

Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR Officer and Committee Chair Year End Reports 2017-2019

REGENT REPORT

Annual Meeting 2018

Lisa Jane Doan

Quite honestly, my first thought in preparing this report was - Where do I begin? I didn't do anything single-handedly, so I will begin with... Everything this Regent accomplished was with your help, and I thank you.

We began the year with goals of educating the membership, planning programs that would be inclusive of as many members as possible and leaving no member left behind. Almost 40 chairmen took lead roles with the understanding that projects can be short-term and still be very successful. The veteran's program in November is still near & dear to my heart, having honored our very own veteran's so personally. I still shed a tear and smile when I hear the song - *Proud to be an American*.

This regent represented the chapter at wreath-laying ceremonies, Regent, District and State meetings & workshops, and inspired the juniors to set up a fundraising program with Wreaths Across America. The Chapter Table is a monthly receptacle for donations to the USO, DAR Schools and periodic projects. The newsletter is an amazing gathering of many great minds and a super Editor (Pam Kugel).

Cost-effectiveness remained a focus. And with the strong support of donations, we are able to maintain our very low chapter dues and provide amazing programs and events.

This regent had the privilege of having one of the best Executive Boards, and a chapter of an incredible group of women. They say... DAR friendships last a lifetime, and I believe that's true. Thank you.

2019 Highlights of the Chapter for the two-year term by the Regent

It's the Annual Meeting and the end of another administration serving the Commonwealth Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Where do we begin to count all that has been accomplished in the past 2 years? All that has been learned? All that we have nurtured? All of the friendships that have formed? And how do we count the ways that we have been blessed? Quite honestly, I think we should simply appreciate today.

I don't have an annual Regent's Report of accomplishments. When I thought of all that we enjoyed, created, and lived... together as a chapter, it seemed that the accomplishments were because the members of this chapter experienced these two years together. We created new events, supported veterans and our military, and placed wreaths on graves. The Commonwealth Chapter recognized the constitution, included the Children of the American Revolution to as many events as possible, and respectfully remembered members who had passed.

The chapter remembers 90+ birthdays and welcomes prospective members and guests as they enter the foyer. 1200 pages of inactive applications dating back to 1938 were archived. We enjoyed Tea from a silver tea pot, and took trips to NSDAR Headquarters, Yorktown, and Montpelier.

The chapter now supports the local Goochland Historical Society Library, has a Sunshine Jar, and plays Mini Golf just for fun! We enjoy honoring students for their patriotism and good deeds, and support community programs.

The members enjoyed the beautiful sounds of harps, listened to noteworthy speakers and talented authors, and laughed at the likes of Patrick Henry.

When asked to share the accomplishments of the chapter of this past year in 200 words or less for the State Conference, it was hard to do! This is what I shared...

Commonwealth is today's DAR, 366 strong! Members are engaged, informed, and continue to open new doors! Members participated in 20+ commemorative events, such as DAR Historic Marker Dedication at French's Tavern, Joint Resolution #423 personally delivered by House Speaker Kirk Cox, recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the American's Creed, and a DAR Flag Certificate presented in front of 3,000 patriots, to owners of the Tallest Flag Pole in the state! Members distributed 2,000 American flags, one by one, at events, such as historic St. John's Church naturalization, Dogwood Dell Amphitheatre on Veterans Day, and Naval Sea Cadet Awards Ceremony at Fort Lee. Blue Star Families of Richmond founder was awarded Women in American History, archived on DAR.org. New public and private websites at www.CommonwealthDAR.org attracted prospective members, and provided chapter information conveniently. Members selected to receive their yearbook in print or PDF. There was a collaborative effort of committee contributions to the newsletter, which was emailed by MailChimp. Over 60 percent on average opened it! Marketing with other organizations increased logo exposure and DAR recognition. Fresh ideas presented with enthusiasm helped to increase overall participation, especially for State Conference and Continental Congress. Hundreds of fun photos were shared!

So... what is it that we accomplished in 2 years??? More than can be reported here.

Before several items are taken to the storage facility, they were put on display on the back table. They are the reports of the Committees in the Historian's notebook, a scrapbook, and chapter awards.

I have had the pleasure of serving alongside an amazing team of women on the Executive Board, and I learned more from them than they realize. The membership is supportive and kind in so many ways. And I'm proud to have served as your chapter Regent. I hope all of you enjoyed these two years as much as I did.

Thank you!

VICE REGENT REPORT / PROGRAMS

Paige Jessee

May Annual Meeting 2018

Westwood Club

Monthly chapter meetings were held on the 3rd Friday (with some exceptions) of each month September thru May at the Westwood Club in Richmond, Virginia. The business meeting and programs were held in "Ballroom" followed by lunch in the "Westwood" room. Business meeting attendance averaged 80 members per meeting and lunch attendance averaged 45.

Program Calendar

September Tea - Sunday, September 17th

Our annual chapter tea was the kick-off to Constitution Week. The annual tea hosted by the Executive Board was held at Westminster-Canterbury and sponsored by Westminster-Canterbury resident and member Patsy Pettus.

Over 100 members attended the tea as our chapter celebrated its 115th birthday. Our chapter choir "The Choristers" provided entertainment. Members of the Colonel Alexander Spotswood Chapter of the CAR read the Preamble aloud. The tea concluded with the ringing of Bells Across America.

October Chapter Meeting - Friday, October 20th

Guest Speaker: Marquis de Lafayette - Local re-enactor Charles Wissinger

November Chapter Meeting - Thursday, November 16th

Guest Speaker: Delegate Kirk Cox, Virginia WWI & WWII Commemoration Commission Chairman
Delegate Cox shared the Commission's plans to develop and carry out programs and activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of WWI and the 75th anniversary of WWII. Special guests included Dennis Paterson, President of the Richmond Chapter Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution, Bev Mauck, President of the Virginia Society Sons of the Revolution, and Nancy and Bill Akers, Co-Senior Presidents of the

Colonel Alexander Spotswood Society Children of the American Revolution. All of our special guests and Chapter Regent participated in a wreath laying ceremony to honor our WWI & WWII veterans. Members participated by bringing in photos of their relatives who served in WWI & WWII. A banner listing WWI & WWII veterans' names was displayed at the meeting.

December Chapter Meeting - Friday, December 8th

Virginia Commonwealth University Women's Choir, Director, Rebecca Tyree

Members were entertained to the holiday sounds of this auditioned treble ensemble

January Chapter Meeting - Friday, January 19th

Guest Speaker: Jon Kukla

Local historical author Jon Kukla spoke on his latest book "Patrick Henry: Champion of Liberty" which was released August 2017. It was later announced that Mr. Kukla was one of 7 finalists for the national literary award the "2018 George Washington Prize."

February District II George Washington Luncheon

March Chapter Meeting - Friday, March 16th

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Hurst-Wender

Jennifer Hurst-Wender, Director of Museum Operations and Education for Preservation Virginia currently oversees the operations at all of Preservation Virginia's properties. She spoke on Preservation Virginia's dedication to saving, preserving, promoting and serving as an advocate for Virginia's Historic places.

April Chapter Meeting - Friday, April 20th

Guest Speaker: John Phillips, Education Director for the Richmond Coin Club & Virginia Numismatic Assoc. Mr. Phillips educated members on the history of America's Revolutionary War coins and was available to evaluate members' coins following the program.

May Chapter Meeting - Friday, May 18th

Guest Speaker: Paige Bartholomew, Treasurer, Blue Star Families of Richmond

Commonwealth Chapter Paige Bartholomew started the Blue Star Families Richmond Chapter in 2007. She shared the organizations mission with members. Paige was awarded the National Daughters of the American Revolution "Women in American History" award for her efforts to serve the families of American servicemen and women. The May program also included recognition of members celebrating anniversaries and a memorial service for those members who passed away during the 2017-18 calendar year.

The following meetings and programs were planned for the chapter 2018-2019:

September Chapter Tea

Sunday, September 9th - Hosted by the Commonwealth Chapter Executive Board

Special Guest: Mrs. Dolly Madison (Dale Sayers)

Westminster Canterbury - The Cochrane Commons Room - 1600 Westbrook Avenue

Time: 2:00-4:00 pm - Member sponsor: Patsy Pettus – A Traditional Tea with Silver Tea Service
\$100 donation to the State Regent's project

September 8th

VADAR Fall Forum, Richmond

Chapter Meetings were scheduled at The Westwood Club in Richmond

Business Meeting:

10:30-11:30

Program: 11:30-noon

Lunch: 12:15-1:00

October Chapter Meeting

*Friday, October 12th

Special Guest: Mr. Francis Gary Powers, Jr.

Author, Letters from a Soviet Prison

Founder & Chairman Emeritus of *The Cold War Museum*

\$100 Honorarium

October 19th **Planned Yorktown Day & Luncheon at RiverWalk, plus Tour of
The American Revolution Museum**

November Chapter Meeting

****Friday, November 16th**

Special Guest: Mrs. Francis Broaddus-Crutchfield, Author, *Saving the Mattaponi*

\$100 Honorarium

2nd Special Guest: Mrs. Carolyn Scullion, State Chair American Indians Committee

\$100 Donation will be made to State American Indian charity TBD

December Chapter Meeting

***Friday, December 7th**

Special Guest: The American Youth Harp Ensemble

Contact: Lynnelle Ediger \$100 Honorarium

January Chapter Meeting

Friday, January 18th

Special Guest: Nancy Egloff, Historian, Curatorial Dept. Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation

Tenacity: Women in Jamestown & Early Virginia

\$100 Honorarium

February Invitation to the Regents' Club of Richmond sponsored

***George Washington Luncheon**

Saturday, February 16th

March Chapter Attendance at the Virginia State Conference March 15th - 17th

March

Friday, March 22nd

Special Guest: Susan Scharr, Clerk of the Senate
Commonwealth of Virginia Women's Monument Commission
Member of the Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR

"Women's History Month" \$100 donation to the Virginia Women's Monument

April Chapter Meeting

Friday, April 19th

Special Guest: Carol Wiedel, Preservation Virginia, Site Coordinator
Bacon's Castle

\$100 Honorarium

April 30th^h **Chapter co-sponsored Naturalization Ceremony & Reception
Historic St. John's Church**

May Chapter Annual Meeting

Friday, May 17, 2019

Annual Business Meeting-no formal program will be scheduled

Memorial Service, Awards, Installation of Officers

*Chapter meeting held on a date other than the third Friday of the month

**Date change from original calendar given at June board meeting

FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COMMITTEE

Marcy Thomas, Director

May Annual Meeting Report 2018

FLAG EVENTS

- **Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2017**
61st Annual Virginia Memorial Day at the Virginia War Memorial Wreath-Laying Ceremony
- **Flag Day, Wednesday June 14, 2017**
District II Flag Day Celebration at McGuire VA Medical Center
Contributed snacks for reception and delivered hand-written "Thank you" cards
- **Naturalization Ceremony on Tuesday, July 4, 2017**
Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR and Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA
200 hand held American Flags and Flag Codes were given to new naturalized American Citizens and their families
- **Naturalization Ceremony on Thursday, September 14, 2017**
Henricus Park - Handed out 200 hand held American Flags and Flag Codes to new naturalized American Citizens and their families
- **Honor Flight on Saturday, October 21, 2017**
Hanover County, Virginia - Assisted National Defense Committee by providing USA flags to Hanover elementary schools and other groups honoring WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans as they leave for Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.
- **Yorktown Day on Thursday, October 19, 2017**
Yorktown, VA - Presented the Commonwealth Chapter wreath along with other lineage societies on the SAR sponsored wreath-laying ceremony at the gravesite of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr.
- **Veterans' Day on Friday, November 11, 2017**
Dogwood Dell Amphitheater - Attended event to support honoring of veterans
- **Naturalization Ceremony on Thursday, April 19, 2018**
Commonwealth Chapter & St. John's Church Foundation Co-sponsored event at St. John's Church, Richmond, VA
Assisted the Regent by distributing 74 American flags and "Flag Codes" to newly naturalized citizens; 29 American Flags distributed to Franklin Military Academy JROTC students; 50 American Flags distributed to children and family members
- **Honor Flight on Saturday, April 21, 2018**
Hanover County, VA
Assisted National Defense Committee by providing flags to Hanover elementary School students and other patriotic citizens, as we honored WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans as they embarked on their trip to Washington, D.C.
- **President James Monroe's 260th Birthday Celebration on Saturday, April 28, 2018**
Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA
Participated in wreath laying ceremony with the Regent at the gravesite of President James Monroe, celebrating his 260th birthday

USA Flag Committee Annual Meeting Report 2018 - PROJECT

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FLAG CERTIFICATES

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- Dance's Sporting Goods, 570 South Park Boulevard, Colonial Heights, VA
- Kroger Marketplace, 10800 Iron Bridge Road, Chester, VA
- Pearson Preowned, 960 Midlothian Turnpike, North Chesterfield, VA
- Prudential Overall Supply, 800 South Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA
- Mission BBQ, 5440 Glenside Drive, Richmond, VA
- Pearson Infiniti, 11701 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian, VA
- Wegmans, 12501 Stone Village Way, Richmond, VA
- Chick-Fil-A 141001 Hull Street Rd. Chesterfield, VA
- Bob Evans, 5431 Glenside Drive, Henrico, VA

SUMARY OF TOTALS This USA Flag Committee Supported

USA FLAGS Distributed	750
FLAG CODES Distributed	374
FLAG CERTIFICATES Distributed	9
FLAG MINUTES presented at meetings	6
WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES	3
NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES	3

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FLAG EVENTS:

- **MEMORIAL DAY**
Monday May 28, 2018 - 62nd Annual Virginia Memorial Day Celebration
Virginia War Memorial - Participated in Wreath Laying Ceremony
- **FLAG DAY**
Thursday June 14, 2018 - District II Flag Day Celebration
McGuire VA Medical Center - Contributed snacks for Veterans, delivered hand-written "Thank-You" cards, and made a donation.
- **VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**
Wednesday, July 4, 2018 - Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA
200 hand held American Flags & Flag codes given to naturalized American Citizens and their families
- **HONOR FLIGHT**
Saturday October 20, 2018 - Assisted National Defense committee
Provided flags for Hanover Elementary School and groups honoring Veterans leaving for Honor Flight
- **YORKTOWN DAY**
Thursday, October 18, 2018 - Yorktown, VA
Participated in Wreath Laying Ceremony at the gravesite of Governor Thomas Nelson, Jr.,
Participated in the parade, and attended the Yorktown Victory Day Celebration

- **FRENCH'S TAVERN PLAQUE DEDICATION**

Thursday, November 8, 2018 - Participated in the Commonwealth Chapter dedication of the NSDAR French's Tavern historic plaque and provided American, Virginia, and NSDAR flags and refreshments

- **USA IRON AND METAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

Sunday, November 18, 2108 - Presented Framed NSDAR Flag Certificates to USA Iron and Metal and RJ Smith Industries -Handed out 500 Hand held American Flags to participants

- **VETERAN'S DAY**

Sunday, November 10, 2018 - Dogwood Dell Amphitheater
Handed out 500 Hand held American flags in support of our Veterans

- **COMMONWEALTH CHAPTER NSDAR/ST.JOHN'S FOUNDATION NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**

Tuesday April 30, 2019 -St. John's Church, Richmond, VA
Assisted Americanization committee with distribution of American flags and "Flag Codes" and coordination of Huguenot High School Color Guard -American Flags and "Flag Codes" distributed to naturalized Citizens - American flags distributed to children, family members and Franklin Military Academy students

- **HONOR FLIGHT**

Saturday, April 20, 2019 - Hanover County, VA
Assisted National Defense Committee by providing flags to be handed out to Hanover elementary schools and groups honoring WWII veterans as they leave for Honor Flight

- **PRESIDENT JAMES MONROE'S 261ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Saturday, April 27, 2019 - Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA
Participated in Wreath Laying Ceremony at the gravesite of President James Monroe

FLAG CERTIFICATES

- R.J. Smith Industries, 1800 Coxendale Rd, North Chesterfield, VA 23831`
- USA Iron and Metal, 1800 Coxendale Rd, North Chesterfield, VA 23831

TOTAL AMERICAN FLAGS DISTRIBUTED.	2026
TOTAL FLAG CODES DISTRIBUTED	200
TOTAL FLAG CERIEFICATES DISTRIBUTED	2
TOTAL FLAG MINUTES	5
TOTAL WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES	3

NAME TAGS

Betty Markham, Chair

May Annual Meeting 2018

Dear Chapter Members, I am happy to report that we ordered 43 name tags this past chapter year. I encourage all of you to purchase a name tag. This will help with not having to purchase sticky ones.

I also ask for your help with picking up your tags as soon as possible. Some of these name tags I have with me today are over a year old.

The cost of a name tag is \$6.50 and is available as a pin or magnet. I will begin taking new orders at our October meeting.

Name Tags continued to be sold at the same price through May 2019.

LINEAGE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Rebekah Fleury, Chairman

May Annual Meeting 2018

The Lineage Research Committee provides research assistance to help prospective members complete their DAR applications. The LRC works with the Chapter Registrar to find evidence and documents to identify ancestors and resolve kinship issues.

During the past year I have performed research and collected documents for 3 prospective members (actually one of them was prior to becoming LRC Chair). Two of the three have been admitted as new members. I enjoyed researching her ancestor very much. He was John Ashby, grandfather of Turner Ashby of Civil War fame. Research for the last of the three was quite challenging, however I did enjoy communicating with prospective member Christie Peters who is the Director of Richmond Animal Care and Control.

As a past Chapter Registrar I do have some insight into what is required to approve applications. The requirements for DAR applications are updated often and our Chapter Registrar is quite helpful in keeping me up to date. I do work and so I don't have as much free time to pursue lineage research as I would like.

Future plans will include placing a blurb in the newsletter to see if any chapter members would like to join the Lineage Research Committee and what their area of expertise will be.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Chapter Lineage Research Committee chairman.

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Most of my time this past year has been spent caring for family members, including my 98-year-old father, a WWII Veteran. I highly recommend serving on the Lineage Research Committee, especially for those interested in Genealogy. You can do what you love and assist the Chapter at the same time!

PATRIOTS RECORDS PROJECT

Karen Scott, Chair

May Annual Meeting 2018

I want to make you aware of The Patriot Records Project Committee. Members can volunteer and work from home helping NSDAR index Revolutionary War Patriots from old documents. The index will be available as part of the DAR Genealogy Research System.

I started volunteering in 2017 and have indexed over 1400 names. You simply sign in to the project and are given a copy of a digitized image, which contains names of patriots. It could be a master roll that records those serving in a particular regiment, it could be the payroll that records the pay these patriots received, and many more service documents. You will then record that name in an index. Detailed instructions are provided and once you get going, the going is easy. The index is made possible by DAR member volunteers and is a great tool to assist the finding of an elusive ancestor. Volunteers, nationwide, indexed over 192,000 names in April alone.

Please consider this and find more information on our national website, under committees. Look for Patriot Records Project. And don't forget to record your volunteer service hours.

LITERACY PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Cathy Taylor, Chair

May Annual Meeting 2018

R.C. Longan Elementary School

9200 Maplevue Ave., Henrico, VA

I volunteer with 2 first grade classes for an hour each, on Tuesdays. In 2018, I volunteered for 26 hours (as of May 8). In one class, I usually work with the same boy and girl. We work on letters and numbers, using games, puzzles, coloring – whatever the teacher gives us that day.

In the other first grade class, I work with different children often using the same tools and occasionally reading to them, depending on what the teacher assigns.

Helping the children is a gratifying experience!

CONSTITUTION WEEK COMMITTEE

Karen Scott, Chair

May Annual Meeting 2018

As Chair of this committee, I am pleased to share with you these highlights.

The 12 middle schools of Henrico Co. were contacted and requested to read the Preamble of the Constitution during morning announcements during Constitution Week.

A display of posters, flags, and Constitution facts was arranged in display cases at The Tuckahoe Library.

An information table was set up at our September Tea, which coincided with the start of Constitution Week. A brief history of CW was read and the CAR joined us in reading The Preamble.

A Commonwealth Chapter bookmark with the Preamble written on one side and recording the date of CW on the other, was designed, printed and donated for distribution. Over 250 were distributed at the Naturalization Ceremony at St. John's. Many are earmarked for distribution this summer to Crossnore School, Kate Duncan Smith Smith and Tamassee Schools.

I am excited for the further educational outreaches this committee has for the coming year. If you have an interest in joining me, please be in touch.

For 2018-2019 reporting, three elementary schools, selected based upon 100% lunch participation, were provided a Constitution Week poster for their library during Constitution Week. The book, A More Perfect Union, was donated to each school library. These schools were given a total of 1700 Commonwealth Chapter bookmarks for distribution to students.

This committee mounted a Constitution display at Tuckahoe Library for the entire month of September. 1000 Commonwealth Chapter bookmarks were available for library patrons to take home.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Marcy Thomas, Chair

May Annual Meeting 2018

The Historic Preservation Committee submitted an application to the NSDAR Historian General to install an NSDAR Historical Marker at French's Tavern in Powhatan, VA. Once the application is approved, E.C. Shaw & Co. will cast the marker. The Commonwealth Chapter is planning to have a marker dedication ceremony this fall.

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On November 8, 2018 the Commonwealth Chapter dedicated French's Tavern at 1600 Old Buckingham road in Powhatan, VA. with a bronze NSDAR Historic Marker. The plaque reads:

"Historic French's Tavern Built in the 1700's Commonwealth Chapter National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Dedicated November 2018"

Frances Eppes IV originally owned the property known as Swan's Creek Plantation. His granddaughter, Martha Wayles Skelton, married Thomas Jefferson and he acquired the property. The plantation home was operated by Hugh French and called French's Tavern. Carolyn and Fred Neurohr purchased the property in 1993.

Carolyn Neurohr is a Commonwealth Chapter member and gave those attending a tour of the Tavern and property at the time of the dedication. Members of the Powhatan Historical Society and the Goochland Historical Society were in attendance along with Past Historian General and Honorary Virginia State Regent Bana Caskey, Regent Lisa Doan, Historic Preservation Chairman Marcy Thomas and Commonwealth Chapter members.

CHAPTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2018-2019

Lu Treadwell, Chair

The Chapter Board of Directors granted the scholarship funds again to Emma Freeman, last year's recipient. Carol Beam, Mary Ann Nash, Mary Ann Blankenship and Lu Treadwell were on this committee.

Executive Board Decision:

The rules did not indicate that a winner could win only once, so the board did not disqualify this applicant for that purpose. They awarded the qualified applicant who happen to be the winner as the year before.

The board went on to agree with the committee's recommendation to increase the value of the scholarship. The Board voted to raise it from \$750 to \$2,000, and noted that applicants can win more than once. Both decisions were unanimous.

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (C.A.R.)

Nancy Akers, Chair

May Annual Report 2018

Colonel Alexander Spotswood Society, Senior President, Nancy Akers

The President of Colonel Alexander Spotswood Society, Stewart Aker's project was to visit monuments, learn something and share that information with our members. By the end of the year our members had visited monuments from California to New York. We also visited our own Monument Avenue and looked at the monuments with greater love and appreciation.

We won Gold and the 1st place Society in the whole state of Virginia! We received Honorable Mention at the National Convention. To win these honors, we had 207 Honor rolls, we entered 59 state contests and 10 national contests.

We were part of the Commonwealth's Annual Tea, the 1st Naturalization at VHS and Wreaths Across America. Thank you for always including us! Our children learn from your examples of leadership and service.

Thanks to your generous donation of \$750.00 from the Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR we were able to pay the admission fee for the children at Highlands and Kenmore. It also helped pay for the children's registration at the State and National Conventions. This allowed more of the children to attend.

In January we collected donations for the Virginia State President Emily Elston. Her project was to replace steps at Pohick Church. Commonwealth sent a check for \$200. It is a pleasure to serve as the Chair for the Children of the American Revolution.

May Annual Report 2019

I am so proud to be a part of Colonel Alexander Spotswood Society. We are the #1 society in Virginia! We had many combined activities with Commonwealth Chapter, DAR, and Richmond Chapter, SAR. We attended both the State and National C.A.R. workshops.

At each meeting we do the Pledge, American's Creed, C.A.R. Creed and sing the Star-Spangled Banner. We are growing these young people into further DAR and SAR leaders for tomorrow.

St the DAR State Convention we had 2 debutantes, Grace Goodpasture and my granddaughter Caroline Akers. In March, Caroline became a member of Commonwealth Chapter, DAR.

We did lots of fun things all over the state. The Children love learning about history.

Commonwealth Chapter – You have been the example that our children need to follow. You supported the state project with a cash donation of \$300. You are always asking how you can help. Thank you for all your support. You are one of the reasons we were the number one society in the state.

I'm looking forward to another successful year.

COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS COMMITTEE

Deborah Fulk, Chairman

May Annual Meeting 2018

At the Annual Chapter Tea, held on Sunday, September 17, 2017, we commemorated the 115th birthday of Commonwealth Chapter with a large sheet cake, which was wheeled in to the reception room on a cart, decorated with patriotic balloons and bunting and the number 115, while chapter members were led by the chapter choir in singing "Happy Birthday!"

Other commemorative events are recognized by other chairmen.

AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

Deborah Fulk, Chairman

May Annual Meeting 2018

Our chapter had the opportunity to co-sponsor and/or support six Naturalization Ceremonies in 2017-2018. On July 4th, Independence Day 2017, we were invited to participate in a Naturalization Ceremony held at The Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. Our members helped to set up and also to distribute programs, USA Flags, and VHS information to 89 new citizens from 37 countries. Other chapter members, assisted by Colonel Alexander Spotswood Chapter, CAR, distributed an additional 100 USA Flags to children in the crowd.

Our chapter was given "extra credit" by Helen Olten, VADAR District II Americanism Chairman, for supporting two additional Naturalization Ceremonies in September 2017. On September 13th, we participated in a Naturalization Ceremony held at Scotchtown Plantation, home of Patrick Henry. The following day, September 14th, we participated in a Naturalization Ceremony held at Henricus State Park in Chester. Several chapter members and prospective members attended each and were invited to sit together with other VADAR District II members. The presiding judge recognized members of DAR in attendance. In each ceremony, our chapter assisted with the welcoming of 60 newly naturalized citizens from many different countries, shaking hands and distributing USA Flags and Flag Codes.

On February 21, 2018, as Chairman, I participated in two Naturalization Ceremonies held at the Federal Courthouse in Richmond. I represented Commonwealth Chapter and greeted a total of 143 newly naturalized citizens, who I welcomed with a handshake and presented with USA Flags and Flag Codes.

On Thursday, April 19th, our chapter co-sponsored a Naturalization Ceremony at St. John's Church. We were involved in the planning and program. Bana Weems Caskey, Honorary State Regent and Past Historian General, gave welcoming remarks. Huguenot High School JROTC Color Guard presented The Colors and their soloist sang The National Anthem. We presented USA Flags, Flag Codes, and Saluting the Flag cards to the newly naturalized citizens. Our own "authentically costumed" chapter members distributed additional USA Flags to children in attendance. Following the ceremony, our chapter hosted a reception in the Parish Hall. Forty reserved seats were made available to chapter members.

AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

May 2019 Annual Report

Alison Eckis, Chair

Sarah McCurry, Co-Chair

September 2018

6 Commonwealth Chapter members participated in two Naturalization Ceremonies, supported by District 2 of the VADAR.

The Scotchtown Plantation Naturalization Ceremony on September 18th and the Naturalization Ceremony at the historic Henricus State Park on September 26th.

February 2019

Sarah McCurry and I attended two Naturalization Ceremonies on Wednesday, February 20th in the Richmond Federal Court House. These ceremonies take place the third Wednesday of every month and an Americanism Committee Representative from each VADAR chapter is present as well as one for District 2.

Sarah and I handed out American flags to all the children before each court session. There were 67 people in the 11 AM session from 38 countries and 73 at the 1PM session from 38 countries who became new American citizens. The session started with each candidate being introduced, then standing, and being acknowledge by the court; Linda Carter with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services then led the candidates with the Oath of Citizenship.

The Honorable David J. Novak gave a 15-minute speech highlighting the history of being a naturalized US citizen, naming several famous naturalized citizens. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance then Judge Novak gave a few closing remarks, he then shook each person's hand, Linda Carter handed them their certificate of citizenship, and Sarah and I gave them a small American Flag with "The Flag Code" pamphlet which the DAR distributes to all new American citizens.

April 2019

Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR co-sponsored their third Naturalization Ceremony with St. John's Church Foundation, inside the historic church in Richmond on April 30th at 11am.

73 people from 33 countries became US citizens; Cynthia Burgess CC NSDAR Chorister sang the Star-Spangled and Bana Caskey, the Honorary State Regent and Past Historian General gave welcoming remarks to prospective citizens and their families on behalf of our chapter.

The new District 2 Director, Nancy Ridgway, and her husband, attended the ceremony as well as Monique & Richard Smith with US Iron & Metal (they hosted the Flag Raising Ceremony at their company site in Nov.).

40 complimentary seats were available for DAR members and prospective members. CC again hosted a Reception following the NC for all new citizens and their families. 62 CC members donated goods, beverages and paper goods for the Reception.

DAR Americanism & Reception Committee members: Alison Eckis, Sarah McCurry, Paige Jessee, Elizabeth Vance, Paige Bartholomew, Carole Bernhardt, Carolyn Neurohr, Judy Jessup, Anne Driscoll, Jeanne Tribble, Martha Nesmith, Trisha Kiley and Debra DeKeuster.

REGISTRAR

Marcia Sugumele

May Annual Meeting 2018

As of the April 2018 Chapter meeting, Commonwealth had 341 members.

Since the April meeting, the death of Jane Murphey on March 26, 2018 was reported. Jane was a 40 Year Commonwealth member, aged 103.

Thelma Atkinson and Abbey Jessee became new members on May 5, 2018. Prospective members voted into Commonwealth were: JaneMason Ager, Bethany Barker, and Jane Swenson. Three members were reinstated as of May 5, 2018: Alice Creager, Marion Giannasi, and Leslie Greene.

Our chapter currently has 345 members.

Year End Report May 2017-2018

In May 2017, Commonwealth Chapter had 333 members.

Since then:

4 members are deceased.

5 members transferred out.

12 members were dropped by Nat'l for failure to pay dues.

1 member resigned.

4 members were reinstated.

6 members transferred in to our chapter.

26 women became new members by application and NSDAR approval.

As of May 18, 2018, we have 345 members.

This year, I worked with our Membership Chair, Janie Moyers, to set up a meet and greet table in the lobby of the Westwood Club. I was the interface with NSDAR relative to the Anniversary Certificates and researched our membership's applications to create a database of member birthdays by year.

REGISTRAR'S Year End Report May 2018-2019

In May 2018, Commonwealth Chapter had 345 members.

Since then:

4 members are deceased.

1 member transferred out.

9 members were dropped by Nat'l for failure to pay dues.

4 members resigned.

4 members were reinstated.

7 members transferred into our chapter.

26 women became new members by application and NSDAR approval.

As of May 19, 2019, we have 364 members.

I was the interface with NSDAR relative to the Anniversary Certificates and updated our membership's applications to create a database of member birthdays by year. I turned over the Inactive Files to our Regent for preservation. I worked to prepare the new Registrar for her 2019-2021 position.

SUMMARY OF MY TERM AS REGISTRAR – May 2017-May 2019

In May 2017, Commonwealth Chapter had 333 members.

Since then:

8 members are deceased.

6 members transferred out.

21 members were dropped by Nat'l for failure to pay dues.

5 members resigned.

7 members were reinstated.

13 members transferred into our chapter.

52 women became new members by application and NSDAR approval.

As of May 19, 2019, we have 364 members.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Janie Moyers, Director

May Annual Meeting 2018

The Membership Director remains busy as we continually add new prospective members, greeting each one at the new Welcome Table in the Lobby before each chapter meeting. This officer communicates with around 35 prospective members each month, inviting them to meetings, luncheons and events, and share the chapter's newsletter. Since September 2017, we have given out 23 welcome bags at chapter meetings, plus a Welcome Ceremony at Carolyn Neurohr's historic French's Tavern home in Powhatan.

It is very exciting to be the Membership Director for a chapter that continues to get inquiries and ladies who express interest in joining our chapter. Word has gotten out that we are the place to be! Thank you for allowing me to serve you. I look forward to another great year.

May 2019 Report

29 Welcome Bags distributed; Membership Orientation workshop offered on October 24, 2019. Fifteen Prospective and New Members attended.

DAR SERVICE TO VETERANS

Kathie Haas, Chair

May Annual Meeting 2018

The Commonwealth Chapter met on November 16, 2017 at the Westwood Club. A beautiful display of loved one's photos who fought in World War I and or World War II were displayed for all of our members to cherish. Our guest speaker was Delegate Kirk Cox who is the head of the World I and World War II Commemorative Commission in Virginia.

Delegate Cox presented a program describing his plans for the Virginia Assembly to develop and carry out programs and activities to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of World I and the 75th Anniversary of World War II.

Special guests included Dennis Patterson, President of the Richmond Chapter Virginia Society Sons of the Revolution, Bev Mauck, President of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution and Nancy Akers, Senior President of the Col. Alexander Spottswood Society Children of the American Revolution. Concluding this meeting the Commonwealth Chapter held a wreath laying ceremony to honor our Veteran's and sang Lee Greenwood's song, Proud to be an American.

DAR Service to Veterans – Honor Flight - Anne Price, Member

Thank you all for the cookies and letters that went on the Honor Flight mission on April 21! Seventy-two veterans and companions left bright and early on a beautiful morning for a trip of a lifetime, as we waved American Flags to their buses passing by. We sent 300 bags of cookies, your letters and those from Laurel Meadows Elementary School. Dana Rivera, volunteer coordinator for Honor Flight, came to our March meeting to let us know how much our contributions are appreciated. We have received a thank you note from her for the help on the April trip.

Honor Flights take place in the spring and the fall for veterans of WWII, Korean or Vietnam wars. They travel by bus to Washington, DC to see their monuments with veteran buddies. They apply through *Honor Flight Historic Triangle* (see website).

DAR SERVICE TO VETERANS COMMITTEE 2019

Kim Colgin, Chair

The Commonwealth Chapter participated in several opportunities to be of service to Veterans. On November 11, 2018, members greeted guests with programs at the 100th Anniversary of Veterans Day that took place at Dogwood Dell Amphitheater. We also distributed 500 American flags at this event. On November 30th we had the opportunity to meet with other District 2 chapters to decorate Christmas trees at Hunter Holmes McGuire VA hospital. At our December 7th chapter meeting, members brought donations of clothing items and hand written greeting cards. We also accepted a donation of jig saw puzzles and a gift card from Walmart was converted to clothing items on the wish list for patients at McGuire Hospital. The recorded estimated cash

value of the donation was \$842.43! Wreath laying ceremonies included Wreaths Across America on December 15th, the 261st Birthday ceremony honoring James Monroe, and at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial.

TRIPS & TOURS COMMITTEE

Deborah Fulk, Chairman

May Annual Meeting 2018

Over 30 chapter members and guests traveled by bus to James Madison's Montpelier Plantation and historic and scenic Orange County on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. We enjoyed a guided tour of the beautifully restored mansion, followed by the exhibition, "The Mere Distinction of Colour." We enjoyed lunch on the terrace of The Market at Grelen and browsed in the various shops on Main Street in Gordonsville. We ended our day with a wine tasting at Barbourville Vineyards.

On Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 38 members and guests traveled by bus to DAR Headquarters Building in Washington, DC. In two small groups, we visited the DAR Library and the DAR Museum in morning and afternoon sessions. We enjoyed a 3-course lunch nearby at Old Ebbitt Grill, a Washington tradition! During the Library visit, our chapter presented a copy of Jon Kukla's book, "Patrick Henry: Champion of Liberty" to the Library. On our trip home, we toasted the end of a fabulous day with a glass of prosecco.

TRAVEL & TOURS COMMITTEE:

YORKTOWN – Judy Clarke

May Annual Meeting 2019

NSDAR President General Anne Dillon attended, along with other NSDAR, VADAR, District Officers, as well as chapter members from all over! Yorktown Day brought various patriotic organizations together for a fun-filled spectacular day, as we commemorated the anniversary of America's momentous Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown, Virginia!

We enjoyed Yorktown Day Coffee sponsored by Comte de Grasse Chapter, NSDAR, at the Custom House Garden, 410 Main Street, Yorktown.VA.

Commonwealth Regent, Lisa Doan, and Flag of the USA Chair, Marcy Thomas, participated in the Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the grave of Governor Thomas, Jr., at Grace Episcopal Church, sponsored by the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

DAR members had fun as they walked in the Yorktown Day Parade down Main Street!

We found our reserved seats in front of the large Monument to Alliance and Victory of Yorktown for patriotic exercises and the Memorial Wreath-Laying Ceremony followed by a delightful lunch at the River Walk Restaurant at 323 Water Street in Yorktown.

Finally, we capped off the day with a tour of The American Revolution Museum where we learned a great deal, including the significance of the Edenton Tea Party!

CHAPTER MINI GOLF & LUNCHEON 2018

Elizabeth Vance and Carole Bernhardt, Co-Chairs

The Chapter sponsored a mini golf and luncheon gathering on May 9, 2018 at Bogey's Sport Park and the Sunset Grill near Manakin Sabot. The concept of this outing was to promote fellowship and kindle friendships with our chapter. In line with our chapter goals of promoting patriotism and history, we used a red, white and blue patriotic theme in combination with the fun experience of mini golf.

14 ladies enjoyed an 18-hole game of miniature golf and 23 members met for lunch.

The golfers assembled at Bogey's at 10:00 AM and purchased tickets for a senior rate of \$7.00. Those that played golf had a wonderful time. With a shot gun start, the golfers amiably competed for low and high score

and two participants, Carol Beam and Teresa Kritzel, scored holes-in-one. Teresa Kritzel won the event with the lowest score and Nancy Akers received our high or “booby” prize.

During the golf play, we set up the tables for our luncheon since we were not able to decorate the grill prior to 10:30. Upon arrival at the Sunset Grill, we played a new game designed by Elizabeth Vance just for this lunch called DAR Bingo which had NSDAR, Commonwealth Chapter, and Revolutionary War facts read aloud with matching spaces on the card. Nancy Akers won this game. In addition, we judged the patriotic accessories of the participants and awarded Nancy Akers again with a prize for this award. This was certainly her lucky day.

Sunset Grill coordinated with us, so that reserved lunches were served at the same time. We developed a price for the meal to cover all the costs of the event so there would be no cost to the chapter. We determined that the average cost of the meal was about \$11 and the cost of a soft drink was another \$2.50. Adding a 20% tip we came to about \$16.20 a person. We wanted to have table decorations and prizes so we added another \$1.80 and charged each person \$18.00. The tables were decorated with plastic table clothes, napkins, artificial flowers, pails and flags in red white and blue to make the tables festive at a cost of \$49.73. Paper was purchased to make the DAR game on so an added cost for that was \$17. For the prizes, Elizabeth baked 38 cookies and 36 covered coconut balls for another \$30. We were able to use donated items, such a water thermoses and wine goblets along with nice soaps, to make the prizes more special. All expenses were covered with only \$33.16 left over. This residual was turned over to the chapter for future Tours & Activities programs.

We believe this was a successful event. The membership enjoyed playing golf and playing DAR Bingo, as well as dressing for the event. Many wanted to play a couple more rounds of Bingo (consider timing of lunch in the future). We believe that it would serve the group well to continue a tradition of having an annual get together at the end of the year in May. Thoughts to consider: Golfing required no reservations. With the lovely weather, this event worked well. The covered patio is only private with a minimum # of guests, which we met. Adding \$2 would help provide more prizes and centerpieces, etc.

2019 The Mini Golf & Luncheon program will take place after this report is written. We are very excited to be planning for 18 for golf and about 25 at the luncheon! The DAR Bingo will be expanded to ½ hour, since everyone thought that was so much fun last year.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Suzanne Matthews, Chair

May Annual Meeting, 2018

September 2017 was the beginning of the second year of activities for The Sunshine Committee. The members of the committee are: Nancy Akers, Jane Chudoba, Jeanette Jones, Katie Moffett (Chaplain), Karen Scott, Jackie Stone, Cindy Young, Paige Jessee and Suzanne Matthews (Chair)

The Sunshine Committee introduced the Commonwealth Chapter to the Sunshine Jar at the 2017 October Chapter meeting. The purpose of the jar is to provide a way for the members to pass on the names of fellow members who would appreciate hearing from their DAR Chapter with a thoughtful note, email or phone call. In particular, the Sunshine Committee is interested in reaching out to those members who cannot regularly attend meetings or perhaps are just in need of a little “sunshine”! Members are encouraged to write the name of a member, the situation of the member whom they are recommending be contacted and sign their own name to a small form that they then place in the Sunshine Jar. The chairperson of the Sunshine Committee collects the recommendations and passes the appropriate information on to a member of the Sunshine Committee who then contacts the member who was recommended.

We have only received six requests in the Sunshine Jar from September to May of this year. We received twenty-five requests from members through emails or phone calls. A total of thirty-one members have been contacted by the Sunshine Committee this DAR year.

Another task the Sunshine Committee has assumed is that of contacting inactive members. It has been a slow and incomplete process thus far just trying to figure out accurately who is not attending our monthly Chapter

Meetings. Currently we receive the meeting attendance sign-in sheets which gives us an idea of who is attending at least once a year or more. We use the names and contact information listed in our Year Book to deduce who (perhaps) is not actively participating.

SUNSHINE in the year 2018/19, the Sunshine Committee received twenty-three requests to contact fellow chapter members and did so.

Suggestions to the next Sunshine Committee are as follows:

1. To include a reminder in each newsletter to our members to pass on information about their fellow members in need of a little sunshine!
2. To be copied on the Welcome Letter from the Registrar as new members are approved for membership in the Commonwealth Chapter.
3. To explore the possibility of active members who would be willing to offer rides to fellow members who cannot get to Chapter meetings.
4. To send notes of appreciation to our members who are teachers on Nat'l Teachers Day.
5. To remind and encourage our members at each Chapter Meeting to use the Sunshine Jar to pass on information about fellow members who would appreciate a note or call from their Commonwealth Chapter.
6. To try to refine our search for inactive members. Considering the size of the Commonwealth Chapter, the Sunshine Committee believes there are more members who would enjoy hearing from us. The ongoing challenge for the committee is finding those people. The personal touch of a note or phone call from our Sunshine Committee has been greatly appreciated and worthwhile to continue.
7. An email address was established for the Sunshine Committee at the end of this term. The email address is: CommonwealthSunshine@gmail.com. The committee suggests that this email address be included in the Chapter Yearbook and on the members' only website.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Mary Cathron Brown

May Annual Meeting 2018

The Hospitality Committee is currently set up to plan and/or create floral arrangements for chapter meetings and luncheons, and schedule volunteers at the sign-in tables. This year the board decided to change the way we sign in our members, guests, potential members, and those staying for lunch, as well as having a door greeter. Members signed up to volunteer for managing these tables. This has proven to make this process more efficient. In my absence I want to thank all of those that stepped up to fill in. I want to thank Margaret Bell Herrin for handling the supplies for the sign in tables and Nancy Whitley for being available for volunteers to call if they needed someone to take their place and I want to thank the Board members who served as door greeters.

Another change was to set funds of \$125 for the purchase of artificial flowers, oasis, ribbon, and vases to be used as centerpieces. So far \$108.96 has been spent and we have a nice supply for now. In the future there will be a need to add to what we have to freshen the supply of artificial flowers or purchase new vases as needed. All of these items are reusable and hopefully will save money in the long run. Elizabeth Vance and Cindy Young each provided arrangements during the two months that I was gone and I am grateful to them.

2019 HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality's arrangement of tables to make signing in more efficient and to have a sign in table for lunch has been most successful. I want to thank all members who assisted in this process by the giving of your kindness and time.

This season the budget was set at \$50.00 and \$40.96 was spent. Costs were kept down with the use of Coupons at craft stores. There needs to be an annual budget in order to purchase additional flowers, other

supplies, and to allow new arrangement ideas to be carried out. At this time, we have enough to get off to a good start next season.

It has been a real pleasure to make these arrangements, provide smiles, and be able to speak with so many members each meeting.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT

Paige Barholomew

2017-2019

Every month I sent out reminder notices thru e mail about the upcoming luncheons/meetings & collect the fees. I send a 'preview' to the Regent, Vice-Regent & Treasurer in case they need to add additional information about the Speakers, etc. I get the dates & Speaker info from the Chapter Yearbook. The Notices are mailed on the first of the month. Checks or Payments are due the week before the meeting so that we can call in a 'count' for the lunches. The Regent sends me the e mail list of members as close to the first of the month as possible. The Roster changes every time with new members being added, transfers & deaths. The notices are all 'Blind copied'. I have AOL, so I had to send the notices in 4 different batches because the recipient file was too large. I keep an excel spreadsheet with each members' name on it. As checks come in, I note this on my spreadsheet. Checks are mailed to my home, but sometimes, I would get them delivered or handed to me at other events. I check Pay Pal (another way to pay for lunches) & note those payments on my spreadsheet. The Treasurer has the log in & password which she will give to the Assistant Treasurer. I only check Pay Pal for payments to our account. I do nothing else with it. I used codes (PP, Pre, C, \$19) as a way for me to tell how the payments were made- Prepaid, PayPal, Checks, Comp lunches, etc.) Speakers were given free lunches & I was told who was to receive the Comp'd lunches by the Vice-Regent.

The Monday before the Friday lunch, I would notify the Vice-Regent of the lunch count based on my spreadsheet totals. She would then notify Westwood so they would know how much food to prepare. Wednesday before the Friday lunch, I would send my list of attendees to the Regent & Vice-Regent. I would modify the excel spreadsheet, so it only showed the names of those attending & it was all on 1 page with grid lines. This helped the ladies check off names when they came thru the lunch line. The Treasurer would then pay Westwood based on how many lunches were ordered & if any paid that day, an extra \$5 was charged (I never had to charge extra because I usually knew who was going to be a 'No show'). Ladies were very good about notifying me if they couldn't attend.

After the lunches, I would scan the checks & make a Bank deposit. I would send the scanned copies to the Treasurer with the Deposit Total. I found it better to wait until after the lunch to make the deposit. Several times, ladies would call & say they were now unable to attend & for me to tear up their checks. Also, more checks would come in on Friday, the day of the lunch from the last-minute attendees.

This was a fun job & a great way to get to know the DAR members.

NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Janet Varvel, Director

May 2018 Report

This Chairman reports that at every meeting a National Defense Report was read. In addition, this chairman contacted the schools assigned to Commonwealth Chapter to secure names of recipients and dates for awards. National Defense Awards are presented to the following:

SILVER Naval Sea Cadet at Ft. Lee

BRONZE JROTC Medal to:

Huguenot High School

GOLD ROTC Medal to VCU

ARMSTRONG-Kennedy High School

Varina High School

My thanks and appreciation go to the following who assisted this process: Cheryl Billingsley, Anne Price and Mary Bruce Yonan.

Donut Dollies – National Defense Report at the May Annual Meeting by Janet Varvel

On June 14th members of Commonwealth chapter will gather at the Veterans Hospital in honor of Flag Day. It has been suggested that you come in costume, dressed as a donut Dolly. Well, what is a Donut Dolly?

In WWII the American Red Cross was asked by the US Armed Forces to provide recreational services to the servicemen in various theaters of operation. In the beginning remodeled London buses or "Clubmobiles" were

operated by three American women. Each Clubmobile contained a kitchen with a donut machine and 50 cup coffee urns. One woman drove the truck and the other two were the cooks. They also sold gum, cigarettes, books and played music for the back of the bus lounges and bunks. In 1944, two and a half ton trucks were converted and used. The women who staffed these vehicles were no military, and had to be highly qualified, eventually even with college degrees. The number of volunteers grew to 255, and they drove these service mobiles in England, France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg.

A similar program was introduced by the Red Crosst in 1950 to service the Korean war. By the time the program ended in 1973 almost 900 women had served in Korea alone. It may have been during the Korean war that the name "donut Lassie" was dropped and "donut dolly" was introduced. The name may have been new, but their work was not.

As early as WWI, women of the Salvation Army volunteered to join the front lines to support the American forces. They were supplied with gas masks, helmets, and 45 revolvers. In September, 1917 (just 100 years ago), four women traveled to the eastern trenches of France. They played the Victrola and served hot cocoa. Then one of them decided the men would feel more at home if they served them donuts. So, they collected excess rations for the dough and shell casings and wine bottles for rolling pins. They filled a helmet with lard. Later condensed mild cans were used to make the round shape. The donuts were then dusted with powdered sugar. They were immediately a hit, eventually cooking 2,500 donuts a day, 8 dox cupcakes, fifty pies, 800 pancakes, and 255 gallons of cocoa. Their numbers grew, and they were even honored by President Roosevelt. Eventually other groups joined the volunteers, like the YMCA, the Knights of Columbus and the Quakers.

If you would like to know more about the Donut Dollies there are several articles to read on Google.

NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE 2018-2019

Judy Clarke, Director

This Chairman reports that at every chapter meeting a National Defense Report was presented. In addition, this chairman contacted the schools assigned to Commonwealth Chapter to secure names of recipients, dates and Commonwealth Chapter members to be presenters for awards.

National Defense Awards are presented to the following:

SILVER Medal Naval Sea Cadet at Ft. Lee

BRONZE Medal JROTC Medal and Certificate:
ARMSTRONG-Kennedy High School
Varina High School

DAR Youth Citizenship Award: Collegiate School

My thanks and appreciation go to Anne Price for her assistance in this process.

DAR YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Jane Chudoba, Chair

May Annual Meeting 2018

The Youth Citizenship Award is presented at the end of the school year to a student in the 5th through the 11th grade who demonstrates the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. The award consists of a Certificate, a Medal, and a small American Flag. We have presented this award in the past to both Crestview Elementary School and to The New Community School. The school faculties meet to select the recipient. This year, I will present The Youth Citizenship Award to Mitch Ault, a 7th grader at The New Community School on May 25th at 2:15pm. The other award will be presented to a 5th grader, as yet unnamed, at Crestview Elementary on June 13th at 8:30am. If you would like to help me present either award, I welcome your support.

In meeting with these schools, I also introduced the American History and Christopher Columbus essay writing contests offered by the National Society through the American History Committee. Both schools are very receptive and look forward to having their students participate in the Fall.

DAR YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARDS – Jane Chudoba

The Youth Leadership Award is presented at the end of the school year to a student in the 5th through 11th grade who demonstrates the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. The award consists of a Certificate, a gift card for \$25, a DAR medal and a small American flag.

We have presented this award in the past to students at Crestview Elementary School and the New Community School. The school faculties meet to select the recipient at each school. This year I will present the Youth Leadership award to Melissa Ayala-Gallegos, a fifth grader at Crestview Elementary on June 12th and to an unnamed student at The New Community School on May 24th.

We offered the opportunity to participate in the American History and Christopher Columbus Essay contests to both The New Community School and Veritas School in the fall. Both schools decided not to participate.

CHAPLAIN

Katie Moffett

May Annual Meeting 2018

As your chaplain, I enjoyed bringing Birthday cards—3 for each member who reached the age of 90, 95 or 100 years old to our monthly meeting or our Board meeting and our members wrote messages and passed the cards around so that everyone could write a note. The recipients loved receiving 3 birthday cards with lots of notes and they let me know!

Because our chapter is so large, Regent Lisa Doan invited Perry Young to serve as the Vice-Chaplain. We were both delighted! Her main role is to notify VADAR and National when these milestone birthdays will be celebrated. Perry is a wonderful partner!

I have attended most of the memorial services for members and for spouses—and for friends in other chapters. It is important for a chaplain to minister to families that are grieving. I love to listen and to let each person know that I have heard them and that I appreciated and will miss their loved one. I find that families are interested in hearing about the grave marker. They usually ask for time to consult with other family members. We have given 3 markers this year and have not heard back from one family.

Sympathy cards are important and so is the Sunshine team. They both bring a caring message to so many.

NEW Assistant Chaplain Position Created in 2019

Regent appointed Perry Young

The Assistant Chaplain represents the chapter to the NSDAR and the VADAR when requesting birthday greetings for members aged 90 or more and performs the duties of the Chaplain, as needed. This was begun in February, 2018.

For 2018, I sent 11 emails to the VADAR State Chaplain, informing her of upcoming birthdays for our members turning 90 years of age or older. There were 22 members from the Commonwealth Chapter that turned 90 years of age or older in 2018. I also sent 2 emails and a completed form CHG-1003 for each to the NSDAR Chaplain General for members that turned 90, 100, or over 100 years of age in 2018. One member turned 90 years old and the other turned 102 years old. There were 2 other members that turned 90 in 2018, but it occurred before we began notifying NSDAR about the birthday greetings. We did notify the VADAR State Chaplain about their birthdays, and she was able to send them greetings despite being past her deadline.

For 2019, I have sent 5 emails to the VADAR State Chaplain, informing her of upcoming birthdays for our members turning 90 years of age or older. There were 9 members from the Commonwealth Chapter that turned 90 years of age or older in the first 5 months of 2019. I also sent 3 emails and a completed form CHG-1003 for 3 members that turned 90 in 2019 to the NSDAR Chaplain General.

I also updated my birthday list with members who have passed away since the beginning of the year and those members who are no longer active. This is per information received via the Chapter Regent.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Alice Lynch

Report for Term of Office 2017-2019

2017 Annual Dues and Yearbook Mailing - The Chapter yearbooks and dues notices were sent via first class mail in two batches on August 31 and September 1, 2017. The envelopes included a return label with the DAR logo and were stamped "Time Sensitive Dues and Yearbook" to ensure that members took notice of the package when it arrived in the mail.

Contents:

- Cover letter from the chapter regent (Three separate versions for each class of membership: LIFE, associate, and regular. Special note written by the regent was added to letters sent to new regular members who had already paid their dues.)
- Dues invoice with multiple pages, stapled
- Yearbook (printed by Minuteman Press)

Total number prepared for mailing: 338

Hours required for preparation of mailing: 14

Cost for postage: \$1.82 each for a total of \$615.16

Additional costs: Envelopes (\$65.36), Yearbooks (\$691), Return address labels (in-kind donation), Self-inking stamps (in-kind donation), Labels (in-kind donation), printing of cover letters (in-kind donation), printing of dues invoices (in-kind donation). Total additional costs of \$756.36. Total cost for mailing: \$1,371.52

2017-2018 Mailings to members without access to E-mail - Key chapter announcements were mailed to 34 members without E-mail addresses. These mailings included notices of proposed by-law changes.

2017-2018 Additional Duties

- A standard chapter letterhead was created to be used for all official chapter correspondence.
- Chapter notecards were designed to be used for board correspondence.
- Yearbooks and by-laws were mailed to 22 new members who joined throughout the year.
- Thank You letters were sent throughout the year at the request of the regent and other board members.
- Notices were mailed in February to members who had not paid dues.
- Anniversary announcements were mailed in April to 23 members.

2018 Annual Dues and Yearbook Mailing - In an effort to save money on the annual yearbook and dues mailing and respond to member requests for an electronic version of the yearbook, members were surveyed on their willingness to forgo the printed yearbook in favor of an electronic version which would be emailed. A survey was conducted in August through Survey Monkey. Two broadcast emails were sent to members with email. Regent Lisa Doan followed up with a third email. 223 members responded to the survey which represents a 69% response rate. 90 or 40% of the respondents indicated they would be willing to receive the yearbook electronically. The board agreed to an additional measure to save the chapter money by distributing yearbooks at the Annual Tea held in early September.

Chapter yearbooks and dues notices emailed and mailed on September 4 to members including life members, new members, and associate members.

- 284 letters/packages mailed – total postage cost: \$386.08
 - 216 yearbooks and dues notices - postage \$1.63 each (cost: \$352.08)
 - 68 dues notices - postage \$.50 each (cost: \$34 – for a savings of \$76.84)
- 41 yearbooks/dues notices and 22 dues notices were set aside to distribute at the Annual Tea. Additionally, eight yearbooks and one dues notice for members residing in Cedarfield Retirement Community were set aside for Bana Caskey to deliver. (for a savings of \$91.37)
- Additional costs: Envelopes (\$80.62), Labels (in-kind donation), printing of cover letters (in-kind donation), printing of tea invitations (in-kind donation), printing of dues invoices (in-kind donation). The costs for the yearbook and the Constitution Week bookmarks are listed elsewhere. Fewer yearbooks were printed as a result of the response from members indicating their willingness to receive an electronic version of the yearbook.
- Total Cost: \$466 (hand/electronic delivery cost reduction \$168, a 36% savings)

Process: (22 hours)

- Lists sorted
- Envelopes merged, designed, and printed with chapter logo and return address, member name and address, and "Time Sensitive Dues Notice" imprinted on front
- Letters for each category of membership were printed
- Dues notice and accompanying national donation opportunity sheet printed
- Tea invitation printed
- Yearbooks picked up and Constitution bookmarks added to the mailing
- Mailing assembled, sorted by category, and stamped

2018-2019 Mailings to members without access to e-mail - Key chapter announcements were mailed with the assistance of the chapter treasurer to 28 members.

2018-2019 Additional Duties

- New members received a welcome email that included links to our online resources and an electronic copy of our chapter yearbook. New members were given the option to receive these materials in hardcopy form.
- Revised the Treasurer Reimbursement Form, providing an electronic version.
- Thank You letters and condolence letters were sent throughout the year at the request of the regent and other board members.
- Created and mailed invitations to March VDAR Memorial Service for family of members who had passed away.
- Created and mailed anniversary invitations to members celebrating milestone anniversaries at May chapter meeting.

General Comments

The increased use of electronic means to communicate with the membership has not only saved the chapter money, demonstrating that the chapter is a good steward of our funds, but it has reduced the time requirement to produce mailings and enabled a timelier outreach. While realizing the effectiveness of the use of email, the chapter has continued to provide printed materials to those members who are unable to receive electronic communications or who prefer printed materials. It has been an honor to serve as corresponding secretary for the Commonwealth Chapter, supporting the regent and the other members of the board of directors in the fulfillment of their duties.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & MEDIA COMMITTEE

Alison Eckis, Director

May Annual Report 2018

We started out the year by attending the 126th Continental Congress in Washington, DC in June, where Marcia Sugumele was featured on the big screen in Constitution Hall in "The Road to 250-Membership Success" video on youtube.

We were featured in Richmond.com and in the Westminster Canterbury Tales newsletter for our September Tea and on the Veteran's War Memorial Facebook page, reporting that we greeted the community on Patriot's Day.

Virginia WWI & WWII Commemoration Committee Chairman, Kirk Cox, shared on FB his participation in our chapter's November veterans' program and Wreath-Laying Ceremony, honoring WWI and WWII veterans.

The chapter received coverage in the Powhatan Today, the Goochland Gazette and the Goochland County Historical Society newsletter. 13 pages of printed materials, including the Richmond Times and various event programs, were displayed in the VADAR, District II Press Book at State Conference.

ABC Channel 8 News and the Richmond Magazine reported on the Commonwealth Chapter co-sponsored naturalization ceremony at St. John's Church in Richmond. And the chapter often posted on the VADAR and chapter facebook pages.

The General Assembly's website shares the Virginia House of Delegates Joint Resolution No.423, highlighting the chapter's continued reciting of the American's Creed, during the month of April; the American Creds 100th anniversary. **We had a FANTASTIC Year!**

Here are the details:

126th Continental Congress, Washington, D.C. June 28th-July 2nd

NSDAR Video *The Road to 250 - Membership Success* –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyQuy-aT9hU&feature=youtu.be>

Naturalization Ceremony at the Virginia Historical Society- July 4, 2017

Gallery Guide listing DAR chapter members; local and National C.A.R. newsletter

Patriot Day Ceremony- Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017- Virginia War Memorial Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/pg/VirginiaWarMemorial/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10154936362357469

September Tea- September 17, 2107 at Westminster Canterbury, Richmond, VA

Bells Across America & Constitution Week-Richmond Times Dispatch online calendar

<http://www.richmond.com/calendar/bells-across-america-on-september-th-and-constitution-week-sept/event/350fd7e0-94d0-11e7-ad03-5cb9017befe7.html>

Westminster Canterbury Tales October 5, 2017; C.A.R. Spotlight newsletter

Tour of James Madison's home Montpelier- October 10, 2017 (see attached flyer)

WWI & WWII Veterans Program & Wreath-Laying Ceremony November 16, 2017

Chapter Meeting, Richmond, VA – Speaker Elect, Kirk Cox Facebook page re: WWI & WWII

Commemoration Commission

Richmond SAR Christmas Lunch- December 3, 207

Regent Lisa Doan, Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR invited guest appeared in C.A.R. Spotlight, January issue, page 14

Wreaths Across America- Juniors sponsor Chapter Fundraiser Event at Richmond National Cemetery - December 16, 2017

Richmond Times Dispatch Online Calendar

Pictures posted on Richmond National Cemetery and Commonwealth's Facebook

The Voice of Virginia- C.A.R State Newsletter Winter issue, page 8

Chapter Welcome Ceremony/Oath for new member Carolyn Neurohr onsite at historic French's Tavern

- *Powhatan Today* newspaper February 21, 2018 <https://issuu.com/powhatantoday/docs/20180221rspa>

7 Books Gifted to Goochland Historical Society by Commonwealth Chapter

The Goochland Gazette March 15, 2018 front page <https://issuu.com/goochlandgazette/docs/20180315rsga>

GCHS Newsletter http://goochlandhistory.org/Spring_2018_Newsletter.pdf

George Washington Birthday Luncheon, February 17, 2018 Sponsored by the Regents' Club of

Richmond - Program created by Regent, Lisa Doan, Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR; Past Historian General and VADAR State Honorary Regent Bana Caskey also included in the program

VADAR State Conference-March 16-18, 2018 - 2017 Press Book (13 pages)

Naturalization Ceremony & Reception at Saint John's Church- April 19, 2018

Richmond Magazine attended and posted on posted it on Instagram.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Bhx9CFaVNV/?hl=en&taken-by=richmondmag>

WRIC ABC8 News attended. Interview with member Alison Eckis aired 5:30PM and at least 2 other times April

19th and 20th

http://www.wric.com/news/-we-are-living-the-american-dream-72-people-take-oath-in-naturalization-ceremony-at-st-john-s-church_20180419223457/113044758 6

Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR Chapter Meeting, April 20, 2018

Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, Kirk Cox, presented the House Joint Resolution No. 423, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the American's Creed <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+ful+HJ423ER>

260th Birthday Celebration for James Monroe at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond April 28, 2018

Commonwealth Chapter in the wreath-laying ceremony and appeared in program

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- **VADAR 2018 Fall Forum-** Bana Weems Caskey was listed in the program as a Past Historian General, NSDAR
- **Annual September Tea, presentation by "Dolley Madison"**
Article & photo in "Cantebury Tales" weekly newsletter at Westminster Canterbury, Richmond, VA
see copy of newsletter.
- **Naturalization Ceremony at Patrick Henry's Scotchtown -September 18, 2019**
Article in Ashland
http://www.localtownpages.com/sites/default/files/newspaperpdf/2018_10_ashland.pdf
See copy of scanned article
- **Annual Yorktown Days Celebration on October 19th-** Nancy Akers, CC member was listed in The Richmond S.A.R Newsletter November 2018.
- **Historic Marker Dedication at French's Tavern, November 8, 2018**
<https://issuu.com/powhatanoday/docs/20181121rspa> link to Powhatan Today's article 11-21- 2018;
also see hard copy.
Also published online in Goochland Gazette
Group helps uncover link to patriotic past | Goochland Gazette | richmond.com
Goochland Historical Society online newsletter
Goochland Historical Society assists in securing marker for Powhatan tavern | Goochland Gazette | richmond.com
and article plus photo submitted Virginia View to be published in March 2019 issue
- **5th largest flag pole in America- Flag Raising Ceremony to honor Veterans and First Responders on November 19, 2018**
RJ Smith Companies-US Iron & Metal shared event on their Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1953607028270516/>
- **Wreaths Across America at Richmond National Cemetery December 15, 2018-** Anne Starling, other CC Junior Members, hosted CC and C.A.R members for the annual celebration; CC members bought wreaths and \$5.00 /per wreath was given to CC. Event was listed in Richmond.com and on the www.wreathscrossamerica.org website.
- **The Regents' Club of Richmond VADAR 72nd Annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon on February 6, 2019.** Bana Caskey, Honorary State Regent and Past Historian General gave the President's General Message and was listed in the Program; Lisa Doan, Commonwealth's Regent was also listed as Publicity Chair and Historian/Flag Custodian Officer.

- **12th VADAR State Conference March 15-17, 2019 Richmond, VA** Bana Weems Caskey, Honorary State Regent, Past Historian General Past Vice President General, NSDAR was listed in the Program. The Annual Memorial Service as held for deceased DAR members and CC had 4 members listed in program.

The 261st Birthday Celebration for Fifth President James Monroe at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia on April 28, 2019-, Regent-Elect presented Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR's wreath and was listed in the program.

- **Naturalization Ceremony at Historic St. John's Church on April 30, 2019-** Commonwealth Chapter, NSDAR co-sponsored event for third year- Cynthia Burgess NSDAR Chorister and Bana Caskey, Honorary State Regent, VADAR, Past Historian General, NSDAR as well as members of the CC DAR Americanism and Reception Committees were listed in the program.

DAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lauren Giannotti, Chair

Many Annual Report 2018

The DAR Schools Committee has continued collecting Box Tops for Education and gently used costume jewelry for donations to selected DAR Schools.

At this time, the Commonwealth Chapter has collected 454 Box Tops and approximately 13 pounds of jewelry.

This brings the total of Box Tops donated for the year to 618, including the ones already sent to schools in December 2017.

Our committee also worked with the Constitution Week Committee, to include specially printed Commonwealth Chapter Constitution Week Bookmarks for selected DAR Schools.

Later in the summer, I will hand deliver the Commonwealth Chapter's jewelry donations to Crossnore School in North Carolina. The school sells the jewelry in their thrift store for fundraising purposes. This will be less expensive than the shipping costs, and an opportunity to connect personally for the Chapter with the Crossnore School.

In early June the following donations were sent to selected DAR Schools:

Berry College – 114 Box Tops for Education
 Crossnore School & Children's Home: 110 Box Tops for Education; 210 Bookmarks Constitution Week
 Hillside School – 114 Box Tops for Education
 Kate Duncan Smith DAR School – 450 Bookmarks Constitution Week
 Tamasee DAR School – 116 Box Tops for Education
 & 50 Bookmarks Constitution Week

2019 Final Report - DAR Schools Committee

when I began my chairmanship for the DAR Schools Committee, my instructions were to collect Box Tops and Jewelry, but I had no idea how much more we could have explored with this committee. I have given some suggestions for the future.

Our Regent, Lisa Doan, requested that we come up with a "tidy and eye catching" way to collect both the jewelry and Box Tops at the Chapter Table each meeting. I obtained the "Blue Bins" for the chapter and embellished with a red and white striped ribbon to help stand out amongst the other items on the Chapter Table. Each chapter meeting, I brought the bins to the Chapter Table, collected donated jewelry, box tops and more recently, used printer cartridges, to send to the designated schools when a saturated supply was available.

Our Regent requested that the Box Tops be divided between each of the DAR Schools that accept them. These were collected, trimmed, and sent with a letter from the Commonwealth Chapter acknowledging the number of box tops and date of the donation.

The used jewelry was collected from June 2017 until September 2018, when I hand delivered the Commonwealth Chapter's donation to the Crossnore School and Children's Home, on our way to Asheville, North Carolina for a personal trip. In past years, a method of free shipping was available to the Commonwealth Chapter, but during my tenure, this free method was eliminated and other than a member transporting the donations in person, (an 8 hour drive), obtaining a new budget item, or an in-kind contribution was necessary to get the heavy jewelry to Crossnore.

In February 2019, I gave an In-Kind donation of over \$40 to ship more jewelry to Crossnore School. A budget line item has been added for this Committee to fulfill this obligation in the coming term.

My Recommendations for the next DAR Schools Chairman:

Go to the NSDAR National website and read all you can find in the DAR Schools section. If possible, give a brief, (3 minute) highlight of one school in every other Chapter Meeting, or 3 in one year and 3 in another, or place an article on each school in our Chapter newsletter. The DAR Schools have a rich history and the schools we continue to support and sponsor are doing wonderful work in hard-pressed communities throughout the Appalachia and the North East. Many of our newer members may not be aware of this storied past.

As far as numbers of donations, please find that information compiled below:

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In early September 2018, the Commonwealth Chapter hand-delivered approximately 13 pounds of jewelry to the Crossnore School & Children's Home.

In December 2018, Commonwealth Chapter sent an additional 150 Box Tops for Education to the above schools.

Totaling 604 Box Tops collected during the calendar year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2018.

We collected an additional 16 pounds of jewelry for Crossnore School, for a total collection of **29 pounds of jewelry during the 2018 calendar year.**

Thanks to the continuing generous donations from the Commonwealth Chapter members, over **23 pounds of jewelry were shipped to Crossnore School on February 1, 2019.**

At this time, **May 2019, we have collected 22 Box Tops for distribution, and a few additional pounds of jewelry.**

A new and lucrative program is the reimbursement of used printer cartridges for the DAR Schools Committee. The State DAR Schools Chairman has requested we collect at least 20 pounds of Laser Toner or Inkjet cartridges, before using the prepaid shipping envelopes supplied to each Chapter. At this writing we have 6 Inkjet Cartridges, which total less than 1 pound.

With adequate promotion, I believe we can increase our donations and continue to support the DAR Schools.

LIBRARIAN

Judy Jessup

May Annual Meeting 2018

The chapter answered the needs of the Goochland County Historical Society by donating 7 books on the society's wish list. We enjoyed a guest speaker at our January chapter meeting, John Kukla, who we then nominated for the NSDAR historical author award. The chapter purchased a copy of Jon's book, *Patrick Henry: Champion of Liberty* and donated it to the NSDAR Library in Washington, D.C. while our chapter was on a tour there in March. The chapter purchased a book from the NSDAR wish list in the amount of \$54 in memory of those members we lost this past year and remembered at the VADAR State Conference. The reference reads: "*In Memory of Judy McEachern, Catherine Ennis, Harriet Vaughan, Harriette Kent and Evelyn Hurlbut.*"

Donations to the Library Fund are greatly appreciated and will be used to share history to others in the future.

In 2019 we continued as a chapter to answer the wish list needs of the Goochland Historical Society. Five books were donated to their genealogical research library.

Our chapter also received two library awards at State Conference this year. The first for our book donations to the Goochland Historical Society and the other a second place for most members visiting the NSDAR Library.

AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Tibby Buis Chair

Bev Hundley, Co-Chair 2017-2018

Diana Freeman, Co-Chair 2018-2019

The American Heritage Committee offers a contest each year for members to submit their creative art in the categories of:

- Art and Sculpture
- Crafts
- Fiber Arts
- Literature and Drama
- Music

In 2017, some chapter members entered the 2018 American Heritage Contest. Two of them each won 3rd place at the National Level in their specific categories!

Tibby Buis – Corn Husk Dolls

Diana Freeman – Watercolor Painting

The 2018 - 2019 Theme: "Honoring Our Patriots While Preserving Our Family Stories". We had several members submit artwork this year: Tibby Buis, Deb DeKeuster, Diana Freeman. Judging will be completed and winners announced at the 2019 Continental Congress.

PROJECT PATRIOT COMMITTEE

Cindy Burgess, Chair

This committee accepts donations for the USO in red bins at each chapter meeting. There is a significant amount of travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, snack bars, etc. that is brought periodically to the USO location at the Richmond Airport for those in the military traveling through with layovers.

We also donated a significant number of items for the mailing to the military overseas through the Blue Star Families of Richmond organization.

French's Tavern Note Cards Fundraiser Benefiting Blue Star Families of Richmond:

Diana Freeman

The Commonwealth Chapter dedicated French's Tavern (Member Carolyn Neurhor's home) with a DAR Historic Marker on November 8, 2018 at 6100 Old Buckingham Road in Powhatan, VA. A watercolor painting

of French's Tavern by member, Diana Freeman, was printed on notecards, which were sold as a fundraiser to benefit Blue Star Families of Richmond. A donation of \$380 raised by the sale of French's Tavern note cards will be presented to Blue Star Families of Richmond at the May Chapter Meeting in 2019.

DAR GOOD CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Diana Freeman, Chair

May 2018 Annual Report

The DAR Good Citizens program recognizes outstanding high school seniors who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in the homes, schools and communities. I contacted senior guidance counselors responsible for awards at the ten schools designated by NSDAR to our chapter in August and presented the details for selection of one senior from their school.

The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the following qualities:

Dependability (truthfulness, honesty, punctuality, etc.), Service (cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility, etc.), Leadership (personality, self-control, initiative, etc.), Patriotism (unselfish loyalty to American ideals)

The student selected for each school is presented with a DAR Good Citizens pin, certificate and wallet recognition card and is eligible, if he/she wishes, to enter the The DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Contest. I had five schools (Douglas S. Freeman High School, The New Community School, Thomas Jefferson High School, Trinity Episcopal School, and Varina High School) participate in nominating a DAR Good Citizen; four of those students chose to participate in writing a proctored essay to be judged for the Scholarship Contest and I received them by the November 1, 2017 deadline. The four entries submitted were judged by two non-DAR member high school history teachers from out of state, and both judges selected the same winning entry, which was forwarded to the State Chair by the December 15, 2017 deadline. I, along with committee volunteers, will attend each of the five high school's senior award ceremonies in late May and Early June to recognize the five Good Citizens with their awards. In early Fall, our chapter Regent submitted an order to Nationals for additional signed Certificates needed. We have plenty certificates, pins and wallet cards in our stock for next year.

Our Good Citizens Awards winners this year were:

- *Grayson Baxter Rainey from Trinity Episcopal School (May 22 at 8 am)
- Marshall Benson from The New Community School (May 25 at 2:15 pm)
- *Kelsey Marie Chapman from Thomas Jefferson High School (May 31 at 12 noon)
- +*Tyler Hendricks from Douglas Freeman High School (May 31 at 6:30 pm)
- *Jace DePriest from Varina High School (June 1 at 9:30 am)
- * Chose to participate in the Scholarship Contest portion, submitting a proctored essay.
- +Was the winning essay submission of the judged contest.

I need volunteers at each of these awards ceremonies, particularly the Varina High School June 1st because it conflicts with our Executive Board Meeting.

DAR GOOD CITIZENS 2019:

Wreaths Across America Program that the Commonwealth Chapter Juniors orchestrated raised about \$460, and the proceeds boosted the amount we are able to give for Youth Citizens, Good Citizens, JROTC and Naval Sea Cadet scholarship programs. The following distribution was decided on for the 2019 Awards:

DAR Good Citizens

Essay Participants	(2) \$50 cash award each, certificate, card, flag
Chapter Winning Essay	(1) \$200 cash award, certificate, card, flag
Others participating	\$0 cash award, certificate, card, flag
	Supplies were previously purchased
	Total DAR Good Citizens = \$300

National Defense

JROTC	(2) \$50 cash award, (\$11) medal & certificate, flag
	Total \$122

Naval Sea Cadet

	(1) \$50 cash award, medal, certificate, flag
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Medal / Certificate	(1) \$10
	Total \$60
DAR Youth Citizenship	
Awards/ Certificates	(2) cash award (\$25), certificates (2) \$5.50
	Total \$61
TOTAL Projection:	\$543

RECORDING SECRETARY

Diana Freeman

May 2018 Annual Report

This officer was installed as Recording Secretary in November 2017. I prepared and filed minutes of the monthly Executive Board and Chapter Meetings. I also filed prospective member recommendation letters and the Treasurer's Report. I recorded the number of attendees at each Chapter Meeting. I solicited three member volunteers to read and edit or approve Chapter Meeting Minutes each month according to our Bylaws. I record Service to America volunteer hours for Board members in attendance at each meeting (Board and Chapter).

This Recording Secretary began using Google Docs to share the minutes in real time with the regent, for a more efficient way to record and edit minutes of both the board and chapter meetings.

SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS COMMITTEE

Sarah McCurry, Chair

2018-2019

The Special Projects Grants Committee is proud to announce that our Chapter has sponsored two special projects grants for the 2018 year, sending the completed applications in to National by the end of the year.

The first is for the Goochland Historical Society. They are seeking \$1,540.00 in matching funds for their preservation project to digitize all 49 volumes (approximately 4,600 pages) of *The Goochland County Historical Society Magazine* and associated photographs. The second is for the American Civil War Foundation. They are seeking \$10,000.00 in matching funds for their education project to purchase a Mobile Interpretive Unit that will contain a broad range of ACWM's educational materials. It will expand into an adjustable-height table space to make it easily accessible to people of all ages and heights. The educational materials will be self-contained, so staff will be able to grab a box and go to off-site programs, reaching far beyond the walls of the Museum. The cart will move from the exhibition galleries to outside and will be staffed by Museum Interpreters during Museum hours as well as at events. The national committee will review the applications and we will have word whether the grants have been approved sometime in May. Should you have a historical, preservation or education project that you know of from a local 501(c)(3) that our Chapter could support, please feel free to reach out to me, Sarah McCurry. My information is in the yearbook.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Anne Starling, Chair

May Annual Meeting 2018

Junior members Anne Starling, Katie Rustin, and Annie Malo participated and organized the chapter Wreaths Across America event in December. The event raised \$315.00, which will help fund future ROTC/JROTC and Youth Awards, with a total of 63 wreaths donated. Many chapter members participated in the ceremony and wreath laying.

The juniors also participated at the District II meetings, Fall Forum, State Conference, and the George Washington Birthday Luncheon, which was sponsored by the Regents Club of Richmond.

This chairman graciously accepted the Commonwealth's nomination as Chapter Outstanding Junior and submitted her application to VADAR for Outstanding Junior.

2019

Junior members Anne Starling and Katie Rustin participated the chapter Wreaths Across America event in December. This chairman organized the event and our chapter was invited to sing two songs during the ceremony. This chairman also invited C. A. R. chapter Colonel Alexander Spotswood Society, and we had over

40 participants total. The event raised \$415.00, which will help fund future ROTC/JROTC and Youth Awards, with a total of 83 wreaths donated. Many chapter members participated in the ceremony and wreath laying.

The juniors Anne Starling and Katie Rustin also paged at the District II meetings, Fall Forum, State Conference, and the George Washington Birthday Luncheon, which was sponsored by the Regents Club of Richmond. In addition, both paged and represented the chapter as delegates at Continental Congress in June.

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TREASURER

Susan Robinson

May Annual Report 2018

This year I worked with the new Assistant Treasurer, Paige Bartholomew to implement the option of paying for lunch with a PayPal link. We appreciate the patience of the membership, as we both moved and the mail followed us. I'd also like to announce that over 90% of the dues were paid on time.

\$89.93 was collected in donations for the State Regent's Project from ticket sales from the trip to Montpelier last Fall. This is being added to the \$100 already budgeted and will be mailed this month.

2019

Some of my duties over the last 4 years included collecting dues, paying bills, handling magazine subscriptions for existing and new members, contributing to the creation of the budget, and compiling monthly financial reports to present to the membership at our monthly meetings. This year our chapter took advantage of the internet with PayPal and the implementation of the ability to pay the annual Chapter dues online. I'm sure in the future we will see more time saving, technology changes for our Chapter.

Attached is my report for July 2018 - April 2019. We had a good year. 92% of our members paid their dues on time as well as contributing a generous amount of donations that allowed us to financially support many programs.

I will prepare the May Monthly Report and will also prepare an Administration Financial Report covering the last 2 years once the fiscal year ends.

It's been an honor to serve the Commonwealth Chapter as Treasurer for the last 4 years. I look forward to enjoying being a part of the Chapter in the future.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Year End Report MAY 2019

Marcy Thomas

On November 8, 2018, the Commonwealth Chapter dedicated French's Tavern at 1600 Old Buckingham road in Powhatan, VA. with a bronze NSDAR Historic Marker. The plaque reads. "Historic French's Tavern Built in the 1700's Commonwealth Chapter National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Dedicated November 2018."

Frances Eppes IV originally owned the property known as Swan's Creek Plantation. His granddaughter, Martha Wayles Skelton, married Thomas Jefferson and he acquired the property. The plantation home was operated by Hugh French and called French's Tavern. The current owners are Carolyn and Fred Neurhor, who purchased the property in 1993.

Carolyn Neurohr is a Commonwealth Chapter member and gave those attending a tour of the Tavern and property at the time of the dedication. Members of the Goochland Historical Society were in attendance along with Past Historian General and Honorary Virginia State Regent Bana Caskey, Regent Lisa Doan, Historic Preservation Chair Marcy Thomas and Commonwealth Chapter members.