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132ND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS PAMELA EDWARDS ROUSE WRIGHT, PRESIDENT GENERAL



Welcome to the 132nd Continental Congress!

Dear Daughters,

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND TO our historic National Headquarters as we begin the 132nd Continental Congress! We are so excited to Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever! with you this week and hope it will be a memorable experience. Thank you, especially, to all those who plan to volunteer their time and talent to help our events run smoothly.

This year's program features a range of engaging speakers, entertainment, and awards across the DAR's three mission areas of Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism. We hope this will be an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year, while sparking ideas as we look to our nation's 250th anniversary. The "Sparkle in Service" night will be a highlight, with interactive exhibits and outstanding speakers.

Make sure you take time to wander through our outstanding DAR Museum, DAR Library, Americana Collection exhibit tables, and tap into new resources to share with others back home. Please also take time to get to know and thank our talented DAR staff members who work tirelessly throughout the year to enable the DAR's mission.

Whether you are here for the first time or the thirtieth, we are glad you are here and hope you will make new friends and memories! Let's Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!

Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright
President General



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Voting Instructions

Voting will be Saturday from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. You may vote at any time during this period. Each credentialed delegate who registered for Continental Congress and is in attendance in Washington, D.C., will log in to vote using her email address and a unique six-digit password that will be emailed to her after on-site check-in at DAR headquarters.

How to Vote

NAVIGATE TO the personalized link that was provided in your email after you were credentialed.

- Enter your “Elector ID” (your email address) and “password” (which was emailed to you).
- Click the green “login” button.
- On the next screen, you will see a “current ballots” box. Select the option for **Vote Now—131st Continental Congress Voting**.
- On the next screen, you will see the ballot. The ballot has been reviewed by the candidates or their personal tellers for accuracy.
- The first vote will be candidates for Vice President General. There are ten candidates listed. You may vote for up to seven of these candidates.
- The next will be candidates for the Office of Honorary Vice President General. There are two candidates. You may vote for only one of these candidates.
- When you are finished click the green “continue” button at the bottom.
- The final screen will review your ballot selections. Click the red “change” button if you need to make an update to your ballot.
- After you are satisfied that ALL of your selections are marked the way you desire, click the green “confirm” button to submit your ballot.

Success! Your ballot is submitted.

Candidates for Office

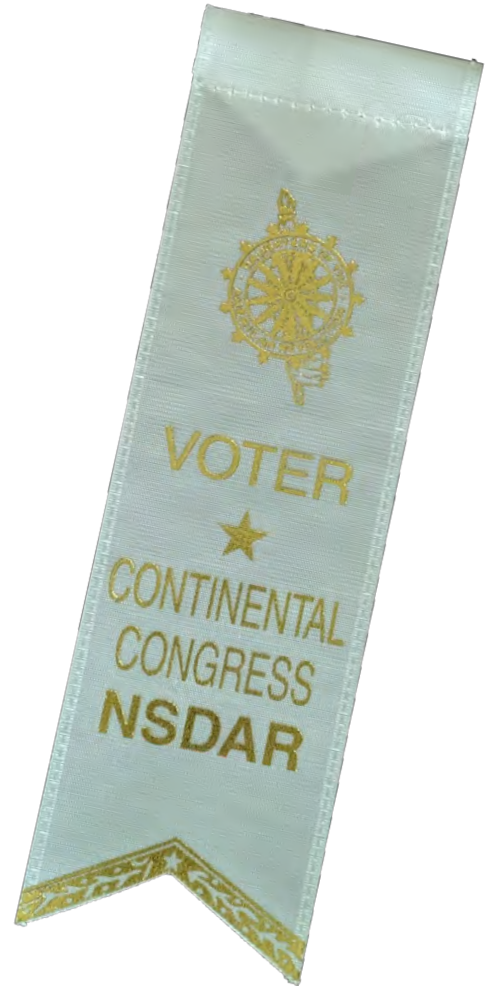
CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Vote for up to seven (7):

- Kathryn Asay *Utah*
- Susan Abbott Broderick *California*
- Amanda Boer Lazarus *Rhode Island*
- Morgan Elliott *Arizona*
- Catherine McClintick *Idaho*
- Joan Elizabeth Magee *Missouri*
- Diane Radford Halvorson *New Mexico*
- Paula Pratt Renkas *Massachusetts*
- Kathleen “Kathy” Barrett Huston *Minnesota*
- Beth Clark-Urban *Colorado*

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE OF HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL

- Karen T. Bradley *Missouri*
- Joyce Ball Patton *Georgia*



PRESS RELEASE REMINDER

Access the Press Release Request online form to be sent to your local media outlets regarding participation in the 132nd Continental Congress on the Press Release page found on the Insider's Guide. Stop by the Lafayette Room, just off the main hallway of Constitution Hall, if you prefer to complete a paper form. Helpful hints to make the process smooth and fast:

- If using a paper form, snap a picture before turning the form in - copies are not able to be made at the communications office.
- Consider completing the Google Form or emailing a copy your paper form to congresspr@nsdar.org after the congress has ended if unable to complete it now.
- Forms must be submitted to the Congress Communications team by 9 a.m. on Saturday for your local press release to be sent for the 132nd Continental Congress.



Wreath Laying for Lena Ferguson

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NOTABLE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTER

A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE UNVEILING was conducted on the morning of Monday, June 26, in the Memorial Garden at the DAR National Headquarters. The ceremony and new plaque celebrated the life of Lena Santos Ferguson, a member of the Margaret Whetten Chapter, District of Columbia State Society. Mrs. Ferguson was born in New Britain, Conn., on Dec. 18, 1928, and was married to James H. Ferguson, a United States Marine Corps and World War II veteran. She passed away on March 11, 2004, and is interred in Arlington National Cemetery with her husband. Her DAR Patriot was Jonah Gay of Massachusetts.

The ceremony was attended by friends and family of Lena Ferguson along with the DAR National Board of Management, DCDAR and Margaret Whetten Chapter members and members from across the United States.

Mrs. Ferguson was instrumental in creating changes within DAR to help the

organization become more diverse and inclusive, and supportive of its members of color. As a result of her advocacy, DAR took actions to ensure that no chapter may discriminate against an applicant on the basis of race or creed and actively promoted inclusivity throughout the National Society. Additionally, the DAR began a research project to identify African Americans, Native Americans and individuals of mixed heritage who supported the struggle for independence, which led to the publication of the 874-page *Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War*. For over 20 years

Mrs. Ferguson served as the National Vice Chair of two DAR scholarships for students of color from Washington, D.C. In 2023 and in her honor, DAR renamed the scholarship the DAR-Lena Ferguson Scholarship and increased the award to \$5,000, to be given annually to two nursing students attending the University of the District of Columbia. Details regarding this scholarship can be found on the Scholarships public webpage at www.dar.org. This and more information about Lena Ferguson can be found at www.dar.org/LenaFerguson. Thanks to the DAR Public Relations staff for their efforts in sharing Mrs. Ferguson's contributions and her life story.



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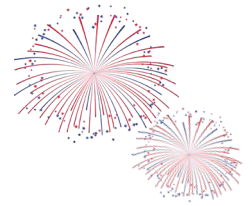
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2023 Outstanding Juniors

Hearts Sparkle in Service



THE OUTSTANDING JUNIOR CONTEST RECOGNIZES DAR MEMBERS UNDER AGE 36, for service to the Society at the chapter, state and/or national levels. An Outstanding Junior Member is active in her community, furthering the Society’s objectives of historic preservation, education and patriotism by providing service consistent with the DAR motto of God, Home and Country. The contest encourages chapters and states to find opportunities for the talents and energy of our Junior members, while strengthening our Juniors’ commitment to DAR.

State Outstanding Junior Members and National Finalists will be recognized during Congress on Thursday, June 29, when the 2023 National Winner and Runner-Up are announced, and will also be recognized during the Junior Membership Luncheon on Saturday, July 1. Their certificates from President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright will be presented at that time. This year, 36 states – including our collective Units Overseas group - recognized how Junior Hearts Sparkle in Service by naming the following State Outstanding Junior Members.

Join us in congratulating:

- Malinda Lydia Williams, Ala.
- Eden Elizabeth Tanzosh, Ariz.
- Kristiana Jeannine Twardowski Baxter, Ark.
- Nicole Christine Russo Bradshaw, Calif.
- Rebecca Lea Boudreaux-Clavel, Colo.
- Sarah Jessica Barrila Fergione, Conn.
- Katie Margaret Hortenstine, District of Columbia
- Sara Ann White, Fla.
- Kathleen “Kathy” Zeles Marsh, Ga.
- Erika Maria deBroekert, Hawaii
- Sara Jayne Knapp Houser, Idaho
- Katie Ann Bocking, Ind.
- Shannon Kae Woods, Iowa
- Haley Skyler Easton Popelka, Kan.
- Kathleen Virginia Bromelow Jansen, Md.
- Diana Rose Chiang, Mass.
- Katherine Ruth Stevens Lehtonen, Mich.
- Lauren Mary Loeffler, Minn.
- Latesa Diane Holder, Mo.
- Rebecca Monaise Morales, Nev.
- Ivey Jones Kerr, N.H.
- Ashley Lynne Smith Wasser, N.J.
- Kristi Griffith Thurston, N.Y.
- Elizabeth “Lizzy” Ann Trace Thier, N.C.
- Stephanie Jean Helle, Ohio
- Lacey Allen Lewis, Okla.
- Megan Marie Lockwood Harberts, Ore.
- Katlyn Suzanne Bitters, Pa.
- Madelyn Elise Paquette, R.I.
- Erica Leigh Cauley Cooper, S.C.
- Emily Ann McDonald Dryden, Tenn.
- Heather Ann McClelland Bryant, Texas
- Erica Lovell, Utah
- Kimberly Lynn Nesbitt, Va.
- Amy Kathleen Siems Brooks, Wash.
- Caroline Mariah McWilliams, Units Overseas



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Join Us at the Historian General's Forum

THE HISTORIAN GENERAL'S FORUM TAKES PLACE Wednesday, June 28, at 9 a.m. in the President General's Assembly Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the activities of the Office of the Historian General, including archives, awards, markers, records management and more. Members are encouraged to ask questions and meet the staff! After the Forum concludes, join us across the hall in the Americana Room to visit the new exhibits on display. "Glorious Morning!" examines the Revolutionary War through the Society's early American manuscript collection, and "Celebrating Continental Congress" features photographs and memorabilia from the NSDAR Archives that highlight the storied history of Congress.



VPG Club Celebrates 70th Anniversary with Breakfast at Tiffany's Event

Holly Golightly would have approved of the jewelry and the fun. She would have commented that everyone left "divinely and utterly happy."



PRESIDENT GENERAL PAMELA EDWARDS ROUSE WRIGHT and 50 members of the Vice President Generals (VPG) Club celebrated 70 years of the organization's founding at its annual breakfast meeting with the theme "Breakfast at Tiffany's." Current and past VPG members dressed in their LBD (little black dresses), diamonds, pearls, gloves and hats—channeling Holly Golightly, the heroine from the book and movie.

President Tammy Clemons presided over the business meeting, the election of new officers and the presentation of a benefactor donation to Mrs. Wright's project. Vice President Kay Yarbrough and VPG Maureen Tipton planned the centerpieces and favors.

Chaplain Lael Marlow held a beautiful memorial service for departed club members, including Honorary

President General Merry Ann T. Wright and Honorary Vice Presidents General Yvonne S. Boone, Beverly G. Bills and Jane B. Evans. Vice Presidents General Linda Pennington Lee, Dell Scoper, Sheila Davis Carr and Joy D. Hagg were also memorialized.

Elected officers for 2023-24 are President Cecile Wimberly, Vice President LeAnn Turbyfill, Chaplain Patrice Birner, Secretary Libby Billham and Treasurer Charlotte White. They were installed by Chaplain Marlow.

Diamond-like studded pens and 70th anniversary commemorative champagne glasses were presented to each attendee as a favor and members were able to shop the "Tiffany" store as a club fundraiser, including purchasing surprise boxes that contained jeweled patriotic gifts and President General Project items.

Daughters of Distinction: Margaret Rhea Seddon

A MONTH BEFORE MARGARET RHEA SEDDON WAS born, in late 1947, Chuck Yeager flew faster than the speed of sound for the first time. Three decades later, Seddon would escape the bounds of Earth for the first time as part of the NASA Space Shuttle Program.



A trained medical professional turned astronaut, Seddon had a storied career as one of the first female astronauts, and a critical advocate for space safety following the Challenger disaster. Following the disaster that took the lives of some of her closest colleagues, Seddon hand-cleaned the flight suit for Mike Smith to be buried in at Arlington National Cemetery, an act of service few could imagine having to ever complete. Her lifelong dedication to medicine and scientific curiosity has changed the lives of many, broken the glass ceiling for some and encouraged others. Seddon joined the Tennessee Society DAR in 1978 through her patriot, Captain Richard Ransom of North Carolina. In 1985, Seddon took the DAR Insignia into space aboard Discovery.

How can you be more like Seddon? She was deeply invested in telling her own story and took creative writing classes before publishing her memoirs. Try your own hand at writing out a story about an amazing woman in your life and share it!

DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Entrusting the Care and Preservation of Historical Treasurers to Our Society

MORE THAN 100 GUESTS ARRIVED at Congress early to join in the Gift Acceptance Ceremony, held on Tuesday afternoon, June 27, in the National Officers Club Assembly Room, on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building. This gathering was held to officially accept the donations of historic artifacts, furnishings, equipment, and

conservation and restoration funds.

President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, along with her executive officers, were on hand to accept these donations. This highly anticipated ceremony demonstrated our commitment to historic preservation and also recognized the 20 donors who provided historical objects to be preserved for future generations.

DAR MAGAZINE PROMOTION

Congress Week Deals



GET \$3 OFF A TWO-YEAR subscription from June 26 to July 2, 2023, and have your name placed in a drawing for a \$100 Insignia Store gift certificate. This is a reduced subscription rate of \$45 for a two-year subscription. The promotion is available in-person or online during Continental Congress week only.

To take advantage of this limited time promotion, visit the DAR Magazine table in the Constitution Hall foyer, our table at the Sparkle in Service Committee Showcase on Friday evening, subscribe or call toll-free: 1 (866) 327-6242. You may subscribe, renew or gift subscriptions during this promotion period.

Did you know that the DAR Magazine is actually two periodicals in one? DAR members receive both the *American Spirit* magazine and the Daughters newsletter together every other month. *American Spirit* magazine has been re-imagined to now provide valuable, helpful content that focuses on the myriad aspects of DAR membership. The DAR Magazine's theme during the Wright Administration is to energize, inspire and delight! Come, subscribe during this promotion and see what the DAR Magazine holds in store for you.

Celebrate Membership All Year Long!

INDIVIDUALLY WE HAVE SO much to celebrate in our DAR membership! Just a quick glance at the Service to America Tally shows that great works are happening all around. The joy, pride and satisfaction that we find in our service as well as the DAR friendships that we have formed is truly something to celebrate. Our chapters have much to be proud of.

In 2022, there were 624 chapters who had zero drops or resignations. Ten chapters welcomed over 30 new members by application. This year the Membership Committee gave division awards in the categories of recruitment activity, retention activity and resilience. In each category, four awards were given based on chapter size, and winners can be seen in the Membership Committee's Congress Report. The committee was glad to share some exciting statis-

tics, including that there were three states that experienced a net growth of over five percent in 2022—Idaho, New Hampshire and North Dakota. Six states reported less than four percent drops and resignations: Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.

During the Celebrating Membership session, a presentation will be given on successful strategies for bridging the prospective member and new member experiences. Look for this presentation to be posted in the Membership Resources of the committee's webpage soon. It will also be linked in the Membership Community of the DOC. Congratulations and thank you for all that you do as an individual, chapter and state! It's time to Celebrate and Spread the Sparkle!



FREE HISTORY BOOK GIVEAWAY

Need a New Summer Read?

NEED TO IMPROVE, ADD TO OR start your American History library? The Office of the Historian General will be hosting a history book giveaway starting Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at noon and running through mid-day on Saturday, July 1, 2023. Books will be available for viewing in the President General's Assembly Room on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building. The giveaway will feature books focusing on Early American History, biographies of George Washington and of other leaders of the American Revolution. While the giveaway is free, any donation to the NSDAR Archives fund is welcome.



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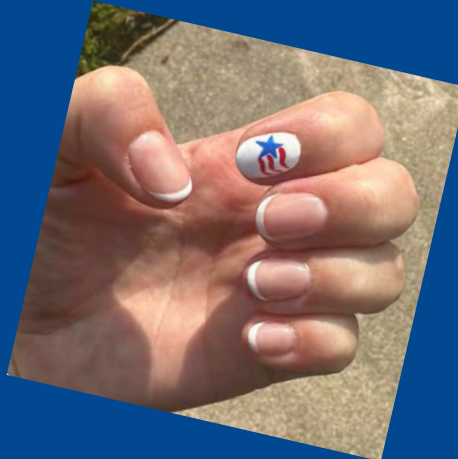


Nail-ing Congress Fashion

Daughters get very creative in all aspects of their Congress Fashion. From dresses to accessories, they put their best foot — and hand — forward. This is especially true for Pages. Festive and SPARKLING nail art is a way for these ladies to show their creativity and a little color in their all white wardrobe. This year, Pages are choosing a variety of designs to decorate their nails.



Aubrey Williams chose a classic combination of red, white and blue.



Alicia Kalbfleisch keeps it simple with classic French tips and DAR logo.



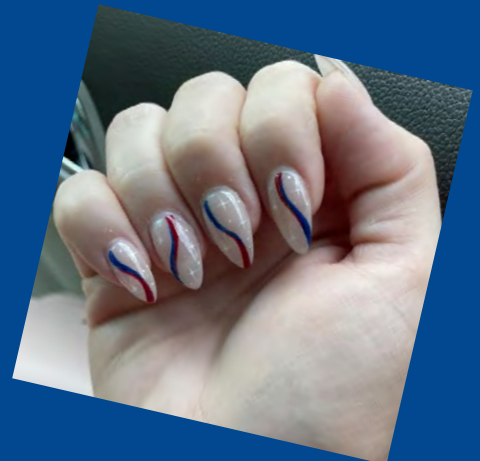
Melodie Daniels celebrates the "Stars and Stripes."



Kansas Daughters Alicia Kalbfleisch, State Vice Regent Julia Hood, KY State Vice Regent and Pam Kalbfleisch have matching moment.



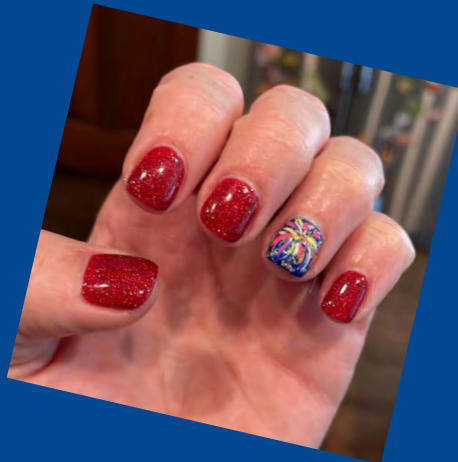
Elizabeth Preston chose some glitter for her "Old Glory" tribute.



Katie Beckett's abstract take on red, white and blue.



Katie Marcum dazzles with shimmering white nails.



Kristina Moorhead's nails boast fireworks and red glitter.



Jackie Higgins, Page-at-heart, added a patriotic flare to her French tips.

DAR Service for Veterans Hosts Annual Patriotism Lunch

THE NATIONAL DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS Committee is honored to host their annual Patriotism Luncheon on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, which helps support and celebrate the hard work the committee does year round.

The National DAR Service for Veterans Committee supports 50 states nationwide and 14 countries through Units Overseas, representing 2,591 chapters and 175,873 DAR members. There were 797 chapters registered as a fund-raising group in 2022, and 1,626 chapters sponsored 216,939 Wreaths Across America. Members participated in 720 Honor Flights, and 3,097 VAVS

reports were shared at chapter meetings. Over 500 Veteran History Project Interviews were conducted.

The committee is grateful for its tireless volunteers who serve around the world. Over 7,500 youth volunteers gave 25,350 volunteer hours, averaging 3.4 hours per youth volunteer. A reported 27,860 adult volunteers provided almost 298,000 volunteer hours, averaging 10.7 hours for each adult volunteer. Daughters recorded traveling 984,000 miles for volunteer participation and donating more than \$1.3 million in monetary donations and \$1.7 million in needed items.

Our new DAR Today Podcast!

HAVE YOU TUNED INTO THE DAR Today Podcast? It is a fun and easy way for DAR members and the public to learn more about DAR. You will hear about the highlights of DAR activities on all levels of our organization and enjoy segments on historic events and holidays, interviews with DAR leaders, stories of our patriot ancestors and so much more. Subscribe today on your favorite podcast platform or watch the video version via our national YouTube channel.

Perhaps you're wondering "What exactly IS a podcast? Does it cost anything? What's a streaming service?" We're pleased to announce that we will have a booth on Friday night at the Sparkle in Service Committee Showcase where you can stop by to get all your questions answered! Be sure to share the podcast with friends, with your prospective members and with your chapter. We're excited for the good news of our DAR activities to sparkle during the Wright administration!



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State Regents Club Meeting

THE DAR STATE REGENTS Club, led by President Peggy Salitros, held their annual meeting for the 500+ club members on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at the JW Marriott Hotel. The theme for this year's event celebrated our members—"State Regents Sparkle for the Red, White and Blue."

Decorations used the patriotic colors and featured "Uncle Sparkle." Look for him this week during Congress! President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright brought greetings to both officers and attendees.

Business of the meeting includes introducing new members, a memorial service, and club officer reports. Membership heard several proposed bylaws and voted on the nominations of the 2023-2025 club officers. Newly elected officers for the 2023-2025 term are: President Terry Rubinstein, Nev.; Vice President Cindy Hays, District of Columbia; Chaplain Leigh Spencer, Mont.; Recording Secretary Teresa Cales, Okla.; Corresponding Secretary Christy Hendrix, Conn.; Treasurer Rebecca Rogers, Va.

President Salitros thanked her executive board and Parliamentarian Leonora Branca and Parliamentarian Pro tem Judy Barking for their time, talents and service over the past two years. President Salitros and Chaplain Luken conducted the installation of officers. The meeting concluded with a reading of the Friendship poem and the presentation of the gavel and "Traveling Gavel" necklace to Mrs. Rubinstein.



NOT YOUR TYPICAL TEA

The Golden West Tea



THE GOLDEN WEST TEA HAS a long history of fellowship and great food. The seven Golden West States (Arizona, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Utah) take turns hosting this event and adding their own flare to decorations and themes. This year, we will Take A Road Trip Through Kansas! Sometimes classified as a “flyover state,” Kansas has a lot to offer and guests will enjoy a pictorial display on each table highlighting the beauty of the 34th state. Not many teas include tacos and ice cream, but that is the tradition of the Golden West Tea. Another great tradition is the wonderful giveaways you will leave with. We hope you registered this year, but if not, don’t miss it next year when Utah will be your host. The tea will take place on Thursday, June 30, at 6 p.m.

Special DAR Offering to Enhance Genealogy Skills

D ID YOU MISS THE SECOND annual DAR Genealogy Research Institute (GRI) at DAR Headquarters last month? Never fear. You can enjoy six hours of genealogical “master class” lectures from renown genealogy speakers D. Joshua Taylor, Victor Dunn and LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson in the comfort of your own home, for a one-time subscription fee of \$185! Watch the very lectures that GRI in-person attendees enjoyed, through this professionally-produced video series. Lectures include valuable topics such as little-known online digital resources and using court and tax records to find those elusive ancestors.

The subscription allows unlimited viewing of this year’s six featured lectures until August 19. You will also receive copies of the speakers’ lecture

handouts. This link can be used to subscribe to the 2023 video series until August 1, when enrollment closes.

The GRI is an annual event held every May in Our House Beautiful for both experienced and aspiring genealogists. It offers a unique opportunity to learn from preeminent genealogists, research in DAR’s world-class genealogical library and network with peers. You will also have the opportunity to learn more on DAR-specific topics during breakout sessions. This year’s breakout sessions focused on DNA for DAR applications, writing an analysis, migration, land records and identifying female ancestors.

Sounds interesting? Make plans to attend next year’s GRI on May 6 – 8, 2024. We would love to have you join us for this unique experience!



D. Joshua Taylor, co-host of PBS Genealogy Roadshow, shared insider tips on using online libraries and archives at the 2023 GRI.



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Heritage Club Events

TODAY, MEMBERS OF THE Heritage Club will be recognized at the Heritage Club Breakfast (topaz, peridot and amethyst giving levels) and Heritage Club Luncheon (pearl, ruby, aquamarine, emerald, sapphire and

diamond giving levels). Renowned author Kathryn Clark Childers will present “Fearless Philanthropy” and will be present to autograph her book.

Purchase Sparkle Merchandise and Support the President General's Project!

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT IS AN opportunity for all Daughters to Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever through DAR Service and Friendship. In February, the President General announced an exciting addition to her sparkling President General's Project—"A campaign to restore and conserve Memorial Continental Hall, our living monument to our Patriot ancestors, located in the center of our nation's capital and the Heart of our House Beautiful." Just

imagine how spectacular Memorial Continental Hall will be!

During Continental Congress, you have the opportunity to support the President General's Project by shopping! In addition to the DAR Store, there are special shops located in DAR Constitution Hall and the JW Marriott on the Pennsylvania Terrace. Exciting new products are available. "Congress Only" bundles offer savings to you when you purchase one of the packages of sparkling jewelry, patriotic scarves and

of course, the glamorous Wright Tote Bag.

Want to have the ultimate in DAR sparkle? Purchase voices for a chance to win a diamond Insignia. The winner will be announced on Saturday, July 1, 2023.

All proceeds from the two special shops and the Insignia voices support the President General's Project. "Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever" by shopping early and shopping often!

Listen Up, Louella!

"LISTEN UP, LOUELLA" IS A CHILDREN'S book that was shared at the 2023 West Virginia State Conference to help promote the State Regent's Project. West Virginia State Regent Jane Larke is so passionate about children's literature that she made it a part of her State Regent's Project. During Continental Congress, at the West Virginia breakfast, Dr. Allison Denman Holland, National Literacy Promotion Chairman, will be the guest speaker. The event will be held at the historic Army and Navy Club in the District of Columbia. Children's books will be utilized as decorations. Upon completion of the breakfast, the books used as decoration will be donated from the West Virginia State Society to the National Literacy Committee.

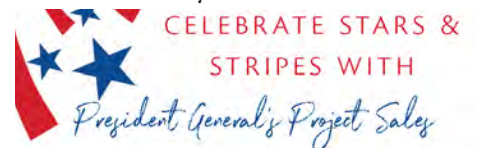
Sparkling Sundaes with C.A.R.!

LAST NIGHT, DAR MEMBERS AND C.A.R. members, along with C.A.R. supporters, joined together at the JW Marriott to celebrate the partnership between the DAR and C.A.R. Attendees were able to cool off from the summer heat and enjoy ice cream sundaes with "Sparkling" conversation in addition to meeting C.A.R. National President Victoria Smith, Senior National President Diana Decker Brokaw, and "Freedom" the Eagle! We were honored to have President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright join in the festivities!

This year's National Theme is "Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders." The National Project will be a collaboration with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to restore the First Report of the United States Department of Agriculture and Abraham Lincoln's Leather Portfolio. Vegetable seed packets adorned the blue and green tulle-covered tables to promote the importance of this

country's rich agricultural heritage.

There was also an opportunity to learn more about the new DAR Friends of C.A.R. Fund! DAR members can purchase the gorgeous new pin after a \$100 donation or add a C.A.R. Best Friends bar after a \$200 donation. Proceeds from this fund will be used for special projects at the request of the C.A.R. National President. This new fund is also available in the Sustaining Supporter Portal, under "Other Funds!"



BLUE BEADED FIREWORKS POUCH

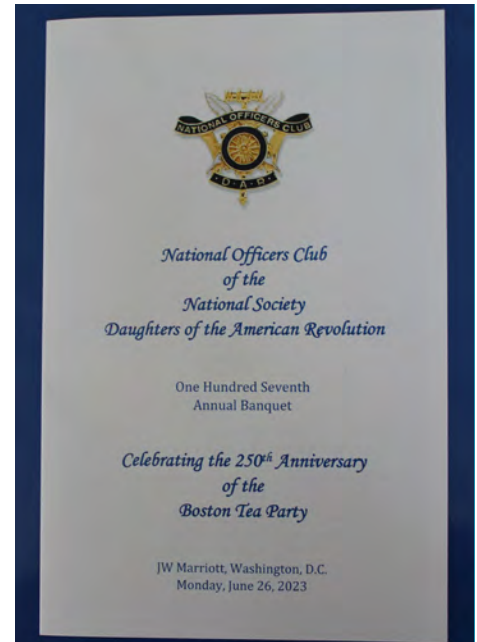
AVAILABLE IN THE DAR STORE, SPARKLE POP UP SHOP AT CONSTITUTION HALL & SPARKLE SHOWROOM AT THE J.W. MARRIOTT



National Officers Club Honors Scholarship Recipients

ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, THE NATIONAL Officers Club held its annual meeting and banquet. The club awarded two \$5,000 scholarships to students enrolled at The Catholic University of America Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, Drama and Art. The Ethel and Carl Galbraith Scholarship was awarded to Nolan Alexander Ancil, a doctoral candidate in Piano Performance. He holds a Master of Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Louisville and a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Texas at El Paso where he was honored as the most outstanding performer in 2020. The Dorothy Thompson Williams Music Scholarship

was awarded to Tori Gomez, a rising senior in musical theater, where her credits include Eve in “Children of Eden” and Laertes in “Hamlet.” Other credits include Amy March in “Little Women” (NextStop Theatre Company), Roxy in “My Body, No Choice” (Arena Stage), Medea in “Mojada” (1st Stage) and The Sour Kangaroo in “Seussical” (Keegan Theatre). The awardees delighted more than 165 banquet attendees with their performances, including special guests President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright and Jay Brock, Associate Professor of Acting and Directing, Chair of the Music Performance Department and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies at the university.



Who are DAR Balcony Volunteers?

During Continental Congress, the Volunteer Genealogists Committee Balcony Volunteers are available to assist Daughters with questions on DAR applications and supplemental applications, as well. Volunteers and members in need are paired for one-on-one genealogical consultations or group discussions with the team, as the situation requires. Experienced genealogy volunteers will work with you to find an answer to your brick walls, roadblocks, and other issues that have you at a standstill with a DAR application. Often, a knowledgeable second set of eyes is just what your application needs.



Not sure what to do next? Do you have an application that needs just a little help? Or need someone to review it with you? If you have never completed a DAR application but would like to get started, we can help! If you have questions about DAR applications, where to find what, or how to use some of the available research tools, come see us! Balcony Volunteer sessions are offered at the JW Marriott (Rayburn Meeting Room) and on the DAR Library balcony (2nd floor) Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. No appointment necessary. Experienced team leaders work with each team of volunteers to provide a rewarding experience for all.

Members interested in serving as future Balcony Volunteers are invited to stop by and talk with our team. After three years of meeting service requirements as a Congress Balcony Volunteer, you can become eligible to wear the Balcony Volunteer pin, featuring the iconic DAR Library Clock.

Visit with our knowledgeable and smiling volunteers during Congress. We are ready to help you as we Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever!

DAR INSIGNIA STORE POP-UP SHOP

Add Some Sparkle to Opening Night!



Visit the DAR Insignia Store Pop-Up Shop to see the latest Insignia pins or choose from timeless member favorites such as the Member Diamond Insignia Ribbon!

DAR Pages are Ready to Sparkle

YOUR DAR PAGES HAVE BEEN WORKING hard since Sunday to prepare Our House Beautiful for this year's Congress! Pages have been working from the moment the doors to headquarters were unlocked, including the dedication and wreath laying in honor of Lena Ferguson on Monday. You will see ladies in white working in the many Congress shops, helping with registration, taking photos

for communications, or possibly in the brand new role assisting in the library. In the evening, keep a lookout for sparkly shoes and other new additions to this year's dress code to highlight how members Sparkle in Service. With almost 400 pages—nearly 100 of them first-timers—they are excited and ready to help.



132nd Congress Pre-Opening Highlights

Wreath-laying ceremony and memorial plaque unveiling celebrating the life of Lena Santos Ferguson



132nd Congress Pre-Opening Highlights, cont.



The Vice President Generals (VPG) Club celebrated 70 years of the organization's founding at its annual breakfast meeting with the theme "Breakfast at Tiffany's."



Daughters join the "News You Can Use" session hosted by the Register General in the O'Bryne Gallery.



Curator General Susan Metzger, DAR Museum Outreach Chair Mernie Crane and donor Colorado State Regent Colleen Joyce visit the DAR Museum and pose with items from the new interactive table



President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright, Vice President General Ginnie Storage and Virginia State Regent Laurie Parker Nesbitt pose with a rocking chair from the First Vice President General's office during Tuesday's Gift Acceptance Ceremony.



National Officers enjoy time with California State Regent, Sharon Maas. From left to right: Janet McFarland, Sherry Edwards, Junelle Mongno, Suzanne Heske, Nancy Wright, Lanabeth Horgen



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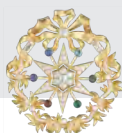
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A LOOK BACK AT 1923



On the opening day of Continental Congress 100 years ago, Daughters gathered in the afternoon to hear President Warren G. Harding's greetings to the National Society. Addressing the ladies in Memorial Continental Hall, the President praised the Society's efforts of God, Home and Country, noting "It is in this conception of your organization that, I think, we shall most justly appraise its usefulness to our country. You have made it your especial endeavor to train the rising generation in the ways of righteous and useful citizenship. In your zeal for a better tomorrow, you have wrought greatly for a better today."

The President entreated the Daughters to continue their efforts of educating young Americans and to keep the lessons of the Founding Fathers alive for future generations.

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There's still time to subscribe to the 2023 DAR Genealogy Research Institute videos!

Those who were unable to attend in person are invited to subscribe to the GRI six-hour video series for a one-time fee of \$185. Use this link to subscribe for unlimited viewing of the videos until access expires on Aug. 19, 2023:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/genealogy-research-institute-virtual-component-tickets-628544612857>