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New Jersey State Society's 47th State Regent
Diane Waugh Oliver



To desire and strive to be of some service to the world, to aim at doing something which shall really increase the happiness and welfare and virtue of mankind – this a choice which is possible for all of us; and surely it is a good haven to sail for.

Henry Van Dyke



Ashley Lynne Smith Wasser
National Outstanding Junior Member, 2023

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With Kind Hearts, we

Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever Through DAR Service and
Friendship

April 13, 2023

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Mrs. Wright's visits our State Headquarters.

April 14, 2023

Left to Right:

Morgan Elliott, Honorary State Regent, Arizona

Pamela Rouse Edwards Wright, President General, NSDAR

Laura Franek, Personal Page to the President General

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131ST ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE



New Jersey State Society Daughters of the American Revolution 131st ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

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

“With Kind Hearts, We Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever!”

April 14 & 15, 2023

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





Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright

President General 2022-2025

“Love bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

I Corinthians 13:4-7

“Rejoice Always”

I Thessalonians 5:16



Honored Guests



**Morgan Elliott,
Honorary State Regent,
Arizona State Society**



**Dr. Deborah Duay,
State Regent,
Florida State Society**



**Patrice Hatcher,
Massachusetts
State Society**

NJDAR 131st ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

Friday, April 14, 2023

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION – 9:30 am

Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent, Presiding

Processional Marshall

Call to Order Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent

Invocation Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

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

The American’s Creed Laura Troy, State Chair

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

The National Anthem
..... Patricia Sanftner, State Historian

Greetings from NSDAR..... Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright

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

Welcome Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent

Introduction of Honored Members
..... Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent

Greetings from the Honorary State Regents
.....Karen Stroeveer, Honorary State Regent

Introduction of PagesMelissa Olde Wetzel, State Chair

First Report of the Credentials Committee
.....Lynn Luehrs, State Chair
.....Joan McNichol, Committee Member

First Report of the Registration Committee
.....Stacey Andiorio, State Co-Chair
..... Valerie Trupp, State Co-Chair

Standing RulesJosephine Guscott, State Recording Secretary

Conference Program
.....Rosemary C. Wallace, State Corresponding Secretary

Presentation of the State Regent’s Project
..... Linda Jurczak, State Vice Regent

Reports of the State Board Of Managers
.....Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent
..... Linda B. Jurczak, State Vice Regent
..... Mary Leonard, State Chaplain
.....Josephine Guscott, State Recording Secretary
.....Rosemary C. Wallace, State Corresponding Secretary
..... Gayle Loftis, State Organizing Secretary
..... Jane Daly, State Treasurer

..... Christine Murphy, State Registrar
..... Patricia C. Sanftner, State Historian
..... Lynda R. Aber, State Librarian

Report of the State Treasurer

..... Jane Daly, State Treasurer
..... Grace McAfee, The Founders Committee Treasurer
..... Louise Stiloski, State Finance Chair
Announcements..... Josephine Guscott, State Recording Secretary

FRIDAY APRIL 14, 2023 – LUNCHEON & AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday Afternoon, April 14, 2023

KINDNESS AND FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON – 12:30 pm

Blessing..... Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

Greetings from Our Guests

Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, President General

Morgan Elliott, Honorary Arizona State Regent

Dr. Deborah Duay, Florida State Regent

Lunch

Guest Speaker

..... Morgan Elliott, Honorary Arizona State Regent

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION – 2:00 pm

Awards and Presentations

Reports of District Directors

..... Rebecca Martinsen, Northern District Director

..... Vittoria Flick, Central District Director

..... Jeannine Ingenito, Southern District Director

Presentation of President General’s Project Certificates

..... Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, President General

Reports of the State Chairmen of National Committees

Reports of the State Chairmen of State Committees

Announcements.....Josephine Guscott, State Recording Secretary

Benediction Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

Retiring of the Colors

**REJOICE IN OUR DAR TIES OF SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP
BANQUET– 6:30 pm**

Receiving Line

Processional Marshall

Call to Order Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent

Invocation Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

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

The American’s Creed.....Laura Troy, State Chair

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

The National Anthem..... Jersey Girls Choir

Welcome Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent

Introduction of Honored Members and Guests

Greetings from The National Society Sons of the American
Revolution..... Robert Meyer, Vice President General,
North Atlantic District

Greetings from The New Jersey Society Sons of the American
Revolution..... Charles Morgan, State President

Greetings from The Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the
State of New Jersey..... Benjamin W. Strong, President

Announcement and Presentation of the Outstanding Junior
Member Vittoria Flick, Vice Chair, Outstanding Junior Contest

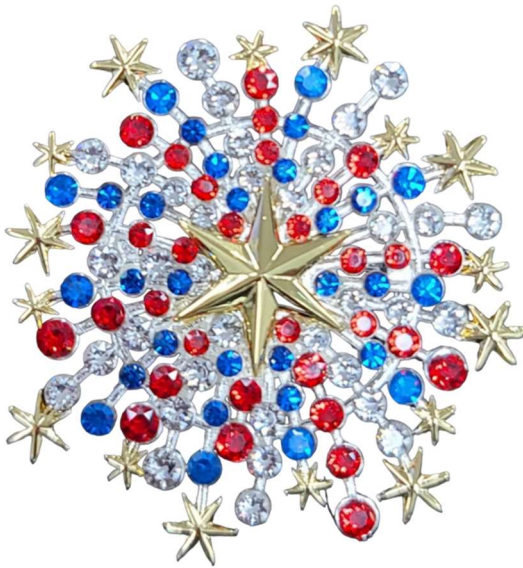
Blessing..... Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

Dinner

Keynote Speaker

..... Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, President General

Retiring of the Colors



Saturday, April 15, 2023

STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY – 8:30 am

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION – 9:30 am

Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent, Presiding

Processional Marshall

Call to Order Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent

Invocation Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
.....LisaAnn Permunionian, 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..... Jersey Girls Choir

Introduction of Honored Members and Guests
..... Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent

Final Report of the Credentials Committee
..... Joan McNichol, Member Credentials Committee

Final Report of the Registration Committee
.....Stacey Andiorio, State Co-Chair
..... Valerie Trupp, State Co-Chair

Reports of State Chairmen (continued)

Invocation Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

Tributes to:

Rita Cahill Kline, Honorary State Regent, 2007

..... Karen F. Stroeve, Honorary State Regent

Charlotte Bayliss Edson, Honorary State Vice Regent, 2011

.....Cornelia Ball Olde, Honorary State Regent

Chapter Roll CallDistrict Directors

Members of the Chapter are requested to stand when the name of their Chapter is called.

Benediction Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

The assembly is requested to remain in place until the State Officers have left the dais and exit in reverent silence.



Saturday Afternoon, April 15, 2023

SHOOTING FOR THE STARS AWARDS LUNCHEON – 12:30 pm

Processional of Hostess Chapter Regents

Introduction of Hostess Chapters

..... Rebecca Martinsen, Northern District Director

Introduction of Guests..... Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent

Blessing..... Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

Lunch

Guest Speaker

..... NJDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History, 2023

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION – 2:00 pm

Awards and Presentations

Invitation to the Autumn State Meeting

..... Vittoria Flick, Central District Director

Announcements

..... Josephine Guscott, State Recording Secretary

Benediction Mary Leonard, State Chaplain

Retiring of the Colors

Adjournment

Conference Committee

General Chair of Conferences.....	Grace McAfee
Vice Chair	Cindi Ahrens
Guest Hospitality	Deb Langdon
Registration/Reservations	Stacey Andiorio
.....	Valerie Trupp
Parliamentary Advisor	Cornelia Ball Olde
Conference Program	Heather Sanford

Pages

State Chair	Melissa Olde Wetzel
State Vice Chair	Ashley Wasser
Personal Page to the State Regent	Alice Gates Incorvaia
Personal Page to the President General	Laura Franek

Hostess Chapters

Northern District Chapters

Rebecca Martinsen, Northern District Director

Basking Ridge.....	Edythe Palmer
Beacon Fire	Heather Speas
Bergen-Paulus Hook	Susan Brillhart

Captain Daniel Vliet.....	Eloise Schooley
Chinkchewunsk.....	Katherine Cook
Church and Cannon.....	Heather Sanford
Claverack.....	Rachel Gercek
Eagle Rock-Cranetown.....	Laura Kalb
Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe.....	Melissa Mogen
Ferro Monte.....	Linda Smith
General William Maxwell.....	Ruth Huntington
Hester Schuyler Colfax.....	Eva Conover
Loantaka-Parsippanong.....	Stephanie Reidinger
Major Joseph Bloomfield.....	Bonnie Sharkey
Morristown.....	Margaret Shultz
Nova Caesarea.....	Lynn Luehrs
Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest.....	Marilyn Neagle
Saddle River.....	Angela Perkins

131st ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE MINUTES

NJDAR 131st Annual State Conference
Friday April 14, 2023
Morning Session 9:37AM

State Regent Diane Oliver opened the Conference. The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Mary Leonard. Lisaann Permunion, State Flag Chair led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The American's Creed was led by Laura Troy, State Chair of the Americanism Committee followed by Catherine Ann Jacoby, State Chair of Constitution Week, who led the Preamble to the Constitution. State Historian, Pat Sanftner led the singing of the National Anthem.

Mrs. Oliver introduced the guests: NSDAR President General, Pamela Rouse Wright, Morgan Elliot, Honorary State Regent of Arizona, and Patrice Hatcher, Massachusetts Daughter and Photography Support Team. They were visiting the State Headquarters in the morning but brought greetings later.

Rosemary Wallace, State Corresponding Secretary, read greetings from the Governor of New Jersey, Phillip Murphy.

Sheri Courtney of the Forsgate Country Club welcomed the NJ Daughters and guests to the facilities. Linda Jurczak, State Vice Regent, thanked her for her hospitality.

Mrs. Oliver introduced the Honorary State Regents present: Cornelia Ball Olde, 2016 and Past Reporter General 2019 and our State Parliamentarian; Karen Stroeve, 2019 and Bonnie Nevard Matthews, 2022. Mrs. Stoeve brought greetings from the Honorary State Regents.

Honorary State Regents who were not present were noted by Mrs. Oliver. They included: Barbara Molteni, 1992, Carol Harris Weber, 1995, Marnie Smith, 1998, Mary Bannon, 2004, and Diane Argraves, 2013.

The State Board was then introduced by Mrs. Oliver:
Linda Bongiovani Jurczak, State Vice Regent
Mary Robbins Leonard, State Chaplain
Josephine Cavallaro Guscott, State Recording Secretary
Rosemary Cain Wallace, State Corresponding Secretary
Gayle Loftis, State Organizing Secretary
Jane Daly, State Treasurer
Christine Murphy, State Registrar
Patricia Sanftner, State Historian
Lynda Aber, State Librarian

The following members with national appointments were recognized by Mrs. Oliver:

Genealogical Records National Chair, Catherine Medich
Continental Congress National Co-Chair, Cornelia Olde
Continental Congress National Co-Chair, Melissa Wetzel
Continental Congress, National Chair, Registration Line Chair,
Lynda R. 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, Theresa 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 Permunian
DAR Good Citizens, Division Vice Chair, Carrie Efinger

DAR Project Patriot, Division Vice Chair, Katherine Cook
Library Outreach Chair, Lynda R. Aber
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

Mrs. Oliver introduced the DAR women who serve as VAVS representatives at the veterans' facilities:
Lyons's Hospital, Bernard Township-Joanne Stoy
Edison Memorial Home for the Disabled Soldiers- Karen Stroever and Deputy Marcia Szedula
Vineland Veterans Home, Vineland- Diane Donnelly and Deputy Susan Novalsky

The district directors were introduced by Mrs. Oliver. They are:
Central District Director from the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, Vittoria Flick.
Northern District Director from the Ferro Monte Chapter, Rebecca Martinsen.
Southern District Director from the General Lafayette Chapter, Jeannine Ingenito.

Alice Gates Oliver Incorvaia was introduced as Mrs. Oliver's personal page.

The state chairwomen of state committees were then asked to stand and be recognized.

Melissa Wetzel, State Page Chair, introduced the pages:
Ashley Wasser, State Vice Chair
Laura Franek, Renae Govinda, Alice Gates Incorvaia, Adrienne Kubiak, Rebecca Martinsen, Jessica McCann, Ashley Salsano, Stephanie Teagarden, Heather Varner, Lizzie Murphy, CAR and Zoe Mogen, CAR.

Mrs. Oliver introduced the presidents of the NJDAR clubs:
Ruth Ryno, President of the State Officers Club
Lynda Aber, President of the Ex-Regents Club
Heather Varner, President of the Page Club
Wendy Kelly, President of the Cameo Society and
Karen Stroever, President of the NJDAR 50-Year Club

Lynn Luehrs, NJ Credential Chair, gave the first report of the Credential Committee.

Delegates. 30

Alternates 8

Chapter Regents and Vice Regents 34

Registered voters 64

Joan McNicol, NJ Credential VC, moved to adopt the Credentials Committee report. A vote was taken, and the report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

A quorum was present, and the voting body of the state conference was established.

Mrs. Andiorio and Mrs. Trupp, Reservations Co-Chairs, gave the first report of the Registration Committee.

State Officers 10

National Officers 1

Honorary State Officers 3

National Advisors/ Chairwomen 14

Past National Officers 1

District Directors 3

Chapter Regents and Vice Regents 17

State Chair of National Committees 16

State Chair of State Committees 12

Members 39

Guests 2

Total 118

Stacey Andiorio from the Middletown Chapter, moved to adopt the first report of the Registration Committee.

A vote was taken and passed, and the report was adopted.

Mrs. Guscott, State Recording Secretary read the following recommendation from the State Board of Managers: “By direction of the New Jersey State Board of Managers, I move that the standing rules as printed in the state conference program be adopted without reading aloud at this time”.

A vote was taken, and the standing rules were adopted as printed.

Mrs. Wallace, State Corresponding Secretary, presented the program for the conference. She said, “I move to adopt the Conference program as presented as the order of business for the 131st annual state conference of the New Jersey State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with provisions of necessary changes.”

Mrs. Jurczak seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the conference program was adopted.

The reviewers of the minutes were Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Aber.

Mrs. Oliver then asked the State Vice Regent, Mrs. Jurczak, to take the chair and present the State Regent’s project.

“Madam State Regent credits her interests in the preservation of history, love of cemetery jaunts, and the retelling of family stories to her dad, Elwood Gates Waugh. It is from this perspective, and with great pride, that I present Madam State Regent’s project.”

Mrs. Jurczak then read what the funds will be raised for:

1. The preservation of the New Jersey State Society’s historical documents.
2. Watson House, our state headquarters.
3. Our veterans- focus on the support of their mental health via the modality of equine therapy.
4. And if funds allow other programs that support our mission of historic preservation, education and patriotic endeavors.

Mrs. Guscott, State Recording Secretary, then made a motion to adopt the State Regent’s Project. An affirmative vote was taken, and the motion was adopted.

Mrs. Oliver then returned to the chair.

The State Board of Management, including the Parliamentarian, then gave their reports.

Mrs. Daly, State Treasurer, gave her report which included the treasurer's report of the Founders Committee. Mrs. Stiloski, State Chair of the Finance Committee, read the report of the auditor and put the motion to the floor for a vote to adopt the report. The vote was approved and adopted.

The District Directors each gave their reports. Vittoria Flick, Central District Director, Rebecca Martinsen, Northern District Director, and Jeannine Ingenito, Southern District Director.

Mrs. Guscott then made announcements and the morning session was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Friday, April 14, 2023
Afternoon Session 12:30 pm

Mrs. Oliver opened the session with introductions. President General, Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, was introduced with much fanfare.

In addition, other honored Daughters were introduced: Cornelia Ball Olde, Honorary State Regent, 2016, Past Reporter General, 2019 and State Parliamentarian.

Karen Stroever, Honorary State Regent, 2019.

Bonnie Matthews, Honorary State Regent, 2022

Also introduced was Morgan Elliot, Honorary State Regent, of Arizona.

Mrs. Oliver again introduced the State Board of Managers and the District Directors.

Mrs. Leonard, State Chaplain, gave the blessing and the Daughters enjoyed their lunch.

Ms. Loftis, State Organizing Secretary, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Elliot.

Mrs. Matthews then requested to speak. She gave a heartfelt account of Nancy Kritch's contributions to the NSDAR as the past State Chaplain and all-around delightful member.

Mrs. Guscott then made the following recommendation from the State Board of Managers: "By the direction of the State Board of Managers of the New Jersey State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I move that Nancy Leona Makoski Kritch be named Honorary State Chaplain for Life."

A vote was taken in favor of the motion and Mrs. Kritch was named Honorary State Chaplain for Life.

Mrs. Oliver then recognized the previous Daughters of Distinction. Barbara Bongiovanni Pierson, Daughter of Distinction 2022, was asked to join Mrs. Oliver at the podium to announce the 2023 Daughter of Distinction. Mrs. Pierson recounted all that Kimberly Ann Armstrong from the Ferro Monte Chapter had contributed and then placed the tiara and sash on Mrs. Armstrong as Daughter of Distinction 2023.

Joanne Cosh from the Chinkchewunska Chapter and Barbara Pierson from the Church and Cannon Chapter served as timekeepers for the presentations and reports.

The following reports and presentations were made at the luncheon: Genealogical Records Committee- Co-Chairs Bea Boyce and Catherine Medich.

Historic Preservation Committee-Bobbi Bailey

Mrs. Bailey recognized Catherine Medich for her contributions of GRC submissions.

Wendy Kelly, Women's Issues Chair, announced Nancy Kritch as a first-place winner in the health division for her essay and noted that Mrs. Kritch was also the Eastern Division first place winner.

Mrs. Armstrong gave the VIS report.

Kathleen Mazzocco gave the Literacy Promotion report. She then presented a handmade wooden flag bowl to the President General.

Madam President General presented certificates to those chapters who fulfilled their 2022-2025 one hundred percent donation of the President General's Project before February 1, 2023. The chapters were: Ann Whitehall, Basking Ridge, Beacon Fire, Cape May Patriots, Captain Daniel Vliet, Chinkchewunaska, Church and Cannon, Claverack, Colonel Thomas Reynolds, Cranes Ford, Eagle Rock- Cranetown, Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental, Francis Hopkins, General David Forman- Penelope Hart, General Lafayette, General Mercer, General William Maxwell, Governor William Livingston, Great John Mathis, Greenwich Tea Burning, Haddonfield, Jersey Blue, Major Joseph Bloomfield, Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell, Middletown, Morristown, Moorestown, Nova Caesarea, Oak Tree, Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey, Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest, Princeton, Red Bank, The Coastal Watch, Westfield, and Ye Olde Newton-Nassau.

Mrs. Guscott made announcements.

Mrs. Leonard gave the benediction.

The colors were retired.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm

Friday, April 14, 2023
Banquet 6:30 pm

After the processional Mrs. Oliver welcomed the Daughters and guests.

Mrs. Leonard gave the invocation, Lisaann Permunian led The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America, Rebecca Martinsen led the American's Creed, Catherine Ann Jacoby led the Preamble, and the Jersey Girls Choir sang the National Anthem.

Mrs. Oliver introduced the President General, Pamela Rouse Edwards Wright. She also introduced Mrs. Olde, Mrs. Stroeveer and Mrs. Matthews.

Mrs. Oliver recognized the State Board of Managers, and the District Directors.

Other representatives of genealogical organizations were present. They were Charles Morgan, President of the New Jersey State Society Sons of the American Revolution; Benjamin Strong, President of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New Jersey and Roger Williams, Coordinator of the Ten Critical Days. Each man brought greetings from their respective societies.

Also introduced by Mrs. Oliver was Sandy Pollack, Director of Development, and NSDAR assistant, Sarah Dennison.

Patrice Hatcher, Massachusetts Daughter and photography support person was introduced.

Ms. Flick, State Chair, Junior Membership, was asked to join Mrs. Oliver at the podium to announce the winner of the Outstanding Junior Contest. The 2023 Outstanding Junior, Ashley Wasser, was presented with a sash and asked to sit at the head table.

Mrs. Wetzel, Page Chair, introduced the pages for the evening.

Mrs. Oliver introduced the spouses and family members present. They were Douglas Oliver, husband of Mrs. Oliver; Geoffrey Oliver, son of Mrs. Oliver; Thom³ Incorvaia, son-in-law of Mrs. Oliver, Ed Leonard, husband of Mary Leonard; and James Sanford, husband of Heather Sanford.

Mrs. Leonard gave a blessing and dinner was served.

After dinner the Jersey Girls choir sang, and Mrs. Wright spoke. Mrs. Oliver presented Mrs. Wright with a gift of a charm with a purple amethyst heart, wrapped in silver, to add to her necklace.

Mrs. Leonard gave the benediction, and the colors were retired. The evening ended at 9:07 pm.

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Morning session 9:30 am

Mrs. Oliver gaveled in the morning session and the opening exercises commenced.

Mrs. Leonard gave the invocation, Mrs. Permunion led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, Mrs. Troy led the American's Creed, Mrs. Jacoby led the Preamble and Karen Keithler led the National Anthem.

Mrs. Oliver introduced guests and honored New Jersey Daughters: Mrs. Olde, Mrs. Stroever, Mrs. Matthews, and Mrs. Kritch.

Madam State Regent then asked that we keep in our hearts the Honorary State Regents who could not be with us: Mrs. Molteni, 1992; Mrs. Weber, 1995; Mrs. Smith 1998; Ms. Bannan, 2004 and Mrs. Argraves, 2013.

The State Board of Managers was introduced.

Guests were introduced: Mrs. Elliot, Honorary State Regent of Arizona and Mrs. Hatcher, Massachusetts Daughter.

The District Directors were recognized.

Daughters that were appointed as representatives of the Veteran's facilities were introduced:

Joanne Stoy-Lyons VA Hospital
Karen Stroeve and Marcia Szedula- Edison Memorial Home for
Disabled Soldiers
Diane Donnelly and Susan Novalsky- Vineland Veterans Home

Mrs. Oliver's personal page, her daughter, Alice Gates Waugh
Incorvaia, was introduced.

Mrs. Oliver asked that the State Chairs of National Committees
stand and be recognized. She then asked the State Chairs of State
committees also to stand and be recognized.

Mrs. Wetzel introduced the pages.

Mrs. Luehrs, Credentials Chair, gave the second report.

Delegates 39

Alternates 13

Chapter Regents and Vice Regents 38

Registered Voters 77

Total Voters 90

Mrs. McNicol made a motion to adopt the second report of the
Credentials Committee. The vote was in the affirmative and the
motion was adopted.

Ms. Andiorio and Mrs. Trupp, co-chairs of the Registration
Committee, read their report.

State Officers 10

National Officers 1

Honorary State Officers 3

National Advisor/ Chairwomen 2

District Directors 3

Chapter Regents and Vice Regents 25

State Chairwomen of National Committees 20

State Chairwomen of State Committees 10

Members 67

Guests 26

Total 167

Ms. Andiorio made a motion to adopt the second report of the Registration Committee. A vote was taken, and the motion was passed and adopted.

Committee reports were given with a two-minute limit. The timekeepers were Mrs. Cosh and Mrs. Pierson.

Mrs. Guscott made announcements.

The meeting was paused at 10:45 am for the Memorial Service led by State Chaplain Mary Leonard.

The procession and members exited in respectful silence.

Saturday, April 14, 2013
Afternoon Session 12:30 pm

The processional consisted of the Northern District Director, Northern Chapter Regents, and Mrs. Oliver.

The Northern District Director, Rebecca Martinsen introduced the Northern Chapter Regents, hostesses of the luncheon.

Zoe Morgan, NJCAR State Chaplain, brought greetings on behalf of the NJCAR.

Special guests were introduced by Mrs. Oliver: Mrs. DaSilva, NJDAR's Outstanding Teacher of American History 2023 and her husband ,Ron, and Anna Kline Cook, daughter of Rita Kline.

Mrs. Leonard said grace and lunch commenced.

Mrs. Jurczak conducted the roll call of chapters:

Ann Whitall 2

Basking Ridge 0

Beacon Fire 2

Bergen-Paulus Hook 0

Camp Middlebrook 0

Cape May Patriots 0
Captain Daniel Vliet 1
Captain Joshua Huddy 4
Chinkchewunska 8 , 2 associates,2 guests
Church and Cannon 3
Claverack 4
Colonel Thomas Reynolds 4
Cranes Ford 5, 1 guest
Eagle Rock-Cranetown 0
Elizabeth Parsells DeVoe1 ,1 CAR guest
Elizabeth Snyder-Continental 5
Ferro Monte 6, 2 CAR
Francis Hopkinson 5
General David Foreman-Penelope Hart 9
General Lafayette 10, 1 associate
General Mercer 1
General William Maxwell 6, 1 guest, 2 associates
Governor William Livingston 6 ,8 associates
Great John Mathis 0
Greenwich Tea Burning 0
Haddonfield 4, 1 prospective
Hester Schuyler Colfax 3, 1 associate
Jersey Blue 6, 1 associate
Loantaka-Parsippanong 0
Major Joseph Bloomfield 3, 1 associate
Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell 6, 1 associate
Middletown 3
Moorestown 1
Morristown 6
Nova Caesarea 1
Oak Tree 1
Old Whitehouse-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey 1
Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest 2, 1 associate
Princeton 3
Red Bank 2
Saddle River 1
Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth 7, 1 associate
The Coastal Watch 1

Westfield 3

Ye Olde Newton-Nassau 4, 1 associate

Ms. Sanftner, State Historian, introduced the speaker, Joann DaSilva, NJDAR Outstanding Teacher of America History.

After the speaker, Mrs. Matthews announced Heather Speas, Beacon Fire Chapter, as the winner of the Outstanding Chapter Regent Contest.

Mrs. Luehrs gave the final report of the Credentials Committee.

Delegate 42

Alternates 14

Registered voters 84

Total voters 97

Mrs. McNicols made a motion to adopt the final report of the Credentials Committee. A vote was taken, and the final report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

Ms. Andiorio read the final report of the registration committee.

State Officers 10

Honorary State Officers 3

National Officers 1

State Chairwomen of National committees 20

State Chairwomen of State Committees 10

Chapter Regents and Vice Regents 25

District Directors 3

Members 80

Guest 27

Awards Day Guests 48

Total 229

Ms. Andiorio made a motion to adopt the final report of the Registration Committee. A vote was taken, and the motion was passed to adopt the final report of the Registration Committee.

Mrs. Oliver again thanked the Northern District for hosting.

Voices were announced.

Mrs. Oliver thanked Grace McAfee, General Chairwoman of the Conference and Cindi Ahrens Vice Chairwoman of the Conferences for all their hard work and dedication to the society. Mrs. Oliver also thanked Stacey Andiorio, Valerie Trupp, Lynn Luehrs, Joan McNicol, Jane Daly, Kim Armstrong and Deb Hvizdos.

Ms. Flick issued the invitation to the Autumn Meeting. It will be on Saturday 23, 2023 at the Forsgate Country Club.

Mrs. Guscott made announcements.
The colors were retired.

The members sang the first verse and chorus of “I’m Proud To Be An American “.

Mrs. Leonard gave the benediction.

Mrs. Oliver declared the New Jersey 131st State Conference adjourned.

3:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Josephine Guscott, NJ State Recording Secretary

REPORT OF STATE OFFICERS

STATE REGENT

The first full year of the Oliver Administration was filled with kindhearted Daughters engaged in a variety of activities that supported our overall mission of our Society, focusing on historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Historic preservation's focus is wide and varied. It's so much more than preserving homes and structures. With this concept in mind, and with the support of Rosemary Wallace, State Corresponding Secretary, and using the spreadsheet created during the Olde Administration to note the complete names of past state officers, the NJDAR directory was created using the full name of each past state regent.

One of the goals of the State Regent's Project is preserve NJDAR's history. With the funds raised, a lap top computer and CZUR scanning system was purchased. State Librarian, Lynda Aber, set the system up in her home and began scanning the past three New Jersey History Books with the intent of preserving them in a pdf format to be placed, with the support of Kim Armstrong and Deb Hvizdos, our VIS Co-Chairs, on our members' website. Look for periodic updates to this project on our site. The past three physical books will be shared with future state regents. The fourth history book is in the making!

Supporting the Genealogical Records Committee was also a primary goal of the Oliver Administration. With input from throughout the state, Daughters overwhelmingly surpassed the goal of 25 pages of Bible records material. Catherine Medich, National Chair – Genealogical Records Committee, and fellow Jersey Girl, gifted the National Society our collection at the 132nd Continental Congress, Gift Giving Ceremony. My heart was so full!

Updating the registration process for our 131st State Conference was a daunting thought yet a crucial process insuring efficiency and accuracy. RegFox online registration format was selected, and this experience also provided us the opportunity to update our incorporation status with the state of New Jersey. The procedure worked so well, we decided to keep RegFox for the remainder of the administration.

It is an honor to serve as your representative at four National Board Meetings. Greetings were extended to the Daughters of Florida, Nevada, Tennessee, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire when your State Regent was a guest at their Conferences.

Tea was spilled in the Boston Harbor on December 16th during the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party which your State Regent attended along with other Jersey Girls.

One meeting of the New Jersey State Society Sons of the American Revolution was attended and it was a special treat to extend the warm wishes of NJDAR to the SAR and specifically to friend, neighbor and president of the organization, Robert C. Meyer. The relationship between NJDAR and Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New Jersey continues to strengthen, and it is always a joyful day to celebrate the birth of George Washington with them.

Greetings and good wishes were extended to the New Jersey State Society Children of the American Revolution at their annual meeting.

It is always a pleasure to bring greetings to the members of the State Officers' Club and the Ex-Regents' Club at their Spring and Autumn meetings.

We were honored with the official visit of Mrs. Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, President General, NSDAR. Mrs. Wright joined our Daughters at the 131st Annual Meeting held at Forsgate Country Club, Monroe, NJ. Nancy L. Kritch was officially elected as Honorary State Chaplain on Friday, April 26, 2023. Mrs. Kritch created our banquet slide show which included photos and biographies of all the past state regents who have served New Jersey. This very special project was created with love and will serve to continue to preserve NJDAR's history.

My deepest thanks are extended to every New Jersey Daughter who gave their time, talents, and treasures to support our Society this year. Each is a blessing to me.

Diane Waugh Oliver
State Regent

STATE VICE REGENT

In the second year of this administration, this Officer has witnessed the “Sparkle” in the New Jersey chapters. They have put their heart and soul into meaningful service for our Veterans, Schools and historic landmarks in their communities.

It has been an honor to witness and personally participate in the communication formats, such as the Crossroads Courier, Daughter's Digest, NJDAR members' Facebook page, and the Regents and Vice Regent's monthly zoom meetings, but also the fun and fabulous activities that have been added to our state meetings, and the comradery that is enjoyed when we support the activities of the NJ chapters.

This officer greatly appreciates the kind invitations to attend chapter meetings, grave markings and commemorative events throughout the state. It has been an absolute pleasure to meet chapter members who have not yet attended a State meeting, and to encourage them to take advantage of what we have to offer.

One of the most thrilling honors this Officer has experienced, is installing new members. At some point in the meetings, we share

our DAR stories with one another, and a real kinship is made. Sometimes by bloodlines and sometimes we connect with the desire to honor our patriot ancestors and learn more about their journey to freedom. Either way, it is always a joy to share our mutual interest.

This officer has attended chapter events from Sussex County to Atlantic County, grave markings, various chapter anniversary and fundraising events, participated in a Wreaths Across America convoy and ceremony, attended SAR and CAR state meetings, virtual programs and meetings, as well as each State Board of Managers, pre and post conference, and finance committees meeting. This officer also attended several NSDAR webinars including those for Junior Membership, Leadership, Genealogy Research, and DNA.

This officer is grateful for the opportunity to represent the Oliver administration, promote the initiatives for NJDAR and those of the National Society as your State Vice Regent.

NJDAR simply would not sparkle as brightly, if not for *kind hearts inspiring family, service, and community*.

Celebrating Stars and Stripes Forever
Through DAR Friendship and Service,

Linda Bongiovanni Jurczak
NJDAR State Vice Regent

STATE CHAPLAIN

This officer began her duties as the New Jersey State Chaplain on July 1, 2022. 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 was thrilled to have participated in the Wreaths Across American Convoy to Arlington Cemetery from Maine to Virginia. They stopped for dinner at Jonathan Dayton High School in

Springfield and the Regent from Church and Cannon organized it. This officer gave the Invocation at the beginning of the ceremony. That was held on December 12, 2023.

She also participated in the memorial plaque unveiling and grave marking of Dr. Jabez Campfield at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown. She gave the Patriot Memorial Service and the Benediction, sponsored by the Morristown Chapter on May 28, 2023.

This officer participated in the 243rd Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. Sponsored by the Church and Cannon Chapter on June 23, 2023.

She also participated in the celebration of the Life of a Real Daughter, Priscilla Ayers Inslee held on July 8, 2023, at the Alpine Cemetery in Perth Amboy. This officer said the Invocation, recitation of Scripture and the Benediction.

This officer attended all State Board meetings and the State Conferences at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Twp. She gave the Invocation, Grace, and Benedictions at the State Conferences. She also attended many Chapter Anniversaries. A total of 45 New Jersey Daughters were reported deceased during the 2023 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 completed her duties of the office of the State Recording Secretary. She attended board meetings, recorded meeting notes, disseminated them to board members and filed them.

She collected the annual reports from chapter regents and state committee members, and edited and formatted them. She had a summer meeting with the State Regent, Mrs. Oliver, to review the

Proceedings Book and liaised with the printer. 35 2022 Annual Proceedings Books were printed for the Autumn State Meeting. This officer attended the 132nd Continental Congress in Washington, DC, the Children of the American Revolution State Conference and The Cathedral in the Pines in New Hampshire. She attended Wreaths Across America in Holmdel, NJ. She attended numerous luncheons, chapter meetings and dedications. In addition, this officer held the holiday board meeting and luncheon at her home.

It is an honor to serve in the Oliver Administration and to serve the New Jersey State Society.

Josephine Guscott
State Recording Secretary

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The year 2023 was a busy one for the office of the NJDAR State Corresponding Secretary. It was the first full year of the Oliver Administration's Daughters Digest and this officer worked closely with the VIS Committee in creating 24 editions of the Digest emailed directly to nearly 2,700 NJDAR members. These Digests notified members of new national and state DAR initiatives, new educational and leadership training opportunities, as well as national, state and DAR chapter events and committee activities. The Digest is linked directly to our NJDAR members website and offers the opportunity to each member to view articles and see and complete applications and invitations. The articles are timely, brief and to the point in the hope of engaging members' interest but respecting their time constraints.

This officer is pleased to report that the Daughters Digest continues to out-perform other Enewsletters. The open rates of Enewsletters across all industries is 41.31 % of non-profit Enewsletters is 46.49%, while the Daughters Digest open rate is a very favorable 57.94%

This officer was also continuously engaged in answering various inquiries from members, officers, and committee chairs about numerous issues, including the various means of communication

provided by NJDAR, including the Daughters Digest, the members Facebook page, the members website and the Crossroads Courier. Another important goal of this office was educating members and particularly chapter officers in publicizing their activities and initiatives and encouraging some of the smaller and quieter chapters to apprise their NJDAR sisters of their efforts on behalf of historical preservation, education and patriotism.

This officer has also regularly updated the NJDAR directory as information regarding structural changes and changes in information becomes known to her. A comprehensive revision was posted on the members website. Chapter officers are encouraged to timely report chapter information changes as only limited information is provided to this office automatically by the national society. Another important effort has been to encourage all members to become familiar with the Directory and all the valuable information which it makes directly available to NJDAR members.

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

Rosemary Cain Wallace
State Corresponding Secretary

STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

As announced at last fall's State Conference, this office was able to receive from several sources, multiple information on minority patriots who had served in, or had some connection, with New Jersey. Those patriots included Cudjo Banquante, Stephen Sutphen, Sampson Battis, Oliver Cromwell, Pomp Davenport (a soldier from Rhode Island who died in Morristown), and a man named Caesar. Several of these names are being provided by Bobbi Baily of the Morristown Chapter. However, assess those stories/write-ups have not been assessed, and the contest will continue until the next Fall Meeting at which the DAR store Certificate will be awarded.

One of the thrusts of this administration has been to encourage healthier chapters. Toward that end the Oliver Administration has provided opportunities for officers to meet by ZOOM with the Chapter Regents to better inform them of the roles of the State Board Officers, and to have each officer lead a designated meeting on the roles of their office. It is hoped that the chapters will have an increased comfort level in seeking assistance from the State officers. This officer will lead her meeting on June 12th.

Unfortunately, and for several reasons, quantity of chapters does not always equate to quality of chapters. One such chapter, the Saddle River Chapter, has decided to encourage its members to explore other chapter affiliations. This officer will be working with that chapter's members to assist them in transfers to another viable chapter to which they may wish to be associated.

The potential merger of Eagle Rock-Cranetown Chapter into Nova Cesarea has been unable to be completed due to a shortfall of affirmative responses from the membership. Both chapters suffer from low, "active" membership. This remains an effort in process. Should there be an inability to complete the requisite level of affirmative votes, this officer will assist the chapter members of Eagle Rock-Cranetown in accomplishment of transfers of its members to chapters that may be better able to fit with the interests of the individual member.

In April, this officer was asked by the US District Court in Newark to speak at a naturalization ceremony held at the court. She was able to speak of the efforts and manner by which those of Spanish heritage may become members of the DAR and was contacted subsequently for additional information. Continued widened public exposure to this group and that of African Americans will take place into the next few months.

Gayle Loftis
State Organizing Secretary

STATE TREASURER

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. This officer provided all necessary documentation as requested to support the annual independent audit. She prepared a budget for the year which was reviewed by the State Finance Chair and approved by the State Board of Management.

She distributed information regarding membership dues and other annual contributions to chapter regents and treasurers. She provided instructions via email and newsletters for new methods implemented for submitting contributions to NSDAR and the President General's Project. She responded to questions and requests for support from chapter treasurers as they arose throughout the year.

An electronic payment system was successfully implemented for the first time for the 2023 State Conference and then again for the Autumn Meeting. This officer worked together with the VIS team for many months and provided numerous documents to establish this payment method for NJDAR. This officer would like to thank the VIS team for all the assistance provided throughout this process.

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 has continued to attend all meetings of the State Board of Management, the Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee, and the NJDAR conference and state meeting. This officer has taken the time to answer emails and phone calls from chapter registrars, regents, and state genealogy chairs on applications, supplementals, AIRs and pre-letters. Additionally, this officer kept the NJ chapter registrars current on changes to the accepted practices and made sure the Prospective Members are assigned to the appropriate chapter in a timely manner.

This officer has been working diligently with the State Application Team to assist chapters without registrars and chapters that need assistance to complete Prospective Member applications and to resolve AIRs.

This officer has continued to host the virtual monthly meeting, “Genealogy Happy Hour,” which is open to all New Jersey Daughters. Topics for this meeting included *Using Verified Applications & Supplementals*, *Stryker: What Do You Do Now?* and *Marking Documents*. This gathering gives small lessons on the proper way to prepare applications and supplementals and answers any questions that chapter registrars, lineage research and members may have.

This officer attended the Annual DAR Genealogy Institute in May 2023 at DAR Headquarters. The program included presentations from the genealogy staff at National and professional genealogists. Spending that time with other DAR researchers, genealogy staff and National officers is an experience that cannot be recreated anywhere else.

This officer is pleased to report that 228 members were admitted to the New Jersey State Society in 2023.

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

Christine Murphy
State Registrar

STATE HISTORIAN

This State Officer has been involved and invited to a number of exciting historic initiatives in 2023, throughout the state. As historian and co-chair of the America 250! Committee, she has been invited to speak with six chapters to give them ideas of what they can do for the marking of our nation's 250! Anniversary. She has had the privilege of attending the Road to Yorktown and the concert of the Middlesex Volunteer Fifes and Drums in Westfield. She has also been involved with the planning of the marking of Doctor Jabez Campfield's grave, the display of General Washington's Battle Tent, and the tea celebrating 100 years of DAR ownership of the Schuyler- Hamilton House in Morristown. She has gone to the rededication of the marker placed by General Mercer Chapter, the Real daughter marker placement in Perth Amboy, and represented the DAR at the SAR marker celebration in Flemington,

She attended meetings for America 250! With Revolution NJ, The Washington Assn. of NJ, the W3R, The Forgotten Victory Trail, the Lineal Societies of NJ committee for 250!, and the American Friends of Lafayette who are planning the 200th anniversary celebrations in NJ.

She has completed with the help of Diane Argraves the draft for the History of the State Society. And will be delivering that to the publishers by the end of February. This has been a 4-year journey, and she would like to express her thanks to Diane Argraves for editing, and to the State Regent for her support and help.

Work continues on the New Jersey Revolutionary Soldiers listing, with 11 of our chapters participating in this endeavor.

She is aware of issues with our NJDAR historic houses and has either reached out with advice or is working to make sure their preservation is maintained. She is also happy to volunteer as a docent at two of them. In her capacity as curator of Schuyler Hamilton House she has been filmed for 3 Revolutionary Minutes for Crossroads of the American Revolution, and for the PBS television production of Travels with Darley.

This Officer is so proud to see the sparkle of the chapters in the state and is thrilled to serve them and the state society.

Patricia Sanftner
State Historian

STATE LIBRARIAN

This Officer scanned and downloaded three history of New Jersey DAR books (1929/1974/1995), as well as the History of the New Jersey Room at NSDAR headquarters. To continue with this project the first annual proceeding books from 2000-2024 are being scanned, then downloaded onto the New Jersey DAR website. At the completion of these first records the annual proceeding from 1900 forward will be scanned and downloaded. As a goal this officer is working to provide a complete inventory of all proceeding books for reference for all members.

This Officer has been in touch with several chapters who are progressing with donating books to NSDAR Library, and local libraries. Each chapter Librarian is asked to encourage their chapters to donate one book a year to the National DAR library or their local library. In addition, chapter Librarians are asked to forward to the State Librarian pictures and a short paragraph on their chapter book clubs and activities. Currently this year NJ chapters have donated three books to the NSDAR Library or to their local Library.

This Officer is working with chapters to establish a free little library in the area of their chapters. Through the State Regents project monies are available for three chapters in New Jersey to place a library with the expense of the housing unit being paid as part of the State Regents project. Chapters are asked to contact the State Librarian to learn of the process and the benefits of starting their own little library.

At the request of Madame State Regent an original bookplate was sent to National headquarters for their file. It was noted on a recent trip to the library that states have sent in original bookplates and

New Jersey only had a copy on record. After searching an original was found and forwarded to NSDAR. The original bookplate depicted the Great Falls of Patterson and included the name New Jersey DAR, this was printed and donated by Eagle Rock chapter in 1932.

Lynda R. Aber
State Librarian

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

AMERICAN HERITAGE

AMERICA 250!

The Garden State is readying for America 250! With sparkling events attracting scores, even hundreds of people. In Westfield citizens gathered at two revolutionary events in conjunction with the W3R, the March to Yorktown, and a concert given by the Middlesex County Volunteer Fifes and Drums who traveled from Massachusetts. George Washington's Field Tent was displayed in Morristown and members of their chapter assisted with the festivities. The only stop of the 34 Camden County Revolutionary History Trail, focused on a woman was the one about camp followers researched and developed by a member of Ye Olde Newton – Nassau Chapter. Battle reenactments and Tea Party events were joined by DAR members from many chapters, including Chinkchewunska, Church and Cannon, Colonel Thomas Reynolds, Elizabeth Snyder– Continental, Francis Hopkinson, Greenwich Tea Burning, General Mercer, Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell, Morristown, and Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth.

Although no America 250! Markers were placed this year, that does not mean things are un-marked by the DAR, throughout the state celebrations of Revolutionary Patriots are flourishing. In Middletown their drive to see Revolutionary soldier's graves marked, eight have been recognized with bronze markers and military stones. 32 Patriots names now grace a marker placed by Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter. In Morristown 150 people including reenactors from Three different sources celebrated the marking of Doctor Jabez Campfield's grave. Captain Joshua

Huddy and, Shrewsbury Towne Monmouth, marked and celebrated Patriot graves. Governor William Livingston is documenting the Patriots of each chapter member in a special 250! Book. And a Video biography of patriot Robert Hoops is being produced by General William Maxwell Chapter, and Ferro Monte Chapter has displayed flags with Patriot names emblazed at local events. Preservation of historic sites is dear to every DAR member. Shrewsbury Towne Monmouth Chapter helped sponsor a \$10,000 HP grant from the DAR focused on the Covenhoven House and other sites. Jersey Blue, Morristown, Chinkchewunska, and the Founder's committee all have sought funding to protect properties they manage.

In all eight chapters have applied for Celebration grants and their events have been and will be thrilling.

As members of the NJ250! Commission is appointed by the Governor, sadly no DAR members are on it. However, many chapters are "Partners" with REV NJ which is the working agency created by the NJ250! Commission. Even more excitingly seven chapters are very involved in their state, county or local 250! Commissions and groups and are vocal advocates therein.

Eleven of our chapters are working on the New Jersey Revolutionary Soldiers Listing, which will be shared throughout the state with other societies and friends. Already the Soldier Stories abstracts from the Morristown Chapter listing are being recognized by County State and national entities. Can New jersey shine any brighter? The co-chairs are willing to bet they will.

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

AMERICAN HISTORY

Thirty chapters participated in at least one of this committee's programs.

Chapter meetings sparkled with no less than ninety-four presentations on American History topics. Fifty-seven of those presentations' subjects included women. That is an increase of over 300% from 2022.

Middletown Chapter member, Maureen Foster, developed a program about Rebecca Murray, wife of Patriot Joseph Murray. She presented it at the quilting guild named after Rebecca Murray. It was enthusiastically received.

Chinkchewunska Chapter member and Honorary State Chaplain, Nancy Kritch, research NJDAR state regents and located photographs and interesting facts of all. Ferro Monte Chapter member, State Magazine Chair and State VIS Co-Chair, Kim Armstrong, used this information to create a slide show of the NJDAR regents titled, "A Legacy in Service to Our Beloved Society." It was presented and applauded at the NJDAR Spring Conference.

A total of seventeen women from New Jersey were added to the NSDAR Women in American History (WIAH) database. The NJDAR Board honored and submitted three women: Cornelia Ball Olde, Emily Diane Argraves, and Dolly Marshall. Six chapters submitted 14 deserving women. Seven certificates were awarded. Two NJ Daughters deserve recognition for their WIAH research and its results: Chinkchewunska Chapter member and Honorary State Chaplain, Nancy Kritch, research and submitted six women. Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter member, Mary E. (Beth) Pomponio, researched Revolutionary War camp follower, Mary Swain. Presentations of her research lead to Mary Swain being recognized and awarded the first woman with a sign on the Camden County, NJ Revolutionary War Heritage Trail. In

addition, Beth was honored and submitted to WIAH by her chapter.

Twenty-seven public displays about American History were mounted. The Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter placed twelve displays for which they should be recognized.

Eighteen local newspapers were utilized by eleven chapters to inform the public of chapter accomplishments and upcoming events. The Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter also used their local radio station to promote their program and fundraiser, "White Woman of the Genesee."

The American History Essay Contest had eleven chapters contact forty grade and middle schools. Seven hundred and eleven students submitted essays. (Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth received and judged five hundred and ten of those essays.) Six hundred and ninety-three received a Certificate of Participation, a Certificate of Award was presented to fifty-eight, and nineteen received a Bronze Medal. Shrewsbury Town-Monmouth Chapter's sixth grade winner went on to win first place within the state, first within the division and third place nationally.

Two chapters reported contacting schools for the Patriots of the American Revolution DAR high school essay contest. The contestant from the Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter won first place. Six chapters honored a total of forty-eight deserving grade school and high school graduating students who excelled in history with an Excellence in American History certificate and Bronze Medals. One chapter submitted an article and five photographs to the Stars and Stripes Newsletter.

Diane Humphey Barsa
American History State Chair

AMERICAN INDIANS

This will be remembered as the year of the Sock Tsunami. When an NJDAR sock drive for Chemawa Indian School was announced, the Wattles & Snood 4-H Club of Somerset County volunteered to help by organizing a 4-H sock drive. This led Ersoy Eligul of EGE Trading to donate his company's unclaimed freight. Overnight, 8,000 pairs of socks worth an estimated \$10,000 arrived at the 4-H Center - a "Sock Tsunami."

Daughters raised \$1,178 to cover shipping costs. Special recognition goes to Susan Luczu of Jersey Blue for her very generous support. A donor list includes Mary Lou Portney, Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe; Judith King, Gen. Mercer; Nancy Kritch, Gov. William Livingston; and Day Westline of Chemeketa Chapter in Oregon. Chapters that donated: Gen. Lafayette, Francis Hopkinson, Jersey Blue, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental, Red Bank, and Maj. Joseph Bloomfield. In addition, \$110 was collected at the Spring Conference. As a bonus, the Sock Tsunami also resulted in four new DAR members, eight prospective C.A.R. members and one prospective S.A.R. member. In 2023, 35 chapters (78%) and 2,314 members (85%) participated in Committee activities. A highlight was the public program in October hosted by Greenwich Tea Burning featuring Alisa Dupuy portraying Mary Jemison.

Four Native American Heritage Month Proclamations were acquired: Ferro Monte had two, Roxbury Twp. and Mine Hill; Westfield had one from Westfield; and Elizabeth Snyder-Continental accepting a Proclamation from Green Brook appeared on the front page of the "Green Brook Gazette."

There was a 30% increase in programs this year, with chapters presenting a total of 30. There were 191 American Indian Minutes presented by 34 chapters; the high count was Middletown with 12, followed by Col. Thomas Reynolds, Maj. Joseph Bloomfield and Morristown, each with nine.

Outstanding Chapter Chairs include Cindy Knierim of Francis Hopkinson; Anne Conover of Beacon Fire and Sarah Tarpine Smith of Greenwich Tea Burning.

For Native American Heritage Month, Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth held a program featuring Claire Garland, director of the Sand Hill Indian Historical Assoc. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental members were greeted with a land acknowledgement, a Lakota prayer and a bag of popcorn before watching a video program on the Lenape.

Monetary donations totaled \$905: Friends of American Indians - Claverack; Bacone College - Morristown; Chemawa Indian School - Francis Hopkinson, Red Bank, Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe, Chinkchewunaska donated goods; Indian Youth of America - Ferro Monte and Capt. Joshua Huddy.

Spring and Autumn issues of the “Native Heritage” newsletter were emailed and were posted on the NJDAR Members’ Website. The National Chairman also posts the newsletter on the Committee page of the NSDAR Members’ Website under the heading “Spirit Sparkler.” This has brought numerous inquiries from other states that were given permission to share the newsletter’s contents.

Links to more than 100 free online video programs were added to the Members’ Website. The site also contains 150 American Indian Minutes, a Guide for Chairmen, text and a press release template for a Heritage Month Proclamation, a Calendar of Events, press clips and annual reports.

This state chairman would like to thank New Jersey Daughters for making 2023 an exceptional year. Wanishi.

Holly Jean Dunbar
American Indians State Chair

AMERICANISM

New Jersey daughters welcomed 477 new citizens at various ceremonies from Jersey City to Morristown to Mount Holly. Twenty-two chapters participated in a total of 13 naturalization ceremonies throughout the year. Fourteen chapters recognized Citizenship Day and Constitution Week with various activities

such as ringing bells, attending naturalization ceremonies, and singing patriotic songs. A member of the Bergen-Paulus Hook chapter created a PowerPoint presentation on Constitution week and shared it with members and the public via social media.

As part of New Jersey State Regent Diane Waugh Oliver's project, State Americanism Chair Laura Troy presented a program on the naturalization test during the State Society's Autumn Meeting on September 22, 2023. Daughters from several chapters lovingly created five sets of flash cards to support prospective citizens in passing the citizenship test. Attendees of the note included Diane Waugh Oliver, New Jersey State Regent; Cornelia Ball Olde, Honorary New Jersey State Regent; Beatrice Carolyn Nutt, Massachusetts State Regent; Cindy Bell, Nevada State Regent; Kathleen Adair Sternberg, New Hampshire State Regent; and Nancy Baker Lisle, Oklahoma State Regent.

A naturalization ceremony was held at the Great Falls National Historical Park on October 10, 2023. Before the ceremony, Ms. Oliver and Ms. Troy presented the citizenship flash cards created by the New Jersey daughters to representatives from the United States Customs and Immigration Services. They gratefully accepted. During the ceremony Ms. Oliver gave a heartfelt welcome to 40 new Americans after they took the Oath of Citizenship.

New Jersey Daughters displayed their patriotic colors throughout 2023. The American's Creed was recited 330 times. One hundred thirty-three Patriotic songs were sung. Twenty-nine Americanism programs were shared within chapters and 30 Americanism programs were shared with the public. Thirty-three Daughters assisted with naturalization classes. Ms. Troy presented two programs on the naturalization process.

Colonel Thomas Reynolds Daughters honored a 101-year-old WWII veteran with a virtual visit. Elizabeth Parcells-DeVoe Daughters presented a community service award to the Fire Chief of Hawthorne and held a ceremony at a VFW post to thank Vietnam veterans for their service. Ferro Monte Daughters coordinated a patriotic music program and reception for Veterans Day. General Lafayette's Chaplain personally assisted a woman from Syria with the immigration process. Members of the Jersey

Blue Chapter participated in “Bells of Peace” and military appreciation events. Loantaka-Parsippanong daughters sent personalized thank you notes to first responders in their respective hometowns.

In October 2023, the Middletown Chapter nominated Ms. Thy Nguyen Cavagnaro for the Americanism Medal. She was recognized by U.S. Congressman Andy Kim, the New Jersey American Legion, and the Barnegat Township School District for her outstanding work with Vietnam Veterans and the Vietnamese American Community. Regent Michele Donnelly commended her personification of leadership, trustworthiness, patriotism, and charitable service.

New Jersey daughters made 2023 a sparkling year for Americanism with a myriad of programs, events, and acts of service. “Jersey Girls” look forward to making 2024 the most spectacular celebration of citizenship yet!

Laura Troy
Americanism 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, Caroline Kircher, promoted her state theme “Saluting the Drillmaster of the Revolution.” The project this year raised money for the preservation of the snake fencing at Monmouth Battlefield and honoring von Steuben. Almost \$2000 was donated to the Monmouth Battlefield. Thank you to the many daughters that donated money at the State Conference and workshops. 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 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 Ferro Monte Chapter had N.J.C.A.R. members help with Wreaths Across America and march in the Roxbury Township Memorial Day Parade with the chapter. 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 94th Annual State Conference was held on March 9, 2024, in New Brunswick, NJ, and showcased a successful 2023-2024 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 Senior State Chair

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

New Jersey Daughters were active honoring the many events identified as a Commemorative Event by National. The excitement of the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party generated many chapters to host tea parties. These chapters included Middletown, General Mercer, Great John Mathis, Beacon Fire, and Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth. Other chapters had programs or sent tea including Elizabeth Snyder-Continental, Francis Hopkinson and Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell. Many chapters participated in July 4th events including Jersey Blue, Princeton, and Camp

Middlebrook. Haddonfield participated in the Gibbsboro parade. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental participated in Plainfield's parade and received an award for their covered wagon. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and supporting Vietnam veterans, chapters sponsored challenge coins and wreaths for Wreaths Across America including Ferro Monte and Nova Ceasarea. Middletown and Chinkchewunska held lunches for veterans. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth, Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe and Middletown were registered as Commemorative Partners of the USA Vietnam War Commemoration. The chapters marked graves and honored our ancestors. Major Joseph Bloomfield unveiled a stone memorial in Bloomfield Cemetery. General Mercer rededicated their 1931 marker on Daniel Bray's grave.

Elizabeth Medich
Commemorative Events State Chair

COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

22 chapters reported 30 members volunteered in local schools impacting 2712 children. Many of the chapters donated to local schools.

Four lesson plans were submitted to various schools. Four education fun pins were purchased. Chickchewunska donated games, snacks, backpacks and a lesson plan and book on the Constitution. The General David Foreman-Penelope Hart Chapter provided an educational program at the Watson House. The General Lafayette Chapter donated \$1400 to two schools. Warm coats and school supplies were given to schools by the Governor William Livingston Chapter who also had five members volunteer in the classroom. The Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter engaged an actress to portray Bernie Coleman, an African American and Native American who held an American Aviator License.

Four members of the Jersey Blue Chapter volunteered, and one dressed as a dinosaur as she read to preschoolers. The Church and Cannon Chapter conducted a historic tour of Springfield. The Red Bank Chapter provided remedial essay writing. Members of the Claverack Chapter helped in a second-grade math class and with a lesson on the benefits of gardening.

The The Coastal Watch Chapter read a program on a Salen Witchcraft ancestor. Four teachers were sponsored by the Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe Chapter, they also donated requested books and calculators. Baskets were made for teacher's Week along with a Flag Day Program.

This officer is proud of the 22 chapters who supported this committee, the students, and the teachers.

Patricia Franz
Community Classroom 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 2023 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:

The Weekend Bag Program, nominated by Chinkchewunsk Chapter, was awarded for services which provide students going home from school over the weekend with food and hygiene products they otherwise wouldn't have available to them. Linda Donnelly, nominated by Church and Cannon Chapter, was awarded for her service to veterans.

Karen Keithler, nominated by Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter, was awarded for her service to the Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance, the Rise Up Chorus, Woodbridge Choir, singing at nursing and veterans' homes, and the Daughters of the British Empire.

Karen Jennings, nominated by Moorestown Chapter, was awarded for her work with Military Support Group of NJ, which delivered over 800 care packages in 2022 to deployed military around the world.

Anne Piro, nominated by Westfield Chapter, was awarded for her reorganization of the Roosevelt Elementary School library.

Anne Carriero, nominated by Middletown Chapter, was awarded for her work with Quilts of Valor and Rebecca's Reel Quilt Guild.

Joesph Speranza, nominated by Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe Chapter, was awarded for his work as President of the Passaic County Mutual Aid Association and supporter of the Hawthorne Fire Department Auxiliary.

Mary Sellitto-Curcio, nominated by Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter, was awarded for her work with Make A Wish Foundation.

Rosemont Cemetery, nominated by General Mercer Chapter, was awarded for the volunteer work done there to preserve the cemetery of over 300 years and the accompanying historical records.

Judith Knapp, nominated by Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter, was awarded for her work with New Jersey's Mission of Honor for Cremains of American Veterans, whose goal is to identify and inter orphaned and abandoned cremains, with honor.

Dana Hampson, nominated by Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe Chapter, was awarded for her work with Girl Scouts and St. Anthony's Parish.

Geri Kazimar, nominated by Church and Cannon Chapter, was awarded for her volunteer contributions to the Township of Springfield, NJ, the local Elks Lodge #2004 and St. James the Apostle Church.

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 has increased by 20% over 2022, so it is hoped that this trend continues.

It is an honor to serve the Oliver administration.

Heather W. Speas
DAR Community Service Awards

CONSERVATION

CONSTITUTION WEEK

It is a wonderful thing that the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution stepped up with flying colors of red, white, and blue in support of this committee and to honor the Constitution during Constitution Week 2023.

Chapters were busy participating in all kinds of activities. Thirty-two chapters recite the Preamble at meetings. Twenty chapters rang bells for "Bells Across America". Two government officials were contacted, and sixty-five proclamations obtained. Constitution Minutes were read at meetings. Constitution copies were provided to the attendees at a presentation given by Ben Franklin.

Constitution Week bookmarks were distributed to assisted living facility residents and a certificate was presented. Preamble cards were distributed with bells at meetings and events. One Daughter learned to sign the Preamble to be used at meetings and various other events and ceremonies. A chapter book club read and discussed a book about the signers of the Constitution.

Getting the word out through social media helped a lot. Nineteen chapters used social media including Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, and YouTube, posting both information and photos including facts and daily posts. Twelve chapters used the Online Community and seven obtained ideas from the Constitution website.

Seven chapters contacted libraries about sponsoring an event. One chapter had an article printed in a local newspaper about a proclamation signing. A small bell tower was built for the Fall

State Meeting and attendees were invited to ring the bell on the last day of Constitution Week.

Visual representation in the community makes people aware of Constitution Week. Chapters assembled a total of sixty-one displays in schools, libraries, and other public venues. Fifty-one posters were distributed. Outdoor displays were very popular this year. Thirty-eight yard signs and twenty-one garden flags were displayed. Three other outdoor displays were reported.

One chapter made Constitution Week a special celebration by adopting a whole public elementary school. They supplied the school with 546 bells, one for each student and staff member, for “Bells Across America”. Worksheets were given to the students to help them learn about the Constitution and a proclamation was presented to the principal. Photographs were shared on social media.

Schools are a very good place to spread the word about the Constitution. Twenty-one schools were contacted, one classroom was visited, sixteen Constitution Week kits were distributed, a lesson plan was given to three schools and five Constitution Week minutes were supplied for morning announcements. Bookmarks were distributed in one high school and a certificate was presented to their history department. Information about the poster contest and facts about the Constitution were sent out. Three Scouting groups were contacted, and four youth groups were helped with Constitution Week events. One chapter gave out pocket size booklets of the Constitution at a Young Patriot's Day Information table.

This chair is very pleased with the efforts that the New Jersey Chapters made in 2023 to make this committee a success in getting the word out about our Constitution.

Catherine Ann Jacoby
Constitution Week State Chair

DAR GOOD CITIZENS

The NJ DAR Good Citizens Committee Chair is pleased to report that the chapters of New Jersey actively participated with the DAR

Good Citizens Committee. The chapter committee chairs were prompt and diligent with contacting High Schools, filling out pages of forms, responding to deadlines, and honoring their chapter's contest winners during either Annual Awards chapter meetings, school ceremonies or at individual presentations with school liaisons, parents and Good Citizen winners.

Of the state's 45 chapters, 15 participated. These chapter chairs reached out to 106 schools of which 49 participated. Nine new schools were contacted. The Chinkchewunska Chapter had the most school Good Citizens for New Jersey with 11 and engaged every high school in Sussex County, NJ.

Within the State of New Jersey, 52 students were honored as their high school's Good Citizen. 42 entries included the essay contest. The total amount awarded by chapters was \$4450. The students received up to \$500 each at the Chapter level. 106 New Jersey schools were contacted to participate. 49 New Jersey High Schools participated. 15 students advanced to the State level contest.

This State Chair recruited three non-DAR judges to review the 15 students' applications for the State level contest. A fourth judge was brought on to judge a tie breaking round. Of the three state level judges, two were Veterans with corporate executive and editorial experience and one was a teacher and an artist. The tie breaking judge was a retired high school Athletic Director.

New Jersey's first-place winner was forwarded to the district level before the February 25th deadline. The New Jersey DAR State Good Citizen was Lilly Young, Cranford High School, Cranes Ford Chapter, Mary Leonard, Chair.

This is a challenging, highly competitive and rewarding contest. The students' dossiers reflect their high level of community volunteerism, academic excellence, patriotic awareness, dependability, developing leadership skills, athletic participation, and soaring goals for their future endeavors.

Julia M. Diddell
Good Citizens State Committee Chair

DAR MAGAZINE

DAR MUSEUM OUTREACH

The DAR Museum Outreach Chair is pleased to report that the chapter and members of New Jersey have actively participated with the DAR Museum and its programs.

This DAR Museum Outreach Chair has now completed presenting 10 DAR Museum created programs and has graduated from Correspondent Docent in training to full Correspondent Docent. Two other ladies, Julie Van Dyke and Mary Beth Slivka, have completed their Correspondent Docent forms and training classes and are now Correspondent Docents in training. All three ladies are available to provide DAR Museum sponsored programs for chapter meetings and events. Three chapters enjoyed Correspondent Docent (CD) programs this year Francis Hopkinson, General David Forman-Penelope Hart, and Haddonfield. Correspondent Docents also provide programs to schools, community events, and other organizations.

The Correspondent Docents have also been active supporting the New Jersey Room in Memorial Hall at our “House Beautiful”. Two ladies supported in the New Jersey Room chair and assisted with docent duties during the open house at the 2022 Continental Congress. This DAR Museum Outreach Chair is also volunteering with the team updating and writing new CD programs that will begin to be rolled out in 2024.

Beacon Fire Chapter supported the DAR Museum by hosting a Museum Shop Trunk Show. They included the Trunk Show as part of their Christmas chapter meeting where they celebrated the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Many of the items in the trunk show were tea themed.

Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter donated funds to the Museum and earned the Museum Keeper pin.

Six Chapters provided museum minutes at their chapter meetings. Many New Jersey members participated in the monthly Tuesday Talks via Zoom. This Chair shares Facebook posts from the DAR Museum to the New Jersey State group Facebook page. Many chapters also show the posts on their chapter Facebook and Instagram pages.

Chapters are encouraged to support the DAR Museum by making financial donations or supporting a fund. Options include becoming a Friend of the Museum, supporting the Museum Keeper Fund, or the Museum Exhibition Fund. Another way to support the museum is to join Camp Middlebrook chapter who donated to the upkeep of the New Jersey period room.

This chairman would like to invite members to consider a Corresponding Docent program when planning their programs for the 2024-2025 season. Programs can be delivered in person or virtually by platforms such as Zoom.

Pamela Campbell
DAR Museum Outreach State Chair

DAR PATRIOT PROJECT

DAR SCHOOLS

Out of 45 chapters within NJDAR, 26 chapters submitted a report. The following two reports are the highlights of the submitted reports.

The Francis Hopkins Chapter Chairman, Catherine Jacoby, researched the needs of the DAR schools and presented her findings at chapter meetings every other month. She made suggestions based on the most urgent needs of the schools for donations to be sent from the chapter and suggested an amount that would be appropriate to the need. The members discussed the suggestions, decided on the ones they agreed with and voted to send a check to cover the need chosen. The Chapter Chairman then wrote a note to the school expressing the intent of the chapter for

the use of the money sent. During this year the chapter donated a total of \$954 to two schools for the following programs: 100th Anniversary donation, school supplies, book donations, Student Summer Work Employment Program donation, Student Health Program donation, Blessing Bags donation, and the Christmas Snowflake Campaign donation. The chapter is very generous when it comes to supporting the DAR schools.

Kay Toke, Jersey Blue Chapter Chairman, reported that the chapter promoted the DAR supported schools through the public Facebook page. Garden seed packets were collected and sent to Hindman, KY by members and the link to contribute directly was shared with members. Several members contributed privately via this link. One member donated through the Hindman Amazon Wish list: 10 books and/or book sets; 5 Explorer Kits and supplies for their communal kitchen (total of \$235.00+)

Alice Gates Oliver Incorvaia
DAR School Committee State Chair

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS

This NJ State Committee Chairman for DAR Service for Veterans is proud to report that veterans were a high priority in 2023 with 45 chapters reporting.

Throughout the year, New Jersey Daughters were extremely generous in giving their time and treasure to veterans. Over \$12,000 in monetary donations and \$32,000 in clothing, food, games, gifts, and books, were given to NJ Veterans. Daughters wrote holiday and Valentine's Day cards, organized Veterans' breakfasts and luncheons, marched in Veterans' Day parades, placed flags on veterans' graves, cleaned headstones, sponsored Wreaths Across America and veterans' scholarships and transported veterans to doctor appointments. Chapters reported a strong focus on supporting women veterans by donating handmade scarves and personal care items. New Jersey's Daughters' generosity in service for veterans knew no bounds when giving of

their time by travelling more than 20,000 miles and volunteering an impressive 4,136 volunteer hours.

The 2023 Outstanding Chapter for DAR Service for Veterans is Church and Cannon for hosting the Wreaths Across America Escort to Arlington on December 12. The event included a dinner for 250 people and a ceremony involving Gold Star Families, local school personnel and students, a marching band, cheerleaders, JROTC cadets, all branches of the military, police, rescue squads, elected officials, the Elks, the American Legion, and Disabled American Vets.

The Outstanding Chapter with a Service for Veterans Service Project is Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest. Its project focused on Canine Companions, a service dog program geared toward disabled veterans. Chapter members collected items for the veterans, assembled welcome bags for the veterans to use during their team training and made handmade “tugs” which are used by the service dogs to open doors and cabinets for their veteran. Members collected supplies of leashes, collars, bowls, and grooming materials, all supplies needed for when the dogs go home with a veteran. The chapter hosted a widely attended community event about the project and attended Canine Companion fundraising events.

The Outstanding Chapter for Supporting Veterans via Social Media is General David Forman-Penelope Hart for highlighting three NJ Daughter’s NJ Patriots on social media each week posting a total of 156 patriots. The Outstanding Chapter for Service for Vietnam Veterans is Middletown for awarding a total of 122 Vietnam War Commemoration pins and holding multiple Vietnam War Commemoration Honorary Partner Ceremonies.

Other NJDAR chapters deserving recognition:

Jersey Blue for its dedication, care, and significant support of our veterans at the Menlo Park Veterans Home. Throughout the year they volunteered weekly working in close partnership with the

staff to ensure the veterans' needs were met and acted as liaisons with other NJ chapters supporting the Menlo veterans.

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth awarded the NSDAR Helen Hardin Walworth Medal for Patriotism to a school administrator for outstanding yearly Veterans' Day programs and nominated an Outstanding Veteran Volunteer.

This committee chairman thanks you, Madame State Regent, for this wonderful opportunity to serve.

Leslie Moraller Clark
NJDAR Service for Veterans State Chair

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The pride of the Flag of the United States of America is shown throughout our wonderful state of New Jersey by many chapters. Jersey Girls distributed over 4,423 American flags and over 1,701 Flag codes and literature.

Red Bank Chapter had the Greatest participation of Flag events while our Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter awarded the most Flag Certificates.

Once again, the Moorestown Chapter distributed the most American Flags. The Basking Ridge Chapter purchased the most American Flags flown over Constitution Hall.

The Chinkchewunaska Chapter had the best overall Chapter Flag report in the form of a "digital scrapbook". The ladies also plant an annual American Flag Garden in front of their Elias VanBunschooten Museum.

The Shrewsbury Town Monmouth Chapter presented President General Pamela Rouse Wright a large handmade wooden flag bowl which was made and donated by a HODAR of a chapter member and participated in a Flag retirement ceremony.

Congratulations to the following ladies:

MOST Outstanding Chapter Flag Chair_- Melissa Carton Mogen - Elizabeth Parcells Devoe Chapter

Outstanding Chapter Flag Chairs_-

Catherine Strohmeuer - Elizabeth Snyder Continental Chapter

Cheryl Knabe - General Lafayette Chapter

Lisaann Permunion - Chinkchewunska Chapter

A Flag certificate was awarded to Ascend Wellness in Franklin NJ for displaying their American Flag by this NJ DAR State Flag of the United States of America Committee Chair. This committee Chair was instrumental in encouraging the company to fly an American Flag. It took a year to contact the appropriate staff who made the final decision to obtain and fly the flag.

Over a 100 years ago this committee was formed to promote a deep patriotic sense of respect for the flag. New Jersey Chapters are doing a wonderful job in doing just that. They are educating and recognizing the public about the American Flag and proper display of it. Jersey Girls Rock!!

Madam State Regent, it is an honor to serve in your administration.

Lisaann VanBlarcom Permunion

The Flag of the United States of America State Chair

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Maintaining the historic properties and opening them to the public is central to NJDAR's Historic Preservation efforts. Members are raising funds to replace the roof at our state headquarters, Isaac Watson House. Morristown Chapter celebrated 100 years owning Schuyler-Hamilton House, preserved the house's exterior, installed air conditioning and dehumidification, conserved historic art pieces, and expanded the Revolutionary-era medical exhibit. Chinkchewunska Chapter replaced cedar outbuilding roofs, repaired porches, and cleaned the entire roof of the Van Bunschoten Museum. Jersey Blue Chapter conserved a historic portrait, updated the docent manual at Buccleuch Mansion, and loaned pieces from their collection to other major exhibits. Church and Cannon Chapter newly listed their Battleground Cemetery on the DAR Historic Sites and Properties Database.

Five chapters applied for DAR Historic Preservation Grants. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter sponsored an application for Covenhoven House which was awarded \$10,000. Two Historic Preservation Recognition Awards were awarded.

Preserving historic gravestones and cemeteries is a passion. Middletown Chapter continued their long-term effort to identify and mark Patriot graves in Monmouth County and maintain local cemeteries. They cleaned six cemeteries of brush and cleaned and repaired hundreds of headstones. Morristown Chapter organized a public gravestone preservation workshop attended by 75+ people representing DAR chapters, historical societies, and historic churches and cemeteries. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth and Red Bank Chapters received America250 Celebration Grants to obtain gravestone cleaning supplies. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter's headstone cleaning efforts were widely reported in local papers.

Morristown Chapter marked the grave of Revolutionary surgeon Dr. Jabez Campfield with a large public ceremony which was covered in the local press. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth marked the graves of two past Regents and is working to mark 22 Patriot graves in Shrewsbury. Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter is raising funds for an America250 marker.

NJDAR chapters preserved historical stories and records. Twenty-eight members from 13 chapters contributed to a state-wide project to transcribe family Bibles and presented four new GRC volumes to the DAR Library totaling 1237 pages. Middletown Chapter uncovered the lost story of the capture of the British brig *Brittania* and published an article about it. Local historians commemorated the event with new artwork for the local historical society. Morristown Chapter completed and now maintains its detailed database of more than 2100 Revolutionary War soldiers from Morris County. They issue monthly "Soldier Stories" inspired from this database to a wide audience including museums, local

history centers, the SAR, and Morristown National Historical Park which reissues them through their blog. Members state-wide are now building similar databases for each county in Revolutionary New Jersey. Two members of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter who are working on the state-wide project were publicized locally to a circulation of 92,700. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth, Ye Olde Newton-Nassau, and Morristown Chapters are preserving their Chapter records and scrapbooks.

The Historic Preservation work extends to other organizations that the members support. Church and Cannon Chapter financially supported the Cannon Ball House in Springfield. Many members volunteer at local museums and historical societies.

Susan Roberta Bailey
Historic Preservation State Chair

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

The contest theme for this year was *Sparkling in the Stars with the 50th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle Program*, and this chair is happy to announce that over 90 students sparkled with their participation in JAC clubs and contests! What welcome growth after the past inactive year. The Elizabeth Parcels De Voe chapter sponsored Girl Scout Troop 97293 from Hawthorne, who participated with the NJCAR Board at the Howell Living History Farm during activities at the farm, including cooking and buck board riding tours. The Joshua Huddy Chapter worked with several Boy Scout Troops in Ocean County. The Just Kidding 4-H Goat Club from Somerset County, sponsored by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, appreciated press coverage of their 2021-2022 National JAC Contest-winning project *Operation Paperback* which appeared on the front page of *The Green Brooke Gazette* in January. This year, the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter sponsored The Wattles and Snood 4-H Club in Somerset County who collected socks which were delivered to needy students in the area. This worthy project received the NJ State JAC Community Service Award, Mixed Age Group category. Holly Dunbar,

DAR/4-H Liaison, was awarded the Thatcher Award at the Spring Meeting in appreciation for her outstanding leadership and commitment to youth. The General Lafayette Chapter sponsored first grade classes in Galloway Township Public Schools who honored veterans by creating letters and drawings of appreciation for their service and sacrifice. These were delivered to residents at The Vineland Memorial Veterans Home and Meadowview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Northfield for Veterans Day. Students also participated in the JAC Art Contest, earning first place awards in the Stamp Art and Poster Art categories for the state. Articles regarding JAC's purpose were submitted to the *Crossroads Courier* and *Daughters Digest*, and social media posts kept readers informed of activities supporting the mission. An information table was displayed at the Autumn Meeting, and voices raised with the intent of supporting JAC awards and expenses. Packets updated with new theme and contest procedures were prepared and distributed to chapter regents at the Autumn Meeting. JAC meetings were attended, and this chair was an active participant in discussions affecting procedural changes. A highlight of the year was visiting the National and Division Chairs at the *Sparkle in Service Committee Showcase* at Continental Congress. It is an honor and pleasure to serve.

Cheryl Knabe
Junior American Citizen State Chair

LITERACY PROMOTION

Literacy was promoted far and wide in 2023 as 49 very active DAR members in all 45 New Jersey chapters supported literacy promotion and were active participants in furthering this important cause. Members spent 8532 hours tutoring, assisting and promoting literacy. Chapters donated 5,800 books and raised \$1636.00 for literacy promotion. A State Literacy Champion Certificate was awarded to Ms. Danielle Sammut at the NJDAR Spring Conference. She and her family were present at this ceremony.

New Jersey entered a chapter in the Chapter Literacy Promotion Contest and this chair nominated New Jersey for the State Literacy Promotion Contest. Four chapters presented literacy minutes at chapter meetings, two chapters presented literacy promotion programs at chapter meetings and one chapter promoted literacy promotion at a community event. Three chapters partnered with community partners on literacy projects and four chapters sponsored and maintained a Little Library. Thank you and congratulations to all these chapters for their inclusion of Literacy Promotion in the chapter activities. May many more chapters follow their example.

Plans for Literacy Promotion in 2024 will focus on a statewide drive to collect print material to be placed in baskets in community laundromats. This action will provide reading material for native and non-native English speakers while they wait for their laundry to wash and dry. Books for school age children will also be placed in the basket.

Madam State Regent, it is a pleasure for this chair to serve this administration in literacy promotion!

Kathleen Mazzacco
Literacy promotion Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP

This state membership chairman is pleased to report that 26/45 chapters met their "Spread the Sparkle" in 2023 by adding four or more members. Also 25/45 chapters have retained or increased their membership in 2023. The State of NJ had a total of 379 prospective members through the national database. It is reported that 132 became members in 2023. This is an increase from 2022 only 71 became members through the database.

The chapter that received award for Best Recruitment Activity under 50 members was The Coastal Watch Chapter for going from 15 to 30 members. This is a 100% increase in membership. This

chapter added 12 members by application. In the category for 51-100 members was Moorestown Chapter. This chapter added 13 members and increased membership to 84 in total. For the category of 101-150 members the Morristown Chapter had the best recruitment with 34 members, increasing membership by 28% to 146 members.

The chapters to receive awards in the Best Retention Activity under 50 members Middletown Chapter. This chapter has shown retention of its 24 members and added 14 members this year by application. The chapter has grown by 58% in 2023. In the Category for 51-100 members Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter retained its members and added 11 by application. In the category for 101-150 members the Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter retained all its members with zero drops plus adding seven new members by application.

Additional Recognition Awards goes to Elizabeth Parcells De Voe Chapter for added four members and went from 16 to 23 members this is an increase of 44%. And the Westfield Chapter for adding six new members and increasing membership by 5% and the Governor William Livingston Chapter added eight members increasing members to 101.

Finally, there are some chapters that should be recognized for their hard work in 2023. Bergen-Paulus Hook added four new members and increased membership by 6%. Ferro Monte added four members and increased membership by 5%. Hester Schuyler Colfax added five members and increased membership by 4%. Loantaka-Parsippanong added four members and increased membership by 6%.

Karen Hardy
Membership State Chair

NATIONAL DEFENSE

The New Jersey National Defense Committee is pleased to report that 10 chapters dedicated programs to National Defense, and 32 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 32 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 \$4,050.

New Jersey Chapters presented the following medals: 7 Gold (College) ROTC, 33 Bronze (High School) ROTC, 3 Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medals, 16 DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal, and 36 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:

Ann Whitall- Power point on 4 WWI soldiers from Wenonah, NJ
Captain Joshua Huddy- Chapter Regent and 1st. Vice Regent attended 11 Eagle Scout ceremonies and presented DAR youth citizenship awards.

Chinkchewunska- Presented the National Defense Award to Jacob Yanoff a WWII veteran.

Claverack- Organized a dinner event to honor 5 JROTC students and their instructors.

Elizabeth Snyder- Continental- Chapter Regent presented the JROTC Bronze Medal and certificate to one of the cadets at North Plainfield High School.

Francis Hopkinson- Presented Good Citizenship and 5 JROTC medals

Greenwich Tea Burning- Gives an annual Certificate of Award to the Outstanding Civil Air Patrol Cadet in Cumberland County.

Jersey Blue- Provided medals and certificates through the Rutgers

ROTC units and Youth Citizenship Medals to BSA Troop 223 in East Brunswick

Moorestown- Handed out 60 SWAG bags at a JROTC breakfast for Veterans on Veterans Day.

Morristown- Chapter hosted a VA headstone and DAR plaque dedication ceremony to honor Revolutionary War Veteran Dr. Jabez Campfield and was attended by more than 180 visitors.

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth- Awarded DAR Gold ROTC medals at Princeton, Rutgers and Seton Hall Universities. This chapter also awarded 10 DAR Youth Citizenship medals.

Madame State Regent, It has been a pleasure to serve this administration.

Marcia Szedula
National Defense Committee State Chair

SERVICE TO AMERICA

The 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. To that end, 45 NJ Chapters logged in Service to America hours in 2023 and 22 exceeded their Chapter Goal.

Both totals are up from last year so, Well Done Daughters!

More than half of our Chapters (29) participated in the DAR Day of Service on or around October 11th. There were 17 activities geared towards Veterans. Many chapters sent cards to Veterans or active military. General William Maxwell filled 140 tote bags imprinted with an American Flag and "Thank you for your Service", with personal care items, snacks, notebooks, etc. These were delivered to two Veterans homes to be used for homeless veterans. Morristown Chapter members and the community gathered to 'pin' quilts for veterans at the NJ VA facilities. This annual event produced 21 twin-size quilts for veterans.

Middletown held a Veterans Appreciation Lunch. They fed 101 veterans a free hot lunch to show them how much they are loved

and appreciated. Elizabeth Parcels De Voe Members sponsored a Thank You ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans of the Thomas D. Egan VFW Post 850 in Glen Rock. They specifically thanked each veteran for their service in that war and gave them a lapel pin. Francis Hopkinson Collected donations requested by the Gerald R. Ford and USS Gravelly. Moorestown Created 60 SWAG bags for Veterans Day JROTC Breakfast.

Other Service to America chapter events included Colonel Thomas Reynolds clean-up at St. Andrews Cemetery in Mount Holly. Their chapter's namesake - Colonel Thomas Reynolds - is buried in this cemetery, along with at least 12 other patriots of the Revolutionary War. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter members participated in Clean Ocean Action's Spring and Fall Beach Sweeps cleanup at Sandy Hook National Park.

The year was split between two National suggested Service Projects, cleaning headstones, or undertaking restoration or beautification projects at a local cemetery and reading/donating books. We had 18 Chapters participate in those activities in some way.

We had three Chapters honor out Police/Fire Dept including Nova Caesarea who gave certificates to Firemen who lost two members of the firehouse. They also had luncheon for them.

Animals were also included in our service projects. Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest members conducted a "drive" to accumulate requested supplies for service dogs received by retired PTSD veterans. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter donated pet food and supplies worth an estimated \$442 that were delivered to the Plainfield Area Humane Society Shelter.

All in all, it was another successful year for NJ Daughters showing their Service to America.

Nancy Donhauser
Service to America Committee State Chair

WOMEN'S ISSUES

New Jersey Daughters continued to Sparkle as they Celebrated and Cared for Women with programs and activities which highlighted the women of today and the challenges they face. Women's Issues monthly themes and minutes were shared on social media, in chapter newsletters and at chapter meetings.

Programs and activities on Women's Issues are categorized as Career, Family, Mental Health, Physical Health, Senior Advocacy, Financial Literacy and Women's Veterans. The Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter highlighted 12 unrecognized black American women who changed the world through inventions or activism. The Claverack Chapter created and distributed a detailed medical form to be completed for personal reference and given to physicians for their files. The Basking Ridge Chapter presented a program entitled "Taking care of yourself- How you as a woman can have a Merry Christmas". The Francis Hopkinson Chapter provided members with a handout on tips for saving money and members provided additional input. The Shrewsbury Town-Monmouth Chapter members met with women veterans at Soldier On to talk, craft, and lend support to these women as they transition back into society.

Chapter projects and activities demonstrated New Jersey Daughters desire to serve women and the community. The Ferro Monte Chapter organized a heart healthy hike open to all NJDAR Daughters. The Basking Ridge Chapter collected gifts which were distributed to women veterans at Community Hope. The Beacon Fire Chapter sponsored a baby shower for the local VA. Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter collected feminine products for the Alliance for Period Supplies group. The Westfield Chapter members worked in a local soup kitchen. The Francis Hopkinson Chapter collected feminine products for the Chemawa Indian School and the USS Gravely. They also collected books and monetary donations for the New Hampshire State Regents project and food for the local food bank. The Shrewsbury-Towne Monmouth Chapter sponsored a clothing drive for 180 Turning Lives Around organization.

This chairman would like to thank all New Jersey Daughters for supporting women through interesting programs and meaningful activities. May the kind hearts of Jersey Girls continue to inspire family, service, and community.

Wendy Kelly
Women's Issues State Chair

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

DAR GENEALOGICAL PRESERVATION

One New Jersey daughter from the Ferro Monte Chapter participated in the Descendants Project. Linda Smith transcribed a total of 427 applications for the Descendants Project.

Two New Jersey Daughters participated in the Supporting Documentation Project. Sally Bickford, from the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, indexed the most documents in 2023 with 32,267. Linda Chesko also from General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter indexed 146 documents. New Jersey Daughters indexed a total of 32,413 documents for the Supporting Documentation Project.

Laura Franek
DAR Genealogical Preservation State Chair

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

The New Jersey State Society submitted 2,157 pages of Genealogical Records. Nationally, this submission placed 2nd in states with membership of 2001 - 4000 Daughters and the 5th highest overall contributions in the nation.

Madam State Regent, it has been an honor to serve on this National Committee while working with National Chair, Catherine Medich.

Elizabeth Medich and Beatrice Boyce
Genealogical Records Committee State Co-Chairs

LINEAGE RESEARCH

New Jersey Daughters are stars in genealogy research, 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 regional lineage support by visiting repositories, courthouses, and cemeteries for lineage documentation, residency, and proof of service not found online. Members volunteered to research and entered data into the NJ State Historian's Patriot Project electronic database while uncovering new resources for many counties in the state.

Fourteen chapter chairs were appointed to lead a total of 34 member volunteers serving on chapter lineage research committees. Seven members from six chapters served on the State Application Team. Seven chapters conducted lineage workshops attended by 121 prospective members and members with supplemental applications.

Requests for lineage research assistance were made 63 times by members in thirteen chapters. Three requests were referred to the National Lineage Research Committee. Four chapters utilized the Lineage Research Request function built into the Prospective Members database. One chapter sought virtual assistance via a Lineage Research Virtual Support Consultation. Referrals were made for Specialty Research in areas of African American, French Canadian, Native American, French, and Jewish research. Eight chapters submitted a total of 28 electronic applications for new members.

Lineage research is a team sport, and the New Jersey Daughters are knocking it out of the park! It is this state chair's great honor and pleasure to serve this State Regent and the State Society.

Patricia Christie
Lineage Research Committee State Chair

PATRIOTS RECORDS PROJECT

Knowing 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 in that time the DAR indexed millions of records. This officer along with 27-chapter members had indexed 187,675 names and documents. Just imagine running across an honorable discharge signed by George Washington, or a veteran with "gravel" (which really means kidney stones—something learned as along the way.

This project is an excellent way for ladies to add hours to Service to America. This officer has attended Zoom meetings for further training and has reached out to fellow Daughters through social media and the member's website. This officer has achieved her goal of completing all five GEP courses and looks forward to sharing what information she has learned with others.

The following members are noted for their outstanding work in indexing: Sally Bickford from GDFPH 58,117 Mary Leonard from Cranes Ford 53,075 Carrie Efinger from Morristown 27,850 Barbara Trokan from Captain Joshua Huddy 18,631 Lynn Heck from Polly Wyckoff- David Demarest 13,117 Congratulations to these ladies, especially Sally Bickford for maintaining her position as number one.

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

Rhonda Aminian
Patriot Records Project State Chair

SPECIALTY RESEARCH

The Specialty Research Committee is a relatively new addition to the Genealogy Committees of DAR. The Committee focuses on research for under-represented groups who fought or aided the cause in the American Revolution. This Chairman has been working hard to educate herself and the New Jersey Daughters about these underrepresented groups and the resources that can be found to prove lineage and service.

To date knowledge of the committee is growing. This Chairman gave an overview of the Specialty Research Committee at the Fall meeting and has been contacted for more information by some of the attendees. She has shared Facebook posts on webinars for Hispanic and African American genealogical research.

Additionally, she attended the MAAGI Virtual Conference learning of the resources available to breach the 1870 brick wall for African American research.

Mary Ellen Rogan
Specialty Research Committee Chair

VOLUNTEER GENEALOGISTS

This was an active, exciting, and productive year for our committee members!

The chapters reported a total of thirty-nine NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists within the membership. This was an increase of over 18% from the previous year.

The number of members that furthered their NSDAR Education through the National GEP classes doubled over the previous year to twenty-four members taking classes this year.

The members trained by National training programs conducted a total of sixteen genealogy or application workshops. A total of 161 participants attended these NJDAR sponsored programs. Members

also attended non-DAR genealogy workshops to increase their knowledge and expertise. The Coastal Watch's workshop resulted in twelve new applications.

When Chapters needed genealogy or application help, the members rose to the challenge. The number of members volunteering, researching, and assisting them totaled thirty-nine, almost double the previous year's number.

Members of the Francis Hopkinson Chapter were exceptionally busy this past year. Mary Ellen Rogan, assigned as the NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogist to the Cape May Patriots Chapter, had four applications approved. Cindy Knierim assisted our State Registrar, Christine Murphy, and completed two Member applications.

Gail Hahn and Bea Boyce answered a call to assist Catherine Medich, National Chair Genealogical Records. Ms. Medich received a request from our President General, Mrs. Wright, requesting information on a Female Patriot, Hannah Arnett. Ms. Hahn and Ms. Boyce researched, retrieved, compiled, and sent their findings to Ms. Medich.

Debbie White, Gail Hahn, and Bea Boyce all volunteered their time in Genealogical and Historical Societies within Monmouth County.

Madame State Regent, it has been a pleasure serving the NJ State Society and she thanks you for the opportunity.

Barbara Trokan
Volunteer Genealogists State Chair

REPORTS OF 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 2023. All 45 Chapters were marked complete prior to the February 1, 2024, deadline.

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

Four chapters increased their points from 2022 to 2023 by over 100% points. These chapters are Captain Joshua Huddy (202%), Captain Daniel Vliet (146%), Loantaka-Parsippanong (132%), and The Coastal Watch (111%).

The top three chapters with the overall highest total points were the Morristown Chapter (1,175), the Ferro Monte Chapter (1,010), and the General Lafayette Chapter (1,005).

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. Please share this valuable information with your members to keep your chapter sparkling in DAR service and friendship.

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

Susan Addison Shaw
NJDAR Chapter Master Report & Chapter Achievement Awards
State Chair

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION

The Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission is made up of twenty-three Daughters who meet formally twice a year to discuss the needs of our New Jersey chapters.

Genealogy workshops were set up, run and assisted by chapter members including one in Belvidere, one in Ewing, and a four-chapter workshop in Verona in the spring. In the fall Ferro Monte Chapter hosted a genealogy workshop.

State Registrar, Christine Murphy, continues to hold monthly Zoom meetings for chapter registrars. Her informative meetings include the newest application changes from National, as well as, answering situation questions which chapter registrars and prospective members face when completing applications. Two CDR members are working with Basking Ridge Chapter. There were five chapters without chapter registrars.

Patti Christie reported that with E-App you can “Phone-a-Friend” for assistance.

Each chapter completes the annual CMR (Chapter Master Report). Chapter members are encouraged to review it when it is posted each summer. This is a good guide for planning chapter programs and activities.

Many NJ Daughters have completed the Leadership Training courses. Those who had completed the courses were recognized. Bea Boyce and Mary Ellen Rogan coordinated and prepared for the graduation at the Fall State Meeting.

State Organizing Secretary, Gayle Loftis, has been working with the Saddle River Chapter. She is also planning to write biographies of four African-American Revolutionary War patriots from New Jersey.

Mary Ellen Rogan has continued to assist the Cape May Patriots Chapter with applications for prospective members. She also presented a Specialty Research Workshop at the Fall State Meeting on Specialty Ancestors. Guest speaker, Reisha Raney spoke about African American Research.

Several members of this commission are also serving on National committees. Catherine Medich is National Chairman for Genealogical Records. Terry Brasko is National Vice Chairman of Lineage Research – Region 2. Patti Christie and Catherine Medich serve on the Lineage Research National regional committees. There were still several chapters that needed to update bylaws. Chapters are encouraged to reach out to members of this commission.

It is a pleasure for this Chairman to serve the Oliver Administration and work with wonderful New Jersey Daughters.

Ruth A Ryno

Chapter Development and Revitalization State Chair

DAR DNA NETWORK

This officer is honored to be a member of the Oliver Team. In September, this chair was honored to welcome the National Chair, Mrs. Sharon Withers to our NJDAR Autumn Meeting. Mrs. Withers captivated us with her special presentation “Digging Up Grandpa Without a Shovel” via Zoom. Members were delighted and held spellbound with her story about and experiences using DNA in her genealogical research and learned a great deal from her. Once again, this chair encouraged state members to participate in the DAR DNA Project.

2023 saw an increase in participation by NJ members in the DAR DNA Project. Seventeen NJ Daughters submitted DNA tests to the project, thirty-two Daughters attended programs or workshops on DNA, one Chapter held or hosted a program on DNA, seventeen Daughters completed “GEP4-DNA and the DAR”, and one application was submitted with DNA evidence as part of the documentation.

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 Hansen, DAR DNA Network State Chair

DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

INSIGNIA

This 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.

The NJ Insignia Committee was represented at the NJDAR State Conference in April 2023 with a table that included displays and handouts to conference participants. The NSDAR Insignia Pop-up Shoppe was also present at the conference, and members were very happy to have the opportunity to make purchases and to have their questions answered by the Insignia Volunteers.

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 2023. Programs were presented to 3 New Jersey chapters and at the NJDAR State Board annual meeting in 2023, with approximately 65 members and several prospective members in attendance.

Printed handouts are available with the program, which give detailed instructions on using the NSDAR website and logging into the DAR store for purchases. Every presentation includes a question and answer portion at the end of the session.

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

This Insignia State Chair is looking forward to new and exciting things in 2024.

Susan Luczu
Insignia State Chair

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

As State Chair of Junior Membership Committee this past year, it has been this chair's desire to support Junior Membership initiatives by not only increasing Junior Membership in chapters but also by encouraging Junior member involvement with chapters. This chair also encourages chapters and Daughters everywhere to support the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

The most wonderful news of 2023 was celebrating with Ashley Lynne Smith Wasser as she was selected as the National Outstanding Junior Member of the Year! We could not be prouder of our very own Jersey Girl! Congratulations, Ashley!
Junior Hearts Sparkle in Service!

Gina Setzer
Junior Membership State Chair

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT

The Co-chairs are proud to announce that thirty seven of the New Jersey Chapters were able to reach 100% participation in the Presidents General Project fundraiser by the March 2023 deadline. Each Chapter Regent was given the opportunity to receive their chapters PGP award certificate from the President General, Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, during her visit to the great State of New Jersey for the 131st Annual State conference on Friday, April 14, 2023.

The New Jersey Daughters have been very generous in their support of our fundraising efforts contributing money to the President General's Project. This includes \$4,395 of merchandise sold at the 131st Annual State Conference and NJDAR Autumn meetings. Also, some lovely baskets were voiced during these three events culminating in raising \$2,100 for the President General's Project.

Colleen Parlman and Dorothy Ponte
President General's Project State Co-Chairs

PROTOCOL

NJDAR State Protocol Chair for the Oliver Administration attached a copy of the handbook on the state website. Articles were submitted to the Crossroad Courier for publication in the quarterly newsletter. Questions by Chapter Regents were answered in a timely manner. Madam State Regent, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the State and your dedicated board members.

Nancy L. Kritch
Protocol State Chair

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE

As Public Relations and 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.

This chairman is thrilled to report the Outstanding PR & Media Chapter Chairmen, with 21 certificates. These awards and

certificates of service in PR & Media will be presented at the 132nd NJSSDAR Annual Spring Conference in April 2024. This chairman is proud that NJSSDAR sparkled in 2023 with increases in social media, media coverage and communication! Of the 45 chapters who reported PR & Media on their Chapter Master Report (CMR): 20 have newsletters, 23 communicated with members via members only website/private social media, seven made social media videos to promote their chapter/membership, 20 have a brochure or fact sheet, 18 received print coverage, seven received broadcast coverage, 24 have public Facebooks, six have public Instagrams, four have other social media accounts, 34 have public websites, 26 initiated publicity for a commemorative/community event, 27 promoted participation in the Daughters Online Community, six presented a total of six local media awards and nine 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 1,280 total followers with one to three posts per day. The Facebook private group has 372 members. Post examples: Committee Minutes; NJ Patriot Pride; Join DAR; holidays; scholarships/awards; Promote upcoming and commemorative events, Constitution Week, DAR schools, genealogy, literacy, American Revolutionary War history and Patriotic Records Project.

This chairman was pleased to see The Crossroads Courier emailed quarterly and Daughters Digest emailed twice-monthly.

STATE AWARDS

Outstanding Broadcast Coverage

1st Church & Cannon Chapter

Outstanding Brochure

1st General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter
Honorable Mention Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter

Outstanding Electronic Media Coverage

1st Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter

Outstanding Newsletter

1st Chinkchewnuska Chapter

Honorable Mention Middletown Chapter

Honorable Mention Westfield Chapter

Outstanding Print Coverage

1st Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter

Honorable Mention Church and Cannon

Honorable Mention Elizabeth Parcels Devoe Chapter

Honorable Mention Greenwich Burning Tea Chapter

Honorable Mention Middletown Chapter

Honorable Mention Westfield Chapter

Outstanding Publicity for Commemorative/Community Events

1st Middletown Chapter

Honorable Mention Church and Cannon Chapter

Honorable Mention Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter

Outstanding Social Media Presence

1st Westfield Chapter

Honorable Mention Church & Cannon Chapter

Outstanding Social Media Private Page

1st Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter

Outstanding Public Relations & Media Chapter Chairman

Holly Dunbar, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter

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

1st Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter

It is a pleasure for these Chairmen to serve this administration.

Patricia Jackman and Sylvia Allen

Public Relations and Media State Co-Chairs

UNITS OVERSEAS

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALIST

REPORTS OF THE STATE CHAIRS OF STATE COMMITTEES

AWARDS DAY

This chair is pleased to report that The Annual Awards Ceremony of the New Jersey State Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was held on April 15, 2023. Honored guests of State Regent Diane Oliver in attendance included the State Board, Honorary State Regents Connie Olde, Karen Stroeve, and Bonnie Matthews, Arizona Honorary State Regent, Morgan Elliott, Patrice Hatcher of the Connecticut DAR, and American History State Chairman, Diane Barsa. Ten Students and 38 of their family and guests were able to attend. The following Daughters presented awards to winning students:

Barbara Pollison-Beck presented the NJDAR State Scholarship to Ryan Svenson of Toms River High School South and the Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship to Hayley Salazar from Academy of Law & Public Safety.

Julia Diddell presented the DAR Good Citizen Award to Lily Young of Cranford High School.

Josephine Guscott presented the Fashion Design Awards to the following students: Junior Division, 1st Place Olivia Fecowyce of Urban Sewciety; 2nd Place, Penelope Ort, Urban Sewciety; 3rd Place, Valentina Sheyn, Home Sewer. Senior Division: 1st Place, Tatiana Fecowyce, Urban Sewciety; 2nd Place, Amaya Pichardo, Indian Hills High School; 3rd Place, Nicoletta Carmichael, Ramapo High School.

Tricia Hicks presented the awards for the American History Essay Contest to the following students: 8th Grade: 1st Place, Evangeline Fennell, Oak Hill Academy; 2nd Place, Arjun Kumar, William Annin Middle School; 7th Grade: 1st Place, Ananya Mandrekar, Millburn Middle School; 2nd Place, Carmine Scotto, Hilltop Country Day School; 6th Grade: 1st Place, Olivia Sidoti, St. Leo

the Great School; 2nd Place, Hannah Truesdell, Freedom Elementary School; 5th Grade: 1st Place, Gabrielle Tyre, Watsessing School; 2nd Place, Madison McNemy, St. Leo the Great School.

Wendy Kelly presented The Patriots of the American Revolution DAR HS Essay Contest to Grace Rhine, Toms River High School South.

R. Kate Cutts
Awards Day State Chair

FASHION DESIGN

The DAR Fashion Design Contest is open to all students up to the age of 21. The junior division is students under the age of 14 and the senior division is ages 14 through 21. The 2023 contest had three winners in each division. Olivia Fecowyce, Penelope Ort, and Valentina Sheyn all sponsored by the Westfield Chapter came in first, second, and third respectively in the junior division. In the senior division, also from the Westfield Chapter, was Tatiana Fecowyce, who placed first. The Saddle River Chapter sponsored Amaya Pichardo and Nicoletta Carmichael for second and third places.

The winners were awarded money and certificates.

Josephine Guscott
DAR Fashion Design Contest Chair

FINANCE

This Chairman received the 2024 NJDAR budget from the State Treasurer, reviewed it and responded to the State Treasurer. NJDAR bank reconciliations and quarterly Profit and Loss Reports were received in a timely manner and reviewed. This Chairman received and reviewed monthly reconciliations and quarterly Profit and Loss 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

THE FOUNDERS COMMITTEE

The Founders Committee experienced a 23% increase in visitors to the Isaac Watson House in 2023 with over 1,100 guests. This trend reflects the growing interest in the historical offerings provided by the Committee. Two of the open houses featured engaging colonial trades demonstrations. A blacksmith demonstration and a presentation on colonial cooking added an interactive and educational element to the visitor experience, enhancing the overall appeal of the house.

The Committee organized educational tours for over 900 Hamilton Township Elementary School students and their teachers. This year also saw the successful execution of events like Watson After Dark and Christmas on the Creek, contributing to the Committee's goal of fostering community engagement and appreciation for local history.

Committee members dedicated over 253 hours to conducting docent-led tours and showcasing their commitment to providing informative and engaging experiences for visitors. Additionally, 72 hours were devoted to educational programs, further solidifying the Committee's role in promoting historic education.

In 2023, the Daughters generosity included financial support towards maintaining and enriching the house and its collection. An allocation of \$840 was earmarked for the installation of Museum Grade UV Protection Indow Window Inserts in the attic. This project also included the meticulous restoration of the east side window stop, along with the cleaning and painting of interior windows.

It has come to the Committee's attention that the house needs several crucial capital improvements. The primary concerns are the replacement of the existing roof and the two air-conditioning units. The current state of disrepair not only compromises the structural integrity of the house but also puts its invaluable artifacts at risk.

Despite its awareness of these issues, the Mercer County Park Commission has not allocated budgetary resources for these necessary repairs. To address this pressing matter, the Committee took the initiative to explore alternative avenues for funding. In late fall, the Committee took steps to preserve its State Headquarters by seeking proposals from three historic preservation architectural firms: Westfield Architects & Preservation Consultants, Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects, and HMR Architects. Each firm was granted a private tour of the home, encompassing the basement, first and second floors, attic, and the exterior. This immersive experience aimed to provide the firms with a comprehensive understanding of the historical significance and unique architectural elements of the property. Furthermore, all firms received the same set of information, including our desire to explore potential grant opportunities to support the preservation project. Subsequently, the Committee received proposals from each firm. A vendor has been selected and the contract is currently under attorney review.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the resignation of members Dorothy Ponte, Carrie Efinger, Susan Luczu, and Louise Stiloski. Each has contributed significantly to the success and mission of the Committee and our State Headquarters. We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome new members Lynda Aber and Catherine Medich. We are excited to have them join us and bring their unique perspectives, skills, and passion to our collective endeavors.

Linda Chesko
The Founders Committee Chair

NEW JERSEY ROOM

It is an honor for this chair to represent our State Society as hostess of the New Jersey Period Room Open House at Continental Congress. Training for Open House Procedures was attended in June. More information about programs offered by the DAR Museum was learned during the Museum Outreach Workshop,

also held in June. Much appreciation is given to Correspondent Docents Pamela Campbell and Julie Van Sykes for volunteering to work during the Open House event. Their expertise was valued as many visitors stopped by to learn about our lovely room.

Informative New Jersey Period Room booklets were sold as well as decorative scarves. The latter proceeds benefitted the State Regent's Project. An information table was displayed at the Autumn Meeting and voices were raised to support the printing of new booklets. This chair was invited to speak at the Basking Ridge Chapter meeting about our beloved room. A presentation was created to share its history and unique features which can be shared with other interested groups, a resource for future state chairs. This chair thanks Madam State Regent for her guidance and the honor to serve the administration.

Cheryl Knabe
New Jersey Period Room State Chair

NJDAR SCHOLARSHIPS

This Chairman revised the forms for both scholarships and had them posted on the state website. She received inquiries from several Chapters about the scholarships. She answered all questions and sent out the information electronically when requested to.

In all, 17 entries representing four Chapters were received for the New Jersey State Scholarship that were considered for the award and nine entries representing three Chapters were received for the Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship.

Ryan Svenson was selected as the winner of the \$1,000 NJDAR State Scholarship, He was a senior at Toms River HS South and was sponsored by Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter, Caroline Germond, Chapter Chair. A member of the National Honor Society, serving as President, Ryan was ranked 3rd in his class of 326 and achieved high honor roll each marking period since freshman year. In addition, he is president of the Class of 2023, member of the Spanish Honor Society, Vice President of the Interact Club, member of the Key Club and Senior-in-Charge with T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More). Outside of school Ryan volunteers as a Docent at

the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey. Among his many honors are NJ Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, Presidential Academic Award (three times) and a University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Service Award. He plans to pursue a career in Chemical Engineering or Food Science. Unable to attend the awards presentation at the state conference, he received his certificate at the Chapter's annual awards day in May. Hayley Salazar was selected as the winner of the \$2,000 Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship. She was a senior at Academy of Law and Public Safety (Branch of Ocean County Vo-Tech) and was sponsored by Captain Joshus Huddy Chapter, Caroline Germond, Chapter Chair. Hayley maintained a 96 GPA with many of her classes at the AP or college level. She was a member of the National Honor Society, President of the Student Council, member of the Mock Trial, school Honor Guard and Arrows and Branches. Hayley was a varsity volleyball player for Manchester HS and participated in Track & Field and Softball. Outside of school she is a Toms River Police Explorer, working as a lifeguard at Breakwater Beach Water Park and volunteers at the Community Medical Center. Hayley plans to study prelaw and hopes to pursue a career in the prosecutor's office or the FBI. She received her certificate at the awards presentation during the state conference in April with her parents in attendance. This chairman will continue to tweak the scholarship materials for simplification. Madam State Regent it has been a pleasure to serve at this chairman for the administration.

Barbara Pollison-Beck
DAR State Scholarships State Chair

NJDAR STATE BULLETIN

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 Daughter's Digest email, a link to the Crossroads Courier is emailed to all members. Publication dates

for 2023 were February 1, May 1, August 15 and November 15. The Crossroads Courier publication dates were changed mid-year from the 1st, of the month to the 15th, to better accommodate information about the Spring Conference and Fall Meeting. The number of print subscriptions (\$16 annually) received in 2023 for 2024 is 55.

Chapter articles 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 focus on news, upcoming projects, goals, contests, and deadlines. The page count of the Courier remains at 16 pages and the maximum word count for each article is 200 plus one photo.

It is the goal of this committee chair to provide the 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 two weeks prior to publication. Guidelines can be found on the state website.

Heather Sanford
State Bulletin Chair

NJDAR SUNDAY AT VALLEY FORGE

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER REGENT PROJECT

New Jersey Chapters were given the opportunity to nominate their regent in recognition for her hard work and dedication made to her chapter. First vice regents or someone from each chapter were asked to coordinate an essay of 500 words or less describing why their regent was extraordinary and what made her a special leader. Following a point system, the following themes DAR Leadership, Chapter Growth and Engagement and Community Service and Involvement will be considered when judging. The Outstanding

Chapter Regent for 2023-24 was given to Heather Sanford of Church and Cannon Chapter.

Bonnie Matthews
Outstanding Chapter Regent State Chair

NJDAR STATE CHORUS

The Jersey Girls Choir was thrilled to be able to entertain members of the State Society along with Mrs. Wright at the State Conference. It's an honor to sing and serve the Society.

Linda Chesko
NJDAR State Choir Chair

PAGES

PARLIAMENTARIAN/BYLAWS

The State Parliamentarian has actively sought copies of all Chapter Bylaws, as per the State Regent's directive. Each Chapter was contacted to provide 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.

41 Chapters have current updated Bylaws, one Chapter is updated Bylaws and are awaiting revised and/or adopted dates, and three Chapters still need to completely update their dues information, electronic meeting and voting procedures or other items. A complete list of all the chapter's 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 state meetings, this chairman advertised for the collection of any pertinent information on the State Facebook page and on the State Website.

As with previous meetings for this administration, posts that were not picked up were divided among the divisions and given to the chairs for each district chair of the state.

After a quick discussion with the state regent, it was decided to email the post box to past regents that could not attend the meetings. The chairman did mail out post for those past regents who do not have email.

Once again, this chair is honored to serve the State Society.

Melissa Carton Mogen
Post Box Chair

REAL DAUGHTERS PROJECT

With the support of Mrs. Oliver and the Oliver Administration, the New Jersey State Society proudly marked the grave of Priscilla Ayers Inslee, a Real Daughter, whose father, Daniel Ayers Jr. served in the Revolutionary War. The sky was blue and weather quite warm on the morning of 8 July 2023 as the Daughters gathered to celebrate Mrs. Inslee.

It has been an honor to serve as the chair of this project.

Beatrice A. Boyce
Real Daughters Project State Chair

REGISTRATION

STATE MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

This Conference Chair is honored to report that the 131st Annual State Conference took place on April 14 and 15, 2023 at Forsgate Country Club. The Meeting Theme was “With Kind Hearts, We Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever!”.

The Friday afternoon guest Guest Speaker was Morgan Elliott, Honorary Arizona State Regent and the Banquet Keynote Speaker was Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, President General, NSDAR. Other guests included Patrice Hatcher, Massachusetts State Society and via zoom, Deborah Duay, State Regent, Florida State Society.

Awards were given to the New Jersey State Daughter of Distinction, the Outstanding Junior and the Outstanding Chapter Regent, & an Outstanding Teacher Award. Other events included Awards Day, a Memorial Service, workshops, and a performance by the New Jersey State Chorus.

The 2023 Autumn Meeting took place on September 23, 2023, at the Forsgate Country Club. The theme for the meeting was “Sharing Our Stories”. Special guests were Beatrice Carolyn Nutt, Massachusetts State Regent; Kathleen Adair Sternenber, New Hampshire State Regent; Cindy Bell, Nevada State Regent; Nancy Baker Lisle, Oklahoma State Regent; via Zoom, Sharon Mayne Withers, NSDAR National Chair, DAR DNA Network and the speaker was Reisha Raney, NSDAR Specialty Research Committee and Vice Chair of African American Research. Tables were lining the halls for guests to get information on clubs, State and National Committees and the Central District Chapters. Graduations were held by DAR Leadership Training Committee and a performance by our New Jersey State Chorus.

It is an honor to serve as the Conference Chair and this chair is proud to be a member of the NJDAR.

Grace McAfee
State Conference Chair

STATE REGENT'S PROJECT

The highlight of the year was going to the track to see the horses run. Harness racing is in Mrs. Oliver's blood. A good time was had by all who attended. The bundles of Oliver jewelry are quickly selling out as are the scarves. Please reach out to either co-chair to purchase items.

The co-chairs look forward to the State Regent's fundraiser at Forsgate in October 2024.

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

TOURS AND TRAVEL

This year brought a few challenges for the committee. It became apparent that the Congress bus needed to be canceled as there were just seventeen bus confirmations. The original bus and hotel reservations were canceled at no cost to the state, and arrangements were made for more viable transportation for those seventeen. New Jersey Daughters then joined New York Daughters under their room block at the State Plaza. New Jersey hotel reservations totaled thirty-five. That being said, the event was a successful one and the committee ended the year with a surplus of \$1,490.00. It was decided that there would be no Congress bus or hotel block in 2024. No additional tours or trips were conducted in 2023. Plans will soon be underway for a Congress bus trip in June 2025.

Diane Clark Argraves
Alice Gates Incorvaia
Tours and Travel State Co-Chairs

DAR/ROTC LIAISON

DAR/SAR/SR LIAISON

It has been a wonderful year working with the NJSSAR and State President Robert Meyer. Both NJDAR and NJSSAR have worked together on many programs and a wide variety of activities.

The General Lafayette Chapter shared a table with the Col. Richard Somers Chapter SAR with materials for the National “Night Out” event.

Six DAR chapters participated with SAR chapters for “Wreaths Across America”. Several chapters marked graves for Memorial Day.

The Haddonfield Chapter assisted the South Jersey SAR Chapter preparing for the 100th year celebration of the South Jersey Chapter.

The NJSSAR held a genealogy workshop with the assistance of one DAR member. A NJDAR CDR genealogy workshop was attended with two SAR members available to assist. Eight DAR chapters participated with SAR chapters and the SAR color guard with the wreath laying of many Revolutionary War battles including:

- Battle of Springfield
- Battle of Monmouth
- Battle of Princeton
- Battle of Petticoat Bridge
- Battle of Red Bank
- Battle of Chestnut Neck

Another combined DAR/SAR event was Washington Crossing the Delaware at Washington Crossing State Park in December.

There were two plaques unveiling including Battle of Bennets Island and Baron von Steuben at the Abraham Staats House in Bound Brook attended by DAR, SAR, and SAR Color guard.

Middletown and General Lafayette DAR chapters worked with the SAR in cemetery cleanup.

Several DAR and SAR chapters collected items for the New Jersey Veterans Homes.

Chinkchewunska DAR Chapter presented Community Service Awards at their DAR/SAR/SR luncheon and participated in a local parade.

Veterans' organizations, Boy Scout Troops, and local community members also participated in many events.

Several SAR members referred prospective members for DAR membership. Twenty DAR members referred prospective members for SAR. Eleven referrals to SAR have become members.

It has been a pleasure to serve as co-chairman of the DAR/SAR/SR Relations Committee.

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

DAR/BOY SCOUT LIAISON

The following Chapters reported in their Service to America hours Boy Scout activities by their members:

Captain Joshua Huddy, Cranes Ford, Elizabeth Parcels De Voe, General William Maxwell, Jersey Blue, Matochshoning – Rebecca Cornell and Westfield. They supported these young men and women in various ways, and this Liaison would like to thank them for their continued support plus their collective 300 service hours.

Colleen Parliman
NJDAR Boy Scout Liaison

DAR/GIRL SCOUTS LIAISON

This chairman is honored to serve this office.

She issued 167 Certificates to Girl Scout Gold Award recipients from the three state councils for 2023. Certificate paper was purchased from Amazon to defray the cost from purchasing large quantities of certificates from the DAR Store. One award was given posthumously to a scout from the Jersey Shore Council

which Madam State Regent was able to present to her parents at the GS awards dinner.

The proceedings from the chapters are as follows:

Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe Chapter – One member acted as a leader for GS Troop 97293 in Hawthorne. Girl Scouts participated in Wreaths Across America in Fair Lawn and marked the graves of veterans with flags on Memorial Day. Patches and badges were sewn on vests for girls.

Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapter – Participated with Girl Scouts and Children of the American Revolution for Wreaths Across America.

Oak Tree Chapter – Participated with Salem County Girl Scout troops to place wreaths on graves for Wreaths Across America on December 16th.

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

Melissa Carton Mogen
Girl Scout Liaison

DAR/4-H LIAISON

An American original, the 4-H Youth Development Program is our oldest and largest youth organization. In New Jersey, 4-H is offered in each county through Rutgers Cooperative Extension and provides DAR with many community outreach opportunities.

Of the 26 chapters that submitted 4-H reports for 2023, seven chapters reported a total of 15 members who are 4-H alumnae: Elizabeth Snyder-Continental, 5; Ferro Monte, 4; Ann Whitall, 2; Greenwich Tea Burning, 1; Jersey Blue, 1; Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell, 1; and Old Whitehouse-Gen. Frelinghuysen-Col. Lowery, 1.

Two chapters reported having active 4-H volunteers. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter has three serving in Somerset County. Beth Kavanaugh is the leader of two clubs, serves on the 4-H

Association and the 4-H Center Building & Grounds Committee. Marti Kalko volunteers with the 4-H dog project. Alumna Holly Dunbar assists with communications and marketing, is a life member of the 4-H Association and serves on the Fair Sponsorship Committee. A member of Old Whitehouse-Gen. Frelinghuysen-Col. Lowery Chapter, Maggie Navatto is an alumna and Somerset County fund-raising volunteer.

Two chapters shared American History Essay, J.A.C., Fashion Design and state scholarship info with their county 4-H programs. Elizabeth Snyder-Continental provided information to Somerset County 4-H and they are sponsoring a 4-H club in the current J.A.C. contest. They also present the annual Patriot Awards to recognize youth groups for community service.

Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter provided contest and scholarship details to Cumberland County 4-H. In addition, the chapter presents an annual Outstanding 4-H Patriot Award to a Cumberland County 4-H club member at their 4-H Awards Night celebration. The recipient, a high school senior, is chosen by the 4-H Leaders Association and Cumberland's 4-H program coordinator based on the member's demonstration of patriotism and community service. The 4-H program welcomes these community partnerships.

The DAR connection with 4-H played a large part in this year's Sock Tsunami. When the NJDAR American Indians Committee announced a sock drive for Chemawa Indian School, the Wattles & Snood 4-H Club in Somerset County decided to help by organizing a 4-H sock drive. This led to the donation of 8,000 pairs of socks, worth an estimated \$10,000, by Ersoy Eligul of EGE Trading. As a bonus, the 4-H club's leader, Beth Kavanaugh, decided to apply for DAR membership and joined Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter in December along with her three daughters. Her eight grandchildren have applied for membership in C.A.R., and her son has applied to S.A.R.

Two issues of the "Clover Connection" newsletter were published, emailed to chapters, shared with 4-H faculty and staff, and posted

on the NJDAR Members' Website along with a calendar, 4-H facts, and contact information for each county 4-H office.

More than a century since its founding, 4-H continues to engage young people across the nation, empowering the next generation with the skills that they need to succeed and keep America strong. Now is the time to "Join the Club" and support 4-H.

Holly Jean Dunbar
Liaison to 4-H State Chair

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

NORTHERN DISTRICT

The Northern District Daughters had a busy and exciting year. They celebrated commemorative events, honored veterans, led workshops, supported education, preserved history, and cheered on new citizens.

General William Maxwell celebrated their 90th anniversary this year by learning about herb uses and the life of General William Maxwell. Elizabeth Snyder Continental donated King's Coronation Tea at a Reenactment of the Boston Tea Party. Beacon Fire held their Christmas lunch at Sally Luna's Tea Room to celebrate. Church and Canon Chapter had their annual commemoration of Battle of Springfield and was awarded a banner for educating the public about America 250. Major Joseph Bloomfield held a Revolutionary War Commemoration and unveiled a stone memorial. Morristown Chapter dedicated DAR markers in a ceremony to recognize Dr. Jabez Campfield at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown. Chinkchewunsk chapter members held their annual Christmas in July and learned all about Christmas on the Farm.

The Northern chapters love to support their veterans. Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest chapter members put together gift bags for disabled veterans being paired with a new service dog. Elizabeth Snyder Continental hosted a veterans day ceremony honoring 11 veterans, one of which was female. Beacon Fire sent cards to active troops, while Major Joseph Bloomfield and Ferro Monte sent cards to veterans. Ferro Monte members also assisted in a luncheon honoring veterans after a boat cruise around Lake Hopatcong. Multiple chapters hosted or participated in Wreaths Across America. Church and Canon was honored to host the escort of 175 Gold State Families and Vietnam Veterans as they delivered the wreaths.

Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter hosted a genealogy workshop and gained three new members. Major Joseph Bloomfield chapter sponsored 84 essays from school children and awarded the top three in each grade. General William Maxwell recognized three Good Citizens and three American History Award winners. Nova Caesarea created Constitution Week posters, while other chapters created displays in Libraries. Daughters also handed out flags, and copies of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution.

The Northern Daughters make sure history will not be forgotten. Morristown Daughters worked on a database of Revolutionary War Veterans, while Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest digitized old photos. Elizabeth Snyder Continental cleaned headstones. Members also made sure to take care of those actively serving our country as well.

Loantaka-Parsippanong sent thank you cards to the local Firehouse, Police, and EMTs.

Nova Caesarea hosted a lunch for Fireman in Ladder 8 in Newark. Beacon Fire hosted an electronic baby shower and sent gifts to female veterans who were expecting at the East Orange VA hospital. They also sent cards to troops overseas, thanking them for their service.

Daughters made sure the local community was taken care of as well. Members made quilts to donate to local hospitals and VA homes. They also donated food to local food pantries. Bergen Paulus Hook members made clothes for premature infants. Members also donated to the DAR sponsored schools, including hats, mittens, and gift cards. Claverack Chapter and Bergen Paulus Hook members purchased assembled gift bags for new citizens at their Naturalization Ceremonies, while other members went to cheer them on in person.

It was a busy year for the Northern District Daughters as they sparkled in their DAR friendship and service.

Rebecca Martinsen
Northern District Director

CENTRAL DISTRICT

The Central District Chapters logged over 10,000 Service to America hours this year and focused on DAR, the military, and their communities.

Many chapters participated in the NJ Revolutionary War Soldier database project and Genealogy Workshops. Chapters toured our State's headquarters, the Watson House, and donated supplies to the Hindman Settlement School. Many celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party with programs and donating tea to be thrown into the harbor. There were many scholarships and awards given to students and organizations including Somerset County 4-H Program, JROTC, and Eagle Scouts.

Central District chapters gave back to their community by providing Constitution Week supplies to schools, public libraries, and little libraries, welcoming new citizens at naturalization ceremonies, donating books to local libraries, and cleaning many headstones.

Giving to the military and veterans was a recurring program for the chapters of the Central District. Chapters participated in Wreaths Across America and Honor Flights. Chapters wrote cards and donated time and items for the veterans at the Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park, Fort Dix, East Orange Veterans Hospital, Lyons Veterans Home, and Soldier On community in Tinton Falls. Items were collected for Project Patriot and care packages to soldiers overseas. Many flags were placed at gravestones, and 10 Quilts for Valor were created and donated.

This past year the Central District held the Central District Luncheon in North Brunswick, NJ, and listened to a guest speaker from the National Board of the Blue Star Mothers.

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 the twelve chapters of the Southern District have been hard at work, fulfilling the DAR mission in 2023. The Southern District Service to America hours totaled 19,523.25, with all twelve chapters logging volunteer hours for 2023. That's a collective increase of 2,500 hours from 2022. The Southern District was 778 members strong in 2023.

Ann Whitall continued to support the Vineland's Veterans Memorial Home. Members attended the re-enactment of the Battle of Red Bank. The chapter added two new members in 2023. They also presented two Good Citizens awards from participating schools. Two members and one associate attended the SAR 100th anniversary luncheon.

Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter members presented at four genealogy workshops, indexed 14,000 Patriot records, participated in a Girl Scout event honoring Women of Distinction, attended and spoke at Holocaust Remembrance Day 2023, and participated in recognizing Arbor Day with planting of a tree at The Ocean County Park. The Chapter Regent and Vice Regent attended 12 Eagle Scout Court of Honors Ceremonies presenting certificates and DAR Youth Citizenship Awards. At the chapter's annual awards luncheon, the chapter inducted a new member, and awarded a NJDAR State \$1500 Scholarship,

The Col Thomas Reynolds Chapter celebrated their 110th Anniversary. The chapter rang bells to celebrate Constitution Week and presented 40 proclamations throughout Burlington County. Chapter members collected items for the USO Community Collections for active service members. Members started a chapter book club as well as a chapter newsletter.

The Lovely Ladies of General Lafayette were hard at work and logged over 6000 Service to America Hours in 2023. Members engaged in historic preservation by cleaning headstones in cemeteries across Atlantic County. Members joined forces with the local SAR chapter for the dedication of a commemorative sign

marking Revolutionary War graves. Over five thousand names were indexed as part of the Patriot Records Project. Members planted pollinator gardens and the chapter visited the New Jersey DAR Forest. Additionally, the chapter collected and sent 125 packs of seeds to the Hindman Settlement School for their Roots & Rows home gardening program. Lafayette Ladies had eleven chapter members and one associate member attended Continental Congress.

Great John Mathis's Chapter Regent promoted conservation by maintaining a butterfly sanctuary garden, songbird hummingbird stations and bluebird nesting boxes. The chapter celebrated President's Day in February with a presentation by General George Washington (re-enactor) at the Surf City location of the Ocean County Library system. The General's topic was "Women in the Revolutionary War". The chapter celebrated Native American month by learning about the Wind Talkers during WWII. A National Honor Society student from Southern Regional Highschool presented a Youtube video to the members at the Tuckerton Branch of the Ocean County Library

The mighty 20 members of the Greenwich Team Burning Chapter continue to accomplish the mission of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution by supporting the Vineland Veteran's Home, supporting local JROTC programs, and the Cumberland County 4H. The chapter's annual history celebration and fundraiser featured a first-person portrayal of Mary Jemison, a white woman who lived with the Native American Seneca tribe during the French and Indian War, the American Revolution as well as the War of 1812. The Greenwich members established a relationship with the Millville Women's Club as well as the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

The Haddonfield Chapter has been meeting in person, with the option of meeting virtually on Zoom. They held a collaborative meeting with the Col. Thomas Reynolds Chapter followed by a joint luncheon. Members attended the Haddonfield Skirmish and found their speaker for the chapter's 2024 fundraiser. The chapter

has supported the Vineland's Veteran's Home, Volunteers of America and participated in Wreaths Across America.

The Moorestown Chapter welcomed 13 new members in 2023! Members went on two chapter field trips: one to the Peter Mott House in Lawnside and one to Withall Mansion followed by a stroll around the Redbank Battlefield. The chapter also sponsored 150 Wreaths for Wreaths Across America.

Oak Tree Chapter saw the regent, historian, and librarian participate in New Sweden Day at City Park, Riverview, in Pennsville, N.J. This event included talks and displays of the daily lives of the Swedish colony that occupied the local area. For Earth Day, several Daughters participated in the planting of an Oak tree in the local park as well as at the Community College. The chapter also supported Wreaths Across America at the Finn's Point National Cemetery in Pennsville, NJ.

The Red Bank Chapter volunteered over 2000 hours. The chapter participated in Meals on Wheels, sorting clothes for nonprofits, supporting Vacation Bible School and other church functions, Food Bank Collection, food gleaming at local farms, tutoring college students, and collecting trash along highways. Some members helped celebrate the one-hundredth Anniversary of SAR at their luncheon in Cherry Hill and attended Haddonfield's annual fundraiser. The National Continental Congress was attended by several members. The Flag Committee provided a flag program at every meeting and provided flags and code cards at the Red Bank Battlefield Reenactment and the Independence Day Parade.

Ye Old Newton Nassau Chapter had many activities in 2023 to fulfill the DAR committee and state goals. The chapter started the year with a new member. Four members attended the NJDAR Spring Conference and four attended the Autumn meeting where they attended workshops and helped create study flash cards for study aids for those applying for citizenship. Several members worked on the State Historians soldier listing project. This chapter continues to donate goods to the Vineland Veterans' Home. The

chapter collected school supplies and contributed books and money to a local charter school. The chapter also collected can tabs and bottle caps for donation. The chapter members learned how to loom knit and made hats and scarves that were donated to veterans and other charities. The chapter held a book fair fundraiser and rang a bell at the chapter meeting to celebrate Constitution Week. The Southern District Chapters served joyfully in 2023 and are honored to support the NJDAR Oliver Administration with kind hearts.

Jeannine Holt Ingenito
Southern District Director

REPORTS OF CHAPTER REGENTS

ANN WHITALL

The chapter has continued to support the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home by contributing money, donations of Christmas and Valentine's Day cards, calendars, decorations, and personal care items. Susan Novalsky, a member, has traveled to the home during the year to drop off the contributions. Two members have volunteered to help with bingo with the residents. The chapter also contributed toward a new slot machine for residents. Three members participated in an event at Wenonah cemetery on June 17, 2023, to honor Civil War veterans that are interred there. Members also attended the re-enactment of the Battle of Red Bank on 10/22/23 at National Park, NJ. Two members participated with the SAR at the Memorial Service for fallen American soldiers and a flag folding ceremony at the re-enactment. Two members and one associate member did attend the SAR 100th anniversary luncheon in September. The chapter did award two Good Citizens from participating schools. The chapter contributed to Naval Weapons Station Earle in NJ via the Red Cross. Two members have volunteered at the polls for Election Day 2023. The chapter added two members including one transfer and one associate member.

Susan Ferzetti
Chapter Regent

BASKING RIDGE

The Basking Ridge Chapter members gave many fine programs throughout the year. In January, the chapter members enjoyed a program by member Judy Hecker entitled, "The Constitution --

The Backstory” and worked on the Chapter master Report. March, members learned about "DAR Schools-- What's New?" from member Bridget Ameo and April took a different turn with the theme " Pre-Revolutionary War and Revolutionary War History of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church."

Our May Chapter Tea was held at a member’s home. June found the chapter in a local park for a Chapter Picnic, Meeting and Silent Auction to raise money for the DAR History Award Scholarships and DAR Good Citizenship Awards.

In Summer, we planned for 2023 and 2024.

September brought the chapter together to hear about "Women during the American Revolution". In October the chapter had a table booth at the Lord Sterling 1770's Festival in Basking Ridge. And later that month members went on an all-day field trip to Jockey Hollow with a tour of the Wick House and Garden followed by a picnic lunch and then an out-door Chapter Meeting!

November was the 89th Anniversary Chapter Meeting with the presentation, "After the Revolutionary War. Let Our Country Begin!"

December featured a Holiday Gathering and Luncheon with a program, "A Colonial Holiday and Music of the Season" with gifts to be given to veterans at Community Hope, Lyons, NJ.

The year 2023 was a Basking Ridge DAR Chapter memory maker!!

Edythe Joan Palmer
Chapter Regent

BEACON FIRE

Beacon Fire Chapter, NSDAR had a very enjoyable and productive 2023. The chapter continues to grow and engage members and the community in our endeavors to support 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 a program on George Washington, which was a nice “end-cap” to our February luncheon. April brought forth our first of our twice-yearly book club meetings, hosted by chapter Secretary, Lesley Quinlan, the April selection being The Last of the Mohicans, by James Fenimore Cooper. 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 Fiorino’s Ristorante in Summit, where awards were given, including a special DAR Community Service Award to Anne Conover for her tireless work with Home for Good Dogs. 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., the society the chapter sponsors. Members gathered again in September for a fun meeting to discuss “Black Sheep” in their ancestry. It was a fun activity and our hostess, Sherel Hersch, made lovely “black sheep” cookies to enhance the program. 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 117 cards for active military troops for NSDAR Founders’ Day, and in the same month, members gathered for the second book club meeting of the year, discussing Kate Clifford Larson’s Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman: Portrait of an American Hero. The highlight of the year was the chapter’s annual Christmas luncheon, this year hosted at Sally Lunn’s Tea Room in Chester, NJ. This location was chosen as the chapter commemorated the

250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, complete with full afternoon tea accompanied by Boston Tea Party and Pearl Harbor trivia, offered by the chapter Assistant Registrar, Kathryn Biber. Additionally, the chapter Historian, Heather Pyne, hosted a DAR Museum Trunk Show during the luncheon for members to purchase Christmas gifts for their friends and families. Beacon Fire Chapter had an amazing 2023, finishing out with 76 members, and is looking forward another year of service to God, Home, and Country.

Heather W. Speas
Chapter Regent

BERGEN-PAULUS HOOK

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter held four meetings this year; two in person, two Zoom. 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, flag minute, as well as other minutes.

Meeting topics were "Diane Oliver, NJDAR State Regent's Project"; "Speaker Rob Skead – his American Revolution books for children"; "What is a Docent"; and "125TH Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps" - following each meeting the newsletter was sent out by email to members to include all members in chapter activities.

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

Bergen-Paulus Hook gained four new members by application. two members resigned and one transferred.

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 still have difficulty locating schools for the contests and hope to have a new school in 2024- 2025.

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

Dues collection was difficult this year. There were 16 members who did not pay their dues when we needed to do the dues invoice. We collected dues from six members in January 2024 and sent them in with the remittance form to NSDAR and NJDAR. We participated in “Stop the Drop” but reminders, calls, texts, emails did not help getting payments.

This chapter participated in Wreaths Across America as a fundraiser and honoring veterans. 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 284 pull tabs, three ounce canceled stamps, 150 greeting cards, etc for Ronald McDonald House, St Judes, veterans, and DAR school; one box was sent to the Tamasee School; educational items sent to Crossnore from their Amazon wish list; three boxes for VVA. The chapter also purchased a book for each Mountain School from their Amazon Wish List.

The chapter had 1662 Service to America hours, CMR completed and submitted, and e-postcard filed.

Volunteer hours included quilts for nursing home residents; sewing clothes for preemies, member helping neighbors and a Cancer patient, member giving Covid vaccines and boosters, food pantry donations and paperwork; museum docent, Board of Ed, Liberty State Park clean up, town beautification. Teaching CCD,

moderator of deacons, applying for food pantry grant Phase 2 from CFBNJ, writing cards to deployed sailors, and more.

Susan Brillhart is the new chapter regent.

The chapter hopes to have a productive 2024-2025 year with increased membership and that it is a productive DAR year.

Susan Brillhart
Chapter Regent

CAMP MIDDLEBROOK

CAPE MAY PATRIOTS

CAPTAIN DANIEL VLIET

CAPTAIN JOSHUA HUDDY

The Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter has 93 members and two junior members. The chapter maintains a public website and a closed Facebook group.

Chapter members have presented at 4 Genealogy workshops, indexed 14,000 Patriot records, participated in a Girl Scout event honoring Women of Distinction, attended, and spoke at Holocaust Remembrance Day 2023, and participated in recognizing Arbor Day with planting of a tree at The Ocean County Park. The chapter regent and vice regent attended 12 Eagle Scout Court of Honors Ceremonies presenting certificates and DAR Youth Citizenship Awards.

At the Chapter's Annual awards luncheon in May the chapter inducted a new member, and awarded a NJDAR State \$1500

Scholarship, a Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter Scholarship to a high school senior.

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

The chapter's 2nd Vice Regent and State Chair of the American History Committee, Diane Barsa, gave an overview of the American History Committee, and the chapter invited several schools to participate in the "Women in History" essay contest.

In November the chapter participated in the 3rd in a series of America 250 in Toms River at the Ocean County Courthouse in Historic Courtroom 1 with our Regent speaking along with the Honorable Diane Waugh Oliver participating.

The chapter also participated in the unveiling of a plaque at a cemetery honoring our veterans from the Revolutionary War.

Chapter participated in the Ocean County Historical Society's annual event at one of the high schools with information about DAR distributed. The chapter honored seven chapter members for the 125th Anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps. A community Service Award was presented to Judy Kapp who has served with the Mission of Honor since 2010. They locate and identify and inter orphaned and abandoned remains of American Veterans.

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 and visited the Veterans home delivering donations and lap blankets. Many members volunteered at soup kitchens, distributed food, and clothing to shelters.

The Chapter held a Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Cedar Grove Cemetery, Toms River, NJ.

Wreaths were placed at the eight graves recognizing all branches of service and five for Revolutionary War soldiers. Wreaths were placed at veterans' graves by chapter members and members of the community.

The chapter has been working on a project at the Penny Pine Forest. The chapter is raising the money for the bench and an informational sign which will be erected in May 2024.

Many members participated in Memorial Day ceremonies, 4th of July Parades and participated in an event during the summer promoting DAR at a town summer festival.

Virgina Haines
Chapter Regent

CHINKCHEWUNSKA

Chinkchewunska Chapter opened the museum with tours and activities set for the year.

The Chapter welcomed 4 new members. The chapter started the year off with the Community Awards Luncheon honoring the National Defense DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal to Jacob Yanoff who was WW II Veteran. He was 97 years old.

The American History Essay Contest included 97 children in Grades 5-8 with four winners. Two children placed second in the State and were recognized and awarded at the State Conference. The History Teacher chapter winner, JoAnn DaSilva won the state level and spoke at the State Conference. The chapter sponsored 11 students from 11 schools that participated in the Good Citizens Awards.

Once again, the Chapter was able to host our Mother's Day Tea. A lovely time was had with ladies arriving in their fancy hats. The chapter hosted two programs at the chapter museum that was opened to the public. Jeff Finegan did a book series on "George Washington", he was asked to return in 2024. Rev. Douglas Douma presented history on the Rev Elias Van Bunschooten and his ministry at the Westtown Church Museum. The chapter also had a program with Susan Luczu on Insignia, the order of how to place your pins on the ribbon and when to wear them. The Christmas in July included re-enactors was a great success. From generous donors the chapter was able to do repairs before hosting Christmas

in July. The front porch was replaced, and the two back roofs on the entrances, the milk house, and the privy. The chapter was involved in the Heritage Tour and had many people that came in and toured the museum. The membership tea was exciting with welcoming new members. The Children of the American Revolution participated as new members of the CAR and DAR were inducted into membership. The Annual Veteran's Prayer Breakfast at the museum included 28 Veterans and were happy to be recognized with a great breakfast and favors. Topping everything off the chapter ended with the museum opening with Christmas on the Glen Farms. The house was in four different time periods, American Revolution, Civil War, and upstairs was WW1 and WW2. The actors and characters they played were great. What a great success! The program was topped with hot chocolate and snacks.

Our Chapter share events together with friends, The SAR's Col John Rosenkrans Chapter and Elias VanBunshooten Children of the American Revolution. The chapter concluded the year with the Annual Holiday Party enjoying the fellowship of each other. Members brought gift cards to help support The Weekend Bag Program. They provide bags of food for those who need help. The Chinkchewunsk Chapter looks forward to serving The State Regent in the next year. It's been an honor and privilege to serve as Regent of the Chinkchewunsk Chapter.

Katherine Cook
Chapter Regent

CHURCH AND CANNON

The Church and Cannon Chapter continued growing in 2023. Members enjoyed programs sponsored by Cranes Ford Chapter on the "Abolition of Slavery in NJ", and by Beacon Fire Chapter called "Remember the Ladies."

Three members attended the State Conference. The chapter received awards for the newsletter, publicity, print coverage, and Community Classroom activities.

In June, following the annual Commemoration of the Battle of Springfield, the NJSSAR presented the chapter with a streamer for the DAR banner. This streamer is awarded for hosting an event promoting and educating the public about the 250th Anniversary of the United States – only two have been awarded. After the ceremony, led by cemetery chairperson, Linda Jurczak, the DAR joined the SAR in front of the First Presbyterian Church for the SAR's wreath laying. The NJSSAR continues to support the cemetery by contributing to the insurance costs.

In July, National Awards were announced. In the Eastern Division, Barbara Pierson won Outstanding Service Community Classroom; and Heather Sanford and Kaitlyn Sanford both won Outstanding Use of Technology, Volunteer Information Specialists.

In September, the chapter held a ceremony for Bells Across America and celebrated Constitution Week at the Springfield Library. Four chapter members attend the Fall Meeting – one for the very first time. Chapter members sold polo shirts that NJDAR members could personalize with their chapter name under the DAR logo.

October was a busy month. Chapter members continued community outreach by participating in the annual Day of Service during 4 Centuries in a Weekend, where members helped during the Springfield Historical Society's Cannon Ball House tours. The Chapter had a table at Springfield's Fest-a-Fall Street fair where Wreaths Across America was promoted.

Heather Sanford represented the chapter at the Veterans Day ceremony in town. Heather was also interviewed on Wreaths Across America Radio.

In August, the chapter was asked if it would host the Wreaths Across America Escort to Arlington for a December 12th ceremony honoring Gold Star Families and Vietnam Veterans, and dinner for 175. With the help of Kim Armstrong, Ferro Monte Chapter, Chapter Regent, Heather Sanford, put together a ceremony, raised funds, and coordinated dozens of volunteers including chapter members, NJDAR members, the Elks Lodge, the Springfield

School District, Union High School's JROTC, and township employees/volunteers. The event was broadcast live on Wreaths Across America Radio. Attended by hundreds, the event also attracted a new Associate Member and a new member transferring from out-of-state. The chapter presented Community Service Awards to Linda Donnelly, Township Clerk, and Geri Ann Kazimar, Past Exalted Ruler, Springfield-Hillside Elks Lodge. The chapter also sent tea for the Boston Tea Party Re-enactment.

Three new Patriots were proven for the DAR in 2023. Registrar, Connie Billy, proved one brand new Patriot. Heather Sanford submitted one supplemental and proved two new Patriots. The 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.

Heather Sanford
Chapter Regent

CLAVERACK

The Claverack Chapter had an exciting 2023. The chapter welcomed five new members.

Claverack members shone brightly in their support of Americanism and the Flag of the US during 2023. Chapter members worked together to purchase and assemble hundreds of gift bags given to new US citizens and through this distributed flags and flag literature. Chapter member, Laura Troy, NJDAR Americanism chair, along with other chapter members attended many naturalization ceremonies held all over New Jersey throughout the year, supporting the new US citizens.

Claverack held a new program for 2023, the first Junior ROTC Awards night. The chapter honored high school level students from

five Passaic County schools with the DAR JRTOC Bronze Medal. Furthermore, we honored their ROTC instructors, who are veterans of various US military branches, with Distinguished Citizen Medals. The chapter was grateful to have the keynote speaker, Honorary State Regent and current parliamentarian, Mrs. Connie Olde. Other distinguished attendees included our State Regent, Mrs. Diane Oliver, and various members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Rachel Gercek
Chapter Regent

COLONEL THOMAS REYNOLDS

2023 marked the 110th anniversary of the chapter. Members commemorated this milestone with a rededication of the grave of the chapter's namesake, Colonel Thomas Reynolds, who is buried at St. Andrews Cemetery in Mount Holly. Members also led a clean-up of this cemetery as our Day of Service project, and in December we placed wreaths on the graves of the 11 patriots who are buried there.

The chapter rang bells to celebrate Constitution Week and presented 40 proclamations in Burlington County. Members handed out flags and DAR literature at the inaugural Battle of Petticoat Bridge reenactment in Mansfield Township. The chapter took part in a Naturalization Ceremony at Rowan College and placed wreaths at Beverly National Cemetery in support of Wreaths Across America.

The chapter continued our support of the veterans at Vineland Veterans Memorial Home with donations of personal care items throughout the year along with Valentine's Day cards, Veterans Day cards, and Christmas cards. Members also collected items for USO

Community Collections for active service members. The chapter donated enough items to make five Easter baskets for children at Providence House (a domestic violence services organization) and hygiene products for women in need in support of Period Poverty Awareness.

The chapter presented ROTC awards and Excellence in American History Awards. The ladies continued to collect money for DAR Schools. Members also collected 500 pounds of plastics from chapter members – enough to have a bench made from the recycled materials.

The members had some fun and educational programs – Colonial-Era Court Records in Burlington County; 18th Century Dyeing and Uses of Yarn; Burlington County during the American Revolution; Haunted Places in Burlington County (our October meeting).

The chapter started a chapter book club in 2023, finishing one book and starting another. Two of our members collaborated on a chapter newsletter, which is especially appreciated by our members who are unable to attend our meetings and events in person.

The chapter presented Honorary Chapter Regent pins and Anniversary Certificates at our annual luncheon and officially welcomed new chapter members.

Chapter members attended the NJDAR Spring Conference, Continental Congress in Washington, and the NJDAR Autumn Meeting. The members also participated in a joint chapter meeting sponsored by the Haddonfield Chapter, hiked in Estell Manor Park with other Southern District daughters, and enjoyed ourselves at the luncheon hosted by the Central District in Honor of the State Regent. The Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter is looking forward to continuing to grow its membership and fulfilling the mission of the NSDAR in 2024.

Cindi Ahrens
Chapter Regent

CRANES FORD

In February of 2023 the Cranes Ford Chapter had a speaker, Dr Jonathan Sassi, who spoke about escaping from Slavery during the Revolution in NJ. The meeting was attended by the Church and Cannon DAR Chapter. The chapter had a Cranford high school student win the state level Good Citizen Award and she was honored at the NJDAR spring conference.

Chapter members enjoyed a presentation from one of the members about her 20th Century Women family members.

In May the chapter and local Boy Scouts helped freshen up and plant flowers at the two DAR memorials before Memorial Day.

The chapter congratulated Mary Leonard for receiving an award for indexing 61,609 surnames.

In the fall the chapter had two speakers: Douglas Aumack discussed medicine and surgery during the 18th century and American Revolution and Alisa Dupuy, who is a member of the society for Creative Anachronism, which is a living history group, spoke about female spies during World War II.

Kathy Hercel
Chapter Regent

EAGLE ROCK-CRANETOWN

ELIZABETH PARSELLS DEVOE

Members were proud to further the cause of the DAR throughout 2023.

They placed flags at the graves of veterans with Girl Scouts and Veterans of Foreign Wars members for Memorial Day.

Ladies handed out 200 flags in May and June. Members held

Flag Ceremonies for Flag Day and presented a Flag Facts and Folding program to children in a local elementary school; an article followed in the *Crossroads Courier*. For Constitution Week, 540 bells were presented to an elementary school along with worksheets and a proclamation for the principal to read during morning announcements as the children rang bells.

Classrooms at three schools were sponsored by the chapter for Teacher Appreciation Week. Members bought books, calculators, Amazon gift cards and other items for the teachers and their classrooms.

Members volunteered their time crocheting blankets and scarves for veterans, teaching at adult reading classes, leading Girl Scout troops, acting as Seniors for the Children of the American Revolution, and were pleased to support sister chapters at their events. Members supported Wreaths Across America by sponsoring wreaths and participating in the opening dedications on December 16th in Fair Lawn with the Thomas D. Eagan Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 850 of Glen Rock, NJ.

Members supported the ‘Show Our Troops Some Love’ campaign by writing Valentine cards and making up goodie bags for troops; and wrote cards to meet the ‘250 Card Challenge’ for 2023. In June, members presented the Community Service Award to Hawthorne, NJ Volunteer Fire Department Borough Chief, Joseph Speranza at the Fire Department board meeting. It was an honor to celebrate his years as chief and all his work. An article was published in TAPinto.com/Hawthorne.

The chapter was so happy to meet the ‘Four More by 2024’ challenge and accept *five* new members into the chapter, Junior, Katherine Seifer; Catherine Miller, Nancy Mingle, Bernadette Zajicek and Sara Theresa Bartelloni were sworn in 2023. We were also pleased to accept the transfer of Suzette Corrado and Susan Augusto from the Saddle River Chapter.

The ladies were pleased to bring lunch to the Hawthorne Police Department for First Responder's Day.

The chapter became a Vietnam War Commemoration partner and held a 'Thank you' ceremony for the men of the Thomas D. Egan VFW Post 850. Nine men were thanked personally and given a lapel pin and five widows were honored for their husband's valor. The chapter provided refreshments and enjoyed meeting and speaking with the men after the ceremony. Articles were published in Glen Rock Living Magazine and in TAPinto.com/Glen Rock. As a result of this ceremony, the chapter now sponsors 'coffee and...' for the post each month.

With honor, Patricia Franz chairs the Community Classroom Committee and Melissa Mogen serves as Post Box Chairman and Girl Scout Liaison for the Oliver Administration.

Melissa Carton Mogen
Chapter Regent

ELIZABETH SNYDER-CONTINENTAL

Looking back, 2023 proved to be a standout year for the chapter featuring a variety of new and meaningful activities.

Historic preservation was the goal when chapter members cleaned headstones dating back to the Revolution in Liberty Corner. The chapter was honored to participate in the 250th Anniversary re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party by donating some King's Coronation Tea that was used at the event. Members learned about the campaign to honor the Hello Girls who enabled critical communication during WWI with a Congressional Gold Medal.

In support of education, information on the DAR contests and scholarships was provided to and promoted by the Somerset County 4-H Program. In the American History Essay Contest, an 8th grade

student sponsored by the chapter placed 2nd in the state, and the chapter is sponsoring a 4-H club in the current J.A.C. Contest. Five area high schools received scholarship information. Constitution Week posters were provided to Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Chapter members turned out in force to accept a Native American Heritage Month Proclamation from Green Brook Township; a story and photo appeared on the front page of the "Green Brook Gazette." It was a great year for chapter press, with 12 press releases generating 37 articles in 15 community newspapers and on social media.

Patriotism was the focus as chapter members welcomed new citizens and distributed gift bags at naturalization ceremonies in Somerset and Union counties. The chapter held its first Veterans Day ceremony at The Chelsea in Warren. Eleven veterans, including a female veteran, received medals on neck ribbons and certificates. The chapter awarded a JROTC Medal to an exceptional cadet at North Plainfield High school. Members donated holiday gifts for patients at Lyons V.A. Medical Center worth more than \$300 and participated in Wreaths Across America. The chapter also supported Honor Flight missions.

DAR is a service organization, and chapter members recorded 1,800 service hours. Members volunteered for DAR chapter and state projects, C.A.R., community groups such as 4-H, historical and genealogical societies, faith-based groups and more. Several members assisted with the Sock Tsunami for Chemawa Indian School. Two members are assisting with the N.J. Revolutionary War Soldier database project, identifying and recording patriots in Essex and Somerset counties. The chapter also collected donations for a local animal shelter.

Meetings featured engaging programs. Dolly Madison took center stage at the chapter's 127th Anniversary Luncheon. Other programs included "History of the Stars & Stripes," with a quiz, and videos "Life in the 1770s" and "History of Algonquians in Perth Amboy and America."

The chapter's new membership flyer was distributed by the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission at county events. Four new DAR members were welcomed, and several prospective

members are receiving help with applications. In addition, the chapter gained eight prospective members for Pis-Cat-A-Qua Society C.A.R.

In summary, the chapter's activities spanned historical preservation, education, patriotism and community service, evidence of a commitment to preserving American heritage, fostering patriotism, and promoting civic responsibility.

Ashley Salsano
Chapter Regent

FERRO MONTE

Ferro Monte Chapter celebrated its 50th Anniversary this past year, with a luncheon attended by over 70 people, including our Associate member from South Dakota.

The chapter had four new members, and one reinstatement. Members attended the NJDAR Spring meeting at Forsgate Country Club. Past Regent, Kimberly Armstrong was named Daughter of Distinction, and Ashley Wasser was named State Outstanding Junior. Three members served as pages.

The State Fall meeting was also attended, with three pages. Programs for the past year included a slide show on The National Parks, a new member workshop attended by State Representatives, and a tour of Grey Towers in Milford PA.

Four Members attended Continental Congress where Ashley was named National Outstanding Junior. Two members served as pages.

Summer activities included: assisting at the luncheon for attendees of the Miss Lotta Veterans Cruise, Wreaths across America Mobile Educational Exhibit, a Vietnam Veteran Welcome Home ceremony, helping at Kids Tri harder Tri-athlon, informational tables at Save the Lake Day. Olde Suckasunny Day and Home for the Holidays

There were two displays at local Libraries for Constitution Week. Bells were rung at the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna. Members handed out copies of the Constitution to attendees of a presentation by re-enactor Benjamin Franklin.

A member attended the Naturalization Ceremony at Washington's Headquarters in Morristown

For DAR Day of Service, cards were signed for Veteran's, and a member helped the Morristown Chapter with their Annual Quilt pinning. The Service to America Tally showed members tending to local museum, knitting hats for DAR schools, church service and more.

Rebecca Martinsen and Mary Yobs were honored with a certificate and pin to mark the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps.

Nine schools were contacted with Scholarship and Good Citizen information.

November, we tried something new. In collaboration with the music Dept at the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna, a Musical Patriotic Tribute was performed for our local Veterans, A video of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" played by "the President's Own" United States Marine Corps Band commemorating the 125th Anniversary of this piece of music. Refreshments were served after.

Proclamations for Constitution Week, American Indians and Wreaths Across America were received from the Roxbury and Mine Hill Town Councils.

This year marked our 10th year of Wreaths across America. 678 wreaths were placed on graves at the Succasunna Presbyterian, Methodist and Hillside Cemeteries, and we were joined by five members of Everardus Bogardus CAR.

Three members assisted Church and Cannon Chapter's with their hosting of the "Escort to Arlington."

Flag, Women's Issues and Indian Minutes and National Defense Minutes were shared at each meeting.

Linda B Smith
Chapter Regent

FRANCIS HOPKINSON-MONMOUTH COURT HOUSE

Celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Monmouth Courthouse Chapter that merged with Francis Hopkinson in 1997. While deleting the chapter name from the official chapter name in 2017, Monmouth Courthouse members continue to participate in chapter functions including gravestone cleaning. Daughters participated in Wreaths Across America at Old Tennent Cemetery, Manalapan. Collected Wishlist items for Project Patriot. The chapter mailed nine bundles to the USS Gerald R. Ford and an additional six to the USS Graveley DDG 107.

Donated to the Freehold Boro Public Library were twenty-seven books with the intent that these books would be freely given/shared for young children to keep, not just borrow. The Chapter was well represented at the 131st State Conference and the Autumn 2023 State Meeting.

Beatrice Boyce
Chapter Regent

GENERAL DAVID FORMAN-PENELOPE HART

In 2023, the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter played an active role in advancing our Society's mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Through various programs and events, members significantly contributed to these core values,

fostering a deeper understanding of American history and principles.

One major area of focus for the chapter was historic preservation. Members engaged in preserving historical practices by immersing themselves in colonial trades programs such as cooking, blacksmithing, quilting, and weaving. The chapter also enjoyed presentations like "We the People: Honoring Constitution Day," "Constitution 101: The Constitutional Convention," and "Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NJ," which brought American history to life and contributed to a better understanding of the nation's foundational principles.

Commemorative events played a crucial role in honoring the rich history of the country. Members participated in events such as the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, 50th Anniversary of the NASA Space Shuttle Program, and the 250th Birthday of the Navy. Grave marking ceremonies dedicated to Real Daughters and Revolutionary War soldiers were attended, showcasing a commitment to remembering those who shaped the nation. Service to the Society and the community were top priorities for the members. Volunteers enthusiastically served on National, State, and Chapter committees, logging over 4,000 Service to America hours. This included assuming leadership roles on National and State Committees, attending Continental Congress and State Conferences and meetings and participating in national events like the DAR Holiday open house in Washington DC and at the State headquarters. Additionally, members supported sister chapters through various activities, including attending meetings, participating in genealogy workshops, and providing financial support. Dedicated efforts were also directed towards supporting Veterans, with volunteer activities at New Jersey Memorial Veterans Home at Menlo Park, sending care packages and thank you and holiday cards to active-duty military serving overseas, and participating in the Veterans Angels program.

The chapter's commitment to literacy was evident through over 400 hours of service in tutoring adults and donating books to promote literacy in adults. Additionally, members actively contributed to projects such as the Patriot Records Project,

indexing more than 44,000 names, and supporting DAR and local community activities and events.

Membership updates for the reporting year include the admission of one new member and the loss of six members due to drops/resignation, resulting in a total of 48 members, including four juniors and 12 associate members. Notably, 97.9% of chapter members' dues were paid before the December 2023 deadline. Subscriptions to the DAR Magazine/Newsletter reached 42% including the Chapter Regent, and realized one new Heritage Club member, two 1890 Annual Giving Circle members and eleven Sustaining Supporter Participants. In addition, one member completed the Member Course.

Linda Chesko
Chapter Regent

GENERAL LAFAYETTE

In 2023, the General Lafayette Chapter of the NSDAR members participated in local, state, and national events, donated thousands of hours and participated in an incredible range of activities this year.

Members engaged in historic preservation by cleaning headstones in cemeteries across Atlantic County. Members joined members of the SAR in the dedication of a commemorative sign marking Revolutionary War graves and for their program on Cedar Bridge Tavern. Over five thousand names were indexed as part of the Patriot Records Project.

Port Republic, NJ mayor, Niki Giberson spoke at our Chapter's Memorial Day Ceremony and did a program on fabric, dye and spinning during the time of the American Revolution. Members handmade 80 chapter Christmas ornaments from wood, paint, and ribbon. Our Chapter members also handmade wreaths for Memorial Day Service and Wreaths Across America, lap blankets for veterans and handmade quilts.

The Chapter furthered the cause of education. Members manned a booth at National Night Out in Galloway, providing the community more information about the DAR. Our chapter flag chair presented a 27-part series of the History of the US Flag on our Facebook Page. Members planted pollinator gardens and the chapter visited the New Jersey DAR Forest. We collected and sent 125 packs of seeds to the Hindman Settlement School for their Roots & Rows home gardening program. Members raised money and donated to the sock fund of the Chemawa Indian School. Chapter members donated time, supplies and over 170 books to local schools and other community groups. The chapter sponsored two 2023 JAC state award winners, one for the Stamp Art Contest and one for the Poster Art Contest.

But where the chapter sparkles the most is patriotism. Members continued to sponsor a \$500 veterans' scholarship at Stockton University and provide funds toward their veterans' emergency fund. Inspired by the organization's speaker at Congress, chapter members joined the Square Foot Society by donating over \$300 to the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington VA, the only historical repository documenting all military women's service. Members raised money for the replacement of the slot machine in the game room of the Vineland Veterans Home. The ladies held a ceremony in which Veterans Challenge Coins were presented to Vietnam era veterans and their widows. Each member of the Vineland Veterans Home was given laminated contact info for the chapter chaplain and 21 bibles were donated. The Lovely Ladies of Lafayette also came out to Support the Run for the Fallen. Members also collected and delivered donations and hundreds of cards to the Veterans home in Vineland, NJ. Over eight thousand dollars of coupons were mailed to the military overseas. Over 90 drawings and letters of appreciation created by first grade students were delivered to veterans at Meadowview Nursing Home in Northfield and Vineland Veterans Memorial Home for Veterans Day. Flags were distributed to the community during Smithville's

4th of July parade. Members participated in the ringing of bells on Constitution Day.

Members attended state and national events including the Spring and Autumn State Meetings, the Central District Luncheon, Watson House After Dark and the Holiday Open House. We had 11 chapter members and one associate attended Continental Congress.

The chapter collectively logged over 6,000 hours of volunteer service!

Shea Pease
Chapter Regent

GENERAL MERCER

This officer is pleased to report that the General Mercer Chapter had a sparkling year. The members honored the past and looked to the future.

The highlight of the year was the rededication of the marker placed by the chapter on the grave of Daniel Bray in the Rosemont Cemetery in Hunterdon County. The marker was placed in 1931 and the original photograph to commemorate the event only showed local politicians. The chapter took the opportunity to honor the work of previous members by redoing the photograph with chapter members. The Rosemont Cemetery Board was honored with a Community Service Award from the chapter in recognition of their assistance and their work in the local Rosemont area. A "With the Chapters" article was also published in the national magazine. In March, the chapter hosted a genealogy workshop with Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey Chapter. The workshop was successful in allowing several members to submit supplemental applications.

In honor of DAR's Day of Service, the chapter wrote cards for Veterans at Menlo Park. Over \$500 worth of items were donated to Menlo Park to assist the residents.

The chapter welcomed five new members this year. Members assisted at a New Citizens ceremony, promoted conservation, sponsored a Historic Preservation grant, donated care packages to soldiers overseas, assisted new members with their applications, and successfully honored a local Good Citizen.

Catherine Medich
Chapter Regent

GENERAL WILLIAM MAXWELL

General William Maxwell Chapter had a productive year in service to veterans and the community. In March three students were honored as Good Citizens and three students with the American History Awards. This past year the inducted five new members. The Chapter supported the community with three donations to the Belvidere Food Pantry with a total value of \$1343.13. Five books were donated to The Friendship Center. The Chapter's programs included "Capt. John Outwater's Co. of Militia" and "Capturing Annie Oakley." In March the chapter held a lineage workshop. The Chapter completed two TREX Challenges. The Chapter donated the first bench to the historic Greenwich Cemetery and the second to the POW/MIA Memorial in Oxford.

In June, Chapter members toured Washington's Headquarters and the Schuyler -Hamilton House with Bobbi Baily of the Morristown Chapter.

In October the members filled tote bags embellished with a flag and "Thank you for your Service" with personal care items and snacks for our DAY of SERVICE. The bags were delivered to homeless Veterans Haven North and the Domicile at Lyons VA. The value of the bags was \$1539. Additionally, another \$80 of supplies were delivered in the summer to VHN.

In October 163 cards of gratitude were sent to "Hugs for Soldier," 87 holiday cards were sent to Military Missons, Inc., and 140 Veterans' Day cards were delivered to VHN and Lyons VA. In December, 360 holiday cards were signed by members and sent to VHN and Lyons VA.

In December, members, scouts, and the community participated in Wreath Across America and place wreaths on veterans' graves at the Greenwich Cemetery in Stewartsville. Chapter members brought in additional donations for the veterans at Veterans Haven North. Donations to veterans this year totaled \$2,612.00.

Deirdre Woods
Chapter Regent

GOVERNOR WILLIAM LIVINGSTON

It has been a very good year with the gain of eight new members, many of which are helping with committees. The aim is to get new members involved and hopefully assume leadership positions in the future. Next year the chapter already has 10 members awaiting approval. One new member ordered name tags for all the new members.

The programs were interesting and varied throughout the year, fifteen members had tea and a tour of the Watson House, which was very informative, many members had never visited our state headquarters. The chapter held its first book club in March and it was successful. In fact, the state librarian, a member of our chapter, chose *Indigo Girl*, as the book for Spring Conference. A book exchange was also started and plan to continue both in 2024. In February, members reached out to Ft. Dix and collected over 500 items for active-duty personnel. With the help of two schools 700 cards were made for Veterans Day and Valentines Day which were sent to Ft. Dix, the Menlo Park Retirement Home, and East Orange Veterans Hospital. The chapter also sponsored a football night at the Menlo Park Retirement Home, joined their Christmas Angels, and collected over 100 items that were delivered in time for Christmas. Wreaths Across America again went great and the chapter donated 100 wreaths which were placed on graves in December. The chapter also co-sponsored Vietnam Day at Manasquan High School. Five members and the State Regent attended, 24 veterans, and over 700 children, it was a great day. In honor of the Boston Tea Party, a Christmas Tea was held in December and two of the members attended the Boston Tea Party, and tea was sent to the museum.

Twenty-eight seniors applied for the Governor William Livingston Memorial Scholarship and the winner received \$1,000.00 at our Annual May Luncheon. Five Good Citizens received a stipend, pin, certificate, and gift bag at the April meeting. Twenty entries were sent to the State Scholarships, but no winners.

Seven members and eight associate members attended to N.J. State Conference, six members, and seven associate attended the NJDAR Autumn Meeting, and two members were at the Continental Congress, and one served as registration chairman. In honor of the chapter's patriot, members gave a three-minute talk at a meeting, and "Patriots of the Governor William Livingston Chapter" book is in process.

Sixty gift bags were donated and distributed at the Sandy Hook Naturalization ceremony, which was co-sponsored.

Financially, the chapter was able to stay within budget and thus support many projects.

Over 4,000 service hours were entered in Service to America. The chapter is looking forward to another productive year.

Mary Sue Durkin
Chapter Regent

GREAT JOHN MATHIS

The Great John Mathis started off the 2023 year with a business meeting in January. The Chapter membership increased by three new members bringing the grand total to 46 members: several more in process.

Regent, Sharon Romano promoted conservation by maintaining a butterfly sanctuary garden, songbird hummingbird stations and bluebird nesting boxes. She also served as President of the Frank Massaro Stafford Scholarship Fund and presented 2023 recipient with its annual \$1,000 scholarship at the Southern Regional HS Scholarship awards ceremony in May. Chaplain, Judith Ollivier donated her time regularly at the food pantry in Tuckerton.

Additionally, Judy devotes many hours over the spring and summer months volunteering for an organization called Family Promise that finds apartments and permanent residents for homeless families. Member Alice Mote volunteers many hours to the restoration of Wright Presbyterian Church in Barnegat in order for it to remain an active house of worship.

Member Cathleen Engelson serves as an active member of the Surf City Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Chapter Treasurer Virginia Scarlatelli is Treasurer of the LBI Garden Club.

The Chapter celebrated President's Day in February with a presentation by General George Washington (re-enactor) at the Surf City location of the Ocean County Library system. The "General's topic was "Women in the Revolutionary War". This program was very well received and well attended.

The annual student recognition dinner took place in June at Calloways Restaurant, Eagleswood, NJ. Three Southern Regional graduates continuing their education, and their parents were honored at this celebration. Each of the recipients gave a talk about themselves regarding their future field of study and where they are planning to attend for their continued education.

In September members celebrated Constitution week with an informative and educational 20-minute video. Everyone agreed that they learned something new.

The chapter celebrated Native American month by learning about the Wind Talkers during WWII. A National Honor Society student from Southern Regional Highschool presented a YouTube video to the members at the Tuckerton Branch of the Ocean County Library.

The Chapter celebrated Veterans Day by taking a veteran to lunch. Members celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party with two High Teas to accommodate as many members as possible. Between the two, the chapter had 18 in attendance. The first tea was in November, the second December. The chapter regent made fascinators for all who attended and made commemorative tea bags that identified the Chapter and the event. After selling 50 wreaths for Wreaths Across America, representatives from our Chapter attended the WAA ceremony at Stafford Township Town Hall.

The chapter ended 2023 by attending the annual Christmas Party and collecting gift cards from the members in lieu of a gift

exchange. These gift cards will be donated to a veteran related non-profit organization. In previous years the members have donated to VFW, VET WORKS, American Legion, and others. Madam Regent it is a pleasure and an honor to serve the New Jersey State Society DAR.

Sharon Romano
Chapter Regent

GREENWICH TEA BURNING

Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter Regent's Report for 2023 This chapter continues to accomplish the mission of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in ways to support education, preservation, and patriotism. Six meetings with two board meetings are scheduled. Although the membership consists of twenty daughters, at least ten members do not attend meetings because of residing at a distance or inconvenience of illness. Officers and Directors of the chapter conduct informative and interesting regular business meetings. The American Spirit Magazine and Daughters Newsletter including the President General's message are regularly shared with members. Members participate in providing "Wish list" requests from the Vineland Veterans Home. This chapter maintains a relationship with the Cumberland Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, the local high school JROTC and Cumberland County 4-H. Outstanding individuals in these organizations annually receive a certificate of recognition and a chapter monetary award. The Vineland Historical & Antiquarian Society, Mauricetown Historical Society, and the Warren & Reba Lummis Genealogical & Historical Library where this chapter holds meetings receive financial support toward preservation projects. This chapter sponsors the patriotic memorial ceremony of Wreaths Across America at the Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Greenwich, NJ.

The business of this chapter includes an annual history celebration / fundraiser. Chapter membership dues are insufficient to cover

normal expenses and financial requirements of DAR State and National Societies. To encourage community engagement, the fundraiser is open to the public. This year showcased a first-person portrayal of Mary Jemison, a white woman whose long, perilous life living with the Native American Seneca tribe spanned the French & Indian War, American Revolution and War of 1812. The Millville Woman's Club Chorus was asked to provide patriotic music prior to this celebration, the club knew nothing about DAR. Chapter officers have now been asked to speak at a club meeting. Further public engagement occurred when this officer wrote an article: "Preserving Fashion History In Cumberland County, NJ". It was published in local papers in a two-part series.

Also, the chapter has developed a relationship with the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission through grant application to help fund this annual event. The DAR chapter annual history celebration benefits the community, receives newspaper and digital media coverage. Additionally, Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter co-sponsored a first-person portrayal of Bessie Coleman, the first African American, self-identified Native American woman to earn an international aviator's license, as a gift to Bridgeton High School. Students attending were from African American History, Civil Rights, Gender Studies, and Early College HS classes. Special recognition goes to Chapter Vice Regent, Sarah Tarpine-Smith as chairman and contact person for the events of WAA, chapter fundraiser and Bessie Coleman program. All the above activities of this chapter achieve the DAR mission, present a positive influence engaging with the community and very importantly promote a better understanding of the DAR.

Valerie Kontes Baron
Chapter Regent

HADDONFIELD

The chapter started out 2023 with a bang! We celebrated our chapter with a fund raiser at the Paris Caterers in Berlin because the usual venue, Tavistock Country Club, was under renovation.

The guest speaker was Jeffrey E. Finnegan, the author of several children's history books. He featured "Col Washington and Me". The chapter purchased and donated a set of his books to the Haddonfield Library.

The chapter meetings have been in person with an added zoom. In March our chapter held a joint meeting with Col Thomas Reynolds Chapter. The speaker was Catherine Medich. She spoke on research strategies for finding NJ ancestors. Afterward, members had a joint luncheon and really enjoyed sharing stories about ancestors and current research. Several prospective members joined and seemed to really enjoy the camaraderie. They are all still actively working on their applications.

The April meeting was held at Your Cup of Tea Mt. Holly. All enjoyed trying on the tea hats available and afternoon tea.

In June, three members attended the Haddonfield Skirmish and met the speaker for the January 2024 fundraiser. More about that next year!

Members also participated in the Annual Jonas Cattell Run with the awarding of a gift certificate to the fastest teenage male runner. Sadly, no female teenage runners participated.

In December, the program was "A Victorian Christmas" presented by actress, Joan Peters Eses.

Throughout the year members have contributed items to Veterans Haven, Volunteers of America, and participated at Wreaths Across America at Beverly Cemetery. Members made signs so that DAR members could find us in the crowd, which resulted in four South Jersey chapters all participating together.

Theresa Brasko
Chapter Regent

HESTER SCHUYLER COLFAX

JERSEY BLUE

In 2023, the Jersey Blue Chapter gave over 5800 hours of Service to America!

We shared treasured items from our Museum at Buccleuch to area museums. Two portraits were loaned to the Cornelius Low House for their Micah Williams: Portrait Painter exhibit, and our Peter Leupp tall case clock was loaned to Morven Museum and Gardens for their “Striking Beauty” exhibit. Several open house and private tours were held. One on International Museum Day. In August, docents greeted visitors wearing Women’s Suffrage sashes to celebrate the anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

The chapter successfully petitioned the City of New Brunswick to repair the outside of the mansion’s stairs, porch, shutters and deteriorating exposed wood.

Thirty gift bags were given to new citizens at the Naturalization ceremony in Skillman, NJ.

Members donated 134 seed packets to Hindman Settlement School and helped with “Earth Day Clean Up” along the Raritan River.

Over 1000 flags were placed on patriots’ graves for Memorial Day. Members cleaned gravestones, attended Military Appreciation Day and Veterans Day events, sponsored, and placed 100 wreaths for Wreaths Across America, and participated in the dedication of Real Daughter’s grave in Perth Amboy.

Lineage workshops were held at East Jersey Old Town and via Zoom. Members took DAR genealogy training courses, and attended the Genealogy Research Institute in Washington, DC.

The chapter again participated in East Jersey Olde Town History Day. Visitors learned about the DAR and the chapter. Members distributed flags and brochures and celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps with some members dressed in their nursing uniforms! This yearly event has also attracted prospective members!

For Constitution Week, lawn signs were displayed at members’ homes and Buccleuch Park.

For the Fall State Conference, members displayed and collected items for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, and donated baskets filled with books and school supplies.

Two ROTC candidates and an Eagle Scout were recognized with Youth Citizenship Award certificates, medals, and DAR challenge coins.

Service to Veterans continued with members helping in the clothing room and gift shop at Menlo Park Veterans Home. 59 pairs of sweats for Operation Sweatpants were purchased by members who also shopped for and sponsored 15 Veterans Angel gift bags and played Santa by personally delivering over 160 sponsored bags to the residents.

To commemorate the Boston Tea Party's 250th anniversary, the members enjoyed a member led program enlightening the group to what really happened that day, and a quiz!

Social Media Chairs continue to promote the Facebook and Instagram accounts with engaging content attracting thousands of visitors and spreading the word about the DAR!

The chapter has a beautiful public website with a member only section: jerseybluedar.org

One lucky member joined over 40 DAR members from around the world on the Sparkling Units Overseas Conference in Rome, Italy. So much to share, so little space!

Mimi Chu
Chapter Regent

MAJOR JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD

In support of the NJDAR focus project on Historic Preservation, this chapter transcribed two family bibles which were submitted to the National Genealogy Committee.

This chapter organized a DAR Genealogy Workshop at the Verona Public Library. Other participating Chapters included Eagle Rock-Cranetown, Nova Caesarea and Loantaka-Parsippanong. The NJDAR Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission and

NJDAR trained Genealogists were in attendance to assist with lineage research and the DAR application process.

This chapter participated in the American History Essay Contest and held its annual award ceremony at the Bloomfield Civic Center: 84 essays were received from Bloomfield public school students in the fifth and sixth 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 84 essay entrants received Certificates of Appreciation for participating. This Chapter's fifth-grade winner, Gabrielle Tyre was awarded first place in the NJDAR State American History Essay contest. This chapter made a \$25 donation to the "Sock Tsunami" - which was to assist with mailing socks to Indian schools. This chapter provided a bronze ROTC medal to East Orange Campus High School and a gold ROTC medal to NJIT to honor outstanding cadets.

In June, this chapter: presented member Mary Sellitto-Curcio with the DAR Community Service award; presented Xavier Calderon with a \$500 DAR Good Citizen Scholarship at the Bloomfield H.S. award ceremony; received a \$500 NSDAR Celebration Grant; cleaned and restored thirteen headstones in Bloomfield Cemetery; participated in the 2023 NSDAR Junior Membership 5K.

In observance of Independence Day, this chapter held a Revolutionary War Commemoration on July 1, 2023, where a stone memorial was unveiled. The event took place in front of more than one hundred people at Bloomfield Cemetery where thirty-two Revolutionary War Patriots lay at rest. As a recipient of a NSDAR Celebration Grant, this chapter contributed \$500 in grant funds to create the stone monument/memorial which was inscribed with the Patriot names and ranks.

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

In observance of the National Day of Service, this chapter donated eight bags of food items, and \$150 to the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green's food pantry.

This Chapter participated at the Naturalization Ceremony at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in October and made a monetary contribution towards new citizen gift bags.

This chapter welcomed new members Rosemary Diianni by application and Elizabeth Moreland by transfer.

This chapter participated in the Verona Fair in the Square by selling handmade craft items and NJ cookies to raise funds for its DAR Good Citizen Scholarship.

This Chapter participated in Wreaths Across America by sponsoring and attending the wreath laying ceremony at Saint Peter Cemetery in Belleville, NJ. The chapter donated 60 wreaths. At Christmastime, the chapter wrote holiday cards to active servicemembers.

Bonnie Sharkey
Chapter Regent

MATOCHSHONING-REBECCA CORNELL

The Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter continues to build and strengthen the DAR ties of service and friendship throughout the community. Once again, the activities have included special 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 the April meeting, the members were fortunate enough to hear the America 250! Chair, Patricia Sanftner shared plans underway for the celebration of the nation's semiquincentennial. Ms. Sanftner encouraged members to participate in the Revolutionary Veterans Listing project.

The chapter has been well represented at our Spring and Autumn conferences and the chapter was represented by five members and

two voting delegates at the 132nd Continental Congress. Ongoing service efforts include support for the residents of the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home and Lyons Veterans Home. Chapter members marched in Edison Township's Memorial Day parade and presided at the chapter's annual Memorial Day event, 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.

Members participated in Edison township's commemoration of the Battle of Short Hills and participated in the Wreaths Across America program this year, with a ceremony at the monument during which members read aloud the names of the patriots buried in the Old Colonial Ceremony. The Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell chapter is also proud to recognize the service of the 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, the chapter assisted in the cleanup and restoration of the chapter's monument organized as an Eagle Scout Project by a member of the Metuchen Edison Boy Scout Troop #17. Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell members also contributed their time and talent to headstone and cemetery cleanup projects. Through their efforts, approximately 200 headstones were cleaned.

Finally, the chapter celebrated twenty-five years as the newly merged Matochshoning Chapter and the Rebecca Cornell Chapter. On April 24, 2024, the 25th anniversary of this merger, flowers were laid at the gravesite of Mrs. Lillian Lasher Wilson, Matochshoning's organizing chapter regent. Members also celebrated the anniversary with a luncheon held at the Metuchen Country Club, in recognition of this milestone and in honor of Madame State Regent, Diane Oliver and her Board of Management.

Joan McNichol
Chapter Regent

MIDDLETOWN

The Middletown Chapter had a year of growth, adding 16 members by new application and 3 members by reinstatement, closing the year at 39 members. This growth allowed expansion by adding four new committees; expanding Project Patriot to include support for Earle Naval Weapons Station; expanding DAR Service to Veterans to include Vietnam War Commemoration ceremonies; and nominating a candidate for the Outstanding Teacher of American History award. The Annual Veterans Appreciation Lunch was a highlight of the year, providing a free hot lunch to 101 veterans and their families. Commanding officers and staff from both Earle Naval Weapons Station and Coast Guard Sandy Hook helped present Vietnam War Commemoration lapel pins. Holmdel Mayor Lucarelli recognized the veterans, and door prizes were raffled off.

Daughters sponsored 51 wreaths for Fairview Cemetery, including purchasing and laying wreaths at the graves of all Revolutionary War and Vietnam Killed-In-Action veterans who are buried there. They also attended the Convoy to Arlington.

They attended a Cremains Ceremony, made ten Quilts of Valor for local veterans, sent a care package to a veteran receiving PTSD treatment and another one to a newly deployed Marine. Their annual holiday drive delivered 442 pounds of food, \$450 gift cards, frozen turkeys, blankets, and books to local veterans during the holidays.

Vietnam War Commemoration Honorary Partner Ceremonies were held at VVA Chapters 12 and 721 as well as the State VVA Council. A total of 122 VWC lapel pins were presented throughout the year.

In support of Project Patriot, Middletown Daughters supported the food pantry at Earle Naval Weapons Station and donated five “Welcome to the World” baby baskets filled with essential supplies for new babies born to the sailors.

This chapter embraced historic preservation. Major cleanups were organized in four cemeteries, 185 headstones were cleaned, 13 fallen stones were reset, and 6 fractured stones were repaired. Strong partnerships were continued with the local community to accomplish this.

Finding unmarked or illegible graves, the Middletown Daughters placed markers and held ceremonies to honor eight Revolutionary War Patriots. Ceremonies drew 150 attendees collectively, including local elected officials, students, the SAR and other community members. The grave of one War of 1812 veteran was also marked and dedicated.

Middletown Chapter uncovered the lost story of the British Brig Britannia captured off the coast of Port Monmouth and wrote a superb article for the Monmouth Timeline, who, in turn, published it and commissioned a painting. The painting was then donated to the Middletown Township Historical Society and is now on display at the Middletown library.

Fifty new citizens were welcomed at a naturalization ceremony; a DAR Good Citizen scholarship winner was awarded; four Youth Citizenship medals, one Community Service Award and one Women in American History Medal were awarded. One DAR Americanism Medal nominee was submitted.

When not busy serving America, chapter members enjoyed learning about local history through tours of the Parker, Portland and Seabrook-Wilson houses and by attending a deed workshop at the Monmouth County Archives.

Michele Donnelly
Chapter Regent

MOORESTOWN

2023 was a banner year for the Moorestown Chapter. We welcomed thirteen new members to our chapter, the largest number in a single year since at least 2014, and we are proud of the work

the registrar, chaplain, and Membership Committee have done to welcome those new members.

The Chapter had six in person meetings as well as the annual Spring and Christmas luncheons. The Spring luncheon was an opportunity for members to honor their ancestors who fought in the American Civil War. Members provided photographs and a brief biographical sketch of their ancestor; the photos were used as centerpieces on each table. The guest speaker, Jane Peters-Estes, discussed the life experiences of women in the 19th century. At the Christmas luncheon, Charlie Zahm, a local musician, entertained the members with Christmas songs, Celtic music, and colonial era ballads.

Two field trips rounded out the chapter activities for 2023. In April members toured the Peter Mott House in Lawnside, New Jersey, and learned about the role of Peter Mott in the local underground railroad. In October, the chapter toured the Whitall Mansion and had an opportunity to enjoy a balmy autumn day at the Redbank Battlefield.

Service remains a central focus for the chapter. In March members collected non-perishable packaged food items and full-sized toiletries for Operation Yellow Ribbon. In September members collected school supplies to donate to the Riverside School district. The chapter sponsored 150 wreaths for Wreaths Across America, collected old blankets for the local animal shelter, new blankets for people who were spending their holiday in the hospital, and at the Christmas luncheon the chapter donated three grocery carts full of nonperishable food items for the food pantry at the First Baptist Church of Moorestown. Members gave of their time to clean tombstones at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Cemetery in Burlington, they volunteered at Moorestown Day, marched in the local 4th of July Parade, assisted with a naturalization ceremony, and participated in Wreaths Across America. The chapter never forgets our veterans, and in 2023 members logged 950 miles for veterans' services, donated over \$4000 in goods and \$500 in cash to the Vineland Veterans Homes and other veterans' programs.

The chapter also filled sixty “swag” bags for veterans at a JROTC breakfast on Veterans Day.

The chapter was also honored to award a deserving young woman a scholarship to the Alice Paul Institute as well as two Good Citizen Awards in 2023.

The chapter celebrated and accomplished a great deal in 2023, but have also learned to grieve together, as a memorial service was held for three of our departed members: Ellie Mink, Marian Taranto, and Linda Godfrey. The ties of DAR friendship drew the members together as we remembered the lives of our departed members and rededicated ourselves to serving the chapter and communities.

In October the chapter received a Celebration Grant which our chapter will use toward marking the grave of Revolutionary War patriot, Bowes Reed in Burlington, New Jersey.

Leslie A. Peck
Chapter Regent

MORRISTOWN

This chapter regent is pleased to report we welcomed 34 new members in 2023, eight were junior members. Chapter members had 44 supplemental applications pending at National, 36 of which were sent in 2023, and three supplemental applications were verified.

Chapter meetings are held at the Schuyler Hamilton House (SHH). Volunteer chapter members conduct tours at the SHH. Service of 12 DAR-proven patriots, that connect to Morristown’s Military history are included in the tour.

The Morristown Chapter hosted a DAR Marker/VA Headstone dedication ceremony recognizing patriot Dr. Jabez Campfield at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown burial ground. Honored guests included the NJDAR State Regent, NJSSAR President;

Officers from the Society of the Cincinnati, reenactment organizations, along with the Minister, and members of the church. Daughters and Campfield descendants from Texas, NY, and California were among the 160+ guests at the event.

In August, 70+ people attended the chapter-sponsored cemetery/headstone preservation workshop at the Morristown Presbyterian Church.

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

The Morristown Chapter exceeded our Wreaths Across America goal of 149 wreaths, donating 179 to Holy Rood Cemetery, \$100 to Bacone College, \$1,059 to Welcome Home Vets of New Jersey, \$100 to Good Citizens chapter winner, \$100 to JrROTC bronze medal award winner, and 21 quilts to NJ VA facilities.

America 250! Projects continued in 2023. A database of more than 2000 Morris County Revolutionary War Veterans continues to be developed. This chapter regent is working with the Morris County Heritage Commission to develop county-wide America 250! Programs.

Our activities with students and veterans continued in 2023, chapter members participated in events and programs at the All-Veterans Memorial and the Naturalization Ceremony held at Morristown NHP. This chapter regent along with her registrar were honored to have been asked to volunteer at the WAA Escort to Arlington stop in Springfield, NJ on December 12.

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

Our chapter members go above and beyond. We continued our traditional quilt-pinning DAR Day of Service activities in October. Carrie Efinger indexed 22,036 patriot names and recorded 1,318 volunteer hours. Bobbi Bailey spearheaded the state-wide Bible transcription project and presented two volumes totaling 656 pages at the NJDAR Spring Conference. Most of the information in the 2-volumes were from Morristown Chapter members. The chapter

was awarded a William G. Pomeroy Foundation marker to honor enslaved Revolutionary War soldier Cudjo Banquante who served under Captain Peter Dickerson of Morristown. A marker dedication ceremony is being planned for 2024.

This chapter regent was pleased to present a Historic Preservation Recognition Award and pin, approved by the National Vice Chair to chapter member Linda Simonsen for her work documenting the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon's cemetery.

This Regent is honored to serve her chapter, NJDAR, and NSDAR.

Margaret 'Peg' Shultz
Chapter Regent

NOVA CAESAREA

This officer was approved by NBOM in February 2023 to be the chapter regent. The goal of this chapter regent is to revitalize the chapter, the oldest in the State of New Jersey.

Requesting the registrar and treasury reports were top priorities. This chapter regent attended the state conference and workshops and updated the bylaws which had not been done since 2003. A quorum vote is needed for approval.

In June the chapter met for a luncheon in Bloomfield.

This regent attended Continental Congress and heard the reports and qualifications of the Vice President Generals.

In September the chapter met at the Montclair Library where the members gave out four Constitution Week posters to the Montclair and Newark Libraries. The Newark Library also received from the chapter Preamble and Pledge of Allegiance bookmarks and a certificate for Constitution Week.

In October the chapter hosted Ms. Mazen from Oklahoma who spoke about Indian schools and tribes. The members also commemorated the National Day of Service by giving Community Service Certificates to the firemen at Ladder 8- Engine 16 in Newark along with a lunch and a Challenge Coin.

A few members attended a Veteran Day Luncheon and donated to the Veteran's Food Pantry.

This chapter received two transfers from the Saddle River Chapter, one reinstatement and a new member. The chapter is working on three applications.

In November members met with the Morristown Chapter to discuss Cudjo and the marker at NJPAC scheduled for 2025. The final chapter meeting for the year included going to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and lunch in New York City.

Lynn R. Luehrs
Nova Caesarea Chapter Regent

OAK TREE

February saw this Regent's second year off at a run with guest speaker, Southern District Director, Jeannine Ingenito, giving the chapter a pep talk on what DAR means to all of us. The Bylaws were completed and typed, printed, and sent out by Librarian, Marcia Kates. Way to go Marcia!

February also saw the regent, historian and librarian participate in New Sweden day at City Park, Riverview, in Pennsville, N.J. with talks and displays of the daily lives of the Swedish colony that occupied the local area.

For Earth Day, several Daughters participated in the planting of an Oak tree in the local park as well as the Community College. The speaker, Alecia Hogate was the driving force behind the planting of the two Oak trees.

In May, a tea was held for the Daughters with a guest speaker who regaled the members with her love of quilt making and what the quilts actually signified. It was a most enjoyable event to close the Spring meeting and was well attended by twenty daughters and guests.

Several of our Daughters were present at the Memorial Day Service at the local Veterans Cemetery and the flag raising ceremony in June.

Daughters took the opportunity once more during Farm Day in June and the Fall Festival in October to educate the patrons who attended these two events about the Daughters of the American Revolution and Wreaths Across America.

Chapter Regent, Mary Anne Wagoner tried her hand this year at making and displaying several Constitution boards as well as handouts of Constitution booklets and bookmarks at our local library.

The chapter participated in Service to America with canned and bagged food as well as monetary donations for the local animal shelter. 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 was the second year participating in the three-year venture of addressing and sending 250 cards for the DAR Project Patriot Committee "Operation Cards to the Military." Over seven women participated.

The Chapter continued its support once more for Wreaths Across America, now in its fifteenth year. Marcia Kates taking over for Helen Petrin as chairman and the regent, Mary Anne Wagoner as her co-chair. A most important event held at Finn's Point, Pennsville, N.J. Veterans Cemetery which supports the mission to "Remember, Honor, and Teach," which honors active and retired veteran members of all military units.

It would be a remission if this regent didn't honor these women for their tireless and selfless acts in support of this great Institution, "Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mary Anne Lowe Wagoner
Chapter Regent

OLD WHITE HOUSE-GENERAL FRELINGHUYSEN-COLONEL LOWREY

The Old White House - General Frelinghuysen - Colonel Lowrey Chapter has made strides in letting the community know what the DAR is about and what its mission is.

Annual activities included Constitution Week displays in three libraries, collecting items for the veterans at Lyons Hospital, awarding six Youth Citizenship Awards to eighth graders at local schools, and in December they placed wreaths in the Chapter owned cemetery. Also, that month, two members were inducted at the holiday party. Five members joined a genealogy workshop sponsored by the David Forman Penelope Hart Chapter which also proved to be a great way to get to know other NJDAR members.

The Good Citizen Award was revived and had three schools each nominate a student who also participated in the essay contest. The emergency responders in the town where most of the Chapter meetings are held were brought food as a way of thanks.

To branch out into the community, the United States Constitution was placed in six free little libraries in three towns. The Chapter was invited to the 1759 Vought House Spring Open House where they had a table to introduce attendees to the DAR. Two members attended a luncheon honoring a county historian. Some other members created a basket of goodies to take to the school that their children attended in honor of Teacher Appreciation. Members decorated a float and entered the 76th Annual Lebanon Boro Fourth of July parade where float riders, some dressed in colonial costume, greeted the crowds with shouts of "Huzzah!" The Chapter won a trophy for Most Patriotic float. Another way the Chapter raised awareness of the DAR was by taking part in the Festival of Trees at the Red Mill in Clinton. The tree decorated by five members celebrated America's upcoming 250th birthday. The Red Mill Museum Village is also where the September meeting

was held, afterward a tour of the historic property was given to the group of sixteen members.

Catherine Parette is a member who is always willing to help. She was the lead decorator of the Christmas tree displayed at the Red Mill. She thoroughly documents the Chapter's activities through her photographs. In addition to her DAR work, Catherine was just nominated to the Board of Directors for the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route - NJ and she attends many SAR events with her veteran father.

Memorial Park Cemetery that is maintained by the Chapter in Whitehouse Station has been in need of maintenance. This year marks the placement of a new updated sign, the painting of the flagpole, and the pruning and removal of trees that were overgrown or had fallen. Spearheading the new sign project was Amy Matza, Catherine Parette, and Diane Bell. This new sign is now more visible from the road attracting the attention of those passing by.

Monica Sharp
Chapter Regent

POLLY WYCKOFF-DAVID DEMAREST

The Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest Chapter is pleased to report on the activities for the 2023 year. All the 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.

2023 began with a business meeting wherein the budget was approved and chapter standing rules were amended and adopted. Chapter meetings are held at either the regent's home, a historical site, a country club or the town library for larger groups. Although the chapter has 71 members, approximately 12 regularly attend the

meetings. Zoom has been set up for those who would like to attend but cannot.

When the county historical society has an event (which are numerous), several members set up a table display which is representative of the DAR motto: God, Home, and Country. Available for guests to take home are Bibles, Constitution booklets, flag pamphlets and information about DAR. Suitable information for children is also available. Members are present throughout the events to converse with attendees and answer questions to promote membership of DAR.

The ladies participated in two naturalization ceremonies, presenting gift bags for the new citizens. The chapter was named in the county newspaper for participation.

Old photo albums from years past were digitized and presented at a chapter meeting, promoting laughter and good cheer while members enjoyed lunch together.

The chapter large service project was for Canine Companions wherein gifts were made, and assembled and welcome bags were distributed for newly disabled veterans lucky enough to be gifted a trained service dog. Handwritten notes were included in the bags. An Amazon wish list was distributed for those who wanted an opportunity to donate to the bags in absentia, thus giving all chapter members the pleasure to participate.

Members later attended a Veterans Day dinner honoring veterans where the chapter presented a sizable donation to the Canine Companion organization which was the sponsor of the dinner. Additionally, members later prepared a wonderful chapter program about Canine Companions. Trained dogs and veterans attended, and the public was invited in addition to neighboring chapters. The slide presentation was submitted to the DAR VIS committee for special consideration.

Menlo Park Veterans were the recipients of donations for Christmas gifts and toiletries. Wreaths Across America also received special donations.

The DAR schools and many other organizations received monetary gifts. The chapter went beyond the goal for service hours and continued to record names for the Patriot Records Project. Suiting clothes were collected for a donation to veterans going back to the workplace.

Chapter members enjoy being Daughters of the American Revolution and finding many opportunities to come together and serve.

Marilyn Neagle
Chapter Regent

PRINCETON

AMERICA 250!: In preparation for the Celebration, the Chapter's Grave Marker Project has raised over \$3,000. Thus far, one application was submitted to National for approval. The Princeton Chapter is part of the *Central Jersey Bucks Country 250 Consortium* to co-operatively plan for an area wide celebration for the 250th birthday. The Springdale Golf Club and the Princeton Battlefield Society requested help in finding a *Bicentennial Quilt* made at the Princeton YMCA in 1976. Constance Wieler tracked it down at the State Museum in Trenton and it is now slated for display at The Morven Museum.

CONSTITUTION WEEK: The US Constitution was observed during a Chapter meeting, pocket US Constitution booklets were given to children at Young Patriots Day.

DAR/SAR/S.R.NJ: A Legacy Dinner was held, with representatives from the legacy units that fought at the Battles of Trenton and Princeton. Attending were officers and friends of the Daughters of the American Revolution, The Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the Cincinnati, friends of Washington Crossing Historic Park, and the Princeton Battlefield Society. The

Chapter serves with the local SAR and *The Spirit of Princeton* in all wreath-laying ceremonies in Princeton.

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS: Chapter members participated in Experience the Battle of Princeton and the wreath laying ceremony attended by >500 people, with 300 re-enactors and members of the Color Guard of the National Society, SAR and the General Society, Sons of the Revolution were joined by re-enactors, officers, and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution from both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Societies, officers and members of the Society of the Cincinnati, local dignitaries, and officers of the legacy unit representatives with lineage to the battles of Trenton and Princeton.

GENEALOGY: Pat Romagna completed GEP1, GEP2, GEP3, GEP4, GEP5, GEP6, and GEP7.

MEMBERSHIP: A questionnaire to the membership revealed that they want to participate in community comparative activities and events. The new member Welcome Kit gives new members a way to participate easily. The New Member Tea was a success in enrolling new members to become active. The new website will be posted in January.

PATRIOTISM: Helen Rancan spoke at the July 4 wreath ceremony at the Princeton Battlefield. Claudia Anderson submitted a nomination for the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal to a Princeton firefighter.

VETERANS: Active-Duty service members were greeted at Newark Liberty Airport by Helen Rancan and \$1,000 worth of donated food items to the USO returning veterans.

OTHER: The Chapter gained a 1st Vice Regent, Helen Rancan, and a new Treasurer, Stacy DeSouza. Vice Regent, Helen Rancan completed the Member Course. Work is underway to build a new Chapter website with the help of VIS.

Rosemary Kelley
Chapter Regent

RED BANK

Red Bank Chapter held seven regular meetings, and three board meetings. Members held a chapter tea and Happy Hour for engagement. The chapter had an outing at The Indian King Tavern where a private tour of the museum was enjoyed and some attended Hearth Cooking Class at Ann Whitehall house in National Park. Red Bank Chapter joined other NJDAR Chapters in Washington DC for the Annual Christmas Open House by the Pamela Wright Administration.

The current chapter member count is 58, eight associate members. Sadly, the chapter grieved the loss of two members, Sally Livoti and Margret Cloak. Also lost was a longtime associate member, Mary Cloud Hollingshead. Four new members Megan Kaczynski, Sharon Natale, Emily Price and Heather Runyon have been sworn in. Nancy Cohen celebrating 65 years with DAR.

Red Bank volunteered over 2000 hours, Meals on Wheels, Sorting clothes for nonprofit, supporting Vocation Bible School and other church functions, Food Bank Collection, food gleaming at local farms, tutoring college students, collecting trash along highway. During several meetings, members wrote our cards or packed up boxes of items for Vineland Veterans home. Afterwards, members discussed and planned future gatherings as this group has many wonderful ideas.

April, members attended New Jersey State DAR Conference where Chapter Regent Diane Bacher accepted an award from President General Pamela Wright on behalf of the Red Bank Chapter. Some members helped celebrate 100th Anniversary of SAR at their luncheon in Cherry Hill and attend Haddonfield's annual fund raiser. June Continual Congress was attended by several members.

For Historical Preservation, members have been cleaning headstones at Bethal Mill Cemetery in Sewell. The chapter was able to purchase products to aid in this endeavor. Red Bank has several members whose ancestors are buried there. Marker placed at Benjamin Clark site, and we were able to locate 24 Patriots for future clean up.

The chapter historian is currently updating and restoring Red Bank Chapter records.

For Service to America, members collected food for local food banks, several members supplied meals to local disabled people.

The chapter National Defense Committee chairperson presented a Bronze JROTC to Clayton High School Student Mira Purdue and articles read at each meeting.

For Flag Committee, the chapter provided a flag program at every meeting, provided flags and code cards at Red Bank Battlefield Reenactment and July 4th parade.

The Good Citizens Awards were held in April at the Pitman Library Committee. Award certificate and gift cards went to Gabriella Caselli, Jackson Heil, Stephanie Onuoha.

For Commemorative Events, members participated in the Pitman July 4th Parade, 25 members and family were in period attire. For the American 250 flag, we took 1st place and won monetary award. Displays were set up at the annual Red Bank Battlefield Reenactment and the chapter regent ran the Jonas Cattel 10 mile run from Haddonfield to Red Bank Battlefield. At every meeting a Red Bank member's patriot is shared with other members to honor patriots.

American Indians donations were made in honor of our deceased members and to support another chapter's Indian program with shipping cost. The committee presents a program at every meeting.

Diane Bacher
Chapter Regent

SADDLE RIVER

The Saddle River Chapter spent the first half of 2023 soliciting members to attend meetings and assist in the running of the chapter. Unfortunately, not enough members wanted to be on the Executive Board or attend meetings, and the chapter could no longer conduct business. The chapter reached out to surrounding chapters for a possible merger, but no neighboring chapter was receptive to a merger with Saddle River. In the summer of 2023, the membership voted to disband.

The State Organizing Secretary, Gayle Loftis, assisted members in relocating to other chapters.

Angela Perkins
Chapter Regent

SHREWSBURY TOWNE-MONMOUTH

2023 was a rewarding and busy year for the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter.

This chapter spread the word about the NSDAR's pillars of Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism. The chapter sponsored two local organizations for an NSDAR Historic Preservation Grant with The Monmouth County Historical Association granted \$10,000. This chapter gave The Ellen Hardin Walworth Medal for Patriotism, 10 DAR Good Citizens Awards, three Gold ROTC medals, and one Literacy Promotion Award. Candidates were nominated for the Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award and the Outstanding Teacher of American History. The chapter donated one book to the DAR Library and nominated a children's book titled *Revolutionary Prudence Wright: Leading the Minute Women in the Fight for Independence* by Beth Anderson for the DAR Children's History Book Award.

Three judges graded over 500 American History Essays from eight schools and held an award ceremony and reception for the participating students, teachers, and families at which supplies for the Hindman School were collected. The chapter's winning sixth grade student placed first in the state, first in the Eastern Division, and third in the nation! The chapter's winning eighth grade student placed first in the state, and first in the Eastern Division!

Nearly 3400 books were collected for the Bridge of Books Foundation. This effort involved a month-long collection at local libraries. Chapter members collected, sorted, packed, and delivered the books.

For Service for Veterans this chapter collected and delivered calendars, personal care items and Veterans Angel holiday gift bags for Veterans at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park. The chapter's relationship with the Soldier On facility for homeless veterans was deepened with monthly visits featuring crafts, games, and treats. A Veterans' Day appreciation luncheon was prepared for the residents and a holiday wreath laying ceremony was held at its eternal flame. This chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America event and sponsored 126 wreaths for Fair View Cemetery.

The grave of a chapter Patriot was marked, a new DAR patriot was approved and approval from National for marking the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots in local church graveyards was received. This chapter partnered with a local VFW Post for a flag retirement ceremony and collected nearly 100 flags for the ceremony. NJDAR and NSDAR Project Patriot efforts were organized including collecting and sending donations to Naval Weapons Station Earle and USS Gerald Ford. Members sponsored and participated in a naturalization ceremony.

Commemorative events were a priority as chapter members planned and participated in Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Boston Tea Party and Constitution Week events. Constitution Week displays were created for 11 local libraries. Chapter members

participated in NSDAR's National Day of Service by cleaning headstones in a local historic graveyard.

This chapter was honored that seven members served at the state level and was pleased to welcome 11 new members. Several members attended the Spring and Fall NJDAR conferences as well as Continental Congress.

It is an honor to serve this administration.

Leslie Moraller Clark
Chapter Regent

THE COASTAL WATCH

The Coastal Watch Chapter had a very successful year in 2023. The members, associates, and prospective members all joined in numerous activities.

The chapter celebrated Valentines Day with the women veterans at the Soldier On community in Tinton Falls, New Jersey by distributing Valentine themed goodie bags, American Spirit Magazines, and donated books to their library.

In May, The Coastal Watch Chapter hosted a DAR Genealogy Workshop. NJDAR National Membership Engagement Committee Chair, Ruth Ryno led the workshop. The chapter signed twelve new applications for prospective members.

The chapter held its annual "Meet & Greet" at the Allenhurst Beach Club for members and prospective members. Twelve new members recited the DAR Oath of Membership as they were welcomed to The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Coastal Watch Chapter celebrated Veterans Day in November by hosting a breakfast at Soldier On veterans community.

Everyone enjoyed meeting the veterans and hearing their stories of their service to America.

The chapter registrar attended and participated in the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party with the DAR in December. Chapter members donated tea which was used during the celebration.

Chapter members collaborated with a local rotary club and town historical society to participate in Wreaths Across America (WAA) in December. 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 continue to focus on veterans’ projects and increasing membership and fundraising in 2024.

Susan Addison Shaw
The Coastal Watch Chapter Regent

WESTFIELD

The Westfield Chapter has had another exciting year during 2023! The Chapter remained active, productive, and engaged with the members in many exciting DAR initiatives. Chapter membership totals 83 plus three associate members and proudly surpassing the new member challenge! Member E-Newsletters were sent out monthly and PR ran in the paper for almost every event. As a leftover skill from the pandemic, the chapter continued to host ZOOM meetings as an option to remain in touch with our members.

The Fashion Competition Committee met in January to judge the students’ hand-made garments, and winners were selected. Several of the winners were also selected and recognized at the NJDAR

Spring Conference. Board activity included nominations for key leadership roles of Regent, Recording Secretary and Chaplin. Nominations received membership endorsement, with an officer swearing in at the February 25th Chapter meeting. Westfield Chapter Good Citizen Committee members met throughout the months of April and May to present to students at South Plainfield, Scotch Plains/ Fanwood, Westfield, and Wardlaw-Hartridge High Schools. Winners received a DAR certificate, pin, and a monetary prize. Later in the summer a group of members also met with the Chapter sponsor of this program to present a certificate of appreciation for the continued support. The chapter meeting in the month of May was hosted at the historic Reeve House in Westfield, which is the location of the original Chapter Charter incorporated in 1921, at the same location! New members include a centenarian! Weekend activities included members placing grave-marker flags for Veteran's at Fairview Cemetery. A member delegation carried the Chapter Banner in the Westfield Memorial Day Parade, and finally, robust member support at the Menlo Park Veteran's Home continued throughout the year.

Chapter member Julie Diddell managed the Washington-Rochambeau "March to Yorktown Day" event and parade. The Chapter hosted a table within the "encampment", where four new potential members were recruited! Julie will be organizing this event, as well as other activities centered around the upcoming 250th Anniversary celebrations.

Autumn events included the Wine & Cheese Chapter Meeting, a Constitutional Week Proclamation with the Westfield Mayor, Veteran's Day wreath presentation with nine members, holiday card writing for Veteran's, participation at Springfield Chapter hosting of "Wreaths Across America" and finally establishing the new "Regent's Reindeer Run" that including members caroling at the homes of four elder, homebound Daughters.

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 and fulfill the NSDAR mission.

Mary Anne Healy-Rodriguez
Chapter Regent

YE OLDE NEWTON-NASSAU

This chapter had many activities in 2023 to fulfill many committee and state goals. The chapter started the year with a new member. Four members attended the NJDAR Spring Conference and four attended the Autumn meeting where they attended workshops and helped create study flash cards for study aids for those applying for citizenship. Several members worked on the State Historians soldier listing project. This chapter continues to donate goods to the Vineland Veterans' Home. The chapter collected school supplies and contributed books and money to a local charter school. The chapter also collected can tabs and bottle caps for donation. The chapter members learned to loom knit and made hats and scarves that were donated to veterans and charities. The chapter held a book fair fundraiser and rang a bell at a chapter meeting to celebrate Constitution Week.

Two members participated in the 5K fundraiser for the Junior Membership Helen Pouch Fund. One member walked the 5K at Continental Congress with the Juniors. One member participated in a nature walk with other chapters and the state regent. Three members attended the Ex-Regents' Club and State Officers' Club luncheons. The chapter held a book club discussion where many reading selections were exchanged.

The chapter sponsored a Good Citizen from Cinnaminson High School.

A member, Mary E. “Beth” Pomponio was given the Women in History certificate for her work toward the addition of the only woman recognized on a Camden County American Revolution Heritage Trail. This woman, camp follower Mary Swain, was also given the honor of Women in History. Both are featured on the national website.

This chapter is proud to have member Josephine A. Guscott serve the state society as Recording Secretary. Jo attended Continental Congress in Washington, DC in June.

Member, Mary E. “Beth” Pomponio graduated from the Members Leadership training course.

This chapter’s ongoing activities include posts to Facebook for many commemorative events and society news. The chapter logged 122 Service to America hours. One member attended two Camden County History Alliance meetings representing the chapter to further historical education. The chapter ended the year with two members and one HODAR attending the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Beverly National Cemetery. Jo Guscott had the honor of placing a wreath for the Merchant marines at the Wreaths Across America ceremony in Holmdel.

Mary E. Pomponio
Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter
Registrar

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**ARTICLE I BYLAWS OF
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**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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