Dear Alabama Daughters,

I want to thank everyone again who contributed time and funding to make our state conference a success! We couldn’t have these meetings without many hours of work by many Daughters. I would also like to thank the Daughters who talked with the KDS students at their first career fair for middle school students. Heather Green said students reported that they learned a lot. They would like to repeat this event next April, and we need Daughters to volunteer to talk with the students about their careers in a small group setting. Please complete the volunteer form included in this packet or email me to let us know of your interest, your background, and occupation. This is a great opportunity to make a difference at time when they are beginning to think about what to do after high school.

Alabama Daughters have much to look forward to at Continental Congress! First, I want to congratulate Ecor Rouge chapter for sponsoring Maggie He, the national DAR Good Citizen female winner! I also want to congratulate Joseph M. Wilcox chapter, who sponsored the national 2nd place 6th grade winner in the American History essay contest. Hannah White Arnett chapter and Twickenham Town chapter will receive Golden Eagle Awards from the President General at the Thursday morning business session for increasing their net membership by 10% in each of the three years of the Young Administration. David Lindsey and Twickenham Town chapters will receive national second place awards at the Commemorative Events Committee Awards program. We will also entertain leaders from across the country at the second annual MS-AL Southern Sunrise breakfast, capably co-chaired by Tammy Clemons. On Saturday afternoon, we will proudly present Alabama’s Guardian Trust column, which will display Alabama’s total contributions to the campaign. I want to thank Jean Vaughan, Alabama’s Guardian Trust Champion and her team, Nancy Billings, Beth Cagle, Clariece Lilly, and Lucy Willis, as well as all Alabama Daughters and Chapters who have contributed generously to help us exceed our $85,000 goal! I also want to thank in advance the many Alabama Daughters who serve on the Congress committees. When we return, we will begin preparing for the Meeting of the Districts, where we will share with all of you what we learn at Congress, as well as the initiatives of the new administration.

I want to invite each of you to attend our Meeting of the Districts on August 13, 2016 in Prattville, AL. We had an overwhelmingly positive response last year from our first ever Meeting of the Districts, and we hope that you will find this year’s meeting even more beneficial and fun! On Friday, our activities will take place at the Alabama Archives in Montgomery, where we will have three one hour presentations by nationally known genealogist Debbie Duay from Fort Lauderdale, FL. Seating is limited to 150 for her workshops, so make your reservation early. She will also present one workshop on Saturday morning. Please see the following pages for the information on her presentations. We will also have a tour of the exhibits at the Archives building. Nearby historical sites, such as the Little White House of the Confederacy and the state Capitol, are also within walking distance. Elizabeth Gillian has invited us to have dinner at her home in Wetumpka that night, which is a very short distance from both Montgomery and Prattville. We will have a lot of fun on Friday!

On Saturday, the 13th, we will have two workshop sessions in the morning, followed by a bicentennial update for everyone, lunch, and the meeting. In addition to the workshop to be led by Debbie Duay, we will have training for chapter officers, and programs which will be interesting to everyone. We expect to have a lot of new information to share because each national committee will have a new national chair. Come and learn what is new and hear about the new President General’s Project!

The Meeting of the Districts will be held at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at Capitol Hill in Prattville which is located at 2500 Legends Circle. This is a very nice facility, and we hope you will enjoy it! Information for hotel reservations can be found on the following pages. If you have any questions, please contact your district director:

Northern  Betty Weir  gbweir@earthlink.net  Southern  Annabel Markle  studioa@elmore.rr.com
Central  Tad Douglas  tadherb@aol.com  Southeastern  Susan Tomlinson  susan48tomlinson@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing you at the Meeting of the Districts in Prattville!
The Alabama Society of The Daughters of the American Revolution

Nancy Sturkie Folk, State Regent

On behalf of the Alabama Society, cordially invites All Daughters and Guests to the 2016 ASDAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICTS

August 13, 2016
Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at the Capitol Hill, Prattville

Celebrating Our Roots As We Grow Toward the Future!

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**Friday – August 12, 2016**

**Pre Meeting of the District Activities**
Alabama Department of Archives and History
624 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36066

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Genealogical Workshops  
Alabama Department of Archives and History  
Debbie Duay, Presenter  
*Reservations Required*

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Alabama Voices and Behind the Scenes Tour of the State Archives by the Alabama Department of the Archives & History Guides  
*Reservations Required*

6:30 p.m.  
Dinner at Elizabeth Gillian’s Home  
1528 Chapel Road  
Wetumpka 36092  
*Reservations Required*

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**Saturday – August 13, 2016**

**Meeting of the Districts**
Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at Capitol Hill
2500 Legends Circle
Prattville, AL 36066

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Registration

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.  
Workshops - First Session

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.  
Workshops - Second Session

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Meeting of the Districts  
Alabama Bicentennial Update  
Lunch  
Information from the New Administration

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Again this year we will collect donations for the Alabama Veteran’s Hospitals and KDS. Their wish lists will be emailed closer to the time of the Meeting of the Districts for a more accurate needs list.

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The ASDAR Meeting of the Districts’ Agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the State Regent.

As a courtesy to all conference attendees, please turn off or silence cell phones prior to meeting and events.
Saturday, August 13, 2016
Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at Capitol Hill
2500 Legends Circle, Prattville, AL 36066
334/290-1235

REGISTRATION: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  MEETING: 9:30 a.m.

Dinner Friday Evening

Join the ASDAR Officers for dinner on Friday, August 12th at the home of Elizabeth Gillian, 1528 Chapel Road, Wetumpka, at 6:30 p.m. Our meal will be catered by Hog Rock Barbecue. The cost is $12 and should be paid with your registration and lunch. We will gather in the lobby of Marriott Hotel at Capitol Hill at 6:00 p.m. to caravan to Elizabeth’s house. Join us in the lobby or at her home.

Hotel Reservation Information

Our headquarters hotel for the Meeting of the Districts is the Marriott Hotel at Capitol Hill located at 2500 Legends Circle, Prattville, 36066. Our block is currently sold out so we have added another hotel!

Our secondary hotel is Courtyard by Marriott in Prattville which is 0.7 miles from the Marriott Conference Center. It is located at 2620 Legends Parkway, Prattville, 36066. The group rate is $119 plus tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling 334/290-1270 and asking for the Daughters of the American Revolution block or by using this link [Book your group rate for Alabama Society DAR](#). Please make your reservations by July 22nd.

If you have trouble making your reservations, please contact Patrice Donnelly (prdonnel@samford.edu or 205/903-8079).

Transportation from Huntsville by Bus  August 12-13th

A bus will be leaving at 8 a.m. Friday morning from Huntsville, stopping in Cullman around 8:45 a.m. before proceeding to Prattville. It will return Saturday after the meeting. The cost is $60 and you will need to make your own hotel reservations. Checks should be made payable to ASDAR Treasurer and sent to Betty Weir at 1702 Willowbrook Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802 as soon as possible. Reservation deadline is July 1st. For more information, contact Betty Weir, Northern District Director. gbweir@earthlink.net 256/883-4984 (home) or 256/658-0010 (cell).
Reservation Form

A FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SENT WITH A CHECK FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING

Make one check payable to ASDAR Treasurer for all events you plan to attend.

MAIL TO: Susan Tomlinson, 267 Jackson Drive, Mobile, AL  36609 by August 1st

NAME for your nametag

CHAPTER

ADDRESS

PHONE   EMAIL

EMERGENCY CONTACT   PHONE

Everyone must pay a registration fee.

________ Meeting of the Districts- Saturday workshops and lunch. $40.00 registration includes Friday workshops.

OR

________ I am attending ONLY the Genealogical Workshops at the Dept. of Alabama Archives and History. $15 registration

________ I will attend the Friday Night Dinner at Elizabeth Gillian’s home. Cost $12.00

________ I will be attending the tour of the Archives. (no cost)

________ Total for check payable to ASDAR Treasurer

Please indicate if there are any food allergies or special diet requirements: _______________________

State Chairs: Do you need a table to display information about your committee? A great way to share new information from the Dillion Administration and how Daughters can become more involved.

________ no   _______ yes- you will be contacted about your space

Workshop Times and Topics: Please choose One (1) per session

Session 1: 9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.  Session 2: 10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

_____ It’s More Than Just Dues   _____ Show and Tell

_____ Nonmilitary Sources of Service   _____ “DAR-cumenting” the 21st Century Application

_____ How to Conquer Your Chapter Reporting   _____ Finding the Right Path
Saturday Workshops for the Meeting of the Districts

9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

1. It’s More Than Just Dues for Chapter Treasurers
Chapter treasurers are the roots of our organization! Learn how to remit national and state dues; chapter contributions for Chapter Achievement Awards, national projects, magazine ad payments and donations to KDS. Audits, financial statements and the IRS 990 filing will also be discussed.

2. Non-Military Sources of Service led by Debbie Duay
Tens of thousands of colonial ancestors qualify as DAR patriots because they paid supply taxes, signed the oath of allegiance, furnished supplies or served as town officials. This presentation is a state-by-state review of non-military sources of Revolutionary War service.

3. How to Conquer Your Chapter’s Reporting for Chapter Regents and Vice Regents
Learn how to effectively utilize e-Membership chapter reports to ensure your chapter’s success throughout the year and discover what information is needed to complete the annual Chapter Master Report (CMR) by January 31, 2017.

10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

1. Show and Tell
Members will receive an update on bicentennial activities and chapters’ participation. Members will also hear how other chapters are supporting the work of our national society through community involvement, projects and committee work.

2. “DAR-cumenting” the 21st Century Application for Chapter Registrars and others
Effectively using e-membership, electronic programs and the new online application process.

3. Finding the Right Path Chapter Regents Forum
Regents often stand at the crossroads and must select the right path for their chapter. Learn strategies and share ideas to lead your chapter down the best path.

State Chairs

Thank you for your leadership and hard work establishing the roots of your committee! With the election of new national officers, the committees will have new initiatives. Please share the new information with the Alabama Daughters at the Meeting of the Districts. You may create a one-page handout to go into the District Packets. Mail or email it to State Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Gillian at 1528 Chapel Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092-8027 no later than July 20th. You may create a display board to share information, highlight projects and provide examples, please indicate if you will need table space on the registration form and you will be contacted about a table or half a table (based on availability).
Genealogical Workshop with Debbie Duay, Ph.D.
Friday, September 12th 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Alabama Department of Archives and History
624 Washington Ave., Montgomery 36130

The Alabama Society is excited to host Debbie Duay as our genealogical speaker for the Meeting of the Districts. Debbie Duay received her Ph.D. in Adult Education from Florida Atlantic University. She has over 15 years of experience in genealogy and has taught numerous workshops on researching early American ancestry throughout the southeast. Debbie is a member of the Florida State Society DAR (FSSDAR). She is the Chairman of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission and the Chairman of the Volunteer Genealogy Committee for FSSDAR. From 2009-2013, she served as the Lineage Research Chair for the FSSDAR and from 2013-2015 as FSSDAR’s Organizing Secretary. Mrs. Duay has helped over 400 people join the DAR and SAR. She has created two popular online tutorials “Researching Your Revolutionary War Patriots Ancestors” and “Researching Your Family Tree” which receives more than 1,000 visitors each day.

Friday’s Workshops:

How to Find a Provable Patriot in 90 Minutes or Less
This is a critical skill for all chapter registrars, lineage research chairmen, and members working on supplemental applications. Debbie presents a systematic, step-by-step process for finding the easiest-to-prove patriot “hidden in a prospective member’s lineage. Ladies working on supplemental applications learn how to find additional patriots in their family trees.

Documenting Lineages Before the 1850 Census
The most difficult parent-to-child relationships to document are usually those that occurred before the 1850 census. On a DAR application, most often this involves proving the links between 1) the patriot and the patriot’s child and 2) the patriot’s child and the patriot’s grandchild. In this presentation Debbie discusses a number of important resources (e.g., probate records, deeds, guardianships, county and town histories, Bible records, etc.) for documenting these early relationships.

I Know It’s There, but I Just Can’t Find It! – Debbie’s “Secret” Search Strategies
This presentation covers key strategies for effectively searching Google, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, Rootsweb’s World Connect Project, and the DAR Databases.

Reservations REQUIRED for FRIDAY’S Workshops

Cost is $15 for those only attending the Friday workshops. The cost of the workshop is included for those attending both days. Seating is limited to 150 at the Archives so make your reservations early.
Tour of the Museum of Alabama and The Department of Archives and History

624 Washington Avenue    334/242-4435
Friday, August 12, 2016    1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come learn more about the country’s first State Archives! The tour will begin with the museum’s current exhibit Alabama Voices. Following the tour Daughters will learn about the holdings in the state collection ending with a behind the scenes tour. If time allows members may conduct research.

ALABAMA VOICES covers the dramatic unfolding of Alabama history from the dawn of the 1700s to the beginning of the 21st century. More than 800 artifacts, hundreds of images and documents, and twenty-two audiovisual programs tell the story of struggles over the land, the rise of a cotton economy, the Civil War, industrialization, world wars, civil rights, the race to the moon, and more. Voices taken from diaries, letters, speeches, songs, and other sources convey the experiences of Alabamians who lived through and shaped the history of these periods.

Tour begins at 1:00 p.m. and should last until 4:00 p.m. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.** Limited to the first 25 people to register.

If you are interested in researching at the archives you do not need to register for the tour as the Research Room is open.

**From the North via Birmingham and I-65:**
Take I-65 South to Montgomery, then follow the signs for I-85 North towards Atlanta. From the I-65/I-85 junction, take Exit 1 (Court Street) onto the exit ramp (Arba Street). At the intersection of Arba and Union Streets, turn left onto Union Street. Turn left at the 4th traffic light onto Washington Avenue. The front of the Alabama Department of Archives and History building is to your left, across from the Avenue of Flags on the side of the Capitol.

**From the South and West via Mobile and I-65:**
Take I-65 North to Montgomery and follow the signs to I-85 North towards Atlanta. After turning onto I-85 North, follow directions to the Alabama Department of Archives and History as indicated above.

**From the East via Atlanta and I-85:**
Take I-85 South to Exit 1 for Union Street. Veer right onto South Union - a one-way, four-lane street. Turn left at the 3rd traffic light onto Washington Avenue. The front of the Alabama Department of Archives and History building is to your left, across from the Avenue of Flags on the side of the Capitol.

Parking for disable visitors is available in the archive’s parking lot south of the Adams Ave. entrance. Individuals with mobility issues may want to use this entrance, as well.
Other Area Attractions

You can visit on your own, we have not made any arrangements for tours.

The State Capitol
Self-guided tours are available daily from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
600 Dexter Ave. 36130 capitoltours@preserveala.org 334/242-3935

First White House of the Confederacy
Self-guided tours are available daily from 8 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.
644 Washington Ave. 36130 334/242-1861

Old Alabama Town
Self-guided tours 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with the last ticket sold at 3:00 p.m. Admission is $10
301 Columbus St. 36130 334/240-4500
Old Alabama Town is a historic village “where guests are able to view authentically restored and furnished buildings reflecting the lives of the people who built Central Alabama. With the purchase of the Ordeman House in 1967, the Landmarks Foundation and City of Montgomery cemented a unique partnership that has resulted in the restoration and interpretation of over 50 authentically restored 19th and early 20th century structures stretching along six blocks in downtown historic Montgomery.”

In Prattville

Autauga County Heritage Center
102 E. Main St. Prattville 36067 Open 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 334/361-0961
The Prattaugan Museum contains artifacts, objects, family histories and historical documents for Autauga County. They also have a WWII display. The Pratt Cotton Gin Mill is believed to be the longest continuously occupied industrial buildings in the state.
District Packets, Directories and Yearbook

**District Packets:** The packet includes handouts from the state officers and state committee chairs. Information highlights projects, ideas, activities, and due dates. Forms included are: ASDAR Treasurer’s Forms, State Standard of Excellence and the Alabama Society Chapter Officer Report Forms - formatted in Microsoft Word.

Please note: Each of the following receive a free district packet: State Officers, Honorary State Regents, District Directors and All Chapter Regents.

**Directory:** The Alabama Society Directory is a small booklet with the names and contact information for the state officers, state chairs, district directors, chapter regents, Regents’ Councils, Associated Organizations and Clubs.

EVERYONE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY RECEIVES ONE FREE DIRECTORY. Additional directories will be available for purchase at the Meeting of the Districts as long as they are available; however, it would be prudent to prepay and reserve your copy. Directories can be picked up from at the State Corresponding Secretary’s table.

**Yearbook:** The ASDAR Yearbook is a collection of reports from 2015-2016 which includes minutes from the Board of Management Meetings and State Conference; the 118th State Conference Program, and reports from the State Officers, State Chairs and Chapter Regents. In addition to the names and contact information for the state officers, state chairs, district directors, chapter regents, Regents’ Councils, Associated Organizations and Clubs.

Chapters are requested to purchase two yearbooks to meet the requirement for the State Standard of Excellence. Yearbooks may be purchased at the Meeting of the Districts as long as supplies last. The Yearbooks WILL NOT be PRE-SOLD.

Anyone wishing to purchase a district packet or a directory needs to complete the form below. NO additional packets will be available at the Meeting of the Districts. Questions? EgillianDAR@aol.com

Complete the order form and MAIL NO LATER than July 25th to:
ELIZABETH GILLIAN, 1528 Chapel Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092-8027

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ASDAR TREASURER**

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**If you will be attending the Meeting of the Districts, you do not have to include postage.**

Please Print Clearly:
Name: ________________________________________________________________

Chapter: ______________________________________________________________

Street Address: _______________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ______________________________________________________
Directions

Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at Capitol Hill
2500 Legends Circle, Prattville, AL 36066

From I-65 North
Take I-65 South until exit 179 (US-82W) Prattville/Millbrook. Merge RIGHT onto Cobbs Ford Rd. Go 0.8 miles. Turn LEFT on HYW 82 Bypass. Go 0.56 miles. Turn LEFT onto Legends Drive. Go 0.5 miles watch the Round-About. Turn LEFT on Legends Circle

From I-65 South
Take I-65 North until exit 179 (US-82W) Prattville/Millbrook. Turn LEFT onto Cobbs Ford Rd crossing over the interstate. Go 0.9 miles. Turn LEFT onto HWY 82 Bypass. Go 0.56 miles. Turn left onto Legends Drive. Go 0.5 miles watch the Round-About. Turn LEFT on Legends Circle.

Directions for Friday Night Dinner
Elizabeth Gillian 1528 Chapel Road, Wetumpka, AL 36092

I-65 North
Take exit 181. RIGHT off the exit onto AL-14. See Below (On AL-14)

I-65 South
Take exit 181. LEFT off the exit on AL-14. Go over the interstate. See Below (On AL-14)

From the Hotel
Exit the hotel. Turn RIGHT onto Hwy 82 Bypass. Turn RIGHT on Cobb Ford Rd. Drive over I-65. Turn LEFT onto I-65 North towards Birmingham. Go 0.47 miles. Take the next Exit 181. RIGHT off the exit onto AL-14.

On AL-14
Continue 7.01 miles. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto Elmore Rd/AL-14. Go 3.21 Turn SHARP LEFT on McCain Rd. (Chevron on the corner). GO 1.37. Turn LEFT staying on McCain Rd. Go 0.58. Turn RIGHT on Chapel Rd. House is 0.53 miles on the left.

Directions from MapQuest.
Help Us Grow to the Future!

Daughters, there are many volunteer opportunities for you to help ASDAR on special projects! We do not have immediate needs for some of these, but it would be great to have Daughters who could help if an issue or need arises. Identifying your skills below does not commit you to doing anything. You always have the right to decline, if asked. We would love to make contact with Daughters with expertise in the following areas:

___Converting state forms to writable pdf files (immediate desire)

___Developing on-line registration for events (immediate desire)

___Website design and maintenance (immediate need) using:
   ___Dreamweaver ___Weebly _____Wix _____Wordpress (check all that you know how to use)

___IT expertise in Cloud storage and the state of the art in web design, web hosting services, and social media to help develop policy and planning

___IT expertise for audio/visual setup and support at state meetings. (immediate need)

___Desktop publishing

___Conference and event planning (long range)

___Accounting (especially for non-profits) assistance and consultation

___Legal consultation for contract reviews and guidance for non-profits

___Consultation and review of architectural drawings

___Graphic design and artistic skills (immediate desire)

___Expertise in various crafts (please specify)________________________________________

___Performance capability (instrumental, voice, and directing) Please specify_________________

SPEND AN AFTERNOON AT KDS

As part of the State Regent’s Project, Daughters participated in a career workshop at KDS for their middle school students in April. Members shared information about their careers or occupations, where and how they trained for them. The workshops were held over four days, which gave Daughters some flexibility in scheduling a day in which they could participate. The participants shared with students in small group settings to allow students the opportunity to speak with the workshop leaders one on one. Student response was positive, and Heather Green would like to have another similar event next spring. If you would be willing to donate your time and share your expertise with these students, please check here, and tell us what you would be willing to share.

NAME_________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

EMAIL_____________________________________________________________ PHONE__________________________________________

You may bring this form to the Meeting of the District or mail or email the form to
State Regent, Nancy Folk, 2510 Grand Point Circle, Hoover, AL 35226  nancysfolk@gmail.com