

Congress Herald

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133RD CONTINENTAL CONGRESS PAMELA EDWARDS ROUSE WRIGHT, PRESIDENT GENERAL



Welcome to the 133rd Continental Congress!

Dear Daughters,

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND TO our historic National Headquarters as we begin the 133rd Continental Congress. We are so excited that you are here to sparkle with us as we “Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever!”

This year, we are thrilled to share with you a range of engaging speakers, entertainment, and awards that showcase efforts nationwide in the DAR’s three mission areas of Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism. We hope you’ll also take time throughout the week to visit our outstanding DAR Museum, DAR Library, Americana Collection and exhibit tables. This includes our brand-new gallery exhibit “Sewn in America” and many resources to assist you on your genealogy adventures.

We also are pleased to bring back our “Sparkle in Service” night, with interactive exhibits and outstanding

speakers. Whether you are joining us at Continental Congress for the first time or have been involved and attending for years, this will be a fabulous opportunity to engage with our committee leaders and learn about the latest initiatives across our mission areas.

We hope this week will be a memorable experience! Thank you for coming and for all you do for the National Society. Congress would not be possible without our countless volunteers, Pages, and the DAR staff, so please also take time to thank all who work tirelessly to make the week a sparkling success.

Let’s Rejoice in Our DAR Ties of Service and Friendship!

Pamela Rouse Wright



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A NOTE TO CONGRESS ATTENDEES:

Keep your badge with you

Registration is needed to enter the buildings. For Congress attendees who will arrive after Registration and Check-in has closed for the day but wish to attend that evening’s ceremony in Constitution Hall, your tickets for that evening only can be held for you at Will Call. Be sure to email congresscredentials@nsdar.org to let them know when you will arrive and the names of those in your party. After that, your tickets will be held at Will Call at the House Committee Table near the C Street Doors in Constitution Hall.

Voting Instructions

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

How to Vote

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

- Enter your “Elector ID” (your email address) and “password” (which was emailed to you).
- Click the green “login” button.
- On the next screen, you will see a “current ballots” box. Select the option for **Vote Now—133rd Continental Congress Voting**.
- On the next screen, you will see the ballot. The ballot has been reviewed by the candidates or their personal tellers for accuracy.
- The first vote will be candidates for Vice President General. There are 10 candidates listed. You may vote for up to seven of these candidates.
- The next vote will be candidates for the Office of Honorary Vice President General. There are nine candidates listed. You may vote for up to four of these candidates.
- When you are finished click the green “continue” button at the bottom.
- The final screen will review your ballot selections. Click the red “change” button if you need to make an update to your ballot.
- After you are satisfied that ALL of your selections are marked the way you desire, click the green “confirm” button to submit your ballot.

Success! Your ballot is submitted.

Candidates for Office

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Vote for up to seven (7):

- Elizabeth Gable Hicks *District of Columbia*
- Deborah “Debbie” Boshart Duay *Fla.*
- Christine “Chris” Crowder *Wash.*
- Betty Brown Harrah *Ga.*
- Edith Harris Brunia *Iowa*
- Nancy J. Slagle *Ore.*
- Anna Baird Choi *N.C.*
- Sharla Wilson Luken *Ill.*
- Kelly Lynn VanWormer *Mich.*
- Bonnibel Glasgo Moffat *S.C.*
- Patricia French Barger *N.M.*
- Nancy Baker Lisle *Okla.*
- Patrice Renee Donnelly *Ala.*

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Vote for up to four (4):

- Karen Taylor Bradley *Mo.*
- Janet Looney Whittington *Miss.*
- Christi A. Noble *Iowa*
- Maureen Dougherty Tipton *Md.*
- Nancy Garrison Hemmrich *Tenn.*
- Susan Greene Tillman *Texas*
- Shari K. Thorne-Sulima *District of Columbia*
- Laura McCrillis Kessler *N.H.*
- Jean Whatley Vaughan *Ala.*



PRESS RELEASE REMINDER

Access the Press Release Request online form to be sent to your local media outlets regarding participation in the 133rd Continental Congress via the Press Release page found on the Insider’s Guide. Stop by the Lafayette Room, just off the main hallway of Constitution Hall, if you prefer to complete a paper form. Helpful hints to make the process smooth and fast:

- If using a paper form, snap a picture before turning the form in — copies are not able to be made in the communications office.
- Consider completing the Google Form or emailing a copy of your paper form to congresspr@nsdar.org after Congress has ended if unable to complete on-site.
- Forms must be submitted to the Congress Communications team by 9 a.m. Saturday for your local press release to be sent during the 133rd Continental Congress.

KDS Students Selected to Represent KDS at the 133rd Continental Congress

KATE DUNCAN SMITH (KDS) DAR SCHOOL has announced Kenley Owens and Brody Smith as its 2024 Continental Congress Representatives. The pair, both KDS juniors, were chosen through a careful selection process to represent the school at the 133rd Continental Congress of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) in Washington, D.C.

All junior students were invited to apply for this unique annual honor. The applicants' names were forwarded to a nominating committee, which then selected six finalists who were interviewed by a panel composed of members of the KDS Executive Committee, administrative staff, high school staff and other DAR members.

Kenley Owens, 16, is the daughter of Daniel and Kayla Smith Owens (KDS Class of 2002). She has attended KDS since kindergarten and has a GPA of 98.4, ranking 8th in her junior class. She is currently a dual enrollment student at Northeast State Community College. Math is her favorite subject because it is like solving puzzles and uncovering hidden patterns that keep her brain

engaged and excited. Her plans are to continue her studies in community health at Northeast and then enter a two-year sonography program at Wallace State Community College.

Kenley is an active student, participating in leadership positions in KDS Student Government Association, Future Business Leaders of America, Leo Club and serving as guide at the KDS Museum and Archives. She is also a member of the KDS Varsity Basketball team and enjoys spending time with family and friends, shopping and spending time on the lake.

Brody Smith, 17, is the son of Zachary and Tiffany Spurgeon Smith. Both parents are members of the KDS Class of 2004. Brody has attended KDS since kindergarten and has a cumulative GPA of 98.57. He is ranked 7th in the junior class and his favorite school subject is AP Biology. After graduation, he plans to attend Drake State Technical College or the University of Alabama in Huntsville to study mechanical engineering and business before pursuing a career at Redstone Arsenal.

Brody is a member of the National Honor Society, KDS Historical Society



and he participates in the HEO Skid Steer program. He is also a member of the Marshall County 4-H Senior Archery team and participates in church youth activities. He works part-time after school as a welder at an industrial park. Brody's special interest in archery includes participating in tournaments, and he hopes to one day have his own business making and selling archery equipment. Both Kenley and Brody are excited to visit Washington, D.C. this summer and attend Continental Congress as representatives of their school. They will speak during the Education Luncheon on Friday.

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The Stars Twinkle on the Golden West Tea

THE GOLDEN WEST TEA planning committee looks forward to welcoming Daughters from all over to our Mexican Fiesta under the stars! Hosted by the Utah State Society this year, other states in our Golden West friendship include Utah, Hawaii, Nevada, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Kansas.

State Regents in attendance at Wednesday's event will include Katie Madsen (Utah); Julie Ignacio (Hawaii); Cindy Bell (Nevada); Nancy Lisle (Oklahoma); Eleanor Ortiz (New Mexico); Sallie Lovorn (Arizona) and Rebecca Kline (Kansas).

These ladies are excited to greet members with the theme this year of the Mighty Five National Parks in Utah. Utah has the highest concentration of International Dark-Sky Association certified areas, which means that after the sun sets one can see countless stars

against a pitch black night sky. Prepare to be awed at the spectacular scenery by day and the Milky Way galaxy by night. Come get a taste of the West and enjoy a glimpse of the magnificent landscapes.



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Sparkling Sundaes



Last night DAR members, C.A.R. members and C.A.R. Supporters joined together at the JW Marriott to celebrate the partnership between the DAR and C.A.R. Attendees were able to enjoy ice cream sundaes and "sparkling" conversations! It was great to reconnect with old friends and form new friendships. It was an extra "sweet treat" to have C.A.R. National President Emerson Sites-Byers, Senior National President Jeffrey Voris and Freedom the Eagle at the event to share information about the work of the C.A.R.

This year's national theme is "Courage, Service, Honor." The national project will be a partnership with Tunnel to Towers Foundation to provide wounded first responders with mortgage-free smart homes to accommodate their new lives. Tunnel to Towers Foundation was named in honor of a first responder, Stephen Siller, who raced on foot through the Brooklyn Battery tunnel to the Twin Towers on 9/11.

Look for N.S.C.A.R. Representatives at their sales table in Constitution Hall, in C.A.R. Headquarters or at their Sparkle in Service table on Friday!

Daughters are Racing to Raise Funds for Helen Pouch Memorial Fund

THIS SPRING, DAUGHTERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY spar-kled across the nation as they participated in the 2024 NSDAR Junior Membership 5K.

Walking, running, biking, horseback riding and rowing were just some of the ways the almost 3,000 participants completed the distance. While individuals may have been completing the 5K in their own way and on their own time, they were united together in raising money for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund (HPMF). Thanks to the generosity of participants and donors, this year's 5K raised a record breaking \$160,000



for HPMF, which will secure support for key initiatives, including the Classroom Grants Program and the annual Junior Membership Project. Since the beginning of the Wright Administration, the HPMF has issued 196 grants to schools across the country. These grants fund special projects such as book clubs, magazine purchases for further study of historical events, off-site and virtual field trips, veteran recognition ceremonies during the school year, supplies to enhance the learning environment and so much more.

The virtual event, which started in 2020, also works to promote women and their contributions to the American Revolution. The race's three-year theme during the Wright administration takes its name from an infamous letter Abigail Adams wrote to her husband in which she urged him to "remember the ladies." Each year, the race will highlight a different woman and her service,



making it a natural tie-in with the work of committees, including Women's Issues, America 250!, American Indians and more. This year highlighted the women of the Edenton Tea Party.

If you registered for this year's race and opted to receive a medal, don't forget to stop by the Junior Shoppe this week to pick it up. If you missed out on signing up, we will have a limited number of in-person registrations (and medals) available at the Shoppe. Be sure to stop by before they sell out! Don't miss your chance to "Remember the Ladies" next year when registration for the 5K opens on March 1, 2025.

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Historian General's Marker Card Project Sparkles

IMAGINE FINDING 177,000 INDEX CARDS, each containing irreplaceable information, tucked away in an HVAC closet in the fall of 2022. The need to implement a historic preservation project triggered a call-to-action in the Office of the Historian General.

The “Historian General Marker Card Project” is a three-step initiative, with each part containing multiple phases. Step one, imaging the cards, is complete; step two (a multi-phased step) is to develop an indexing program and perform the actual indexing of each card and is in progress. Step three will be building a searchable database for members to freely access and research.

Envision the thrill of transcribing DAR marker information for one of the Founding Fathers or even your own Patriot! Currently, over 1,100 dedicated volunteers have completed the first of seven phases within step two by indexing the Revolutionary War soldier grave marker cards, and they are currently working on Revolutionary War soldier location cards. This treasure trove of information will become accessible to members in a searchable database after Continental Congress.

Indexing is simple, and the work can be done at home, at any time, by anyone with an internet connection and an email address. Attention to detail is key, and training is provided by

project lead Susan Holt, DAR Genealogy Preservation National Vice Chair of New Project Development. To learn more, visit the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee or join the Daughters Online Community (DOC).

To receive further information about this meaningful work, attend the Historian General’s forum at 9 a.m. June 26 or by completing the registration form online. This dazzling legacy connects us to our patriot ancestors and our nation’s history through the many DAR markers the National Society has placed since its founding. “Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever” by volunteering for the “Historian General’s Marker Card Project”!



State Regents Club Strikes Up the Band!



THE STATE REGENTS CLUB, LED BY PRESIDENT TERRY L. RUBENSTEIN, held its annual meeting and brunch at the JW Marriott on June 25, 2024. This year’s theme was “March to the Wright Step of Friendship and Service,” which honored the 125th anniversary of John Philip Sousa’s march, “Stars & Stripes Forever,” and the motto of Mrs. Wright. The group was founded in 2001 with the objective of renewing friendships among State Regents and promoting friendships among elected, present and past State Regents.

The annual meeting included club business, financial reports and an introduction of the Class of 2024 State Regents-elect. Chaplain Leigh Haislip Spencer conducted a memorial service. The tradition of reciting the “Friendship Poem” was shared at the close of the meeting. Rubenstein thanked her fellow board members, including Vice President Cindy Hays, Chaplain Leigh Haislip-Spencer, Treasurer Rebecca Rogers, Corresponding Secretary Christy Hendrie and Recording Secretary Teresa Cales. She also took time to thank Parliamentarian Leonora Blanca, Parliamentarian Pro-Tem Carole Belcher and Page Rachel Michael (District of Columbia).

Indexing - Revolutionary War Soldier

AKERS, Joseph
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Buried: Hell Cemetery (abandoned), on Jersey Park Rd., north of Greenville, Jersey Park Rd., leads off Rd. #150, Floyd County, Ind.

Marked: 1965

By: Descendants: Reported by Plankeshaw Chapter, Ind.

Born: Abt. 1758
Died: d. 1843

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 Last Name: AKERS Suffix: _____ Ancestor Number: A000269
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 City / Town: _____
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Units Overseas Kicks Off Two Days of Worldly DAR Excitement!

TODAY IS THE FIRST OF TWO very exciting days for the Units Overseas (UO) Committee! The Committee proudly announces the inaugural meeting of the Units Overseas Chapter Regents Club, a dues-free information-sharing club to disseminate ideas among our chapter regents and vice regents (both past and current). The assembly will elect the club's first set of officers, compare what does/doesn't work in their chapter and consider topics such as gaining/training/retaining members, conflict resolution and geographical limitations placed on the chapter by international laws. This will be a hybrid meeting, with both an in-person component and a Zoom options for Daughters from half a world away who are unable to travel to Continental Congress.

Special thanks to the Bahamas Chapter for suggesting the creation of such a forum for international chapter regents to assemble and share thoughts. Following this meeting, the UO Committee will be conducting the annual Delegation Meeting, which provides an opportunity for international members to meet and greet their sisters from other countries and discuss all things Units Overseas. Over tea and light refreshments, the final touches will be made on the Units Overseas Luncheon and Bazaar scheduled for Thursday, June 27. Thank you to UO Vice Chair Judy Ekeler for handling the lunch set up, Cary Costa for arranging Zoom access and Laura Pond for handling the A/V requirements.

In addition, the Units Overseas Committee proudly announces the launch of the newly-created DAR Units



Overseas Page pin, now available from the DAR Insignia Store.

Created by Walter Hines Page (UK) Junior Caroline McWilliams and Insignia Committee National Chair Mary Tedesco, this beautiful pin honors the previously unrecognized service to the NSDAR as a Units Overseas Page. Please see the service requirements necessary to be eligible for the pin detailed on the Insignia Store's webpage.

UO Daughters sparkle as they tie the ribbons of the bow of service to God, Home and Country and rejoice in friendships forged around the globe!

Dazzling Daughters: Mary Edwards Walker

IF YOU FLIP A QUARTER TO SETTLE A DISPUTE, you might find that one of the faces looking back at you is a Daughter's face. Mary Edwards Walker, born in 1832 in Oswego, New York, now graces a brand new circulating quarter opposite George Washington as part of the American Women's Quarter Program from the U.S. Mint. Born under the presidency of Andrew Jackson to a progressive family that supported her unique interests and strong personality, Mary Edwards Walker would grow up to be a doctor, a writer, a prisoner of war, a suffragist and a Daughter of the American Revolution.

Known for wearing pants and other "men's" clothing items while serving as a doctor, Walker fought for years to be recognized for

the critical work she did during the Civil War and often faced criticism because of her dress. She was an ardent suffragist, a staunch supporter of equal rights, and in 1865, she became the first and only woman to be awarded the Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service. The medal was taken away from her in 1914 and later restored in the 1970s. The circulating quarter features her wearing it proudly. She tried to join the DAR in its early years and was rebuffed due to her notoriety but eventually joined the Cornelia Greene Chapter in Missouri in 1913 through her Patriot ancestor Jesse Snow.

How can you be more like Mary Edwards Walker? Don't take "no" for an answer when you know you're fighting for what is just, right or part of your passions. Be helpful to others, even

when the light may not be shining on you, just as Walker was helpful when she gave aid during the Civil War, even without a commission and pension to show for it. Write your own story, and share your thoughts with the world.



Who are the Balcony Volunteers?

DURING CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, the Volunteer Genealogists Committee balcony volunteers are available to assist Daughters with questions on both new member and supplemental applications. Volunteers and members-in-need are paired for one-on-one genealogical consultations or group discussions with the team as the situation requires.

Experienced genealogy volunteers will work with you to find an answer to your brick walls, roadblocks and other issues that have you at a standstill with an application. Often, a knowledgeable second set of eyes with a different

viewpoint is just what your application problem needs.

Not sure what to do next? Do you have an application that needs just a little help—or just need someone to review it with you? Even if you have never completed an application, but would like to get started, we can help! If you have questions about applications, where to find what, or how to use the available research tools, come see us!

Balcony volunteer sessions are offered at the JW Marriott (Rayburn meeting room) and on the DAR Library balcony (second floor) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8 a.m.

to noon Saturday. No appointment is necessary. Experienced leaders work with each team of volunteers to provide a rewarding experience for all.

Members interested in serving as future balcony volunteers are invited to stop by and talk with our team. Volunteer and earn the balcony volunteer pin, featuring the iconic DAR Library clock, after completing three years of service at Continental Congress. We hope you will take the time to visit with our knowledgeable and smiling volunteers during Congress. We are ready to help you as we “Celebrate Stars and Stripes Forever!”



DEVELOPMENT CORNER

Annual Gift Acceptance

An annual highlight of Continental Congress, yesterday’s gift acceptance ceremony in the National Officers Club Assembly Room was an opportunity to recognize generous donors and items gifted to the NSDAR Archives, Americana Room and our world-class DAR Museum.

Open to all, many donors and guests attended the ceremony, where their items were displayed and their photographs taken with executive officers. Some of the items gifted this year include a black-and-white photograph of DAR leaders at Continental

Congress in the late 1920’s, an 1860’s sewing machine and the conservation of textiles and costumes from the late 1800’s in preparation of the 2024 DAR Museum exhibit. It was a DAR-style Antiques Roadshow!

Do you have an item that you believe to be of historical importance that you would like the DAR to consider for its collections? Please contact the DAR Museum, the Americana Room or the NSDAR Archives by email. They look forward to hearing from you. This is yet another way to leave your DAR legacy.

DAR LIBRARY LAY LIGHT CROSS STITCH KIT, \$22



DAR Library Lay Light
Counted Cross Stitch Kit

DAR MUSEUM

AMERICAN HERITAGE

Evelyn Cole Peters Award Winners Sparkle

THE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE WAS PROUD to honor all the winners at Tuesday night's ceremony but was especially proud to present the winners of the prestigious Evelyn Cole Peters award.

The Evelyn Cole Peters (ECP) award was established in honor of the first national chairman of the American Heritage committee. Originally the award was awarded only to the poetry category winner, while the other stand-out entries were identified as Best in Show, Gold Ribbon or Best Overall winners. Over the past 15 years the award was expanded to cover all contest categories. These awards are given in recognition of excellence to entries that show exceptional skill and creativity in the chosen contest medium. This year, the committee had a whopping 10 ECP awards presented!

This year's ECP winners were:

- Craft, Books: Kimberly M. Dillard, Preston Trail Chapter, Texas.
- Crafts, Other: (Group Entry) Linda Cantewell-Lum, Traci Shields, Judith Harless and Margaret Rae Mallory, Presidio Chapter, Calif.
- Fiber Arts, Embroidery: Sarah Bleasdale-Coleman, Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter, Conn.
- Fiber Arts, Needlepoint: Suanne Ardelon, John Crawford Chapter, Mich.
- Fiber Arts, Rug Making: Sharon Hughes, Reverend John Andrew Chapter, Ga.
- Fiber Arts, Hand Quilted Quilt: Karen Franklin-Scott, Isaac Garrison Chapter, Mo.
- Fiber Arts, Quilt Top: Wanda Patterson, Fielding Lewis Chapter, Ga.
- Literature and Drama, Fiction Short Story: Melissa Finn, Mary Fell Stevenson Chapter, Wash.
- Literature and Drama, Drama: (Group Entry) JoAnn Bailey, Marilyn Bremilst, Sharon Carigan, Darla Treat Courtney, Barbara Siebenmann, Alma Jean Slonakder, Heidi Ware and Margaret Zimmerman, Bee Line Chapter, W.Va.
- Photography, Black and White Unenhanced: Savannah Hampton, Grayson Spring Chapter, Ky.

Congratulations to all the award winners! The American Heritage video featuring the winners will be shown during one of the Congress evening sessions, so if you missed the beautiful award ceremony on Tuesday, be sure to keep an eye out.. Our annual Book of Winners will be also available on the committee page after Congress for all to view and share as we celebrate our winners!



Sharon Hughes' winning rug.



Wanda Patterson's winning quilt top.



Kimberly Dillard's winning book.



Presidio Chapter members' winning doll house.



Suanne Ardelon's winning needlepoint.

CONGRESS PAGES

Sparkling in Service!



YOUR DAR PAGES ARE LOOKING FORWARD to another year as they Sparkle in Service! Many Pages have been working hard since Sunday to prepare Our House Beautiful for the 133rd Continental Congress. You will see them dressed in white doing many different tasks: stocking shops, selling DAR gear, helping with registration, taking photos and quotes for communications, and assisting in the library, to name a few. The Society is so fortunate to have so many Daughters taking time out of their busy lives to volunteer and make this event successful. Pages have traveled from throughout the country and stepped away from professional careers and families to serve our society.

Of this year's 350 pages, about 80 of this are first-timers who are excited and ready to help. National Chair of Pages Rebecca Hough says, "I'm overjoyed to welcome so many Pages, both new and returning, to Continental Congress. I hope they love paging as much as I do!"

Historic Preservation Grants

Celebrate Your Local Non-Profits!

AS WE "CELEBRATE STARS AND STRIPES Forever!" you can help your community by sponsoring a historic preservation grant. Grant applications will be accepted from Aug. 1-Oct. 31, so chapters should share the application instructions with eligible organizations in their local communities now. Form HP-1010, DAR Historic Preservation Grants Application Instruction Sheet, details the eligibility criteria and application requirements. A link to those instructions can be found on the public DAR website (<http://www.dar.org/grants>).

Each year the National Society awards \$250,000 in Historic Preservation grants to 501(c)(3) organizations for projects that preserve artifacts, buildings, documents, monuments and tombstones. The minimum grant awarded is \$500; the maximum is \$10,000. Chapters and state societies or organizations are eligible to apply for qualifying chapter and state projects.

The grants are very competitive, especially with the current focus on preparing for the country's 250th anniversary, with the overall number of applications increasing year over year. In May, 34 grants were awarded out of nearly 200 applications received. The awardees represent 19 states and one

Unit Overseas chapter (UK) and were sponsored by 33 chapters. The Hendrick Hudson Chapter, N.Y., sponsored two of the grantees. A list of "Frequently Asked Questions" is available on the Historic Preservation Committee's webpages on the DAR Members Website to help chapters understand both the process and their responsibilities as a sponsor.

Remember these important dates:

NOW – Contact local organizations and share information about the grant program and its eligibility criteria.

Aug. 1-Oct. 31 – DAR Historic Preservation Grants applications accepted; link to application portal will be posted at <http://www.dar.org/grants>.

Oct. 31 – Grant portal closes.



A Historic Preservation Grant was used to erect a replacement historic marker honoring Samuel Bacot in Darlington, S.C.

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Annual Memorial Continental Hall Flag Raising Ceremony Hosts SAR Color Guard

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COMMITTEE hosted a flag raising ceremony on June 25 at noon during the 133rd Continental Congress at the 17th and C streets Memorial Continental Hall flagpole.

On the portico, President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright brought greetings and the DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee introduced the Virginia Society SAR Color Guard. Flags were raised by National Vice Chair Flag Raisers Jacqueline (Sue) Maglin and Eleanor Price, and Congress pages. All who attended received a complimentary copy of the NSDAR "The Flag Code" leaflet. During the flag raising ceremony, each flag was saluted while it was raised briskly, flown above Memorial Continental Hall, and lowered slowly.



The names of the recipient and donor, whether it was being flown in honor or in memory, were read.

These special flags were mailed to the recipients with a beautiful, customized DAR certificate in an attractive

presentation box.

This year, to "Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever," the Flag of the United States of America Committee will provide members the unique opportunity to purchase a special flag flown above Memorial Continental Hall through the DAR Store. Under the direction of President General Wright, the historic Memorial Continental Hall flagpole was recently restored, and the committee hosts several special ceremonies there throughout the year. Now, members can purchase these flags, which can be presented to veterans, award winners, scholarship recipients, speakers or loved ones. Visit the DAR Store to order yours today! For more information, contact The Flag of the United States of America Committee, National Chair Marria Blinn at flagoftheusa@nsdar.org.

June Magazine Savings!

Get **\$8 off** a two-year subscription, (\$40/2-yr discounted rate) and/or **\$4 off** a one-year subscription, (\$20/1-yr discounted rate) from June 1 through June 30, 2024!

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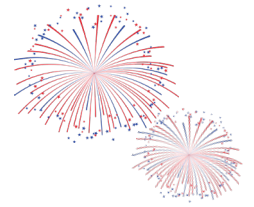
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2024 Outstanding Juniors

Hearts Sparkle in Service



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

State Outstanding Junior Members and National Finalists will be recognized during Congress on Thursday, June 27, when the 2024 National Winner and Runner-Up are announced. They will also be recognized during the Junior Membership Luncheon on Saturday, June 29. President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright will present their certificates at the luncheon.

This year, 33 states—including our collective Units Overseas group—recognized how Junior Hearts Sparkle in Service by naming State Outstanding Junior Members.

- Joy Caitlin Monroe, Ala.
- Kristin Marie Cobban-Fox, Alaska
- Katherine Elizabeth Wisener, Ariz.
- Stacey Lynne McMahon, Calif.
- Kristen Anne Rubenthaler Roberts, Colo.
- Amanda Courtney Hare, District of Columbia
- Catherine Jean Summer Dew, Fla.
- Caitlen Ann Parish Green, Ga.
- Alysha Sue Love Anderson, Idaho
- Jennifer Ann Marie Steyer, Ind.
- Jillian Goss Pence, Kan.
- Shelby Goodland Coates, Ky.
- Jennifer Sue Cronin, Md.
- Nancy Kay Maleno, Mass.
- Leigh Anne Tiffany, Mich.
- Meghan Grace Flannery, Minn.
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“Thank you, Deb, for the many hours you volunteer to VIS. You are always ready and willing to accept any project that comes your way. You are full of innovative ideas, and are a great problem-solver. The National Society is extremely fortunate to have you as a member.”

Beverly Baker, VIS National Chair

2024 National Scholarship Award Recipients

THANKS TO ALL OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SCHOLARSHIP reviewers who took part in the work of the DAR Scholarship Committee this year. The following students were awarded the DAR Scholarship Committee's national scholarships for the 2024-2025 Academic Year:

- America 250! Scholarship: Nicholas Glahn, Ohio; Gabriella Baratier, N.Y.; Sherman Criner, N.Y.; Lily Johnson, N.C.
- Richard and Elizabeth Dean Scholarship: Ryan Silien, Md.; Lillian Leonhardt, Calif.
- Lillian and Arthur Dunn Scholarship: Emalee Fox, N.C.; Lauren Kelly, Md.
- Dr. Aura-Lee A. and James Hobbs Pittenger American History Scholarship: Addison Anderson, Ohio.
- DAR Centennial Scholarship: Emily Borowski, N.J.; Erica Perez, Ga.; Mackenzie Gardner, Tenn.
- Lucinda Beneventi Findley History Scholarship: Charlotte Sparling, Va.; Theresa Straw, Maine.
- Dr. Francis Anthony Beneventi Medical Scholarship: Abhirami Thaivalappi, Md.
- Irene and Daisy MacGregor Memorial Scholarship: Rorah Ndungu, Ga.; Sonya Gupta, Ill.
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- Madeline Picket Cogswell Nursing Scholarship: Kathryn Eckhardt, Ill.; Julia Garvic, Pa.
- Occupational/Physical Therapy Scholarship: Chad Patterson, Texas, Sarah Kremer, N.H.; Allison Drees, Ohio; Seth Polfus, Mich.
- Edward G. and Helen A. Borgens Elementary Teacher Scholarship: Abigail Suchocki, Mass.
- Edward G. and Helen A. Borgens Secondary Teacher Scholarship: Mary Mills, Kan.
- Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship: Bridget Wilson, Wash.
- Mary Elizabeth Lockwood Beneventi MBA Scholarship: Hannah Lee, Texas.
- Nellie Love Butcher Music Scholarship: Sarah Pierce, Ky.
- William Robert Findley Graduate Chemistry Scholarship: Jason Kronenfeld, Calif.
- Leo W. and Alberta V. Thomas Utz Scholarship – English: Raya Shefferman, N.J.
- Leo W. and Alberta V. Thomas Utz Scholarship – Math: Ansen Lackner, Ore.
- DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship: Cassidy Forehand, Texas.

2024 Genealogical Research Institute

DAR MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY gathered gathered May 5-8 at the organization's House Beautiful in Washington, D.C., for the third annual DAR Genealogy Research Institute. The 2024 Institute featured Master Class lectures by Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., a leading authority on DNA genealogy research, and author Craig R. Scott, M.A., C.G., F.U.G.A., a historian and military records expert. In addition to their lectures, Scott conducted individual consultations with attendees to help with research challenges, and Bettinger greeted attendees at a reception and book signing on Tuesday.

Attendees were thrilled to have extra research time in the DAR Library and Seimes Technology Center, which added extended hours on Monday and Tuesday for GRI attendees.

A visit to the gorgeous Library of Congress reading rooms was an added and beloved feature for the 2024 Institute.

Concurrent sessions focused on DAR-specific topics, provided updates on DAR genealogy resources and the latest information on preparing new and supplemental applications, presented by national chairs and vice chairs of NSDAR genealogy committees, staff genealogists and the Registrar General.

Mark your calendars for next year's GRI, scheduled for May 5-7, 2025.



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VPG Club Celebrates Breakfast in Paris! Ooh La La!

The Vice Presidents General Club held their annual meeting with a Parisian twist! Since attending the Olympics in person was a bit out of reach, the club celebrated the Olympic spirit VPG style.

MEMBERS GATHERED TUESDAY, JUNE 25, AT THE JW MARRIOTT to enjoy “Breakfast in Paris!” The club experienced delicious French cuisine and welcomed President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright. The President General’s speech captivated the room and made attendees sparkle just a bit more brightly! Before the club said “au revoir” to the President General, a monetary gift from the club membership was presented. C’est magnifique!

Officers presented their annual reports, with the chaplain conducting

the memorial service to remember those club members who passed away this year: Honorary Vice Presidents General Bettie Johnson and Nellie Shearer and Past Vice Presidents General Billie Breedlove, Barbara Chastain, Gail Fixmer, Francis Hawkins, Diane Kreis, JoAn Nichols and Carol Wilson.

New club officers were elected and installed for the 2024-2025 year: President Morgan Elliott, Vice President Kathy Huston, Chaplain Susan Broderick, Secretary Paula Renkas and Treasurer Beth Watkins.

The conclusion of the annual meeting reminded members of the strong ties of friendship that renew each time the club gathers in person. The Vice Presidents General Club extends love and support to club members unable to join this year’s annual meeting.



Mr. Larry Reflects on 40+ Years of Continental Congress

In preparation for the 133rd Continental Congress, the Congress Herald team sat down with DAR celebrity and cornerstone Mr. Lawrence “Larry” Walker, the head of security at Memorial Continental Hall, to reflect on his many years of serving Continental Congress, his favorite memories and his standout events to look forward to each year.



What year was the first Continental Congress you worked and what is your most enduring memory of it?

- “1981 was my first Congress, under President General Patricia Walton Shelby. My strongest memory is Congress voting that year—it stretched all the way around the block, from D Street all the way around to C. It was voting for Vice President General.”

What do you look forward to each Congress? What are you looking forward to this year?

- “Seeing all the ladies from all over the country and greeting every last one of them. The ladies are coming from all over. I just about run this whole block during Congress, greeting all the first timers, once I spot them with their little red, white and blue ribbon on. I like giving out all the special police pins and shaking their hands. People that’ve never been here before, never attended Congress—it’s an honor to greet them.”

What is an early memory of President General Pamela Rouse Wright you have from those early Congresses?

- “Mrs. Wright was a Junior member and Page, in the mid-1980s, her and Mrs. Storage and Mrs.

Edwards. It’s nice to see them still around because you’re able to watch them grow up within the organization. We all grew up together, me, the President General, Mrs. Storage, Dr. Edwards, and a few other ladies that are around now but aren’t executives—we all grew up together here.”

How many Continental Congresses have you attended in your life?

- “Every single Continental Congress since my first in 1981.”

What is your favorite memory from last year’s Congress?

- “Last year’s Congress was busy, and challenging. However, I loved speaking at the Virginia luncheon. It was so kind of them to invite me and to have the chance to talk to them about the behind-the-scenes

stuff at headquarters. It was my first time ever being invited to speak at a Congress event, and I was so touched by that.”

What is the nicest thing someone has ever said to you at Congress?

- “Someone told me once that the DAR could not survive without me. That’s very nice of them to say. It’s so heartfelt, warm. Everything you see as far as security, I have created, but it’s sweet to be able to hear how much they appreciate you as an employee.”

Make it your mission to find Larry during this year’s Continental Congress; get your special DAR police pin (if you haven’t added it to your collection yet) and thank him for his dedication to keeping us safe here at DAR all year round!



NVCA Dazzles at 39th Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner

W NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION (NVCA) MEMBERS dazzled at their 39th annual meeting and dinner held at the JW Marriott Tuesday evening. President JeanEllen Hiter Melton welcomed the nearly 200 members in attendance and thanked the events committee, led by First Vice President Lindsey Groves, for their efforts. This included the heartfelt decorations made from photographs of NVCA members completing the work of their vice chairmanships. "NVCA members dazzle in service to our society," Melton noted.

Each year, the NVCA selects a project that benefits the employees of NSDAR. Elizabeth White Peters, Special Projects chair, announced the 2024 project, a gift of \$4,500 to maintain and expand the Human Resources Recognition Program

with additional reward options. This program includes social and education employee events throughout the year. Also \$3,500 was presented to cater staff lunches during the week of Congress.

President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright brought greetings from the Society and received the news of this year's special project. Members enjoyed a meal of petite top sirloin with beet and goat cheese salad and dessert of chocolate mousse trio before the dazzling evening continued with speaker Historian General Suzanne Heske.

Mrs. Heske spoke beautifully on the Dazzling Daughters exhibit maintained by the Office of the Historian General. The exhibit celebrates the lives of DAR members who have made significant and positive contributions to American or international culture, society or history.

These Daughters are shining examples of our over one million members throughout history.

Following the business meeting, Chaplain Jeanne McMillian led a moving service of remembrance for the 35 NVCA members who passed away since last June's annual meeting. The NVCA annual meeting is another way the ladies of NSDAR celebrate their leadership roles as vice chairmen.

Eligibility in the NVCA is by invitation to anyone who is serving or has previously served as a National Vice Chairman of a national, standing or special committee, except Congressional committees. If you are eligible and interested in membership, contact Second Vice President [Katrina Sarlin](#) to make sure you're in attendance next year!

NATIONAL DEFENSE

A Sparkling and Patriotic Kickoff!

THE ANNUAL PATRIOTISM LUNCHEON STARTED OFF the slate of annual Congress luncheons with sparkling success!

This year the National Defense Committee hosted the luncheon and was joined in cohosting duties by related committees: DAR Service for Veterans, DAR Project Patriot and The Flag of the United States. These patriotic committees came together to promote patriotism, celebrate our American flag and support our military, veterans and first responders.

The keynote speaker was career Ambassador Michele Sison, Assistant Secretary of State for International Operations Affairs, who spoke to the crowd

of over 600 about patriotic service and the critical role women play around the world, especially in the area of peacekeeping operations. Ambassador Sison was presented with the National Defense Committee's DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal for over 20 years of service to her country in diplomatic posts around the world, including Pakistan (during 9/11), Haiti and Iraq. Recognized during the event were active-duty military and veterans, Gold and Blue Star family members, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency room personnel. Also recognized were the members of the four DAR host/co-host committees.

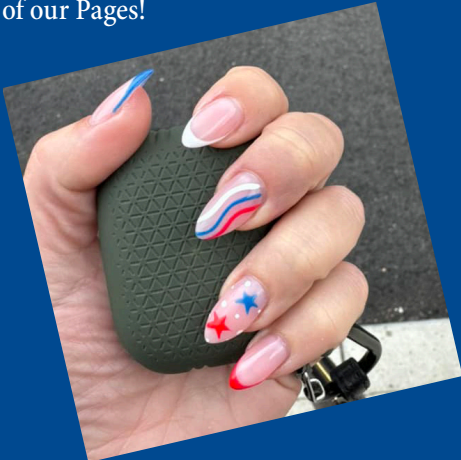
Wearing RED to "Remember

Everyone Deployed" is a key theme of the National Defense Committee, and attendees were presented with a red DAR logo dog tag so that on future Fridays they will always have something red to wear! Upon entering the venue, attendees were greeted with music sung by DAR Podcast National Chair Brooke Bullmaster Stewart. The color guard was provided by the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C.

The event was such a sparkling success due to the numerous planners, volunteers and Pages who gave their time, as well as the multitude of patriotic DAR members, including many NSDAR Executive Officers and guests in attendance.

Keep Calm and Polish On!

Members are ready to sparkle! Continental Congress provides the perfect opportunity for Daughters to have fun via fashion and many carefully plan each outfit from head to toe. For our wonderful Pages, nail art can be a fun way to add a subtle touch of color to all-white outfits. Festive, patriotic and sparkling nail art is making a fabulous return to Congress this week on the hands of our Pages!



Ashley Andrychowski (CT) has gone for a playful look celebrating stars and stripes.



Four of the National Vice Chairs from the Page Committee got manicures together - all in patriotic colors.



Patrice Hatcher shows off her red, white and blue stars and stripes with a special guest appearance of the Wright Administration pin.



Meghan Hensley (OH) sports a subtle look with added DAR logo feature.



Emily House (NC) sparkles in red and gold with firework accents.



Meegan Burton (TN) has gone for a classic French manicure with added US flag detail.



Elizabeth Preston (TN) celebrates stars and stripes forever.



Katie Erin Beckett (TN) dazzles with her starry night nails with frosted white tips.



Kristen Tisdale (NC) completed her baby blue manicure with a deep blue star detail.

Peek in the Purse

Beautiful bags and purses abound at each Continental Congress, and in each and every one is a unique collection of items that ensure the holder can make it through their day. This week, the Congress Herald is taking you inside different purses, providing a look at the functioning of our society by what we carry with us. Stay tuned for each Herald issue to take you into these purses and give you a new insight into Congress's inner-workings.



Today, we're peeking into the purse of Lauren Pourciau of Louisiana. Lauren is the chief page of the Junior Shoppe during Continental Congress, and when we found her at the Shoppe, she had TWO purses with her, truly capturing the page life.

Inside her Wright administration Junior purse we found:

- Her wallet and checkbook, so that she's always ready to make a great purchase in the name of sparkling
- A pair of sunglasses for the bright summer days ahead, but not while on
- A small jewelry case for holding those extra pins and bobbins that keep our sashes pinned and tidy
- Two KIND protein bars for staying nourished during long sessions
- A hotel keycard
- Some Blistex chapstick for constant re-application on humid days full of lots of smiling

In her Wright administration tote bag we found:

- Two pairs of shoes: a pair of sneakers for walking outside and an extra pair of Page appropriate white shoes
- A hairbrush for catching fly-aways and touching up between sessions
- A sport towel for cleaning up any spills that might occur and wrapping shoes to keep them white
- SMART popcorn and some M&Ms for an extra treat

Thank you Lauren for letting us peek into your purse and learn about you and your week ahead as a Junior Shoppe page. As you can see, a Page is always very prepared, and anything Lauren forgot she could probably find in the Page Lounge! Check out tomorrow's issue for an inside look into another purse to see what we can learn about those serving our Society as National Vice Chairs.



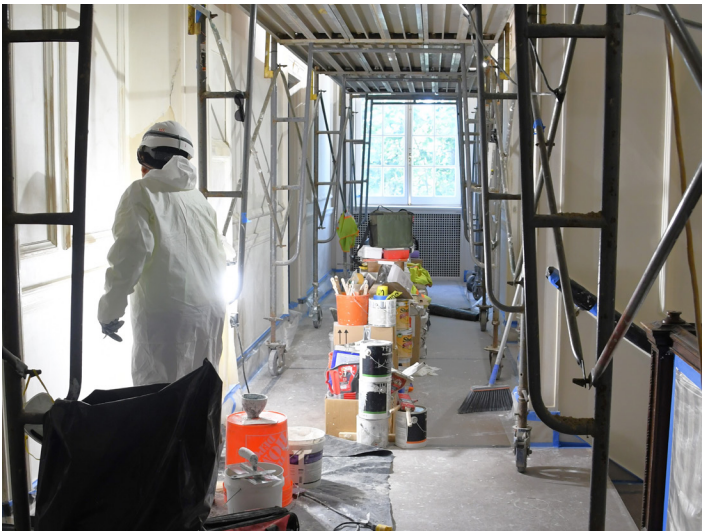
133rd Congress Pre-Opening Highlights



From the Daughters Memorial Tribute, Monday



Museum docent tour of "Sewn in America" with Alden O'Brien



Ongoing renovations of Memorial Continental Hall

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Page committee leading a first-timers' tour

133rd Congress Pre-Opening Highlights, cont.



Insignia volunteers keep the Pop-Up Shop lines moving



Pages keep registration running smoothly



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A LOOK BACK TO 1924



On April 14, 1924, during the 33rd Continental Congress, President General Lora Haines Cook addressed a glittering crowd in Memorial Continental Hall that included newly elected President Calvin Coolidge and First Lady Grace Coolidge. President General Cook applauded the efforts of members to preserve and commemorate historical locations: "I believe we shall live to see the time when a chain of historical markings shall tell our country's history with such graphic force and continuity that the traveler in his imaginings may live again in our history. The simple legends on those signs will raise up a treasury of golden texts for impressive sermons on patriotism. Word and deed with the Daughters of the American Revolution have ever gone hand in hand." Photo courtesy of the NSDAR Archives.



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