Time to Check your Chapter’s Markers and Local Cemeteries

Several weeks ago, I sought out a small family burial ground that I knew was located on a country road adjacent to our veterinarian’s office (after completing the annual checkup for our chiweenie, Betsy Ross!) in East Fishkill, New York. I thought “While I’m out here, let’s check on that marker that my DAR Chapter placed a ‘few’ years ago,” at what is officially called “The East Hook Road Cemetery.”

Well, a “few” years ago actually turned out to be 28! (How does time do that?) My Melzingah Chapter had actually placed the Revolutionary War Patriot marker on May 26, 1992, to honor the memory of Henry Charlock. (I should have known that it was that long ago because I have a vivid memory of my eldest son, who was born in 1990, peeking over the top of an ancient nearby headstone to watch the ceremonies, at which one of the members remarked: “Look, the Alpha and the Omega.”)

I found the Charlock Family burial ground fairly easily, and I was pleased to see that it is mowed by the town. Up I scrambled and spied the NSDAR Patriot marker quite quickly. Though no longer on its post, it was visible and in good condition. The same could not be said of Private Charlock’s headstone. It was broken in multiple pieces -- and will surely be lost to the ages within the next 28 years without intervention.

There are hundreds of Revolutionary War Patriots buried in my county. Some of the earliest work of the three local chapters was to record the inscriptions and mark the graves of these men and women. But that was a century ago – and the time has come for our chapters and states to again prioritize finding, documenting, cleaning, marking and honoring the final resting places of the men and women who achieved American independence.

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Honoring Our Patriots—On the Masthead for this Issue

Nancy Hart

The lady Patriot for whom the Milledgeville DAR chapter is named, made quite a name for herself during the Revolutionary War period in Georgia. Some question the reliability of the story of Nancy Hart, but there seem to be many facts that substantiate her "legend."

The story that gained Nancy Hart the status of heroine centers around five Tories entering the Hart cabin when her husband was away. At that time, the Tories required settlers to sign an Oath of Allegiance to the King of England. One of Nancy's neighbors, John Dooly, had refused to sign and was shot dead in front of his family. Nancy was in the house with one of her daughters when the soldiers came and told her about Dooly.

They demanded food, so Nancy not only prepared for them but furnished them whiskey. The soldiers relaxed and propped their muskets in a corner of the cabin. Nancy began shoving the muskets out through a chink in the wall. One of the men saw her and jumped up from the table. With musket in hand, Nancy warned she would shoot the first man who moved toward her. One did, and she shot him. Her daughter, Sukey, handed her a fresh musket, and another Tory fell. Nancy held the rest of the soldiers at gunpoint until her husband and other men returned to the cabin. The remaining Tories were hanged from a nearby red oak tree. News of Nancy's feat spread and thus began her legend. Some 150 years later, when a railroad was being placed in the area, five skulls were found near the place called Tory Pond.

Thanks to the Nancy Hart Chapter for the information about our cover girl this month. Read more at their website: [http://nancyhart.georgiastatedar.org/nancyhart.php](http://nancyhart.georgiastatedar.org/nancyhart.php)

Tell us what your chapter or state is doing to promote Our Patriots. We want to share your good ideas and success stories with others. Please let us hear from you!

The next Patriot Post will be published in February. To be included, send articles with good quality pictures (at least 4x6, 300 dpi) to your Division Vice Chair no later than January 10th.
I recognize that not every state has Patriot gravesites – but your chapters and state societies also erected other historic markers and monuments that need attention and care as we approach the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. I urge you to investigate their condition – and consider creating an online database that can help people find these important historic markers. This is actually a great project to undertake as individuals if the pandemic continues to place restrictions on gatherings; assign and then mobilize chapter members to seek out gravesites/markers, document their condition with photographs and together compile an online resource for prospective members and the general public.

As for Private Charlock, he was born on April 13, 1740; married Hannah Jewell on June 10, 1769; enlisted first in the Westchester County Militia and later in the Dutchess County Militia; and died on April 29, 1833. Twelve of his descendants have joined our Society; the most recent one entered in 2008.

Henry Charlock’s service record was documented by our chapter members in correspondence dated 1918; here, too, our predecessors worked tirelessly (in an era before computers or even widespread telephones) in order that we might be able to honor these men and women generations later. They completed their commitment to these Patriots – and so should we now resolve to restore and maintain these tangible commemorations of our history in order to remind our fellow and future citizens of the sacrifice that created a nation.

A Message from Lynn Forney Young

Honorary President General
National Chair, America 250!

Thank you to all the members, chapters and state societies who are promoting awareness of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of this nation through chapter events, social media posts profiling Our Patriots and encouraging women to honor their heritage by joining DAR.

The DAR America 250! Facebook group continues to grow as members share outstanding activities and projects. Join the group and see the creative ways in which members are fulfilling the mission of this committee.

The DAR America 250! Patriots Marker is available through the Historian General’s office. Several states have already placed these beautiful markers in honor of all who served in the Revolutionary War. Consider placing at least one marker in your state.

The new DAR Revolutionary War Patriot commemorative will soon be available through the DAR Store for $25. It may be placed on Revolutionary Patriots’ graves for special events.

Sales of the America 250! Commemorative pin, available through the DAR Insignia Store, have been outstanding. While this pin may be worn on the official ribbon, it may also be worn off the ribbon. Consider wearing this beautiful emblem to initiate a conversation with a potential member about this milestone anniversary and the privilege of joining DAR!

Your enthusiasm is contagious as we continue to Rise and Shine for America as we honor the men and women who achieved American independence!
A Message from Cynthia Parnell — Reporter General
America 250! Executive Liaison

It is exciting to see the different ways our members honor their Patriot ancestors on social media, genealogy websites, and within their chapters and communities. Individual DAR committees are also honoring Patriots by establishing their own projects and contests. For example, the 2020-2021 American Heritage Committee contest theme is *Rise, and Shine Your Light on Your Revolutionary War Patriot.* Think of the possibilities for creating artistic entries in Art and Sculpture, Crafts, Literature and Drama, and other categories. DAR members are extremely talented, and I am in awe of the beautiful items they create. Be sure to look at the American Heritage committee page on members.DAR.org to see past winning entries. They will inspire you to honor your own Patriot ancestor in this year’s contest.

A Message from Cyndy Sweeney—Librarian General
America 250! National Vice Chair

The Trees of the DAR Pathway of the Patriots

In anticipation of the America 250 Celebration, the DAR members voted to adopt the DAR Pathway of the Patriots at the 2018 Continental Congress. This pathway will extend along the Schuylkill River Trail from Bartram’s Garden to Valley Forge National Historical Park. Since that time 48 State Societies and two of the Units Overseas have taken the responsibility to fund and name each of the 250 trees. Names of Revolutionary War Patriots honored by each tree are being approved by the Office of the Historian General.

The first tree, a Franklinia alatamaha, was planted at Bartram Gardens by a delegation led by HPG Lynn Forney Young and 2016-2019 Historian General Ginger Trader to honor Patriot Benjamin Franklin. The plan, developed with the Philadelphia Historical Society, is to plant the 250 trees in thirteen groves along the Trial. All trees should be planted by Spring of 2022 in time to be thriving for the 250th Anniversary of our Nation in 2026.

Gratitude and congratulations are extended to all those individuals, chapters, and state societies who contributed to this unique and wonderous endeavor. May these trees Rise and Shine for America as we all celebrate America 250!

A Facebook page for the America 250! Committee has been created. Share ideas, ask questions, make suggestions—this is your opportunity to visit with other members, chapters, and states.
Here’s the link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/DARAmerica250/
New and Improved -- Updated and Fillable!

Use this updated template to tell your Patriot’s story to your chapter, in newsletters, in newspaper articles, on your chapter website and in social media. The fillable template can be found on the America 250! Website by going to the “Our Patriots”, “Our Patriots Resources” and “Patriot Highlights” tabs. https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/

Template for A Patriot Story:

These stories about Our Patriots may be featured in chapter “Our Patriots” minutes, newsletters, in area newspapers, on the chapter website and in social media.

Chapters are encouraged to be certain that all information published about the Patriot and his/her family has been verified by the NGSAR Genealogy department and is not currently from a closed line. It is very important that the chapter registrar reviews and approves the content of the Patriot information before it is published by the chapter. Under no circumstances shall DAR national Member numbers or Genealogical Research System information, other than DAR Patriot Ancestor numbers, be shared with the public. This is NGSAR properitary information.

All Patriot data that is used should be obtained from the most recently verified application. In all cases, the Patriot name should be listed as recorded in the DAR database for that Ancestor number.

A Patriot Story

Moses Yell #A203663

Patriotic Service: Maryland
Residence: Talbot Co., MD
Born: c. 1755 | unproven location
Died: 17 Sep 1817 | Feddick Co., TN
Moses Yell married (late and place unknown) June Berry, born 1 Feb 1784, Kent Co., DE, died 27 Jan 1832, Bedford Co., PA. They are both buried at Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Bedford, PA.

Their known children are:


Patriotic Services:

- Served at the battle of the enemy. On July 13, 1776, Moses and his four children were among Lord Dunmore’s fleet about twenty miles from the fort. They had anchored at Smith’s Island, where they were captured by Joseph Wood and others aboard the ship. The other two were taken to a small boat in the harbor and brought back to the fort.

- Related stories and facts about the Revolutionary War, including the capture of Lord Dunmore and the subsequent events leading to the American Revolution.

These beautiful DAR Patriot Commemoratives have been created for placement at Revolutionary War Patriot Gravesites. The medallion is attached to a pointed tube which will accommodate an American flag and easily can be placed at Revolutionary Patriot gravesites by chapters and members. The flags will be sold separately if needed.

The commemoratives and flags will be sold through the DAR Store. Look for more information about these items on the DAR Store and America 250! websites.

Source:

Archives of Maryland, Volume 12, pp. 239-246, Journal and Correspondence of the Maryland Council of Safety, July 7, December 31, 1776.
1976 was a very exciting year for the Rachel Caldwell chapter in North Carolina with its 155 members and 23 Juniors. We had a trustee at Crossnore, a member of the Morehead Bicentennial Commission, 3 division national vice chairs, 3 state chairmen, a member of the state nominating committee, the state’s outstanding junior, a district essay winner, a page at Continental Congress, the state appointed hostess of the North Carolina Tea, and 17 delegates and alternates who attended the 1976 Bicentennial State Conference in Winston-Salem. President Gerald Ford was the guest speaker at the Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and future president George H. W. Bush was Sunday’s speaker. Our gift to the city was a $12,000 contribution to David and Rachel Caldwell Historic Center and park that was dedicated in September. Perhaps the most deserved accolade of the year was winning first place nationally in the DAR American Heritage music category for our “Oh, Penelope.”

“Oh, Penelope” was a delightfully entertaining musical that a troupe of eight dedicated ladies and gentlemen took on tour all along the eastern seaboard and ventured as far west as Missouri for two years culminating in the bicentennial year of 1976. The scores for the clever, sometimes sentimental, and always patriotic songs were written by chapter member Rose Marie Cooper, whose husband William was Captain Worthy in the play. The lyrics and speaking parts were written by Susan Graham Erwin, widow of a North Carolina congressman and a former state legislator herself.

In October of 2018, Rose Marie and three former cast members kicked off Rachel Caldwell’s ten-year America 250 celebration luncheon with a scene and songs from their original play. The heroine of the play is Penelope Barker who convinces the ladies of Edenton not to drink East India tea but make their own “raspberry tea” in protest of the Tea Act. A quick summation tells you that her husband is a Tory, worries about his wife, and has a niece who lives with them. The niece falls in love with a British officer, while the maid loves a young American soldier. Penelope has a cousin Agatha that they all visit in Boston, and there was a narrator, whose job was to set the stage and move the story through failing to stop a sea captain from unloading tea, hanging the tax collector in effigy, the funeral of Liberty, and dancing at a reception in Boston. Once back in Edenton you see or hear about knitting for troops, taking interest in the military battles, Patrick Henry’s speech, Paul Revere’s ride, and George Washington becoming Commander-in-Chief. There is a visit by one of North Carolina’s 3 signers of the Declaration of Independence, Joseph Hewes, and reading parts of the Declaration as well as the excitement of receiving the new American flag from Cousin Agatha. The end of the war brings both sets of young lovers together and much rejoicing as the troops return home. Audiences loved seeing the Virginia Reel danced by the couples as well as original steps for the “Mister Hewes” song.

Just hearing the song titles that Susan and Rose Marie wrote will have you wishing you could see the entire play as we did in 1976. You can imagine the excitement when Rose Marie got a call in September from Sallie Francis Kehayes in Edenton asking if they would like to sing again. This time a professional videographer filmed Rose Marie at the piano and cast members Gene Jones, Claudia Whitaker, and Fred Jones performing a scene from “Oh, Penelope.” Those attending our luncheon in 2018 loved the catchy “Raspberry Tea” tune and Gene’s original costume. Fieldcrest Mills created fabrics for those costumes using colonial patterns from the Smithsonian Museum and Burlington Industries also furnished bolts of fabrics for the cause. Cast members gladly performed their musical for Fieldcrest in 1975 to show their appreciation. You can see the video at www.ehcnc.org, which is the website for the Edenton Historical Commission and in the Patriots Resources on our America 250! site.
Our chapter in New Canaan, Connecticut decided to focus on the town’s most illustrious contributor to the American Revolution, Captain Stephen Betts. The last few months have been spent researching and producing a video that is being filmed over the next several days. Captain Betts was known as the name of the local C.A.R. Chapter and our chapter helped clean a monument dedicated to Captain Betts erected by our chapter in 1899 and located in our town’s Lakeview Cemetery. Beyond that, not much was known to us about Captain Stephen Betts.

The more we researched, the more we felt compelled to make sure this video became a reality. We found a photo from years ago with many in attendance honoring Captain Betts at the site of his monument who are still chapter members today and clearly, they had done the research at that time but now, much of the information about this Patriot was lost again to history.

We found his grave in the cemetery of a local church, and also viewed a plaque at the back of the church dedicated to him as he was a founder of this church. When we visited his grave, the gravestone was practically illegible as so many gravestones are, worn away by the ravages of time. Again, the more we researched, the more we felt compelled to bring Captain Betts to the “screen”. He had done so much to aid in the cause of American freedom. We found his name on the list of those who had sworn an oath of allegiance at Valley Forge and found his name as fighting at Redoubt Number 10 at Yorktown, which was one of the summary acts leading to the end of the Revolutionary War.

You would think that putting together a video during a pandemic would be nearly impossible but what we found out was the complete opposite because many artisans of all sorts have been unable to ply their craft and are eager to do so. An example is the actor who portrays Captain Betts in the video, Woodrow Proctor. Unable to act on stage due to current safety restrictions, he jumped at the chance to portray Betts in the video. The videographer just graduated from college with a focus on cinematography. He too was eager to use his skills and will add this film to his portfolio as he attempts to advance his career.

One of the struggles was costuming, but we found a fairly accurate costume in a reenactors online store. It is a Continental Army uniform but the lapel facings are red, not the white dictated by General George Washington in 1779 for Captain Betts’ Connecticut regiment. Marko Zlatich, a researcher of Revolutionary War uniforms at the Society of the Cincinnati reports that uniforms were hit and miss, and many soldiers suffered without boots or coats. With no standing army, the Americans sort of made it up as they went along. Nearly every unit was different. Zlatich has counted 66 styles of uniforms between 1775 and 1783, just for Connecticut alone. “That’s one state,” he says. Especially early on in the war, soldiers were more likely to have worn a work shirt or a hunting shirt, basically the clothes they brought with them when they joined the war effort so there is flexibility as to what they wear on screen while still trying to keep somewhat accurate to the period and their task during in the war.

The rector of the church that Captain Stephen Betts helped to organize in New Canaan was to film the last scene of the video, posing near the Captain’s gravestone and near the cemetery’s cross shaped sign. The church rector contacted us to say that a search of church archives had determined that Captain Stephen Betts owned a slave, Jesse Betts. In fact, Jesse’s gravestone is two down the same row as the Captain’s in the same cemetery, and we are including fully researched information about Jesse in the film. Census records were a great help in following Jesse’s life with the Betts family.

Six related monuments were erected by two local DAR chapters, the Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter in New Canaan and the Norwalk DAR Chapter in Norwalk. The video will end with still shots of these monuments. The local historical society, the local news channel, the state DAR society, the church that the Captain helped to organize, our chapter and many area residents are all waiting for this video to be completed with plans to air it at events during the spring of 2021—the excitement and interest is palpable.

We believe that you will find that your fledging cinematography efforts pay off in educating and generating enthusiasm about your Patriot among a new generation. Let’s not let this vital information get lost to history once more.
News from Division Vice Chairs, States and Chapters

Send your ideas and success stories to us — we’ll share them!

East Central Division: IN, KY, MI, OH, WV

Cynthia Ross Kettler, DVC

As the leaves fall in Ohio and we get closer to the holidays, I am reminded of holidays past with my parents, grandparents, and sister. Those are warm and cozy memories of times long gone. Now my children are grown with children of their own and making the same types of memories.

I often wonder how our forefathers looked upon their predecessors and viewed how their children and grandchildren would celebrate holidays and how they would be remembered by them.

Some of us have a lot of information on our Revolutionary War Patriots; some only have what is found in the DAR’s GRS. The books that are available to us and the online discovery of our Patriots is a fascinating journey. Many of us have used these last 6 months of quarantine to expand our cyber skills and investigate our forefathers.

As I’ve received the stories for the Patriot Post from the chapter members, I am in awe of the stories that are coming forth from the descendants of our Patriots. More than just facts, some have put their story telling talents to work.

I encourage everyone to take the time and share your Patriot’s story with the rest of the Daughters. Get your chapter involved. Make it a project to collect a “Patriot Page” for each of your chapter member’s Patriots. This is the one thing that we can do virtually when we are not meeting in person.

Wouldn’t a great story about your Patriots be a wonderful gift for your children or grandchildren or great-grandchildren!!

Eastern Division: DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA, UO

Bernadette Kucharczuk, DVC

The Eastern Division Daughters may have been greatly impacted by the pandemic, but with true revolutionary spirit they are “Rising and Shining” with creative ways to continue honoring our Patriots as we approach the semiquincentennial celebration.

The beautiful fall weather saw grave headstone cleaning and Patriot grave marker placement as activities of choice in Delaware and Virginia as this outdoor activity could easily be done with social distancing. DC Daughters developed a walking tour of Revolutionary statues in the District—more inside this issue, and I am looking forward to taking the tour when I am in DC for Congress in 2021!

We continue to rethink and reinvent ways to continue our mission. Time at home is time Daughters are spending researching Patriots and participating the in Patriot Records project. Daughters from New Jersey and Delaware have been assisting veterans and emergency workers providing masks, meals, and mentoring so those less tech savvy are able to connect with friends and loved ones.

We are all looking forward to God’s providence and grace in the new year!
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Southeast Division: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN

Colleen Spears, DVC

November isn’t the only month to be thankful. Chapters in the Southeast work to show their appreciation for Our Patriots throughout the year. For example, Alabama’s Twickenham Town Chapter posted a “thank you” sign at the Veterans Memorial Park for Constitution Day.

- Have you thanked a veteran Patriot recently? Georgia’s Philadelphia Winn Chapter continued to share information about their Patriot, Button Gwinnett.
- Does your chapter have a favorite Patriot? Mississippi’s Duchess de Chaumont Chapter continues to spread their Patriot’s stories. The latest Patriot highlighted is Oliver Pollock. He is credited with creating the dollar sign symbol.
- What tidbit could you share about a Patriot that would interest your local community? North Carolina’s Ruth Davidson Chapter worked with the local SAR to place Betsy Ross flags on the graves of over 42 Patriots’ graves in Buncombe County.
- Has your chapter placed a flag or wreath on a Patriot’s grave this year? Tennessee’s Bonny Kate Chapter celebrated John Sevier’s 275th birthday at the Sevier Days. Do you have a Patriot’s birthday approaching that you could celebrate?

Since you’ve answered these questions, you may have a new idea for your chapter to promote a Patriot. What could you suggest within your chapter to support Our Patriots? You may say, “I can’t do it alone.” Maybe that’s true, but maybe not. Read about North Carolina’s Chani Pearson in this issue. She found a new way to create a point of contact with the public centering on Our Patriots. Be like Chani!

Be thankful. Be informative. Remember. Create. Celebrate!

North Central Division: IL, IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI

Denese Wilson, DVC

Some of our daughters have created webpages and/or links to social media to highlight Patriot Stories which remember and honor the Patriot’s contributions (Military, Civil, and Patriotic). The Wisconsin chair serves on the committee for a Patriot Memorial Garden at the site of the historic Fort Winnebago Surgeon’s Quarters owned by the society at Portage, Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Chapter members are in process of identifying their female Patriots, with a total of ten complete. Each of the women Patriots was featured on the state DAR Facebook page. An SAR-DAR luncheon is planned for February during which the forty Patriots whose Wisconsin graves have been marked will be honored and Patriot information updated according to the DAR GRS and pension records. As our WI chair said, “I am totally fascinated by these Patriots. I love reading their pension applications where they are actually speaking to you.”

Fall Workshops both in person and others are expected on Zoom. WI members offer weekly open meetings via Zoom. Iowa conducted a couple of Zoom work session meetings. SD offered weekly genealogy training specific to proving service and developing new Patriots of both genders.

The Iowa State Society fall newsletter contained a nice Patriot Story and committee submission with suggestions regarding Chapter participation.

South Dakota is working toward a plaque at the state capital to honor Revolutionary War veterans, and our North Dakota Chair reports chapters recognizing essential employees with gift packages and thanking them for their extra efforts during this historic pandemic.
In the Vol. II, January 2020, Patriot Post, we told you about the Washington State Society project to honor the Patriot of our Organizing Regent Harriett Palmer Crabbe. Her Patriot, Isaac Palmer and his wife, Ann, were found in the middle of a pasture where cows could graze over them. We have a tree in his honor at the Pathway of the Patriots.

After nearly two years, and many winding trails, (literally), we have accomplished our goal. We located two descendants of Isaac, Susan Ivey, of the Ponce de Leon Chapter in FL, and Mary Clark, of the Mountain Rendezvous Chapter in CO, who gave permission for the moving of the graves. We worked with the local funeral home and Veterans cemetery. The funeral home worked through the legal aspects and got all the proper permits. The director of the Kentucky West Veterans Cemetery Richard Stanley was our staunch defender and advocate. He went all the way up the line to the National Historian of the Veterans Administration to get permission to allow us to put Isaac and Ann there, as normally it is only for soldiers from WWI and later.

Isaac and Ann were married for 78 years and attended the Salem Baptist Church in Pembroke for nearly their entire lives. Dianne King paved the way for us to get permission from the church and National approved the paperwork for a historical marker to be placed at the church, which is less than a mile from where the Palmers were originally buried.

The dedication ceremony has been delayed twice now, but a final date, March 19 at 2 p.m. (no matter what!), will see the WSSDAR, the Col John Green Chapter, the Steven Twigg Chapter SAR, descendant Susie Ivey and her family and possibly Mary Clark and others joining at the Western Kentucky VA Cemetery to pay homage and honor the service of Revolutionary War Soldier Isaac Palmer and his wife, Ann.

A good portion of the cost of this project was raised by writing, publishing, and selling a book that includes the stories of over 500 of the WSSDAR members’ Patriots.
Tennessee State Society

Tennessee Daughters recently commemorated the anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain and the 275th birthday of Patriot John Sevier. Sevier was a Revolutionary leader and hero at the battle, which Thomas Jefferson called “the turn of the tide of success” of the war.

Pictured at left, State Regent Cecile Wimberly brings greetings and presents the TSDAR wreath at the Gathering at Sycamore Shoals in Elizabethton. This annual event is held at the mustering site for the Overmountain Men who fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780. Many TSDAR and T.S.C.A.R. members attended the TSSAR ceremony.

Pictured right: The Bonny Kate Chapter in Knoxville held a wreath laying in honor of Sevier’s birthday at his grave at the Old Knox County Courthouse. Sevier was born on September 23, 1745, and served as Tennessee’s first Governor as well as a U.S. Congressman. The Bonny Kate Chapter is named for Sevier’s second wife, Catherine “Bonny Kate” Sherill.

Pictured below: Members of the Cavett Station Chapter, Clinch Bend Chapter, and the James White Society C.A.R. visited Marble Springs State Historic Site, the last home of John Sevier, in Knoxville for the annual Sevier Days event in September. Cavett Station Chapter donated the book John Sevier: Tennessee’s First Hero by Gordon T. Belt to the DAR Library to commemorate Sevier’s birthday.
At the founding of the Avery Trace Chapter, Harriman, Tennessee; a dream was spoken. A dream of erecting a monument to the Revolutionary War Patriots who came to call Roane County home. This dream became a reality in 2019. Year after year the chapter moved the $500 line item over to the next year hoping that would be the year.

In 2018 several members decided this was the year. A member discovered and applied for a grant from the CNS Y-12 Community Investment Fund. This grant gave the chapter the funding to purchase and place the monument. Yet this was not solely a chapter project. The County Historian, Robert Bailey, assisted in the research of the 204 Revolutionary War Soldiers who moved to Roane County. The Roane County Heritage Commission gave permission to place the monument and facilitated the preparation of the ground. Even the City of Kingston Works Department came to the rescue with the machinery to lift the monument from the trailer to the foundation. This was truly a community project.

The granite monument is placed on the lawn of the Roane County Heritage Center, on the grounds of the Historic Roane County Courthouse. This location was not by chance.

The Historic Roane County Courthouse is one of seven antebellum courthouses remaining in Tennessee. This is where Revolutionary soldiers and/or their widows applied for pensions from miles around. The placing of this monument on this property perpetuates the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence. It aids in protecting the historical value of the location and encourages historical research in relation to the Revolution.

This location is on a main thoroughfare, viewable from the street and has received many visitors. The marker is opposite an obelisk commemorating Kingston as the State Capital of Tennessee for a day. These two granite monuments stand as testament to the contributions of Roane County citizens in our State and Nation. They are a reminder that citizens from a small town can make a difference in our nation.

The dedication was held on December 7, 2019. The 204 Patriot names were called followed by a 21-gun Military salute by the Roane County Honor Guard. Bringing recognition to Roane County’s little known significance in the quest for America’s independence. May their memories live on and may we continue to strive to the ideals written on the marker:

“Dedicated to the memory of those men and women who fought in the Revolutionary War with courage, faith and sacrifice, who came to this country and contributed these same attributes toward the character of the people of Roane County Tennessee"
Spotlighting North Carolina’s Chani Pearson

Chani Pearson is juggling a five-year-old doing remote kindergarten, a time-consuming job, and her passion for the Smith-Bryan chapter in Smithfield, NC. She is forever trying to get the ladies interested in every facet of DAR. Once she adopted a cabin at Crossnore School to get Smith Bryan to be more involved with all the DAR Schools. As chairman of their America 250! Committee Chani’s latest project is honoring members’ Patriots and to that aim, she is doing podcasts.

More and more people listen to podcasts as a form of entertainment as much as seeking information. She looked at different sites that host podcasts and realized there were not many about American history and even less on the Revolutionary War period. Podcasts about North Carolina history were practically non-existent.

Her podcast, named "Little Known Patriot", is a 12-episode series about Patriots from the Smith-Bryan Chapter. A famous or well-known Patriot from that period is mentioned, followed by other Chapter Patriots. Each episode is roughly between 9 to 10 minutes long. Chani has taken 431 downloads of Patriots so far and will have ample Patriots to honor in her second podcast. The episodes include:

1. Private John McKoy
2. The Declaration and Sacrifices
3. “American Independence” and Col. William Bryan
4. The British are coming to Averasboro
5. One Family of Patriots
6. DePriest of Cherry Mountain
7. The Unspoken Bravery of the Rhode Islanders
8. The Everyday Soldier
9. Remember the Ladies of the Revolution
10. The Revolution of the Sea
11. The Road to Freedom PART 1
12. The Road to Freedom PART 2

The last two episodes were brief timelines mentioning all 13 states where little-known Patriots did various things throughout the war. The podcast is streaming on iTunes, Podbean, and iHeartradio. We can’t wait until Chani finishes her next podcast!

The Regent of the Ruth Davidson chapter in Asheville drove with the President of the SAR throughout Buncombe County to place Betsy Ross flags on the graves of over 42 Revolutionary War Soldiers' graves on July 2nd.

Rachel Caldwell Chapter’s Bette Franken completed checking all chapter members’ Patriots and placing icons in “Find A Grave.” Over 250 members of DAR, SAR, and C.A.R. across the state attended the virtual Celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain and remotely placed 170 wreaths.
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New York State Society

Garnering press for our Patriots is a fabulous thing. The Cather Schuyler Chapter of Allegheny County, New York, and the Ketewamoke Chapter of Huntington, New York, have taken on creative ways of utilizing press coverage to shine a light on our Revolutionary War Patriots, while also creating public awareness of DAR.

The Catherine Schuyler Chapter has had great success with its monthly column titled “Our Patriots,” appearing in their county newspaper, Patriot and Free Press. Each month they choose a variety of ways to highlight American Revolutionary Patriots. They have featured their chapter’s namesake; two chapter members who had known each other for over 30 years discover through DAR that they share the same Patriot in their lineage and a Patriot who was buried locally.

The Ketewamoke Chapter uses Patch, an online news platform that allows neighbors to contribute articles. Chapter Regent, Sarah O’Connor’s post from August 3, 2020, invokes the spirit of patriotism by suggesting with the nation’s approach to the 250th Anniversary, we look to our roots. “With modern technology, it has become easier than ever to research your family history and celebrate the role that your ancestors played in the founding of our nation.” The article highlights the wide range of Patriots who “varied in race and economic background as they were in service. Black, White, Native American, French, Spanish or Jewish, Patriots came from all walks of life.”

If you are a woman, 18 or older, one of the best ways to honor your heritage is to join a service organization, like the Daughters of the American Revolution, whose mission includes promoting historic preservation. One benefit of pursuing membership in an organization like the DAR is that they have skilled volunteers who can assist with the research and documentation needed to prove your line to a patriot. Once your line is verified, you will be part of an ever-growing group of women who honor their patriot ancestors through meaningful community service. Just last year, DAR members volunteered millions of hours, supporting education, veterans/military and historic preservation projects. And Ester Damon, that last surviving widow of the Revolution, joined the DAR herself in 1940, just two years before her death. Her patriot, William Thompson, was her maternal grandfather. To search the DAR’s database for your own ancestors, visit www.dar.org.

The Ketewamoke Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution in Huntington is one of the fastest-growing DAR chapters in New York. One hundred thirty-five members strong, the chapter participates in numerous community service projects, including cleaning and caring for the Revolutionary War era graves in Huntington’s Old Burying Hill Cemetery.
News from Division Vice Chairs, States and Chapters

New York State Society

Submitted by: Kari K. Weis, NY State America 250! Chair

New York daughters have come up with creative ways to promote our Patriots during this time of being under quarantine and social distancing. Michelle Wherry, the New York State Chair of American History and the Chapter Librarian for Increase Carpenter, of Queens, New York, has used this time to launch a podcast titled "Pearls and Patriots: New York." Gathering stories from New York Daughters about their American Revolutionary Patriots, Michelle dedicates this podcast to her late sister Dr. Olivia Cousins, who said, "Be A Voice For The Voiceless." NSDAR President General and native New Yorker, Denise Doring VanBuren, was her first guest. Michelle says, "Mrs. VanBuren's charm and effortless conversational ability certainly helped ease this first-time podcaster. I believe the listeners will enjoy getting to know Mrs. VanBuren just a little bit more." Please tune in here to listen and enjoy the episodes.

Each week there will be a new episode, and this podcast can be heard on the following streaming platforms:

- Google Podcasts
- Anchor
- Spotify
- Breaker
- PocketCasts
- RadioPublic

Michelle hopes Pearls and Patriots: New York becomes a template for others to create a podcast for their state. Please contact Michelle at tymawr.mw@gmail.com or 304-615-1124 if you are interested in developing a podcast for your state.

The North Riding Chapter of Manhasset, New York, started their fall event with a "Garden of Patriots." The event was a surprise for chapter members, and every member's ancestor was featured on a card. Daughters enjoyed hunting for the Patriots and helped others find their ancestors.

Attendees, including a C.A.R. member, then shared necessary information about their ancestors' life and service. Some members regaled the gathering with detailed and lively stories of their Patriot's life.

It was an excellent opportunity for everyone to participate in the program. Members were given the cards to bring home, a lovely reminder of this day.
On Gold Star Mother’s Day it was an honor to attend the Gold Star Families Memorial Wreath Laying and site dedication for the Mid-Missouri Gold Star Families monument to be built for the August 10, 2021 Jefferson City Bicentennial Celebration. With Jane Randolph Jefferson Chapter America 250! Chair Penny Gottschalk, we had fortuitous meetings with some wonderful people.

We met the loveliest couple from Amarillo, Texas, Irma Heras and Retired Navy CPO Eloy Heras, who were just visiting the grounds and photographing the capitol on their way home to Texas from a Michigan visit with a shipmate. They were unaware that a ceremony was scheduled but opted to attend as CPO Heras was a co-founder of Volleys for Veterans Honor Guard and travels with his bugle. His group plays taps for soldier services, introductions were made, the local honor guard then asked CPO Heras to play taps at the service. I called the meeting a ‘God wink’ – putting the right people in the right place at the right time.

With our DAR shirts and name tags, a lovely couple, John and Henryetta Cave began a conversation about a Revolutionary War Patriot that was buried on a farm in Callaway County, they shared a family name, Boyd, but this man was no relation. Mr. Cave said years ago he had been in Fulton and was given the task of placing a plaque shipped from St. Louis to Fulton. He placed the plaque on a concrete pad and always wondered about the soldier who was buried there. We look forward to answering this question and visiting the cemetery with the Caves.

**Quiz time!**

Who sits on the capitol building in Jefferson City, MO? As we visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cave, she said that her father, Thomas Nelson Rice, had worked at the capitol and with his crew was tasked with getting Ceres, the Goddess of Agriculture, placed atop the capitol dome. With the aid of his Model T Ford and a rope, he and the crew got the statue to the dome. It was polished and remained there until 2019 when it was taken down to be refurbished during the capitol cleaning that is just winding down.
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Iowa State Society

Submitted by: Nancy Geiger, IA State America 250! Co-Chair and
Beth Iseminger, IA State America 250! Co-Chair

The public ISDAR website will soon have new webpage housing Patriot Stories! The link Stories of our Patriot Ancestors will be a repository of the experiences of our forebears. These Patriots acted to create and found our country! These Patriot Stories seek to remember and honor the Patriots’ contributions (military, civil or patriotic).

The Iowa America 250! Committee encourages Iowa Daughters to share the efforts of their Patriots. In this manner we can let others know what it took to affect the Revolution and start a new country. The committee has a goal of 250 posted stories by the end of the Suter administration.

There are Patriot Stories Submission Guidelines which inform the writer their Patriot must meet current NSDAR service standards and the basic format for their submitted story.

Georgia State Society

Submitted by: Lydia Rainey McGill, GA State America 250! Chair

Upon learning of the development of the DAR Pathway of Patriots tree planting project along the Schuylkill River Trail in Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Winn Chapter, in Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia, decided to participate. Chapter Regent Ann Story led the Philadelphia Winn Chapter in this remarkable endeavor. Chapter members donated $1.00, $5.00, $10.00 and more to raise the $3,000.00 for the tree, which includes planting, lighting, landscaping and three years of horticulture care. It is amazing how small donations mount up and all members of the chapter can be involved. Donations were collected within a short time.

The tree was planted in honor of Revolutionary Patriot Button Gwinnett, the county’s namesake. Button Gwinnett had a remarkable role in the development of our country, state and county. He was born in 1735 in Down Hatherley, England. After coming to America, he purchased land and settled in Georgia. Married to Ann Bourne, they had three children, all female. Two of the children died early and the third had no children. He was involved in Revolutionary War-era politics; was elected as a representative of Georgia to the Continental Congress; and was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Gwinnett was also, briefly, the provisional president of Georgia in 1777, and was involved in drafting the Georgia State Constitution. Lachian McIntosh was his political adversary, who challenged him to a duel in 1777. They met near Savannah on May 16 of that year for the duel and both were injured. McIntosh survived his injury, but Gwinnett survived for three days and then died on May 19 at the age of 42. He is buried in Colonial Park Cemetery in Savannah.

Button Gwinnett was a true Revolutionary War Patriot and the Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia, honors him and shares his Patriot story by donating the planting of tree on the Pathway of Patriots.
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Georgia State Society

Submitted by: Lydia Rainey McGill, GA State America 250! Chair

Fort Daniel Frontier Faire

The Philadelphia Winn Chapter in Lawrenceville, GA, joined with the Elisha Winn Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) to host the Benjamin Fitzpatrick, George Walton, Sukey Hart, and William Daniel C.A.R. Societies at the Fort Daniel Frontier Faire. These societies share a common vision of honoring their patriots, and did so at this unique Frontier Fair by gaining an understanding of life in Colonial times and experiencing typical daily activities.

Fort Daniel, which is located in present day Buford, Georgia, was completed in 1813 to protect the settlers from the Indians aroused by the British during the War of 1812. The fort disappeared over time, but in 2009, archaeologists and descendants of the militiamen who manned the fort formed a foundation to excavate, research and preserve the site. Today, the site allows the members of the foundation to help teach the value of our cultural heritage, train and mentor archaeology students, provide public archaeology opportunities, maintain a field laboratory where artifacts are processed and conserved, and provide a field museum where artifacts and interpretive displays are on exhibit for the public.

The Fort Daniel Foundation, along with members from the Philadelphia Winn Chapter DAR and the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR, assisted the Elisha Winn Society C.A.R. members in developing 12 FUN interactive historical experience stations known as the “Patriot Quest.” These stations supported the National Society C.A.R.’s program objectives of American Heritage, American History, American Indians and Conservation as well as Gwinnett County’s Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum, which meets the state of Georgia’s Standard of Excellence in education for grades K-12.

C.A.R. members, as well as students from Gwinnett County, enjoyed learning about the three sisters, squirrel grilling, butter churning, quill writing, colonial gardening, musket drilling, black smithing, flag etiquette, Native American living through trail walks, 18th vs. 21st century meals for soldiers, digging in the dirt for artifacts, and more.

This was a FUN day for Team C.A.R., DAR and SAR!
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District of Columbia State Society

Submitted by: Annie John, DC State America 250! Chair

The District of Columbia continues to celebrate America and prepare for her birthday! DC State Vice Chair Rachel Norman designed a program and walking tour around the American Revolution Statuary. The American Revolution Statuary is a group of fourteen statues in Washington, D.C. listed with the National Register of Historic Places. We are happy to share this presentation for all to enjoy during their visits to the District!

Alabama State Society

Submitted by: Connie Grund, AL State America 250! Chair

The Twickenham Town Chapter created a public Constitution Week display at the Veterans Memorial Park in Huntsville, AL, at the site of their plaque and monument. The plaque, attached to a large boulder, was dedicated in 1939 by the chapter and is in honor of the 84 known Revolutionary War Patriots that moved to Madison County, AL. The sign thanks the Revolutionary War Patriots for their service to our country which helped make the United States Constitution a reality, and it gives the dates of Constitution Week. Chapter members, Ann Coffey and Penny Sumners, AL State Constitution Week Chair, decorated the monument site with patriotic ribbons and flags and joined in the Constitution Day bell ringing. They, along with chapter regent Sue Shaver, and other chapter members, also cleaned up two local cemeteries where Patriots are buried. The Patriots are Henry Harless in the Bellview Cemetery and Francis Eppes Harris and Henry Harris in The Harris Family Cemetery.
The Color Country Chapter in St. George, Utah recently partnered with Jeffery J. McKenna to promote his book *Saving Dr. Warren... “A True Patriot.”* In an effort to engage young people in the history of America, Jeffery McKenna has written this book about Dr. Joseph Warren, a true hero of the American Revolution. "While writing this book my main focus was to entertain young readers while helping educators share America's history in a way that impacts their students and helps History come alive."

In *Saving Dr. Warren..."A True Patriot,"* Steve O'Dell, a modern eighth-grader, learns what patriotism means as he races through history trying to save one of America's most forgotten heroes. His story begins just weeks after 9/11 as he bluffs his way into winning a patriotic essay contest. His essay triggers a string of events that result in Steve experiencing some of America's most defining moments. From the bloody cobblestones of March 5th, to dodging British musket balls on a hill outside Boston, Steve learns firsthand what it means to love one's country and the importance of remembering the sacrifices made on its behalf. He even uncovers his own family’s patriotic past on the shores of Okinawa, Japan. Amidst all this Steve is also learning a little about young love as he tries to convince his friend Grace to believe the wild time traveling stories he shares with her. Steve’s tale captivates the reader, pulls at their heart strings, and gives them an incredibly informative history lesson without them ever realizing it!

*Saving Dr. Warren... “A True Patriot”* does a wonderful job of adding new information to material previously familiar to the reader. While many Americans could tell you who Paul Revere was, and what he did for America, the same could not be said about Revere’s best friend and mentor, Dr. Joseph Warren. Few Americans are aware that Dr. Warren orchestrated and sent Paul Revere on the ride that commenced the Revolutionary War. Author Jeffery J. McKenna masterfully tells Dr. Warren’s story, while at the same time weaving in fun facts and forgotten details of America’s past. Most importantly, after finishing the novel, *Saving Dr. Warren... “A True Patriot”* the reader can’t help but have a deeper knowledge and love for America and her heroes.

Mr. McKenna’s objective is to inspire others to educate young people about Our Patriots and their stories. In addition to writing this book, through the non-profit organization Help Patriotism Prevail, he is offering free classroom lesson plans covering topics about Unrest in the Colonies, the Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party, Battles of Lexington and Concord, and the Battle of Bunker Hill. Anyone interested in purchasing the book or classroom lesson plans can contact the author at [www.jefferyjmckenna.com](http://www.jefferyjmckenna.com).
The Captain Molly Corbin doll was the idea of American Heritage Chair Prairie Counce. Chapter Regent and Texas State America 250! Chair Jean deSchweinitz suggested the doll could be auctioned to raise money for the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter. Honorary Regent Jane Doclar proposed the doll be a chapter mascot, which seemed to be a more popular purpose for the doll.

Prairie Counce and Dr. Dee Rollins, Co-Chair of the American Heritage Committee and Chapter Chair of America 250! began searching for a suitable doll. The doll needed to be an older-looking doll as Captain Molly Corbin would have been in her 20s during the American Revolution. First Vice Regent Deanna Trussell found a suitable 12-inch doll and donated it to the committee.

The doll needed a totally different outfit to look like Captain Molly Corbin. Member Bonnie Kurtz was the perfect match for the challenge with her home economics major and excellent sewing skills. Dr. Dee Rollins conducted research on clothing worn by revolutionary-era women and passed the information to Bonnie.

Bonnie hosted a doll-dressing meeting at her house where materials were selected from Bonnie’s fabric collection for Molly’s outfit. A patriotic red, white and blue jacket and matching navy petticoat (skirts were called petticoats), with a linen shift, i.e. slip, were decided for the outfit. This was perfect, as Bonnie loves to recycle her fabrics. In a few weeks, the doll resembled sketches of Captain Molly Corbin.

Bonnie made the shift with a drawstring neckline and modest lace trim hem which was fitting for the time. To mimic buttons, Bonnie placed tiny gold French knots down the side panels of Molly’s jacket. The revolution era women wore hats or caps. Captain Molly Corbin was known to wear a mob-cap to keep dust and dirt out of the hair, since hair during that time was rarely washed. Molly would also have worn a tiny white kerchief neck-tie which had several helpful purposes, not unlike a wet-wipe today.

A wooden cannon (with a ram rod and sponge rods for cleaning the cannon) was built by Dr. Dee Rollins’ husband, Mr. John Rollins, to accompany the Captain Molly Corbin doll. Margaret (Molly) Corbin became Captain Molly Corbin because of her swift replacement of her husband’s position at the cannon on the Field Artillery Crew immediately upon his death during the Battle at Fort Washington in November 1776. Molly’s husband, John Corbin’s regiment was positioned on Tyron Ridge as the revolutionary soldiers tried to defend Fort Washington from Hessian advancement.

The Captain Molly Corbin doll’s first outing with her cannon after she was properly dressed was to the Grapevine Library Genealogy Research Section where she was placed in a Chapter exhibit honoring Constitution Week.

The Captain Molly Corbin doll was formally presented to the Chapter at the November 2019 Luncheon Centennial Commemoration of the 19th Amendment. As a possession of the Captain Molly Corbin DAR Chapter, the doll and her cannon will be cared for by the Chapter Curator.
Great Ideas for Honoring Our Patriots

America 250! Patriot Marker with other Capitol War Memorials
Submitted by Madeline McElroy, SD State Junior Membership Chair

With America’s Semiquincentennial coming up in 2026, the America 250! Committee has been hard at work inspiring members to honor Our Patriots. One of the many projects that the National Society has set as a goal is placing a DAR America 250! Patriots Marker in every state. For South Dakota, it’s been decided that we will place a marker near the Capitol Building in Pierre on Capitol Lake. This spot houses war memorials for nearly every other war fought for by Americans, except for the Revolutionary War. With this mounted plaque, we will be able to change that.

Work began on this project right after Continental Congress had finished up, where after many phone calls, we tracked down the person in charge of special events around the Capitol Building. She’s been a great help in keeping this project moving along, including helping to make a proposal to the Capitol Complex Restoration and Beautification Council.

On August 21, we met with the council over the phone and got our plaque idea and location approved unanimously. As soon as we mentioned Daughters of the American Revolution, they immediately recognized our name from other projects around the capitol area and even knew to refer to it as the DAR. That is pretty spectacular!

The next step is getting all the paperwork together to send to the Historian General to get it approved on the DAR side of things. Now, we are waiting on a written statement authorizing the installation of the marker from the property owner/custodian of land where the $4800 marker is being placed.

The goal is to have the post and cap mounted bronze plaque placed around this time next year. The Board of Management may have a ceremony on the 245th anniversary of America, which would kick off the Semiquincentennial. We look forward to working with our America 250! Chair Denese Wilson and State Regent Robin Fansler to recognize our Patriots right here in South Dakota!

AMERICA 250! PATRIOTS MARKER

States, chapters and clubs are encouraged to purchase and erect the standardized markers, which will be customized with the name of the sponsoring organization.

The markers must be purchased through the DAR-approved vendor that has been chosen to create the plaques (information will be provided to successful applicants). The markers are available either as a 30" by 30" post and cap mounted bronze plaque ($4,800) or a 24" by 24" bronze plaque ($2,400) for mounting on walls or stone.

DAR America 250! Patriots Marker form.
Great Ideas for Honoring Our Patriots

District of Columbia Promotes Our Patriots, Socially

Submitted by Annie John, DC State Chair, America 250!

District of Columbia State Vice Chair Lenna Wilson regularly promotes historic events in Revolutionary War history on social media.

The Eleanor Wilson Chapter's America 250! Committee began this summer writing a brief biography of each member’s Patriot ancestor. One is published each month in the Chapter Newsletter. The Patriot ancestor stories are shared on the national America 250! Facebook page. Over time, the committee hopes to illuminate and give context to the service of a Revolutionary War Patriot ancestor for all Chapter members.

The Emily Nelson Chapter Chairman Kelly Keegan designed a new Patriot Spotlight template for promoting our Patriots and generating interest in DAR!
Great Ideas for Honoring Our Patriots
Send your ideas and success stories to us — we’ll share them!

Spotsylvania Chapter (VA) Patriot Marker Project
Submitted by Vickey L. Baggott, Spotsylvania Chapter Chaplain, VA

The Spotsylvania Chapter, NSDAR, had great plans for 2020. We would have a Marker Dedication service for a local Patriot. A committee was formed, assignments were distributed, NSDAR approval was requested and received, online notifications were created and emailed, invitations were designed, and, for about 6 months, planning meetings were held in preparation for this major event.

Then, Covid-19 struck and plans changed. In the end, Donna McCague, Spotsylvania Chapter Historian and Marker Committee Chair, and her HODAR, Nat, installed the Revolutionary Soldier marker beside the grave of Austin Hancock while chapter member, Helen Sprouse looked on.

Theater Night: Life of Female Patriot Deborah Sampson
Submitted by Phebe Green Ward Chapter, RI

The Phebe Greene Ward Chapter of Westerly, Rhode Island recently hosted “Theatre Night” via “Zoom” featuring the “Revolution of Her Own!” the story of female Patriot Deborah Sampson. Chapters from Rhode Island, Connecticut and several other states enjoyed this hour long live solo performance regarding the life of one of our country’s most famous female patriots.

The actress, dressed in period attire, with a strong performance, portrayed Deborah’s life from being an indentured servant at age 5 to enlisting in the 4th Massachusetts Regiment of the Continental Army. Deborah bound her chest, tied back her hair, disguised herself as “Robert Shurlieff” and served over a year and a half before her identity was discovered.

At West Point, New York, she was assigned to Captain George Webb’s Company of Light Infantry. She was given the dangerous task of scouting neutral territory to assess British buildup of men and material in Manhattan, which General George Washington contemplated attacking. In June of 1782, Sampson and two sergeants led about 30 infantrymen on an expedition that ended with a confrontation with Tories. She led a raid on a Tory home that resulted in the capture of 15 men. At the siege of Yorktown she dug trenches, helped storm a British redoubt, and endured cannon fire.

Interesting fact: Deborah is both DAR and SAR!

This program was a great way to highlight the story one of our famous female patriots, as members and their families got a glimpse of her patriotic heroics from the comfort of their homes.

The program was produced by “History at Play” based in Boston. For more information on this program contact them at: www.HistoryAtPlay.com.
Charles Donnom Warrick  
#A010012  

Patriotic Service: Dragoon, General Pulaski’s Legion  
Residence: Baltimore Co, MD  
Born: 27 Jun 1761, Baltimore Co, MD  
Married: Jane  
Died: 13 Aug 1840, Saltlick Twp. Fayette Co, PA  
Proven Children: John, James, Sophia

Charles Donnom Warrick enlisted in the Continental Army in April 1777. Given the minimum age for enlistment at that time was sixteen years old, one might assume that he lied about his age or received his father’s permission to enlist (which brought the minimum age down to 15).

Charles spent the majority of his enlisted time as a dragoon under the command of General Casimir Pulaski. If you don’t have 18th century military classification at your fingertips, dragoons were a class of mounted infantry, and during the Revolution were typically enlisted for a total of three years.

Over the course of his three years, Charles fought up and down the Colonies. Some of his more notable engagements were at Germantown, Egg Harbor, and Minisink. Charles followed General Pulaski into battle at the Siege of Savannah, and while Charles was lucky enough to survive, General Pulaski did not.

At this point, Charles Warrick had nearly served the three years for which he had initially enlisted. However the war continued, and Charles was convinced to re-enlist under William Washington in the spring of 1780. Unfortunately, after only a few months under Washington’s command, the regiment was surprised at Monck’s Corner and Charles was taken as a prisoner of war and held on a prison ship in Charleston, SC, for thirteen months before he was transferred to a prison in Ireland.

Escaping as a prisoner of war is no easy feat, but that’s exactly what Charles Donnom Warrick did after nearly a year and a half of imprisonment. Five months after arriving in Ireland, he managed his escape, and after several years, finally returned to the land of his birth in 1785 where he received his official discharge from military duty.

After the war, Charles Warrick settled in Fayette Co, PA, with his wife Jane. Charles died 13 Aug 1840 at the age of 79.

Submitted by Callie Hansen, America 250! Chair Dolley Madison Chapter, DC

REMINDER: Chapters are cautioned to be certain that all information published about the Patriot and his/her family has been verified by the NSDAR Genealogy department and is not currently from a closed line. It is very important that the chapter registrar reviews and approves the content of the Patriot information before it is published by the chapter.

Whether submitting articles for the public, for chapter use, or for an article in this newsletter, be sure that all names, dates, and places are the same as found in the GRS. All Patriot data cited must be for a DAR proven Patriot, the Ancestor number must be included in the article, and names, dates and places must be cited as verified on the most recent application or supplemental. No articles will be published in the Patriot Post if they are not in compliance with these standards. DAR genealogical standards should be applied to all publications.

Under no circumstances shall DAR national member numbers or Genealogical Research System information be shared with the public. This is NSDAR proprietary information.
David Morgan

#A080346

Patriotic Service: Private, VA
Residence: Monongalia Co, VA
Born: 12 May 1721, Christiana, New Castle Co, DE
Died: 19 May 1813, Marion Co, VA
Proven Children: Sarah, James, Morgan, Zackquill, Stephen, Catherine, Evan

David Morgan “The Indian Fighter” was a notable soldier and frontiersman in what is now the state of West Virginia. David was the third child of Colonel Morgan and his wife Catherine Garrettson. He was 10 when the family moved to the Virginia wilderness.

He was a surveyor in the explorations of southwestern Virginia. He was appointed one of the commissioners to assist Col George Washington in 1746 to locate and establish the northern boundary of the Fairfax estate, which was to be the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania. This culminated in erecting an historical monument at the north branch of the Potomac, known as the Fairfax Stone. David also aided the commission named by the Governor of Virginia to survey the Mason-Dixon Line. Afterwards, he assisted Washington in surveying tracts of land on the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers, known to this day as “Washington Bottoms”

At the outbreak of Dunmore’s War, known as the French & Indian War, settlers were encouraged to build forts. He helped in building Prickett’s Fort on the east side of the Monongahela River in 1774, and also fought in Dunmore’s War. He served under Captain Charles Lewis and defended Fort Necessity in the French & Indian War; and served under General Braddock in the disastrous march on Fort Duquesne. Prickett’s Fort also provided protection for settlers in the early stages of the Revolutionary War.

David, who is noted in many accounts as a famous Indian fighter, had a particular encounter with two Indians to save two of his children, Sarah age 14 and Stephen age 16. He was ill, sleeping at Prickett’s Fort, and had a dream that Indians were raiding their home across the river. He awoke and ran to see two Indians ransacking his home while the children were working in the fields. His courage in the wilderness and his Indian encounters made him the famous Indian Fighter.

David served in the Revolutionary War under his son Lt Morgan Morgan, and Captain William Haymond. He also repaired guns. There are two historical markers commissioned by Fairmont and Marion County and the West Virginia Archives. A bridge is named for him in Fairmont, Marion County, WV.

David was responsible for surveying Pleasantville, VA in 1776 and established a ferry, a mail drop, a trading post, and salt works in the county. He and his wife are buried in the family cemetery in Marion Co, WV. David lived to be 92 years of age.

Submitted by Sharon Rae Singleton Snowden, Catherine Richards Chapter, OH
Christian Hershey

Patriotic Service: Private, PA
Born: 13 Dec 1757, York Co, PA
Died: 12 Oct 1854, Gettysburg, OH
Married: Elizabeth Hoke
Proven Children: John, Joseph

Christian Hershey served in the York Co. Pennsylvania Militia under Captain Thomas White.
Fort GreeneVille Chapter NSDAR held a dedication on October 24, 2016. A new grave marker was donated by Fort GreeneVille Chapter NSDAR and VFW Post 7262.

Submitted by
Debbie Nisonger, Our Patriots Comm. Chair
Fort GreenVille Chapter, OH

John Walker

# A119467

Patriotic Service: Private, VA
Residence: Botetourt Co, VA
Born: 5 Oct 1753, Augusta Co, VA
Married: Margaret Paul
Died: 2 Feb 1830, Roane Co, TN
Proven Children: John Blackburn, Nancy, Catherine and Elizabeth

John Walker first enlisted for the term of one year, 1775-1776, in the Botetourt Co. Militia, commanded by intrepid Captain Matthew Arbuckle, the first European to travel the length of the Great Kanawha Valley. With the beginning of the Revolutionary War in 1776, John Walker reenlisted, from 1777-1780, in Capt. Cadwallader Jones’ Co., Col. George Baylor’s 3rd Virginia Cavalry Regiment of Light Dragoons. Col. Baylor was George Washington’s first aide-de-camp and the 3rd Virginia Cavalry often escorted Martha Washington. John Walker served in New Jersey at the north of the Great Kanawha and was in both the Virginia Line and the Continental Line. He fought at the Battle of Monmouth and the Siege of Charleston, both under the overall command of Gen. George Washington, who had brought his Virginia Continentals from New Jersey in a forced 28-day march to help protect Charleston.

John Walker, a 2nd generation colonial, defended the land he knew as his own, his Irish father having received a land grant for colonial service. The Walker’s were early settlers of Old Augusta, Virginia Colony. John married Margaret Paul. Their proven children are Elizabeth, Nancy, Catharine, and John; others said to be children are Barbara, Audley, Jane, and Margaret.

John Walker died in 1830 and is buried in the Post Oak Springs Burial Ground in Roane Co., Tennessee.

Submitted by Richie Starnes Wright
Eleanor Wilson Chapter, DC
Benajah Stone

Patriotic Service: Lieutenant
Residence: New Milford, Litchfield Co, CT
Born: 28 Mar 1758, New Milford, Litchfield Co, CT
Married: Phoebe Hotchkiss circa 1779
Died: 29 January 1825, New Milford, Litchfield Co, CT
Proven Child: Lory

William Stone came to America in 1639 and signed the document for nonconforming “separatists” for self-government. He not only worked as a tailor and farmer, but also kept the first “ordinary” tavern in Guilford, Connecticut. He and his wife named their youngest son Benajah and five generations later, the fifth Benajah Stone was born on March 28, 1758, in New Milford, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

In 1775, when Massachusetts sent word to each of the colonies to take action, New Milford settlers responded by forming a “trainband.” In the early American colonies, a trainband was the most basic tactical unit. It could be six men, or it could be a more than a dozen in size. It might be only those under the age of thirty, or it could include men from the ages of sixteen all the way to sixty. This group represented a town’s security commitment, identifying men who would be available in case of a military threat. The units were not for combat, but to keep a watchful eye on the day-to-day lifestyle of each settlement. As the population grew, these companies became more organized, essentially doing the duty of a modern police force.

When war broke out, no colony was more fully prepared to act than Connecticut. In many communities, all male citizens who were fit for service were mustered into a common militia. By the summer of 1776, Connecticut had two militia regiments of foot soldiers and five light horse militia. The men carried their own muskets or hunting rifles with a knife or hatchet on their belts. Their uniform was their own homespun shirt and breeches.

But despite this preparation for combat, Connecticut would suffer no major battles except for raids on the coastal towns of Danbury and New London. New Milford, where Benajah Stone lived his entire life, was quite far inland and never experienced a battle with the British enemy. But Benajah Stone joined his neighbors in preparing to defend their homes. Members of the trainband forces elected their own officers, and Benajah was chosen to be a lieutenant serving with the 10th Company of the 13th Regiment.

Benajah Stone died on January 29, 1825, in New Milford, Litchfield County. He is buried in the Upper Meeryall Cemetery, next to his wife. Surprisingly, he did not name his son Benajah.
Bennett Thompson  
# A113872

Patriotic Service: Private, MD  
Residence: Frederick Co, MD  
Born: circa 1758 MD  
Married: Margaret X circa 1779  
Died: circa 1828, Morgan Co, VA  
Proven child: Thomas

Bennett Thompson was born in 1758 in Fredrick County, Maryland. He was seventeen years old when the Revolutionary War started. The Continental Army required the service of all seventeen-year-old males and wanted them quickly. Broadside posters were placed in each town to encourage all men between the ages of sixteen and forty-five to sign up. These broadsides were the most immediate form of written communication at the time and were printed quickly to spread the news and to deliver government and military announcements. Citizens could read them and gather to discuss their content. They set the precedent for open public debate and the free press in America.

The bold type ran as follows: “To all brave, Healthy, able bodied and well-disposed young men… who have the inclination to join the troops now raising under George Washington for the defense of the Liberties and independence of the United States against the hostile deigns for foreign enemies – TAKE NOTICE.” Down at the bottom in small print was the contract explaining the care that the army would provide and the pay to be earned by each enlistee. Privates received about $6.25 a month. Sometimes a town which had a shortage in their quota of enlistees would offer an additional bounty, which was a one-time payment of money or a grant of land upon enlistment.

Before the war, each colony had relied upon a militia made up of part-time citizen-soldiers for local defense. On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress decided to proceed with the establishment of the Continental Army. Men would enlist for a specified period of time, either for one year, three years, or until the end of the war. One of the big differences between the army and the militia was that the militia men could sign for much shorter period of times. It allowed them to return home and take care of their farms or businesses. The men who signed with the Continental Army had no such rights. They served their full enlistment time without interruption.

Bennett Thompson was aware of all this when he decided to became a defender of his country and enlisted with the Continental Army. The army had promised to supply a gun and to provide food, shelter and pay. The reality was that the men marched where they were told and on many nights, slept on the ground without any shelter. The rations were poor and on occasion, non-existent. When on the move, the typical soldier carried forty-five pounds of gear. When properly supplied, he carried his weapon, haversack, and knapsack, possibly supplemented by a bayonet, tin cup, bowl, spoon, cartridge box, canteen, or a blanket. Supply problems were constant and most of the time the men were forced to manage with whatever arms and equipment they could obtain. Over the course of the war, approximately 231,000 men served in the Continental Army, though never more than 48,000 at any one time and never more than 13,000 at any one place.

Bennett served as a private in the 2nd Maryland Regiment, which was organized in March 1776. Although there is no further detail about his service, he surely served under these conditions in his determination to support American independence.

Submitted by

Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter, OH
Austin Hancock was born on 05 October 1760 in Hanover County, Virginia. Austin was just a boy when trouble between Mother England and the colonies started and a singularly unique and novel idea began to spread throughout those colonies – the creation of a new nation to be governed, not by a ruler who reigned by “Divine right”, but rather by ordinary citizens elected by other ordinary citizens to serve for a period of time and then to be replaced by other ordinary citizens.

What a concept!

Austin was the personification of Thomas Paine’s "summer soldier and sunshine patriot". In May of 1779, at age 19, he laid aside his plow, shouldered his rifle, and marched off to Williamsburg to enlist in the Virginia Militia. Austin served only 2 months per year for the next 4 years for a total of 8 months of military service. He was a Private for his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd tours of duty but was promoted to 2nd Sergeant for his final two months of service which saw him at the Siege of Yorktown.

After the war, he returned home and, on 27 December 1781, Austin married Ann Nuckolls in Louisa County, Virginia, where he continued to reside until he died. Austin played many roles during his lifetime: son, husband, father, neighbor, churchgoer, farmer, and friend. But there is one additional role he played which was of great important to this fledgling nation – he was a Revolutionary War Patriot soldier.
November

**November 2 Birthday** - American frontiersman Daniel Boone (1734-1820) was born in Berks County, near Reading, Pennsylvania.

**November 10, 1775** - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.

**November 11 Birthday** - Abigail Adams (1744-1818) was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts. She was the wife of John Adams, the 2nd U.S. President.

**November 15, 1777** - The Articles of Confederation were adopted by the Continental Congress.

**November 25, 1783** - At the end of the Revolutionary War, the last British troops left New York City.

**November 30, 1782** - A provisional peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States heralding the end of America's War of Independence. The final treaty was signed in Paris on September 3, 1783. It declared the U.S. "...to be free, sovereign and independent states..." and that the British Crown "...relinquishes all claims to the government, propriety and territorial rights of the same, and every part thereof."

December

**December 3 Birthday** - American portrait painter Charles Stuart (1755-1828) was born near Narragansett, Rhode Island. Best known for his portraits of George Washington, James Madison, James Monroe, and Thomas Jefferson.

**December 12 Birthday** - American statesman John Jay (1745-1829) was born in New York City. He was a diplomat and the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He co-wrote (with Alexander Hamilton and James Madison) the Federalist Papers.

**December 16, 1773** - The Boston Tea Party occurred as colonial activists disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded British ships anchored in Boston Harbor and dumped 342 containers of expensive tea into the water.
December (cont.)

**December 17, 1777** - At Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, the Continental Army led by General George Washington settled in for the winter.

**December 17 Birthday** - Deborah Sampson (1760-1827) was born in Plympton, Massachusetts. During the Revolutionary War, she disguised herself as a man and enlisted in the Continental Army under the name Robert Shurtleff. Although she was wounded in battle, she was not discovered until a severe fever unmasked her identity. She was dismissed from the army in 1783. In later life, she lectured professionally on her wartime experiences.

**December 22, 1783** - Following a triumphant journey from New York to Annapolis, Maryland, George Washington, victorious Commander-in-Chief of the Army, appeared before Congress and voluntarily resigned his commission.

**December 24 Birthday** - American Patriot Benjamin Rush (1745-1813) was born on a plantation in Byberry, Pennsylvania. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, a doctor and humanitarian, whose writings on mental illness earned him the title "Father of Psychiatry." He also countered the prevailing notion that alcohol was generally good for people and was one of the first to describe alcoholism as a chronic disease.

**December 25, 1776** - George Washington took 2,400 of his men across the Delaware River. Washington then conducted a surprise raid on 1,500 British-Hessians (German mercenaries) at Trenton, New Jersey. The Hessians surrendered after an hour with nearly 1,000 taken prisoner by Washington who suffered only six wounded (including future president Lt. James Monroe). The victory provided a much needed boost to American morale.

**December 31, 1781** - The first bank in the U.S., the Bank of North America, received its charter from the Confederation Congress.

**January**

**January 1, 1776** - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

**January 1 Birthdays** - Paul Revere (1735-1818) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Best known for his ride on the night of April 18, 1775, warning Americans of British plans to raid Lexington and Concord.

Betsy Ross (1752-1836) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This seamstress is credited with helping to originate and sew the Stars and Stripes flag of America in 1776.
January (cont.)

January 3, 1777 - General George Washington defeated the British at Princeton and drove them back toward New Brunswick. Washington then established winter quarters at Morristown, New Jersey. During the long harsh winter, Washington's army shrank to about a thousand men as enlistments expired and deserters fled.

January 7, 1782 - The first U.S. commercial bank opened as the Bank of North America in Philadelphia.

January 10, 1776 - Common Sense, a fifty page pamphlet by Thomas Paine, was published. It sold over 500,000 copies in America and Europe, influencing, among others, the authors of the Declaration of Independence.

January 11 Birthday - Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804) was born in the British West Indies. He was a founder of the United States who favored a strong central government and co-authored the Federalist Papers, a series of essays in defense of the new Constitution. He was selected by George Washington to be the first Secretary of the Treasury. He died from a gunshot wound received during a duel with Aaron Burr.

January 12 Birthday - American statesman and Patriot John Hancock (1737-1793) was born in Braintree, Massachusetts. He was elected president of the Second Continental Congress in 1775, was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, and went on to become the first elected governor of Massachusetts.

January 17 Birthday - Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Considered the Elder Statesman of the American Revolution, he displayed multiple talents as a printer, author, publisher, philosopher, scientist, diplomat and philanthropist. He signed both the Declaration of Independence and the new U.S. Constitution.

January 21 Birthday - Ethan Allen (1738-1789) was born in Litchfield, Connecticut. He was a hero who led the small force that captured Fort Ticonderoga in New York without bloodshed in 1775. The fort contained much needed supplies and ammunition.

January 29 Birthday - Common Sense author Thomas Paine (1737-1809) was born in Thetford, England. He served in the Continental Army and observed the hardships of American troops fighting the world's most powerful army. He then published The Crisis series pamphlets which began by stating, "These are the times that try men's souls." He refused to accept the profits from his writings and wound up destitute after the Revolution.
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