

## PAULA PRATT RENKAS

Honorary State Regent Massachusetts

Candidate for the Office of

Vice President General

Join date: April 17, 2004 Chapter: Mansfield Endorsed by: Massachusetts Society Daughters of the American Revolution

## **National Service:**

I am a Sustaining Supporter, Life Member, and National Vice Chair, Service for Veterans Committee. I am so impressed reviewing the projects that support our Veterans. Before my current position, I attended National Board of Management meetings from 2019-2022. I was the VAVS Representative for Brockton Hospital from 2016 -2019 and the VAVS Deputy Representative from 2013-2016. I am eager to continue my service to our National Society and thank you for considering me as a Candidate for the Office of Vice President General!

## State and Chapter Service:

I joined the Mansfield Chapter in 2004, where I was happy to support DAR's initiatives as well as the Mansfield Chapter House, which was built in 1831. Within the first year of membership, I had the honor of becoming Chapter Recording Secretary. Then I was elected as Chapter Vice Regent before becoming a two term Chapter Regent. In 2013-2016, I became the District III Director and State Counselor for 11 chapters. In 2016-2019, I served as State Vice Regent, and served on the State Finance Committee, State Bylaws, State Regent Project Sales, and as the New Horizons State Coordinator.

In 2019, I had the privilege and honor of being elected State Regent of Massachusetts. I had several exciting programs that I just could not wait to begin. I kicked off my administration with the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre as it was the first America 250! event. After this March 2020 event, our world drastically changed. This empowered me to work with my board and create out of the box ideas to keep our members involved. We had monthly zoom fundraisers with themes from DAR trivia to Friendsgiving. We also continued supporting our troops, giving back to our local community programs, and collected gift cards for seniors in need.

We ended my administration with events that honored 240+ Revolutionary War Patriots in Mansfield, rededicated the Pilgrim Mother Monument in Plymouth, and honored a Real Daughter with a grave marking. Currently I am the M.S.C.A.R. Jason Russell Society Senior Recording Secretary.

## **Non-DAR Information:**

I am a Commission Member of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Special Commission on the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. I am also a member of the National Society Daughters of the Union, National Society Descendants of American Farmers, National Society Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co, and Daughters of Colonial Wars.