

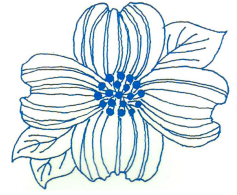


VIRGINIA DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

District VII NEWS AND NOTES

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Hello District VII Regents,

First, I want to apologize for not getting this issue of *News and Notes* sent to you sooner. As I write this I am in my hometown in Kansas. I have had to attend to some urgent family business and won't be back in Virginia for several more days. I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Nancy Christian Fleming Chapter. I hope other chapters will invite me to join them at some point in the future. I want to get to know more of you! I also encourage you to get together with other Regents for social occasions and to share information. Getting together with everyone in the District is not always easy but all Chapters have another regent or two in close proximity. Get together for coffee or a lunch and talk over any questions you might have. (Also, I am almost always available for a cup of coffee!)

CHAPTER PROFILE

District Directors have been asked to remind Chapter Regents to update their Chapter Profile information. Ensure the **Chapter Profile / Chapter Meetings Demographics Edit Screen** in eMembership are updated. The State Corresponding Secretary recently sent an email to all regents regarding this. If you had trouble finding your way to the appropriate screen on the NSDAR website, as I did, I have taken a screen shot of your "path". Sign into emembership. Pull down the "Reports" menu. Click on Chapter Reports. A rather long list will appear but the 7th item on that list is Chapter Profile. Just be sure all the information there is up to date. For example, Alleghany Chapter changed its meeting place a few years ago because of Covid. Some chapters may have changed their meeting time, etc.



Reports

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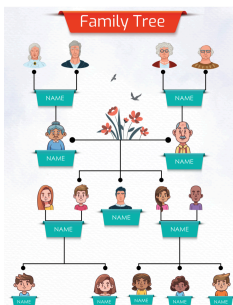
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Chapter Reports

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- Chapter List Export
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- **Chapter Profile**
- Count Reports (Snapshot)
- Count Trend Analysis
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CHAPTER BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES

The second item District Directors have been asked to emphasize with all Chapter Regents is **Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules**: Chapters are asked to review and update their Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules to align with current NSDAR policies and procedures. New rulings are passed at each National Board of Management meeting, and many policies have been updated. Some chapters have not revised their bylaws in several years, so this is an important task! If your Chapter's Bylaws and/or Standing Rules haven't been updated in a while, please review them. The Model Chapter Bylaws (OSG-3000), are available on the Organizing Secretary General's page and were updated May 2025. You can follow this link to reach the page. <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/OSG-3000.pdf>



APPLICATIONS/LINEAGE RESEARCH WORKSHOP - October 25 Next Week!

We are very, very fortunate to have the opportunity to have this workshop available in our District! Anna McLean, of Gen. James Breckinridge Chapter is the District VII Vice-Chair of the Virginia State Lineage Research Committee and she has organized an impressive list of presenters! Janice Poole, Virginia State Registrar will be one of the speakers and she will be joined by Janice Taylor of Roanoke Valley Chapter as well as LeAnn Turbyfil of Ft. Lewis, Chapter. **See the end of this newsletter for the "official" flyer with location, reservations, and other information.** You may also contact Janice Taylor for information at jrtaylor76@hotmail.com

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES! EMAIL THEM TO ME AND I'LL PUT THEM ON THE DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE. (klsf.DAR@gmail.com)

SERVICE TO VETERANS COMMITTEE: Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Advisory Committee:

I am very happy to announce that our District VII Vice-Director, Ricki McKinney, has been appointed Deputy Representative, Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Advisory Committee. This three year appointment is from NSDAR's national office and is a fitting recognition for all the service Ricki has given in the past, and is continuing to give, to the veteran's facilities in Salem. Congratulations, Ricki!



Be VISionary Campaign and Contest



On October 3 the VIS Committee of Virginia DAR announced a new contest to promote **participation in the DOC (Daughter Online Community)**. Under the Storage Administration, we are initiating the “Be VISionary Campaign and Contest” which aims to increase membership engagement and participation in the VIS Community on the Daughters Online Community. What is the Daughters Online Community (DOC)? The Daughters Online Community is a secure, DAR-only website where Daughters may interact with one another and share resources and ideas—similar to the way we have interacted in national committee Facebook groups in the past. Since the launch of the Daughters Online Community in February 2023, national committee Facebook groups have transitioned to this private online community, making it possible to be an engaged DAR member without having a Facebook profile. **The Virginia VIS team is looking for at least 2 members per chapter to join the VIS Community on the DOC by December 31, 2025. If your chapter already has members on the VIS DOC, look to find more members who would like to join!** Currently, only 13 Virginia chapters have 2 or more members in the VIS Community.

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR

Don't be late! There are less than 3 weeks for Juniors to enter the State Outstanding Junior Contest! Help them out by making sure they have copies of yearbooks to show leadership positions or find the minutes of a meeting to show they were a delegate at a State or National Meeting as well as the minutes of the meeting when she was elected OJ. Don't hesitate to reach out to me, Courtney C. Dozier, State Chair Junior Membership (CortiZmoDAR@gmail.com) or Lesley Frew, State Vice Chair - Junior Membership Contest, (LEH5M@virginia.edu) for help! **Applications are due no later than midnight on Halloween, October 31.**



Virginia DAR Cherry Blossom Challenge



I hope you didn't overlook the September 30th message from Kecia Brown, our Virginia State Organizing Secretary. She announced a dynamic initiative designed to strengthen and grow our chapters while fostering fun, engaging, and innovative meetings that inspire active participation! This challenge aligns with the President General's commitment to contribute \$2 million to the Cherry Tree Endowment for the Trust for the National Mall, celebrating our shared mission of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. Between September 30, 2025 and February 20, 2026, chapters are encouraged to complete the initiatives outlined in Ms Brown's letter. It would be wonderful if every chapter in District VII would become a Virginia DAR Cherry Blossom Chapter! Your chapter's membership numbers will be recorded starting September 30, 2025, to measure growth and engagement throughout the challenge. Once your chapter completes the challenge, submit your results to the Virginia DAR Chapter Development Chair, Kecia Dyer Brown, via email at StateOrganizingSecretary@VirginiaDAR.org You can find detailed instructions and great ideas at the links listed below.

[Virginia Cherry Blossom Challenge](#): A guide detailing the contest and its exciting initiatives

[Are You a Cherry Blossom Chapter?](#): A fillable PDF form to complete and submit upon finishing the challenge.

[Cherry Blossom PG Project Promotion Sheet](#): Resources to help your chapter *Illuminate Our Legacy* through creative and meaningful activities.

DAY OF SERVICE

I have really enjoyed seeing all the different ways our District Chapters have contributed to their communities with DAR Day of Service activities. Be sure you put pictures on your Chapter's facebook page and/or send pictures to me for our District Facebook page. NSDAR has been putting some of these service projects on the national Facebook page. Alleghany Chapter was featured this past week. Perhaps your chapters will be recognized as well.

ZOOM MEETING WITH STATE PARLIAMENTARIAN

Don't forget! **Monday, October 27 at 7:00 pm** is our zoom meeting with our State Parliamentarian. I hope each Chapter will have at least two people in attendance, The Zoom link will be sent on Sunday, October 26 so look for it.

DISTRICT VII CHAPTERS FEATURED IN DAUGHTERS MAGAZINE

Our District has adopted a policy of featuring two chapters in the Daughters magazine when it is the turn of Virginia to be a featured state. The recent issue featured General James Breckinridge and General Joseph Martin Chapters. The Chapters to be highlighted in 2026 are **General William Campbell** and **George Pearis**. Regents of those chapters, please send me a confirmation your Chapter will participate by November 1, 2025. Also, please try to decide what about your Chapter you would like to highlight. If you have questions, please contact me or our District VII Chairman, Elizabeth Vincel, for information or assistance.
esvinsel@gmail.com

VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES

I would love to hear how each of our Chapters is observing Veteran's Day. I know there are several parades in our area, I know at least one chapter will be bringing "goody bags" to veterans in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, what are other chapters doing? Susan Doyle and Roanoke Valley Chapter invites members of other District VII chapters to join their parade on Saturday, November 8. You might ride on their trailer or walk with them in the parade. Historic or patriotic dress welcome but not required. For details contact Regent Susan Doyle (sldoyle@gmail.com).

The Day is Almost here!



District VII DAR Applications Workshop

Open to all, Registrars, Regents, and members interested in Applications and Supplementals

Date: Saturday, October 25th
Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Registration begins at 9:00 am

Place: Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs Headquarters
3640 Colonial Avenue
Roanoke VA 24015


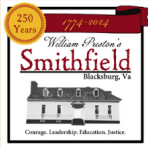

Sponsored by: Gen. James Breckinridge,
Roanoke Valley
and Ft. Lewis DAR Chapters

\$5.00 at the Door

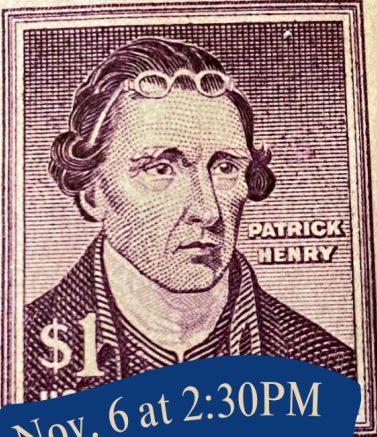
RSVP to Janice Taylor
jrtaylor76@hotmail.com
by October 17, 2025

Don't overlook the important information on the next two pages.

HISTORIC SMITHFIELD AND ALLEGHANY CHAPTER INVITE YOU TO HEAR PATRICK HENRY JOLLY GIVE HIS 5TH GREAT GRANDFATHER'S HISTORIC SPEECH IN A HOME THAT PATRICK HENRY MIGHT WELL HAVE VISITED.



GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH

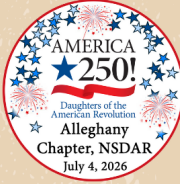


Nov. 6 at 2:30PM

Mr. Patrick Henry Jolly,
5th Great Grandson of
Patrick Henry, will
present his ancestor's
famous speech at
Historic Smithfield.

Please join us for a
countdown to America
250!

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HORSES INSPIRING HOPE

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2025
VETERAN
and
FIRST RESPONDER
Breakfast

FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE SERVED. 10AM-11AM



Join some fellow comrades, enjoy a meal, meet some of our staff, take a tour and see for yourself the undeniable hope these horses give us all!



JANUARY 17TH
FEBRUARY 21ST
MARCH 21ST

SPRING PIG'NIC ~ APRIL 25TH ~ 11AM-1PM

MAY 16TH
JUNE 20TH 10AM
JULY 18TH
AUGUST 15TH
SEPTEMBER 19TH
OCTOBER 17TH
NOVEMBER 21ST
DECEMBER 19TH



HEALING STRIDES ACCEPTS YOU
WHERE YOU ARE, AS YOU ARE, HOW YOU ARE!

