



August/September 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President General's Message

*Welcome to the Storage Administration! I am so honored to be your President General. I look forward to **Illuminating Our Legacy** together these next three years!*

Our administration's theme, "Illuminate Our Legacy," is a call to action. It is a beacon that guides us as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and shape the future of our Society and our nation.

We gather at a pivotal moment in American history. In just a short time, our nation will commemorate its 250th anniversary. This milestone is not merely a date to be marked, but a legacy to be illuminated—a legacy of courage, sacrifice, and vision. As Daughters of the American Revolution, we are the torchbearers of that legacy. We are the stewards of the values and ideals for which our Patriot ancestors fought and sacrificed. We are the living embodiment of the dreams of our Founders—both the men and women who achieved our nation's independence, and the four visionary women who, in 1890, established this National Society.

Ginie Sebastian Storage, President General



- UPCOMING EVENTS -

SEPTEMBER

13th - Chapter Meeting

Anchor of Hope Church,
Silverdale, 9am setup, 10am-
12pm meeting.

17th - Bells Across America

1:00 pm (PDT)

20th - Newsletter articles due

26th – 27th - Fall BOM.

Doubletree Hilton, Spokane

OCTOBER

11th - Chapter Meeting

Anchor of Hope Church,
Silverdale, 9am setup, 10am-
12pm meeting.

NOVEMBER

8th - VETERAN'S DAY

Chapter Meeting at the Kitsap
County Fairgrounds. Stay tuned
for more information.

DECEMBER

13th - Wreaths Across America

8:45 am at Ivy Green Cemetery,
Bremerton; 1:00 pm at Bethel
Cemetery.

Happy New Year!
2026

Constitution Week – September 17-23

Some things you can do to Celebrate Constitution Week:

- Attend a flag-raising ceremony
- Learn about the Preamble: focusing on the Preamble and its core values, such as “We the People”, “justice”, and “domestic tranquility”. Share with friends and family.
- **Ring bells:** Encourage others to join you in ringing bells at 1:00 PDT on Sept 17.

Fun Facts:

- The US Constitution has 4,400 words
- Of the spelling errors in the Constitution, “Pensylvania” above the signers’ names is probably the most “glaring”.
- Because of his poor health, Benjamin Franklin needed help to sign the Constitution and had tears streaming down his face.
- The word “democracy” does not appear in the Constitution.

The 3 main points of the Constitution are:

- Inherent rights that anyone living in America has
- Government by the people
- Separation of power in the 3 branches of Government

WSSDAR American Heritage State Chair

Share your artistic gift by entering an American Heritage Contest. See the NSDAR American Heritage Page on the DAR members website for complete details on how to submit your entry.

- Theme for 2025-2026: The Road to Independence – Acts of Rebellion and Treason
- Historic Dress Theme: 1814-1825 Lafayette's Farewell Tour

DEADLINE Except for Fiber Arts: Email your entry to the appropriate category National Vice Chair between January 2 and February 15, 2026

Fiber Arts entries DEADLINE: Send via email good quality photos of your entry along with contest entry form to State Chair Chris Crowder between January 2 and February 7, 2026

WSSDAR American Heritage Contestants Recognition: Let Chris Crowder know you have entered an American Heritage Contest. Email her a description of your entry or a copy of your entry. Same deadline as for your National entry. You will be recognized at State Conference.

Chris Crowder Email: clcrowder@me.com

- MORE UPCOMING EVENTS -

JANUARY

10th - Chapter Meeting

Anchor of Hope Church, Silverdale, 9am setup, 10am-12pm meeting.

FEBRUARY

14 – Annual Awards Tea

Anchor of Hope Church, Silverdale, 10am-12pm

15 – EE Chapter’s 100th birthday

(Celebration date TBA)

MAR 14

Chapter Meeting

Anchor of Hope Church, Silverdale
9am setup, 10am-12pm meeting.

APRIL

11th - Chapter Meeting

Anchor of Hope Church, Silverdale
9am setup, 10am-12pm meeting. State Regent Jackie Riddell will share info about her Regent's Project.

April 30-May 3 - State Conference.

MAY

9th - Chapter Meeting

Anchor of Hope Church, Silverdale
9am setup, 10am-12pm meeting.

16th - Armed Forces Day Parade

Stay tuned for more information

JUNE

13th - Chapter Meeting

Anchor of Hope Church, Silverdale, 9 am Set up. 10am-12pm meeting. Executive Meeting.

24th-28th - 135th Continental Congress

Highlights from Continental Congress

Amy Brooks: During the 2025 Continental Congress, I had the honor of serving as a personal page to the Recording Secretary General (and Washington Daughter), Lanabeth Horgen. I worked alongside two women from North Carolina, as well as former Elizabeth Ellington Chapter Daughter, Elizabeth Stevens who is now a Hawaii Daughter.



As a personal page to the Recording Secretary General, my main responsibility was organizing scripts for the morning business sessions and evening programs. On Saturday, I had the unique opportunity to sit with Mrs. Horgen on the platform during the business session where I assisted her with anything she needed. Serving in this role offered me valuable insight into the inner workings of the executive board and the many moving parts required to ensure a successful and productive Congress.

On Friday, I had the privilege of holding the Washington State flag on the platform during State Regent Jacqueline Riddell's state report. Each evening, I also participated in the opening ceremony by carrying in the Washington state flag (one night it was Montana).

Outside of paging, I enjoyed attending several special events, including the Overseas Luncheon, the Junior Luncheon, and the Junior Forum. One of the highlights was the Page Event, where we toured Ford's Theatre—the site of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination—and the Petersen House, where he passed away. As it was my first visit to these historic sites, the experience was both fun and deeply meaningful.

Of course, the best part of the week was reconnecting with friends—some of whom I hadn't seen in two years—and making many new ones. I encourage any eligible DAR member to page at Continental Congress. You'll make lasting friendships and enjoy the rewarding experience of helping Congress run smoothly. I'm already looking forward to returning in 2026 to celebrate America's 250th anniversary!

Rebecca Schmitt: Our journey to the DAR Continental Congress was unexpected, as it coincided with a family vacation to Washington, D.C., planned to celebrate my daughter Lucy's high school graduation. Remarkably, our trip overlapped with the Continental Congress by one day! Although I couldn't extend our stay to attend the full week, we made the most of that single day. *[Rebecca is pictured here with State Regent Jacqueline Riddell.]*



Upon arriving at the DAR headquarters, Lucy was whisked away to Junior activities, where she instantly connected with other young women. Meanwhile, I visited the DAR library to view a family Bible I had longed to see for years. The opening night ceremony was vibrant and inspiring, and it was humbling to meet Daughters from across the country, many of whom have dedicated decades to the organization.

As the newest members of the Elizabeth Ellington Chapter, attending the Continental Congress as our first major DAR event was an incredible introduction to the organization. The experience was highly motivating and left me eager to contribute to DAR in the future.

Lucy Schmitt: Stepping into the DAR headquarters felt magical! Everyone was so confident and poised, and wearing the most exquisite dresses. The absolute highlight of my trip was serving as a Page and carrying the Washington State



flag during the Continental Congress opening ceremony. I couldn't stop smiling as I marched down the aisle, holding that flag high!

Earlier that day, I had a blast meeting other Pages from all across America —and even some Daughters from international chapters! Every person had a unique story to share, and they were all super welcoming, helping me as a new member. I felt totally comfortable asking any Daughter for help with anything. It was such an exciting and unforgettable experience!

Candace Kolbas: The 134th Continental Congress is in the books! A proud highlight for your State CC Chair: 15 of our 37 Washington chapters was represented. Next year's ambitious goal - two attendees from every chapter!



State Regent Jacqueline Riddell beautifully captured the spirit of our ladies remarking, "It was such a wonderful thing to look up from the State box and see such joy on the faces of each Washington Daughter." I couldn't agree more.

Tuesday evening marked the beginning of a new Washington State tradition: a casual time of camaraderie, hors d'ourves, and wine – a truly delightful get-together.

During the morning business sessions, your chapter voters approved important changes to the national bylaws. Learn more [here](#).

Dive into the [highlights](#) on the Blog Posts or [watch the Ceremonies here](#). Teaser: Opening Night featured Kali Reis, Jeff Callaway & Ethan Almighty and Chuck Leavell, "the Fifth Rolling Stone".

Education Night showcased our future leaders through DAR's history contests and essays. Don't miss their powerful speeches – ([2:00:00 mark](#)).

National Defense Night honored remarkable individuals, including the creators of the film The Six Triple Eight and former CIA Terrorism Senior Targeting Analyst Gina Bennett. An evening filled with inspiring stories.

Imagine the 135th Continental Congress in 2026 – coinciding with America's 250th Birthday, what a time it will be! An opportunity to form new friendships, learn from other chapters, deepen your involvement in your chapter and leave Congress with a renewed enthusiasm for our shared purpose. Don't miss it: June 24th - 28th, 2026.

Mary Fischer: This was my 3rd in person Continental Congress. My first one was virtual during the pandemic. We all remember that, right!?

Each time I go, I learn more about the DAR and have a chance to experience this amazing event. I love the Hall, our home, our House Beautiful. It is worth going to Continental Congress just for that! I love the main assembly hall with the "stars" in the sky (lights put in during the Van Buren Administration). The room is surrounded by the great seals of all 50 states. There is a special box for each state where our State Regent sits with representatives from our state that she invites to join her. The box is in a straight line to the stage...a perfect spot from my perspective. I got to sit in the box for the first time this year.



Watching our juniors carry in the US flag, the flags of all 50 states, the flags of our overseas branch countries, and the DAR flag is a sight to behold.

I love the night events where our speakers and honored award recipients are leaders in our nation.

This year I finally got to volunteer. I wasn't sure how to get this opportunity. I was so excited when I received an email inviting me to be on the Doors committee. After a short training by zoom, I was ready to greet our sisters as they arrived at the hall. If you volunteer enough hours, you can earn a pin. I am now the proud owner of the Doors pin.

I met wonderful people, made new friends, and had a terrific roommate. I couldn't ask for more.

I hope each of you get to experience Continental Congress. Even though it is expensive enough that you need to intentionally include it in your budget, it is well worth it when you get there.

Flag Minute



The flag of the United States has not been created by rhetorical sentences, but by patriotic deeds. --John C Winthrop, Massachusetts, Late 1890's



USO FIVE STAR GALA DESSERT DASH

The mission of the USO is still the same: Serving our military until they're all home.

The Elizabeth Ellington Chapter has been the largest supporter of the USO Dessert Dash for the last 5 years with over 100 desserts, let's keep it going!

Sponsor a cake/dessert (or two or three) for \$25 each. Payments can be made through Zelle to Candace Kolbas or via check or cash. Deadline to give is October 3.

Please write "Dessert Dash 2025" in memo.

For more information: ckolbas@gmail.com or (509) 438-2008. 100% of the proceeds raised at the Gala stays locally at our USO Northwest. Thank you for your support.

CIRCULARIZATION AND COMMUNICATION POLICY, June 2025

Since 1896, the NSDAR has used the term "circulation" to mean "cause to become widely known". For purposes of NSDAR and this policy, a "circular" includes, but is not limited to, any document or communication distributed with an intent that its contents become "widely known".

A Dar member may propose policy and procedural changes, express concerns, and direct inquiries to her state representative or a Vice President General on the National Board of Management for potential consideration by the National Society. No member is authorized to circulate information, including but not limited to written materials, digital content, email or social media, that inaccurately states or conflicts with National Society policy or causes disharmony; disparages other members; or harms the good name/reputation of the National Society, its state societies, state organizations, or its chapters.

This policy is necessary to foster constructive dialogue, to debate matters in proper forums, and to protect members' personal information from unauthorized use. This policy also protects the organization's mission and community as well as the reputation and integrity of the organization and its members.

In keeping with this policy:

- The National Society, state organizations, and chapters are prohibited from participating or intervening directly or indirectly, or authorizing anyone to do so on their behalf, in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office or participating in any legislative activity or function that contravenes the laws governing tax-exempt organizations. Although an individual DAR member may in her personal capacity participate in such political activities or attend political events or functions, she will not wear or otherwise display DAR Insignia or anything that identifies her as a DAR member.
- The President General, or her designated representative, is the official NSDAR spokesperson. Members are prohibited from contacting the media or any public official or authorizing anyone to do so on their behalf to directly or indirectly influence, or to attempt to influence, the policies or practices of, or the internal decision-making at the National Society.
- All membership data, including but not limited to those in eMembership directories of DAR members, and chapter, state and national yearbooks, are entrusted to members exclusively for official use. For purposes of NSDAR "official use" means use that has been expressly approved, endorsed or authorized by the National Society. State organizations, chapters and individual members are prohibited from releasing or distributing any membership data outside of the DAR, except upon express approval by the National Board of Management.
- The National Society expressly prohibits the use of member data, such as those in eMembership or directories and yearbooks, for any purpose, including but not limited to personal, commercial, political, or promotional purposes. No member data, such as that in eMembership or in directories or yearbooks of members, may be downloaded, republished, distributed, shared, sold, or duplicated, in whole or in part, for any of these purposes, or for any purpose other than one related to official DAR duties, tasks, or responsibilities, or for any purpose that is calculated to disturb the harmony of the National Society, to injure its reputation, or to hamper it in its work.
- Members are prohibited from publicizing confidential or private information of the organization without the express written consent of the National Society.
- To obtain and retain access to the Daughters Online Community (DOC), every member must sign a written acknowledgement of the Community Protocol and Etiquette, Terms and Conditions, and Privacy Guidelines for using that platform and agree to abide by them.
- Members are prohibited from harassing or abusing other members in any forum or manner, including cyberbullying and doxxing; using offensive, insulting or debasing language; and/or deliberate intimidation or threats of violence.

A violation or breach of this policy may be reported to the Disciplinary Committee. After investigation, if a member is found at fault, potential consequences include but are not limited to: formal written warnings, cautions, or reprimands; removal of DAR member responsibilities, national office or committee membership or access to DAR membership resources and/or events; temporary or permanent bans from DAR events; temporary suspension or permanent revocation of membership by the National Board of Management under the bylaws; or other action that may be determined by the Committee to protect NSDAR and/or its membership from harm, including reputational, financial or other harm.



Elizabeth Ellington Chapter, NSDAR

Dues Remittance
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Deadline: September 13, 2025

Name _____ Nat'l # _____
Address _____
Phone (H) _____ (C) _____ Email _____

Remittance:	Details	Amount Due
Annual Dues* (If you are a Life Member just send the chapter dues = \$40)	National dues ... \$52 State dues ... \$10 Chapter dues ... \$40	
Associate Dues (if you are a paid in full member with another chapter)	... \$10	
Chapter Yearbook**	Printed ... \$5 + postage if mailed ... \$3 Emailed copy (free)	
Donation (Chapter Regent's Project)		
Donation (Seabeck Cemetery Restoration)		
Donation (General Fund)		
Donation (Corp: EEDAR, Inc)		
Donation (Daughters Helping Daughters)		
Other Donation (indicate fund):		
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Total		

*If dues are a financial hardship, please contact our Treasurer below to discuss options before resigning.

**The printed chapter yearbook is no longer free with dues.

Emergency Next of Kin

Name _____ Relationship _____

Contact Phone(s) _____

If dues are not received by Nov 08, 2025, then I wish to resign my DAR membership in Good Standing, or initial here: _____

Member Sign & Date: _____

You can pay by check with checks payable to:
Elizabeth Ellington Chapter, NSDAR
And return *with this form* to:
EEDAR, c/o Ruth Perkins, 7671 Oak Park PI NW,
Bremerton, WA 98311-9175

Or pay online via Zelle:
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Questions? Email our treasurer at: eetreasurerdar@gmail.com or text / call: 360-286-3263

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List of Contributions

Chapter Funds	State Funds	National Funds		
EEDAR	WSSDAR	CAA National Donations^^	Volunteer Contributions/Donations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Regent's Project • Seabeck Cemetery Restoration Project • Chapter General Fund • Daughter-Helping-Daughters Fund • Chapter Corp. (Olympic College Scholarship, Student Flags, NJROTC Medals, Regent's Travel) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Regent's Project • General Operating Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Preserv. Programs & Funds Educational Programs & Funds Patriotic Programs & Funds Membership Programs & Administrative Funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAR Museum Exhibition Fund \$200 DAR Project Patriot \$100 Friends of American History \$100 Friends of Genealogy \$100 Friends of Junior American Citizens \$100 Friends of Junior Membership \$100 Friends of the Americana Collection \$100 Button Gwinnett \$200 Friends of the American Indian Friends of the DAR Magazine \$100 Friends of American Spirit \$100 (plus 5 new gift subscriptions sent w/ donation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friends of the Museum \$200 Adopt-An-Object \$100 Museum Keeper \$500 Friends of DAR Scholarship \$200 Friends of DAR Schools \$200 Friends of the DAR Library \$200 Friends of Siemens Technology Center \$100 Friends of Veterans \$100 Membership Challenge \$500 NSDAR Archives Fund \$100 President General's Project \$100

Note: All unspecified donations will go directly to the Chapter's *General Fund*.

If you are interested in making a 'Friends of' contribution, please contact the Chapter Regent or Chapter Treasurer.

^^Chapter Requirement as part of the Chapter Achievement program. For more info, contact the Chapter Treasurer

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