chapter's annual awards luncheon, a new member was inducted, awarded a NJDAR State \$1500 Scholarship, a Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter Scholarship and two Good Citizen awards. Chapter members participated in the DAR Day of Service by delivering food and monetary donations to a local food bank.

The Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter was able to conduct in-person meetings throughout the year. The chapter presented their first America 250! Commendation to the Revolutionary War Alliance of Burlington County. For the DAR Day of Service, members placed markers and flag holders on the graves of Revolutionary War patriots at St. Andrew's Cemetery in Mount Holly. Also, past Chapter Regent, Grace McAfee was recognized as the NJDAR Outstanding Chapter Regent.

The General Lafayette Chapter continues to have an active Facebook group and posts Flag Friday and Tombstone Tuesday posts. The Lovely Ladies of Lafayette combined forces with the local SAR group for National Night Out and distributed hundreds of American flags to participants. For the DAR Day of Service, several members cleaned headstones of Revolutionary War patriots at Zion Methodist Church in Egg Harbor Township, NJ. The chapter also participated in Wreaths Across America. They are proud to have chapter member Rosemary Cain Wallace serve on the NJDAR State Board as Corresponding Secretary for the Oliver Administration.

The Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter is the Little Chapter That Could. Members held two meetings focused on Native American Indian artifacts and the plight of Native American women living on reservations today. This year's Ladies of History program featured Revolutionary war heroine Annis Boudinot Stockton. The chapter is also preparing to participate in Wreaths Across America.

The Haddonfield Chapter celebrated their 125th anniversary with The New Jersey String band. The chapter collected and donated Christmas presents to the veterans at Veteran's Haven. They also participated in the CAR Tissues for Veterans campaign. Chapter members participated in "So You Think You Know the Constitution" game.

The Moorestown Chapter had a trip to Batsto Village and St. Mary's Church in Burlington, NJ. Members attended both the Spring and Fall NJDAR Conferences. They presented 25 gift bags to new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony at Rowan University. The chapter participated in Wreaths Across America at the Beverly National Cemetery.

The Oak Tree Chapter began to meet again in person in 2022. The chapter participated in the DAR Day of Service by collecting donations for the local animal shelter. They addressed over 100 Christmas cards for the veterans at Vineland Veterans Home as well as collecting clothing, games, and gift cards. For the 14th year, the chapter participated in Wreaths Across America at Finn's Point Veterans Cemetery.

The Red Bank Chapter also began meeting in person in 2022. The chapter held several social gatherings to reconnect including a field trip to the NJDAR Watson House and The Whithall House. Members cleaned and planted at the Green Cemetery in Woodbury, NJ. Two JROTC awards were sent to local high schools as well as four Good Citizen awards.

The Ye Old Newton Nassau chapter held five in-person meetings in 2022. Program topics include Constitution, Conservation, Commemorative Events and Women's Issues. Members participated in Wreaths Across America. The chapter is proud to have their member Josephine Guscott serve on the NJDAR State Board as the Recording Secretary for the Oliver Administration.

The Southern District Chapters serve joyfully and are honored to support the NJDAR Oliver Administration with kind hearts.

Jeannine Holt Ingenito
Southern District Director

Reports of Chapter Regents

Ann Whitall

Ann Whitall DAR Chapter filled out Christmas cards and contributed calendars and decorations to the Vineland Veteran's home. Also, two members volunteered for polls on Election Day. Also, Ann Whitall Chapter contributed baby hats to the NICU at Inspira Vineland. Other members also volunteered in various ways including participating in blood drives and various church activities.

Judy Thompson, our treasurer, and quilter extraordinaire has designed the winning quilt square for the New Jersey contribution to the National quilt for America's 250th Anniversary. The chapter is very proud of her.

Ann Whitall Chapter sponsored fifteen new naturalized citizens by contributing to gift bags. The ceremony was held on 11/3/22 at the Old Mount Holly Courthouse.

Susan Ferzetti
Ann Whitall Chapter Regent

Basking Ridge

Every year for the Basking Ridge Chapter is worthy of reporting and the year 2022 lived up to that thought. The Executive Board met twice in January to work together on the Chapter Master Report. That task completed, our February meeting brought the chapter together to virtually to hear and see from Mario Medici about "Ellis Island and The Statue of Liberty."

Inspired by Mario, in March in person at the Bernards Township Library, members began to focus on July 4th, 2026. America 250! with history lecturer Joel Farkas presenting: "George Washington and Morristown, Perfect Together" Joel was back in April to inform about the, "Declaration Of Independence--The Whole Story, the Document, the day, the journey, the celebration (and a whole lot of Independence in between)".

May brought our Annual Meeting at a member's home with committee reports, the installation of new officers and refreshments.

June Chapter Picnic and Silent Auction was held at the Bernards Township Pleasant Valley Picnic Pavilion. Through the Auction, members raised over \$400 for Scholarship funds for graduating high school students.

After a summer break, we came back in September to hear Joel Farkas once again speak, this time at a hybrid meeting on "Remembering the American Revolution".

Also, in September Regent Joan Palmer and Treasurer Arline Cox attended the NJDAR Autumn State Conference at Forsgate Country Club in Cranbury, NJ.

In October chapter members went on a field trip to tour the historic Ford Mansion --Washington's Headquarters in Morristown, NJ with lunch to follow at the historic Grain House in Basking Ridge, NJ.

In November, our chapter celebrated its 88th Anniversary with a hybrid presentation from Joel Farkas entitled "George Washington, New Jersey and the Revolutionary War." as we continue to gear up for " America 250!" in 2026.

2022 ended with a very pleasant December Holiday gathering, luncheon, and meeting at a member's home.

Throughout the DAR Chapter year, committees have been active in many ways. The committee for Service For Veterans at Community Hope, Lyons, NJ has added collecting used but in good condition bikes for veterans to have for transportation to their Service for Veterans plan. To date ten bikes have been collected, serviced, and given to veterans.

History Awards and Scholarships for local Middle School and High School students, each late spring, continues along with our local DAR Good Citizen High School Awards.

The Covid. pandemic is now in the past along with adjustments that were needed.

Chapter members deeply appreciate the DAR organization and all it stands for. We look forward to July 4, 2026 -- America 250! Closer in time, our Chapter will continue to gear up for it.

Edythe Joan Palmer
Basking Ridge Chapter Regent

Beacon Fire

Beacon Fire Chapter had a thrilling year in 2022, all of the events leading up to the highlight: its Centennial Celebration in November 2022. As the chapter members reviewed the history of the chapter, it was amazing to see how Beacon Fire Chapter has remained strong and relevant for its first 100 years, serving the community during wartime and peace. Members of the chapter are undeterred by hardship and remain ever determined to preserve and promote the DAR motto of God, Home, and Country. In February, members gathered for the annual “George Washington Birthday Luncheon,” complete with a birthday cake and George Washington trivia, all organized by Eebie Zobitz. In March, the chapter hosted its annual public program at the Summit Free Public Library, this year hosting Joel Farkas and his program on “Remember the Ladies.” April brought forth our first of our twice-yearly book club meetings, the April selection being *The Widow Washington*, by Martha Saxton. Also in April, Service for Veterans Chairs, Elizabeth Clark and Elizabeth Valdes, organized an electronic baby shower gift collection using an online Amazon wish list and delivered over \$500 worth of baby gifts to East Orange VA for female veterans. May rounded out the meetings before the summer break with a lovely annual luncheon at Beacon Hill Club, where awards were given and elections were held, as was the passing of the gavel. Before members parted ways for the summer, many participated in the annual Summit Memorial Day

Parade jointly with the Jeremiah Crane Garthwaite Society, C.A.R., a society the chapter sponsors. Members gathered again in September for a “welcome back” meeting and DAR trivia bingo came created by Regent, Heather Speas. Additionally in September, members gathered at Summit City Hall to receive a Constitution Week proclamation from Mayor, Nora Radest. October saw members gathering for coffee and a service project, making 119 cards for active military troops for NSDAR Founders’ Day, and the week following, members gathered for the second book club meeting of the year, discussing Janice Nimera’s *The Doctors* Blackwell. The absolute highlight of the year was the chapter’s 100th anniversary celebration at Canoe Brook Country Club in November. The day was a huge success with over 95 in attendance and several special guests, including the NJDAR State Regent and members of the NJDAR State Board, the Mayor, the President of the Summit Historical Society, an organization for which the chapter raised over \$3000, and the Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest 2 winner, who was also the NJDAR State Winner, sponsored by Beacon Fire Chapter. Finishing out the year was a tour of the Summit Historical Society followed by luncheon at a local restaurant. Beacon Fire Chapter had an amazing 2022, finishing out with 78 members, and is looking forward to 100 more years of service to God, Home, and Country.

Heather Speas
Beacon Fire Chapter Regent

Bergen-Paulus Hook

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter held four Zoom meetings this year. Each meeting began with the DAR ritual, President General’s letter, NJDAR State Regent’s letter, National Defense, American

Indian minute, Women’s minute, Chapter minute, Conservation minute, Constitution minute, Preamble, Patriot minute, Service to America minute, and flag minute.

Meeting topics were “150th Anniversary of Yellowstone National Park”, “DAR Hospital Corp and Dr Anita Newcomb McGee”, “50th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle”, and NJDAR State Regent Diane Oliver presenting her NJDAR State Project”.

The yearbook was reformatted; the following were updated- Bylaws, website, tri-fold brochure, and the chapter’s closed and open Facebook pages.

The meetings were Zoom and following each meeting the chapter newsletter was sent out to all members to include all members in chapter activities.

Bergen-Paulus Hook gained 10 new members by application. One member was deceased. four members were resigned and of these four, three members plan to be reinstated at a later date. The registrar received help with two “Have Written” by the NJDAR State Registrar and team bringing in seven new members,

Numerous prospective members have applications in process. Letters sent to those on PMD to keep in touch and find out their status. They are emailed monthly and the PMD is updated.

The American History essay topics were given to the Washington Elm Society CAR. We have problems locating schools for the contests and hope to have a new school in 2023-2024.

Chapter registrar contacted new PMs when info was received. Each PM was invited to meetings while in application process. When verified new members were sent First 30 Days, yearbook and bylaws.

This chapter participated in Wreaths Across America as a fundraiser and honoring veterans and also Amazon Smile as a fundraiser.

Members donated funds toward the Americanism committee to supply bags for 60 new citizens at the ceremony at Great Falls in Paterson, NJ.

The chapter collected 396 pull tabs, 2 oz canceled stamps, 150 greeting cards, etc for Ronald McDonald House, St Jude's, veterans, and DAR school; one educational items sent to Crossnore from Amazon wish list; three boxes for VVA.

The chapter had 2245 Service to America hours, CMR completed and submitted, and e-postcard filed. Volunteer hours included quilts for nursing home residents; sewing clothes for preemies, and masks/surgical caps, member helping neighbors and a Cancer patient, member giving Covid vaccines and boosters, food pantry donations and paperwork; Habitat For Humanity, museum docent, Board of Ed, Liberty State Park clean up, town beautification. Teaching CCD, moderator of deacons, applying for food pantry grant from CFBNJ, writing cards to deployed sailors, and more.

The chapter hopes to have a productive 2023 year with increased membership. The chapter hopes to have hybrid or in person meetings in the future.

Susan Brillhart
Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter Regent

Camp Middlebrook

Cape May Patriots

In 2022 the Cape May Patriots Chapter continued to Celebrate, Remember and Honor our Veterans. Members and the Chapter will continue to support programs for our veterans.

Our chapter recognized Cadet Seaman Apprentice Tatyana Moffitt-Ivens with the D.A.R. Outstanding Student Cadet Medal, Certificate, and a gift card. D.A.R. recognizes outstanding student cadets participating in non-ROTC affiliated cadet programs funded by local Schools. Cadet Moffitt-Evens was recommended by the Navy National Defense Cadet Corp of Middle Township High School. Our Regent recognized her at the award presentation at the P.A.C. in Cape May Court House.

Our chapter welcomed Taylor Smith and Rachel Tenner as new chapter members. Cape May Patriots Chapter has forty-seven (47) members (about 51% reside in Cape May County) and six (6) associate members (only two reside in New Jersey). Chapter officers work hard to pursue D.A.R. objectives in country, state, county, and community. Chapter virtual meetings have a larger number of members present than previous library meetings. Chapter will continue virtual meetings via Zoom and in conjunction with library meetings.

The chapter's executive officers are actively involved in recruiting new members and assisting them in their search for their American Revolutionary lineage. Mary Ellen Rogan, Registrar of Francis Hopkins Chapter, our volunteer chapter registrar has successfully validated two new members. The chapter has eight prospective members and the chapter's acting registrar works with them to research and document their American Revolutionary War lineage to qualify for D.A.R. membership.

Three chapter members celebrated their tenth anniversaries in 2022: Dr. Sarah Evans, Claire Larkin and Emily Larkin.

Several members volunteered their time to complete the preservation of genealogical documents, and inventory of Patricia Munson-Siter's extensive genealogical library. The Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society Library, under the leadership and guidance of D.A.R. member, Dr. Edith Suzanne Eisenhower-Turner, accepted the final collection. The collection includes research books and local residents' D.A.R. and S.A.R. lineage research documents.

Chapter's preservation committee under the guidance of committee chairperson, Gabrielle Larkin, has worked with the Cold Spring Village's genealogist to propose a preservation award. Also, the committee is in touch with the Harriett Tubman Museum in Cape May to submit a preservation proposal to National for consideration. Our chapter web master, Tamar Fruchtman, worked on updates to our website however the National and State web masters are still working on the update.

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. 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 Daniel Vliet

Captain Joshua Huddy

The chapter has ninety-four members and three associate members. We have a public website and a closed Facebook group that now

has 47 members. The members are kept informed of events and activities through a newsletter composed of minutes from each meeting via email. For our members without email, traditional mail is used.

In April some members attended a walk for homeless, participated in Girl Scout event honoring Women of Distinction, a member attended and spoke at Holocaust Remembrance Day.

In recognizing Arbor Day with planting of tree at The Ocean County Health Department paying tribute to health care workers planting two trees with a plaque.

At the Chapter's Annual awards luncheon in May we inducted a new member, awarded a NJDAR State \$1500 Scholarship, a Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter Scholarship, and two Good Citizen Awards.

The chapter presented items to South Toms River Elementary School for our Community Classroom, throughout the year attended four Eagle Scout ceremonies and awarded DAR Youth Citizenship Award and Medals. In July the chapter hosted an informational event at a library giving a presentation on the DAR to interested parties and perspective new members.

In September chapter members participated in the Ocean County Historical Society's History Day with copies of the Constitution and Know Your Rights Under the Constitution along with DAR information.

Vice Regent Diane Barsa and members located the site for the Penny Pines Monument in the Pine Barrens region and is working

with the NJ State Park Rangers to establish a sign and bench to commemorate the location.

In September our Vice Regent, Diane Barsa, gave an overview of the American History Committee, which she is state chair and several schools to participated in “Women in History”, Excellence in American History. The chapter had a winner for the American History Patriot Essay whose essay was on Patriot Nancy Hart.

We participated in the Ocean County Historical Society’s annual event at one of the high schools with information about DAR handed out. At our November luncheon we inducted four new members into our Chapter. The members participated in Day of Service to America by delivering food and money which was donated to the Food Bank at the Joint Base Lakehurst.

The Chapter held a Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Cedar Grove Cemetery, Toms River, NJ which is designated as an official Wreaths Across America site. A monument of a soldier kneeling at the grave of a comrade was wreathed along with 8 remembrance wreaths.

Virginia Haines
Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter Regent

Chinkchewunska

Chinkchewunska Chapter was fortunate to open the museum with tours and activities since the Covid-19 shutdown. The Chapter welcomed four new members and one junior.

The chapter hosted their annual American History Essay Contest and Teacher of the Year reception. We had 72 students from four elementary schools participate. Eleven high schools participated in the DAR Good Citizens Award Program and the chapter recognized 11 students for their achievements. We supported the Chemawa Indian School with a variety of school supplies, hats, gloves, scarfs, and toys. Our Chapter contacted a local school and asked for a wish list for their classrooms. The chapter collected over \$200 in donations from our Pennies from Heaven campaign and were able to purchase much needed supplies for the classrooms. More than 12 members attended the annual NJDAR State Conference where State Regent and Chapter Member Bonnie Matthews was honored and elected to Honorary State Regent for life.

The chapter's Annual Awards Luncheon was held honoring the Branchville Historical Society with their History Award, The Grateful Shed with the Community Service Award, Friends of the NJ School of Conservation for the Conservation Award, Sparta Historical Society for the Historic Preservation Recognition Award and our own Ramsey-Cooper Memorial Award to John Bradford (aka Santa Claus).

Members of our Chapter traveled to Washington DC for Continental Congress. The opening night ceremony is always the highlight of the trip, and it was wonderful to be back in our newly restored Constitution Hall.

Our annual fundraiser, Christmas in July, began with opening ceremony and over a three day event, our chapter members in

costume gave tours. This very successful event brought community members and visitors from many places to learn more about the museum.

Our Chapter Historian, Jennifer Brylinski with the help of our chapter Curator Ashley Ziccardi organized the Glen Farm Ghost Tour, to bring the live story of the Cooper Family, to life once again to the community and its visitors.

November, we focus on honoring our Veteran's. The chapter held its annual "Prayer Breakfast" for local Veterans. Thirty-five veterans along with their wives, who had served during the Vietnam War attended. They were appreciative for the lovely breakfast and tour of the museum. Chapter Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews did a program on the Four Chaplains. Our chapter through DAR Project Patriot crafted baby blankets and sending them to Landstuhl Germany. Three boxes were sent to Veteran Homes with much needed supplies.

The Chapter also supported Semper Fido and Wreaths Across America. We concluded with our Annual Christmas Party at a local restaurant with members of the Col. John Rosencrans Chapter NJSSAR. Members brought wrapped toys to donate to the children affected by Hurricane Ian and shipped to a local Florida DAR chapter for distribution.

Katherine Cook
Chinkchewunska Chapter Regent

Church and Cannon

The Church and Cannon Chapter began 2022 under the leadership of Nancy Donhauser.

We had four members attend the April State Conference, where our own member, Linda Jurczak, was nominated for State Vice Regent. Barbara Pierson, Treasurer, was named Daughter of Distinction. The new officers for 2022-2025 were elected and sworn in at our May meeting – Heather Sanford, Regent and Corresponding Secretary; Nancy Donhauser, Vice Regent and Recording Secretary; Elissa Heher, Chaplain; Barbara Pierson, Treasurer; Constance Billy, Registrar; and Bonnie Morrison, Historian.

In June, our annual Commemoration of the Battle of Springfield, was enhanced by the SAR's Color Guard joining us at the chapter-owned Battleground Cemetery. The ceremony was led by Linda Jurczak. After the ceremony, the DAR joined the SAR at the monument of a Continental Soldier in front of the First Presbyterian Church for the SAR's wreath laying. The NJSSAR continues to support the cemetery by contributing to our insurance costs.

September brought great excitement to Church and Cannon with the installation of a new member and welcoming of two new associate members. Our meeting was held at the Springfield Library where we held a ceremony for Bells Across America, donated two copies of *We the Kids* for a book walk, decorated the library's bulletin board for Constitution Week, and assisted the children's librarian with crafts for children.

We continued to be involved with the community by doing our annual Day of Service for 4 Centuries in a Weekend, where we help sign in visitors to the Springfield Historical Society's Cannon Ball House tours.

Our largest community event was Wreaths Across America. Heather Sanford was assisted in this endeavor by Linda Jurczak and Bonnie Morrison. This was our first year holding a public ceremony and we had approximately 50 attendees, including Madam State Regent, Diane Waugh Oliver. We promoted the event at the town's Veterans Day ceremony, and sold wreath sponsorships at the town's street fair, and Christmas Tree Lighting. Heather Sanford spoke to the Rotary Club and received a generous donation for wreaths. The American Legion Commander gave our keynote address, and the Elks Lodge and Jersey Mikes provided lunch.

The cards, colored wreaths, and money collected at our December virtual meeting, were sent to the Menlo Park Veterans Home by Nancy Donhauser.

We continue to work on increasing our online presence. Nancy Donhauser has been setting up Google Meets for the virtual component of our meetings. Heather Sanford created a public chapter Facebook page. Junior member, Kaitlyn Sanford, created a YouTube channel for the chapter to be able to share the videos from Wreaths Across America. We are grateful to State VIS Chair, Deb Hvizdos, who updated our chapter's public website.

We hope that our community involvement will help attract new members.

Our chapter is honored to have members serving at the state and national levels. They are: Linda Jurczak, State Vice Regent; Barbara Pierson, National Vice Chair, Community Classroom, Eastern Division; Nancy Donhauser, State Chair of Service to America; and Heather Sanford, State Bulletin Chair.

Claverack

The Claverack Chapter had an eventful 2022 year. It was full of revitalizing past projects, as well as encouragement of members to use their talents in new ways to support the community and the mission of DAR. Gayle Loftis was elected State Organizing Secretary.

Claverack Daughters, as they have for many years, supported the clean-up and revitalization of Crooked Pond Cemetery throughout the year. They joined the ladies of the Hester Schuyler Colfax chapter in clean-up, piecing together stone fragments, and in general, restoration of this historic Passaic County cemetery. Claverack members also continued to support Wreaths Across America by donating 10 wreaths for placement. Ladies of the chapter further volunteered their time to place these wreaths on the graves of veterans at Totowa's Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The placement of wreaths was particularly poignant in 2022 as chapter volunteers were honored to join member Cat Cavallo in placing wreaths to honor her veteran father and uncle on their headstone. Claverack members shone brightly in their support of Americanism and the Flag of the US during 2022. Chapter members worked together to purchase and assemble hundreds of gift bags given to new US citizens as a welcome and congratulatory message for those who chose to become American citizens. The leadership torch of state chair of the Americanism committee was passed from one chapter member, Gayle Loftis, to another, Laura Troy, in 2022. This further solidified the chapter's dedication to this important DAR mission. Furthermore, as each bag presented to a new citizen contained a US flag and supporting

literature, this resulted in the chapter providing hundreds of US flags and disseminating flag literature throughout the state.

Claverack members volunteered thousands of hours in 2022. Notable chapter members' service includes Julie Van Dyke and Catherine Berman's work with Patriot Record's Project resulted in the indexing of a total of 7,735 pages of data in 2022; Elise Goldberg-Santiago traveled to Peru to help local women create a viable business to support their town, while closer to home she led a local troop of Clifton Girl Scouts; and Valerie Trupp selflessly devoted herself to caring for the infirm.

The Claverack chapter voted to create a new committee in 2022 dedicated to supporting Junior ROTC cadets and their instructors. This committee, chaired by Gayle Loftis, began the planning of an awards ceremony, scheduled for May 2023, to provide the DAR JROTC Bronze Medal to deserving junior high school students in five Passaic County schools. This ceremony will also award Distinguished Citizen Medals to the JROTC veterans who volunteer their time as instructors.

Rachel Gercek
Claverack Chapter Regent

Colonel Thomas Reynolds

In 2022, the Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter was able to conduct in-person meetings throughout the year and also take part in various local events.

Our chapter was honored to take part in a ceremony celebrating the placement of a DAR commemorative marker on the home of Revolutionary War soldier, Oliver Cromwell, in Burlington City. Our members helped with set-up, welcoming guests, and providing refreshments. Jane Daly was elected State Treasurer.

Thanks to chapter member Linda McCardell, we were honored to spend some time in December (via Zoom) with Papa Jake Larson, a WWII veteran who served on Omaha Beach on D-Day. Papa Jake shared some of his experiences during the war and after coming home. Since he was going to be celebrating his 100th birthday the day after our chapter meeting, our chapter took the opportunity to sing “Happy Birthday” to him. The chapter hopes to visit with him again in 2023.

Our chapter presented the first America 250! commendation to the Revolutionary War Alliance of Burlington County. Members rang bells to celebrate Constitution Week and sent out 42 proclamations in Burlington County. Flags and DAR Flag Code brochures were handed out at an event in Springfield Township. Members took part in three Naturalization Ceremonies in the South Jersey area. The chapter continued our support of the Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland with donations of personal care items throughout the year along with Christmas cards in December.

For our Day of Service, the chapter completed placement of markers/flag holders on the graves of Revolutionary War patriots at St. Andrews Cemetery in Mount Holly and held a Memorial Service for the 11 patriots who are buried in that cemetery. Members also unveiled a bench dedicated to the memory of our chapter’s namesake, Colonel Thomas Reynolds, who is buried in that cemetery. The bench was the product of a five-month collection of 500 pounds of plastic by chapter members and conservation-minded friends.

Chapter member Rhonda Lovgren Marrone donated a book authored by her mother, member Carol Lovgren (deceased), entitled *My Family*, to the NSDAR library.

Chapter members attended the NJDAR Spring Conference, Continental Congress, NJDAR Autumn Meeting, NJ Sunday at Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, and Wreaths Across America at Beverly National Cemetery.

The Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter is looking forward to continuing to grow its membership and fulfilling the mission of the NSDAR in 2023.

Cindi Ahrens
Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter Regent

Cranes Ford

The Cranes Ford chapter had representatives at the April 2022 NJDAR Conference at the Crown Plaza Conference Center in Princeton and at that event, chapter member, Mary Robbins Leonard, was nominated and installed as NJDAR State Chaplain for a three-year term, 2022-2025. Also, in September 2022 the chapter had representatives at the NJDAR Autumn Meeting at Forsgate Farms Country Club in Monroe Township.

Chapter members also marched in the Cranford Memorial Parade on May 30th, 2022. This chapter presented a graduating Cranford High School senior with an award for excellence in American History and the Good Citizen Award, each award winner would receive a certificate and a monetary award. The chapter JROTC committee presented three outstanding cadets from Linden High School, Roselle High School and Elizabeth High School with a certificate, medal, and a monetary award from our chapter. During 2022 this chapter logged 733 hours of volunteer community service for Service to America.

Chapter member, Mary Leonard, worked on the NSDAR Patriot Records Project identifying 61,256 patriot names for 2022. In total, Mary Leonard has indexed 208,969 patriot names since 2015. This chapter received a certificate for 100% participation in the President General's Rise and Shine for America. During the holiday luncheon Amazon gift cards were collected for the Crossnore School in North Carolina. The chapter has supported Crossnore School for many years.

The chapter has participated in Wreaths Across America since 2020. A ceremony was held, and we placed wreaths at the graves of patriot's soldiers of the American Revolution.

During August 2022 chapter members sponsored a Historic Preservation Grant to the NSDAR. The grant would be used to clean and restore the Rev. James and Hannah Caldwell burial site obelisk at the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, NJ. The patriotic legacy of Rev. James and Hannah Caldwell was an integral part of Union County's history which includes the Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield in 1780.

Kathy Hercul
Cranes Ford Chapter Regent

Eagle Rock-Cranetown

Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe

Members worked diligently to further the cause of the DAR and donated their time, talent, and treasures throughout 2022.

They placed flags at the graves of veterans with Girl Scouts and VFW members for Memorial Day. Ladies handed

out 200 flags in May and July while marching in parades. Members donated calendars, pads, pens, and puzzle books to the veterans in Paramus. They collected can tabs for the Shriners and donated patriotic books to local classrooms; acted as a Girl Scout Troop Leader and CAR Senior Treasurer. Members sponsored wreaths during the Wreaths Across America; and purchased wish list items for Chemewa Indian School and Hindman Settlement. First aid items were sent to refugees in Ukraine. They were honored to support their sisters at chapter events and attend wreath dedications.

Talented crocheter, Patricia Franz, made more than 30 scarves for veterans, and 5 blankets to welcome new babies abroad. One blanket was featured on Facebook surrounding a beautiful little baby. Joan Hagelin volunteered at the Bergen County Animal Shelter. Diana Bollerman was installed as Chaplain after serving 20+ years as Treasurer and Recording Secretary. More than 200 flags were donated to schools and organizations for Flag Day. Maureen Demes gave Flag Day programs at her community; she also spearheaded the replacement of a broken eagle atop a flag stand.

In May members held a Flag ceremony with the Girl Scouts, Glen Rock VFW, and Hawthorne Fire Department. Girl Scouts learned how to properly care for, fold and retire the flag. The commander of the VFW conducted the ceremony, at which they were honored to have Honorary Madam State Regent Matthews and Madam State Regent Oliver in attendance. Articles were published in the *Daughters Newsletter*, Sept/Oct issue and the Spring *Crossroads Courier*.

Melissa Mogen completed the New Horizons course. Their chapter newsletter was created to keep members informed. Members feverishly wrote cards to our warriors to

meet the 250 Card Challenge for 2022, including 65 Holiday cards mailed to Naval personnel aboard the USS George H. W. Bush. Gail Kovacs completed her Parliamentary studies. Lisa Randall, Patricia Franz, and Melissa Mogen completed all-new bylaws for the chapter.

The ladies were pleased to create 48 ‘Thank you’ bags for first responders for the DAR Day of Service, each included a handwritten thank-you note. Packages were distributed to Police, Fire and Ambulance Corps by members and the NJCAR State Second Vice President. Photos were posted by Hawthorne PD to Facebook and to the NJDAR Facebook pages.

Patricia Franz and Melissa Mogen were proud to serve their state. Patricia chaired the NJDAR Scholarship and Better Bradbury Vail Scholarship, and Melissa the American History Committee for the Matthews Administration. With honor, Patricia chairs the Community Classroom Committee and Melissa serves on Post Box Committee and Girl Scout Liaison for the Oliver Administration.

Melissa Carton Mogen
Elizabeth Parcels De Voe Chapter Regent

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter had an active year of service and celebration. Chapter members provided service to veterans and community service organizations, recognized achievements within the chapter and out in the community, and

participated in events throughout the year, including months when no formal chapter meetings were held.

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter celebrated its 125th anniversary honoring the chapter's many accomplishments. Green Brook Mayor Jim Van Ardsale, DAR State Regent Bonnie Matthews and the State Board of Managers were honored guests at the event held on June 11, 2022, at the Dunellen Hotel. At the event, Barbara Navatto of Somerville was honored with a DAR Community Service Award for her years of service to the Somerset County 4-H Program. In addition, a donation of \$300 was presented to the DAR State Regent in support of Semper Fido, an organization that trains service dogs for veterans. At the luncheon, the chapter collected 40 signed thank-you cards from attendees for veterans.

The members of the Just Kidding 4-H goat club who were sponsored by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter were presented with their national awards in the Junior American Citizens contest at the Somerset County 4-H Association meeting on September 21. The club placed first in the nation in the Community Service category for their service project. DAR members assisting in the awards presentation were Vice Regent Marti Kalko, a 4-H volunteer, and Librarian Susan Dobrinsky, a 4-H alumna, both of Green Brook, along with Chaplain Karen Miller and Historian Lynda Pasko from Dunellen.

The National Society DAR designated Elizabeth Snyder-Continental as a Lantern Chapter. This new designation recognizes chapters that have transferred members to either organize a new chapter, or to revitalize an existing chapter, to spread the light of DAR. In 1929, several members of Elizabeth Snyder Chapter became charter members of Penelope Hart Chapter during a time of rapid growth in our Society.

At the 2022 Autumn State Meeting, the chapter and its members were recognized for their hard work and commitment to DAR. The Chapter Achievement Awards included Chapter Achievement

Award Level 1; a certificate presented by the America 250! Committee for Honoring our Patriots; Luminary Challenge Shimmer Level certificate from the Membership Committee; and 100% Participation for the President General's Project Rise and Shine. Ruth Ryno was recognized by the America 250! Membership Task Force for App Angel 2021-2022 and received a certificate for outstanding service from the Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee; Beth Scheiderman received a certificate of appreciation and dedicated service from the Community Classroom Committee. Additional service projects include donating money to sponsor a KDS student for the Blessings Bag program, collecting donations for the Plainfield Area Humane Society, collecting donations and holiday gifts for the veterans at Lyons V.A. Medical Center, collecting signed notes and holiday cards for veterans, and participating in Wreaths Across America. The chapter looks forward to following in their ancestor's footsteps and carrying on the tradition of service.

Ashley Salsano
Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter Regent

Ferro Monte

The past year has seen members of Ferro Monte Chapter participate in a variety of ways. Although it is still a bit difficult to get as many members as possible out in public, due to the pandemic. Zoom is still used, if feasible, but not as many are joining in this way.

March was our annual Awards Day meeting. American History Contest and Good Citizen Contest forms were sent to 8 schools.

One Good Citizen winner attended. Ashley Wasser was named Chapter Outstanding Junior.

Members attended the NJDAR Marker Day in April. Plaques were dedicated at the Oliver Cromwell residence in Burlington, and Assunpink Park in Trenton. Kim Armstrong did a lot of planning for the event, and our past Regent Heather Varner was Personal Page to the President General, Denise Van Buren.

Our annual picnic this year was held at the Oscar Kincaid house in Boonton.

Members marched in the Roxbury Township Memorial Day Parade, manned tables at Save the Lake Day, Home for the Holidays and Olde Suckasunny Day. The two-set volume of Forgotten Patriots was presented to the Roxbury Library during Olde Suckasunny Day. A favorite event is serving lunch to Veterans, after a sightseeing cruise on Lake Hopatcong.

Four members attended Continental Congress.

The Chapter had a Constitution Week Display at the Roxbury Public Library. Bells rang at the Presbyterian Church of Succasunna, and the chapter handed out Constitution Booklets to attendees of a presentation by re-enactor John Adams.

Members participated in the Naturalization Ceremony at The Great Falls in Passaic, and assisted Morristown Chapter, pinning quilts for Veterans. The Chapter Day of Service, saw members cleaning the gravestone of Mahlon Dickerson, past NJ Governor.

Nine members attended the NJDAR Fall meeting, and four of the members served as Pages.

American Indian Proclamations were presented to the chapter by Mine Hill and Roxbury Township Mayors.

Several members attended the Northern District Luncheon at Picatinny Arsenal, honoring our State Regent and State Board of Managers.

This year marked our 9th year of participation with Wreaths across America. 670 wreaths were placed on Veterans graves at two cemeteries. A ceremony was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna.

Our Service to America hours totaled 5278. Service included hours spent at historical Societies, Churches, knitting of hats to name a few. 70 cards were sent to Veterans for Veteran's Day.

Indian minutes, flag minutes, and Women's Issues minutes were read at each meeting.

Linda Smith
Ferro Monte Chapter Regent

Francis Hopkinson

Chapter members visited with six Veterans of World War II either at their home or in care facilities. With a goal of at least one hour to visit with each Veteran, each were given Certificates of Appreciation for their service and a small seasonal houseplant containing an American flag. Wreaths Across America at Old Tennent Cemetery in Manalapan, was again sponsored by the Francis Hopkinson Chapter which for December 2022 placed 675 wreaths. Dedicated a DAR Patriot Marker on grave of the Reverend John Woodhull in June at Old Tennent Cemetery. Delivered eight lunches to female Veterans at the Woman's Treatment Center at Lyons VA Hospital. Six boxes containing over \$500 worth of requested items were shipped to the USS Gerald R. Ford. The postage alone to send our donations was \$ 143.85. Our

Chapter shopped for five residents of the New Jersey Veterans Home at Menlo for their Christmas Angel Project. Over 200 Valentines for Veterans were delivered to the home. Funds raised at our April luncheon purchased 12 pairs of Super Ears for the residents. Sent over 2000 cancelled stamps to Stamps for the Wounded.

Donated to the DAR Library: Clinton County, Ohio Newspaper Abstracts, 1900 - 1914 from their "Wishlist". Eight books were donated to the library at the Chemawa Indian School. The cost of the books from Amazon was \$129.04. Sent the \$71 "voices" proceeds from our November meeting that they used for their Holiday Celebration. The Native American version of the Lord's Prayer was read by our American Indian Choir which many members never knew existed. The Chapter donated a total of \$1,983 to DAR schools during the year of 2022. Daughters donated over \$ 350 worth of school supplies and/or gift cards to fill backpacks donated to 180 Turning Lives Around in Hazlet. This organization provides support and shelter to families of victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Day of Service projects included: beach cleanup at four locations, donation of 56 pairs of used eyeglasses to Lions Clubs International and on-going donations and volunteer hours at the Samaritan Food Pantry.

The chapter participated in a Naturalization Ceremony with the Middletown Chapter for fifty new Citizens at Sandy Hook Lighthouse. Photos were sent to State Chair immediately after ceremony and posted on our State website. A review of the event appeared in the Two River Times, a Red Bank newspaper. Daughters participated in Bells Across America by joining all the Daughters attending the State Fall Meeting Jersey Girls dinner when they rang bells on September 23rd to remember and acknowledge the Constitution. Daughters attended the Atlas Gravestone Preservation Workshop. We collected 1530 single-use plastic bags, enough for two mats and to contribute to a third, for a non-profit in Buffalo, New York, Mats for a Mission (MFAM).

These volunteers use single-use plastic bags to make PLARN, which is used to crochet sleeping mats for the homeless. One mat requires approximately seven hundred bags.

Beatrice A. Boyce
Francis Hopkinson Chapter Regent

General David Forman-Penelope Hart

The General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter continued to support the mission of our Society in 2022. Members participated in DAR America 250! Patriotic Marker Ceremonies including recognizing Revolutionary War Patriot Oliver Cromwell, Private, 2nd New Jersey Regiment in Burlington and The Battle of Assunpink Creek in Trenton. The chapter also partnered with members of the Shrewsbury-Monmouth Chapter to host a Grave Marker Ceremony for Revolutionary War Patriot Gershom Loveless, Private (New Jersey) in Hamilton Square. Chapter members also participated in a Naturalization Ceremony at Morven Museum and Garden in Princeton. Joined by members of the Mercer Chapter, participants congratulated and presented gift bags to the new citizens.

The chapter promoted historic preservation with presentations on *Heroines of the American Revolution You've Never Heard Of*, *The Story of Colonel Thomas Cooch* and *The Forgotten Tea Party: Greenwich Tea Burning*; educational programs on how literacy improves lives and DAR Museum program: Women at Home in Early America – A Tour of the DAR Period Rooms; and patriotism by presenting a DAR Community Service Award in recognition of an ecological restoration project of the Blue Trail in Crystal Lake Park.

Members logged over 3,000 Service to America hours participating in activities celebrating Constitution Week’s “Bells Across America,” the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the American Indian Citizenship Act and the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party; supporting Veterans through volunteer activities at Menlo Park Veterans Home and participation in the Veterans Angels program; and the recognition of DAR Good Citizens. The chapter’s American History Committee awarded Bronze Medals to two high school seniors (one in American History and one in History) and three 8th grade students in American History. Chapter members contributed to the Patriot Records Project by indexing more than 65,500 names, the Supporting Document Project, and the Cold Case Project as well as other DAR and local community activities and events.

Chapter members also attended New Jersey’s State Society’s spring conference and autumn state meeting and the National Society’s Continental Congress in June. Chapter members attending the 130th Annual NJ State Conference were thrilled to share in the excitement when chapter member Stephanie Teagarden was named 2022 NJDAR State Outstanding Junior.

The chapter ended the calendar year with a total of 50 members including six juniors and nine associate members. During the year, the chapter welcomed three new members and lost three to drops/resignation. In addition, the chapter received eight prospectives. Our chapter is pleased to report that 92% of chapter members’ dues were paid before the December 2022 deadline. Thirty-eight percent of the total membership subscribed to the DAR Magazine/Newsletter including the Chapter Regent, and boasted two new Heritage Club members, three 1890 Annual Giving Circle members and twelve Sustaining Supporter Participants. In addition, one member completed GEP – DNA and

the DAR training course, one completed the Member Course and three members completed the Committee Leaders Course.

Linda Chesko
General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter Regent

General Lafayette

The General Lafayette Chapter of the NSDAR has engaged in many activities throughout 2022. The chapter offered two hybrid meetings and two well-attended luncheons held at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Somers, Point NJ. Members continued to post “Tombstone Tuesdays”, “Map Mondays”, and daily historical happenings through the Chapter’s closed Facebook group. The chapter Flag Chair, Cheryl Knabe, began “Flag Friday” posts in the Chapter’s Facebook group too. The Chapter Book Club also continued to meet periodically throughout the year.

The annual Memorial Day service took place at the Chestnut Neck Monument in Port Republic. Several members continued to clean, weed, and maintain the monument throughout the summer months. Flag Chairwoman, Cheryl Knabe distributed flags at the Galloway Township 4th of July parade. Several chapter members “womaned” an information table at the Port Republic’s 385th celebration. The Chapter also combined forces with the local SAR Chapter and participated in the Galloway, National Night Out. The Lafayette Ladies coordinated with the Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter to co-host an open flame cooking demonstration.

The chapter participated in the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans in Atlantic City. Suzanne Smith, Diane Eckman, and Meredith Czarnek graciously volunteered their time at that event. The Ladies

of Lafayette also came out to support the Run For the Fallen. Suzanne Smith coordinated with three JROTC award programs at two local high schools. Members also collected and delivered donations, calendars, and cards to the Veterans home in Vineland, NJ. Helen Dahr cross-stitched beautiful patriotic bookmarks for the veterans in Vineland. Jeanne Crevina and Peggy Beninatti continued publishing the chapter newsletter; The Lafayette Ledger. Which won Outstanding Newsletter, Eastern Division from the Public Relations, and Media Committee.

Several members had the opportunity to attend Continental Congress in Washington DC. as well as the NJDAR Autumn meeting in person at Forsgate Country Club. In the fall, three members visited the DAR forest. For the DAR Day of Service, several members gathered at Zion Methodist Church in Egg Harbor Township NJ, where 12 Revolutionary soldiers are buried. Chapter member Eileen Mingen Mayor created a map of the cemetery so that the Patriots could be easily located for headstone cleaning. Barbi Harris was so inspired by this project she has been visiting cemeteries in three counties to clean headstones. She is also transcribed more than 11,000 names for The Patriot Records Project and is now the Chapter Committee Chairwoman. The Regent was elated to induct her only two female cousins as well as her own mother Mary Louise Holt into the Lafayette Chapter of NSDAR at the December Luncheon. The following weekend, Chapter members placed wreaths on the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers buried at Zion Methodist for Wreaths Across America. The Lovely Ladies of Lafayette collectively logged over 7,000 hours of volunteer service! How proud we are of Rosemary Cain Wallace, NJDAR's Recording Secretary. It was an exciting, busy, and productive year for the General Lafayette Chapter.

Dr. Jeannine Holt Ingenito
General Lafayette Chapter Regent

General Mercer

General Mercer Annual Report 2022 General Mercer had a busy and eventful 2022. The chapter welcomed the end of Covid with several in person meetings at the Ewing Public Library. After the long years of Covid it was a joy to meet again in person. The chapter updated our by-laws and welcomed four new members. In August, General Mercer welcomed the members of the General Washington Chapter. The merger was not without a few bumps along the road, but the Daughters have come together as one chapter. General Washington has been saving for a marker. In 2024 the chapter hopes to have that dream fulfilled. The members learned about the new administration and web site. In December there was a presentation on the history of the First Presbyterian Church in Trenton. The chapter is hoping to partner with the church for more events.

Catherine Medich
General Mercer Chapter Regent

General William Maxwell

General William Maxwell Chapter had a wonderful year of celebrations. In March, three students were honored as Good Citizens and three students with the American History Awards. This past year we inducted nine new members and we're approaching 100 members. Christine Murphy was elected State Registrar for the Oliver Administration.

The Chapter supported the community with two donations to the Belvidere Food Pantry with a total value of \$1073. The Chapter's programs included; "Lucy Billings, Life in Boston during the Revolution", "Trex Challenge-Recycling", "The Role of the American Legion" and "Bible Preservation".

In September the Chapter celebrated its 90th Anniversary with a luncheon that was attended by nearly 70 members, friends and members of the State Board including Diane Oliver, State Regent. A program entitled, "A Midwife's Tale: Peggy Warne's Songs and Tales Of General William Maxwell". Attendees learned about herb uses and the lives of General William Maxwell, Daniel Vliet, and Peggy Warne. With community support the chapter was able to have Voices at the Anniversary and raised \$1489 to support our veterans' programs. Two members were honored for years of service and three members were honored for service to our Chapter. The Chapter honored the Mayor of Belvidere with a plaque for his support of Constitution Week. The mayor gave the chapter a bronze plaque for our anniversary.

In October the Chapter marked the grave of James Hyndshaw, Jr. at the historic Greenwich Cemetery. The Program was attended by the patriot's family, members of the chapter, church and many members of the State Board including Diane Oliver, State Regent. The chapter accepted the Trex Challenge to improve our conservation efforts.

In November we honored the veterans at Veterans Haven North on our 'Day of Service'. The Chapter purchases zippered tote bags imprinted with "Thank you for Your Service" and with the help of the community and members we were able to fill the bags with personal care items, snacks, and other items. The value of the filled bags was \$1935. We presented the veterans at Menlo

Park with 200 travel neck wallets, playing cards imprinted with “Thank you for Your Service”. Fifty travel wallets also imprinted were donated to the DOM at Lyons VA. The value of the donations to Menlo and Lyons was \$659. Over 100 holiday cards were signed by members and delivered to VHN and Lyons.

In December members, scouts and the community participated in Wreath Across America and place wreaths on all the veteran graves at both the Hazen Cemetery and the old Presbyterian Church cemetery. Our members brought in additional donations for the veterans at Veterans Haven North for a value of \$847 and a member donated new clothing at a value of \$2253. Donations to veterans this year totaled \$5695.

The Chapter collected sent 14,117 coupons to military bases overseas to aid families of active service members. The Chapter has increased involvement in State functions.

Ruth Huntington
General William Maxwell Chapter Regent

Governor William Livingston

This year has been a transition year for the Governor William Livingston Chapter with the former regent, Lynda Aber, having served six years and now serving as State Librarian. January and February meetings were via zoom. March was in person and a local veteran spoke on Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

In April, six students received the Good Citizenship award, each receiving money, pin, and certificate; over 50 members and

guest were present. Ten members attended the NJ Spring Conference and Lynda Aber was elected State Librarian.

The 96th Annual Luncheon took place in May with 50 people in attendance including many state officers. N.J. State Regent, Bonnie Matthews installed the new officers. GWL Scholarship for \$1,000.00 was presented. Vietnam Day at Manasquan High School was co-chaired by former regent; LTC (retired) Gladys Haynes. Six members and the State Regent attended. Twenty-Five veterans took part and over 400 students viewed the exhibits and talked with the veterans. Four members rode in the lead car at the Spring Lake Memorial Day parade and handed out flags and candy.

Summer was busy with board meetings and setting goals for the year: get new members involved, concentrating on veterans, and public awareness. In August, four members attended the Tennent Cemetery dedication, sponsored by the Francis Hopkinson Chapter and a name was placed on the GWL monument, which we did not know we owned: will plan a rededication sometime in the future.

In September, the program was on the Constitution, ten posters were distributed, 50 flags, and 30 reusable bags. The new committee, Flags of the United States did a ten-minute presentation and continued to do so at each meeting.

At the October evening meeting John Nugent, a trustee of the NJ Vietnam Museum presented a slide presentation and conducted a question-and-answer period. A 100 wreaths goal was announced for Wreaths Across America.

Veterans Day was celebrated by sending 400 thank you cards with help from a local school to three retirement homes in N.J. and the E.O. Veterans Hospital. Over 80 lbs of food was

collected and delivered to the Rutgers Food Pantry. The November meeting was at the National Guard Museum, 18 members, two state officers and three guests attended. Over 150 items were collected and delivered to the Menlo Park Memorial Home.

In December a Christmas Tea was held at the regent's home. A star favor was given to each member in honor of Stars and Stripes Forever. Sugar cookies made from a recipe that dated back to 1776 were enjoyed. Three members attended the ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial, 135 wreaths were sold. 12 members and three husbands helped place wreaths on 435 graves at the Atlantic View Cemetery in Manasquan.

Many new members took on committee positions, two new committees were added. It was a successful year. Plans are underway to make next year even better.

Mary Sue Durkin
Governor William Livingston Chapter Regent

Great John Mathis

Greenwich Tea Burning

In the opinion of this officer, the size of the chapter does not indicate the level of success. Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter began 2022 with 24 members. Membership has dwindled to 21. Twice a year regular board meeting, one special board meeting to review budget and procedures for nominations and elections of new officers, five regular business meetings and two fundraiser committee meetings were conducted. Our chapter business included assisting in the application to purchase a DAR grave

marker for a member who died in 2021. She founded the Endicott-Reardon Family Museum in Ocean View, NJ. Also, the chapter facilitated a member becoming a Member-at-large, collected and delivered donations for the Wish List for the Vinelands Veterans Home. Meetings, tours and programs were held at the following in the support of historic preservation, education and patriotism: Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society, Mauricetown Historical Society, Warren and Reba Lummis Genealogical Historical Library, Alan Ewing Carmen Museum of Prehistory and Millville Army Air Field museum (MAAFM). Two meetings focused on Native American Indian artifacts and the plight of Native American women living on reservations today. The later program displayed ceramic sculptures of a New Jersey artist inspired by the “red dress movement” and legend of the “jungle dress”. The program in Mauricetown showcased the home of Sea Captain Edward Compton built in 1864 and documented the oystering industry’s wealth, decline and current conservation efforts. At MAAFM members received an educational and patriotic tour of the extensive collection of American Military National defense during WWII. This chapter also recognized outstanding JROTC, 4-H and the Cumberland Composite Squadron Civil Air Control Cadets with certificates and monetary awards. Knowing how important volunteers are, Greenwich Tea Burning annually gives recognition to a deserving individual. This year a Certificate of Award was presented to a woman who tirelessly gave her time and expertise for the benefit of Wheaton Village and the Museum of American Glass for 47 years. It was necessary to go to a specialty rehab facility to see her for this recognition. It was a very poignant occasion. A major accomplishment of this chapter was applying for and receiving a grant from the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission to help plan the annual history celebration and fundraiser. The event handout was produced in English and Spanish. This year’s “Ladies of History” program, a first person

portrayal of Revolutionary War heroine, Annis Boudinot Stockton, honored Black, white and native American women, who contributed to the American War for Independence. CAP Cadets presented the colors, and The Pledge of Alliance, America Creed was recited and the National Anthem was sung. A lively auction was conducted, and bidding was fast and fun. The fundraiser enabled this chapter to meet financial responsibilities to DAR state and national requirements. This chapter conducted a Wreaths Across America Ceremony in Greenwich, NJ. There have been many challenges is year, however, “The Little Chapter That Could” has prevailed in achieving the DAR mission.

Valerie Baron
Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter Regent

Haddonfield

The Haddonfield Chapter started out 2022 with a bang! Members and guests celebrated the 125th anniversary with a fundraiser at Tavistock Country Club by holding a luncheon that featured voice baskets and many other prizes to be won by those in attendance. Our guest “speakers” were The New Jersey String band who played many a patriotic tune and then some! Chapter meetings continued via zoom for the rest of the term due to concerns about covid.

July brought our officers’ terms to a close. The new officers had been installed in May and the chapter began the term after the close of Continental Congress in early July.

Chapter members held the first in-person meeting in October 2022 due to the pandemic. Besides the usual business meeting members had fun with a game “So You Think You Know the Constitution”. A good time was had by all and there were prizes for those members who got the most correct answers. The chapter also had a

visit from Jodie Kramer, our liaison with the Elizabeth Haddon Children of the American Revolution Chapter. The chapter presented her with a donation check and many boxes of tissue to support their effort “Tissues for Veterans”.

In November the chapter met and enjoyed a visit from Diane Donnelly, VAVS chair. She shared many of her experiences with the veterans living there. Members collected and donated Christmas present items for the veterans at Veteran’s Haven. At that meeting the members also supported Operation Yellow Ribbon by donating many comfort items to be sent to the troops who are serving overseas. They were dropped off at Senator Singleton’s office as requested.

In December, members had the usual business meeting and then broke to participate in a holiday craft led by members Jane Breurer and Shelly Castorino. Chapter members made holiday decorations in teacups for display.

Terry Brasko
Haddonfield Chapter Regent

Hester Schuyler Colfax

Jersey Blue

In 2022 was a busy year and our chapter recorded just shy of 6,000 hours to Service to America.

We continued to be active on Facebook with posts that included information on American History, Native Americans, Black History Month, Women's History Month, the US Constitution, July 4th, Memorial Day and more. One member who is an Open Hearth cook gave programs for two DAR chapters and for the 4th NJ Civil War re-enactors annual 'Christmas in the Field'.

The chapter again participated in the Annual East Jersey Old Towne History Day in May. We had displays and distributed informational brochures on our Jersey Blue chapter and DAR pamphlets, flags, and coloring sheets for children.

Jersey Blue volunteered at the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park helping in the clothing room, gift shop (with all free items made available through donations). We read to a few residents and held Mardi Gras and Lunar New Year events. We were able to resume the very popular mini golf. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we purchased and delivered loads of gift bags to the residents in December. We collected 69 pairs of sweatpants for Operation Sweatpants for the veterans home as well, which we have been doing yearly for some time.

Over 1000 flags were placed on veterans graves ahead of Memorial Day in over two dozen historic cemeteries. Over 80 gravestones were cleaned at Elmwood Cemetery and we sponsored Wreaths Across America and placed the wreaths on the graves of veterans at Elmwood Cemetery.

The ceremony marking the house of Revolutionary War patriot Oliver Cromwell in NJ was attended by several members.

Members participated in 'Bells of Peace' and Military Appreciation Day and BSA Eagle Court of Honor awards. We acknowledged one CAR member with an Award Certificate for his project on POW/MIA chairs "The Missing Man" project, during his term as NJCAR state President.

On Earth Day members did a cleanup at the Raritan River. The gardens at Buccleuch Mansion were weeded and maintained by volunteer members and others in the community.

Backpacks and duffel bags were donated and delivered to benefit foster kids to give them a sense of dignity when moving from one house to another so that they do not have to use garbage bags to carry their possessions. Members and prospective members donated large totes and handbags filled with baby products to give to an

organization helping mothers in need and their babies and small children.

Members and prospective members volunteered their time to docent at our Buccleuch Mansion throughout the year for both open house tours and private tours.

Mimi Chu
Jersey Blue Chapter Regent

Major Joseph Bloomfield

The Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter had forty-seven (including one associate) paid members at the end of 2022. The chapter held nine meetings, four virtual, one in-person, and four hybrids, allowing flexibility for COVID concerns.

In celebration of Constitution Week, the chapter coordinated with three local high schools to read a daily "Constitution Minute" during morning announcements.

In observance of the National Day of Service, the chapter collected bags of non-perishable food items and \$75 in cash for donation to the Food Pantry at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green. The chapter also collected eighty-five reusable shopping bags which were donated to the Montclair Human Needs Food Pantry.

In support of the NJDAR focus project, Bobbi Baily, NJDAR State Chair, Historic Preservation, presented at the October Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter meeting to educate members on how to transcribe bibles.

To educate members and ensure proper display of DAR Insignia, Susan Luczu, NSDAR Insignia Committee | NJ State Chairman,

presented at the December Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter meeting.

Melinda Hofmann was this year's outstanding chapter member. With her passion for veterans and active servicemembers, she took it upon herself to get the chapter more engaged. With Wreaths Across America, she was able to find a local cemetery to sponsor. As a result, the chapter was able to donate sixty-one wreaths, up from five the previous year. At Christmas time, she encouraged the chapter to write cards (forty-five in total) to active servicemembers.

The chapter had another successful year participating in the American History Essay Contest: ninety-seven essays were received from Bloomfield public school students in the fifth through eighth 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. Each winner received an American Flag, a flag pin and flag information. All ninety-seven essay entrants received a Certificate of Appreciation for participating. At the state level, the chapter's fifth grade (Angelina Lozada) and sixth grade (Samir Rangwalla) essayists placed second.

The Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter Good Citizen, Gianna Faura was awarded the Good Citizen Medal, Certificate, and pin. Due to COVID concerns, the chapter was unable to host its annual Chapter Awards Night honoring chapter winners of the American History Essay Contest and the DAR Good Citizen Award. Chapter members, students, student's family, teachers, and administrators usually attend the ceremony. However, a \$500 scholarship was presented to the winner of the chapter's DAR Good Citizen at the Bloomfield High School Awards Night.

The chapter provided a bronze ROTC medal to East Orange Campus High School and a gold ROTC medal to NJIT to honor outstanding cadets.

Members of the Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter look to expand our service projects and our support of education in the coming year.

Bonnie Sharkey
Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter Regent

Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell

The Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter has continued to build and to strengthen our DAR ties of service and friendship throughout the community. As always, our activities have included holiday events, and bimonthly meetings that overflow with laughter, fellowship, and service. Meetings are also a place where we learn about all things related to the DAR. At our October meeting we were fortunate enough to hear our National Genealogical Records Chair, Catherine Medich share tips and resources for solving mysteries in family histories. Mrs. Medich graciously answered all questions and shared her personal experiences in her endeavors to prove supplemental patriots.

We have been well represented at our Spring and Autumn conferences, and at Valley Forge Sunday. Our chapter was also represented by five members and two voting delegates at the 131st Continental Congress. Our ongoing service efforts include our support for the residents of the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home, and our annual Memorial Day event. This event is held at the monument erected by the Matochshoning Chapter in 1934 and

dedicated to the patriots buried in the Old Colonial Cemetery in Metuchen, NJ.

We have also expanded our service efforts locally and abroad. As a chapter, we donated gift boxes filled with toys for Ukrainian children seeking refuge in Poland. Chapter member, Lenore Aulenbach, presented three handmade Quilts of Valor to veterans in New Jersey and in Arizona. Our members marched in Metuchen's Memorial Day parade, and celebrated Independence Day with a commemorative ceremony at our monument. Our participation in the Wreaths Across America program this year was enhanced by a ceremony at our monument during which members read aloud the names of the patriots buried in the Old Colonial Ceremony and shared their thoughts and stories about their own patriots. Most significantly, the Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell chapter is proud to recognize the service of our beloved member, Mrs. Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent for the New Jersey State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

In recognition of the DAR Day of Service, on October 11th, our chapter created the Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell inglenook, a genealogical mini library, at our local home for meetings and events, the Old Franklin Schoolhouse in Metuchen. With shelves filled with genealogical references and books of local interest that our chapter rescued and preserved, the inglenook is a warm and inviting place to explore our community roots and heritage.

Finally, the Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter strengthened our community's awareness of the DAR at our annual Members Day event, when News12NJ featured our chapter as we installed our newest member, Marilyn Rautio. At 92 years young, Marilyn is the mother of our chapter's chaplain, Karen Keithler, whose efforts led to her mother's acceptance into the DAR under a new patriot, Isaac Andrews, Pvt., NJ. We're very proud of our member, Diane Waugh Oliver, New Jersey's 47th State Regent!

Middletown

On May 5, 2022, the Middletown Chapter became the newest chapter of the NJDAR! With 14 enthusiastic founding members, this chapter had a fantastic year. Growth was a priority: four new member applications were approved, four previous Members-At-Large transferred to the chapter, and the year closed out with 23 members.

This chapter has a passion for serving America, especially our veterans and active military. A free BBQ lunch was served in the fall to 65 veterans and their families. The Rondondo Foundation gave a touching speech on veteran suicide, Mayor Buontempo and Assemblywoman Flynn recognized the veterans, and door prizes were raffled off.

Middletown Daughters ran a monthly arts and crafts program for the women residents of Soldier On and helped serve breakfast monthly at VFW post 2179. They sponsored a holiday tree at the NJ Vietnam Memorial that was decorated in America250! style with Patriot themed ornaments and a tricorn hat. A strong supporter of Wreaths Across America, they sponsored 33 wreaths for Fairview Cemetery, attended the WAA Convoy to Arlington, and purchased and laid wreaths at the five Revolutionary War soldiers' graves in Fairview.

They attended a Cremains Ceremony, made four Quilts of Valor for local veterans, donated a raffle basket to an Unbroken Warriors fundraiser, and hand delivered a movie themed gift basket to a

disabled Vietnam vet. A monstrous 540 pounds of food filling two SUVs were distributed to local veterans during the holidays.

In support of Project Patriot, four care packages were sent to USS Chesty Puller and four to USS Gerald Ford. Thirty-five handmade baby blankets were sent to Ft Belvoir and 290 holiday cards were sent out, meeting the Holiday Card Challenge.

This chapter embraces historic preservation. In July, they hosted Atlas Preservation's Gravestone Preservation Workshop to learn proper cleaning techniques and how to reset and repair historic headstones. This workshop was widely publicized and attended by 70 people.

Their America250! Goal is to identify, find and ensure graves of all local Revolutionary War Patriots are marked. Thirty-eight cemeteries in five towns were researched and visited. Major cleanups were organized in eight cemeteries, 42 headstones were cleaned, and four headstones reset/repared. Flag holders and flags were placed at Patriots' graves where needed. The chapter forged strong partnerships with townships of Holmdel, Middletown and Matawan, as well as the Boys Scouts and Police Cadets, HODARs and local students to accomplish this.

Unmarked graves for four Patriots were marked; ceremonies were attended by local officials from respective municipalities, the SAR and other community members.

Fifty new citizens were welcomed at a naturalization ceremony and a DAR Good Citizen scholarship winner was chosen.

When not busy serving America, chapter members enjoyed learning about local history through tours of Marlpit Hall, Taylor-Butler House, Weekend in Old Monmouth, Old First Church, and the NJ Vietnam Memorial.

Moorestown

The Moorestown chapter held 5 meetings in 2022, along with one luncheon and trips to Batsto Village and St Mary's Church in Burlington, NJ. Programs included at each meeting were the Pledge of Allegiance, the American Creed, and the Preamble of the Constitution. Each meeting also included the reading of the President General's Message, National Defender, a Constitution Minute, Conservation Minute, DAR Schools Minute, Service to America Minute and Service to Veterans Minute.

Members of the Moorestown Chapter attended both the Spring and Fall NJDAR State Conferences. The Chapter donated non-perishable food items to the Food Pantry at St. Mary's Church. Along with donations of Christmas decorations, signed Christmas cards, calendars, personal items, and gift cards to the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home. And the chapter created and handed out 60 Swag Bags to Veterans on Veterans Day through the JROTC Program at Sterling High School. They also handed out 25 gift bags at the Naturalization Ceremony at Rowan College in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

Chapter members participated in the annual Moorestown Day event and the Moorestown 4th of July parade, handing out over 1200 American Flags and the Origin of the Pledge of Allegiance. Chapter members also celebrated a Day of Service by going to the St. Mary's Cemetery in Burlington, NJ and cleaned tombstones of American Revolutionary War Patriots and Soldiers and sailors of the Civil War. The chapter made donations to the following charities and non-profit organizations: Alice Paul Institute, NJDAR Headquarters, Watson House, DAR New Jersey Room in

Washington D.C., Tamasee DAR School, Vineland Veterans Memorial Home, and the State Regents Project. With additional donations of \$500.00 each to the Cedar Run Wildlife Preserve and the Burlington County Historical Society.

Moorestown Chapter members participated in the Wreaths across America event at the Beverly National Cemetery. The chapter also contributed over 200 wreaths to the event. The chapter contacted 10 schools with JROTC programs, giving out five awards. 10 schools were contacted for the 2022 Good Citizen Award and two awards were given out. The Chapter awarded the first Moorestown Chapter Girls Leadership Award to a recipient of the Alice Paul Institute. One chapter member received a certificate for her completion of the New Members course and two Community Service Awards were presented. One member was also awarded the NJDAR State Veterans Volunteer of the Year award.

The Moorestown Chapter also received the following State and National Certificates: Chapter Achievement Level 1, DAR Project Patriot-Outstanding Service and Support, Lineage Research-Excellent use of resources, Membership Committee-We can do it Membership Challenge, DAR Service for veterans, Service for Women Veterans, Wreaths Across America Participant and Flags of the USA.

Diane Donnelly, Moorestown Past Regent
Leslie Peck, Moorestown Chapter Regent

Morristown

The chapter welcomed 13 new members by application in 2022, four were junior members. Eleven supplemental applications were approved. Patricia Sanftner was elected State Historian.

Chapter meetings were held at the Morris County Library and Schuyler Hamilton House due to lingering public health concerns and a restoration construction project. Chapter members conduct tours at the Schuyler-Hamilton House each Sunday afternoon with some COVID precautions in place. While the house was closed due to construction, it gave us the opportunity to refresh existing exhibits and install some new ones! The docents recognize the service of 12 DAR-proven patriots that are a part of Morristown's eighteenth-century history as the Military Headquarters for Washington during the War.

Grantors were very generous to our chapter. We were awarded bricks-and-mortar funding for the restoration of the SHH windows and exterior elements, GOS funding, and project grants from private foundations and other lineage societies.

Two noteworthy events occurred in 2022. Our chapter received Lantern Chapter status in June 2022 and was selected National Chapter Winner of the Service to America contest for our Veterans Quilt project.

The Morristown Chapter donated 90 wreaths to Wreaths Across America at Holy Rood Cemetery in Morristown, donated \$483.00 to Bacone College, \$800 for Veterans Last Patrol, collected items for the Battered Women's Shelter, \$100 to Good Citizens chapter winner, \$100 to JROTC bronze medal award winner and 21 quilts to NJ VA long term care facilities.

America 250! Projects include a database of 2,158 Revolutionary War Veterans from Morris County and commemorative graphics designed by chapter Registrar, Bobbi Bailey for our chapter member patriots posted on Find-A-Grave.

This chapter regent is pleased to report our activities with students and veterans have continued.

During 2022, chapter members attended and participated in several patriotic events and programs at the All-Veterans Memorial. This

chapter regent and her chaplain were honored to set the Missing Man Table at the POW/MIA remembrance program. This chapter regent sponsored a birthday card drive for Colonel Newcomer to celebrate his 105th birthday in May. Hoping for 105 cards, the colonel received more than 400 cards from DAR members across the nation.

Chapter members served as judges at the NJ History Day competition at William Paterson University while others worked with students in DAR essay contests.

Our chapter members go above and beyond. In addition to our traditional quilt-pinning DAR Day of Service activities in October, chapter members cleaned veteran headstones at Lamington Cemetery. Throughout the year, Carrie Efinger indexed more than 23,000 names and Carolyn Krickus recorded more than 900 volunteer hours serving as an EMT in her community. Bobbi Bailey spearheaded the state-wide Bible transcription project. She held workshops for NJDAR members. She has also been preparing an application for a William G. Pomeroy Foundation Revolutionary America to honor enslaved Revolutionary War soldier and early black business owner in New Jersey, Cudjo Banquante who served in the NJ Line under Captain Peter Dickerson of Morristown.

Peg Shultz
Morristown Chapter Regent

Nova Caesarea

This Officer is proud to represent a new and invigorated Chapter, Nova Caesarea, NSDAR. This past year has been a learning lesson with plans for increasing membership, hosting genealogy workshops and expanding our community involvement.

This Regent, and members are proud of having such an outstanding past of being the second chapter organized in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1892! This Regent and members are setting our course for the past successes and collectively, we will continue to preserve these goals.

This Regent is proud to serve our New Jersey State Society's, Nova Caesarea Chapter.

Lynn R Luehrs
Nova Caesarea Chapter Regent

Oak Tree

After coming out of quarantine the previous year, the Oak Tree Chapter had an upcoming full year. March started us with speaker Lynne Robinson and her golden retriever, Tory demonstrating how dogs make excellent service animals. Oak Tree received its very own DAR Chapter flag. May saw the installation of new officers. The passing of the Gavel and Chapter Regent Pin. The new Regent started her term with a Day at the Farm in Pennsville NJ where DAR was present. Five Daughters spoke of their Love and Passion for what DAR means to them while garnering interest for several Perspective members and Wreaths Across America Donations.

The Chapter participated in Service to America with canned and bagged food as well as monetary donations for the local animal shelter. Several of our Daughters were present at Memorial Day services at our local Veterans Cemetery. Oak Tree continued its support of the Vineland Veterans Home by addressing over one hundred Christmas cards as well as fulfilling their wish list of

toiletry items, clothing, games, and gift cards. This year we participated in the three-year venture of addressing and sending 250 cards for the DAR Project Patriot Committee “Operation Cards to the Military.” Over twelve women participated.

The Chapter continued its support once more for Wreaths Across America, now in its fourteenth year. A most important event held at Finn’s Point, Veterans Cemetery which supports the mission to “Remember, Honor, and Teach,” which honors active and veteran members of all military units.

The chapter honored the following women for their tireless and selfless acts in support of this great Institution, “Daughters of the American Revolution”: Ex Regent, Helen Fite Keaton Petrin took up the daunting task to see that the Chapter had a perpetual home place for the many Oak Tree Chapter treasures with the Salem County Historical Society, as they almost became homeless! The Bylaws Committee was formed by Mary Hancock, Alice Hart, Marlyce Pietrantonio and Marcia Kates. A tough job indeed!

Mary Anne Lowe Wagoner
Oak Tree Chapter Regent

Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey

The Old White House - General Frelinghuysen - Colonel Lowrey Chapter was happy to get back to meeting in person again. This was also the year that a new board was elected. The officers

worked to find areas that needed updating as a result of the pandemic.

Members continued to volunteer in many areas contributing to the Service to America hours. Again, the chapter gave out ten Youth Citizenship Awards to eighth graders in local schools. The Sunshine Committee sent out cards for birthdays and bereavement for members who passed or for those who lost someone. The Constitution Committee put displays at two libraries in October which were well received. In November, donations were collected for veterans at Lyons VA Medical Center. The annual Flag Day Ceremony took place in June and the chapter's top three Good Citizen Award winners read their essays and were presented with their certificates and awards. During the month of December, wreaths were placed at the chapter's cemetery in Whitehouse Station. Also, that month saw the return of the Holiday party where two new members were inducted.

In February, a member presented a program about the boarding schools many Native American children were forced to attend. Fourteen members of the chapter went to East Jersey Old Town for the October meeting followed by an informative tour given by a member of Jersey Blue. One of our members has taken charge of the Women's Issues committee and she has been sharing a Women's Issue Minute at each meeting.

This year three members, along with some of their families, volunteered by planting mums at Princeton Battlefield. In April, some members went to an open house at the Vought House in Clinton. The 1758 Vought House reached out at the end of the year and are interested in working with the chapter. Another member took both GEP 2 and GEP 3 classes.

Two exemplary members this year were Patricia Christine and Ashley Morin. Patricia Christie received awards at State Fall Meeting: Exceptional Service Lineage Support Team, Outstanding Service, and Outstanding Supplemental. She is currently the Chapter Registrar as well as serving as State Chair for Lineage Research. Another accomplishment of Ms. Christie is her recovery of chapter records that were accidentally donated to the local historical society when the chapter was merged years ago. Another standout member was Ashley Morin who wanted to help the chapter honor first responders. She baked a bundt cake from a recipe she found in a DAR magazine and lemon bars and delivered them to the Whitehouse Rescue Squad, and the Fire and Police Departments.

Monica Sharp
Old White House-Gen. Frelinghuysen-Col Lowrey Chapter Regent

Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest

This chapter is pleased to report our achievements for the 2022 year.

All our meetings begin with the Ritual, a reading from the President General's message, the National Defense Report, American Indian, Conservation, Health, Flag, and Woman's Issues minutes. 2022 began with a business meeting wherein we established a budget. New members were inducted, and officers were installed at a later meeting.

In April several members set up a new table display which was representative of the DAR motto: God, Home, and Country at a town-wide historical event. Available to take home were Bibles, Constitution copies, flag pamphlets and information about DAR. Suitable information for children was also available. Members

were present throughout the event to converse with attendees and answer questions.

Several members attended the State Conference where Deborah Powell presented a book to the Historian General, “The Bridge That Saved a Nation” donated in memory of Regent Jean Duncan Thiel. This book was co-authored by Deborah Powell and her late husband Kevin Wright. It chronicles New Bridge Landing and the surrounding area, from its early geographic formation, through the turmoil of the American Revolution and the modern-day efforts to preserve the historical site in River Edge.

An exciting military fly-In event and ceremony was held in May on the grounds of Bergen Community College. It was planned and hosted by our chapter in conjunction with an Eagle Scout ceremony. A Distinguished Citizen Award was presented to a veteran. All veterans present were honored and a Community Service Award was given for a scout project. Assemblyman Auth forwarded commendations which were presented to all our honorees. Bergen County Executive Tedesco’s office presented commending certificates in addition to financing this huge event. DAR challenge coins were given to the Marines who flew in two helicopters. Marines set up a recruiting tent, our chapter set up an informative table, and almost two hundred people came out to enjoy the fly-in and static display of the Cobra and Huey helicopters.

An awards luncheon was held in October to honor an Eagle Scout and to present our Distinguished Citizen Award in addition to enjoying a talk by a Revolutionary War soldier reenactor. Additionally, during the year, we participated in mini golf and made donations to the Menlo Park Veterans Home, toured the historic DeWint House, placed wreaths on Revolutionary War soldier’s graves, collected items and packed many boxes to mail to servicemen overseas. Our membership increased by ten, we went beyond our goal for service hours, continued to record names for

the Patriot Records Project, donated funds to schools and several other projects. Many attended a grave marking ceremony for Past Regent Jean Thiel, and on another occasion participated in a Naturalization Ceremony in Paterson. Beautiful table centerpieces were prepared by members and placed at the State Regent's luncheon. Picnics were enjoyed in addition to regular meetings.

All to the Glory of God and in service to America, with pleasure.

Marilyn Neagle
Polly Wyckoff – David Demarest Chapter Regent

Princeton

2022 meetings were a mix of virtual and in-person meetings. The December meeting had a party, with wine, cheese, and Bingo games and prizes of subscriptions to *American Sprit* magazine.

AMERICANISM: Naturalization Ceremony at The Morven Museum April 19 welcomed twenty new citizens. The Chapter had an information table at Princeton Battlefield's Young Patriots Day. Leslie White and Rosemary Kelley gave out patriotic goody bags. Helen Rancan participated in Wreaths Across America at the WAA at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery.

ARTS & CRAFTS: Genevieve Bergeson performed in a musical event about Native American music & African American spirituals at care facility. Martha Matthews danced to patriotic themes for six days with Noyes School of Rhythm. Shirley Olsen, Recording Secretary, is very active in the Hightstown historical society, and the Garden Club. She is chairman of the annual Dollhouse & Miniature Show.

CONSERVATION: Genevieve Bergeson picked up trash and recyclable plastics during walks and on Arbor Day. Helen Rancan is Chairperson of the West Windsor Shade Tree Commission.

EDUCATION: The Chapter supported the Bridge Academy's *Bridge to the American Revolution* and staffed an Information Table. The school's property has evidence of a Revolutionary War skirmish on January 2, 1777.

GENEALOGY: Pat Romagna, Registrar, assisted prospective members with applications and researched local Patriot graves for the 250th Patriot Grave Markers. Pat Romagna indexed 92 names in the Patriot Records Project.

HISTORY: Ashley Hutchinson offered the DAR essay contest in local middle and high schools with \$100 prizes. No one submitted an essay. Will offer next year. Pat Romagna volunteered at the re-enactment of Washington Crossing of Christmas 1776.

PATRIOTISM: The Chapter's Bakeless Bake Sale raised \$702.50 for the Patriot Grave Markers.

Genevieve Bergeson visited historical sites. Deb Landgon and Rosemary Kelley attended wreath ceremonies. Martha Matthews attended events at Massanutten Military Academy. Christian Kirkpatrick spent over 40 hours making a patriotic afghan. Members Pat Romagna and Lisa Li gave Patriot Reports. Rosemary Kelley spoke at the wreath ceremony at the Battle of Princeton tomb of the unknown soldier.

VETERANS: Helen Rancan volunteers with the USO at Newark Liberty Airport. Rosemary Kelley participated four times in ceremonies for the Battle of Princeton, Memorial Day, July 4, Veterans Day. The Chapter was in the Princeton Packet newspaper for Princeton Battle Monument rededication, for collaborations

with the SAR and other historical service organizations. Photos with the Mayor of Princeton and elected State and Country official and with Beth Watson, PA State Regent.

OTHER: Plans are to apply for an NSDAR 250 \$500 grant to assist with the maker installations. In preparation for America's 250th, the Chapter is working with a consortium of local historical societies to prepare jointly. Pat Romagna volunteered as a Counselor at the domestic violence center.

Rosemary Kelly
Princeton Chapter Regent

Red Bank

Red Bank Chapter welcomed back in person meetings and gatherings. The Chapter focused on reacquainting with each other and checking on members after the Covid pandemic.

April was the 1st in person Chapter meeting at Pitman Library, Pitman NJ. Mary Cloud Hollingshead mentioned Camden County preparation for America's 250th celebration. Many ideas were discussed.

In May, the new Red Bank Chapter administration for 2022-2025 was sworn in at the historical barn of Mary Cloud Hollingshead. The sheep shearing and potluck luncheon was enjoyed by all. A memorial service was conducted for member Pat Lowe, whose husband Robert and son Brian attended.

During the summer several social gatherings took place, this helped reconnect the chapter. A Pool side Veteran Fund raiser was hosted by Regent Diane Bacher. Donations were collected, Reva Meighan, Veterans Committee chair, presented the items to Vineland Veterans Home. A mingle at Bogey's Country Club,

gave prospective members a chance to ask questions about the Red Bank Chapter and learn about its members. The chapter had two field trips, one to visit The Watson House, nice to see Red Bank in brick, and other to the Ann Whithall House. Some chapter members had the chance to clean and plant flowers and bushes at The Green Cemetery in Woodbury, NJ. The Chapter exceeded its volunteer goal, 1770 hours assigned, and 2426 hours were completed.

On October 24, Red Bank members participated in tandem with South Jersey Chapter of the SAR Memorial Service for the Continental Solders of the Rhode Island 1st and 2nd Regiments who were killed during the battle of Red Bank (Fort Mercer). Regent Diane Bacher, participated in wreath laying ceremony, along with Vice Regent Eleanor Marple, Membership Chairperson Linda Boyd and Associate member Mary Cloud from Haddonfield Chapter.

The Chapter provided 2 ROTC medals to Delsea and Clayton High Schools. Good Citizens Certificates and monetary gift were given to the following four students: Allison Siravo, Kelly Capanna, Xachil Sarahy Joachn Martinez, Nicole Rementer.

Red Bank Chapter had four new members: Lillian Bialy, Kelly Green, Sarah Richardson, Joann Thomas.

Also, members approved the transfer of Ms. Sandy Hammard during the Christmas Lunch. Dr. Jennifer Jenofsky gave the chapter a briefing on the Hessian Solders remains found at the Red Bank Battlefield over the summer.

The Chapter had two members celebrating 10 years in the DAR, Nichole O'Neal, and Regent Diane Bacher.

In Memorial the Red Bank Chapter lost four members, Christine Washkevich, Flora Woodruff, Lillian DeHart and Janet Goldstein, a donation to Bacon School was made in Janet's honor.

Red Bank Chapter's Public Facebook was revived with 95% improvement. A monthly newsletter with the President General message, along with other DAR committee information. Members are encouraged to submit pictures and updates of what they are doing, this helps to connect those who cannot attend Red Bank Chapter meetings.

Diane Bacher
Red Bank Chapter Regent

Saddle River

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth

2022 was a year of challenges and rewards for this chapter. Officer repositions occurred: chapter members responded with alacrity, the chapter balanced admirably and produced notable results in several areas. Service to America hours totaled 10,619, far exceeding the prescribed goal. Several members attended Spring and Fall NJDAR meetings. Six attended Congress, three of these serving on various committees.

Chapter member Deborah Hvizdos researched and attained documentation on Oliver Cromwell, an African American Revolutionary Soldier. At a formal ceremony, a plaque in his honor was installed at his former New Jersey home. An intensive two-year historic preservation project renovating the picket fence at Shrewsbury's Allen House was completed in October. The

Shrewsbury Historical Society expressed appreciation with publicity and a publicly posted sign.

Efforts to promote Education and Literacy included donation of a book to NSDAR library, as well as a concerted effort to collect over 2,300 books for the Bridge of Books foundation. This chapter's American History Essay contest involved 10 schools, resulting in 425 student essays to be read and judged by chapter members. Constitution Week brought this chapter's members into elementary school classrooms to conduct lessons and activities on the Constitution. Additionally, displays were created for six local libraries with six Constitution Week Certificates of Award being presented in recognition of outstanding work in upholding and promoting the ideals of the Constitution of the United States. A candidate for Outstanding American History Teacher of the year was submitted.

Service for Veterans was a priority this year. Members assisted with activities at Menlo Park's New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home playing golf and reading to residents. In December, calendars, cases of body wash, and personalized bags were delivered for the Veterans Angel project.

At a local Soldier On facility for homeless veterans, chapter members fostered a relationship with women residents, bringing crafts, treats and companionship. The chapter presented the facility with an award of appreciation for outstanding support and service to homeless women veterans and conducted a wreath laying ceremony at their eternal flame.

A registered sponsor of Wreaths Across America, this chapter exceeded its goal by sponsoring 154 wreaths, laying them on the graves of veterans on National Wreaths Across America Day. This

chapter held a grave marker ceremony to dedicate the grave of a member's patriot.

Conservation is an important focus for this chapter. We encourage recycling, have a 'minute' at each meeting or in our newsletter, and promote pollinator garden resources. This chapter alerted various community organizations about the DAR Grant Program (two applications sponsored). The chapter proudly participated in a naturalization ceremony at Princeton University.

Awards of recognition and accomplishment were many. For the first time, this chapter gave a Women in the Arts Recognition Award (to Christina P. Carlson). DAR Good Citizens Awards went to Olly Banerjee and Cassandra deGeorge (Middletown HS South and North). Monmouth County Park System earned the DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Award. Saker Shop Rites of New Jersey received a Certificate of Award for Patriotism.

Leslie M. Clark
Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter Regent

The Coastal Watch

The Coastal Watch Chapter had a very successful year in 2022. The members, associates, and prospective members all joined in numerous activities.

In June, the chapter held a fundraiser at Shore Antique Center in Allenhurst, New Jersey. The 2nd Vice Regent held two classes of eight boys and parents as a registered counselor for BSA Genealogy Badge. Chapter members showed great generosity towards veterans again this year including purchasing patriotic ice cream treats for local New Jersey veterans on Veterans Day.

Chapter members also volunteered their time in various ways. Flowers were placed at President James Garfield's death site in Elberon, NJ on September 19th for the 141st anniversary of his passing. The chapter registrar donated her time to a memorial garden in Allenhurst, New Jersey throughout the growing season. Members volunteered for FindAGrave, and as a volunteer editor of 1950 census for FamilySearch. They also attended a cremains ceremony at BG William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery.

The Coastal Watch Members attended the NJDAR Memorial Service and Lunch at Valley Forge National Park on November 6th.

The Chapter Registrar hosted a meet and greet for members and prospective members in August on Allenhurst Beach. During the event, the DAR Youth Citizenship Award was presented to a commendable student from Ocean Township High School, Zach Coyne. Dr. Richard Fernicola, a local historian, was the guest speaker. He gave a wonderful presentation on the Clipper Ship New Era which sunk off the coast of Allenhurst in 1854. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Chapter members collaborated with a local rotary club and town historical society to participate in Wreaths Across America (WAA) on December 17th. Members and prospective members sponsored and placed wreaths on graves at three different cemeteries in Monmouth and Morris counties and attended a WAA Ceremony at Veterans Park in Neptune New Jersey. The Chapter Regent also volunteers as the WAA "Location Coordinator" for a cemetery containing the remains of American Revolutionary War veterans in West Long Branch, New Jersey.

The Coastal Watch Chapter will focus on veterans' projects, increasing membership and fundraising in 2023.

Westfield

2022 Continued to be challenging with the pandemic, but The Westfield Chapter remained active, productive, and engaged our members in exciting new DAR initiatives. Member E-Newsletters were sent out monthly to keep the members informed, and PR ran in the paper for almost every event.

The Fashion Competition Committee met in January to judge the students' hand-made garments, and winners were selected. The Native American Indian Committee began zoom meetings with the NJ Commission on American Indian Affairs in Trenton and Liberty State Park officials for a brand-new project. Members celebrated "Mardi Gras" with the veterans at the Memorial Home in Menlo Park, NJ.

Westfield Chapter Good Citizen Committee members met at South Plainfield and Scotch Plains/Fanwood High Schools in March and Wardlaw-Hartridge School in May to present the winning students with a DAR certificate, pin and a monetary prize. Each student also participated in the Scholarship Essay. Several members attended the NJDAR Spring Conference where the Westfield Fashion Competition winners received their awards.

After several postponements, the chapter's 100th Anniversary Wine & Cheese Celebration was finally held on May 5th at the Scotch Hills Golf Club. Members were honored to be joined by the new NJDAR State Regent, Diane Oliver and several administration members.

May continued to be busy with members placing flowers on the grave of "Aunt Betty" Frazee who stood up to General Cornwallis and earned his respect. To commemorate Memorial Day, nine

members placed American flags on graves in two local cemeteries, and eight members marched in the Memorial Day Parade with the SAR. The Westfield Chapter also presented a monetary donation to the Veterans Home in Menlo Park.

A member of the Westfield Chapter, Julie Diddell, who is also the NJDAR Good Citizen Committee Chair, managed the Washington-Rochambeau “March to Yorktown Day” event and parade. Ten-chapter members marched in that parade on August 28th with Madam State Regent, Diane Oliver and her Board members. Julie will be organizing this event annually.

Autumn events included volunteering at the Veterans Home in Menlo Park, a Constitution Week Proclamation with the Westfield Mayor, a Constitution Talk at the Library, Veterans Day wreath presentation with nine members, and writing holiday cards for the veterans.

It has been 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 NSDAR mission.

Barbara Benko
Westfield Chapter Regent

Ye Olde Newton-Nassau

The 22-member strong chapter of Ye Old Newton- Nassau held five in person meetings at the Collings Knight House in Collingswood, NJ. The chapter gained one new member this year. All meetings included the opening ceremony and readings of the President General’s message, National Defense, and a Native American minute.

Program topics included the Constitution, conservation, commemorative events, and women's issues.

Beth Pomponio attended the January CCHA zoom meeting about “Revolution NJ”. She also attended the New Jersey League of Historical Societies’ annual conference and displayed an exhibit about the chapter. In addition, Beth attended the dedication of a flagpole at a Revolutionary War veteran’s grave in Somerdale, NJ in March.

The chapter was proud to have one of their own, Josephine Guscott, sworn in as State Recording Secretary for the Oliver Administration.

The spring brought a change of leadership to the chapter and Melissa Formney is now the chapter regent. She is a first-time chapter regent, and the chapter is pleased to have more members step up to leadership positions.

Beth Pomponio gave an informative and fun program on aprons at the October meeting.

The chapter continually posts on our chapter Facebook page, emails the Crossroads Currier to members, recognizes a DAR Good Citizen from Cinnaminson High School, participates in Wreaths Across America and logs hours for Service to America.

Melissa Foremny
Ye Old Newton-Nassau Chapter Regent

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

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
Members

III

Section 1. 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. 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
Fees and Dues

IV

Section 1. The annual state dues of \$15.00 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. 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 prior to July 1 shall pay the dues required per member for their state dues to the State Treasurer.

Section 4. A registration fee shall be collected for the state

conference and meeting, the amount to be determined by the Board of Management.

Section 5. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through the last day of December.

Section 6. In the third year of each administration, the Finance Committee shall meet to review the state's financial status. At that time, it shall consider the cumulative change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the prior three years. Based on that change, the committee may recommend to the State Board of Management that a dues adjustment to the nearest dollar be made. The NJDAR State Conference shall vote upon such adjustment. The NJDAR State Conference. many authorize a dues adjustment above the CPI if warranted.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. 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. 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 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.

G. With the exception of the State Regent and the State Vice Regent, state officers should not accept appointments as national chairs or members of committees without the unanimous consent of the State Board.

Section 4. Vacancy. A vacancy in any office except that of State Regent shall be filled by the State Board of Management 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. Nominations. Nominations of candidates for all state offices shall be made from the floor of the State Conference. 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.

Section 2. Endorsement. A candidate, whose consent has been obtained, shall be endorsed by her chapter. No chapter shall present a candidate for office before Continental Congress preceding the year of the election.

ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS

Section 1. 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.

Section 2. All officers of the State Society shall be elected by ballot at the State Conference. In the event that there is only one candidate for an office, the State Regent may declare the election for that office. Ballot voting may then commence to elect all remaining positions for which two or more candidates are seeking the same office. A majority vote shall elect.

Section 3. 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. The name and address of a candidate endorsed by a State Conference for the office of Vice President General shall be certified by the candidate and by the State Recording Secretary and forwarded to the Office of the Recording Secretary General by the first day of the month preceding the month of Continental Congress.

Section 4. No state monies shall be provided for campaigns.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, the Bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and by the parliamentary authority

adopted by the National Society.

Section 2. The State 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.** Appoint all committees, not otherwise provided for;
- C.** Be ex-officio member of all committees;
- D.** Sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer;
- E.** Sign all contracts and agreements made in the name of the state and authorized by the State Conference, or the Board of Management;
- F.** Appoint a Certified Public Account, 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;
- G.** Perform such other duties as the National Society may require.

Section 3. The State 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 other duties designated by the National Society, the State Regent, or the Board of Management, and as pertains to the office.

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;

- C.** Keep a file of all deceased members of the state;
- D.** Perform other duties designated by the Chaplain General or by the State Regent, and as pertains to the office.

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 chairs of votes and of proceedings of these meetings, which affect their duties;
- D.** Notify the officers of the State Society and the Board of Managers of their election;
- E.** Compile, edit and print the Annual Proceedings;
- F.** Perform other duties designated by the Recording Secretary General or by the State Regent, and as pertains to the office.

Section 6. The State Corresponding Secretary shall:

- A.** Send notices of meetings of the state and of the Board of Management;
- B.** Conduct correspondence as may be requested by the State Regent or required by the Board of Management;
- C.** Compile and publish the Directory;
- D.** Purchase, print and distribute stationery;
- E.** Perform other duties designated by the Corresponding Secretary General or by the State Regent, and as pertains to the office.

Section 7. The State Organizing Secretary shall:

- A.** Assist in organizing new chapters;
- B.** Assist in the merging of chapters;

- C. Assist chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by NSDAR Bylaws;
- D. Consult with the State Regent concerning chapters in danger of disbanding and assist such chapters;
- E. Compile a list of genealogists and make it available to applicants who desire assistance to prove a line of descent;
- F. Perform other duties designated by the Organizing Secretary General or by the State Regent, and as pertains to the office.

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. Present to the State Conference a detailed financial statement, with the Treasurer of the State Headquarters Fund of the Founders Committee, representing funds received and disbursed from the beginning of the fiscal year;
- F. Close the books at the end of the fiscal year for audit by a Certified Public Accountant after which, following approval by the Board of Management, it shall be published in the proceedings;
- G. Notify NSDAR by May 31 each year whether the state will be filing a Form 990 for the most recent fiscal year end and submit a list of all chapters that will be filing a Form 990 for the previous year;
- H. Send an annual financial report or a Form 990 to NSDAR;
- 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 or by the State Regent, and as pertains to the office.

Section 9. The State Registrar shall:

A. Keep a record of all chapters including chapter names, dates of organization, names of all members with the support of e-Membership, 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 State 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 or by the State Regent, and as pertains to the office.

Section 10. The State Historian shall:

A. Keep a record of historical and commemorative work done by the state;

B. Send a report of each state conference for publication in the DAR Magazine;

C. Keep an updated inventory of the NJDAR material on file at the state headquarters;

D. Perform other duties designated by the Historian General or by the State Regent, and as pertains to the office.

Section 11. The State Librarian shall:

A. Solicit, collect and catalog historical and genealogical books, with emphasis on New Jersey, for the NSDAR and file duplicate copies in the New Jersey DAR Library in the Alexander Library at Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey, in New Brunswick, New Jersey;

B. Perform other duties designated by the Librarian General or by the State Regent, and as pertains to the office.

Section 12. The Parliamentarian shall:

A. Advise the presiding officer on points of parliamentary law;

B. Advise the State Society, Board of Management, and chapters when requested;

C. Maintain a file of current chapter bylaws.

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, for the purpose of receiving reports, electing officers, and transacting other necessary business. The State Regent shall appoint a Conference Chair and in consultation with her determine the site of the State Conference.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be called by the State Regent, when ordered by a majority of the Board of Management, or when requested by 10 chapters. At least fifteen (15) days notice shall be given. The business to be transacted at any special meeting shall be limited to that

mentioned in the call, and no other business shall be transacted at the special meeting.

Section 3. Meetings, including voting, may be held in person and if necessary, by electronic conference call or electronic on-line conference meeting or in such other manner as the Board of Management may approve, provided appropriate notice is given to members.

Section 4. 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 Chapter 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 meetings of the National Society.

Section 5. 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 preceding the Continental Congress to be eligible to represent the chapter, except the Chapter Regent or Chapter 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 meetings of the state, which may be held prior to the annual State Conference of the next year.

Section 6. 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 7. All New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution in good standing shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor at State Conference.

Section 8. Credentials Committee. As soon as possible after the election of delegates and alternates and postmarked thirty (30) days prior to the State Conference, a typed list of delegates and alternates to the State Conference shall be sent to the State Regent, State Treasurer and to the Chair of the Credentials. The committee will verify that the delegate count is authorized and that those elected are in good standing.

Section 9. Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting at any state meeting.

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. 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 State 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 II].

ARTICLE X

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Section 1. Members. The Board of Management shall consist of the ten (10) State Officers: State Regent, State Vice Regent, State Chaplain, State Recording Secretary, State Corresponding Secretary, State Organizing Secretary, State Treasurer, State Registrar, State Historian and State Librarian. The Parliamentarian, as a non-voting member, may be appointed by the State Regent.

Section 2. Meetings. The Board of Management shall meet at the call of the State 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. If necessary, meetings, including voting, may be held by telephone or other electronic conference call or electronic on-line conference meeting, by email or in such other manner as said Board may approve.

Section 3. Powers and Authority. 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;
- 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 4. Quorum. A quorum of the Board of Management shall be six (6) members.

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 Committees; 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. The State Regent shall appoint the members of State 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.** Send notice of proposed amendments to all voting members of the State Conference including all Chapter Regents thirty (30) days prior to the conference.

Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of the State Treasurer, State Finance Chair and State Regent. 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;

C. Supervise expenditures within the adopted budget.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum of each committee shall be a majority of the committee members.

ARTICLE XII

CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The Chapter Regent, immediately following her election shall furnish:

A. A list of chapter officers to 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 chair to each state chair;

D. A current copy of the chapter bylaws to the State Parliamentarian.

Section 2. The Chapter Regent shall complete the NSDAR Chapter Master Report and submit it to the state organization, as instructed by the State Regent, 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 or each chapter, the State Chair of each national

committee, state committee, and the State Chairs 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 Chair 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, or these bylaws.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. 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. 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. 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 New Jersey State Society 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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