



## ***New Horizons Course Capstone Project Ideas 2017-2018***

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The goal of the Capstone Project is for you to explore and try something new in DAR, while contributing to and supporting the work of DAR and your chapter. Unlike the New Members Course Independent Project, which can be an individual project, the New Horizons Course Capstone Project requires that you work with and lead others. Remember to publicize your project and your accomplishments!

For ideas on Capstone Projects explore the DAR Committee websites on the DAR Members' website. Familiarize yourself with the various committees and see if any pique your interest. Perhaps you already have some ideas for a project. Talk to your chapter regent and let her know what you are interested in doing. Perhaps she has a need for a chapter chairman for a committee that interests you or a project that you could undertake. All projects must be chapter supported and reviewed by the state coordinator, so the state coordinator can assist you with any additional resources needed. A summary and evaluation of your Capstone Project must be submitted with the course work. Make it fun!

### Capstone Project Ideas:

- American History Committee: If your chapter has never sponsored a school in the American History Contest, initiate it and host your essay winners at a chapter meeting or special event.
- Commemorative Events Committee: Organize a Welcome Home event for Vietnam Veterans in your area or organize another Commemorative Event in your community.
- Conservation Committee: Community Park Clean-up; "Growing a Sustainable Future" Chapter Contest; organize a community recycling day with a field trip to the local recycling center.
- Constitution Week Committee: Create a display or special event to honor and educate others about the Constitution.
- DAR Scholarships and DAR Good Citizens: Develop and work with your local High School to publicize the various DAR Scholarships and the DAR Good Citizens Essay Contest and host your essay winner or scholar applicants at a chapter meeting or other special event.
- DAR Service for Veterans Committee: At a VA Hospital Facility host a BINGO with the Veterans or a Valentine's Day or another Holiday Party; Collect needed items and distribute to veterans.
- Genealogical Records: Start a chapter initiative to collect and index unpublished records such as Family Bible records.
- Historic Preservation: Does your state have a Historic Property? Your state coordinator can assist you in contacting the appropriate person to see if there is a project for you to champion.
- Office of the Historian General: DAR Historical/Commemorative Marking; DAR Member or Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marking.
- The Flag of the United States of America: Hold a joint C.A.R. or Boy Scout or Girl Scout meeting and conduct a flag retirement ceremony.
- Volunteer Genealogists: Complete GEP I, II & III and host a community Genealogy workshop to promote your chapter and bring in potential prospective members.
- Historic Preservation: Locate and send your out-of-print chapter or state history books to a company to be digitized, and then work with your VIS committee to have them posted on your members' website. A suggested source: <http://www.blueleaf-book-scanning.com>
- VIS Committee: Create a chapter or state members' website.