



THE NEW JERSEY STATE SOCIETY
of the
National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

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2021 ~ 2022

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2021-2022

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**New Jersey State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
130TH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE**

NATIONAL THEME
"RISE AND SHINE FOR AMERICA"

STATE THEME
"LIKE A CANDLE SHINES, SO DOES OUR MEMBERSHIP"

MEETING THEME
"NEW JERSEY AND YOU—HISTORICALLY PERFECT TOGETHER"

April 28–April 30, 2022
The Crowne Plaza Princeton
WEBSITE: MEMBERS.NJDAR.ORG



Bonnie Nevard Matthews
NJDAR State Regent

“Neither do people light a candle and put it under a bushel; but on a candlestick, and it gives light to all that are in the house.” Matthew 5:15



★ OUR CONFERENCE GUESTS ★



Peggy Carney Troxell
NSDAR Recording Secretary General

Laura McCrillis Kessler
NSDAR Historian General



Patrice F. Birner
New York State Regent

Roberta Cecile Wimberley
Tennessee State Regent



Shari Thorne-Sulima
National Chair, DAR Property
Beautification and Hospitality Committee

Patrice Delorey Hatcher
Massachusetts District III Director
Deborah Sampson Chapter



NJDAR 130th ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

April 28 – 30, 2022

Thursday, April 28, 2022

2:30-4:30 p.m. Registration & Credentials

Workshops:

1:00-3:00 p.m. Topping it off: Making an 18th Century Cap

1:00-2:30 p.m. Navigating Websites – Tech Talks

1:00-2:30 p.m. Navigating DAR-Protocol, Pins, Insignia

2:30-4:00 p.m. New Members Introduction to DAR

2:30-4:00 p.m. Dollars and Sense - New & Existing Treasurers

3:00-4:00 p.m. How DAR (e) they send me an Air!

4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday Night Fun Night

5:30-6:30 p.m. Mediterranean Reception

6:30-8:30 p.m. Jersey Girls Dinner

9:00-11:00 p.m. Meet and Greet in State Regent's Suite

Friday, April 29, 2022

8:00-9:30 a.m. Registration, Credentials, Post Box

9:00 a.m. Committee, Chapter & Exhibit Tables

10:00-11:30 a.m. Morning Business Session

12:00-2:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Luncheon

Featuring Guest Speaker

Sharon K. (Shari) Thorne-Sulima

National Chair, Property Beautification & Hospitality

2:00-3:00 p.m. Afternoon Business Session

3:00-5:00 p.m. Committee, Chapter & Exhibit Tables

4:30-5:30 p.m. Photographs

5:30-6:30 p.m. Oliver Associates Reception

6:30 p.m. Banquet - Featuring Keynote Address by

Laura McCrillis Kessler, Historian General

Receiving Line following the Banquet

9:00-11:00 p.m. Reception in State Regent's Suite

Saturday, April 20, 2022

- 8:00-9:30 a.m. Registration, Credentials, Post Box
9:00 a.m. Committee, Chapter & Exhibit Tables
8:15-8:45 a.m. Awards Day Registration – Entrance to Amphitheater
8:15-8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast for Students, Teachers & Parents Only – Outside Amphitheater
8:45-9:45 a.m. Awards Day Ceremony --Amphitheater
10:00-11:30 a.m. Morning Business Session
11:30-12:00 p.m. Memorial Service
1:00 p.m. Outstanding Teacher/Awards Luncheon
1:30-2:00 p.m. Special Presentation featuring:

“The New Jersey State Chorus”

- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Afternoon Business Session & Installation

NSDAR 130th ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE
Friday, April 29, 2022
BUSINESS SESSION - 10:00 a.m.

Bonnie Nevard Matthews, State Regent, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO ORDER Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

INVOCATION Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

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

THE AMERICAN'S CREED Donna Hare, State Librarian

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
 Sarah Tarpine-Smith, Constitution Chair

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
 Linda Chesko, State Chorus Chair

GREETINGS FROM DENISE DORING VANBUREN,
PRESIDENT GENERAL
 Diane Waugh Oliver, State Vice Regent

GREETINGS FROM PHILIP MURPHY, GOVERNOR OF NEW
JERSEY Jane Daly, State Corresponding Secretary

WELCOME Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

GREETINGS FROM THE HONORARY STATE OFFICERS

Cornelia Ball Olde, Honorary State

GREETINGS FROM GUESTS Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

Peggy Carney Troxell, Recording Secretary General

Laura McCrillis Kessler, Historian General

Patrice F. Birner, New York State Regent

Roberta Cecile Wimberley, Tennessee State Regent

Sharon K. (Shari) Thorne-Sulima, National Chair,

DAR Property Beautification and Hospitality

Patrice Delorey Hatcher, Massachusetts District III Director

INTRODUCTION OF STATE OFFICERS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

Diane W. Oliver, State Vice Regent

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary

Jane Daly, State Corresponding Secretary

Catherine Medich, State Organizing Secretary

Linda Jurczak, State Treasurer

Theresa Brasko, State Registrar

Deborah Hvizdos, State Historian

Donna Hare, State Librarian

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Heather Smith-Varner, Page Chair

INTRODUCTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Grace McAfee, State Chair

FIRST REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Beatrice Boyce, State Chair

STANDING RULES

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary

PROGRAM

Jane Daly, State Corresponding Secretary

REPORTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

Diane Oliver, State Vice Regent

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary

Jane Dale, State Corresponding Secretary

Catherine Medich, State Organizing Secretary

Linda Jurczak, State Treasurer

Theresa Brasko, State Registrar

Deborah Hvizdos, State Historian

Donna Hare, State Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

Linda Jurczak, State Treasurer

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Diane Oliver, State Vice Regent

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Barbara Pierson, Northern District Director

Ann Rotunno, Central District Director

Pamela Campbell, Southern District Director

REPORT OF THE CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT AND
REVITALIZATION COMMISSION Ruth Ryno, State Chair

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary

Friday, April 29, 2022

LUNCHEON AND AFTERNOON SESSION - 12:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

BLESSING

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

LUNCHEON

INTRODUCTION OF FEATURED LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

Sharon K. (Shari) Thorne-Sulima

National Chair, DAR Property Beautification and Hospitality

**“DAR Behind the Scenes: The Histories and
Mysteries of our House Beautiful”**



BUSINESS MEETINGS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS CONTINUED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary

BENEDICTION

RETIRING OF COLORS

BANQUET – 6:30 p.m.

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO ORDER

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

INVOCATION

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Katherine Cook, Flag Chair

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

Pamela Campbell, Southern District Director

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Terry Brasko, State Registrar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Linda Chesko, State Chorus

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 NEW JERSEY OUTSTANDING JUNIOR MEMBER

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Heather Varner, State Chair

BLESSING

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

*****DINNER*****

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
LAURA MCCRILLIS KESSLER, HISTORIAN GENERAL
“NEW JERSEY’S HISTORIC TREASURES”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary

BENEDICTION

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

RECESSIONAL

RECEIVING LINE TO FOLLOW

Saturday April 30, 2022
BUSINESS SESSION – 10:00 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO ORDER

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

INVOCATION

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

Kathy Cook, State Chair

THE AMERICAN’S CREED

Donna Hare, State Librarian

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

Sarah Tarpine-Smith, State Chair

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Linda Chesko, State Chair

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

GREETINGS FROM THE HONORARY STATE OFFICERS

Cornelia Ball Olde, Honorary State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

Peggy Carney Troxell, Recording Secretary General

Laura McCrillis Kessler, Historian General

Patrice F. Birner, New York State Regent

Roberta Cecile Wimberley, Tennessee State Regent

Shari Thorne-Sulima, National Chair of the DAR Property

Beautification and Hospitality Committee

Patrice Hatcher, Massachusetts District III Director

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Heather Smith-Varner, State Chair

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Grace McAfee, State Chair

FINAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Beatrice Boyce, State Chair

REPORT OF THE FOUNDERS COMMITTEE

Cornelia B. Olde, President Founders Committee

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE OFFICE 2022-2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary

MEMORIAL SERVICE – 11:00 a.m.

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain



MUSICAL PRELUDE

INVOCATION

CHAPTER ROLL CALL

District Directors

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

BENEDICTION

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

The assembly is requested to remain in place until the platform is cleared, exiting in reverent silence.

POSTLUDE

AWARDS LUNCHEON – 1:00 p.m.

PROCESSIONAL

INTRODUCTION OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Pamela Campbell, Southern District Director

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Bonnie Matthews, State Regent

BLESSING

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

LUNCH

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

NJDAR State Outstanding American History Teacher
New Jersey Daughter of Distinction

Little Chapter that Could
Outstanding Chapter Regent
Lifetime Service Award

ELECTION OF 2022-2025 STATE OFFICERS

INSTALLATION OF STATE OFFICERS 2022-2025

Peggy Troxell, Recording Secretary General

INVITATION TO THE AUTUMN STATE MEETING

Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent Elect

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary

BENEDICTION

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

ADJOURNMENT

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

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| GENERAL CHAIR OF CONFERENCES | Lynda Aber |
| VICE CHAIRS | Samantha Seamans-Frizzell Melissa Wetzel |
| GUEST HOSPITALITY | Joanne Cosh Beatrice Kota Allyn Perry |
| BAKER | Katherine Cook |
| REGISTRATION/RESERVATIONS | Bea Boyce Alice Incorvaia |
| PARLIAMENTARY ADVISOR | Diane Argraves |

HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Southern District Chapters
Pamela Campbell, Southern District Director

Ann Whitall
Cape May Patriots
Captain Joshua Huddy
Colonel Thomas Reynolds
General Lafayette
Great John Mathis
Greenwich Tea Burning
Haddonfield
Moorestown
Oak Tree
Red Bank
Ye Olde Newton-Nassau

PAGES

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| STATE CHAIR | Heather Smith-Varner |
| STATE VICE CHAIRS | Stephanie Teagarden Ashley Wasser |
| PERSONAL PAGES TO THE STATE REGENT | Stephanie Teagarden Rachel Norman |
| PERSONAL PAGE TO THE HONORARY STATE OFFICERS | Vittoria Flick |
| PERSONAL PAGE TO THE HONORED GUESTS | Ashley Wasser |
| PERSONAL PAGE TO THE CONFERENCE CHAIR | Adrienne Kubiak |
| PERSONAL PAGE TO REGISTRATION | Laura Kalb |
| PERSONAL PAGE TO CREDENTIALS | Mary Whitman |
| FLOOR PAGES | Rebecca Martinsen Elizabeth Medich Heather Varner Melissa Wetzel |
| EXHIBIT ROOM PAGE/JUNIOR PAGES | Zoe Mogen |

“Page Supporters”

*Cindi Ahrens
Rhoda Aminiam
Sue Anderson
Diane Argraves
Dr. Sally Bickford
Pamela Campbell
Linda Chesko
Bonnie Cierkowski
Ann Cowan
Kate Cutts
Jane Daly
Diane Donnelly
Kathleen Evans
Judith Fisher
Karen Gazzillo
Carol Gonzales
Edith Greeno
Josephine Guscott
Donna Hare
Gladys Haynes
Mary Healy-Rodriques
Kathryn Illo
Patricia Jackman
Diana Kazazis
Karen Keithler
Wendy Kelly
Rita Kline
Cheryl Knabe
Nancy Kritch
Jennifer Loeser
Susan Luczu
Elizabeth Manzi
Kathleen Mazzacco
Grace McAfee
Catherine Medich
Melissa Mogen
Melva Murray*

*Marilyn Neagle
Lynda Nolan
Cornelia Olde
Diane Oliver
Catherine Parette
Allyn Perry
Barbara Pierson
Dorothy Ponte
Helen Russo-Alesi
Ruth Ryno
Pat Sanftner
Carolyn Schwender
Deborah Shannon
Alexander Slavinski
Linda Smith
Louise Stiloski
Marcia Szedula
Florence Thompson
Barbara Troken
Joy Tucci
Kathy Weakland*

“Shining Candle Keepers”

*Cindi Ahrens
Rhoda Aminiam
Sue Anderson
Diane Argraves
Barbara Benko
Dr. Sally Bickford
Pamela Campbell
Linda Chesko
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Karen Gazzillo
Carol Gonzales
Amanda Greene
Kathy Hercel
Kathryn Illo
Ptricia Jackman
Diana Kazazis
Wendy Kelly
Cheryl Knabe
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Karen Stroever
Florence Thomson
Barbara Troken
Joy Tucci
Rosemary Wallace
Kathy Weakland
Melissa Wetzel*

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

Standing Rules for the NJDAR Annual State Conference

April 28 – 30, 2022

- Rule I All registration packets may be picked up at the Registration Table on Thursday, April 28, between 2:45 – 5:00 PM; Friday, April 29, between 8:00 – 9:15 AM and 11:45 AM and 12:00 PM; and Saturday, April 30, between 8:00 – 9:45 AM.
- Rule II No delegate shall represent more than one Chapter or be entitled to more than one vote. There shall be no proxy voting.
- Rule III Delegates are requested to be in their seats before the opening of each meeting and remain until the close of that meeting. Chapter Regents and other delegates are requested to be in their seats before the Friday meeting and wear voter badges at all business sessions.
- Rule IV Those participating in the program are requested to occupy seats near the floor microphone.
- Rule V Doors will be closed during reports, speeches, and awards.
- Rule VI Speakers from the floor are requested to rise, wait for recognition, and announce name and chapter before speaking. If a motion has been made, a copy of that motion, signed by the mover and seconder, shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary immediately after it has been proposed.
- Rule VII Speakers will address the chair only.
- Rule VIII No member may speak more than twice to the same question except by consent of the voting body.
- Rule IX Speakers from the floor, including committee chairs, shall be limited to two (2) minutes; district directors ten (10) minutes.
- Rule X If a state chair is absent, her report will be filed by the Recording Secretary.
- Rule XI A composite of the chapter regents' reports shall be read by the District Directors.
- Rule XII Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the accepted authority on parliamentary procedure in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

~Francis M. Bellamy

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

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

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

~William Tyler Page

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

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

~Francis Scott Key



130TH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE MINUTES

FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2022 – MORNING SESSION

New Jersey State Society National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Bonnie Matthews, called the meeting of the 130th Annual State Conference to order at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 29, 2022.

The opening ceremonies were observed. The invocation was given by State Chaplain Nancy Kritch. Kathy Cook, State Flag Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance; Donna Hare, State Librarian led the reciting of The American's Creed; the Preamble of The Constitution of the United States led by, Sarah Tarpine-Smith, State Constitution Chair; and the National Anthem was led by Linda Chesko, State Chorus Chair.

The State Regent welcomed the Assembly to the 130th Annual State Conference. State Vice Regent, Diane Oliver shared greetings from the President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Denise Doring VanBuren. Greetings from the Governor of The State Of New Jersey, Philip Murphy were read by Jane Daly, State Corresponding Secretary.

The Colors were posted.

Mr. Richard Godfrey, of the Crowne Plaza Princeton brought greetings Cornelia B. "Connie" Olde, Honorary State Regent, 2016 and Past Reporter General, 2019 brought greetings from the Honorary State Regents.

The State Regent welcomed conference distinguished guests and speakers, all of whom brought greetings: Laura Kessler, Historian General, Patrice Birner, New York State Regent, Cecile Wimberly, Tennessee State Regent, Shari Thorne-Sulmia, National Chair, DAR Property Beautification and Hospitality Committee, and Patrice Hatcher, Massachusetts District III Director. Mrs. Peggy Troxell, Recording Secretary General could not be with us due to unexpected circumstances, she was wished a speedy recovery.

Madam State Regent introduced the State Board of Management, national appointments from New Jersey, New Jersey’s nationally appointed representatives to the veterans’ facilities, District Directors, and Club Presidents.

State Page Chair, Heather Smith-Varner, introduced the Pages assisting with the 130th State Conference.

The Report of the Credentials Committee was given by co-chair Grace McAfee.

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| Delegates | 89 |
| Alternates | 53 |
| State Board | 10 |
| Honorary Regents | 8 |
| Honorary Vice Regents | 1 |
| Total Credentials | 108 |

The Motion to Adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee was voted on and approved.

The Report of the Registration Committee was given by chair Bea Boyce.

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| State Officers | 10 |
| National Officers | 1 |
| Honorary State Officers | 3 |

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| Past National Officers | 1 | |
| National Chairs | 4 | |
| District Directors | 3 | |
| Chapter Regents/Vice Regents | 51 | |
| State Chairs National | 6 | |
| State Chairs State | 22 | |
| Members | 160 | |
| 50 Year Members | 3 | |
| Guests | 5 | |
| HODARS | 0 | |
| Total Registrations | | 165 |

The Motion to Adopt the Report of the Registration Committee was voted on and approved.

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary presented the following recommendation from the State Board of Management to the Assembly:

That the Standing Rules as Printed in the State Conference Program be adopted without reading aloud at this time.

Jane Daly, State Corresponding Secretary presented the following motion, State Vice Regent Diane Oliver seconded:

To adopt the conference program as presented as the order of business for the 130th Annual State Conference of the New Jersey State Society of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, with provisions for necessary changes.

The Motion to Adopt the conference program as presented as the order of business for the 130th Annual State Conference of the New Jersey State Society of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, with provisions for necessary changes was voted on and approved.

The State Regent announced that the following committee has been appointed to review, correct as necessary and approve the Minutes of the 130th Annual State Conference: Terry Brasko, State Registrar, Deborah Hvizdos, State Historian and Pamela Campbell, Southern District Director.

State Regent Bonnie Matthews gave her state report. Diane Oliver, State Vice Regent gave her report. State Chaplain, Nancy Kritch gave her report. State Recording Secretary, Kimberly Armstrong gave her report. State Corresponding Secretary, Jane Daly gave her report. State Organizing Secretary, Catherine Medich gave her report. State Treasurer, Linda Jurczak gave her report. State Registrar, Theresa Brasko gave her report, State Historian, Deborah Hvizdos gave her report. State Librarian, Donna Hare gave her report. State Parliamentarian, Diane Argraves gave her report.

State Treasurer Linda Jurczak presented the financial report of the society including the Founders Committee.

Louise Stiloski, Finance Chair, presented the following motion:

That the report of the auditor be adopted which carries with it the approval of the report of the treasurer and of the Founders committee.

The report of the auditor was voted on and approved.

Diane Oliver, State Vice Regent, present the recommendations from the State Board of Management to amend State Bylaws.

Amend State Bylaws, Article IV – Fees and Dues, Section 1 by deleting \$10.00 and inserting \$15.00.

ARTICLE IV – Fees and Dues, Section 1 currently reads, “The annual state dues of \$10.00 for each chapter member shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and postmarked no later than December 1. A chapter whose dues have not been paid before December 1 shall

be notified by the state treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the state conference.”

If adopted, ARTICLE IV – Fees and Dues, Section 1 will read, "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.”

Rationale: State dues have not changed since Mrs. Kline’s term ending in 2007. Expenses to the State Society have risen greatly during that time. The purchasing power of \$10.00 then is equivalent to \$13.56 today. Increasing dues will help bring revenue and expenses into much needed alignment.

The motion was voted on and adopted.

ARTICLE IV – Fees and Dues, Section 1 now reads, "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.”

State Vice Regent Diane Oliver continued with the second motion:

Amend State Bylaws, Article IV - Fees and Dues by Inserting Section 6.

Article IV, Fees and Dues 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 may authorize a dues adjustment above the CPI if warranted.

Rationale: To bring NJDAR's policy regarding budgeting into alignment with that of the National

The motion was voted on and adopted.

The District Directors reports were interrupted for a fire drill. After a brief delay they recounted on the accomplishments of their regions: Central District Director Ann Rotunno, Southern District Director Pam Campbell and Northern District Director Barbara Pierson reported.

Committee Chair Ruth Ryno presented the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission report.

Madam State Regent thanked everyone for attending and recessed the morning session at 11:34 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.

FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2022 – LUNCHEON & AFTERNOON SESSION

State Regent Bonnie Matthews of the New Jersey State Society National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution greeted the Assembly at 12:30 P.M.

State Chaplain Nancy Kritch offered a blessing at the start of lunch.

National Chair of the Property Beautification and Hospitality Committee Shari Thorne-Sulima presented a presentation on “DAR Behind the Scenes: The Histories and Mysteries of Our House Beautiful.”

The State Regent announced virtual reports of the committee chairs are available on the NJDAR member website for viewing.

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain gave the benediction.

State Regent Bonnie Matthews asked the pages to retire the colors and recessed the afternoon session at 3:37 P.M.

FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2022 – BANQUET

New Jersey State Society National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Bonnie Matthews greeted the assembled at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, April 29, 2022.

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The Colors were posted.

The State Regent welcomed the Assembly to the 130th Annual State Conference. She presented State Historian Deborah Hvizdos with the Women in American History Award and Medal.

Vittoria Flick, Vice Chair of Junior Membership announced New Jersey's 2022 Outstanding Junior was Stephanie Teagarden. Ms. Teagarden was presented with sash, crown, and Outstanding Junior certificate.

Page Chair Heather Smith-Varner introduced the Pages serving the conference.

Robert Meyer, Vice President General, North Atlantic District of the New Jersey Sons of the American Revolution, brought greetings and received a certificate with a challenge coin.

Charlie Morgan, President New Jersey State Society Sons of the American Revolution brought greetings and received a certificate with a challenge coin.

Roger Williams, State Historian New Jersey State Society Sons of the American Revolution brought greetings and received a certificate with a challenge coin.

Ken McKeever, Vice President Sons of the Revolution brought greetings and received a certificate with a challenge coin.

State Chaplain Nancy Kritch gave blessings prior to the start of dinner.

After dinner, State Regent Matthews introduced the evenings speaker, NSDAR Historian General Laura McCrillis Kessler. Mrs. Kessler spoke of “Historic Treasures” showing gavels to the audience. Madam State Regent presented Mrs. Kessler with a crystal gavel to add to the collection.

State Recording Secretary Kimberly Armstrong announced a receiving line would be formed at the conclusion of the banquet.

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain gave the benediction. After which the colors were retired, and the State Regent thanked the assembled for attending.

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2020 – MORNING SESSION

New Jersey State Society National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Bonnie Matthews, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

The opening ceremonies were observed. The invocation was given by State Chaplain Nancy Kritch. Kathy Cook, State Flag Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance; Donna Hare, State Librarian led the reciting of The American’s Creed; the Preamble of The Constitution of the United States led by, Sarah Tarpine-Smith, State Constitution Chair; and the National Anthem was led by Linda Chesko, State Chorus Chair.

The colors were posted, and the State Regent welcomed the Assembly back to the 130th Annual State Conference.

Honorary State Regent Cornelia Olde brought greetings from the honorary state officers.

Page Chair Heather Smith-Varner introduced the Pages serving the conference.

The Report of the Credentials Committee was given by co-chair Grace McAfee.

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| Delegates | 73 | |
| State Board | 10 | |
| Honorary Regents | 5 | |
| Total Credentials | | 88 |

The Motion to Adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee was voted on and approved.

The Report of the Registration Committee was given by chair Bea Boyce.

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| State Officers | 10 | |
| National Officers | 1 | |
| Honorary State Officers | 5 | |
| Past National Officers | 1 | |
| National Chairs | 4 | |
| District Directors | 3 | |
| Chapter Regents/Vice Regents | 57 | |
| State Chairs National | 26 | |
| State Chairs State | 22 | |
| Members | 177 | |
| 50 Year Members | 4 | |
| Guests | 47 | |
| HODARS | 7 | |
| TOTAL REGISTRATIONS | | 218 |

The Motion to Adopt the Report of the Registration Committee was voted on and approved.

Founders Committee Chair Cornelia Olde gave the Founders Committee report.

Nomination speeches for the slate of officers for the 2022-2025 NJDAR State Board of Management were given as follows:

The nominating speech for Diane Waugh Oliver for the office of State Regent was given by Connie Olde. The seconder was Alice Incorvaia. Diane Waugh Oliver was nominated for the office of State Regent.

The nominating speech for Linda Bongiovanni Jurczak for the office of State Vice Regent was given by Barbara Pierson. The seconder was Nancy Donhauser. Linda Bongiovanni Jurczak was nominated for the office of State Vice Regent.

The nominating speech for Mary Robbins Leonard for the office of State Chaplain was given by Bonnie Cierkowski. The seconder was Kathy Hercel. Mary Robbins Leonard was nominated for the office of State Chaplain.

The nominating speech for Josephine Guscott for the office of State Recording Secretary was given by Pamela Campbell. The seconder was Jackie Guscott Macallen. Josephine Guscott was nominated for the office of State Recording Secretary.

The nominating speech for Rosemary Cain Wallace for the office of State Corresponding Secretary was given by Jeannine Ingenito. The seconder was Shea Pease. Rosemary Cain Wallace was nominated for the office of State Corresponding Secretary.

The nominating speech for D. Gayle Loftis for the office of State Organizing Secretary was given by Valerie Trupp. The seconder was Lynne Skead. D. Gayle Loftis was nominated for the office of State Organizing Secretary.

The nominating speech for Jane Cowan Daly for the office of State Treasurer was given by Grace McAfee. The seconder was Cynthia Ahrens. Jane Cowan Daly was nominated for the office of State Treasurer.

The nominating speech for Christine Murphy for the office of State Registrar was given by Jan Hunold. The seconder was Ruth Huntington. Christine Murphy was nominated for the office of State Registrar.

The nominating speech for Patricia Carol Sanftner for the office of State Historian was given by Carolyn Schwender. The seconder was Peg Shultz. Patricia Carol Sanftner was nominated for the office of State Historian.

The nominating speech for Lynda R. Aber for the office of State Librarian was given by Barbara Molteni. The seconder was

Helen Russo-Alesi. Lynda R. Aber was nominated for the office of State Librarian.

Nancy Kritch, State Chaplain held the memorial service for the Daughters who left us in 2021.

The morning session adjourned at 11:27 A.M. by the State Regent.

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2020 – LUNCHEON & AFTERNOON SESSION

Madam State Regent Matthews opened the afternoon session at 1:11pm. She asked Southern District Director to introduce the Southern District Chapter Hostesses.

State Chaplain Nancy Kritch offered blessings before the meal.

The State Chorus led by Linda Chesko entertained the assembled.

State Historian Deborah Hvizdos presented the 2022 NJDAR Outstanding American History Teacher Isaac Welsh. Mr Welsh brought greetings.

Alex Slavinsky, State President New Jersey State Society Children of the American Revolution brought greetings and received a check from the State Society for his state project, along with a challenge coin.

Robert Meyer, Vice President General, North Atlantic District of the New Jersey Sons of the American Revolution brought greetings.

Cornelia Olde, the Founders Committee State Chair, made a presentation to Bob Simmons & Steve Balducci for their dedication and service to Watson House.

On behalf of her State Regent Project Mrs. Matthews presented a \$72,194.20 check to Project Fido representatives Lisa Berg and Karen Monaghan.

Madam State Regent crowned Barbara Pierson of the Church and Cannon Chapter the 2022 Daughter of Distinction.

The Little Chapter that Could Award was presented by the State Regent to Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter.

Mrs. Matthews conferred the Outstanding Chapter Regent Award to Nancy Donhauser of the Church and Cannon Chapter.

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent bestowed 2022 Lifetime Service Award to Karen Stroever.

State Regent Bonnie Matthews continued to the next order of business, the election of the state officers for the 2022-2025 term.

State NJDAR Bylaws as amended MAY 1, 2021, Article 7, Section 2. States: "...In the event that there is only one candidate for an office, the State Regent may declare the election for that office. ... "

Regent Matthews announced: There being only one candidate nominated for each of the NJDAR board of management positions, I declare the following officers for the 2022-2025 term duly elected: (with one rap gavel after each name she read)

Diane Waugh Oliver, State Regent
Linda Bongiovanni Jurczak, State Vice Regent
Mary Robbins Leonard, State Chaplain
Josephine Guscott, State Recording Secretary
Rosemary Cain Wallace, State Corresponding Secretary
D. Gayle Loftis, State Organizing Secretary
Jane Cowan Daly, State Treasurer
Christine Murphy, State Registrar
Patricia Carol Sanftner, State Historian
Lynda R. Aber, State Librarian

Honorary State Regent Cornelia Olde made a motion to make Bonnie Nevard Matthews Honorary State Regent for Life. Karen Stroever seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NSDAR State Historian Laura Kessler installed the duly elected 2022-2025 Board of Managers.

State Regent Elect Diane Waugh Oliver invited the membership to the Autumn State Meeting September 24, 2022, at Forsgate Country Club.

The colors were retired. State Chaplain Nancy Kritch gave the benediction.

State Regent Bonnie Matthews gave out the conference at 4:14 P.M.

REPORT OF STATE OFFICERS

STATE REGENT

This officer cannot explain the overwhelming sense of pride she experienced in standing on the platform at Continental Congress almost already three years ago to take the oath of office as your State Regent. Pride in our state and pride in New Jersey's Daughters.

At that time, you placed our State Society in the stewardship of this administration. Know that is a responsibility your State Regent and members of your State Board of Managers did not take lightly. This officer firmly believed that we must support our Daughters and we did. And with keeping true to her State Theme, "Like a candle shines, so does our membership," and our Daughters went above and beyond rising and shining despite restrictions placed on gatherings and social distancing. We have made it through this pandemic still shining.

This officer wishes to express her appreciation to all chapter leaders who carried on during the pandemic inventing new ways to conduct the business of our society and because of these efforts our state, chapters and committees will be stronger and more resilient than ever before. As the social climate has changed in the past year, Chapter Anniversaries were celebrated and are a particular favorite of this officer. The chapters bring out chapter scrapbooks, and we marvel at the fashions, hairstyles, and the black and white pictures. We recognize departed friends, but we are reminded of the accomplishments of these women and are challenged to continue what they began. Time does indeed march on very quickly. Over these past three years, when restrictions lifted, she has also enjoyed traveling across our State from as far away as Cape May to as close as Wantage Township, Sussex County. She enjoyed visiting chapters throughout the

state for the opportunity to meet the New Jersey Daughters. She met with Daughters at District luncheons and with the exception of a few, was able to squeeze in visits to mostly all our chapters. She has also represented New Jersey at numerous out of state Conferences. Just this past month, she was the guest of the Ohio, Mississippi, and Tennessee State Societies. She has participated in workshops, memorial services, grave markings, visited clubs, and participated in CAR and SAR events. She attended all National Board of Management meetings. The NBOM meeting in October was a special treat with an extended week of “Extra Sunshine.”

The Virtual/Hybrid 129th State Conference proved that the New Jersey Daughters were up to the task of honoring, serving, and being DAR together, even while being at home in front of a computer screen. A huge thank you to VIS Chair’s Deb Hvizdos and Kim Armstrong, Vice Regent Diane Oliver, the entire State Board of Management and the behind-the-scenes pages and techies. This State Regent is also very proud of you the members who rose to the challenge and sent in video clips, reports, and pictures to make the conference possible and to celebrate that New Jersey hadn’t been idle during the previous year. However, it is our hope that we don’t want to do it again. It was a very exciting time to host the President General and her husband at our first Hybrid State Conference. New Jersey Daughters extended their visit, and they enjoyed some lovely New Jersey hospitality at The Breakers on the Ocean. Mrs. VanBuren left wearing her new straw beach hat proclaiming that the Jersey Girls are her new best friends.

Though Continental Congress was virtual, your State Regent did present the New Jersey report, as well as sit in the New Jersey Box along with more than the usual number of friends. The New Jersey Signers of the Constitution were also present in the form of cutouts. New Jersey Daughters received an invitation

from our President General to join her for a State Delegation visit to DAR Headquarters in September. A bus trip was planned and as many as 36 Daughters attended this once in a lifetime “Rays of Sunshine” tour. Members were greeted by Shari Thorne-Sulmia, National Chair of the Property Beautification and Hospitality Committee and President General, Denise Doring VanBuren. Highlights of our visit included:

- Tour of our newly restored DAR Constitution Hall
- Photos in the New Jersey Box and the opportunity to be on Stage under the Stars
- Research opportunity in the DAR Library
- Docent-guided tour of the DAR Period Rooms
- A catered lunch in the Historic Banquet Hall and a special treat to go out on the roof of the hall.
- Shopping in the new DAR Store and Insignia Store
- Latest exhibit in the DAR Museum Gallery
- Photos at the famous Eagle lectern
- Visit to George Washington’s Mount Vernon and a visit to George and Martha Washington’s Tomb/Crypt

What a wonderful trip and just think we got to do it all over again in December for the special called meeting for all delegates. As the pandemic restrictions had been lifted, we were able to conduct an in-person Autumn State Meeting, “Celebrating Our New Citizens” it was an outstanding success. The Naturalization Ceremony was so very heartwarming, and we were thrilled to witness the excitement of welcoming our newest citizens. INS officials complimented us on an outstanding event and wish for us to continue sponsoring an event each year. It was also emotionally rewarding to witness a Graduation Ceremony for all our recent graduates of the Members and New Horizons courses. We were pleased to present Honorary State Regent, Diane Argraves with the NJDAR Lifetime of Service Award in recognition of her dedicated service to our beloved society.

The Central and Southern District Luncheon was a beautiful, combined event held in October at Forsgate Country Club. The Daughters enjoyed a lovely luncheon and were treated to a program given by Donald J. Peck, Historian, Author.

The State Regent's Fundraiser, "Semper Fido" was well attended and held at Pierre's in Monmouth Junction. Your State Regent was shocked when she saw over 125 baskets to be raffled and more than thrilled to announce that over \$7,000.00 had been raised. A fantastic day was spent with our Daughters and a special thank you to all who contributed baskets. Through the State Regent's Project, we are committed to helping Veterans One Dog at a Time. We have raised over \$72,000.00.

Your State Regent was honored to participate in The Wreaths Across America Annual Pilgrimage Event at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, NJ. She was privileged to place a ceremonial wreath on the POW/MIA Memorial.

As we began our 130th Annual State Conference, DAR members, guests, dignitaries, and more than 39 Cromwell descendants were treated to a very special historic occasion, the Historic Marker Ceremonies of Private Oliver Cromwell, and the DAR America 250 Patriots Marker. Congratulations to Deborah Hvizdos for her commitment to bring forth New Jersey's first Black Patriot or Black Patriot of Color and recognizing the "Battle of Assunpink Creek at Mill Hill Park". This dedication of two significant historic DAR markers is a piece of history that everyone shared in and celebrated. As Deb had said, "This man's story must be told, in a time and a day where all we ever hear are bad things on the news. America needs heroes". Well Deb you are our hero and all members of the DAR thank you.

We have only touched the surface. Our State may be tiny, but there is no doubt we are a mighty one.

Thank you.

Bonnie Nevard Matthews
State Regent

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Members: 2,683 Number of Chapters: 46

AMERICAN HERITAGE: 11 programs presented in American Heritage special projects; 149 participants in American Heritage special projects; 2 entries submitted for Art & Sculpture; 3 entries submitted for Fiber Arts; 0 entries submitted for Crafts; 1 entry submitted for Literature and Drama; 1 entry submitted for Music; 0 awards presented to recognize Women in the Arts.

AMERICAN HISTORY: 85 programs given at chapter meetings or to other groups; 21 programs presented about an outstanding American woman; 16 women in American History honored; 0 certificates awarded for Women in American History; 25 displays arranged in schools/public places; 26 spot announcements used; 76 schools participated in American History Essay Contest; 63 public schools participated; 10 private/parochial schools participated; 3 homeschoolers participated; 876 students participated; 721 certificates given for contest participation; 108 certificates of award presented; 21 bronze medals awarded; 24 schools participated in Christopher Columbus Essay Contest; 20 public schools participated; 1 private/parochial school participated; 3 homeschoolers participated; 1 student participated; 1 certificate given for contest participation; 24 certificates given for outstanding work in American History in schools; 20 bronze medals awarded; 1 silver medal awarded.

AMERICAN INDIANS: 11 programs held on Native Americans; 160 meetings held observing an American Indian Minute; 4 proclamations obtained to celebrate National

American Indian Heritage Month; \$125 donated to American Indian Scholarship Fund; \$0 donated to Friends of the American Indians Fund; \$315 donated to Bacone College; \$96 donated to Chemawa Indian School; \$16.50 donated to Indian Youth of America Summer Camp Program; \$0 donated to Adopt-A-Camper program.

AMERICANISM: 32 members referred to the DAR Manual for Citizenship; 7 members assisted with naturalization classes; 30 naturalization ceremonies/receptions attended; 2 award recipients sponsored; 1 Medal of Honor awarded; 1 Americanism Award presented; 1,711 flags distributed; 362 flag pins distributed; 436 bookmarks distributed; 530 copies of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag distributed; 349 copies of the American's Creed distributed.

CHAPLAIN: 175 Sunshine reports provided; 125 birthday greetings sent to members 90 and older; 19 chapters observed NSDAR Day of Prayer on October 8, 2017; 15 chapters observed National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2017; 21 memorial services conducted; 47 grave markers placed.

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: 6 members served as senior leaders; 8 programs presented by C.A.R. members; 1 invitation extended to C.A.R. members to chapter meetings or special functions; 7 C.A.R. members participated in DAR contests; 9 C.A.R. members joined DAR; 2 dual members; 14 C.A.R. members joined DAR upon their 22nd birthday; \$1,315 donated to the local society; \$1,049 donated to the state society; \$125 donated to the national society (including regionals).

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS: 334 members participated in July 4th parades or celebrations; 10 programs commemorated the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage; 15 programs commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War; 5

programs commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; 66 programs commemorated the 150th Anniversary of Memorial Day; 16 programs commemorated the 100th Anniversary WWI ended, Treaty of Versailles; 8 programs commemorated the 100th Anniversary of American's Creed; 8 chapters registered as a Commemorative Partner with The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

COMMUNITY CLASSROOM: 39 members volunteered in a local community classroom; 3,662 members volunteered in preschool through third grades; 7 chapters provided financial support to a classroom; 601 photos submitted for Success Stories.

CONSERVATION: 27 conservation projects completed; 179 meetings included a Conservation Minute; 104 members participated in a citizen science project; 209 members participated in Earth Day and/or Arbor Day; 1,804 members registered gardens with the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge.

CONSTITUTION WEEK: 23 chapters participated in Bells Across America; 10 chapters contacted one or more mayors for a proclamation; 30 chapters had a Constitution Week Minute or recited the Preamble at each meeting; 5 chapters contacted state senators or representatives; 14 schools contacted; 1 classroom visited; 6 Constitution Week kits distributed; 30 displays arranged; 8 media articles; 3 hours of television time; 1 radio station sent spot announcements; 17 chapters use email to promote Constitution Week; 0 chapters use a blog to promote Constitution Week; 18 chapters use Facebook to promote Constitution Week; 1 chapter uses text messages to promote Constitution Week; 1 chapter Tweet to promote Constitution Week.

DAR GOOD CITIZENS: 66 DAR Good Citizens recognized; 75 entries in the scholarship/essay contest; 123 schools contacted; 60 schools participated; 21 new schools participated; \$3,900 awarded to DAR Good Citizen students.

DAR MAGAZINE: 33-chapter regents subscribe to American Spirit; 648 members subscribed to American Spirit; 201 meetings where the President General's Message was read.

DAR MUSEUM OUTREACH: 1 program presented by a DAR Museum docent/trainee; 4 people attended; 2 programs presented by a DAR Museum correspondent docent/trainee; 20 people attended; 6 programs presented on the DAR Museum and its collections; 1 program presented to another group; 0 chapters had the Museum Shop Trunk Show; 0 had the Portable Education Program; \$0 donated to Friends of the Museum Fund; \$500 donated to Museum Keepers.

DAR PROJECT PATRIOT: 4 chapters participated in DAR Women Supporting Women in Military Service; 11 packages sent to women serving abroad; 39 packages sent to men serving abroad; \$2,090 donated for packages sent abroad; 2 chapters donated to DAR approved centers; \$250 donated to DAR approved centers; 6 chapters donated to a DAR Project Patriot state project; \$6,935 donated to a DAR Project Patriot state project; 10 chapters participated in a DAR Project Patriot chapter project; 8,450 coupons sent to military posts; 11 ounces of coupons; 479 cards sent to service members; \$987 donated for chapter projects.

DAR SCHOLARSHIP: 13 chapters shared information on NSDAR scholarships in the community; 17 scholarships awarded for state scholarships; \$4,600 awarded in chapter scholarships; 8 programs/Minutes given at each meeting.

DAR SCHOOL: 14 programs/Minutes given at each meeting; \$747 donated through the Friends of DAR Schools Fund.

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS: 356 youth volunteers; 1,132 adult volunteers; 653 youth volunteer hours performed; 32 Veterans History Project interviews conducted; 0 miles traveled for all volunteer participation; \$20,764 donated to DAR Service for Veterans; \$105,729 value of donated items (clothing, food, gifts, games, books, magazines).

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS: 11 pages sent to the Genealogical Records Committee state chair; 2 members participating in abstracting or copying unpublished source records; 0 members participating in the GRC Book Indexing Project.

HISTORIAN: 9 medals presented for History Awards; 1 nomination submitted for NSDAR's Excellence in American History Book Award; 0 nominations submitted for Outstanding Teacher of American History Award.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: 32 programs on Historic Preservation; 1 chapter entered the Historic Preservation Project Contest; 2 awards presented for Historic Preservation Recognition; 0 medals presented for Historic Preservation; 2 chapters completed NSDAR Historic Sites and Property Report forms.

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS: 2 JAC groups sponsored; 4 pictures/articles published about JAC activities; 10 children participated in contests; 1 child participated in the Art Contest; 0 children participated in the Creative Expression Contest; 9 children participated in the Community Service Contest; 10 children involved in all JAC activities.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: 22 Juniors serve as a chapter chair of a committee; 13 Juniors serve as a chapter officer; 4 Juniors

serve as a state vice chair; 4 Juniors serve as a state chair; 0 Juniors serve as a state officer; 3 Juniors serve as a national vice chair; 0 Juniors serve as a national chair; 31 Juniors added this year; 13 Juniors added from the PMD; 0 chapters had members who became Friends or Best Friends of the Junior Membership Endowment Fund; \$938 members became Friends or Best Friends of the Junior Membership Endowment Fund; 0 chapters purchased Junior merchandise; \$5 spent to purchase Junior merchandise; 30 chapters held fundraisers for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

LIBRARIAN: 15 items donated to the DAR Library; 10 programs presented about the DAR Library; 1 member donated to Friends of the Library Fund; 1 member donated to Friends of Seimes Fund; \$100 donated to Friends of the Library Fund; \$100 donated to Friends of Seimes Fund.

LINEAGE RESEARCH: 12 chapters appointed a Lineage Research chair; 26 members have DAR Image Access; 5 requests for research assistance of the LRLB; 21 members completed look-up requests on the LRLB; 14 requests for research assistance of the Lineage Research Facebook, state, division, or national chairs; 3 requests for image access assistance of Lineage Research Facebook group, state, division, or national chairs; 2 chapters consulted the DNA Specialty-Research team; 1 chapter consulted the African American Patriot Specialty-Research team; 1 chapter consulted the French Patriot Specialty-Research team; 0 chapters consulted the Spanish Patriot Specialty-Research team.

LITERACY PROMOTION: 69 members participated in literacy programs; 1,194 hours tutoring, assisting, and/or promoting literacy in adults; 3,801 hours tutoring, assisting, and/or promoting literacy in children; 8,422 books donated; \$6,475 given directly to literacy projects; 0 members nominated in the

Literacy Promotion Committee contest; 0 projects submitted in the Literacy Promotion Committee contest.

MEMBERSHIP: 10 members enrolled in and/or completed the New Horizons Course.

NATIONAL DEFENSE: 192 meetings devoted time to a three minute report about National Defense; 25 chapters had at least three minutes about National Defense at 100% of meetings; 178 article(s) from the National Defender were used; 3 Gold ROTC awards presented; 21 Bronze ROTC awards presented; 4 DAR Outstanding Cadets honored; 1 DAR Distinguished Citizen honored; 37 Youth Citizenship awards presented; \$950 contributed to the state and local National Defense ROTC/JROTC Cadet Fund; local National Defense award programs; and scholarships or monetary awards to ROTC/JROTC/Outstanding Cadets.

PATRIOT RECORDS PROJECT: 15 members indexed Patriot Records; 140,882 names indexed by members; 2 members supported special projects; 1,620 hours spent indexing Patriot Records.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA: 20 chapters have a newsletter; 19 chapters use social media for communication with members; 20 chapters have a brochure or fact sheet; 18 chapters received print media coverage; 2 chapters received radio and/or TV broadcast coverage; 9 chapters received internet coverage; 8 chapters used; 14 chapters-initiated publicity for a commemorative or community event; 1 media award presented.

SERVICE TO AMERICA: 15 chapters included Service to America Minutes at meetings.

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: 34 youth involved in flag programs or activities; 303 flags presented; 103 Braille flags presented.

VOLUNTEER GENEALOGISTS: 41 members are NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists; 12 members took GEP I Introduction to Genealogy Research for DAR Applications; 12 members took GEP II Applying Genealogy Research Techniques to DAR Applications; 8 members took GEP III Advanced Problem Solving Techniques for Establishing Lineage and Service on DAR Applications; 7 members took DNA and the DAR; 1 chapter had NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogist(s) assigned; 10 chapters requested assistance from the America 250! Membership Task Force; 10 workshops presented; 7 workshops presented by members trained by national training programs; 54 participants attended; 50 members attended a non-DAR genealogy workshop; 19 members assisted another chapter in need of genealogy help.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALISTS: 28 chapters have a public website; 3 chapters have a members-only website; 20 chapters have a public Facebook page; 16 chapters have a closed Facebook group; 54 prospective members contacted the chapter via the internet; 188 prospective members came to a chapter via the NSDAR website; 68 prospective members attended a chapter meeting; 87 papers are in progress or pending; 74 have become DAR members; 19 distributed the yearbook electronically; 18 distributed an electronic newsletter; 36 chapter regents use e-Membership; 20 chapter vice regents use e-Membership; 31 chapter treasurers use e-Membership; 36 chapter registrars use e-Membership.

WOMEN'S ISSUES: 8 members participated in the Women's Issues Essay Contest

Bonnie Nevard Matthews
State Regent

STATE VICE REGENT

This officer has enjoyed working closely with Madam State Regent in support of her term. This officer is most thankful for the thoughtful gift of permanent name plates for the executive officers and guests donated by Madam State Chaplain, Nancy Kritch. This gift was an immeasurable support in preparing and setting the tables at the 129th State Conference.

The annual NJDAR Christmas cards were designed, labeled, stamped, and mailed by this officer in mid-December. Cards were sent to the National Officers, State Officers, Honorary State Regents, Honorary State Officer, Chapter Regents, and to the family of Madam State Regent's daughter, Heather Yanoff.

This officer attended Zoom based meetings to aid in the preparation of the State Conference. Phone calls and emails from Daughters were responded to in a timely manner.

Madam State Regent, it has truly been a pleasure working beside you in this capacity and in support of our beloved state society.

Diane Waugh Oliver
State Vice Regent

STATE CHAPLAIN

This officer attended all Board and State Meetings. She provided the invocations, grace and benedictions at the State Meetings. She sent birthday, get well, holiday and sympathy cards. She emailed cheer me up texts to the members in the morning. She sent anniversary cards to members celebrating a special DAR anniversary.

Thirty-three chapters gave Sunshine report during meetings in 2021. Twenty-one chapters sent birthday greetings to its 90+

members a total of 125 greetings were sent. Nineteen chapters observe NSDAR Day of Prayer, October 10, 2021. Fifteen chapters observe National Day of Prayer, May 6, 2021. Twenty-one chapters conducted Memorial Services. Four chapters held a Patriot Memorial Service. Chapters placed 34 grave marker this year. A memorial list was made of all New Jersey daughters who passed away between April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. A Memorial Service will be held during the Spring Conference to honor these members. A total of 53 New Jersey Daughters passed away during April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022.

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

Nancy L. Kritch
State Chaplain

STATE RECORDING SECRETARY

This officer is honored to be a member of the Matthews Board of Management team. COVID-19 continued to upend normal conference planning, necessitating changes from meeting in-person to a hybrid Spring Conference. Part of the conference was pre-taped with just the board and a few members physically on site. That footage along with video reports submitted by committee chairs comprised the first day of conference. Day two of the conference was livestreamed via YouTube from the Breakers Hotel. This officer assisted Madam State Regent, VIS chair and outside video crew with the edit and producing of the compiled footage as well as creating the meeting website.

This officer collected reports and information to for the NJDAR Annual Proceedings. She prepared the minutes for the meetings and emailed them to all Board Members.

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

Kimberly Armstrong
State Recording Secretary

STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Throughout the past year this officer attended virtual Continental Congress, the NJDAR Autumn Meeting and Spring Conference, all State Board of Management meetings, her Chapter meetings plus many other DAR events as the pandemic restrictions began to ease.

A primary role of this officer is to distribute information and notices to the membership on behalf of the State Regent, District Directors, Committee Chairs and Chapters. In that role this officer sent over 200 emails this past year. While that may seem like a lot to some, it demonstrates just how active and vibrant our Society is. These communications were also important because they helped members to stay informed during the pandemic when face to face meetings were much more limited.

Another important function of this officer is to update and maintain the State Directory. As Chapters install new officers at the end of their terms, please be sure those changes are updated in e-membership in a timely manner so these officers can receive Society information in a timely manner.

Madam State Regent, thank you for the opportunity to serve as a State Officer for the 2019-2022 term. It has been an honor and privilege.

Jane M. Daly
State Corresponding Secretary

STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

2021 was a year of rebirth. Peggy Warne and General William Maxwell merged. This officer was honored to assist in the formal merger ceremony bringing these two chapters together.

A new chapter is forming in Monmouth County. This officer was grateful to be able to offer assistance and advice to the new group.

Over the year she has answered many questions from chapters and individuals. It has been an honor to be able to get to know many more members across the state. Much work has been done to assist chapters with applications in the state and by working with the Membership Task Force.

Time has flown and this is the last report from this officer. These past 3 years have been a joy and an experience that will not be forgotten. We have survived a pandemic and flourished. We have learned how to adapt with technology and dedication.

Thank you, Madam State Regent, for this experience.

Catherine Medich
State Organizing Secretary

STATE TREASURER

This officer's administrative mission was for all chapters to understand the responsibility and to implement fiscal responsibility. The position of Treasurer, be it on the chapter, state or national level, is one that holds great responsibility to its membership. When we manage funds that do not belong to us personally, we have a responsibility to follow the rules established on all levels and to remain updated on all changes. Change is not easy, and we saw plenty of it!

Over the course of three years, this officer has reached out through State meetings, personal visits, on-line and in-person workshops, telephone calls and e-mails to instruct, answer questions, and to reassure chapters that expressed concern about a process. It has been the most challenging and most rewarding volunteer position of my life. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the guidance and reassurances that I received over the term from past State Treasurers, Honorary State Regents and our professional Auditor. Over the course of this term, New Jersey Daughters have financially supported State and National projects which, support the three-part mission of our organization: Patriotism, Education and Historic Preservation. We have provided financial awards to primary and secondary school students, we have provided scholarship funds to college students, we have provided support for Veteran activities, DAR affiliated schools, American Indian communities, and the historic preservation of our own headquarters, the Isaac Watson House, as well as our National headquarters, Constitution Hall.

There is a saying, “When one door closes, a window opens”. This expression is often used to encourage someone to keep trying after they have had a disappointment or failure. The COVID-19 pandemic definitely slammed our doors, so to speak, however, after some time and thoughtful and creative planning, windows of opportunity were opened. New Jersey Daughters contributed \$10,794.00 in 2021 and over \$28,000.00 for the term towards State projects and funds and \$11,346.00 in 2021 and over \$53,000.00 for the term towards National projects and funds. \$ 4,936.00 in 2021 and \$27,757.00 for the term was collected by NJDAR for the President General’s project, which does not include the thousands of dollars sent by individual members directly to National. The most impressive fundraising success was that of the State Regent’s Project. \$35,065.00 was raised in 2021 for a three-year term total in excess of \$72,000.00.

New Jersey Daughters have shown that when faced with personal and/or global challenges, they can persevere and Rise and Shine for their families, for NJDAR and for America! Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all New Jersey Daughters for their ingenuity and generosity to make the 2019-2022 term successful. Madame State Regent, it has been this officer's distinct honor to serve NJDAR as State Treasurer.

Linda B. Jurczak
State Treasurer

STATE REGISTRAR

Changes in status 1 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021:

- Deceased - 53
- Drops during 2021 - 64
- Resignations - 31
- Reinstatements - 20
- Transfers out - 37 with 30 leaving NJ
- Transfers in - 14 with 7 new to NJ

This writer reports that despite the difficulties presented to the chapter registrars (Covid-19, closed repositories and newly reopened repositories requiring appointments to do research) NJDAR's Chapter Registrars have worked tirelessly for their prospective members. In each year since 2019, we have gained members every year, not lost them. In 2020, there were 2076 members. In 2021 there were 2068 and now in 2022, we record a membership count of 2702. Well done, Registrars! On a personal note, I would like to thank all the Chapter Registrars for the honor of serving them these three years. In our phone conversations and emails, we have laughed, vented, and cried but together we have learned much. I sincerely hope that you have learned from me as much as I have learned through you.

Madam State Regent, it is an honor to serve the New Jersey Society. I want to thank you for your patience, guidance, and mentorship. I have learned much from you and the ladies that have served with me. I will never forget this experience.

Theresa H. Brasko
State Registrar

STATE HISTORIAN

As NJDAR State Historian, year of 2022 this officer in a timely manner submitted all requested reports full complete with accomplishments, meetings, and events attended. She has supported the chapter regents and historians with a guide to the Historian's position, made herself available whenever needed and fielded emails from outside the DAR. This officer attended as many events as her schedule permitted both in person and virtually the year.

This officer completed the research necessary to place the DAR Commemorative Bronze Marker "Original Home of Revolutionary War Soldier Private Oliver Cromwell" in the City of Burlington, New Jersey. This project started at the beginning of her term, before the pandemic and was slowed but this officer was determined to honor this Patriot one-hundred and six years after the first attempt by Private Cromwell's great-grandson, Postmaster, John W. Davis. As State Historian she was able to work with New Jersey Congressman, Andy Kim, the City of Burlington, Mayor Conway, other city officials, homeowner Harry Heck but most importantly the descendants. There is an immense sense of pride from the New Jersey Board of Managers and the members on this state project. This officer is very grateful and thankful for the Office of the Historian General for the ease of communication, timely correspondence and for approving the

marker application. The ceremony was well attended by National officers, invited guests, and descendants.

This state officer is happy to report that the 1st America 250 Patriots Marker in New Jersey was approved and installed with a ceremony for the “Battle of Assunpink Creek at Mill Hill Park” in Trenton, New Jersey on April 27, 2022. This was the only engagement of the “Ten Crucial Days” in which Washington’s army fought British and Hessian troops in the same action, was outnumbered by the enemy, and faced soldiers commanded by a British general. Colonel Hand’s delaying action and the Battle of Assunpink Creek together made for the longest battle of the “Ten Crucial Days” and the one involving the largest number of soldiers. The ceremony was well attended by National officers and invited guests.

This officer is reporting that the prestigious DAR Historic Preservation Medal was awarded to Roger S. Williams for his extraordinary volunteer work in historic preservation work over a long period of time. His work to preserve the Washington Crossing Historic Park and the Ten Crucial Days Historic Area is commendable. His commitment to publish the history for broader dissemination through an educational website providing a gateway resource to discover history, related sites, and venues spreads the story far beyond the individual sites.

The other exciting news that this officer must announce is that she finished the research and solved the mystery of the sword given to the NJSSDAR by the now disbanded Kate Aylesford Chapter. This sword was then gifted to the Swan Historical Foundation and placed in the care the Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville, New Jersey by this officer. The sword is of the time-period 1793. The brief story that has been with the sword really gave no solid facts pertaining to real life. The sword was the property of “Captain Matthew Murgatroyed of the Continentals in

the Revolutionary War”. Everyone had verified this man was not involved in the War for Independence and could not be found in any records or pensions. Nor could anyone verify Chas. F. Green of Pleasant Mills. N.J. After a bit of intense research for another project this officer decided to just try a different angle on this mystery story. And WOW, she found the true author and historian, James Atherarn Jones. *The Refugee: A Romance, Volume 1 & 2* this work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and it is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. “This is a reproduction of a book published before 1923 this book may have occasional imperfections such as missing or blurred pages, poor pictures, errant marks, etc. that were either part of the original artifact, or were introduced by the scanning process”. This officer ordered both volumes of this book and sure enough Captain Murgatroyed is on the first page. This officer is hopeful that once the new Washington Crossing State Park Museum and Visitor’s Center is completed and open the sword will proudly be on display representing the NJSSDAR.

As of this report there is a total member count from the CMR as two thousand six hundred and ninety-seven members. Two chapters marked the graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers/Patriots, Beacon Fire; Richard Heath and Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth; Henry Johnson, and Joseph Stillwell. Nine History Awards Medals were given out by the Basking Ridge Chapter. There were zero submissions for the NSDAR Excellence in American History Book Award as well as zero submissions for the NSDAR Excellence in American History Children’s Book Award.

As of this report from the CMR there were two chapters, Chinkchewunska and Beacon Fire that submitted a nomination for the Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. Beacon Fire Chapter having the Outstanding Teacher of New Jersey, Mr. Isaac Welsh of the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School. Eighteen

chapters. Honored the Men and Women who Achieved American Independence, “Our Patriots” in their communities and as the state of NJDAR.

Most importantly this officer has supported, shared successes, and cheered on our State Regent, Bonnie N. Matthews in every possible way so that she may “Rise and Shine” while “Keeping the Lights of Tradition Burning”.

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

Deborah Hvizdos
State Historian

STATE LIBRARIAN

This has without a doubt, been a term of many challenges. As this officer stated last year, Zoom, Google Meet and GoToWebinar have become a way of life. Even though chapters are once again meeting and things are getting back to normal, many chapters continue to include zoom to their meetings, and book clubs, keeping out of state and homebound members included. What a great tool for chapter retention. One thing social distancing has taught us is how to stay virtually connected for those that aren't able to attend.

As always, New Jersey Daughters have been very supportive of the NSDAR Library and Alexander Library at Rutgers University. Unfortunately, The Alexander Library is still closed to the public. This officer would like to once again encourage all chapters and members to donate books to the DAR Library.

This officer continues to post information from the National Librarian on programs and book clubs. Just a reminder that if you need a free Genealogy Speaker, the Genealogy Librarian at the NJ

State Library is available for webinars. Many of the classes that are available for the webinars have been updated during the pandemic.

This has been a rewarding and enjoyable three years for this state officer. She is thankful to all New Jersey Daughters for their help, cooperation, and support through this administration.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve the New Jersey State Society and State Regent, Mrs. Bonnie Matthews.

Donna Hare
State Librarian

STATE PARLIAMENTARIAN

The State Parliamentarian is a consultant on parliamentary procedure, helping to expedite meetings in accordance with the State Bylaws and Standing Rules, and Robert's Rules of Order.

She attended state board meetings as requested and regularly addressed related procedures with the State Regent. She assisted the State Regent with the agendas and procedures for the virtual 2021 State Conference and 2021 Fall Meeting (in-person at last) and was available during both events to address parliamentary matters.

She regularly reviews the State Bylaws for compliance with National Bylaws. She assisted chapters with bylaws and protocol inquiries, virtually assisting three chapters with bylaws amendments and four chapters with matters regarding elections procedure.

The State Parliamentarian places related articles in The Crossroads Courier as needed. Chapters are reminded that they are required to submit current bylaws to this officer. Once submitted the documents are reviewed for compliance and results are communicated with the chapters as needed.

Diane Clark Argraves
State Parliamentarian

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEES

AMERICAN HERITAGE

Forty-five (45) NJ DAR chapters, consisting of 2673 members, held 11 programs pertaining to the American Heritage committee. Additionally, NJ Daughters submitted 2 entries in the American Heritage Contest: “American Heritage Theme - 2021: Rise and Shine Your Light on Our House Beautiful”. One was a group entry for a Quilt top, and the second was an individual entry for cross stich (which has won second place in this division).

Joanne Stoy
American Heritage State Chair

AMERICAN HISTORY

This chairperson was honored to serve this office and the NJDAR State Board. She accepted this position in September of 2021. She reviewed all committee information available on the National site and discussed Chair responsibilities with the National Vice Chair. She disbursed information from different chapters to her respective Co Chairs and fostered those relationships to make this committee a success.

She is pleased to report that we did have a 1st place winner for the state in the American History Essay Contest for each grade level. The winners were invited to the Awards Day Ceremony. There were 973 students that participated in the contest, 721 participation certificates presented, 108 award certificates presented and 28 bronze medals awarded.

For the Patriots of the American Revolution DAR High School Essay Contest, there were only 3 essays submitted. The winner

was invited to Awards Day Ceremony. She believes that this is an area in which we as a state can significantly improve our response rate working more closely with our chapter committee chairs in the coming year.

All winning American History entries were submitted through the proper channels for entry in the National contest. Our Chapters honored 16 Women in American History but awarded no certificates. This is also an area identified for improvement next year with our chapters. Our chapters received broadcast, print and social media coverage recognition for their participation in several historical events this past year.

Her report has been submitted to Division Vice Chair and National Chair along with this report. She would like to thank her Co Chairs, Tricia Hicks and Melissa Mogen for their dedication to this committee. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve our NJ State daughters.

Barbara Trokan
American History State Chair

AMERICAN INDIANS

Through the CMR report, it showed all forty-five New Jersey chapters submitted reports for 2021, representing two thousand six hundred and seventy-three New Jersey daughters. There were twenty-nine chapters that had one hundred fifty-seven American Indian Minutes at their meetings. Eleven chapters gave a program on the American Indian this past year.

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter had a book review shared with them on Pocahontas: Medicine Woman, Spy, Entrepreneur, Diplomat, by Dr. Paula Gunn Allen. The General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter donated money and a LCD projector to Bacone College. The Morristown Chapter collected

\$165.00 from its members and donated it in gift cards to Bacone College. They also posted November as National American Indian Heritage Month on their Facebook page. The Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter had an Indian Minute placed in their chapter newsletter for each edition. On their information board they posted a flyer noting November's celebration of American Indian Heritage Month. The Westfield Chapter submitted a press release and photo in November of the Native American Indian Heritage Month proclamation with the Westfield mayor and chapter members were submitted. Also Westfield Chapter Native American Indian Committee spoke and met with Liberty State Park in Jersey City, New Jersey to discuss an upcoming project and location for their presentation. This will be a major initiative for them in 2022. Looking forward to this.

The Jersey Blue Chapter celebrated Native American Heritage month in November with posts to their Facebook page. It featured Bacone College in a series of posts and Native American Veterans. Some posts talked about the census, are you a registered tribal member and Indian Health Service, native American newspapers and much more. Check it out on Jersey Blue DAR Facebook page.

Four proclamations from local townships were received to celebrate Native American Indian Heritage Month in November. A \$125.00 donation was given to the American Indian Scholarship Fund. \$65.00 was given to the American Indian Fund. \$100.00 was given to the Indian Youth of America Christmas appeal. Bacone College received \$150.00 and \$165.00 in gift cards. Chemawa Indian School received \$96.00 and the Indian Youth of America Summer Camp program received \$16.50.

This chair has answered questions from chapters and has put articles in our Crossroad Courier Bulletins. I encourage our chapters to keep up the good work and some to start even with an

Indian Minute at their chapter meetings. This chair looks forward to what will happen in 2022!

Susan Anderson
NJDAR American Indian Chair

AMERICANISM

The New Jersey Americanism Committee is proud to share the awarding of two DAR medals in 2021. The DAR Medal of Honor, sponsored by the Governor William Livingston Chapter, was awarded to Edmund Arthur Krekorian in recognition of his outstanding service, leadership, and patriotism to his country. The DAR Americanism Medal, sponsored by the Francis Hopkinson Chapter, was awarded to Luz Stella Segura in recognition of outstanding service, leadership, and patriotism to her country and the Plainfield Library Literacy Program.

The Americanism Committee is pleased to report that New Jersey chapters participated in three naturalization ceremonies in 2021. Two of the ceremonies were held in partnership with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. One of the two ceremonies was conducted at the NJ State Autumn Conference at the Crowne Plaza Princeton. The ceremony was attended by over 125 members and guests with 15 individuals taking the Oath of Allegiance representing 13 countries. Following the ceremony, the new citizens were presented with gift bags containing various items including a U.S. Flag, flag code, and flag pin, a copy of the U.S. Constitution and a message of congratulations. Other ceremonies were attended by chapters members from Bergen-Paulus Hook, Claverack, and General David Forman-Penelope Hart.

During 2021, chapters participated in a variety of patriotic activities and events. The Ann Whitall Chapter joined members of

the Sons of the American Revolution in a flag-folding ceremony and the Basking Ridge Chapter included U.S. Flags in “Boxes of Sunshine” and flag pins and copies of the Pledge of Allegiance and American’s Creed in new members kits. To celebrate Memorial Day, Beacon Fire distributed flags at Summit’s Memorial Day parade, General Livingston at Chestnut Neck’s ceremony and Elizabeth Parcell DeVoe and members of the C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) placed flags on graves at the George Washington Cemetery. In September, members of the Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter participated in Springfield Day passing out U.S. Flags, flag codes, and copies of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Morristown Chapter distributed U.S. flags during Constitution week, and the Princeton Chapter participated in Young Patriots Day at the Princeton Battlefield. Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth participated in the Battle of Monmouth Reenactment Day distributing U.S. Flags while the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter awarded five Somerset 4-H Clubs with Patriotic Awards recognizing their community service activities.

Overall, in 2021, New Jersey chapters distributed 1,718 U.S. flags, 362 U.S. flag pins, 436 U.S. flag bookmarks, 530 copies of the Pledge of Allegiance and 349 copies of the American’s Creed. In addition, the DAR Manual for Citizenship online (DAR Members’ Website) was accessed by 32 members, and 7 members assisted with naturalization classes.

Furthermore, the New Jersey Americanism Committee is pleased to report the “Rise and Shine: What America Means to Me” photo contest received six entries. The winning entry for this year’s contest was submitted by Michele Donnelly of the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter. New Jersey’s winning photo was forwarded for judging at the division level.

Linda Chesko
Americanism Committee State Chair

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Throughout 2021 many NJDAR chapters participated in commemorative events. Many chapters participated in Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day celebrations and they had programs to commemorate historical anniversaries such as: the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower, the 75th anniversary of WWII and the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage. They also participated in Wreaths Across America.

- The Basking Ridge Chapter held a presentation about the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and another presentation about the 240th anniversary of the end of the Revolutionary War.
- The Church and Cannon Chapter attended a commemoration of the 241st anniversary of the Battle of Springfield at the Chapter's Battle Ground Cemetery. They also participated in a 20th anniversary commemoration of 9/11.
- On January 23, members of the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter observed the chapter's 125th anniversary.
- The Francis Hopkinson Chapter visited two local WWII veterans at their homes and recognized them with signs, certificates of appreciation and plants.
- The Greenwich Tea Burning chapter was invited to speak at a local Veterans Day commemoration and members made monetary donations to fund a grave marker for a Revolutionary War veteran at a local cemetery. Members attended the dedication of this stone on Memorial Day.
- The Jersey Blue Chapter dedicated a plaque and a Missing Man Chair in their Never Forget Garden. They also sponsored the Veterans Day program at the Elmwood Cemetery.
- Members of the Matachshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter participated in the rededication of the Mother Pilgrim Statue in Massachusetts, a wreath laying for the 100th

anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre.

- At their annual luncheon, the Moorestown Chapter celebrated the 100th anniversary of Women’s Suffrage with a guest speaker, Lucy Beard, director of the Alice Paul Institute.
- The Morristown Chapter participated in the Vietnam Bell Tower Dedication ceremony at the All Veterans Memorial.
- The Red Bank Chapter participated in the memorial service for Continental Soldiers who were killed during the Battle of Red Bank.
- A member of the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter presented a program in honor of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower.
- The Westfield Chapter joined with the local SAR chapter to march in the “March to Yorktown Day,” which commemorates where troops passed through Westfield.

This year the Chinkchewunska Chapter, the Ferro Monte Chapter, Governor William Livingston Chapter, the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter, the Costal Watch Chapter and the Westfield Chapter commemorated the 50th anniversary the Vietnam war by supporting Vietnam veterans in several ways such as sending cards, homemade items and personal care items.

Ashley Ziccardi
Commemorative Events State Chairman

COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

New Jersey Daughters supported many local community schools through volunteerism and the donation of supplies for students in elementary, middle, and high school all throughout the state. A total of 39 volunteers, representing 16 chapters, engaged in

dynamic activities that supported students and teachers during another challenging year.

Noted highlights of volunteer activities included the donation of 5,000 books to BookSmiles by the Beacon Fire Chapter.

The Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe Chapter donated flags, bookmarks, coloring books and flag codes on Flag Day to elementary schools.

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Haddonfield Chapter presented a virtual history lesson to students.

The Jersey Blue Chapter met with National Honor Society Students to teach lessons on conservation, historic preservation, and local history. The Jersey Blue Chapter had a virtual celebration with the children of New Brunswick to mark the 100th anniversary of the Band-Aid.

The Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter members volunteered in person at local schools performing outreach activities on American Revolution history wearing period costumes and supporting literacy enrichment.

The Morristown Chapter continued their support of New Jersey History Day by judging the student contest and continued providing guidance to The Scouts of America working on the Genealogy Merit Badge.

New Jersey Daughters continued providing schools with Boxes of Sunshine. Basking Ridge and Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapters participated in this project and Claverack Chapter donated 500 Boxes of Sunshine to a number of schools in a number of towns. Many more chapters participated in Read Across America and other classroom volunteer opportunities to read to children and to provide local community schools with donated books and school supplies.

Beth Scheiderman
Community Classroom Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

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

Barbara Navatto was nominated by the Elizabeth Snyder - Continental Chapter. Barbara has devoted much of her life to helping the youth of Somerset County, NJ through the 4-H Youth Development. She has been involved with the annual Somerset County 4-H Fair, and been an 4-H program associate for 19+ years. She has also volunteered as the Somerset County 4-H Fair Manager.

Donald Sweeney was nominated by the Cranes Ford Chapter. Mr. Sweeney has been an active member of the Cranford Community for years as a Boy Scout Leader, parks and recreation committee member and founder of the Cranford 86 Project. Donald has researched, written bios and a book, raised money for banners and a granite monument with 86 names of Cranford Hometown Heroes. Heroes who left the comforts of their homes to answer the call of duty to our country, each paid the highest price with their lives. The Cranford 86 Project honors the lives of WWI, WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War Veterans.

Alex Saldana was nominated by the Polly Wyckoff David Demarest Chapter. Alex is a Life Scout in Troop 36 of Oradell. He is his troop's bugler as well as a patrol leader. When the news of Covid-19 deviated the Paramus Veterans Home and 37 veterans

had died, he went to the home to play Taps. He played Taps nightly for 50 days to honor the veterans who lost their lives to Covid-19. He also worked with the local Elks Lodge to place American Flags in front of the home for each veteran who lost their life, which by Memorial Day had reached 81.

The Grateful Shed was nominated by the Chinkchewunaska Chapter. The Grateful Shed is a self-serve food pantry started by three friends during the first shutdown of Covid19. It began with a simple idea of adding snacks to the Frankford School vestibule for families when picking up their school lunches. With overwhelming community support, their outreach was soon covering the township and a local regional high school. The Grateful Shed is a dignified place for residents to turn to in their time of hunger and food insecurity. The shed is a self-serve community food pantry located in the parking lot of the town's municipal building.

“Do Your 2 in '22” is our committee's upcoming goal for each chapter and state society! If YOUR chapter hasn't presented an award, try out the process! Once you're familiar with the process, it makes it easy to share the process with others.... and watch the spotlight SHINE on our community volunteers!

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

Lisaann Permunionian
NJDAR Community Service Award State Chair

CONSERVATION

This Conservation Chairman was honored to be your chairman and had a busy year. 3 issues Conservation Courier sent to NJDAR

Daughters, Regents received NJDAR Conservation Minutes, and reading NSDAR Conservation medal entries.

NJDAR's busy! Chapters had twenty-eight projects. One hundred eighty-five Conservation Minutes. Ninety-four Daughters Earth Day and/or Arbor Day participation. Two hundred twenty-two Daughters No Straw September participation. Forty-seven Daughters participated in beach/river/lake clean-ups. One thousand seven hundred Daughters recycled plastic. Two hundred daughters planted Sunshine gardens.

CMR included much chapter information:

- Basking Ridge's chaplain encouraged members to plant Garden of Remembrance at commemorative event for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Veterans Day planting bulbs in November, flowers in Spring.
- Elizabeth Snyder-Continental member Holly Dunbar participated in New Jersey Audubon's BioBlitz May 3-7 and joined Bumblebee Watch. Milkweed seeds distributed to members and public on DAR Day of Service. For DAR Day of Caring, we collected food and cleaning supplies for Plainfield Area Humane Society shelter which lost all their food and supplies during Hurricane Ida flooding. We held a public pet food and supplies drive collecting 550 lbs. dry dog and cat food, 125 cans pet food, 155 lbs. kitty litter, cleaning supplies treats and toys, and \$140 in gift cards. Reducing the number of strays is important for healthy ecosystem.
- Ferro Monte had 6 members participate cleaning the Morris Canal site with CAR members.
- Francis Hopkinson collected single use plastic bags for Mats with a Mission so they could continue their mission. Cindy Knierim began crocheting a sleeping mat from the bags for homeless. Earth Day Activity- 5 members and 1

HODAR provided 3 service projects at NJ Audubon Plainsboro Preserve. We: (1) painted caution lines on observatory deck and stairs (2) cleared winter brush from observatory field (3) cleaned-up main trail and parking lot. Linda Callaert planted trees. Organized Beach Clean-up: On October 9th 9 members met at Bayshore Waterfront Park for beach cleanup. One member crochets artificial bird nests for rescue organization.

- Governor William Livingston collected mascara wands to clean birds' feathers and sea animals.
- Great John Mathis Vice Regent is composter and pollinator garden with native plants; volunteers at Millcreek Community Garden Center and Orange County Agricultural Display Garden; treasurer is member LBI Garden Club. Regent has hummingbird station and butterfly garden.
- Greenwich Tea Burning's Regent has cuttings and butterfly beneficial insects' garden.
- Haddonfield presented conservation award medal.
- Jersey Blue had rain barrel workshop for community; sponsored Never Forget Garden; cleaned gardens at Buccleuch, recruitment and supervision of volunteers. Celebrated America Recycles Day, Pollinator Week, posted daily during April conservation and pollinator projects, celebrated National Lawn and Garden Month.
- Morristown made 21 quilts for veterans' home using donated fabric scraps.
- Nova Caesarea's regent and daughter keep chickens.
- Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth displays conservation information on board and newsletter, member volunteers with gardening teams at Monmouth County Park, others belong to gardening clubs or are gardeners and advocates of responsible use of pesticides and fertilizers.

Emily Carlin
Conservation State Chair

CONSTITUTION WEEK

In spite of the pandemic which froze public events and efforts for education and social meetings, the Jersey Girls found creative ways to be patriotic and share their love of the Constitution through social media and through public events and older forms of telecommunications reaching out to our Daughters and the public of all ages. Libraries were closed for week upon week but when they were open, our displays were there to be seen. When schools were closed, some were effective in delivering educational materials to the classrooms anyway. When streets were often empty, some Daughters sang and rang bells in front of fire stations to celebrate the most important document of our Nation's history. Proclamations were delivered to municipalities for signature when we could not gather, and when all else failed, some scrawled the famous words "We the People" and announced the important week on their front lawns. Necessity truly is the mother of invention.

This chair was so impressed with the energy and the creativity of our New Jersey Daughters that she wanted to celebrate each, and every chapter. These chapters efforts were eye catching:

- The committee has chosen the Jersey Blue Chapter for special recognition. Their lawn sign placards for all to see as they drove by was a gift to our communities and a reminder to everyone that our Rights are always in danger, and we must be alert!
- The Church and Cannon Chapter stood in front of the Fire House and gave away brochures.

- The Bloomfield Chapter which gave away the preamble, Creed and Pledge of Allegiance to 7-8th graders.
- The Morristown Docents gave away handouts.
- The Shrewsbury Chapter had book club discussions and gave books to the three libraries.
- The Westfield Chapter which took photos of their mayor signing the proclamation for the newspaper.
- Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter handed out a brochure on the tea burning history and the Constitution at the historical society's Artisans Faire.

Proclamations from 16 municipalities. Bells were distributed to all the Daughters at the Autumn State Conference. This chair had the privilege of cheering on the Regents and the Chapter Chairs with reminders to say the Preamble and the Creed in their meetings, to ring the bells in September, and always remember to say God Bless the USA.

Sarah Tarpine
Constitution Week State Chair

DAR GOOD CITIZENS

The DAR Good Citizen Chair is pleased to report that the chapters of New Jersey are actively participating with the DAR Good Citizens Award Committee. The chapter committee chairs were prompt and diligent with contacting High Schools, filling out pages of forms, responding to deadlines, and honoring their chapter's award recipients.

Of the state's 46 chapters, 20 chapters participated. These chapter chairs reached out to 115 schools of which 50 participated. Twenty-one new schools were contacted with 4 responding.

Within the State of New Jersey, 60 students were honored as their high school's Good Citizen. The total amount awarded by chapters was \$3,875.00. On average, most students receive \$50.00. Of these students, 46 entered the Essay Award part of the program. Using three non-DAR judges, these chapters sent 20 students further to State level. Again, with three non-DAR judges, our state chose a first place female and a first place male winner. New Jersey's first-place winners were forwarded to the district level before the Feb 15 deadline. This year our winning students were:

- Isabella Sky Harelick – Saddle River Chapter – Marilee Loeffler, Chair
- Thomas Vellenga – General Mercer Chapter – Frances O'Brien, Chair

This is a very rewarding program. The students are energetic and enthusiastic. It is gratifying to see young people committed to their communities and schools. They are patriotic, dependable and are developing leadership skills. The students exemplify the core of the DAR Good Citizens program.

Carrie T Efinger
DAR Good Citizens State Chair

DAR MAGAZINE

This committee chair worked closely with the VIS Committee to produce a two-page advertising spread in the July/August 2021 issue of the Daughter's Newsletter. This was particularly challenging because the photographs included in the ad pages were all taken at the NJDAR Hybrid State Conference which took place on April 29 – May 1, 2021, at the Breakers Hotel in Spring Lake, NJ. The due date for submission of the completed ads was extended, most graciously, but only until May 4 given the tight production schedule for the DAR Magazine and Daughters

Newsletter. Moreover, The New Jersey State Regent Bonnie Matthews was hosting the President General Denise Doring VanBuren at this first ever hybrid conference.

Page one of the ad featured prominently photos of the President General with the New Jersey State Regent and with the New Jersey State Board of Managers as well as photos of the luncheon and activities. The second page honored the 2020 New Jersey Outstanding Junior and 2020 National Outstanding Junior First Runner Up, Heather Varner of Ferro Monte Chapter as she was congratulated by Mrs. VanBuren and Mrs. Matthews.

Notably, for the first time in many years the cost of the advertisements in the Daughters Newsletter has increased by 10 percent, necessitating future decisions concerning the number of pages the NJ State Society wishes to purchase each year and potentially the amount budgeted for the expense. The information collected through the 2021 Chapter Master Report reflected a slight decrease in the number of chapter regents with subscriptions to DAR Magazine, but an increase in the number of New Jersey members subscribing to the magazine from 588 to 630 as well as an increase in the number of chapters reading the President General's Message from the newsletter at their meetings. The decrease in chapter regent subscriptions may be due to a reporting error, but more likely it is due to the fact that members had difficulty in subscribing or renewing their subscriptions due to the large scale and prolonged closure of the DAR building and offices due to the pandemic. Chapters report that they use the DAR Magazine as a tool to energize their members by gifting subscriptions to new members and libraries and share Magazine Minutes at their meetings to promote the DAR mission. Regents, and particularly new regents, must be encouraged to subscribe to DAR Magazine and also to review the Daughters Newsletter for new programs, bylaw changes and initiatives of the National Society.

Rosemary Cain Wallace
NJDAR Magazine Chair

DAR MUSEUM OUTREACH

There is one New Jersey Daughter docent for the DAR Museum Outreach, Pam Campbell, who has presented four programs on the museum. During the Covid-19 crisis Daughter who is a docent of the Newark Museum of Art in Newark, NJ presented a slide program on that museum to her chapter to interest chapter members in going to our DAR Museum. While another member docents at the New Jersey State DAR historic house, Watson House. One chapter has put the virtual tour of the museum on their chapter Facebook for their members to view. All this is a positive way to get the New Jersey Daughters interested in the wonderful DAR Museum in Washington DC. New Jersey Daughters can't wait to attend Continental Congress this summer to visit the DAR Museum and New Jersey Period Room.

Sarah Israel
DAR Museum Outreach State Chair

DAR PROJECT PATRIOT

All NJDAR Chapters reported to the DAR Project Patriot Committee. Seven Chapter's actively participated in 2021-2022. These Chapter's reported that they sent gifts cards, candy, hygiene supplies, and cards to female soldier's stationed aboard and domestically. Gifts, candy, cards, and other items were also sent to NJ Veterans Homes. The Beacon Fire Chapter held a "Baby Shower" for female veterans. In addition, The Westfield Chapter provided Bagel Breakfast(s) for drill weekends at the local Armory, family gatherings, and referrals for counseling and children's services to the Westfield Family Readiness Group. All the Chapters who participated this year as well in the past should be proud of their accomplishments.

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

Elizabeth Pappas Pagano
DAR Project Patriot Committee Chair

DAR SCHOLARSHIP

There were 13 New Jersey chapters that shared information in their community on the NSDAR scholarship opportunities in 2021. Social media, packets to local schools and community events were some ways that Chapters shared information. Other unique ways information was shared with the community were at local community clubs and CAR/DAR meetings. Social media and emails continued to be this year's main focus with the pandemic altering schedules.

Ten New Jersey Chapters awarded scholarships to students. These chapters dispersed a total of \$4,600 to deserving students. These ten chapters were able to sponsor 17 chapter scholarships

this year. Captain Joshua Huddy distributed the most money with Governor William Livingston Chapter as a close second.

Laura Franek
DAR Scholarship State Chair

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS

All the DAR ladies love veterans this year 36 chapters have reported their work to our committee.

32 chapters participated in Wreaths Across America, and 22 were sponsors. In all, Daughters donated 3,130 wreaths across the state.

11 chapters remembered the ladies. Women Veterans were gifted toiletries, baby showers, quilts, clothing, even business attire for a woman's success.

Almost 1500 volunteers young and old, representing the DAR, did over 4,472 hours of work.

Gifts were boundless. Donations to our State Regent's Project Sempre Fido, were generous and cheerfully given. But it didn't stop there, gifts of clothing toiletries, games, activities, music, lap robes, bed quilts, statues, benches, plants, and certificates insured those who defended our nation were not forgotten; to the tune of \$125,593 dollars of combined cash and gifts.

Despite the restrictions of visitation Covid 19 has caused, many chapters have been outstanding this year.

2022 Outstanding chapters with Wreath Across America totals, more than 100 wreaths: Ferro Monte, Francis Hopkinson, Great John Matthis, Jersey Blue, Moorestown, Morristown and Oak Tree chapters

2022 Chapters with Special Projects:

Morristown: Quilt Project of 24 lovingly handmade quilts donated to veteran's facilities; and a full-sized Statue memorializing equine veterans, with the likeness of George Washington's mount Blueskin, that was donated to the All Veteran's Memorial in Mt. Olive.

Shrewsbury Town – Monmouth: the luncheon and presentation at the NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the conservation funds needed to stabilize a period "Welcome Home" banner for that museum.

Red Bank: the donation of 2 benches to be within the Edward J. Campbell Veterans Memorial Mall, garden area.

2022 NJ Outstanding Chapters for DAR Service to Veterans are:

Basking Ridge: who single handedly collected just under \$70,000 of food gifts and funds for Veterans by partnering with Kings Supermarket and the NJ Quilters.

Jersey Blue: for their loving care and leadership at Menlo and going beyond that to sponsor jazz performers and sharing a fishing activity at the NJ Memorial Home for Veterans. Also, their participation at the William C. Doyle Veterans cemetery, at the interment of 23 veterans unclaimed remains from several wars.

Outstanding NJDAR Veteran Volunteer 2022, for her dedication and out of the box thinking is our VAVS volunteer at Menlo State Veterans Home, Karen Stroever who saw to it that not one of the residents at Menlo was forgotten.

Lastly, because of Covid 19 and the canceled state meeting in 2020, two people who should have been recognized at that time were not. Outstanding NJ DAR Veterans Volunteer 2020, Diane Donnally nominated by Moorestown Chapter working with the Veterans Home in Vineland. And 2020 NJ Veteran Veterans

Volunteer, Amery Vasso of the Wharton American Legion, who won division level and was nominated by Morristown Chapter.

Patricia Sanftner
DAR Service to Veterans State Chair

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Flag of the United State committee is proud of our Chapters who participated this past year despite the continuous pandemic. Our ladies did an outstanding job with 33 different programs or activities. 2,179 Flags were distributed along with three DAR Flag Certificates. We had one Flag purchased at the DAR store that flown over Constitution Hall. 219 Flag Codes were handed out as well as 542 other literatures plus four Braille Flags.

Jersey Blue Chapter distribute over 900 flags to 23 Historic Cemeteries with the help of the DAR members, volunteers, and Boy Scouts of America troops. They also sponsored the purchase of a Missing Man Chair which was placed in the remembrance Garden at Elmwood Cemetery.

Basking Ridge purchased a Flag that was flown over Constitution Hall and had a memorial service, a Celebration of Life, for the loss one of their members, Jane Eick. Bridget Ameo presented the flag to her husband Richard Eick. She was a member for 66 years with 40 years as a treasurer and former Regent. Linda Ward added a flag by the Basking Ridge / Liberty Corner English Farm monument to attract attention and patriotism.

Thank you, ladies for your great work.

Madame State Regent it's been an honor to serve you as State Chair for the Flag of the United States.

Kathy Cook
The Flag of the United States State Chair

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

In spite of the pandemic Jersey Girls still managed to forge ahead with historic preservation projects.

The Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter, NSDAR, completed a cemetery preservation project within the Brown's Dock Burial Ground in Middletown, New Jersey. The cemetery is within the Monmouth County Parks System. The scope of the project involved transforming an overgrown and neglected family burial ground into a place where ancestors are remembered and honored. The grave of Henry Johnson, Revolutionary War Patriot was cleared and rediscovered.

NJDAR State Historian, Deb Hvizdos, submitted Robert C. Meyer's application for a Historic Preservation Recognition Award to National.

Many New Jersey Daughters are involved with boards or committees in their communities for historic preservation.

Madam State Regent, this chair is pleased and proud of the New Jersey Chapters and members stepping up to insure historic preservation efforts in our state. Thank you for the privilege of serving your administration in this capacity.

Susan W. Beall

Historic Preservation Committee State Chair

JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

In 2021 the New Jersey State Junior American Citizens (JAC) Committee had a national first-place winner. The Crazy Frog Hoppers Double-Dutch 4-H jump rope club from Somerset County won first-place in the 2020-2021 national JAC. competition for their group entry in the Community Service category. They were sponsored by Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter. Club

members were honored for creating and distributing 235 Hero Bags containing water, snacks and a note of thanks presented to medical personnel and first responders during the first wave of the COVID pandemic.

To honor “The 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: Rise and Shine for Duty, Honor and Patriotism,” the New Jersey State Junior American Citizens (JAC) Committee had three entries.

In the Art – stamp category there was one entry and winner: Aiden Wetzel sponsored by the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, Trenton, NJ.

- In the Community Service group category, there were two entries and winners: The first-place winner was Just Kidding 4-H Goat Club, Grades 1, 7, and 9 from the Somerset County 4-H Center, sponsored by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, Green Brook, NJ.
- The second-place winner was Just Kidding 4-H Goat Club, Grades 6, 10, and 12 from the Somerset County 4-H Center, also sponsored by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter.

The entries were sent to the Eastern Division Vice Chair in January 2022. Congratulations to the General David Forman-Penelope Hart and the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapters for sponsoring this year’s entries.

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

Karen A. Kennedy
Junior American Citizen State Chair

LITERACY PROMOTION

Shine a light on literacy! During the year 2021, because of the pandemic restrictions, it was more difficult to freely meet with members and organizations to do some of the literacy activities that have been traditionally done in the past such as reading to grandchildren, the elderly, and to those in nursing or veterans' homes and schools. Daughters continued to tutor, whether virtual or in-person, to donate money, and to deliver books to libraries, literacy, and non-profit organizations, and to book sales. They joined Facebook literacy and book groups and supported Little Free Libraries. Sixty-nine chapter members in twenty New Jersey chapters reported that they supported literacy promotion in some way. During 2021, thirteen members volunteered 1,194 hours to read to or tutor adults and fourteen members spent 3,801 hours tutoring and reading to children. New Jersey daughters donated 8,422 books to schools, libraries, shelters, veterans, historic preservation projects, and non-profit organizations, and sent \$8,422 to various groups to promote literacy.

Four Literacy Champion Awards were awarded in 2021 for either outstanding service or participating in community activities that promote literacy. Kristen Stroeve, Jersey Blue Chapter, was recognized for her outstanding work with children in promoting literacy. Julie Nortillo of Beacon Fire Chapter was honored for her work with raising funds for BookSmile and delivering books to children in underprivileged schools. Chinkchewunska Chapter "Jammers" were recognized for raising funds for building a Little Free Library. Abigail Daly was given the award for her work with Bridge of Books by Literacy Chairman, Lynn Thompson, Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter.

Once again, Julie Nortillo, Beacon Fire's Literacy Promotion Chairman, collected and delivered over 5,000 books to children in underprivileged schools in New Jersey. She also raised \$5000 for a fundraising event for BookSmiles, a non-profit group which gives

children the opportunity to build personal libraries and gives books to Title 1 schools.

Chinkchewunsk Chapter continued to maintain the Little Free Library on the property of the DAR Van Bunschooten Museum. Hundreds of used and unused books were collected and sold at the chapter's fund raiser, Attic Treasures. Unsold books were then donated to other non-profit organizations. Two members joined the Facebook Book Club.

Members of Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter volunteered at a local historical library for the DAR National Day of Service in October.

Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe chapter members donated books to Villano School in Emerson and Roosevelt elementary School in Hawthorne.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter presented a chapter Patriot Award to recognize the "Just Kidding 4-H Goat Club" in Somerset County for their collection of books for Operation Paperback, a group that sends books to active military personnel, veterans, and to a base in Alaska.

Haddonfield Chapter donated 513 magazines to Trenton Psychiatric Hospital.

Morristown Chapter member Barbara Genthe brought her therapy dog to a library to promote reading and literacy skills in children. The chapter donated two subscriptions of American Spirit Magazine to two local libraries.

Ten members of Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter formed a Book Club which follows the books chosen by the Librarian General. The chapter supported the Bridge of Books Foundation, a program for underserved children in Monmouth County, by donating 525 books and \$150 from a chapter book sale.

New Jersey Daughters continue to work together to promote literacy in their homes, communities, and schools. Their creative ideas and actions foster the ideals of our National Society.

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

Bea Kota
Literacy Promotion Chair

SERVICE TO AMERICA

This chairman is proud of the work that New Jersey daughters have done for Service to America in 2021 despite the continued global pandemic. New Jersey had a total of 79,188 volunteer hours in 2021, a 4% increase.

Our chapters demonstrated innovation in their volunteer work. I wish I could list all the excellent examples of this, but here are a few:

- Beacon Fire Chapter participated in a cemetery clean up and documentation project at the New Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery, preserving the tombstones and stories of 60 Revolutionary War Patriots.
- Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter took the first steps towards recovering the NJDAR Penny Pines Monument. The area was located using aerial photos and historical documents. On Saturday, October 16th, 2021, chapter members cleared the area and excavated the "boulder" believed to be the monument; restoration will continue 2022.
- Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter volunteered at a local historical library to help organize the books & DVDs in the Children's Room.
- Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter organized a drive for pet food and supplies for the Plainfield Area Humane

Society, damaged by Hurricane Ida flood waters - 550 lbs. of dry food, 125 cans of wet food, 155 lbs. of kitty litter, cleaning supplies, treats, toys, and \$140 in gift cards was collected.

- Ferro Monte Chapter investigated cemetery records and online sources including FindAGrave and Ancestry to uncover 30 previously unacknowledged veterans buried in the area. These unacknowledged veterans included eight Revolutionary Patriots.
- As part of the DAR Day of Service, Francis Hopkinson Chapter members gathered at Bayshore Waterfront Park in Port Monmouth, for a “Beach Sweep”. Eight bags of garbage were filled through their efforts.
- The Morristown Chapter met to assemble and pin 21 quilt tops. The finished quilts are donated to several VA hospitals in NJ. Additionally, hospital staff selects a quilt for a veteran admitted to the Alzheimer's or homeless transitional housing wards.
- Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter cleaned, repaired and painted the picket fence surrounding the Allen House, a 1710 structure in Shrewsbury NJ on the National Register of Historic Places.

Moreover, twenty-four of our Chapters participated in October’s National DAR Day of Service, and five of our Chapters shared their service projects, photos, and ideas on the DAR Service to America Facebook Group. Our chapters truly have found exceptional ways to volunteer their time, and congratulations to Beacon Fire Chapter, who had the most volunteer hours for 2021 - a total of 10,959.

If your Chapter does not have a Service to America committee, please, consider starting one. Continue to volunteer your time and most importantly be sure to report your activities on the Service to America website. Unless you do this, there is no way of tracking

our good work. The Van Buren administration’s goal is to achieve 10 million Service to America Hours over their tenure. Madame Regent, it has been an honor to serve you.

Sandy Julian
NJDAR Service to America Chair

WOMEN'S ISSUES

This chair is proud to report the statewide “B.O.S.S.” Bags (Bags of Self Sureness) service project we held for 2021. Fourteen chapters and one high school collect or purchase handbags and stuff them with toiletries and personal items. They then took these “B.O.S.S.” bags to local women’s shelters throughout the entire state. The goal, to the aid of any woman who was placed in any of these shelters, whatever their circumstance, and to give them a bag full of personal items. Each chapter was asked to enclose a card, containing encouraging words from one woman to another! This service project was well received, and your NJ Daughters assembled over 550 “B.O.S.S.” bags and they were distributed to over 30 shelters.

This was a very successful service project, the Daughters were busy cleaning out their closets due to the expanse of time that the pandemic afford them, and this provided a wonderful way for all of Daughters to come together.

NJ Daughters were also busy on other service projects, from knitting 200 NICU baby hats for local hospitals to another having their members volunteer over 400 hours at a community food bank, to providing online mental health check-ups for women, to donating clothing to a local group home for teenage girls.

Colleen D. Parliman
Women’s Issues State Chair

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

DAR GENEALOGY PRESERVATION

The DAR Genealogy Preservation work is presently complete until the next project is introduced – a benefit of the pandemic and busy ladies working from home. This year thirteen ladies from New Jersey volunteered to categorize documents, categorizing 62,424 documents! This volunteer work helps to index DAR genealogical and membership information into searchable databases to assist staff genealogist in processing applications.

Supporting Documents:

| First Name | Last Name | Chapter Name | Total |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Amanda | Greene | Beacon Fire | 1,620 |
| Kimberly | Frusco | Colonel Thomas Reynolds | 390 |
| Mary | Leonard | Cranes Ford | 453 |
| Kimberly | Armstrong | Ferro Monte | 200 |
| Donna | Makowski | Ferro Monte | 107 |
| Kathryn | Nicita | Francis Hopkinson | 30 |
| Mary Ellen | Rogan | Francis Hopkinson | 148 |
| Sally | Bickford | General David Forman-Penelope Hart | 50,278 |
| Linda | Chesko | General David Forman-Penelope Hart | 5,203 |
| Esther | Pierson | Oak Tree | 52 |
| Patricia | Christie | Old White House-General Frelinghuysen | 252 |
| Vicki | Kumpel | Red Bank | 3,393 |

Total Documents 62,126

Descendants Project:

| First Name | Last Name | Chapter Name | Total |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Linda B. | Smith | Ferro Monte | 298 |

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

Amanda Greene
DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee State Chair

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

With all chapters reporting, New Jersey has 11 chapters with Genealogical Records chapter chairs. There was one member that participated in abstracting or copying unpublished source records, from the Morristown Chapter. Four members throughout the state also participated in the GRC Indexing Project, two from Claverack Chapter, one from General David Forman Penelope Hart Chapter and one from The Coastal Watch Chapter. There were 13,178 names indexed by these four New Jersey daughters.

Laura Franek
Genealogical Records Committee State Chair

LINEAGE RESEARCH

This chair has been assisting the Beacon Fire Chapter with a challenging application submitted by an African-American prospective member. This state chair has been working with other researchers at the state level and hopefully, we will make progress. This is a tough situation with DNA showing a connection, and a lack of a paper trail. Additional materials have been requested from local historical societies. This state chair recommended the chapter registrar seek assistance from the NSDAR African American research specialist team.

Margaret Shultz
Lineage Research Committee State Chair

PATRIOT RECORDS PROJECT

The Patriot Records Project began in 2015. The purpose of this committee is to make finding and identifying Revolutionary War Patriots easier. Volunteers index the names of men, women and business who fought or helped during the War for Independence. Anyone can search the Patriot Records Index by going to dar.org/grs and click on Rev War tab. After selecting the Patriot Records Project Index, you just enter a name.

Any member can volunteer for this committee by writing to patriotrecords@nsdar.org Once you have indexed 10,000 surnames, you are eligible to purchase the Patriot Records Project pin.

Fourteen Daughters in 2021, indexed a total of 139,630 names. This was accomplished by members from ten chapters. Four of our NJDAR Daughters indexed over 10,000 names:

| Name | Chapter | Names Indexed |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Mary Leonard | Cranes Ford | 54,578 |
| Sally Bickford | General David Foreman-Penelope Hart | 48,271 |
| Carrie Efinger | Morristown | 11,475 |
| Lynn Heck | Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest | 10,696 |

As state chair I have encouraged participation in this committee by providing articles of the NJDAR state newsletter.

Madam State Regent, it has been an honor to serve as State Chairman of Patriot Records Committee.

Mary Leonard
Patriot Records Project Committee State Chair

VOLUNTEER GENEALOGISTS

New Jersey Daughters continue their generous commitment of time and expertise to assist chapter registrars and members in need. Through genealogical education and training, they strive to improve the quality of new member and supplemental applications and assist with additional information requests (AIRs).

This past year, 15 members from 12 chapters completed one or more courses of the online Genealogical Education Program (GEP 1, 2, 3, and DNA) and 13 members completed additional GEP courses. By completing GEP 1 & 2, nine new members joined the ranks of 54 NSDAR trained Volunteer Field Genealogists prepared to assist with applications and supplemental applications. Commitment to education is high; chapters reported that non-DAR genealogy workshops were attended by 49 members.

In partnership with the state Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission team and the State Registrar, seven trained members participated in ten workshops presented to a total of 54 participants. Four chapters reported they could benefit from the assignment of a NSDAR trained volunteer; 19 members assisted other chapters with the preparation of applications.

NSDAR trained Volunteer Genealogists from our state also served as members of the Virtual Support, Lineage Research, and America250! teams and as Balcony Volunteers for this past year's virtual Continental Congress. The outstanding commitment by our Volunteer Genealogists represents untold hours of service for which they may all be proud.

Madam State Regent, thank you for the opportunity, it has been a pleasure to serve this administration.

Patricia Christie
Volunteer Genealogists Committee State Chair

**REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF
NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Chapter Achievement Award & Chapter Master Reports were electronically completed and filed for the New Jersey Chapters covering the year 2021. All 45 Chapters were marked complete prior to the February 1, 2022, 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

The committee is happy to report that the Level 1 status increased from last year and Level 3 status and below has decreased. Several chapters did not send in Chapter Achievement Awards contributions on time. When contributions are received after the deadline, chapters will not receive 175 points. This annual summary of a chapter's accomplishments enables the chapter to enhance what the chapter is presently achieving, and this knowledge will help chapter leadership wisely invest in the chapter's future!

The top three chapters with the highest percentage increase were Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter, Saddle River Chapter and the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter. The top three chapter with the highest point totals were the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter, Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter and the Jersey Blue Chapter.

Cynthia Ahrens
Grace McAfee

Chapter Achievement Award Committee State Chairs

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION

The Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission continued to “Rise and Shine” in New Jersey!

The members of the Peggy Warne Chapter were welcomed as they merged with General William Maxwell Chapter at a luncheon held in October.

District Directors assisted a number of chapters with challenges when chapter dues needed to meet the deadline and annual reports were due. One chapter had over 100 prospective members. The State Registrar assisted the new chapter registrar sorting through the list.

Volunteer Genealogist Mary Ellen Rogan has been assigned to assist the Cape May Patriots Chapter.

Some chapters had not been meeting since the beginning of the pandemic, the District Directors assisted several chapters to set up Zoom meetings.

Eagle Rock-Cranetown Chapter had a difficult year. Chapter Regent, Ann Watkins, was ill and passed away in November. The Northern District Director, Barbara Pierson, assisted with the chapter report and end of year financial obligations.

Both Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter and Church and Cannon Chapter had planned CDR workshops but again were postponed due to COVID-19.

Jersey Blue Chapter held a workshop for prospective members while the Francis Hopkinson Chapter held “Supplemental Saturday” by Zoom. One hour appointments were made ahead of time with a chapter genealogist.

In the summer, a Zoom meeting was held with officers of one south Jersey chapter to discuss leadership and set up a Zoom workshop for prospective members.

More chapter registrars have taken the Registrar General training course. This appears to help with reduce the number of AIRs (Additional Information Requested) on applications.

State Chair of Leadership Training Samantha Seamans-Frizzell, reported a very busy year. There were nine state board members who took the New Horizons course. There were over ninety participants during 2021. There have been 25 chapters who have participated in these courses. Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter had over 15% participation.

Many New Jersey Daughters have taken advantage of the new Inheritance Project which makes daughters and granddaughters eligible to wear their mother's ancestors' pins.

This position has offered me the opportunity to work with a fantastic team who included:

- State Regent, Bonnie Matthews
- State Vice Regent, Diane Oliver
- State Organizing Secretary, Catherine Medich
- State Registrar, Terry Brasko
- Honorary State Regent – Karen Stroever
- District Directors – Barbara Pierson, Ann Rotunno, and Pamela Campbell
- State Chairs of Genealogical Preservation – Amanda Greene, Genealogical Records – Laura Franek, Leadership Training – Samantha Seamans-Frizzell, Membership – Kathy Fritz and Diane Donnelly
- State Chair of Lineage Research, Peg Shultz, and her team – Christine Murphy, Cindy Knierim

- Volunteer Genealogists – Gail Hahn, Patti Christie, Mary Ellen Rogan, Karen Hardy
- New members of this team – Michele Donnelly and Barbara Trokan
- The NJ members of the America 250! Task Force – Gail Hahn, Donna Hare, Catherine Medich, Diane Oliver, Karen Stroevever, Ruth Ryno

This Chair would like to thank the CDR members for all their hard work and support. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve in this position during the Matthews Administration.

Ruth A. Ryno

Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission Chair

DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Committee Leaders Course is the third and most recent course to be added to the DAR Leadership Training profile. Like Members and New Horizons, the Committee Leaders Course is self-driven and can be completed at one’s own pace. Consisting of 17 more generalized modules, 3 more focused workbook sections and a planned (not completed) chapter service project or event, the Committee Leaders Course provides an informational, supportive, and interactive space for members to explore committee leadership without diving headfirst into a live committee.

Since the launch of this new branch of DAR Leadership Training in October of 2021, New Jersey Daughters have been enthusiastic towards their participation in the Committee Leaders Course. To date, 9 members have signed up to take the course through our state society and 3 members have successfully graduated.

To date, we have 10 active participants taking the Members Course with 23 graduating in 2021 and 9 joining the inactive list

now totaling 43 from over the past 3 years. We currently have 12 active New Horizons participants with 5 graduating in 2021. 2 participants have joined the inactive list, totaling 2 from the past 3 years.

All NJDAR graduates, those who graduated after September 2021 and including the graduates to come, will be celebrated at our Fall 2022 meeting. A list of those graduates along with any files related to our active and inactive participants for all Courses will be provided to the incoming NJDAR DAR Leadership Training Coordinator(s).

Madam State Regent, it is a privilege to serve during your administration.

Samantha Seamans-Frizzell
DAR Leadership Training Committee State Chair

INSIGNIA

This state chair has monitored the National FB page “Let's Talk Pins” and has offered answers to queries when appropriate.

An email and follow-up telephone call were received from a chapter regent during the year asking for assistance to settle internal chapter debates about what events were ‘pin appropriate’ and the types of attire that were appropriate to wear insignia with at different types of events. The issues were resolved quickly, and the regent called after the event to thank this state chair for the assistance rendered.

This state chair has posted information about new pin releases, pin availability, and other insignia-related information to the New Jersey DAR Facebook Page.

This state chair has been pleased to serve the New Jersey State Society during Mrs. Matthew's tenure as State Regent.

Margaret L Shultz
Insignia State Chair

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

New Jersey Daughters continue to show their support for their Junior Members. New Jersey fully believes that Junior Members are the future of our society, so chapters, and the state society, try to involve them as much as they can. Chapters in New Jersey encourage their Junior Members to serve as chapter chairman and officers. This year 20 Junior Members served as chapter chairman, and 12 served as chapter officers. Chapters were also encouraged to honor a Junior Member by awarding a Chapter Outstanding Junior. This year two chapters honored a Junior Member for their work with the DAR.

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

Junior Members are also actively involved at the state level with eight serving as state chairman or vice chairman, three members are serving as National Vice-Chairs. Junior Members serve as pages at state events and Continental Congress. This past

year eight Junior Members served as a page at either a state or national event.

Chapters not only try to involve their Juniors, but New Jersey continues to recruit and gain new Junior members. This year New Jersey gained 29 new Junior Members. Chapters gain new members by encouraging aging out CAR members to transfer their membership, and completing applications for daughters, granddaughters, and nieces. Chapters recruit new Juniors by setting up information tables at street fairs and local events. Members regularly attend public, private research days at libraries and archives, genealogy classes, commemorative events, social events, and reenactments to talk with prospective Junior members. Chapters use newsletters, social media, and email to keep and recruit new Junior members.

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

Stephanie Teagarden
Junior Membership State Chair

MEMBERSHIP

New Jersey DAR membership count for 2021 is 2703, our chapters added 170 new members, this includes 47 new Junior members.

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

Kathy Fritz
Membership Committee State Chair

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT

The restoration of Continental Hall has been completed and the New Jersey Daughters have continued to generously support the President General's Project.

The Committee Co-Chairmen kept in touch with the chapters by email, prepared a basket to be raffled at the NJDAR Annual Meeting/Hybrid Spring Conference, and presented merchandise to sell in support of the President General's Project at the Fall Conference.

Donations received from individuals and the chapters to the NJDAR State Treasurer and the NSDAR Treasurer General totaled \$56,700.00. This includes donations sent to NSDAR for Patriot and Benefactor gifts, Sustaining Supporters, Cut-Outs for Congress, Giving Tuesday, and the Winter, Spring and Summer mailings.

Despite restrictions due to the pandemic, during the Matthews Administration the New Jersey Daughters have contributed a total of \$169,297.00 to the President General's Project.

It has been an honor to serve this State Regent and the New Jersey State Society.

Wendy Kelly
Louise C. Stiloski

President General's Project Committee State Co-Chairs

PROTOCOL

NJDAR State Protocol Committee Chair for the Matthews Administration strives to assist the state regent, officers, chairmen, chapter regents, and members to conduct the business of the state society in a timely and proper manner, according to NSDAR guidelines.

In 2021 this Chairman answered numerous calls and emails on protocol questions, from introducing the NSDAR President General at a chapter luncheon, correct seating, and reception line order; introducing the NJDAR state regent at a chapter meeting, to appropriate attire for chapter and business meetings; information for all queries were provided in a timely manner. Copies of the Protocol Guidelines were sent out, when requested, to new Regents. Informational articles were submitted to the Crossroads Courier for publication in the quarterly state newsletter.

It has been an honor to serve the Matthews Administration and the State Society.

Susan Luczu
Protocol Committee State Chair

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE

Committee General Description:

Public Relations & Media Committee supports the NJ DAR Board of Directors and membership by developing and implementing communication strategies consistent with the goals and objectives of the National Society Daughters of the

American Revolution (NSDAR). Chairman directs and reports on the activity of the Committee, which, oversees the duties of the committee coordinators for chapters in New Jersey. Guidelines for informing members and the public of historic preservation, education, and patriotic mission activities of the DAR; and increasing public awareness of DAR objectives and programs are listed on NSDAR webpage.

Outreach is accomplished via the following methods:

Section 1: Public Relations and Media Resources

Utilization of public relations materials and tools such as graphics, fact sheets, brochures, and information available on the NSDAR website (including the Today's DAR 15-minute video).

Section 2: Press Releases and Coverage

Notification and announcements in newspapers or online journal compliant with NSDAR policy.

Section 3: Public Outreach

Participation in Constitution Week, DAR Manual for Citizenship, Naturalization Ceremonies, Patriotic Awards, Memorial Day parades, Wreaths Across America, Flag Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day, workshops, information booths at local libraries, and volunteering.

Section 4: Social Media

Via live-stream on Facebook and YouTube, Official NSDAR blogs, and Zoom meetings.

Section 5: NSDAR Media and Entertainment Award

Recognition for Chapters using motion picture, radio, or television special to promote DAR.

Section 6: State Proceedings

Proceedings are due to the State Regent and State Recording Secretary by March 15, 2022.

Section 7: National Report

Annual Report is submitted to the National Vice Chairman no later than February 15, 2022.

Section 8: Chapter Awards

Chapters eligible for an award are given to the NJDAR State Recording Secretary for inclusion at the Spring Conference. State-level 2021 Chapter Awards will go to: Beacon Fire, Church & Cannon, General Lafayette, Great John Mathis, Greenwich Tea Burning, Morristown, Shrewsbury-Monmouth Towne, Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter. Recommendations for National Level Award were submitted to the National Vice Chair as part of the Annual Report on February 15, 2022.

Laura Cramer
PR & Media Committee State Chair

UNITS OVERSEAS

This chairman was delighted to be appointed Units Overseas Committee Chairman by the State Regent.

This chairman has been developing relationships with the various DAR Units Overseas Chapters via email and soliciting information about their programs, local cultural traditions, and service projects for the New Jersey State Society newsletter, The Crossroads Courier. Countries highlighted during this past year were France, Germany, Guam, Mexico, and Spain. It has been a pleasure to learn how DAR members are serving the Society all

across the globe and to share this information with local Daughters.

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

Heather W. Speas
Units Overseas Committee State Chairman

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALISTS

As Volunteer Information Specialist, VIS for the year of 2021, this Chair continued with use of hybrid meetings and state events.

This chair is happy to report the Outstanding VIS Chapter Chairmen, with twenty-three certificates. VIS of Year, Kim Armstrong of the Ferro Monte Chapter whose quiet dedication to working hard to ensure the state's VIS committee is fully supported for the State Board of Management and the members. These outstanding awards and certificates of service in VIS to be presented via the NJDAR Members' website for download by recipients at the 130th NJDAR Annual Spring Conference in April 2022.

This past year, 2021 the NJDAR Chapters have reported the total membership count from the CMR is 2697. There are thirty-three-chapter websites actual and thirteen with no website. Six chapters with members only websites and thirty-nine chapters with no members only website. Twenty-two public Facebook pages and nineteen closed Facebook pages.

As of this report there fifty-four prospective members that have been reported from chapter websites and/or, other internet presence. One hundred seventy-six prospective members are reported from the NSDAR website, with seventy-one attending chapter meetings, and one fifty-seven papers pending or in

progress, and sixty-nine new members being reported from the CMR-VIS report.

As of this report eighteen chapters report that they distribute a yearbook electronically and twenty-two report as do not. Eighteen chapters distribute an electronic newsletter and twenty-three do not distribute an electronic newsletter. Thirty-three Regents reported use of E-Membership. Twenty-four Vice Regents, thirty-two treasurers and thirty-four registrars report use of E-Membership. A total of fifteen chapters reports the use of social media or other web tools.

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

Deborah Hvizdos
Volunteer Information Specialist State Chair

**REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF
SPECIAL NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

AMERICA 250!

New Jersey Daughters have been busy this year, planning innovative ways to keep our mission statement alive and expand our membership. All chapter regents and registrars in New Jersey were contacted with information explaining how a Task Force within each chapter can assist their registrar and strengthen the chapter's ability to get applications quickly verified.

An article was also placed in the state newsletter, The Crossroads Courier.

Patriot minutes were presented in 13 chapters. Use of the media was reported in 11 chapters.

Many chapters conducted meetings on Zoom.

Eighty Patriots were featured in chapter programs, media, and community promotions. Use of chapter Facebook accounts has increased with posts from many chapters. The Jersey Blue Chapter posted information on Revolutionary War sites and reenactments.

The Great John Mathis Chapter Facebook page informed the public of programs of interest.

Wreaths Across America, pictures and information highlighting Patriots and the effort to honor them was broadcast through You Tube by the Ferro Monte Chapter. Ceremonies were also held at four locations with Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter members.

An Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter member, Holly Dunbar, shared new information on her Patriot ancestor, John

Honeyman, who acted as a counterspy for George Washington, enabling Washington to cross the Delaware River.

Through their electronic newsletter, “Our Patriots”, the Beacon Fire Chapter has been able to recruit family and friends of members; almost doubling chapter size in the past four years. The Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey Chapter held a socially-distanced fundraising tour of their chapter-owned cemetery with press prior to and after the event. The Church and Cannon Chapter received attention from the media with their Commemoration of the Battle of Springfield.

The use of electronic meetings has been a great boost to involvement with chapters and their members in New Jersey. It may seem simple, but just seeing friends’ faces instead of talking on the phone makes a meeting more interesting and strengthens the ability to converse and share ideas with members. Chapter members have improved their video skills and have been able to create and share Power Point presentations at their Zoom meetings. The Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter members, Cindy Allen, Kathy Mazzacco and Jan Rohn shared stories of their Patriot ancestors with pictures and maps of the battles and trails followed in the course of The Revolutionary War. Kathy Mazzacco also created a Power Point presentation about the change of fashion and clothing designs through the ages according to the economy of the country in a Women’s Issues program. The Morristown Chapter had a presentation from three members about their Patriot ancestors, and the Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter featured 16 Patriot ancestors in social media and chapter programs.

The coming year promises to be exciting for the society with the interest generated by the new “Legacy” status, the “2020NE Membership Challenge” and the “Luminary Challenge.”

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve in this administration.

Elizabeth “Liz” G. Dunnell
America 250! State Chair

REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF STATE COMMITTEES

AWARDS DAY

This chairman is happy to say that the 2021 Awards Day was virtually a part of the Spring State Conference and was glad to celebrate all of the winners.

This chairman was pleased to help celebrate and recognize over 20 contest and scholarship winners.

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

Thank you, Madam State Regent, for the pleasure of serving on your board.

Vittoria Flick
Awards Day Committee State Chair

FASHION DESIGN

The 2021 Fashion Design Contest had four participants from one chapter: the Westfield Chapter. The winners were Maeve Collins, Tatiana Fecowycz and Brooke DeAngelis. The ladies received monetary awards from the state and were featured in the prerecorded online portion of the State Conference. Information about the contest was posted on the state website and past participating chapters were contacted.

Josephine Guscott
Fashion Design Contest Committee State Chair

FOUNDERS

The Founders Committee is pleased to announce that New Jersey Daughters have been very generous this year assisting in fundraising for our projects. Jerry Bongiovanni honored our dear Janice Bongiovanni with a generous memorial donation for Historic Preservation. She had previously preserved several samplers, and the committee continued her legacy by preserving our valuable prints under archival glass and matted with archival paper.

In February, this chair, Diane Argraves, Diane Oliver, Pat Sanftner, Susan Luczu and Bob Simmons met with Steve Balducci from UV Indow Windows, to review information about our proposed UV Window Protection plan. Mr. Balducci inspected our casement windows, measured them and has completed the installation of all our UV windows. He also completed the restoration of our 3rd floor deteriorated windowsills.

We are keeping New Jersey Daughters informed about our “House Beautiful” via our website and Facebook Page. We have shared our different scheduled dates directly with Mercer County, the Tulpehaking Nature Center and Abbott Marshlands, thus, providing us additional support with our Meetings, Open Houses and events. We are excited to join “The Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area’ to showcase our State Headquarters.

The Mercer County Parks Commission again stepped up to assist us with lighting towers for our “Watson After Dark” event. The event had only a few visitors, as we were dealing with COVID issues and uncertain weather conditions. We have had many visitors to the property that have enjoyed this glorious natural setting and many travelers stopped by the grounds seeking that elusive Pokémon image!

Bob Simmons dealt with major water issues this fall, including a broken hot water heater and a lack of water due to a water main break on Duck Island. Both problems were corrected by the Mercer County Parks Commission.

Our fundraising at the Fall Meeting was very successful! Adrienne's samplers were a new addition, and we look forward to their continued success. Many "Voices" were purchased for our table of many interesting items! Our newest fundraising item is our "Bricks," which have great appeal for our ladies to honor our patriots, family members and friends! Some bricks have been installed near The Watson House and look forward to more! We would like to thank our State Regent, Bonnie Matthews, for including that special line item on the Fall Meeting registration form that provided fabulous donations!

At the Fall Meeting, the State Society provided two additional bonuses for The Watson House. The first surprise was a beautiful watercolor of The Watson House that we may reproduce for sales items. Another unique gift was a proof sheet of stamps depicting the Watson House.

With our New Jersey Daughters dedication, we will continue to promote our state headquarters and fundraise to share its historic community legacy. Special recognition must go to all our committee members who are volunteering their time and talents to showcase the Watson House and its collection of historic items.

Cornelia "Connie" Ball Olde
Founders Committee State Chair

NEW JERSEY ROOM

The New Jersey Daughters are very proud of their New Jersey Period Room. One of the first period room in the DAR Museum, the NJDAR ladies worked to present a story of the American

Revolution which was Admiral Howe's trip up the Delaware River on his frigate the "Augusta". Since the room was made from the lumber and anchor from the "Augusta" this room has an interesting story. The committee promotes interest in the room by having a table at all state conferences to tell the Daughters of New Jersey about the period room. The committee chair goes to many chapters throughout the year to give a presentation of the items in the room and tell the story of how it was developed. Each of the items in the room was donated by one of the chapters. At every Continental Congress this room has a New Jersey Daughter to docent for everyone visiting to understand it's significance. A small booklet telling about the room which can be taken back to the various chapters to give a presentation about the New Jersey Period Room.

Sarah Israel

New Jersey Period Room Committee State Chair

NJDAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship

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

This year's recipient is Zaina Qureshi a senior at Chatham High School. Morristown is the sponsoring chapter. Chair is Barbara Genthe. The Chapter Regent is Carrie Efinger. We offer Zaina our congratulations. In her honor the book "Voices of our Republic" will be donated to her school Library.

NJDAR State Scholarship

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

This year's recipient is Alexandria Kisseberth a senior at Toms River High School East. The sponsoring chapter is Captain Joshua Huddy. The Chapter Chair is Caroline Germond. The Chapter Regent is Lynda Nolan. We offer Alexandria our congratulations.

Patricia Franz
Scholarship Committee State Chair

NJDAR STATE BULLETIN

Four issues of the State Bulletin, The Crossroads Courier, were compiled and published in 2021 with our summer issue receiving the most chapter submissions to date for this Chair ~ 21. We have seen a significant uptick in activity with the subsiding of the pandemic, which helped us round out the year with a couple of additional chapter submissions left for the Winter 2022 issue. Please be assured these same chapters were represented in the Fall issue, just with not all of the submissions they offered. In fact, many of our chapters have taken to submitting more than one choice for publication and more and more often, we have articles to carry over.

For several months in 2021, this Chair had thought we could reduce the page length of our newsletter due to public inactivity, however every time submissions were due, chapters, committees and state activities abounded keeping us right where we would be without a worldwide pandemic. Over the course of the past 3 years, the number of print subscriptions has seen a steady decline.

For the beginning of 2020, subscriptions dropped by 1; 2021 dropped by 8 and the beginning of 2022 saw a 15 member drop from subscriptions. When a chapter was asked why they no longer would participate, the chapter regent stated that their leadership actively encourages their members to view our digital version instead as a means of conservation.

Again, this Chair would like to apologize for the printing errors in our Summer 2021 Edition. I have since learned from another of my trusted printers that there was an issue with the printer software that did not convert our pdf file correctly. In fact, it took this printer several hours' time to figure out how to get our file to translate correctly ~ hence, a problem free Winter 2022 Edition.

Madam State Regent, it has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve during your administration.

Samantha Seamans-Frizzell
NJDAR State Bulletin Committee Chair

NJDAR SUNDAY AT VALLEY FORGE

The New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution held the annual service and luncheon at the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, PA on November 7th, 2021. The 12:00AM chapel service was led by Fr. Tommy Thompson and was followed by a catered luncheon held in the chapel's common room, adjacent to the chapel. Fifty-one NJDAR, NJSSAR, and friends were in attendance. Several NJSSAR members were dressed in colonial attire and served as the color guard. Through our members' generosity, donations to the Chapel totaled \$1342. Attendees were invited to enjoy a guided tour of the chapel led by volunteer docents. Once again, we were blessed with beautiful fall weather.

Madame State Regent has been an honor and pleasure to serve the Matthews administration and the State Society.

Jeannine Holt Ingenito
Sunday at Valley Forge Committee State Chair

NJ250!

This committee has been very busy this year in a number of ways. Because of Covid-19 projects were not introduced in person at the Spring State Conference (April 2020). Instead, the committee engaged with NJ Daughters via the internet. First, a blog site was developed introducing the committee projects. The chair wanted to make sure education and fun was served up in each entry. The committee introduced the different silhouette, the need of undergarments to create the fashionable figure, how to take accurate measurements, what colors and patterns of fabric are appropriate to 18th century dress, and how to estimate fabric amounts.

When the NJDAR state meeting in September went virtual the committee produced a YouTube video walking Daughters through the process of how to make a petticoat. This chair has been fielding requests for more videos which are now in the planning stages.

Special thanks go to Adrienne Kubiack, and Diane Oliver for their help and support.

Thank you, Madame State Regent, for supporting this committee.

Pat Sanftner
NJ250! Committee State Chair

REAL DAUGHTERS PROJECT

The Office of the Historian General authorized the placement of a Real Daughter Marker for our Real Daughter Priscilla Ayers Inslee, daughter of Patriot Robert Ayers Jr. and his wife Rhoda Holton of Middlesex County, NJ. Securing this authorization required multiple visits to the Office of the Historian General for guidance from Historian Genevieve Shishak. With her support, additional documents were presented to the cemetery to gain their permission. Mrs. Inslee's application was hand delivered to Ms. Shishak. The next obstacle to placement of the marker is Alpine Cemetery's restrictive rules for the placement of markers on graves. A local monument company was contacted in the hope of placing this marker by December 2022.

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

Beatrice A. Boyce
Real Daughters Project Committee State Chair

STATE MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

This Conference Chair was pleased to serve as Chairman for the April 2021 State hybrid Conference. Due to the continuation of restrictions during the COVID pandemic, a virtual Conference was held at the Breakers in Spring Lake, N.J.

The NSDAR President General was the honored guest. State Regent Mrs. Matthews, her Board of Management, and a small group of members met and taped a virtual Conference that aired to the general membership.

This Chairman arranged for rooms, transportation, handling the scheduling of the video crew and assisting during the event. The

Conference was filmed by a video crew and presented live to DAR members on the State web site.

This Conference chair arranged for breakfasts, lunches and dinners for all members and guests in attendance, and for arrangements for the President General and her husband.

During the Conference, the State Regent held a business meeting, awards ceremony, guests, and speakers. This Conference Chair assisted the State Regent set up and running as well as provided for welcome bags for each guest, and directed activities as planned by the State Regent.

The September 2021 State Fall meeting was held in person at the Crowne Plaza Princeton N.J. This Conference Chair was pleased to serve the State at the fall meeting. This chairman negotiated a contract with the Conference center to provide rooms, meals, event space and audio to successfully have a fall State meeting. This chairman set up menus, arranged for workshop areas, arranged for committee members to have tables for their chapter information, worked with the Registration and Credential chairmen to have all members registered, This chairman also worked with pages to ensure that the State Regent and guests were assisted while attending the meeting.

This chairman worked with the Conference Center staff to insure a professionally run meeting and to oversee the budgeted items to make settlement on presented bill.

It was a pleasure to serve the state and Madame State Regent

Lynda R. Aber
NJDAR State Conference Committee Chair

STATE REGENT'S PROJECT

In 2021, the co-chairs attended a hybrid Spring Conference at The Breakers in Spring Lake where President General Denise Doring VanBuren was an honored guest. The co-chairs sold the State Regent's pin and scarf, DAR t-shirts, handmade patriotic merchandise, and voices at the Autumn State Meeting. Patriot garden flags and DAR name badges were also sold throughout the year.

The highlight of 2021 was the State Regent's Project Luncheon in November at Pierre's of South Brunswick, where many Daughters were able to attend in support of the State Regent's Project. Chapter donations and personal donations were received throughout 2021.

The co-chairs are very happy to report that \$32,010.72 was raised for Project Semper Fido in 2021 and \$72,194.20 was raised from July 2019 through December 2021.

The co-chairs of this committee have been honored to serve the Matthews Administration in the raising of funds for Project Semper Fido.

Cindi Ahrens and Grace McAfee
NJDAR State Regent's Project Committee Chairs

TOURS AND TRAVEL

Once again, in 2021, the Jersey Girls were all signed up and ready to continue the NJDAR's longstanding tradition of traveling on "The Bus" to and from the nation's capital for Continental Congress. The 130th Continental Congress trip was scheduled to take place from Tuesday, June 29, 2021, through Sunday, July 4, 2021. The Jersey Girls were looking forward to enjoying time with old friends, making new friends, spending the week at the Sofitel

at Lafayette Square, a five-star luxury hotel in Washington, D.C., and celebrating our Nation's birthday on the way home! Unfortunately, just like 2020, Covid-19 had other plans for the Jersey Girls, who, like all Daughters throughout the country and around the world, attended the virtual Continental Congress instead.

Kathryn Illo and Joanne Stoy
Tours and Travel Committee State Chairs

REPORTS OF SPECIAL STATE APPOINTMENTS

DAR/SAR LIAISON

It is pleasure to work with the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution. This Chair attended the April meeting of the NJSSAR in Princeton where she met many members.

On June 23rd the Church and Cannon Chapter held a ceremony at the chapter owned Revolutionary War cemetery to recognize the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. In attendance were members of the NJSSAR and the SAR Honor Guard.

In September this liaison attended the General Lafayette Chapter's Anniversary Luncheon where several SAR members also attended including NJSSAR State President Charles Morgan.

On October 24th the Ann Whitall Chapter DAR and the South Jersey Chapter SAR participated in the Gloucester County 18th Century Field Day at the Col. Greene Monument for the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Red Bank in honor of the fourteen patriots from Rhode Island who were killed. Also, attendees participated in a special flag folding ceremony.

Although this liaison was unable to attend many other activities during the pandemic, she has been able to keep in touch with SAR members and some of their prospective members.

This chairman has been working with the NJSSAR State Registrar by referring and assisting NJDAR members to have their sons, fathers, husbands, and cousins join the SAR.

This liaison finds it a pleasure to work with President Charles Morgan to help increase membership and build strong relations with the NJSSAR.

Ruth A. Ryno
DAR/SAR Liaison State Chair

DAR/SR LIAISON

Due to the pandemic, there are no activities to report.

This liaison has been honored to serve as the Sons of the Revolution in New Jersey liaison during the Matthews administration.

Lucy A. Kramer
DAR/SR Liaison State Chair

DAR/BOY SCOUTS LIAISON

All New Jersey BSA Councils were contacted and asked to send names of eligible Eagle Scouts. Fourteen requests were made to present The NJDAR Youth Good Citizenship Medal to young men and woman. The medals were presented at their Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Donna L. Hare
DAR/Boy Scout Liaison State Chair

DAR/GIRL SCOUTS LIAISON

This liaison continued to pursue providing recognition certificates to Gold Award recipients to increase awareness of DAR. This liaison was pleased to provide the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore Council with 19 Certificates of Appreciation for their Gold Award recipients. The Gold Award is the highest honor that a Girl Scout can receive. There were no inquiries from Girl Scouts. There were no chapter inquiries.

This liaison has been delighted to serve as the Girl Scout liaison for the Matthews administration.

Lucy A. Kramer
DAR/Girl Scouts Liaison State Chair

DAR/4-H LIAISON

One of our nation's oldest and largest youth organizations, 4-H shares a common goal with DAR, that of preparing America's youth to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Winning 1st in the nation in the JAC contest was a NJ 4-H club for their group entry in the Community Service category. The Crazy Frog Hoppers Double-Dutch 4-H Club of Somerset County created 235 Hero Bags containing water, snacks and notes of thanks that they distributed to healthcare workers and first responders during the first wave of the pandemic. They were sponsored by Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter.

Chapters were encouraged to share DAR contest information with their county 4-H programs. Somerset County 4-H promoted the contests - American History and Patriots essays, JAC and NJDAR Fashion Design - on their public website. This brought in several inquiries, including a 6th grader from Bernards Twp. who went on to submit the state's winning entry in the American History Essay Contest.

Three DAR chapters participated in a 4-H service project to collect personal care products for local youth in need. Members of Basking Ridge, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental and Jersey Blue chapters did an outstanding job, donating goods valued at \$550.

Two 4-H dog clubs participated in a DAR Day of Service project in Oct., a pet food drive for the Plainfield Area Humane Society. The 4-H'ers collected donations of more than 125 cans of

pet food and 350 lbs. of dry food to help replace shelter supplies that were lost during Hurricane Ida.

An article in the Crossroads Courier featured the 4-H Military Partnership that serves 63,000 children of military families, including 323 young people in NJ. Daughters were urged to register for a 4-H Rewards card at JOANN's stores and to participate in the Paper Clover campaign at Tractor Supply. In celebration of National 4-H Week, chapters were provided with 4-H Minutes to share at their Oct. meetings.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental recognized five Somerset County 4-H clubs for community service with chapter Patriot Awards. In addition, the chapter hosted a table at a 4-H Holiday Craft Fair in Dec., inviting attendees to sign holiday cards for patients at Lyons V.A. Medical Center, children were able to draw pictures. Chapter members also donated food for the 4-H Community Dinner where 4-H families prepared 270 free meals for the public on Christmas Day.

Dozens of NJ Daughters are 4-H alumnae, and at least six chapters have members who are 4-H volunteers, serving as club leaders and judges, instructors, or who assist with events or fundraising. Many members also have children or grandchildren who participate in 4-H.

NJ is home to an outstanding 4-H Program due to the staff, dedicated volunteers, and community support. 4-H also provides many community outreach opportunities for DAR chapters. A special thank you to the chapters and Daughters who provided their support for 4-H during these challenging times.

Holly Jean Dunbar
NJDAR/4-H Liaison

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Northern District Chapters continued to be imaginative and innovative as they transitioned from virtual to in person gatherings. Several chapters continued with hybrid meetings in order that their long-distance members could continue to participate. Some of the programs included Constitution Week, Patriot Ancestors, African Americans in the Revolutionary War, Colonial Architecture, Patriotic Music, The History of Tea, “When Women Lost the Vote”, “New Jersey Suffragists” and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Volunteer Hours totaled more than 29,000 for Service to America. Chapters cleaned cemeteries and documented revolutionary graves. Chapters continued their support through donations to Veterans, Women’s Shelters, libraries and DAR Schools. Numerous members participated in the Members, New Horizons and GEP courses.

Several Chapters Sponsor CAR Societies and provide both financial support and leadership roles. They are mindful that the next generation of DAR and SAR will come from the Children of the American Revolution. Locally chapters participated in Wreaths across America, Historical Societies, Street Fairs, Town Clean-ups, and Parades.

Chapters reached out to local school districts with Scholarship, Essay Contests, Good Citizen Awards and some unique chapter scholarships. A \$500 Helen Pouch Memorial Grant sponsored by Church and Cannon was awarded to their teacher applicant. It provided a Reading Nook/Sensory area for a Special Ed classroom supporting students with ASD.

Beacon Fire received several awards both at the State and National level. Peggy Warne successfully merged into General William Maxwell. Major Joseph Bloomfield contributed and facilitated the help of this State Board to purchase a Charles Wilson Peale miniature of Mary Bloomfield, the wife of the chapter namesake for the Museum of the American Revolution. It is the only known existing portrait of a woman who voted in the US before the 19th Amendment.

Morristown sponsored a life size monument of “Blueskin”, a favorite horse of George Washington at the All Veterans Memorial in Mount Olive. Basking Ridge made very generous donations to the Community of Hope at Lyons Veteran Hospital. Hester Schuyler Colfax continues their cleaning and restoration efforts at the Crooked Pond Cemetery. Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest secured a Historic Preservation Grant for renovations to a historic Carriage House in Rutherford.

Saddle River contacted nine schools for Good Citizen Awards. Captain Daniel Vliet worked on member genealogy records. Bergen Paulus Hook gained three new members by application while keeping members connected through email and their newsletter. Loantaka-Parsippanong embraced Zoom, resulting in a larger turn out than their previous in person meetings. Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe working with Washington Elm CAR delivered 300 handwritten cards to Veterans. Ferro Monte coordinated community volunteers to participate in their Wreaths Across America Event. Chinkchewunsk opened their museum house after being closed last year.

This District Director wishes to thank all the Northern Chapters and Regents for their grace and courage during this most remarkable time in our country’s history.

Madam State Regent it has been an Honor and Privilege to serve you and your Board of Managers.

Barbara Bongiovanni Pierson
Northern District Director

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Daughters of the Southern New Jersey District have survived another year of COVID-19. Chapters continue to use technology to communicate with their members while slowly beginning to hold in person meetings and events. The Regents of the Southern District met periodically during the year via Zoom. The Chapters co-hosted the Central and Southern District lunch with the ladies of the Central District raising funds for the State Regent's project, Semper Fido. The Daughters supported the third and final year of State Regent Bonnie Matthews's term by hosting the Autumn 2021 meeting and the Spring 2022 meeting.

The Southern New Jersey Chapters logged, 12,043 volunteer hours, an increase over last year. Members knitted caps for the Neo-natal intensive care unit, grew butterfly gardens and food for their neighbors, archived material for historical societies, and volunteered with the USO.

The Ann Whitall Chapter attended the festivities surrounding the 18th century Field Day at the James and Ann Whitall House in October and joined The South Jersey Chapter SAR to mark the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Red Bank with a wreath presentation at the Colonel Greene Monument.

The Cape May Patriots added two new members this year. Several members volunteered their time to retrieve, store, document, inventory and preserve Patricia Munson-Siter's extensive genealogical library for the Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society Library.

Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter participated with another chapter for to mark Revolutionary War soldier graves, including Captain Joshua Huddy, at the Old Tennent Church in Manalapan Township. The chapter took the first steps towards recovering the NJDAR Penny Pines Monument in the Pine Barrens by clearing

the area and excavating the “boulder” believed to be the monument.

Colonel Thomas Reynold Chapter planted and maintained a “Never Forget Garden” at St. Andrew’s Graveyard. The chapter supported women and families in the community by donating holiday gifts for the Providence House Domestic Violence Services.

The ladies of the General Lafayette Chapter worked with the SAR to raise funds to light the Chestnut Neck Monument. The chapter was able to participate in the Stand Down for homeless Veterans in Atlantic City and came out to support the Run for the Fallen.

The cloud of COVID-19 lifted enough that the Great John Mathis Chapter was able to conduct their annual student recognition dinner at the Historic Cedar Bridge Tavern, reportedly the site of the last skirmish of the Revolutionary War.

Greenwich Team Burning Chapter celebrated the installation of the gravestone for the Revolutionary War soldier purchased by members of the Chapter at the Memorial Day Service. The Chapter participated in New Jersey DAR B.O.S.S. Bags initiative, members collected toiletries, clothing, handbags, and children's books which were then donated to the local women’s shelter.

The Haddonfield Chapter members returned to in-person events in October with a day of service to help the women’s shelter and veteran shelter Home of the Brave in Camden, NJ. The Haddonfield Chapter continued to sponsor awards for the annual Jonas Cattell run from Haddonfield to the Ann Whitall house. The Chapter Regent attended the annual presented a plaque to the first male teen to cross the finish line.

Members of the Moorestown Chapter celebrated a Day of Service by cleaning Tombstones of Patriots at the St. Mary’s

Cemetery in Burlington, NJ. The Chapter collected and donated personal items and toys to the Providence House for battered women. They also donated 22 boxes of toiletries and person items to the Active Military men and women stationed at Joint Base-McGuire/Fort Dix/ Lakehurst.

Members of Oak Tree Chapter supported a local soup kitchen by cooking and serving meals. They also cleared away brush from the DAR sign at Alloway Bridge and checked on the monument at Hancock's Bridge.

Red Bank Chapter celebrated 90 years this past December. The celebration included a visit by the President General, the NJDAR State Regent and the induction of new members. Included in the celebration was the Memorial Service for the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Red Bank. Chapter members also participated in the 90th Anniversary dedication of two concrete benches and two brass plaques at the Edward J. Campbell War Memorial Mall in Pitman, NJ.

Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter continues its work with the Camden County History Alliance by helping to organize Camden County History Month. Chapter members also conducted a cemetery tour event in the Berlin, NJ area.

This thanks the Southern District Chapters for their support during the last three terms and wishes them the best during the next term.

Pamela S. Campbell
Southern District Director

REPORTS OF CHAPTER REGENTS

ANN WHITALL

Ann Whitall Chapter endeavored to keep the lights of tradition burning throughout this continued pandemic. Although small in size this chapter met regularly and adjusted our meetings when necessary due to the impact of Covid. Members relied on computer technology, mail and phone to stay connected and serve. It was a wonderful reunion when we could meet again in person. During the year the Ann Whitall Chapter members enjoyed varied programs and activities. Chapter members rang bells to commemorate Constitution Day and masked members attended the festivities surrounding the 18th century Field Day at the James and Ann Whitall House. Besides the Jonas Cattell Run and the reenactment of the Battle of Red Bank (Gloucester County, October 22, 1777), members participated in a flag folding ceremony. This chapter also participated in The South Jersey Chapter, SAR's 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Red Bank with a wreath presentation at the Colonel Greene Monument. Chapter members served our Veterans by hand decorating Christmas ornaments and writing Christmas cards for the Vineland Veterans' Home.

Throughout the year the Ann Whitall Chapter continued its support of public service through the collection of soda tabs for DuPont Children's Hospital and the making of caps for the infants at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Inspira, Vineland.

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

Susan Novalsky
Ann Whitall Chapter Regent

BASKING RIDGE

The Basking Ridge Chapter NSDAR began the year with a commemorative presentation on "The Madonna of the Trail" given by member, Jane Allen. Due to the Covid pandemic, the presentation was virtual.

In March, "The History of Tea" was presented by Patricia James-Hasser, Ohio DAR Regent and retired from the US Army. We were delighted in April to go on a virtual field trip to Boston. Our leader on the Boston Freedom Trail was Mario Medici, tour guide.

In May, as part of our virtual Annual Meeting, a DAR Memorial Service was presented by the Chaplain, Regent, and Musician for 8 departed members from years 2016 - 2021. Our June picnic was held outdoors at Bernards Township Harry Dunham Park. For the Women's Issues Committee, items were brought for B.O. S. S. Bags (more about them later) and items were brought for the annual Silent Auction. \$400 was raised from the Auction for funds for the local High School awards for the coming year. The virtual 130th Continental Congress met June 30-July 4th. Two members voted at the virtual Congress.

In September, our Chapter was again back at Bernards Township Harry Dunham Park- this time, for a memorial service and Celebration of Life for our departed member Jane Rue Eick - faithful member 66 years, former Regent, Treasurer 40 years. Prepared by the Chaplain, the Celebration of Life included flute music and spoken remembrances. Jane's husband, Richard, attended and was presented by a member a flag flown over DAR Headquarters in Washington, DC. At the virtual NJDAR State Conference in September, three members voted.

In October once again we participated at the Lord Stirling 1770's Festival, Bernards Township. A member/mother and

daughter provided DAR friendship to interested potential members. Very good news in October! After nineteen months we were able to RETURN to our regular meeting place for in person Chapter meetings! Our meeting was presented by member Judy Hecker and featured the commemorative program, "The Revolutionary War Ends-Final Battle of Yorktown, 1781" 240th anniversary.

November is our anniversary month - 87 years! Our Chapter program was, "The Pilgrims and the Mayflower: Sailing the American Revolution," The presenter was Joel Farkas, historian. Our Chapter's December Holiday Luncheon/meeting was held at a member's home. "Patriotic Holiday' was the theme of the Luncheon. Special guests were the NJDAR State Regent, Bonnie Matthews and the DAR Northern Director, Barbara Pierson. Musician, Arline Cox, played Christmas music on the flute for us from colonial times to sing and listen to.

DAR Committees are all important to DAR. Four Committees are listed: American History Awards (9) and Good Citizen Awards (2), National Defense (each meeting), Service for Veterans ongoing for Community Hope, Lyons, NJ (Total \$61, 001 and Quilt Fundraiser \$3,905) and Women's Issues (June, 2021-74 B.O.S.S. Bags distributed to 4 NJ Counties). The Executive Board has been very faithful in attendance to their monthly meetings and to Chapter meetings. The Regent offers them sincere thanks. The Nominating Committee recently worked diligently preparing a slate of officers offered for the term 2022-2025.

Edythe Joan Palmer
Basking Ridge Chapter Regent

BEACON FIRE

Beacon Fire Chapter did not let the pandemic slow its activities and efforts. To keep everyone safe, meetings were moved outdoors or to virtual Zoom gatherings. At the January board meeting, plans for spring 2021 were established. Chapter efforts continue to plan for this chapter's Centennial Anniversary in 2022, including work with historic preservation projects at The Summit Historical Society. This chapter approved funds to place a historic marker in front of the Carter House.

In February, chapter members met via Zoom to celebrate George Washington's birthday, hosted by Eebie Zobitz. In March, our speaker program "New Jersey Suffragists" was held via Zoom and shared with Church & Cannon Chapter. In May, we held our Annual Meeting at Sherel Hersch's patio where we prepared our new parade banners for marching in the Summit Memorial Day parade.

Service for Veterans co-chairs, Liz Clark and Elizabeth Valdes organized an electronic baby shower gift collection, using an online Amazon wish list. In May, approximately \$500 worth of baby gifts were delivered to East Orange VA female veterans for a baby shower gift distribution.

This chapter held two virtual book group meetings led by Maureen Bednar and hosted by Lesley Quinlan. In April, daughters read "Eighty Days" by Matthew Goodman. In November, daughters read "The Indigo Girl" by Natasha Boyd.

This chapter continued working on community service projects. Eebie Zobitz has sewn over 5,000 facemasks, along with 42 handmade quilts. Eebie's sewing efforts have become a passion and she now teaches children to sew. Julie Nortillo continued her work with BookSmiles, collecting over 5,000 books for literacy promotion.

Sherel Hersch and Patricia Black led a joint effort to clean and document sixty Revolutionary War Patriot tombstones in the New Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery. In September, this chapter toured the church and cemetery, documenting the cleaning progress. An outdoor luncheon was held under a tent in the cemetery. A copy of the research has been shared with the church archives and the chapter archives.

In October, daughters gathered for a virtual museum tour hosted by Heather Pyne, chapter member and docent of the Newark Museum of Art. In December, this chapter held its 99th Annual Christmas meeting at Eebie Zobitz's patio. Amanda Greene presented awards to daughters with special membership anniversaries. Members enjoyed this chapter's annual tradition of singing Christmas Carols.

This chapter achieved Level 1 status and received ten NSDAR awards, including: DAR America 250! Eastern Division Award for Outstanding Effort Honoring Our Patriots; Lineage Research Award for Excellent Use of Resources & Specialty Research; Membership Challenge Award for 5 New Members (net new members); PR and Media Award Eastern Division for Outstanding Electronic Coverage for the chapter newsletter; Genealogy Preservation Award to Amanda Greene for Outstanding Service; Service to America Award to Eebie Zobitz for Outstanding Service Mask Making; and Service for Veterans Award for Support of Female Veterans.

In 2021, this chapter welcomed seven new members, transferred one member to a new chapter, and ended the year with 78 members. Congratulations to this chapter on overcoming pandemic challenges and making 2021 a productive year!

Amanda Greene
Beacon Fire Chapter Regent

BERGEN-PAULUS HOOK

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter held four meetings. Each meeting began with prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, President General's letter, National Defense Minute, American Indian Minute, Women's Issues Minute, Chapter Minute, Constitution Minute, Preamble, Conservation Minute, Patriot Minute, Service to America Minute and Flag Minute. Meeting topics were: Preserving Historic Cemeteries, The Watson House, Genealogy and The 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

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

Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter gained three new members by application. The 250 Task Force is helping with one application. One new member was by transfer. Numerous perspective members have papers in progress. Letters were sent to those on the PMD to ascertain interest and check status, and they are emailed monthly. PMD was updated.

One talented member created a MS PowerPoint for Constitution Week published on our closed Facebook page since we could not do our display due to Covid19. Her MS PowerPoint displays include 2 oil paintings by her father relating to the Constitution's signing. The chapter shared the American History Essay and Patriots of the American Revolution Essay with Washington Elm Society CAR since we were not able to find a school this year. Hopefully, we will find a school for the contests in 2022.

Chapter registrar contacted new PMs and began researching. Each perspective member was invited to all meetings. Chapter treasurer collected all members' dues.

Chapter website was approved by NSDAR VIS in 2020 and has been updated.

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter collected stamps for veterans, scanned Box Tops for Education, and ink cartridges for DAR schools. The chapter sent four boxes to Tamasee DAR School; 5 boxes Vietnam Vets; COJ to military; 4 oz cancelled stamps for veterans, 34 cards to St Jude's; and 207 pull-tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

The chapter continues researching to prove the Jane Tuers legend hoping to find proof so the chapter can mark Jane Tuers' unmarked grave in the Old Bergen Church historical cemetery.

The chapter had 2,651 Service to America hours; CMR completed, and e-postcard filed.

One member sewed 200 masks and surgical caps during the pandemic and her daughter, a respiratory therapist, delivered them to various hospitals. Her daughter also visited COVID-19 patients after her shifts and helped many seniors and cancer patients with their daily needs affected by the pandemic. Another member is a nurse and assists to administer the COVID vaccines.

The chapter hopes to have a productive 2022 and increased membership. The chapter hopes to meet in person this coming year. We wish a happy and safe 2022!

Tisa L. Mould
Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter Regent

CAMP MIDDLEBROOK

Camp Middlebrook had a few chapter meetings during the 2021 year. It was difficult to get getting together as many meetings were presented on Zoom and there were difficulties in getting connection to chapter members located all over the United States. We usually had members on zoom from Florida, Ohio, Arkansas, and Texas to name a few states. The chapter has 33 members that were very interested in knowing what is happening with the chapter even though they live a long distance from Bound Brook.

Another problem that was solved during the year as Regent Cynthia Voorhees was not available for some on the meeting and Vice Regent took over to conduct Zoom meetings. Eventually the vice regent took over the job of regent. Chapter members were very helpful to work with the new regent and help her in her new job. The chapter members are committed to keep the fifth chapter to be organized in the state going.

Chapter members are very active in historic preservation, and partner with the historic house Abraham Staats house to docent and participate in their activities. Chapter members participate in the Battle of Bound Brook, the memorial parade, and reading of Decoration of Independence at the historic encampment at Washington Park. New prospective members are found that would like to join the chapter by participating in these activities. The chapter is working hard to support the various projects of NSDAR and support DAR schools. Donations were made to Lyons VA Hospital to support the veterans, prayer shawls were made by one member, and many members volunteered for various community activities and supported the local events. Greetings were sent to members for birthdays and get well cards. Leadership keeps members informed of chapter activities though out the year.

Denise Rinn
Camp Middlebrook Chapter Regent

CAPE MAY PATRIOTS

In 2021 the Cape May Patriots Chapter continued to Celebrate, Remember and Honor our Veterans. Members donated to the NJDAR State Regent's Project, and the chapter will continue to support programs for our veterans.

Cape May Patriots Chapter has fifty-one (51) members (about 53% resided in Cape May County) and six (6) associate members (only one resides in New Jersey.) Two (2) new members are junior members. Chapter officers work hard to pursue D.A.R. objectives in country, state, county and community. Chapter virtual meetings have a larger number of members present than previous library meetings. Chapter will continue virtual meetings via Zoom and eventually in conjunction with library meetings.

The chapter's executive officers are actively involved in recruiting new members and assisting them in their search for their lineage. Mary Ellen Rogan, Registrar of Francis Hopkins Chapter, volunteered to be our chapter's registrar after the death of our previous registrar, Patricia Munson-Siter. Chapter has eight prospective members and the chapter's acting registrar works with them to research and document their families to qualify for DAR membership.

In December chapter member Lee Ann Houseman Gray-Pearle celebrated 10 years DAR membership anniversary.

Several members volunteered their time to retrieve, store, document, inventory and preserve Patricia Munson-Siter's extensive genealogical library. The Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society Library, under the leadership and guidance of DAR member, Dr. Edith Suzanne Eisenhower-Turner, accepted Patricia's Collection. The collection includes research books and residents' DAR and SAR lineage research documents. The

remainder of the collection will be delivered in the first quarter of 2022.

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

Sharon Lee Fruchtman
Cape May Chapter Regent

CAPTAIN DANIEL VLIET

As with the rest of the world, we are sheltering at home. Working on our genealogy and staying safe and healthy. We were able to gather once this year, we look forward a more normal life.

Eloise Schooley
Captain Daniel Vliet Chapter Regent

CAPTAIN JOSHUA HUDDY

The chapter currently has ninety members and three associate members. The chapter has a public website and a closed Facebook group that now has thirty-one members. Members are kept informed of events and activities through a newsletter composed of minutes from each meeting sent via email. For members without email, traditional mail is used.

To celebrate flag day, two members demonstrated the proper way to fold the American flag for a presentation ceremony. The symbolism for each fold was explained.

At the chapter's annual awards luncheon in May a scholarship of \$1500 was awarded to a Manchester High School Senior and two Good Citizens were acknowledged. At the chapter's August meeting, a critical care RN presented a program on "Risk Factors for Heart Attack and Stroke".

In September the chapter participated in the Ocean County Historical Society's History Day. Copies of the Constitution and "Know Your Rights Under the Constitution" were handed out as well as DAR information and patriotic pamphlets.

In October the chapter joined with the Francis Hopkinson Chapter for Revolutionary War soldiers grave marking, including Captain Joshua Huddy, at the Old Tennent Church in Manalapan Township. The church itself is a historic Revolutionary War site and members were given a tour of the church.

Vice Regent Diane Barsa did research about the Penny Pines Monument in the Pine Barrens region here after finding a blueprint of the proposed monument site at the Historical Society. Our Day of Service was the first step towards recovering the NJDAR Penny Pines Monument. The area was located using aerial photos as well as historical documents. On October 16, 2021 chapter members cleared the area and excavated the "boulder" believed to be the monument. Restoration is to be continued in 2022.

At the chapter's November meeting, a color guard was made up of four veterans. A brief outline of each member's military service was given.

On November 10, 2021, the chapter participated in "America 250" in Toms River, NJ. It marked the beginning of a series of events the town will present to celebrate the 250th anniversary of

the American Revolutionary War now through 2024. In December chapter members made and donated thirty-six dozen cookies to the MDL Joint Base for the active duty military residing on base.

The chapter had the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Toms River, NJ designated as an official Wreaths Across America site. A monument of a soldier kneeling at the grave of a comrade was made by a chapter HODAR and that is where the chapter placed eight Remembrance wreaths. Additional wreaths were placed by chapter members and members of the community on veteran's graves.

Chapter members are preparing a series of lectures about women who helped form this country. These lectures will be available to be given to any organization requesting a speaker from the chapter.

The chapter donated \$550 to Semper Fido and \$550 to the War Dog Association.

Two ROTC medals were awarded as well as seventeen Youth Citizen certificates and medals.

A rewarding year despite the pandemic.

Lynda Nolan
Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter Regent

CHINKCHEWUNSKA

This year the Chinkchewunska Chapter was very happy to be able to open their museum, the DAR Van Bunschooten Museum again for tours and special events after remaining closed last year.

This year the chapter had 160 students participate in the American History Essay Contest. There were 64 award certificates

given and four bronze medals. The chapter also gave 20 bronze medal awards for outstanding work in American History.

This year 10 high schools in Sussex County participated in the DAR Good Citizens Awards Program and the chapter is hoping to recognize 10 students for their achievements in this area at a reception this spring.

The Chinkchewunska Chapter was able to support veterans this year in many ways. The chapter sent a box of personal hygiene products and Christmas cards to Landstuhl, Germany for those serving abroad. Members donated items for veterans such as: personal hygiene products, lap blankets, twiddle muffs, coloring books, activity books and snacks. In December the chapter participated in Wreaths Across America.

At business meetings, members donated loose change into a jar and by the end of the year; there was \$200 in the jar, which was donated to the DAR schools.

The chapter was very happy to once again host their annual Christmas in July 3-day open house. This event featured demonstrators, re-enactors, an Attic Treasurers sale, and complimentary tours of the museum. The younger guests enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus himself.

In August the chapter had a display with information about the chapter and about the chapter's museum at the New Jersey State Fair. There were also free flags, flag code booklets and other patriots' gifts for the fair visitors.

This summer members of the chapter enjoyed a trip to the Rockywood Farm in Newton, NJ. This is an organic pick your own berry farm which is owned by one of the members of the Chinkchewunska Chapter.

Ashley Ziccardi

CHURCH AND CANNON

The Church and Cannon Chapter continued to keep up their DAR work despite the limitations of the pandemic. The chapter was honored to receive the ‘Little Chapter that Could’ award at the Spring State Conference. This was made possible by a group of active members, who work hard to fulfill the goals of the Chapter. This Chapter has reached Level One for Chapter Achievement for the past nine years.

Chapter members both virtually and in-person attended and participated in the NJ State Spring conference. Three members, Linda Jurczak, State Treasurer, Barbara Pierson, Northern District Director and Nancy Donhauser, Outstanding Chapter Regent Chair, attended the meeting in Spring Lake. It was an honor for those of us in attendance to meet the President General, Mrs. Van Buren. Chapter Members also attended the Fall State Meeting held in Princeton. Five (5) Chapter members belong to the Cameo Society. Two of our members Linda Jurczak and Barbara Pierson are Officers for the Cameo Society.

In February and May we continued to hold virtual meetings with programs on George and Martha’s Wedding cake and Armed Forces Day. Our first in person meeting in over a year, occurred on June 23rd when we commemorated the 241st Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. This ceremony was held at our chapter-owned Revolutionary Cemetery. In attendance were Chapter Members, the President of NJ SAR, an SAR honor Guard, other DAR, and SAR members as well as local residents. Over the years this ceremony has grown to attract a larger number of participants and is one of the highlights of our year.

On Sept 11th, members attended the Town of Springfield's 20th Anniversary ceremony. Afterwards we distributed thank you baskets to the local front-line workers. The following week on Sept. 17th, members attended a bell ringing ceremony at the fire house to celebrate Constitution week. Vice Regent Heather Sanford helped organize both the thank you baskets and the Constitution Ceremony and brochure.

For our Chapter Holiday Tea we held our first hybrid meeting at the home of Linda Jurczak. One nice outcome of the pandemic has been the inclusion of our out-of-state members, so it was nice to have them at our December Meeting. As is our tradition, we collected donations for the Menlo Park Veterans home. Chapter members also wrote out Christmas cards to also send to Menlo Park.

On Dec. 18th members of the Chapter participated in Wreaths Across America. We attended the ceremony held by the Ferro Monte Chapter and then afterwards laid wreaths at our Chapter Revolutionary Cemetery. Earlier in the month Chapter Vice Regent Heather Sanford had wreaths place at the Springfield city hall honoring the military branches.

Nancy Donhauser
Church & Cannon Chapter Regent

COLONEL THOMAS REYNOLDS

The Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter started the year with zoom meetings, but in September returned to in-person meetings at the Burlington County Lyceum. Programs included "Remembering the Ladies: Women During the American Revolution" by speaker Joel Farkas, the "Critical Role Burlington County Played in the American Revolution" by speaker Eric Orange, as well as viewing

a Memorial Day remembrance video and making Patriot Christmas Ornaments.

The chapter gave out a Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Certificate with Medal, planted and maintained a “Never Forget Garden” at St. Andrew’s Graveyard, collected 15 proclamations for Constitution Week, helped organize a local 200-year-old library and cleaned up the grounds for DAR National Day of Service. In addition, they placed DAR marker/flag holders for eight DAR Patriots with a Memorial Service, placed wreaths on the graves of three Revolutionary War Patriots, including the chapter namesake, Colonel Thomas Reynolds.

The chapter held a fundraising yard sale which raised over \$1800 so the chapter can continue the good work of the NSDAR. The chapter asked members to make monetary or food donations to the local St. Vincent de Paul food pantry for Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. The chapter also asked members to donate holiday gifts for the Providence House Domestic Violence Services. Donations of personal care items were made to Family Success Centers and Homeless Centers for the NJDAR B.O.S.S. bag collection. The chapter also made donations to the Veterans Memorial Home - Vineland, Wreaths Across America and the Revolutionary War Alliance of Burlington County.

Chapter members attended the NJDAR Spring Conference, the Dedication of the Battle of Iron Works Hill Monument, the DAR Open House, the DAR Special Meeting and the Wreaths Across America celebration at Beverly National Cemetery.

The chapter is currently 99 members with 9 Juniors. 7 new members joined in 2021, 1 resigned and 4 members passed away. The chapter logged 793 hours on the Service to America tally in 2021.

It is an honor to serve as the Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter Regent and proud to be an active part of the NJDAR. The Chapter will continue to grow its membership and fulfill the mission of the NSDAR.

Grace McAfee
Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter Regent

CRANES FORD

During 2021 the Cranes Ford Chapter had a total membership of 51. Due to Covid-19 all our meetings would be held virtual this year. We held our November 13th meeting at the Cranford Community Center and honored Don Sweeney with the Community Service Award. Mr. Sweeney was instrument in starting the Cranford 86, in which he honored all Cranford residents that had been killed in various wars. Each organization in Cranford donated a banner that hangs on a lamp post in the center of town. The Cranes Ford chapter donated a banner in honor of Corporal Paul Sjursen (1922-1944). Corporal Sjursen is related to one of our chapter members. The Cranford 86 has since come out with a book about the project. We were very honored to present the award to Don Sweeney.

Bonnie Cierkowski
Cranes Ford Chapter Regent

EAGLE ROCK-CRANETOWN

The Eagle Rock - Cranetown Chapter in Montclair and Caldwell, NJ had 21 active members in 2021. The chapter welcomed one new member in March 2021 and reinstated another member that year. They also had one new prospective member express an interest in joining the chapter. Nine of the current members reached 50+ year membership anniversaries in 2021.

Sadly, regent of seven years, Elizabeth “Ann” Watkins passed away in early November 2021. The members of the Eagle Rock - Cranetown Chapter give thanks for having known Ann. She will be greatly missed!

The members continued to achieve the chapter's goals in education. They gave two \$1,000 scholarships in 2021: one to a student from James Caldwell High School in Caldwell and one to a cadet from the Eastside High School ROTC program in Paterson. They had nine American Spirit magazine subscribers this year. One member donated 20 books to promote literacy in the community. This chapter also supported the President General’s Project for the renovation of the DAR Constitution Hall. The Eagle Rock - Cranetown chapter continues their connection with the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Historic Site.

Plans for 2022 are exciting ones for revitalizing the chapter, increasing membership, and adding several interesting public programs and speakers under new chapter leadership.

It was an honor to report on the chapter’s 2021 activities respectfully on behalf of our dearly departed Ann Watkins.

Laura C. Kalb
Eagle Rock - Cranetown Chapter Regent

ELIZABETH PARCELLS DEVOE

The chapter started off the year collecting 2021 calendars and DAR Magazines for the residents at the Paramus Veterans Home. Donations thru the year: 4 men’s shirts, 6 stuffed animals, over 20 large print cross and search a word books with pencils, small American Flags. Along with 2 CAR members from Washington Elm C.A.R. Society over 300 handwritten cards were delivered for Veterans Day. One member shopped for napkins and tablecloths for Christmas and New Year’s. Visits were made outside to

residents and national guard when weather permitted. 37 handmade crocheted scarves were given to 2 veteran's facilities. \$50 gift card was purchased and donated to Menlo Park.

Project Patriot is another favorite of the chapter. 36 men's and women's socks were donated to Soldier's Angels. One box was sent to soldier for Operation Resiliency, \$50 gift card for Chick-fil-A, thru Amazon wish list, was received by the sailors aboard the USS Montpellier Submarine Unit based out of Groton, CT. Coupons were clipped and mailed to a base in Italy. \$25 was donated to the Gary Sinise Foundation for military families and 1st responders.

One member completed the Members Course another finished the 3rd and 4th units of the Genealogy Course. Another member completed the Junior Membership Firefly 5k walk/run. 27 cartridges were mailed to help funds at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School. A grant application for special needs children in Hawthorne was submitted to the state chairman thru the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund.

During the year 247 American Flags were distributed-the activities many and varied. 4th and 5th grade classes received small flags and bookmarks. 27 books were purchased and given to Villano School in Emerson for their library which needed updating.

One member residing in a Care Facility collects can tabs for Shriners, sews badges on Boy scout uniforms and collects used eyeglasses for the needy.

As a chapter we collected undergarments for a special women's project. The chapter enjoyed a visit by a CAR State Board member who explained the CAR State President's project. \$100 was donated by the chapter. Since the beginning, annually,

the chapter has conducted a candle lightening ceremony honoring Revolutionary War Ancestors and deceased chapter members.

It was a privilege to work with the state board and the chapters amazing, dedicated DAR daughters. We are small but mighty.

Patricia Franz

Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe Honorary Chapter Regent

ELIZABETH SNYDER-CONTINENTAL

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

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

Recognitions to students and chapter members were given by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter over the course of 2021. Chapter awards were presented to students through Somerset County 4-H, specifically Patriot Awards, Community Service Awards, and the American History Essay Contest. Chapter members supported community health workers by displaying a blue light at home. The Chapter presented a Good Citizens Award

to a longtime volunteer of the Somerset County 4-H in October of 2021.

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

Beth Scheiderman
Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter Regent

FERRO MONTE

Ferro Monte Chapter was back at it in 2021. Some of the annual events members typically take part in were cancelled, but that didn't stop them from being active in the community. Members, along with members of the local CAR society, assisted in a town wide litter clean-up. Multiple bags of litter were picked up from a local road that was assigned to us. The local town had a children's triathlon that members volunteered at. The volunteers helped sign the children in, direct them along the path of the race, and cheered them on from the sidelines. It's always a great time to see the local youth in action!

The chapter was present at multiple local street fairs, advertising the chapter and the state initiatives. Our main event of the year, Wreaths Across America, was able to be done in person again. Volunteers from the community, local public officials, local military officers, and the boy scout troops all took part in laying wreaths on Veteran Graves in two local cemeteries. Everyone came together afterwards for the ceremony inside the local church.

Members were pleased to be able to socialize again, as we were able to meet in person for our monthly meetings. The year started with a tea party that members were able to catch up, welcome

newcomers, and learned about the History of Tea. The meetings remained hybrid, so that anyone could join the fun, even if they weren't close by. Several members have joined in the meetings, that haven't been able to attend over the years due to a variety of reasons.

Members rallied together and sent cards to local veterans on Veterans Day, gift cards to NSDAR schools, and supplies to our local classrooms.

It has been an honor to serve as Chapter Regent for the hardworking and dedicated women of the Ferro Monte Chapter for the past three years.

Rebecca Martinsen
Ferro Monte Chapter Regent

FRANCIS HOPKINSON-MONMOUTH COURT HOUSE

The Francis Hopkinson Chapter continued to Rise and Shine for America in 2021. Five new members were added, of which three were juniors, and one was reinstated. Members participated in chapter zoom meetings, in-person meetings, quarterly book clubs, and multiple conservation projects.

Chapter members embraced American History through programs and minutes on Commemorative Events, the “Our Patriot” spotlight in the chapter newsletter, and regular social media postings on historical people and events, in addition to a Constitution Week virtual exhibit. The chapter participated in the Monmouth County Archive’s and History Day promoting the Society and gathering names of perspective members. Volunteer genealogists hosted a virtual “Supplemental Saturday”.

Veterans at Menlo Park received Valentine’s Day cards, an assortment of items for a St. Patrick’s Day party, funds for recreational use, and ten residents received gifts as part of the Angel Wish List Holiday Program. Two quilt tops for vets were donated, wash cloths were crocheted for veterans at Lyons Hospital, and stamps for the wounded were collected. The chapter marked the graves of 11 revolutionary soldiers and participated in a gravestone cleaning project. As the sponsor of Wreaths Across America at Old Tennent Cemetery, more than 150 people participated in placing 549 wreaths on the graves of veterans at the cemetery. The chapter located and honored two World War II veterans with a certificate, plant, and yard sign.

The chapter supported DAR Schools and the Indian Schools Fund through monetary donations. KDS received funds for the Annual fundraiser and the Holiday Giving Campaign. Two students at the Hindman School were sponsored for the book-a-month Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. Two students at the Crossnore School received new shoes. Fifty-five pounds of

school supplies were collected and donated for children at a local women's shelter. A local teacher was sponsored for the Junior Membership Classroom Grant Program for which she received funds for her outside garden.

The chapter presented an Americanism Award and Certificate to a naturalized citizen who is an ESL instructor that has assisted 266 students to become U.S. Citizens. Additional awards included two DAR Good Citizens and six Bronze JROTC awards and scholarships.

Conservation was a large focus of the chapter starting with the year-long program of collecting single use plastic grocery bags which are sent to Mats with a Mission which creates sleeping mats for the homeless. Members volunteered at the NJ Audubon Plainsboro Preserve for an Earth Day clean up and painting activity. For the DAR Day of Service, chapter members met at Bayshore Waterfront Park for a beach cleanup. One member planted trees in her yard and another member crochets artificial bird nests for a wildlife rescue organization.

Members continued to educate themselves on the Society and genealogy. Three members completed the Members Course, two members the New Horizons Course and one member completed GEP 1 and 2. Members discovered a Flower Power fundraiser and Bakeless Bake sale were a great option for fundraising when unable to meet in person.

The chapter members logged nearly 2,100 Service to America hours. Volunteer work included genealogy and historical research, conservation projects, assistance with food safety programs and food banks, filling Thanksgiving bags for servicemen at a local military base, collecting school supplies and coupons, participating in bake sales, church activities and local libraries. Additionally, members used their creative skills to sew quilt tops for veteran quilts, crocheted baby blankets and nests for wildlife rehabilitation,

sew fabric face masks, and knit twiddlemuffs for special needs individuals and dementia patients.

Women's Issues were supported with donations at the State Spring Conference of handbags and toiletries for women in need. Hundreds of hours were logged volunteering at food banks and educating community members in safety programs.

It is an honor to serve as Regent of this active chapter.

Wendy Kelly
Francis Hopkinson Chapter Regent

GENERAL DAVID FORMAN-PENELOPE HART

The General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter spent time on a variety of projects and programs that preserve our history, provide education, and honor and support those who serve our nation. In 2021, chapter members supported active service members, wounded warriors, and Veterans of all eras. Activities included providing care packages to women Veterans, participating in Wreaths Across America, volunteering at Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home, and honoring our military at ceremonies throughout the year. Chapter members enjoyed programs on women serving our country through the years including Deborah Sampson, who concealing her identity, served during the Revolutionary War, as well as an exhibit at the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery honoring American servicewomen.

Conservation is also important to chapter members. Whether a member's focus was ecology, wildlife or energy, members participated in projects concentrating on preserving our natural resources with activities such as beach clean-up and recycling; preserving the environment including creating "Sunshine" and

pollinator gardens and planting trees; and participating in Earth Day and Arbor Day activities and events.

Chapter members participated in several education initiatives including sponsoring two Junior American Citizens (JAC) clubs, supporting community classroom activities, participating in literacy programs, and supporting the Morven Society, a local Children of the American Revolution Society. Members also donated school supplies and books to local elementary schools. In addition, chapter members participated in a Day of Service at the Crosswicks Public Library putting books and videos in order on the children's floor. The chapter also recognized two DAR Good Citizens and sponsored a First Place Winner in the NJ JAC Art Contest.

During 2021, chapter members worked diligently on historic preservation. During Constitution Week, chapter members participated in Bells Across America and distributed 45 U.S. flags. Chapter members distributed an additional 40 U.S. flags, flag pins and flag codes at two Naturalization ceremonies and increased their appreciation of the U.S. flag through Flag Minutes at chapter meetings. Members also learned about Native American culture through "American Indian Minutes" during chapter meetings and supported Bacone College. Other education opportunities members were afforded at chapter meetings throughout 2021 included America250!, Commemorative, Conservation, Constitution, Museum, and Women's Issues. Chapter members also participated in several preservation activities including providing guided tours of the Isaac Watson House, visiting the National Cathedral in Washington DC and George Washington's Mt. Vernon home, and cleaning the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers.

The chapter is pleased to congratulate Adrienne Kubiak for being awarded 2021 NJ State Outstanding Junior runner-up, Stephanie Teagarden as the chapter's 2021 State Outstanding

Junior, and recognize two 10-year Member Anniversary's: Jill Reiter and Stephanie Teagarden and one 25-year Member Anniversary: Catherine Medich.

Chapter members mourned the passing of three of its members: Jane Virginia Scudder Escher, Virginia Lee Lippincott, and Mary Elizabeth "Liz" DeVay Broderick and honored them by sharing stories and memories to celebrate their lives.

Linda Chesko
General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter Regent

GENERAL LAFAYETTE

The General Lafayette Chapter of the NSDAR has engaged in many activities throughout 2021. COVID-19 restrictions remained in place at the beginning of the year, however, this did not stop the Lovely Ladies of Lafayette! The chapter members went on Zoom to conduct chapter business and met in person when it was feasible. Members continued to post "Tombstone Tuesdays", "Map Mondays", daily historic happening and would share events through the Chapter's closed Facebook group. The Chapter Book Club also continued to meet throughout the year.

The Chapter turned 125 years young in 2020. Although the originally planned celebration could not take place, we were finally able to gather in October to celebrate this Chapter milestone. To commemorate the 125th anniversary a scarf was designed, featuring the Chestnut Neck monument and General Lafayette himself. The celebration took place at the historic Dock's Oyster House in Atlantic City, where the General Lafayette Chapter originated 126 years ago. State Regent, Mrs. Bonnie Matthews, was in attendance and presented the National Conservation Award to member Christa Delaney.

In May the annual Memorial Day took place at the Chestnut Neck Monument in Port Republic. Several members continued to clean, weed, and maintain the monument throughout the summer months. The Ladies of Lafayette collaborated with their SAR brothers and helped with the fundraising for the lighting project at the monument. Now the monument can be enjoyed after dusk as well. Members, Diane Miller and Sherry Robb worked on designing a chapter shirt that features the monument with the catchphrase, “DAR, It’s Monumental”.

Many members participated in the ringing of bells on Constitution Day. Joy Tucci, Chapter Treasurer took on the B.O.S.S. bag challenge, collected toiletries, and organized a gathering to assemble the bags. All purses were delivered to both the Atlantic City Rescue Mission and the Pyramid Recovery Center. The chapter was able to participate in the Stand Down for homeless Veterans in Atlantic City. The Lovely Ladies of Lafayette also came out to Support the Run for the Fallen. Susan Smith coordinated two JROTC at two local high schools. Members also collected and delivered donations and cards to the Veteran’s home in Vineland, NJ. Jeanne Crevina and Peggy Beninatti started the chapter newsletter, The Lafayette Ledger.

Since Continental Congress was held virtually, many of the Chapter’s members were able to attend the virtual event. Members were happy to attend the NJDAR Autumn meeting in person. Even with gathering barriers, the chapter collectively logged over 4,000 hours of volunteer service!

Dr. Jeannine Ingenito
General Lafayette Chapter Regent

GENERAL WILLIAM MAXWELL

The year 2021 presented some interesting challenges with the continuing COVID pandemic. Online meetings presented the ability to travel without leaving home.

Virtual meetings included a tour of the special exhibit at the Museum of the American Revolution, When Women Lost the Vote, with proceeds donated to Semper Fido. Good Citizen Award winners were honored. The chapter visited Statuary Hall in the Capitol with a program about the very few statues of women honored in the hall. The last virtual meeting traveled back in time as we learned about America's First Military Academy: The Pluckemin Cantonement.

Finally able to meet in person in June, the chapter celebrated being together once again! An outdoor meeting included honoring young people for their achievements, DAR Chapter bingo, a collection for the Belvidere Food Pantry, and the induction of several new members.

State Regent Matthews attended the meeting and presented Erin Meehan with the NSDAR Junior American Citizen, Short Story Contest Award (Grade 9) for first place. Erin also received a Youth Historian Award for her work on her GSA Silver Award project, which was a compilation of the histories of each of the chapter member's Patriot ancestor. The chapter presented a Youth Conservation Award to an Eagle Scout for her project that involved building and placing pollinator boxes for mason bees throughout Washington Township (Morris County).

The chapter presented several Youth Citizenship Awards to scouts. Three Eagle Scouts (two were among the first female Eagle Scouts in the state) and three GSA Gold Award Scouts were honored.

The Peggy Warne and General William Maxwell Chapters voted to merge and were official in July, keeping the name as General William Maxwell Chapter. The merger was celebrated at the October meeting with a special ceremony administered by Northern District Director Barbara Pierson and NJDAR State Organizing Secretary Catherine Medich. The merged chapters then worked on a Day of Service project together. Members donated supplies for and filled 45 “Bags of Gratitude” with essential items and some extra treats for the residents of Veterans Haven North.

In celebration of the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Honor Guard Sentinel Mike O’Dell shared stories about his years as a sentinel at the tomb. In December, the meeting included a community service project and a Yankee Swap.

In spite of the challenges presented, the chapter collected items for the Belvidere Food Pantry three times, donated books for preschoolers to the Friendship Center in Hackettstown, accepted Constitution Week proclamations from the Warren County Freeholders and the Belvidere Town Council and recruited ten new DAR members. Chapter members continue to work together to blend the two chapters together with an even stronger commitment to all that is held dear as Daughters.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve.

Jan Hunold
General William Maxwell Chapter Regent

GOVERNOR WILLIAM LIVINGSTON

Our Chapters vision for 2021 went through many revisions to comply with the COVID pandemic. This Regent and our members experienced a period of learning, sharing at a distance and patience. Having Zoom meetings meant that members who were

not able to attend in person meetings joined in with more meetings during the year.

January and February Zoom meetings provided a very enlightened program on George Washington, courses within DAR and legacy standings. A motion passed to amend our by-laws to include electronic meetings. Members elected delegates for the State Conference and National Congress delegates. This Regent welcomed a new member.

March and April Zoom meeting discussions included our anniversary luncheon, State Conference and Continental Congress. This Regent reported that chapter members made over 2000 masks donated to local, military and schools, sent cards to veterans, made prayer blankets for nursing homes, created sunshine gardens, and helped family members who were sick. Since our annual April awards night with students and parents was cancelled, this Chapter Regent went to each Good Citizens students' home to present their pin, certificate, and monetary award. This Regent also went to the home of our Chapter Scholarship winner and presented him with a check for \$1,000. Six members gave a talk about who their Patriot is and why they joined DAR. We were honored to have Mrs. Olde, Past National Officer join us and discuss her patriot.

May was on Zoom, this Regent was honored to again be asked to attend Spring Lake Memorial services as an honored guest. This Regent attended the State Hybrid Conference with the President General in attendance.

June members attended Virtual Continental Congress and were able to share the events together online. September was our first in person meeting in a year, we welcomed two new members who were part of this Regents 2020 plus 2, as well as a new junior. The new budget was approved. This Regent attended the NJDAR State Fall Meeting. The Chapter received an award for 1st place for Chapter Achievement. In October members of the chapter

participated in a day of service by baking and taking goods to local fire, police with a thank you for their service note. This Regent also went on a trip to the NSDAR headquarters with NJDAR members. The chapter gave a check to our local CAR society to support their new reorganization.

November and December program was Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Wreaths Across America and Christmas party. In November we celebrated our chapter member who turned 104 years old, Attended and joined in services for Wreaths Across America at Holmdel and our placed wreaths at three cemeteries, to include a patriot in the local quaker cemetery. We made quilt squares that were joined together and when complete given to a Veteran.

This Chapter Regent is honored and proud to serve this chapter of strong, vibrant women.

Lynda R. Aber
Governor William Livingston Chapter Regent

GREAT JOHN MATHIS

We started off the 2021 year for Great John Mathis chapter with a business meeting in January. We had so many great things planned. The Chapter membership increased by two new members bringing our grand total to 43 members: several more in process. The Chapter is pleased to have doubled our service hours to over 1200+ for Celebrate America and Service to America.

Regent, Sharon Romano promoted conservation by maintaining a butterfly sanctuary garden and hummingbird stations. She also served as President of the Frank Massaro Stafford Scholarship Fund and presented 2021 recipient with its annual \$1,000 scholarship at the Southern Regional HS Scholarship remote 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. Chapter members participated in the LBI beach clean-up.

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. Vice-Regent, Caryn Muskus is a Master Gardener and Master Composter. She also made face masks that were donated to many non-profit organizations.

January was our planning month. Several of our programs were cancelled due to COVID 19 restrictions. We did, however, conduct our annual student recognition dinner at the Historic Cedar Bridge Tavern, reportedly the site of the last skirmish of the Revolutionary War. In July, our Chapter was recognized with a lovely Newspaper article in the Sandpaper.

September, we celebrated Constitution week. NJ Assemblywoman and GJM member, DiAnne Gove gave an educational presentation about the Constitution in honor of Constitution Week including a lesson and interactive crossword puzzles. Everyone agreed that they learned something new. In November we participated in the Veterans Day Celebration in Beach Haven Centennial Park while social distancing, then immediately celebrated with a group lunch honoring a local veteran and family member. We finished up the year with two veteran projects. Dec 17th, handed over \$475.00 in gift cards to Barnegat and Little Egg Harbor VFW's and at cemeteries in Toms

River and in Tenet attending the Wreaths Across America ceremonies placing wreaths at the gravesites of fallen veterans.

The Chapter membership sponsored 117 Wreaths to be placed at the gravesites of our fallen heroes which resulted in \$585 contributed to the Chapter Treasury

My two 3-year terms as Regent are soon coming to an end. It has been my honor and privilege to serve. I look forward to contributing to the continued success of the Chapter in the way of several interesting public programs and speakers as well as growth of membership.

Sharon Romano
Great John Mathis Chapter Regent

GREENWICH TEA BURNING

The Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter officers met in January for a planning session for the year. A proposed budget along with meeting location plans and proposed programs were discussed and recommended for submission to the chapter members.

The April meeting for the Chapter was held at the Vineland Historic and Antiquarian Society. As part of its mission of historic preservation the Chapter presented a check to the Director and a program on Southern Jersey conservation was presented.

In keeping with the New Jersey DAR Boss Bags initiative, members collected toiletries, clothing, handbags, and children's books which were then donated to the women's shelter. The Chapter had limited success with the Spring Zoom Conference.

May Annual Meeting's speaker was an author of a new book on South Jersey activity in the civil war. Members joined the Bridgeton VFW placing flags on graves in honor of Memorial Day. Additionally, members collected toiletries etc. for the

Veterans Home. After a long wait, the gravestone for the Revolutionary War soldier which was purchased by members of the Chapter was installed at the Memorial Day Service and Members were invited specifically for the celebration.

In September the meeting was held at the Cumberland County Historical Society and a check was given for Historic Preservation. Members visited the rehabilitation facility for a member recovering from a fall. Covid prevented actual contact, but visitation was made through a window and lots of fresh flowers were delivered.

Letters requesting each township in Cumberland County announce a Proclamation of Constitution Week as well as the NJ Governor Philip Murphy. Chapter members attended the autumn DAR Conference, welcomed new citizens, and provided bells to celebrate Constitution Week. Our Chapter won first place in the Conference Centerpiece competition. Members rang bells inside homes to celebrate Constitution Week 2021. Daughters attended and supported the Southern/Central Luncheon and the State Regent's Luncheons with fancy baskets.

On Veterans Day the Chapter Regent was invited to speak at a small Veterans recognition program. Members, children, HODARS were invited to clean cemetery overgrown grasses and brush.

Chapter newsletters, the President's Blogs, and State Regent's communications were distributed members to keep up to date. Covid created problems for our usual recognition of JR ROTC and Civil Air Patrol cadets however outside ceremonies provided success.

In November the annual history education event of a World War II spy for the allies was presented and our Volunteer of the Year Citizen recognized. And members attended the RI Monument and Battle of Red Bank celebrations.

For our 11th year the chapter invited the Bridgeton VFW and the Greenwich Presbyterian Church to celebrate Wreaths Across America with us and honor our veterans at the Greenwich Presbyterian cemetery where several veterans including revolutionary war veterans and Tea burners are interred. An honor guard, a gun salute, and taps were followed with a reception of hot chocolate and chili for all guests. A special trip was made to place a Christmas spray on the gravestone of the revolutionary war soldier for whom chapter members purchased a gravestone.

Sarah Tarpine
Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter Regent

HADDONFIELD

One of the first endeavors Daughters of the newly established Haddonfield Chapter pursued in 1897 was to place plaques on two Buttonwood trees along Kings Highway in Haddonfield, New Jersey. The plaques were hung on the trees in March 1899 and remained a part of the Haddonfield landscape for over 119 years. The plaques were replaced multiple times, but the wording remained the same: The British Army passed under these trees after evacuating Philadelphia June 1778. In the top left corner was the DAR insignia. By 2018, both Buttonwood trees were gone, but their wood lives on. On January 18, 2021, members of the Haddonfield Chapter attended an event commemorating the trees with a multi-media painting showcasing the plaques. In addition, artisans measured the Chapter gavel, which was made from a yew tree brought to America by Elizabeth Haddon around 1713. Haddon is the founder of Haddonfield and namesake for the Children of the American Revolution Society sponsored by the Haddonfield Chapter. The artisans plan to make identical gavels from the remaining wood to present to the Borough mayor and commissioners.

In May 2021, the Chapter Regent presented three awards. The first, a DAR Conservation Award was presented to Marguerite Downham for successfully preserving an old growth forest, Saddlers Woods, located in Haddon Township, New Jersey. The second, a media award was presented to Brett Ainsworth, Editor of The Retrospect, the oldest print publication in Camden County for his column Yesteryear. The third award was presented to John Ebert and Maryann Jarvis, owners of Springdale Farm in Cherry Hill for their community service work.

Chapter meetings continued via Zoom during the first half of 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Daughters returned to in-person events in October with a day of service to help women's shelters. The Chapter coordinated with the Elizabeth Haddon Society C.A.R. to attend Wreaths Across America as well as the December meeting to mark the 90th anniversary of the Elizabeth Haddon C.A.R.

The Chapter Regent attended the annual Jonas Cattell Run in October to present a plaque to the first male teen to cross the finish line. In addition, two members from the Haddonfield Chapter attended the special meeting at N.S.D.A.R Headquarters on December 9, 2021. The year ended by establishing a committee to plan the 125th anniversary of the Chapter in early 2022.

Shelly Castorino
Haddonfield Chapter Regent

HESTER SCHUYLER COLFAX

2021 again brought challenges to all chapters in member engagement in times of virtual gatherings and zoom meetings. Our monthly meetings focused on specific topics related to DAR committees and monthly celebrations. Members forwarded ideas for video presentations and some member contributions.

February was a celebration of Black History Month focusing on the role of African Americans in the Revolutionary War. We followed that with a historical video on the Scotch-Irish. During March we participated in a “pet adoption drive” for the local Paramus Veteran’s home. The chapter contributed close to seventy stuffed dogs, cats, and a few rabbits to enable residents to select a pet for adoption during Nursing Home week in May.

In honor of WWII Veterans, a chapter member, Jackie Richter, shared a moving presentation about her father’s service in the Navy on the USS Hamer. She presented photos, documents and stories that she heard after meeting with the surviving service members after presenting her father’s war time photos to them. She has since become a board member for their organization. Other members shared their own family WWII memories and memorabilia.

The arrival of spring also allowed the chapter to get back to our work at the Crooked Pond Cemetery. Members, HODARs, and power tools completely cleaned and cleared the cemetery. From Spring to the late Fall, we made 15 visits to clean headstones, seed, trim, water the trees planted in 2020 and mow the cleared area. The headstone restoration team from PA were able to restore a full row of Romine family headstones, some of which were of Revolutionary patriots. They also set up the two new headstones received from the VA.

The Fall Luncheon in October was very well attended. We inducted three of the five new members and awarded Certificates of Appreciation to two of our HODARs.

We ended our year with the annual holiday gift drive for the Paramus Veterans. We ended our year with a ceremony and the laying of eleven wreaths on the veteran’s graves at Crooked Pond Cemetery. Members and family, Claverack chapter members and children, and the local American Legion were represented. We also

welcomed a descendant of the Romine family, talked about the history of the Cemetery, told stories and enjoyed hot coffee and light refreshments.

Eva Conover
Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapter Regent

JERSEY BLUE

In 2021 we continued our practices for in-person events and activities, wearing protective masks and observing social distancing guidelines set by the State of NJ. Chapter members recorded over 3,500 Service to America volunteer hours.

We participated in chapter, state, and national virtual meetings on the Zoom platform; it has been a learning experience for all our members; some on their cell phones. Our social media posts have included Facebook posts on Black History month; American History; Veterans and Women's Issues, Native American Heritage, historic commemorations, recipes, and interesting facts. We expanded our social media into Instagram with an "Out of the Attic" selection of rarely seen artifacts at Buccleuch Mansion.

Members participated in the in-person NJ Fall Meeting and Naturalization ceremony. We produced a video about the chapter and Buccleuch Mansion Museum to distribute through the Middlesex County History Division for their History Day event.

Chapter programs with descriptive readings and discussion were given on a female Buffalo Soldier in the Civil War; 2 Revolutionary War Patriot/Ancestors; a Women's Suffrage exhibit; and Myths of the Boston Tea Party. Proclamations were read for Black History and Women's History Month. In-person meeting programs included a program on Elmwood Rural Cemetery in North Brunswick; Songs of America and the US Constitution; we

purchased and distributed 10 lawn signs “Celebrate Constitution Week” throughout the area.

We honored 23 Vietnam era and other war veterans at an outdoor memorial ceremony at Arneytown Veterans Cemetery. The chapter distributed over 900 flags to area cemeteries before Memorial Day for placement on Veteran graves. We ran our Annual “Operation Sweatpants” collection for the residents of the Menlo Veterans Home including cash donations and sweatpants for the holiday gift bags and the clothing room.

We scheduled one day per month from May-October to participate in veteran gravestone cleaning at Elmwood Cemetery. The chapter co-sponsored the commemorative activities for Veteran’s Day at the cemetery, including a National Salute, color-guard from Maguire-Dix base and military or former military men and women who presented wreaths for each branch of the service. A special acknowledgement of the POW/MIA ‘missing man’ chair and a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier garden plaque donated by the chapter was part of the ceremony.

We sponsored 122 wreaths and participated in the Wreaths Across America, at Elmwood Cemetery, including the Air Force ROTC color guard and a Civil War artillery unit, with a encampment display and working cannon.

Two ROTC gold medals and certificates were presented to candidates in the Air Force and Navy units at Rutgers University. Four BSA Scouts were honored with certificates, NSDAR Challenge coins and Youth Citizenship pins at their Eagle Court of Honor.

Chapter members participated in the NJ delegation to the NSDAR headquarters in September and delegates attended the special Continental Congress meeting in December.

Chapter members were instrumental in organizing and supervising a major clean-up in the Buccleuch Park gardens, adjacent to the mansion. Over 500 hours were logged from May-October on cleaning, trimming and mulching flower beds.

Susan Luczu
Jersey Blue Chapter Regent

LOANTAKA-PARSIPPANONG

2021 has been a tumultuous one for the Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter; Regent Ruth Westerfield stepped down due to health issues and Treasurer Eileen White passed away. Andi Huber volunteered to be Treasurer.

After having no meetings because of COVID since March 2020. This regent decided it was time to jump right into the fire using Zoom in September of 2021. The first meeting, September 11 at 1 pm. It worked. Seven people joined, one from Florida, one member who had never attended before, one prospective member and one brand new member. Everyone was introduced, committee reports were read. Members were updated on the Battered Women's Shelter project. The Smith Baldwin House in Parsippany was discussed as a location for chapter files and artifacts.

In October, the second Zoom meeting was attended by nine members. Planning for a Memorial service for chapter member's Patriots took center. Ideas were discussed as to how to better get the word out about the chapter's Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded to a woman, over 30 with a grade point average over 3.0.

Our third Zoom meeting had ten members and three guests join on November 13. A Memorial Ceremony for all member's Patriots with each member speaking of the activities the patriots did and

where they were from, and everyone light a candle for each of them.

By-Laws have been voted on and changed from 16 votes to 8 votes to change any by-laws.

Stephanie Reidinger
Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter Regent

MAJOR JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD

The Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter had forty-five paid members at the end of 2021; two members were added in 2021, one by application and one by reinstatement. The chapter held eight meetings, seven of them virtual due to COVID concerns.

The chapter was asked by the Museum of the American Revolution to fund a bid to purchase a miniature portrait of Mary Bloomfield, the wife of our chapter namesake, Major Joseph Bloomfield. The Charles Wilson Peale miniature is the only existing portrait of a woman who voted in the US before passage of the 19th Amendment. The chapter could not fund the entire \$10,000 purchase price, or even the \$1,000 suggested donation required to be officially named as a donor, but chapter members did individually contribute a total of \$270. The chapter regent suggested that the museum contact the New Jersey State Regent to see if the state organization would consider contributing, and the state organization agreed to donate \$730 to meet the \$1,000 goal. The Museum was successful in obtaining the portrait, and our chapter was happy to play a small role in preserving an important piece of American history.

The chapter participated in the American History Essay Contest, although the number of entrants was much lower than usual because of COVID: essays were received from only the Bloomfield public school seventh grade students. The first-place

winner was awarded a NSDAR bronze medal and certificate; first through third place winners were awarded plaques engraved with their names. Each winner received an American Flag, a flag pin and flag information. All entrants received a Certificate of Appreciation for participating. At the state level, our seventh-grade essayist placed first.

Our chapter Good Citizen was awarded the Good Citizen Medal, Certificate, and pin, and the chapter awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Again because of COVID, the chapter was unable to host its annual Chapter Awards Night honoring winners of the American History Essay Contest and the DAR Good Citizen Award. However, the essay awards were delivered to the schools and the scholarship was presented to the chapter's Good Citizen at the Bloomfield High School Awards Night.

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

In celebration of Constitution Week, the chapter provided packets of information on the Constitution to 7th and 8th graders in a local elementary school.

In observance of the National Day of Service, chapter members collected several bags of non-perishable food items and \$50 in cash for donation to the Food Pantry at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green. Also, several members individually collected clothing and household goods for donation to veterans' organizations,

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

MATOCHSHONING-REBECCA CORNELL

Matochshoning – Rebecca Cornell Chapter was a constant ray of sunshine throughout 2021. The year started with a Zoom Christmas luncheon; it was nice to see some of our out-of-state Daughters. The members enjoy meeting after the holidays. After the luncheon members went straight to work on getting donations of pocketbooks and supplies, for the statewide B.O.S.S. Bags (Bags of Self Sureness), Women’s Issues project. In March members met to fill 130 bags with toiletries for the distribution at five local women’s shelters. This was very rewarding for everyone, to be able to assist other women. Members were all itching to get back together, so the chapter was well represented at the 130th NJDAR State Conference, the Autumn 2021 meeting, the Central & Southern District combined luncheon, the State Regent’s fundraiser and NJDAR Sunday at Valley Forge. Daughters also enjoyed both Jersey Girls trips to Washington DC, just to be sitting in the newly refurbished Continental Hall! Huzzah! In May members day meeting was a huge success, the chapter inducted five out of the eight new members, There was a lovely presentation on “PINS” by State Vice Regent, Mrs. Diane Oliver. The chapter presented our JROTC medal to Cadet Petty Officer Wendy Rod Diaz from Perth Amboy High School on May 28th, 2021.

The chapter National Day of Service was giving back to the local Edison Animal Shelter, the chapter donated various items needed, and purchased food through Amazon as well. Baskets were created and members assisted in a joint fundraiser with the Women of the Moose in Bound Brook, NJ. This benefitted the Steeplechase Cancer Center at RWJ Somerset Hospital. Chapter

members were active with Wreaths Across America, joining in with other organizations and chapters across NJ.

Members were all celebrated on their birthdays, through greetings from our Chaplin. Daughters are all “One in a Million” and by observing the NSDAR Day of Prayer, members prayed for all members, service men/women and those that we have lost.

The chapter stepped up and had numerous graduations: GEP 2: 1, GEP 3: 2, GEP 4: 2, Members Course: 4, New Horizons course: 1! Congratulations to our Daughters who graduated.

The chapter’s Service to America hours hit a “High” this year with 3,765 combined hours. Some of our time was busy helping others in various ways, treasurer for a chorus or local Women of the Moose, authorized DYFS visitation, serving on a Doctoral Candidate Committee, shopping for the elderly, Deacon duties plus numerous DAR volunteer hours. Members never wavered when called upon, setting a great example of how to keep the lights of tradition burning strong!

Colleen D. Parliman
Matochshoning – Rebecca Cornell Chapter Regent

MOORESTOWN

The Moorestown chapter held 3 Virtual meetings and 3 in person meetings in 2021, along with 1 luncheon and a trip to the Museum of the American Revolution. Programs included in each meeting were the Pledge of Allegiance, the American Creed and the Preamble of the Constitution. Each meeting also included the reading of the President Generals Message, National Defender, a Constitution Minute, Conservation Minute, Literacy Minute, DAR Schools Minute, Service to America Minute and Service to Veterans Minute.

The chapter also held two virtual workshops, one “supplemental application’s” and one “the DAR and all that it does”. The chapter welcomed 5 new members in 2021 and has 2 prospective members at National waiting for approval.

The Chapter donated personal items and toys to the Providence House for battered women. They also donated 22 boxes of toiletries and person items to the Active Military men and women stationed at Joint Base- McGuire/Fort Dix/ Lakehurst. An additional 40 boxes of Christmas Decorations, Cards, Calendars, Personal items, and gift cards were donated to the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home.

Over 100 flags were presented to active National Guardsmen at the Moorestown Covid 19 Super Station. An additional 100 flags were given to Veteran’s on Veterans Day at the Sterling High School, Somerdale, NJ, along with 30 gift bags.

The Moorestown Chapter donated 15 books to the Moorestown Library, along with \$100.00 donations to each of the following charities: Alice Paul Institute, NJDAR Headquarters, Watson House, DAR New Jersey Room in Washington D.C., Tamassee DAR School, Vineland Veterans Memorial Home, The Constitution Center and Cedar Run Wildlife preserve.

An additional \$100.00 was donated to purchase a brick paver, in honor of the chapter’s 105th anniversary, to the NJDAR Headquarters. Members collected donations of blankets, towels, rags, cleaning supplies and pet food for the Voorhees no kill animal shelter and \$750.00 was donated to the State Regents Project “Semper Fido”.

Moorestown Chapter members participated in the Wreaths across America event at the Beverly National Cemetery. The chapter also contributed over 100 wreaths to the event.

The chapter contacted 10 schools with JROTC programs, giving out 5 awards. 10 schools were contacted for the 2021 Good Citizen Award and 2 awards were given out. One member received a certificate for her completion of the New Horizon course and one member for the New Members course, and one Community Service Award was presented.

Chapter members celebrated a Day of Service by cleaning Tombstones of Patriots at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Burlington, NJ. And a scholarship "Moorestown Chapter Girl's Leadership Award" was created for the Alice Paul Institutes Girl's leadership program.

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

Diane Donnelly
Moorestown Chapter Regent

MORRISTOWN

The Morristown Chapter was pleased to have in person meetings during the fall, a great happiness after a spring of Zoom. Our chapter was able to hold our Sunday tours throughout the late spring, summer, and early fall.

Dr. Jabez Campfield is not a known American Revolution Patriot, but he was an owner of our chapter house, the Schuyler Hamilton House, for many years. Throughout January to April, members were presented an in depth, highly researched, presentation of him as a Patriot, Doctor, and Civil Servant. The chapter plans to include this knowledge in 2023 when we celebrate

our own 'Our House Beautiful' 100th celebration of home ownership. A gravestone and DAR Historic Marker have been obtained for this celebration.

The Morristown Chapter sponsored, through member donations, a life-sized monument to Blueskin, a favorite horse of General George Washingtons during the American Revolution. Blueskin stands in the All Veterans Memorial in Mount Olive along with statues of war dogs, also honored for their service to America's freedom.

Within the All Veterans Memorial is the Path to Enduring Freedom. Members of the chapter purchased pavers honoring our Revolutionary Ancestors. This honors its ancestor veterans and also falls in with America250!. The chapter participated in the paver laying ceremony during the Memorial Day program.

Knit caps were made for the local NICU, donations were collected for Bacone Indian College, Morristown Battered Women's Shelter, and the Interfaith Food Pantry.

For many years the Morristown Chapter made and donated quilts to our Veteran Homes, this year donating 24 hand sewn quilts. The layering of these was the Service to America Day of Service.

Morristown sponsored Holy Rood Cemetery and participated in Wreaths Across America. As is the custom, we honor Mrs. Revere, the first Regent of our chapter, along with her Civil War Veteran husband. A coffee and pastry tailgate was enjoyed by members afterwards.

Morristown Chapter learned about colonial architecture and the history of patriotic music. We had two female Somerset County Sheriff officers speak about life as a female law enforcer. Their K9 dog is named Basilone. He is named in honor of Gunnery Sgt John Basilone of Raritan, a Medal of Honor recipient during WWII. His

citation was read as our National Defense reading. K9 Basilone was a good boy during our meeting.

With several grants obtained, the windows of the Schuyler Hamilton House will be restored. We are able to connect to the internet now, which will help speakers, and enable us to host genealogical workshops. Four members graduated from the Members Course, and the Registrar completed all the GEP courses and the Registrar Training. The Morristown Chapter now has a beautiful, approved, new website.

It has been an honor and pleasure working with the wonderful, talented, members of the Morristown Chapter for the past six years.

Carrie T Efinger
Morristown Chapter Regent

NOVA CAESAREA

Nova Caesarea Chapter is proud to be the oldest chapter in the state society, and the third oldest chapter in the National Society. Its members volunteer within their communities and provide senior leadership for the New Jersey State Society Children of the American Revolution. The chapter awarded a Jr ROTC Medal to a senior at the Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) in Wayne NJ. Nova Caesarea gave a donation to the Dey Mansion, also in Wayne. Madam State Regent, it has been a pleasure to serve under your administration.

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Amy Northrop Wittorff
Nova Caesarea Chapter Regent

OAK TREE

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

The chapter presented a \$250 scholarship for Excellence in History to a Salem County Senior at Senior Awards Night in June.

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

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

buglers and refreshments. The weather was cold and rainy, but over 300 people came and participated in the ceremony and in placing wreaths on over 900 graves and monuments.

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

Helen Fite Keaton Petrin
Regent, Oak Tree Chapter

OLD WHITE HOUSE-GENERAL FRELINGHUYSEN- COLONEL LOWREY

As the pandemic ebbed and flowed, so did the meetings and events of the Old White House ~ General Frelinghuysen ~ Colonel Lowrey Chapter. Some of our chapter meetings and events were in-person and some were virtual. And while the officers of this chapter continued efforts to engage current members and seek new members, the constant changes of virus protocol have proved challenging and member involvement has waned.

While our chapter membership rose for the fourth straight year, we lost several members. There were three deaths, but four members dropped to inactivity either because of lack of chapter meetings/events due to COVID or because their daily lives were not involved in history/genealogy at this point.

One of the chapter's best-attended meetings was a virtual meeting in which chapter member, Leigh Woznick, used her professional background to give a wonderful presentation on the fascinating changes libraries have seen in the last 30 years going from 'libraries' to 'media centers' to now often referred to as "Library Learning Commons". It was a terrific presentation on how libraries are so much more than books.

There were some changes to the board toward the end of 2021 as Corresponding Secretary Emily Kelchen and her family moved to Tennessee. Jolene Lichtenwalner was then voted in as Acting Corresponding Secretary. In December, Treasurer Andrea Olsen stepped down from her role and the chapter is currently seeking a replacement.

To recognize the Day of Service in October, the chapter teamed up with the local garden club for a rededication of two Blue Star Memorials. The ceremony was attended by more than 30 people including local officials, the Sons of the Revolution and various historical society-affiliated individuals.

October also found our members planting bulbs along the entrance to our chapter-owned cemetery. We anxiously await spring to see the results. 2021 wrapped up with a Holiday Potluck Brunch at the home of Chapter Regent Ann Rotunno. Members enjoyed a couple of hours of socializing and cheer as a great way to end the year.

Ann Rotunno
*The Old White House ~ General Frelinghuysen ~
Colonel Lowrey Chapter*

POLLY WYCKOFF-DAVID DEMAREST

The Polly Wyckoff - David Demarest Chapter is honored to report to the NJDAR State Regent for 2021. All chapter meetings begin with an opening prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed, the National Defense Report and a reading from the President General's message. Additionally, an American Indian Minute, a Conservation Minute, a Health Minute and a Flag Minute are read at every meeting.

The year began with a business meeting wherein the Bylaws for the chapter, having begun revision in 2020, were finalized and approved. Due to the COVID virus, this meeting and was held via

ZOOM. Two Youth Citizenship Medals were approved for two CAR young ladies for their longtime service with state and national projects.

A donation to support restoration of the historic lay lights in the DAR Constitution Hall was approved, in addition to financing a chair for the President General's Project and several other state contributions totaling over \$1000.00. Ladies in the chapter later collected another \$1200.00 to donate to the Bergen County Historical Society Museum in honor of deceased former Regent Jean Thiel. Her name will be inscribed on the donor wall of the museum.

Daughter Gwen Dapper, revise and updated the chapter website. Two volunteers also monitor our internet Facebook page. The chapter sponsored a DAR Historic Preservation Grant to renovate the clubhouse stage of the Rutherford Woman's Club, which was the former Carriage House of the historic "Iviswold" Estate, also known as "The Castle." The grant is pending.

Two members were part of the Jersey Girls Delegation visit to NSDAR Headquarters in September. Wendy Cummings and Kathy Lieblich enjoyed touring Mt. Vernon, the DAR Museum, and other parts of the beautiful DAR building.

The chapter participated in the NDJAR Women's Issue Project, "BOSS," collecting and delivering handbags stuffed with toiletries to a women's shelter. May brought lovely weather so chapter members were able to meet outside at the Historic New Bridge Landing, which included a tour of this Revolutionary war site. In August members met at the regent's home and found a program about service dogs very interesting. Items were also collected to assemble a basket for the NJDAR Autumn fund raiser.

For the NJDAR Day of Service project, the chapter collected many sundries for the Paramus Veterans Home and enjoyed a

masked visit with the residents. On Veteran's Day some members attended a wreath laying ceremony. Additionally, the chapter collected and mailed nine boxes of goods to servicemen overseas, including many Christmas decorations. Information on how to donate to Afghan refugees was sent out to our chapter and several members participated. Many stuffed pets were also donated to the Veteran's home project of "200 pets for 200 vets." An "in person" luncheon was canceled due to COVID and a lack of interest for indoor gatherings.

While it has been a difficult year due to COVID concerns, the chapter rallied with many opportunities to donate, serve others and promote the ideals of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Marilyn Neagle, Regent
Polly Wyckoff - David Demarest Chapter

PRINCETON

The year 2021 gave the chapter new challenges to fulfill our mission to Preserve, Remember and Educate. The chapter remained virtual for all of our meetings. December was a grand Holiday Party which included wine, cheese, and Bingo games. The prizes from the chapter were subscriptions to American Spirit magazine.

Last year the chapter fulfilled a long-standing need to digitalize our six hundred plus paper applications, which date back to 1891, and to store the originals in acid free containers within climate control. For security the chapter purchased a professional scanner and hired a college student to scan the documents to solid state external hard drives. Thus, the chapter preserved history.

The chapter remembered our veterans four times in ceremonies for the Battle of Princeton, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America. Our name was in the Princeton Packet

newspaper for our collaborations with the SAR and other historical service organizations. The chapter had our pictures taken with the Mayor of Princeton and elected State and Country officials.

Our community engagements included an information table at Young Patriots Day at the Princeton Battlefield. The chapter gave out American flags, Flag Etiquette pamphlets and DAR brochures. From that afternoon, the chapter had two applications. Of which, one is already approved.

Semper Fido was our fund-raising project. In 2020 the chapter did not fund raise. So, in April the chapter held a virtual Spring Auction. Using Zoom, a lot of ingenuity and sweat equity, members managed to raise over \$2,700 for the Regent's project. This honored our Veterans. The chapter enjoyed meeting other Daughters at the Spring and Fall State Conferences and at luncheons with our auction baskets.

In May, the chapter held a new member tea in the home of a board member. The weather was perfect. No masks, and open doors and windows made for a wonderful gathering. Those who attended the tea have remained active within the Chapter. To stay in touch over the summer, The chapter sent two Newsletters to our membership before our virtual meeting in September.

In the Fall the chapter initiated a Membership Team to share the workload of our Registrar. The team has 4 members volunteering.

The new Community Classroom Committee linked with the Bridge Academy (Lawrenceville, NJ) to teach and experience American history that occurred in their backyard. Collaboration with the teachers and principle determined that the chapter could best support their planned Spring event: Bridge to the American Revolution. Recently, the Revolutionary battle site was

accidentally discovered on the school grounds. This is a direct way to educate the K-12 students.

In the Fall, the chapter held a Bakeless Bake Sale to support work with the Bridge Academy. This completely virtual fund raiser was able to raise \$550. By using PayPal, the donations were facilitated.

The combined efforts of the board and active members helped us fulfill our mission while involving new members and maintaining membership numbers. Members look forward to the return of Spring's mild weather and in-person meeting.

Rosemary Kelley
Princeton Chapter Regent

RED BANK

Red Bank Chapter continued to RISE AND SHINE in 2021, despite the confines of the Pandemic. The Executive Board met in January to review Chapter activities for 2022, and annual reports were submitted in the customary prompt fashion.

At the February Chapter ZOOM meeting, the Regent announced that the President General Denise Doring VanBuren graciously accepted the invitation to attend the Chapter's 90th Anniversary Christmas luncheon to be held on December 11th, 2021. During the March Chapter ZOOM meeting, Good Citizens Chairperson Debbie Van Dexter announced that, due to meeting via ZOOM this month, Good Citizens certificates, pins and scholarships were mailed to students from Delsea, Pitman, Washington Township and Williamstown high schools.

At the April Chapter ZOOM meeting, Red Bank Chapter was honored to host New Jersey State Genealogy Librarian Regina Fitzpatrick, who presented the program "Researching

Revolutionary War Records for New Jersey Soldiers.” The Regent represented Red Bank by voting online for key issues during the Spring Conference.

During the May Chapter ZOOM meeting, the Regent reiterated the President General’s challenge to all DAR members, to bring in one new member during 2021. To help accomplish this goal, members successfully planned, and then hosted, an in-person, Prospective Member picnic on July 17th, 2021, at Red Bank Battlefield in National Park, NJ.

At the September Chapter ZOOM meeting, Registrar Susan McCauley announced that two new members were approved for membership in the Red Bank Chapter DAR. The Treasurer read a portion of the National Constitution Chairman’s article from the DAR Magazine. The Regent represented Red Bank by voting on key issues during the Fall Conference.

During the October Chapter ZOOM meeting, the Registrar and Membership Committee Chairperson confirmed that ten new members will be inducted during 90th Anniversary Luncheon. Additionally, the NJDAR State Vice Regent, Red Bank Regent and other officers participated in the Memorial Service at the 244th Anniversary of the Battle of Red Bank. Twenty-two Red Bank members participated in the 90th Anniversary dedication of two concrete benches and two brass plaques at the Edward J. Campbell War Memorial Mall. The Regent also attended the Central/Southern District Luncheon.

The November meeting was held in person at the McCowan Memorial Library. New member Gina Kohn shared her experiences as an enlisted person in the Navy. The Chapter collected numerous items for donation to the Vineland Veterans Home.

In December, Red Bank Chapter celebrated its 90th Anniversary Christmas Luncheon at Riverwinds Restaurant in West Deptford, NJ. The Chapter was honored to host numerous NJDAR and National Officers, including President General Denise Doring VanBuren, NJ State Regent Bonnie Matthews and NJ Stave Vice Regent Diane Oliver, in addition to several NJDAR State Officers. The President General inducted ten new members into Red Bank Chapter, NSDAR.

Debbie Wilkins
Red Bank Chapter Regent

SADDLE RIVER

The Saddle River Chapter had four meetings this year. The American Indian Minute was read at all meetings. Each meeting opened with the DAR ritual. The Chaplin gave Sunshine Reports at all meetings. A Constitution minute and an excerpt from the National Defender were read at each meeting.

Nine Schools were contacted for the Good Citizen's Award, and four applications were received. All entries are winners at the chapter level and received scholarships totaling \$700.

The chapter has 22 subscriptions to the DAR Magazine, and the President General's message was read at all meetings. This chapter contributed \$100 to CAR Chapter Washington Elm and \$200 to Moffitt Cemetery.

Members collected handbags, cosmetics, and toiletries, stuffed the handbags and donated the bags to Hawthorne Gospel Church. Hawthorne Gospel Church has two programs that aid women reentering the workforce. The first program is for unwed mothers and the second is for women that are recovering from drug addiction.

The Saddle River Chapter welcomed several new members, bringing the total number of members to 92.

Angela S. Perkins
Saddle River Chapter Regent

SHREWSBURY TOWNE-MONMOUTH

Despite restrictions brought on by the pandemic, 2021 was a rewarding year for this chapter. Members made a difference in the community, collecting food and clothing items for the needy. Recipients were Red Bank's Lunch Break, the Collier House for Girls and Ocean County Community Hope Fund. The NJDAR Women's Issues B.O.S.S. (Bags of Self Sureness) project prompted members to donate handbags and toiletry items to a local women's shelter.

This chapter did some limited activities with schools. Our Good Citizen candidate was named the NJDAR Female Winner. Ten schools participated in the American History Essay contest and chapter volunteers prepared the over 600 essays submitted.

Both 2020 and 2021 saw an influx of new members. In May, new members from both years were welcomed at a picnic - one of the first in-person gatherings possible. At the outdoor Annual Meeting, all members congregated, applauded awards and enjoyed lunch. A memorial service was held for the eight Daughters lost in 2020. It was an honor to have both the State Regent and State Vice Regent present.

Local cemeteries became gathering places as members perfected their tombstone cleaning skills. At Fair View Cemetery a grave marking ceremony for Captain Joseph Stillwell became an event, as this patriot was a prominent Monmouth County Assemblyman with many descendants. In October 2020, a cleanup at the overgrown Brown's Dock Burial Ground brought the

discovery of the grave of a ‘new’ patriot, Corporal Henry Johnson. In October 2021, a service celebrated a new grave marker for this patriot.

Attention was paid to veterans throughout 2021. Chapter members sent cards and a Quilt of Valor to a WWII veteran celebrating his 103rd birthday. Vietnam veterans were feted at an outdoor luncheon at Holmdel’s Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Army veterans restoring the Nike Missile site on Sandy Hook’s Fort Hancock received a donation: several members assisted with painting the inside of their education room.

The most collaborative endeavor for 2021 was painting the picket fence surrounding Shrewsbury’s historic Allen House. Much planning, preparation and volunteering resulted in success. Working under a deadline set by the property owners, chapter volunteers applied primer and two coats of white paint to finish the job.

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, one member living in Washington took photos at Arlington Cemetery on November 11. Another gave an historical presentation at a chapter meeting and again at a gathering in her community.

As sponsors for Wreaths Across America the chapter garnered 93 wreaths for Fair View Cemetery. On December 18, members were at three different cemeteries to honor the country’s fallen soldiers.

Red Bank’s historic Molly Pitcher Inn was the site of December’s holiday luncheon, where the chapter has held gatherings since 1935. This was the first opportunity to be able to get a group photo of most of the Allen House painters (looking much more formal than when they were working!).

It has been an honor to serve this administration.

Kathleen J. Evans
Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Regent

THE COASTAL WATCH

The Coastal Watch Chapter had a very successful year in 2021. Despite the pandemic, the members, associates, and prospective members were all encouraged to join in numerous activities.

Chapter members showed great generosity towards veterans again this year. Members donated funds to purchase cookies through the “All or Muffin” organization which distributes cookies to local New Jersey veterans on Veterans Day.

Chapter members also volunteered their time in various ways. Flowers were placed at President James Garfield’s death site in Elberon, NJ on September 19th for the 140th anniversary of his passing. The chapter registrar donates her time to a memorial garden in Allenhurst, NJ throughout the growing seasons.

Chapter members teamed with a local Rotary Club and town historical society to participate in Wreaths Across America (WAA) on December 18th. Members and prospective members sponsored and placed wreaths on graves at three different cemeteries in Monmouth and Morris County and a prospective member spoke at the WAA Ceremony, Veterans Park, Neptune NJ.

The Chapter Regent attended the NJDAR Memorial Service and Lunch at Valley Forge National Park on November 7th. The Regent was treated to a solo performance at the top of the bell tower by Mr. Doug Gefvert, Carillonneur of the Washington Memorial National Carillon. The JROTC Bronze Award was presented to a commendable student at Neptune High School. The Chapter Regent and Chapter Corresponding Secretary attended the DAR Historic Special Meeting and Holiday Reception at DAR National Headquarters in Washington D.C. on December 8th.

They also visited the WWII Memorial in Washington on the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and toured the National Cathedral with members of the NJDAR.

The Chapter meetings were held virtually throughout most of 2021. The Chapter Registrar hosted an in-person Induction Ceremony on the Allenhurst beach for the new chapter board members, and a meet & greet for prospective members on August 25th. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Coastal Watch Chapter will focus on veterans' projects, increasing membership and fundraising in 2022.

Susan Shaw
The Coastal Watch Chapter Regent

WESTFIELD

2021 continued to be a challenging year with the pandemic, but the Westfield Chapter remained busy and productive in spite of it. Member E-Newsletters were sent out each month to keep members informed and engaged, and PR covered virtually every event.

The winners of the DAR Fashion Competition were announced in February, and PR ran in the local Leader Newspaper. A Zoom meeting was held for the chapter's newest members, and a Zoom Board Meeting was held in March.

Westfield Chapter Good Citizen committee members presented DAR certificates and prizes to three winning students at their schools in April, and PR ran in May. To commemorate Memorial Day, a group of seven chapter members placed American flags on graves in two local cemeteries, and several chapter members placed a wreath on the grave of local legend "Aunt Betty" Frazee who stood up to General Cornwallis and earned his respect. PR and photos ran in the local newspaper in June for both events.

In June, an in-person chapter Board meeting was held outdoors and welcomed in the new Chapter Treasurer. The Westfield Chapter presented a monetary donation to the Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park. Middle School History and Good Citizenship Awards were presented to Westfield Middle Schools. Chapter members carried the Westfield Chapter Banner and marched in the “March to Yorktown Day, Westfield” parade on August 29 to commemorate where troops marched through Westfield.

September was busy with a meeting with Westfield Mayor Brindle and six chapter members for the signing of a Constitution Week Proclamation and the NJDAR Autumn Meeting on September 24. The first in-person chapter meeting was held outdoors on October 1 with 14 members in attendance. Members also attended the NJDAR Autumn Meeting September 24.

November and December included a Veterans Day wreath presentation with eleven members, a Native American Heritage Month Proclamation signing with the Westfield Mayor, participation in the Veterans Angel program and gift shop volunteering at the Menlo Park Veterans Home and writing 300 holiday cards for Lyons Hospital. The Westfield Chapter Native American Committee visited Liberty State Park in NJ on December 1 to begin planning a new initiative to support the local Lenni-Lenape Indians. Judges selected the 2021 Good Citizen Essay winner.

It has been an honor to serve as the Westfield Chapter Regent and be an active part of the NJDAR. The Chapter will continue to grow its membership and fulfill the NSDAR mission.

Barbara Benko
Westfield Chapter Regent

YE OLDE NEWTON-NASSAU

Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter, Collingswood, NJ started its year still deep in Covid-19 restrictions. The chapter meetings for the first half of the year were held via Zoom. This chapter also communicated by email and our private Facebook page.

This chapter welcomed prospective members and a member about to transfer into this chapter this year. This chapter is currently working on two applications.

The chapter continues its work with the Camden County History Alliance by helping to organize Camden County History Month. The chapter presented a virtual program on our web site about DAR and the history of the chapter.

The chapter regent attended online meetings for the planning of Revolution New Jersey celebration.

Chapter members continue to log Service to America hours. This chapter fulfilled all of its obligations this year. Articles were contributed to the to the Crossroads Courier, centerpieces and gift baskets were sent to state events, and two members attended the Central/Southern District luncheon.

It has been a pleasure serving the New Jersey Society and maintaining our fellowship despite the unexpected obstacle of Covid-19.

Mary E. Pomponio
Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter Regent

BYLAWS OF NJDAR

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be THE NEW JERSEY STATE SOCIETY OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION hereinafter referred to as NJDAR.

ARTICLE II

Objects

The objects of this Society shall be to promote the objects of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, hereinafter referred to as the National Society.

- (1) To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results, by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;
- (2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, “to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge,” thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as

shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American Citizens;

- (3) To cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for all mankind all the blessings of liberty.

ARTICLE III

Members

Section 1. 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 IV

Fees and Dues

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 an adjustment. The NJDAR State Conference may 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 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 meeting 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 meeting 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, 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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