



Daughters

of the American Revolution Newsletter®

Believe in the Work of the National Society



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Each year we hail family and friends with this familiar greeting with the hope that the coming year will be even better than the last. For your President General it is a time to express her heartfelt appreciation for all you do to promote the work of our Society. You each play a very important role in making the NSDAR one of the largest, most successful volunteer service organizations in the country. Thousands of lives have been influenced by the work you do in your communities promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

We have made great strides over the last two years, increasing membership by more than 20,000 new members. There is, however, a lot of work to be done to promote the work of the DAR. Many people do not know what our Society stands for or are unaware of the work that we do. Every member has the potential to be the best public relations tool we have by promoting DAR in simple ways. When someone asks you what Daughters do, be prepared to share your knowledge. Carry with you the booklet "Getting to Know the DAR."

Tell people that DAR was founded more than 119 years ago as a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization whose mission is to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. People are often amazed to learn that there are almost 3,000 DAR chapters in the United States and 24 chapters in 12 countries around the world, with a total membership of more than 167,000.

Detail the ways that members carry out the Society's mission by supporting projects within their communities and states. Chapters and states promote historic preservation by encouraging the restoration and preservation of local landmarks, historic structures and historical documents. Also, share what your chapter is doing in your community. Tell people about our National Headquarters in Washington, D.C., in close proximity to the White

House. Covering an entire city block, our National Headquarters includes one of the largest genealogical libraries in the world containing more than 33,000 volumes of reference books; a collection of more than 6,000 priceless historical documents housed within the Americana Collection; and an accredited museum with a vast collection of objects from the Revolutionary period.

Explain that DAR supports education in various ways, including supporting six DAR schools, encouraging reading through the promotion of literacy, recognizing outstanding students with scholarships, sponsoring the American History and Christopher Columbus essay contests, awarding ROTC medals to high-school and college cadets, and recognizing local students with Good Citizenship Medals and DAR Good Citizens Awards. DAR also takes pride in recognizing outstanding teachers of American history.

The members of the organization are very patriotic. Last year, Daughters served veterans across the country by providing more than 250,000 hours of volunteer service. Members also assisted our active military personnel in many ways, such as supporting the wounded warriors at the Landstuhl Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany.

These are but a few of the outstanding programs for which our Daughters commit their time and efforts, and your President General is extremely proud of all of you. During her travels she is often asked what inspired her to serve the Society in this capacity. The answer to that question is easy—because of her belief in the work of our Society and the dedication and commitment of our members to its mission.

May this New Year be prosperous for you and our Society.

Faithfully,

Linda Gist Calvin

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President General

North Carolina

Honoring Our Revolutionary Patriots

Captain James Jack

We honor our early patriot Captain James Jack. He is recognized by historians as a patriotic hero to the people of Mecklenburg, Union and Cabarrus counties. He represents the spirit that has defined our area since its inception over 250 years ago. In May of 1775, two revolutionary documents demanding personal, religious, and economic freedoms from the throne of England were written by the local leaders and proclaimed on the square in the community known as Charlotte, North Carolina. Captain James Jack and his trusty steed delivered one of those documents, "The Mecklenburg Resolves," to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, risking his livelihood, property, family and life to carry these demands of freedom. Please help us remember and honor one of our earliest patriots, Captain James Jack.



For more information on Captain James Jack and the monument being placed by the May 20th Society: www.may20thsociety.org

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