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New Horizons Course

Leadership skills are valuable! In DAR, we can really thrive with an enthusiastic group of leaders providing a foundation for our chapters and at the state and national levels.

DAR Leadership Training provides tools for leadership development at no cost to our members.

Once a member completes the Members Course, she can proceed on to the New Horizons Course curriculum. While New Horizons has a more robust training plan than that of the Members Course, the benefit to your chapter is great. New Horizons has been recently updated. Modules have been cut from 36 to 20. Workbooks have been added on officer positions and you get to pick three to complete. You only have to read one book instead of three, and it is *The Wide Blue Sash*, about former President Generals from the beginning of the organization.

Many of the modules within the New Horizons Course may be completed in a group setting. The New Horizons Course ends with a capstone project intended to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned in the modules. It also provides a chance for leaders to flourish and step into chapter leadership roles.

If you are ready to start the journey, you will need the following tools as prerequisites:

- A completed Chapter Nomination Form, signed by two members of your chapter who think you will do great in the course (I have the form)
- An active subscription to the DAR Magazine, *American Spirit*
- Completion of the Members Course
- A desire to become a more valuable asset to your chapter and the organization

If this sounds like you, welcome to our TEAM! Reach out to your chapter's DAR Leadership Training Chair to find out more, or simply contact me! You will hear bells ringing upon completion of this course. This can be fun as a group effort.