One of the Most Elegant Venues in D.C.

Imagine dancing your wedding night away with your family and friends on a portico with intricately detailed columns and a breathtaking view of the Washington Monument. Imagine hosting a dinner where your guests arrive using a grand circular driveway and enter through a lavish marbled foyer. Imagine impressing clients by holding your corporate function in a sumptuous room with antique furnishings, crystal chandeliers, oriental carpets, and a balcony that overlooks prominent Washington landmarks.

Situated between the White House and the Washington Monument, across from the Ellipse, the DAR National Headquarters is an historic landmark with unique character and versatility. DAR Memorial Continental Hall and Constitution Hall are both on the National Register of Historic Places and reflect the opulence of the beaux-arts architectural style.

All the grandeur you expect for your special event is available at this ideal venue in the heart of our nation’s capital. Whatever the occasion, DAR National Headquarters provides the perfect Washington venue for your private event.

“Memorial Continental Hall is a remarkable setting for a wedding function in Washington, D.C.”

Sheila Glassford, mother of the groom

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Rental Information
Memorial Continental Hall’s Distinctive Decor

The O’Byrne Gallery

By far our most popular room, the gallery features barreled ceilings, a herringbone hardwood floor, and original rams-head sconces. The O’Byrne Gallery is most often used for large dinners and cocktail receptions, but has also been host to numerous wedding ceremonies, filmings, government press conferences, and corporate meetings.

Included with all room rentals is the Pennsylvania Foyer which serves as the grand entrance to Memorial Continental Hall. Guests enter from the striking circular driveway into this gilded beaux-arts foyer featuring marble busts lining the top of the room. The foyer works well as a registration area or for a standing cocktail reception before an event.

The O’Byrne Gallery

The Banquet Hall

This room features antique furniture, oriental rugs, and Czechoslovakian crystal chandeliers. A balcony is located just off the Banquet Hall and provides guests with breathtaking views of the Washington and Jefferson monuments.

The O’Byrne Gallery

The DAR Library

Located just off the Pennsylvania Foyer and O’Byrne Gallery, our library is also available for private events. This unique space was built as an ornate lecture hall and features theater boxes where musicians may perform. The library is an ideal space for cocktails before an event or a seated dinner.

The Connecticut Board Room

This intimate space, featuring gold-leaf moldings and crystal chandeliers, is the perfect place to host a small dinner or corporate meeting. This room overlooks the Ellipse, providing an amazing view of the National Christmas Tree and Menorah during the holidays.

The Portico

Our outdoor terrace area is located directly adjacent to the O’Byrne Gallery, and offers a magnificent view of the Washington Monument. One important feature of this space is the covered portico supported by spectacular ionic columns. This area can be used for cocktails, dinner, or dancing, even when the weather is less than perfect.

The Portico

“Our attendees truly enjoyed themselves and were still speaking of the beautiful venue and friendly staff for days after the event.”

Meredith Thoma, Manager of Meetings, National Apartment Association

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Whether filming primetime TV shows, commercials, documentaries, or movies, the interior and exterior of the DAR provide the perfect backdrop for a Washington scene.

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A unique feature of Memorial Continental Hall is the 32 Period Rooms maintained by the DAR Museum. Docent tours of these rooms can be provided for your private event.