



LAURA MCCRILLIS KESSLER

Past Historian General
Past Vice President General
Honorary State Regent, New Hampshire
**Candidate for the Office of Honorary
Vice President General**

Join date: 11 October 1988 (Junior Member)
Chapter: Reprisal

National Service:

Historian General 2019 – 2022; Vice President General 2014 – 2017; State Regent of New Hampshire 2010 – 2013.

Executive Liaison 2019 – 2022: American History, Community Classroom, DAR Good Citizens and Historic Preservation Committees.

National Chair: DAR Scholarship 2016 – 2019; American History 2013 – 2016; Americanism 2007 – 2010; DAR Good Citizens 2004 – 2007.

Advisor: DAR Scholarship Committee 2022 – 2025.

National Vice Chair: Educational Resources 2015 – 2019.

Division Vice Chair: Membership, Northeast Division 1998 – 2001.

Continental Congress Committees: President General's Reception Room, 6 years; Platform, 3 years; Congress Communications, 1 year.

Page - President General's Reception Room; Tiers; National Junior Doll.

Attended Continental Congress 2003 – present, and previous years as teaching permitted.

Club Affiliations: Life Member: Executive Club (Secretary 2023 - 2025); National Chairmen's Association (Chaplain 2023 – 2025); National Vice Chairmen's Association (Past President, First Vice President and Second Vice President); National Officers Club; State Regents Club; State Vice Regents Club; Outstanding Juniors Club.

DAR Schools Tour 2019.

Graduate: Committee Leaders Course (2024).

Member: Guardian Trust; Heritage Club; 1890 Giving Circle; Sustaining Supporter.

Narrator, *DAR Library Video*; DAR Speakers Staff 2007 – 2010; Volunteer Genealogist; DAR Chorus; Friend of American History Committee; Best Friend of Junior Membership.

Recognition: Historian General's Platform Award for "Outstanding State Regent's Project. 'Real Daughters Remembered,'" 2013; Outstanding Junior, Northeast Division Winner, 1996.

NSDAR Life Member (pending).

State and Chapter Service:

Honorary State Regent; New Hampshire State Regent 2010 – 2013; Vice Regent; Chaplain.

State Chair: Bylaws; C.A.R.; Commemorative Events; Community Classroom; DAR Museum; DAR School; Finance; The Flag of the United States of America; Junior Membership; 1996 National Junior Doll; Page; Protocol.

Personal Page to the State Regent.

State Conference Page 10 years.

Co-Designer of the NH State Centennial Pin.

New Hampshire Outstanding Junior Member, 1996.

Chapter Service: Reprisal Chapter Regent; Vice Regent; Chaplain; Historian; and numerous chapter chairmanships.

Non-DAR Information:

C.A.R.: Senior State Chaplain; Senior Society President.

New Hampshire American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission – appointed member 2022 – 2026.

American Friends of Lafayette Farewell Tour Bicentennial Committee, NH – member.

Education and Career: Bachelor of Fine Arts, Ithaca College; Master in Education, Notre Dame College; presently serves as Executive Director, Newport Opera House Association, NH; retired, award-winning middle school educator (30 years).

Membership in nine other Lineage Societies.

Family: Third-generation DAR member whose great-grandmother was an 1896 charter member of the Reprisal Chapter. Laura and her husband Jeffrey are the proud parents of Katharine (DAR member) and son, Philip.