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USING NATIONAL RESOURCES.
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ORGANIZING SECRETARY GENERAL, VIRGINIA SEBASTIAN STORAGE

The early members of NSDAR realized the Society would not grow unless they reached members in their own hometowns. Starting new chapters in unserved communities allowed women all over the country to become members and work to further our historic, educational and patriotic mission. In our quest to reach 250,000 by our Country’s 250th anniversary, it is clear that we must follow the example set by our founding Daughters.

During the VanBuren Administration, states will be rewarded for organizing new chapters to meet the growing needs of our prospective and current membership—geographic, meeting time, meeting day, common interests—whatever those needs may be. In conjunction with the Membership Committee, the DAR Membership Luminary Challenge will recognize states at the following levels:

- **Shimmer State Annual Goal:** 2 percent increase of new chapters, 5 percent increase in new members, 3 percent or less in drops and resignations
- **Radiant State Annual Goal:** 5 percent increase of new chapters, 10 percent increase in new members, 2 percent or less in drops and resignations
- **Brilliant State Administration Goal:** 15 percent increase of new chapters, 25 percent increase in new members, 5 percent or less in drops and resignations

Top performing states will be recognized both annually and at the end of the administration. Please see a full description of the DAR Membership Luminary Challenge in the Membership Committee’s NIP entry.

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO RISE AND SHINE FOR OUR SOCIETY! I encourage you to reach out to the communities in your states, identify those needs that are not being met and coordinate the organization of new chapters. The time is now, and this officer is here to assist you in any way possible.

The primary task of the Organizing Secretary General is to provide information and direction for chapters to stimulate and refresh their chapters or form new chapters. Help is also available from the Chapter Develo-Revitalization Commission, Membership Committee, Lineage Research Committee, members of the National Management, State Regents, State Organizing Secretaries and Volunteer Genealogists. Please call on these members for their expertise and knowledge. The Office of the Organizing Secretary General looks forward to working with you and is available if you need assistance at organizing@dars.org or (202) 879-3224.

The Office of the Organizing Secretary General assists existing chapters in a myriad of ways. The office is for all chapter and membership services and is available to answer questions on weekdays. The office provides help in developing new chapters and for strengthening and maintaining existing ones.

**CHAPTER SERVICES** (organizing@dars.org): The office provides membership passwords for eligible new chapter officers and, state chairs. It prepares for installation of incoming state regents and state vice-regents, chapter charters, and verifies eligibility for new and used DAR insignia and pins.
COST OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP HAS INCREASED TO $1,200
Treasurer General.

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Registrar General.

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New: ‘Our Patriots’

HISTORIAN GENERAL

HISTORIAN GENERAL, LAURA McCRILIS KESSLER

Encouraging interest in American history; honoring United States citizens who have contributed in a significant way to the study and promotion of American history; and informing the public about noteworthy historic sites are all ways in which the Historian General’s Office works with chapters and states.

State and Chapter Historians and members are encouraged to honor outstanding achievement in the study and promotion of American history; commemorate important historical buildings and sites; mark the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots, wives, daughters and Real Daughters; maintain the manuscript, rare imprint and archival collections at NSDAR Headquarters;

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honour outstanding achievements in historic preservation; and recognize outstanding teachers of American history. To help accomplish these goals, please review resources available in the DAR Handbook and on the DAR Members’ Website at http://members.dar.org/excs/histg.cfm.

New in this administration is an emphasis on “Our Patriots,” as part of the America 250 Committee’s work, which we hope will raise the visibility of, and appreciation for, the men and women who achieved American independence. Chapters are encouraged to seek out opportunities to honor Our Patriots in their communities, within their meetings and via social media.

Collection:

- The Office of the Historian General maintains the Americana Collection, the NSDAR Archives, and the DAR Historical Research Library. Financial contributions to these collections are welcome and support the purchase of meaningful documents and/or archival supplies and equipment to preserve the collections. Donations of manuscripts, books and other items are appreciated. Please consult the office before making any donation to determine the suitability of the item for the collection.
- A PowerPoint presentation about the Americana Collection highlights early American manuscripts and imprints. Write the Office of the Historian General or email historian@dar.org to reserve this program for chapter use.
- Chapters and state societies are strongly encouraged to preserve their official records in a safe and appropriate location. A suggested DAR Chapter Property Agreement form is available on the DAR Members’ Website. When completed it will provide a file of what records your chapter maintains, where they are located and who is responsible for them. The
“Rise & Shine Your Light on the 19th Amendment”
American History Essay Contest

‘THE VOYAGE OF THE MAYFLOWER.’
*Mayflower 400th
*Boston Massacre 250th
*Santa Fe Trail 200th
*Tomb of Unknown 100th
Educational Resources Committee is now part of Community Classroom Committee.
*Plastic Pollution Awareness
*Sea to Shining Sea

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
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‘Remember the Ladies’
*19th Amendment
REMEmBER RED
EVERYONE DEPLOYED
Electronic Applications!

DAR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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Friends of the DAR School

HOOKED ON DAR SCHOOLS

DAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE 2019-20

New Theme.

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New Right Side Pin.

DAR SCHOOLS COMMITTEE
Wreathes Across America
Honor Flights
Order Commemorative Flags from DAR Store

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
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*Prevention of Domestic Violence
*VOW
*FaceBook Page
*Wear Purple
*All New!
*New categories
*New award point levels
*Member and New Horizons Courses
*Training Awards

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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*3-year goal = 200,000
*10% net increase year chapter goal
*Luminary Challenge
Introducing Our Patriots

Absalom Bonham

Born: 1739 Middlesex Co, NJ
Died: 4 October 1794
Lincoln Co, NC
Service: New Jersey
Rank(s): Captain

Daughters of the American Revolution
King’s Fort Chapter, NSDAR in Terrell, TX
SIP

STATE INFORMATION PACKET
Dear Texas Daughters,

We hope you enjoy using the new Texas Members’ Only website. The website which will be updated frequently, so please check back often. Hosting an event open to others, you would like to see it posted on the Members website Events Calendar, please submit a calendar event form. We encourage members to submit articles with pictures about what their chapter is doing in the community in the areas of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.
Texas Society
Daughters of
the American Revolution

Reflecting the Light
through Friendship and Service
Calendars, Deadlines, Awards, Contests.

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TX Fundraising & Tax Guide.

STATE TREASURER:
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State Policy: Pre-letters & AIR Letters
Nominations – Outstanding American History Teacher

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Document And Report.

A WORD ABOUT CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION.
American Heritage Committee.

NEW VICE CHAIR: KERRI WALKER, LITERATURE & DRAMA

DECEMBER 7, 2019 DEADLINE. PAGE 21, SIP
American Indian Program Contest

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Children of the American Revolution
Commemorative Events.
Community Classroom

NEW BROCHURE. NEW VIDEO.
NEW POWERPOINT. PAGE 28, SIP
State Deadline: Conservation Award

APPROACHING QUICKLY! OCTOBER 1, 2019
Credentials!

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new members referred through the National website. A PM is referred to two chapters to encourage her to see what each chapter has to offer and make a selection based on the chapter that best suits her individual needs. This should not be viewed as a competition but simply as a choice because we all want to feel welcome and able to contribute to our chapter in our own way.

Chapters should strive to shine and set a goal of adding at least 10% to their membership each year to offset normal losses due to members’ illness, death, moving away. Chapters accomplishing the goals outlined below will receive special recognition:

**Radiant Chapters** – Chapters with a 5% increase in membership by new member application and 3% or less decrease in membership through resignation or drops for non-payment of dues

**Shining Bright Chapters** – Chapters with a 10% increase in membership by new member application and a 2% or less decrease in membership through resignation/drops

**Golden Star Chapters** – Chapters with a 25% increase in membership by new member application and a 5% or less decrease in membership through resignation/drops

**State Membership Committee Contests**

**Strands of Gold Award** – Submit a one-page (two paragraphs) report on Junior Membership in your chapter. Describe in the first paragraph how your chapter gains new Junior members, and in the second paragraph how you retain Junior members.

**Brilliant's Award** – Submit a one-page description of original ideas and methods utilized by your chapter to recruit and retain members this year and the results of those efforts.

Contest entries must be received by email prior to 1 January 2020 and should include a cover sheet with the chapter information. For more information, examples, suggestions and other assistance on recruiting and retaining members, go to the NSDAR members’ website: [https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/membership/membership-committee-mission_and_the_NSDAR_members_website](https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/membership/membership-committee-mission_and_the_NSDAR_members_website).
Patriot Records
Project

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AND CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS
RECOGNIZED AT STATE CONFERENCE
State Outstanding Program Contest.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: DEADLINE DEC 31, 2019
State Award - Public Relations & Media.

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2019. PAGE 65, SIP
New Contest.

SERVICE TO AMERICA: DEADLINE OCTOBER 1, 2019.

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TXDAR Goal: 500,000 volunteer service hours

PLEASE LOG YOUR HOURS!
Texas Flag Committee

REPORTS DUE: JANUARY 15, 2019
USE THE ONLINE SUPPORT FORM: MEMBERS WEBSITE
Women’s Issues Essay Contest.

EMAIL COPY TO STATE CHAIR & CATEGORY VICE CHAIR BY DECEMBER 15, 2019. PAGE 81, SIP
Junior Membership.

KEY DEADLINES FOR CONTESTS: JANUARY 4, 2020
Lone Star Regalia

SUBMISSIONS RECOGNIZED WITH CERTIFICATES!
Questions?

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