



Service to America Committee 2020

Highlights and Accomplishments







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About the Service to America Committee

The Service to America Committee was established as a National Committee by the Dillon Administration in 2016, as a continuation of the Celebrate America! Committee. The purpose is to capture the magnitude of service hours that Daughters regularly provide in our communities. Through our goal of providing meaningful service, this committee demonstrates the positive volunteer opportunities associated with DAR membership and enhances the public's appreciation of the relevant, dynamic nature of DAR service work.

All DAR members are reminded to regularly record their hours of community service, in whatever capacity – providing the service speaks to the NSDAR motto of "God, Home and Country" and the promotion of historic preservation, education and/or patriotism. Beginning in 2017, DAR hours of service became eligible for inclusion (except for travel and time spent attending DAR meetings and conferences). This is an opportunity for members to better understand just how much the service aspect of our organization matters to the communities of America and around the world.

Every year, the DAR celebrates the National DAR Day of Service. The designated "official" day is October 11, the anniversary of our founding. Chapters have the option of completing their project on the "official" day or the days surrounding October 11, whichever is best for them. Chapters may select a project of their choice (as a chapter) or select various projects (as individuals) that emulate their commitment to service. Through this committee, DAR members will better understand the impact of the service aspect of our organization. This is our opportunity to give back to those who sacrificed so much for us and to honor and celebrate our American heritage.

Please enter your Service to America Hours into our online tally @ http://dar.org/onlinetally.







Service to America Committee

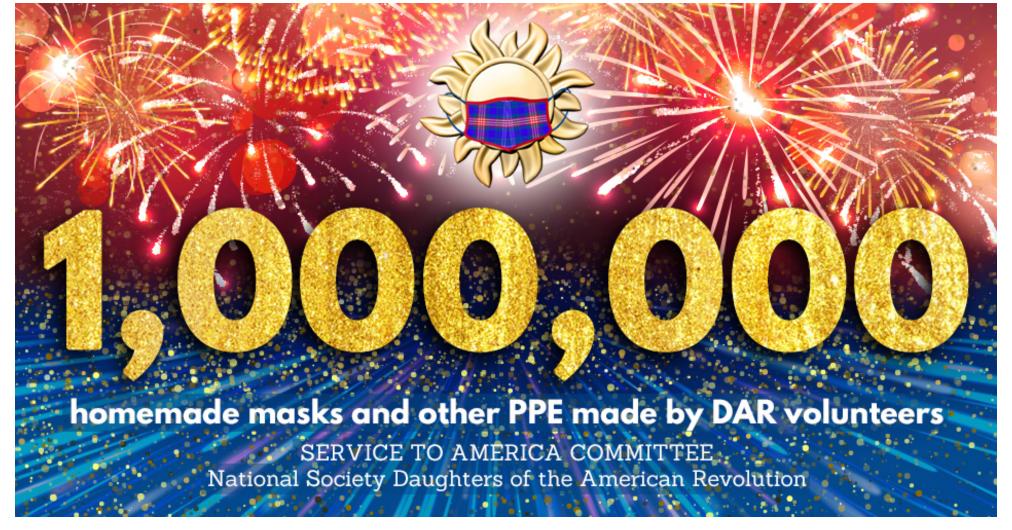
- As of May 1, 2021, more than 9,750,000 volunteer hours have been entered into the Service to America Online Tally (http://dar.org/onlinetally) during the VanBuren Administration. We're getting very close to our goal of 10,000,000 Service to America hours for the VanBuren Administration!
- On March 21, 2020, the Service to America Committee launched the 2020/2021 National Service to America Project during the COVID-19 pandemic, through which DAR members in all 50 states, DC and abroad made and donated over 1,000,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment to organizations and individuals in need.
- The Service to America Committee Pin for the official ribbon was approved by the NSDAR Executive Committee. As of May 2021, the new pin is currently in the DAR Insignia Store's manufacturing queue.
- Seven (7) products (5 right-side pins; the Mask Project puzzle; and DAR Salute to Service Thank You Cards) designed by Service to America National Vice Chair Anne Harrigan were launched and sold in the DAR Store. The proceeds from the sale of these products benefit the President General's Project.
- Launched in Fall 2020, "DAR Salute to Service" is an initiative to honor and support deserving members of our communities. This initiative is a collaborative effort of four national committees—DAR Project Patriot, DAR Service for Veterans, National Defense and Service to America—to rise and shine the spotlight on the service of our active-duty military, veterans and first responders the men and women who protect our way of life.
- 223 service project entries from 48 states were received for the Service to America Award for Outstanding National DAR Day of Service Project.
- The public Service to America Facebook Page was launched on July 1, 2019, and has grown to 5,254 likes, as of May 2021. The Page features DAR members' service project photos, stories and ideas, as well as Service to America Committee updates and announcements.

 (https://www.facebook.com/groups/ServiceToAmerica/)
- The public Service to America Facebook Group is an online community for DAR members to share service project photos, stories and ideas. The Facebook Group has grown to more than 6,200 members as of May 2021. (https://www.facebook.com/groups/ServiceToAmerica/)
- Daughters everywhere found creative ways to volunteer during the COVID-19 pandemic, including Service to America projects at a social distance and virtual Service to America projects using Zoom and other online meeting platforms.





2020/2021 National Service to America Project









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2020/2021 National Service to America Project



At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in late winter and spring of 2020, there was a shortage of face masks and other personal protective equipment ("PPE"). On March 21, 2020, in response to this face mask and personal protective equipment shortage, with the support and guidance of President General Denise Doring VanBuren and Service to America Executive Liaison, Record Secretary General Peggy Carney Troxell, the Service to America Committee launched the National DAR Service to America Project to encourage Daughters to make and donate homemade face masks and other personal protective equipment to organizations and individuals in need. DAR members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and abroad have enthusiastically embraced this project and rose to the occasion at a time when our country needed us. Children of the American Revolution members also got involved through the DAR-C.A.R. Collaboration, "Masks for Kids." Recipients of homemade face masks and other personal protective equipment made by DAR members include: medical patients, Native Americans, veterans, military personnel, migrant workers, students, teachers and many others in need! This project is a true Service to America in every sense!

As of May 2021, DAR members have made and donated over 1,050,000 total pieces of Personal Protective Equipment, which includes homemade face masks and other personal protective equipment. The National DAR Service to America Project is a wonderful team effort! Heartfelt thanks to our President General Denise Doring VanBuren, our Executive Liaison, Record Secretary General Peggy Carney Troxell, the DAR Executive Committee, our outstanding website development team (also known as: the Service to America Mask Task Force), the VIS Committee, the Service to America Committee, C.A.R. Florida DAR for hosting our Service to America Project website and all DAR members for your support and enthusiasm! Thank you all!

If you have not yet reported your masks and other personal protective equipment yet, please enter them into our DAR Mask Count Survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DARSTA2020. (Note: This link is different from the Service to America online tally; please take a moment to record your masks and other PPE.)





DAR-C.A.R. Collaboration: "Masks For Kids"









Service to America during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Daughters everywhere found creative ways to volunteer during the COVID-19 pandemic, including Service to America projects at a social distance and virtual Service to America projects using Zoom and other online meeting platforms. Great work, ladies!









Service to America Online Tally (as of May 1, 2021)



Please record your volunteer service hours:

http://dar.org/onlinetally







What Counts as "Service to America?"

As we "Rise and Shine for America" with the VanBuren Administration, our goal is to log more than 10 million Service to America Hours into our online tally. Service to America has two components: 1) meaningful community service and 2) DAR volunteer service. There are some examples below of what can be counted as Service to America on this webpage: https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/service-america/what-counts-service-america. Please help us exceed our 10 million hour goal by logging your Service to America hours!

What is Meaningful Community Service?

"Meaningful community service" is defined as any volunteer activity that serves "God, home and country." Here are some examples of meaningful community service that can be counted toward Service to America and included in our online tally:

Please join enter your Service to America Hours into our online tally @ http://dar.org/onlinetally.

Thank you for all that you do for DAR and in your local community!







National DAR Day of Service (on or around October 11th)

The National DAR Day of Service takes place each year on or around October 11th. To honor the anniversary of DAR's founding on October 11, 1890, chapters and individuals are encouraged to engage in meaningful service projects in their communities each year on or around October 11th. Choose a project that you are passionate about such as: sending cards of encouragement to active duty military, collecting books for school children in need, cemetery cleanup, organizing a community blood drive and many more. Check all the committee pages here in the members-only section of the DAR website for ideas. Be creative! There are countless ways to make a difference in your local communities.

Please SHINE and spread the word about your National DAR Day of Service projects:

- Post photos on your social media pages (personal, chapter, state) using the hashtag #DARDayOfService.
- Share stories and photos in the Service to America Committee's public Facebook Group @ http://facebook.com/groups/ServiceToAmerica/.
- Email photos and stories to: darservicetoamerica@gmail.com
- Create a press release about your National DAR Day of Service Project and send it to local media outlets.
 Click here for tips on writing press releases from the Public Relations & Media Committee at:
 https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/public-relations-and-media-committee/effective-media-releases

More information about participating in the National DAR Day of Service can be found at: https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-dar-day-service







Coming Soon...the New Service to America Pin for the Official Ribbon!



The Service to America Committee is delighted to announce our forthcoming Service to America Pin for the official ribbon!

Who is eligible to wear the new Service to America Pin on their official ribbon? "A member is eligible to wear the pin once she has logged hours into the Service to America online tally at http://dar.org/onlinetally."

Daughters may be interested to learn that the eagle on new Service to America Pin is in honor of the Young Administration and the beginning of the Service to America Committee as the Celebrate America! Committee.

As of May 2021, the pin is currently in the manufacturing queue; it will be posted for sale in the DAR Insignia Store as soon as it's available. Please follow the Service to America Facebook Page for updates:

https://www.facebook.com/darservicetoamerica.





Products for Sale in the DAR Store (http://shop.dar.org)

5 Right-Side Pins

(not for the official ribbon)











Mask Project
Puzzle



DAR Salute to Service Thank You Cards







Your National Vice Chairs



Anne Low Harrigan **NVC - Contests**

Judy Owens NVC – Facebook Page



















National Vice Chair - Facebook



RISE & SHINE with the Service to America Committee on Facebook!



Service to America Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/darservicetoamerica/

Service to America Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ServiceToAmerica/





National Vice Chair - Facebook



The Service to America Committee's Facebook Presence



The goal of the Service to America Committee's Facebook presence is to showcase the exciting and dynamic service projects performed by DAR members across the country and around the world. The Service to America Facebook content featured on our public Facebook Page and in our public Facebook group is a team effort and is thoughtfully produced with exciting modern graphics, consistent branding and professionally-written text.

Our public Service to America Facebook Page demonstrates how active, involved, diverse and thoughtful DAR members are. DAR touches nearly every aspect of community life. The Page is public and sharable, so that these inspiring service projects can spark the interest of new prospective DAR members and even the media.

Our public Service to America Facebook Group encourages Daughters to exchange ideas about volunteer service work. Enthusiastic discussions in the comments section of each post help participants expand their vision of what DAR members chapters are doing in Service to America.





National Vice Chair - Salute to Service





Launched in Fall 2020, "DAR Salute to Service" is an initiative to honor and support deserving members of our communities. This initiative is a collaborative effort of four national committees—DAR Project Patriot, DAR Service for Veterans, National Defense and Service to America—to rise and shine the spotlight on the service of our active-duty military, veterans and first responders—the men and women who protect our way of life.

Chapters are challenged to rise, shine and think outside the box for creative ways to honor those special groups and individuals who serve, protect and defend our country, states and communities! Let's Rise, Shine and SALUTE! Learn more about how to get involved at:

http://dar.org/salutetoservice.



Meet the Division Vice Chairs



Jennifer Pond Northeastern DVC

Michelle Lewicki
Eastern DVC

Dana Moore Southeastern DVC











Meet the Division Vice Chairs





Judith Bowyer
East Central DVC



Lois Iseminger
North Central DVC



Lou Ann Preston
South Central DVC





Meet the Division Vice Chairs



Jill Gentry Northwestern DVC



Barbara Goble Volker Southwestern DVC







Northeastern Division Highlights



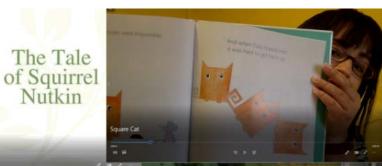
CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT

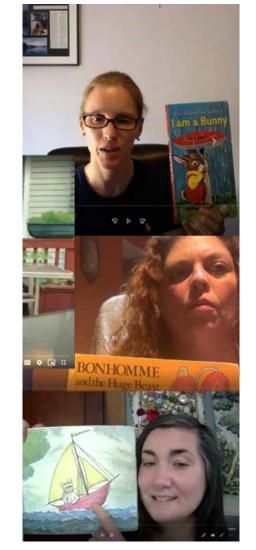
Education

Pawtucket Chapter - RI

Reached out to a local elementary school and recorded 25 books for the children to watch and read along with. Recordings were given to teachers, to the library, and to parents.











Northeastern Division Highlights



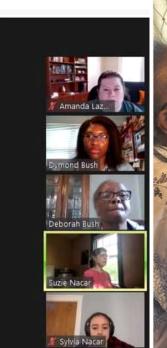
Patriotism

Rhode Island Independence Chapter - RI

They digitized records from the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

With the struggles of the pandemic this project allowed members to work on records in the comfort of their own home while still making a difference.









Northeastern Division Highlights



Veterans

Roger Sherman Chapter - CT

They worked to honor two African American Revolutionary War soldiers with DAR plaques and memorial service









DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA, Units Overseas

With over 664,162 Service to America hours, the members of the Eastern Division were busy helping their immediate communities, states, and those in need throughout the pandemic. Some of the most popular Eastern Division projects for 2020 were creative, flexible, and engaged God, Home, and Country. Some highlights:

- Masks and PPEs
- Wreaths Across America
- Care packages for out deployed troops and area VA hospitals
- Stocking of local food banks
- Cemetery and gravestone cleanup







- Donations to family crisis centers
- Planted and cared for pollinator and sunshine gardens
- Supported local police and fire departments with care packages
- Donation of school supplies
- Creation of blankets for the veterans and the homeless
- Christmas drives for the jobless
- Document transcription
- Cards of gratitude to our troops abroad
- Home projects included: prayer shawls, paracord bracelets, and quilts.







Emily Nelson and Foggy Bottom chapters volunteering at Martha's Table, a local non-profit who focuses on eliminating food insecurity and increasing access to healthier food choices in "food desserts" in Washington, DC.

Eight DAR members and two HODARS, started by prepping 1,000 double-bagged grocery bags and unloading produce and canned goods from delivery trucks. Daughters packed 700 bags with fresh fruit and vegetables along with canned and dried goods for members of the local community who would otherwise not be able to afford or have access to fresh produce.















The Colonel John Haslet Chapter (DE) held a coastal cleanup at Woodland Beach, near Smyrna.



The Col. John Haslet Chapter also held a collection for the Food Bank of Delaware, located on the site of John Haslet's childhood farm. A check and thirty-four pounds of non-perishable food items were donated.







Chinkchewunska chapter (New Jersey) loves their veterans and they love to clean cemetery stones and the chapter wanted to honor the anniversary of DAR's founding. Chapter members decided to use that day to execute and accomplish their mission. The project was to clean revolutionary patriots and their families stones with hard work and muscles and they had immediate results. The old part of the cemetery had been neglected, so Chinkchewunska daughters brought the head stones back to their old glory!















Beacon Fire Chapter (New Jersey)
wrote letters to deployed
servicemen through Operation
Gratitude. Socks, playing cards,
puzzle books, and candy were
included in care packages.



Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter members with donations for the Plainfield, NJ Humane Society Shelter.





Eastern Division Highlights



The Pymatuning Chapter (PA) making crafts for Miss Tori's Special Needs Preschool class.

Fort MacIntosh Chapter (PA) supporting soldiers through Yellow Ribbon Girls.

Bethlehem Chapter (PA) members writing notes to Medal of Honor recipients.















Potomac Hundred Chapter, MD planned and cooked a full fall themed dinner for residents of the Stepping Stones Shelter. Supplies for everyday live and school were also included.



U.S. Marines and Sailors with Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF) enjoy pizza (150 pizzas) during the State of the Union Address, donated by the Port Tobacco Chapter, MD. (Official U.S. Marine Corps. photos by Lance Cpl. Blakely Graham/Released)





Southeastern Division High Points



AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN

Over 1 Million Hours of Service to America

Hours reported by State

•	Florida - 255,886	59,108 masks	1,757 PPE
•	North Carolina - 219,419	28,522 masks	613 PPE
•	Tennessee - 209,009	28,886 masks	909 PPE
•	Georgia - 188,650	28,387 masks	1,441 PPE
•	South Carolina - 90,901	10,173 masks	272 PPE
•	Alabama - 80,700	13,182 masks	317 PPE
•	Mississippi - 71,752	6,114 masks	353 PPE





Southeastern Division High Points



AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN

Daughters continued to carry out the ideals of Education, Historic Preservation, and Patriotism in their Service to America, even during a global pandemic with numerous restrictions which varied from State to State. They provided essential sanitizing items to schools, provided leadership in children's organizations, cleaned tombstones, organized cleanup days in historic/overgrown cemeteries, volunteered at historical sites and museums, and served Veterans and active-duty personnel in a variety of ways.

Daughters saw needs in their communities and mobilized to meet those needs by partnering with local municipalities and non-profit organizations to help bridge the gap when volunteerism and giving declined due to COVID restrictions. Opportunities to volunteer in outdoor activities became a focus.

Daughters got involved in conservation efforts in their communities by participating in river, beach, and public park clean up efforts.

Southeastern division daughters refused to let a pandemic get in the way of service!!





Southeastern Division High Points



- Bowls and Blankets for soup kitchen and homeless shelter- Mt. Ariel Chapter
- Virtual parade of videos for Veterans-Tampa Chapter
- Drive by and Drop off event to support Project Patriot, DAR Schools, and the DAR Conservation Committee- Fort Nashborough Chapter
- Reverse Trunk or Treat- General Jethro Sumner Chapter







Southeastern Division High Points



Service to Children

- adopt a classroom projects
- distribution of food packs
- "hug rugs" for pediatric cancer patients "Blessing Bags" with books and supplies for the Guardian ad Litem program

Service to Veterans

- Wreaths across America
- Virtual parades
- Donations to VA centers
- Send off celebrations for active duty military
- Many of the Southeastern Chapters delivered baked goods and meals to first responders.
- Henry Middleton Chapter assisted equine rescue organization that provides equine therapy to veterans and abused women and children.









Southeastern Division



National DAR Day of Service



Jean Ribault Chapter provided essential sanitizing and disinfecting supplies to local schools to help teachers continue in person learning in a safe, environment.

- 38 Southeastern Chapters submitted entries for the Service to America Award
- Community Impact from these projects is immeasurable
- Projects were thoughtful, meaningful, and creative
- Populations served were elderly, children, women, active military, veterans, first responders, homeless, hungry,







IN, KY, MI, OH, WV

Service to Veterans



Hygiene Kits for Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter, Indiana



Supplies for Piquette Square for Veterans John Sacket Chapter, Michigan



Operation Gratitude Muskingum Chapter, Ohio



Supplies for Veterans at the Hershel "Woody" Williams VAMC Homeless Veterans Resource Center Westmoreland Chapter West Virginia







Service to Education

- Kentucky chapters collected school supplies for local schools.
- An Ohio chapter gathered supplies for a community learning center and Christian Outreach Ministry. One chapter also collected supplies for a second grade classroom.
- One Michigan chapter shopped and filled backpacks for foster children for the nonprofit organization, Hope Pkgs.
- West Virginia chapters prepared meals for children during the summer and backpacks for weekends.



Clough Valley Chapter, Ohio



Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter, Michigan











Mary Ingles Chapter and Rebecca Bryan Boone Chapter of Kentucky joined together to clean the long neglected gravestones in the Soldiers Lot of historic Evergreen Cemetery. Between the two chapters they scrubbed over one hundred headstones. Some of the members' ancestors, including Revolutionary War Patriots are buried here.







Many EC Division chapters were involved in the National Service to America Project making 135,292 masks and 5,459 PPE. This is a picture of masks made by Regent Margie Ways of Shenandoah Valley Chapter, West Virginia.

All states had chapters involved in restoring veteran's gravestones. This was accomplished after learning the proper cleaning techniques. This is Jonathan Jennings Chapter, Indiana.

Turtle Creek Chapter in Ohio marked the grave of Rev. Francis Tufts. He was a Revolutionary War Patriot and is buried in Maineville, Ohio. Eight of his descendants became members of the chapter.











East Central Division



Mary Parke Foster Grave



L to R: Honorary Regent Rita Dunlap, Regent Sharron Mattingly, Honorary Regent Susan Hansen and Alisha Aman. On October 11, 2020, members of Indiana's Captain Henry Vanderburg Chapter gathered together at Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville, Indiana to clean the grave site of Mary Parke Foster. Chapter Daughters cleaned the area around the gravestone, laid a wreath, and held a ceremony of remembrance for her work as 3rd President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is the grandmother of John Foster Dulles. Mrs. Foster was born in Salem, Indiana on August the 14th, 1840. She died in Washington, DC on June 11, 1922, and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery next to her husband, John Watson Foster.





IL, IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI



Women's Issue - Domestic Violence

Multiple North Central Division chapters recognized Women's Issues. A particular area was the domestic violence. This is coupled with financial and housing insecurities and at-risk dependents. Victim requests for assistance increased significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic restricted movement requirements.

Chapters contacted local shelters or community agencies that directly assist women and their families. Assistance was in various capacities.

- Compile transition bundles e.g., clothing and toiletries
- Participate in public awareness presentation. This is even accomplished in a socially distanced environment. Entrance times and audience maximums were staggered and monitored. Additional viewing was made possible with electronic communication.
- Work with television and radio media, newspaper and social media to insure education of general public.







IL, IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI

- North Central Division Chapters partnered with local community groups, schools, other NSDAR chapters, Children of the American Revolution chapters, Sons of American Revolution chapters, youth groups, ROTC, veteran organizations and others.
 - This approach broadened the engagement and completion of the task.
 - Selected tasks included: cleaning cemetery grave markers, plant and maintain veteran memorial gardens, update and / or refurbish local museum or historic property.
 - Publicity efforts enhanced as media covers broader base whether for newspaper, television and / or radio reporting segment and social media groups.
- North Central Division Chapters were innovative and active with Service to America during the various COVID-19 pandemic stages. Examples include:
 - Adopt-a-Highway for clean-up
 - Honor / acknowledge National Guard unit in area. These individuals may be deployed or athome ready for assignment.
 - Collect games for After School Program. Providing these cost free is significant with many family employment modifications during 2020.





Rise and Shine for America

IL, IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI

- North Central Division examples continue:
 - Donate stuffed animals to children's hospital or care unit.
 - Recognize local sheriff, police, fire fighters, state highway patrol personnel, and other first responders. (Chapters are encouraged to "pin" honorees. The "Snap-a-Salute" is available for sharing.)
 - Plant and maintain Sunshine and Pollinator gardens. Help chapter members and others with how-to-do.
 - Collect books for Little Free Libraries and / or for school classrooms.
 Schools utilize educational material differently since the COVID-19 pandemic. Confirm appropriate material requirements.
 - Make and distribute fidget quilts for memory care patients.







Sioux Lookout, NE, honored first responders – Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, North Platte Police Department, and three Fire Departments.



Mary Warrell Knight, WI collected books for 54 Little Free Libraries in 9 communities. Books donated to Waukesha Women's Center and low-income children's dental clinic.



Signal Hill, IL created 55 Halloween Baskets for Comer Children's Hospital patients. Each trick-ortreat pail included Happy Halloween greeting.









Mary Chilton, SD managed three projects: sponsored a meal drive for children, food drive for local pantry, and book drive for REACH Literacy program.

Cedar Falls, IA partnered with Elmwood Cemetery, Waterloo JROTC, Black Hawk County Veterans, chapter family members, prospective members to identify military graves and clean headstones.

Dacotah, ND created, assembled and donated "Precious Bundles" via Project Beloved for local rape and abuse crisis center.











Lake Minnetonka, MN presented a Quilt of Valor to Viet Nam Veteran and honored a MN National Guard unit. The unit was deployed shortly after ceremony.







South Central Division High Points AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX



Veterans Shoebox Project

Texas Lady Washington Chapter Junior Member, Christine Herron, organized a project honoring 500 veterans buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Houston, TX. Members placed 54 headstones on unmarked graves; 120 volunteers cleaned headstones, planted succulents, and replaced flags. Volunteers included chapter member families, C.A.R. member families, Boy and Girl Scouts and SAR members. Twenty-four Juniors were trained and implemented Find-A-Grave- adding markers, creating memorials and adding photos. Members unable to attend sent letters to adopted deployed women and prepared Christmas cards for Veterans.





South Central Division High Points



- Kansas DAR member Jeanna Walters-Fancella, led an eight hour statewide project, to tie fleece blankets, for veterans in local communities. Forty-one chapters, including 390 volunteers participated with a total of 1,625 service hours and 722 blankets.
- Members of Louisiana's Galvez Chapter worked at Second Harvest Food Bank, the day before Hurricane Delta hit their community. They packaged snack foods for delivery to victims and first responders that would be impacted by the hurricane and power outages.
- Missouri's State Project encouraged members to participate in Wreaths Across America. Wreaths were laid at 2,040 graves across the state by Daughters from 66 chapters and community volunteers. Daughters raised \$30,600 for WAA and 13 chapters now sponsor a cemetery.
- Samuel King Chapter in Oklahoma partnered with a neighborhood group to collect money to support healthcare professionals and essential frontline workers fighting the pandemic. Raising \$9,000, they were able to deliver food, supplies and requested items to Integris ICU staff, the OU Foundation for nurses having to stay in hotels overnight, and the Edmond Fire Department and EMSA. Donations were also made to Feed the Children, the Edmond Food Bank and the Backpack Feed the Children Fund.





South Central Division High Points





Veterans Shoebox Drive began six years ago by DAR Arkansas Chapter member Nancy Watts. Decorated shoeboxes are stuffed with personal, recreational, holiday items and snacks and delivered to as many veterans as possible. "Thank You for Your Service" holiday cards, handmade by chapter members and children in local schools, are always included. This year, Arkansas State Regent Gretchen Magee proclaimed it as her State Regent's Project. Virtual meetings included ten chapters across the state who received information about what to collect, wrapping, box size and tips on locating veterans to plan the distribution process. In this first year as a statewide project, 24 Arkansas DAR chapters donated 854 shoeboxes. Additionally,1328 shoeboxes were donated by community, civic groups, businesses, schools, families and individuals across the state. A grand total of 2,182 decorated holiday shoeboxes were delivered to veterans, valued at \$43,640.

Arkansas DAR met the call to "Rise and Shine in Service to America"!





South Central Division High Points



Veterans' Blanket Project KSDAR Statewide Project Nathan Edson Chapter blanket recipient



Overland Park, Kansas First Responders and Members of Mission Hills Chapter **Wreaths Across America**

Missouri State Regent's Project Volunteers











South Central Division



Service to America Project From Home



Dr. Kathleen "Katie" Van Trees Simpson, member of Captain Molly Corbin Chapter and organizer of "The Mask Posse", with some of the 3300 masks she personally made.

With over 250 members reporting and over 100 chapters represented, Texas members contributed 9,011 PPEs and 63,533 masks during the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020. Over 10,600 masks and shipping costs donated were made in conjunction with a church group referring to themselves as the "The Mask Posse". Requests filled went to Navajo Nation, Migrant Education Programs and Indianapolis Public Schools.





Northwestern Division Accomplishments AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY



Our Mask and PPE Success Story



Northwestern Division Daughters pulled together, and stayed apart, to support the pandemic by making masks and PPE equipment. Using their pioneer spirit, they identified and filled the need in their local communities, producing 41,570 masks.

One Belle Passi Chapter (OR) member, and her family, utilized multiple 3D printers, printing around the clock, to manufacture 67,000 "ear saver" PPE items for workers who wear masks for extended periods of time.





Northwestern Division Accomplishments



- Rattlesnake Creek Chapter (ID) partnered with the American Legion to identify and map Veterans' graves at Mountain Home Cemetery.
- Oro Fina Chapter (ID) led the community effort to place 1,060 wreaths at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery
- Old Fort Hall Chapter (ID) supported the new Ronald McDonald Room at the local hospital by providing the necessary supplies to welcome families with members in the hospital
- Black Eagle Chapter (MT) collected school supplies for homeless and at-risk children via Alliance for Youth
- Linn Chapter (OR) donated 1,000 books to 2 elementary schools
- Bend Chapter (OR) quilters made Quilts of Valor for local veterans
- Sleeping Lady Chapter (AK) knitted 100 hats for seniors and homeless youth
- Jonas Babcock Chapter (WA) made 500 Veterans Day cards, planted poppies, and did groundskeeping work at the WWI Memorial
- Cascades Chapter (WA) held a food drive for the troops
- Wyoming Daughters helped a museum catalog documents; tutored isolated students; and made chemotherapy caps for cancer patients





Northwestern Division Accomplishments



<u>Military and Veteran Projects</u> included cleaning monuments, cemetery clean-up, Wreaths Across America, as well as:

Alaska: goodie boxes for the troops

Idaho: virtual food drive for homeless

veterans

Montana: toiletries for Women Veterans

Treatment Program and Veterans Stand Down

Oregon: donation drive for VA's Operation Diaper Bag and made Christmas stockings for homeless veterans

Washington: food drives for the troops and for homeless veterans

Wyoming: sent holiday cards to the troops and food drives for homeless veterans







Northwestern Division Accomplishments



Oregon DAR Museums: In addition to all their other duties, Oregon Daughters own and operate two museums, staffed almost entirely by volunteers.





Chief Ignace Chapter (MT) conducted their annual Adopt-a-Highway project, cleaning up the roads around Kalispell.

Fort Casper Chapter (WY) conducted an environmental clean-up along the North Platte River.







Northwestern Division



Outstanding Service Projects



Oregon Dunes Chapter (OR) made infant bereavement garments for babies born too soon and donated them to hospitals as a gift to grieving family members at 48 hospitals across Oregon. These garments help dignify the loss of these tiny family members.



Eagle Chapter (ID) conducted a series of 10 virtual food drives during the pandemic in support of the food pantry at the VA Medical Center in Boise. Members drove over 900 miles to pick up over \$12,000 in food items from donors.





Southwestern Division Highlights AZ, CA, CO, HI, NV, NM, UT



National DAR Day Of Service Projects

- While there were many hours of Service to America reported by individual daughters, the National Day of Service month of October saw whole Chapters working to accomplish major projects.
- Chapters in all but one of the states submitted entries for the National Day of Service Award
- Many National Day of Service Projects focused on service that benefitted people in need. Food banks, cemeteries and community areas that needed help or cleanup were also popular as projects.
- A number of the projects that were done have now become a part of routine chapter activities.







2020 Service to America Total Hours: 788,932 hours from 247 Chapters

• Arizona – 98,782

California – 406,353

Colorado – 134,122

Hawai'i – 14,278

Nevada – 50,818

New Mexico – 34,226

• Utah – 50,353

39 Chapters participated (95%)

116 Chapters participated (100%)

44 Chapters participated (94%)

4 Chapters participated (100%)

17 Chapters participated (100%)

16 Chapters participated (100%)

11 Chapters participated (100%)







 Masks and PPE totals as of December 31, 2020 – 105,046 Masks and 6,284 PPE from all Seven States

Arizona -	Masks – 29,995	PPE – 1,835
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Arizona's Piestewa Peak Chapter gave kits with city transit bus passes, grocery cards, individual kits filled with hygiene items, assorted toiletries, makeup, & hair products to female Veterans at Veterans 1st Ltd.'s mission in Phoenix.



California's Lake Tahoe Chapter cleaned grave markers in the oldest section of Happy Homestead Cemetery, the only active cemetery in South Lake Tahoe. Over 600 of the graves are graves of veterans.





Southwestern Division



Colorado's Blue Spruce Chapter Outstanding National Day of Service Projects



- Thirty "Welcome Home" boxes were donated by the Chapter to homeless Veterans who were moving from homelessness into an apartment through the local VA. These veterans were dropped off at the apartments without any goods.
- The Blue Spruce Chapter has also been very involved in 2020 with the Lasley Elementary School. In the beginning of the year, Blue Spruce put together a program patriotism and patriots. This included a program with several dressed in Revolutionary garb. Later in the year, the Chapter conducted a major food drive for students.







Hawaii's Haleakala Chapter has been helping the Makawao Cemetery catalog and computerize their now outdated records. Each grave site was cataloged with name of the owner of the plot, the deceased buried in the plot etc.



Nevada's Red Rock Canyon Chapter hosted the first Annual Clean-Up Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area at First Creek Trail. They encouraged other hikers to participate and offered to take what they collected. They took a wagon brightly marked DAR Conservation Project 2020 and told inquiring hikers who they were.









New Mexico's Doña Ana Chapter's Project "Goody-Two-Shoes" collected 136 pairs of children's shoes for a local women's shelter along with some adult shoes and purses.



Utah's Uintah Chapter prepared 50 sack lunches for the school-aged children residing at a homeless shelter and brought them to the center in time to be distributed before the school bus arrived.







National Winners and Finalists



2021 Service to America Award for Outstanding National DAR Day of Service Project







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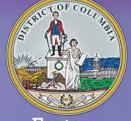


Division Winners and Finalists



Service to America Award **Division Winners - Chapter** 2021









Northeastern **Hannah Benedict Carter Emily Nelson** Connecticut

Eastern Washington, D.C.

Southeastern Jean Ribault Florida

East Central **Anne Bailey** West Virginia



North Central Cedar Falls Iowa



South Central **Lady Washington** Texas



Northwestern **Twin Falls** Idaho



Southwestern Four Peaks Arizona







Division Winners and Finalists



Service to America Award - Northeast Division Winner - Chapter

Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter, Connecticut



The Chapter honored a special friend, their local VFW Post Commander, Peter Langenus who passed away in January. Commander Langenus was a veteran of the Viet Nam War as well as Desert Storm. He served for many years as the Master of Ceremonies at the New Canaan Veterans Day ceremony, the Memorial Day ceremony, as well as spear headed local Wreaths Across New Canaan project. One of our chapter's most beloved patriotic tasks was to help place U.S. Flags at the more than 1200 veteran's graves buried in town in preparation for the Memorial Day service. Peter always recited the poem, "In Flanders Field" at the Veterans Day ceremony.

To honor him, the chapter created a window memorial with a World War I theme. A dress was constructed with handmade poppies. It touched the hearts of so many members of our community, reminding them that Freedom is not Free. The local paper shared this project in the weekly paper, and it was shared on the DAR Facebook page. You Tube instructions were also shared showing how to make the poppies so that other chapters could also make them.







Service to America Award - Eastern Division Winner - Chapter

Emily Nelson Chapter - Washington, D.C.





The Emily Nelson Chapter knew they wanted to partner with another DC chapter to make the biggest impact in our community. They worked with the Foggy Bottom Chapter and partnered in three different service projects in October in both a virtual and in-person capacity, highlighting "service your way" to ensure in-person only service projects were not a barrier for anyone this year. Emily Nelson and Foggy Bottom chapters coordinated social media cross promotion efforts to maximize interest as well. Projects included virtual card writing events to a local veterans home, an outdoor cleanup project which beautified the historic Lincoln and Seward Square Parks on Capitol Hill, and our culmination project; volunteering at Martha's Table, a local non-profit who focuses on eliminating food insecurity and increasing access to healthier food choices in "food desserts" in Washington, DC. On October 16th, eight DAR members and two HODARS, started by prepping 1,000 doublebagged grocery bags and unloading produce and canned goods from delivery trucks. Emily Nelson and Foggy Bottom daughters packed 700 bags with fresh fruit and vegetables along with canned and dried goods for members of the local community who would otherwise not be able to afford or have access to fresh produce.





Service to America Award – Southeastern Division Winner – Chapter

Jean Ribault Chapter- Florida



The Jean Ribault Chapter renewed a Community Classroom project that had been so appreciated and popular when delivered to local schools in August. Due to the high cost of products, Sunshine Boxes for Schools became the goal of a GoFundMe account set up by Regent Linda Brenner to raise \$900 to buy Clorox wipes, Lysol aerosol spray, and other needed disinfecting products desperately needed by schools. The amount was determined by the prior cost of 17 previously donated boxes Within one week the project was completely funded with an additional \$300 raised above our goal.

Once products were obtained and inventoried, the products were divided among 15 boxes assembled for delivery on October 6th and 7th. Schools receiving the highest priority were public schools with the highest density of military families (4), greatest percentage of free and reduced lunch counts (6), schools where our Jean Ribault Junior Members taught (4), and schools who participate in our DAR Youth Citizenship Medal program.

In addition, 2 more boxes were prepared for DAR Schools. Tamassee School (4 days before it was redesignated) received a Sunshine Box of cleaning supplies like our other schools. KDS, due to mailing restrictions and weight received 30 new 3-ring binders, 80 report folders and 40 zippered pencil pouches for notebooks.

Total products donated were: 1800 disposable pairs of gloves, 1975 facemasks, 166 canisters of Clorox wipes, 43 cans Lysol aerosol spray, 660 oz hand sanitizer, 1400 oz of hand soap, 42 boxes of Kleenex and 36 rolls of paper towels.

The extra funds donated above the \$900 goal allowed the Jean Ribault Chapter to donate the \$280 needed to support the Crossnore School Van project sent in October.







Service to America Award - East Central Division Winner - Chapter

Anne Bailey Chapter, West Virginia



Anne Bailey Chapter's Day of Service project was collecting non-perishable food for donation to food pantries in Kanawha and Putnam counties, where most of our active members live. This project was chosen because during the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of people lost their jobs, and the unemployment rate in the area is still much higher than it was before the pandemic hit.

The total weight of the chapter's collection was 376.44 lbs.: 263.37 lbs. of canned fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna, etc.; 26.75 lbs. of pasta, 5.83 lbs. of macaroni and cheese, and 6.75 lbs. of Rice a Roni boxes; 12 lbs. of peanut butter jars; 33.75 lbs. of individual bottles/boxes of fruit juice; 14.37 lbs. of breakfast items such as cereal, oatmeal, and toaster pastries; and 3.62 lbs. miscellaneous food items. The food was divided between two food pantries: Christian Community Cupboard in Hurricane (Putnam County) and Heart and Hand Community Service Center in South Charleston (Kanawha County). Over 185 lbs. were taken to each facility.





Service to America Award - North Central Division Winner - Chapter

Cedar Falls Chapter, Iowa



Elmwood Cemetery in Waterloo, Iowa in Black Hawk County was damaged by vandals in June of 2020. Sixty-seven markers were pushed over. The Cedar Falls Chapter NSDAR was interested in seeing how we could assist with any historic preservation of headstones and/or records. The first goal of our project was to collaborate with other community groups to assist in our fundraising efforts. Funds were needed in order to purchase products needed for the project. The second goal of the project was to identify all of the military graves in the cemetery. The third goal was to clean the military headstones using a restoration product called D2.

They collaborated with the Black Hawk County Veterans Administration Commissioners and the Black Hawk County Veteran Affairs Executive Director; the Waterloo Community East High and West High schools JROTC programs as well as interested community members and the KWWL television station.

Over three days, there were a total of 83 volunteers who cleaned 62 military gravestones. They identified 300 military graves in three sections of the cemetery.







Service to America Award – South Central Division Winner – Chapter Lady Washington Chapter, Texas



There are more than 500 veterans buried in Little Arlington. Only 400 of them were recognized with headstones and Lady Washington Chapter obtained 54 new headstones for those unmarked which were installed in October. The Chapter wanted to bring attention to this historic cemetery and preserve and honor the memory of the Veterans buried there, the project was to clean the headstones, plant succulents in a log feature, replace the flags, and involve scouts and Children of the American Revolution members in the accomplishment.

50 members of Lady Washington Chapter and their families and members of San Jacinto Chapter C.A.R., were joined by Scout BSA Troop 219, Girl Scout Troop 111012, Scout BSA Pack 455, Scout BSA Troop 354, Girl Scout Troop 62002, Scout BSA Troop 529 and members of the Robert Rankin and Paul Carrington Chapters of Sons of the American Revolution participated in phase one making for a total of one hundred and twenty volunteers volunteering nearly 500 hours of service. Many families and multiple generations took part. Participants of phase one were trained in proper maintenance procedures for grave markers and briefed on the significance of the historic Woodlawn Cemetery and Little Arlington The Lady Washington Chapter Regent, Anthony Startz used the phase one to honor two Veterans with the presentation of Vietnam War Commemorative Veteran Lapel pins.

The second phase of the service project was focused on teaching Juniors and Juniors at Heart how to use and utilize findagrave.com. Junior Christine Herron taught volunteers how to use the app and web browser of findagrave.com through use of a scavenger hunt. In order to complete the scavenger hunt volunteers had to add a memorial for one of the 54 newly placed Veteran markers.





Service to America Award - Northwestern Division Winner - Chapter

Twin Falls Chapter, Idaho



Twin Falls Chapter discovered that a local cemetery needed help with creating memorials and uploading photos to Find a Grave. Four members (and one HODAR) spent a beautiful southern Idaho autumn afternoon walking this rural cemetery photographing headstones and uploading them to Find a Grave.

They contacted the cemetery volunteer coordinator who gave them the information about which section needed help. While they were photographing we also cleaned headstones and monuments that needed it. They contacted members and four were able to participate. The project covered more than 400 headstones, created 25 new memorials, updated 33 memorials, and uploaded over 50 new photos.

This information had been languishing for over a year and would have taken another 8 months to complete as winter is about to set in. This project now enables family members and historians access to updated biographical detail and photos. That information fills in needed missing blanks for anyone researching these beloved deceased.





Service to America Award - Southwestern Division Winner - Chapter

Four Peaks Chapter, Arizona



Four Peaks Chapter NSDAR, in Fountain Hills, Arizona, created "Letters from Daughters" as our Community Service Project during the Fountain Hills 12th Annual Make a Difference Day, the largest national day of community service in our country.

Because the town has a large population of vulnerable seniors, many of whom are Veterans and Veteran's spouses, they decided that our Chapter would reach out to show these Veterans and Seniors that they are being thought about, especially in our two resident care facilities/nursing homes. In light of the pandemic and this long period of isolation in our two resident care facilities/ nursing homes-we wanted to tell them they are loved and not forgotten in the form of handwritten care cards.

The Chapter got the Arizona C.A.R. involved and set up tables around the town and asked for community members to write some cards. The Chapter was responsible 175 care cards which were delivered to the first residential care home and 72 to the other which meant every single one of the residents in each facility received one and no one was left without one.







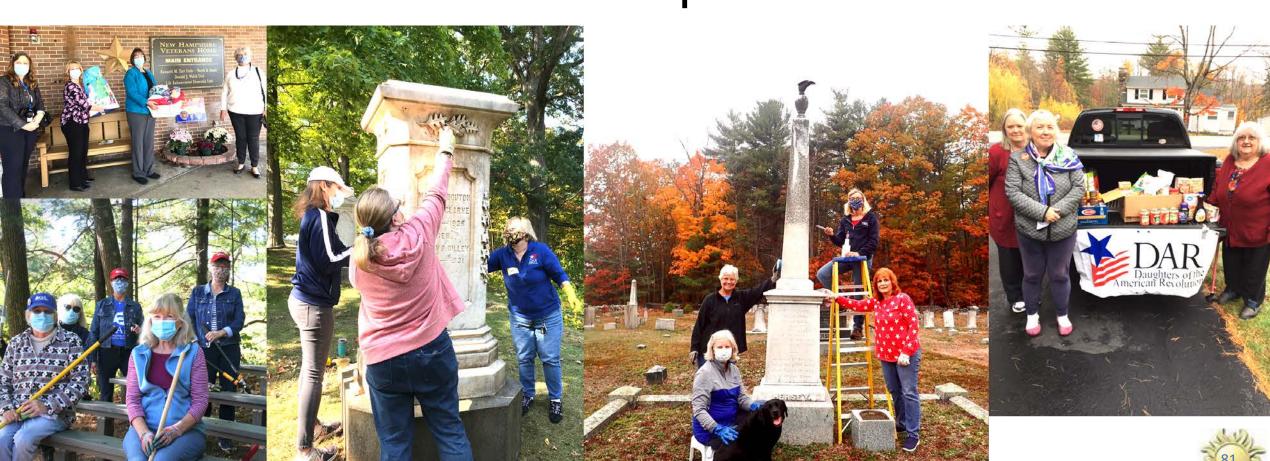






Service to America Award - Northeast Division Winner - State

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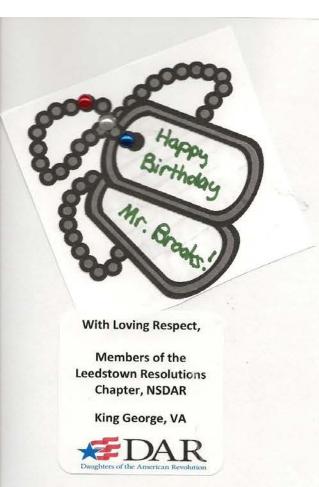








Service to America Award – Eastern Division Winner – State Virginia









Service to America Award – Southeastern Division Winner – State

Tennessee









Service to America Award – East Central Division Winner – State Indiana







Service to America Award - North Central Division Winner - State

North Dakota







Service to America Award – South Central Division Winner – State Kansas







Service to America Award – Northwestern Division Winner – State Idaho







Service to America Award – Southwestern Division Winner – State

Utah





Thoughts for 2021-2022



Please help us exceed our 10-Million-hour Service to America goal for the VanBuren Administration!

- State chairs: Please encourage chapter chairmen, chapter regents and all members to log their Service to America hours in the online tally. Set up a Service to America table at state conferences, district meetings and other DAR events to share service project ideas and assist DAR members with logging their Service to America hours into our online tally (http://dar.org/onlinetally).
- Chapter regents: Please appoint a chapter chairman of the Service to America Committee and encourage your chapter members to log their Service to America hours. For chapter service projects, please log Service to America Hours for your entire chapter into the online tally (http://dar.org/onlinetally).
- Chapter chairmen: Please encourage chapter members to log their Service to America hours into our tally(http://dar.org/onlinetally). If a chapter member doesn't have internet access or needs additional assistance, please help her log her hours online. It's important that all chapter members feel included and are able to participate!
- All DAR members: Please help us exceed our 10-million-hour goal by logging your hours into our Service to America online tally at (http://dar.org/onlinetally).
- Join with the Service to America Committee in promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism through meaningful community service projects. We need YOU to help us exceed our 10-million-hour Service to America goal for the VanBuren Administration!





Thoughts for 2021-2022



Shine with the Service to America Committee!

- Please like and follow our public Service to America Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/pg/darservicetoamerica/.
- Please share service projects, stories and ask questions in our public Service to America Facebook group at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ServiceToAmerica/.
- Please email service project photos and stories to <u>darservicetoamerica@gmail.com</u>. Your submission could be featured on our Service to America public Facebook page or in a future presentation like this! ©





Awards for 2021-2022



Service to America Award for Outstanding National DAR Day of Service Project

Eligibility

- The service project must be completed between October 1, 2021 and October 31, 2021 (inclusive).
- Three (3) or more DAR members must participate in the project.
- The chapter regent must submit the service project for consideration.
- Each DAR chapter may submit one (1) entry for the Outstanding National DAR Day of Service Project per calendar year.
- Successful entries will include digital photographs (300 dpi or better preferred) of various stages of the service project, including at least one group photograph.
- Please do not submit photos of minor children.

Submission Instructions

- Award entries need to be submitted online via the SurveyMonkey link (an online survey platform) by the chapter regent on or before December 15, 2021.
- Follow these guidelines and the submission instructions in the SurveyMonkey link carefully and completely.
- Award entries must include the following: name and national number of the chapter regent, chapter name, state or country, date of the service project, list of project organizers, number of DAR members who participated in the project, number of Service to America hour logged for the project, project category (historic preservation, education, patriotism, other) and detailed description of the project.
- Project photos need to be uploaded digitally into SurveyMonkey via the link. The following file formats are accepted: JPEG, GIF, JPG, PDF, PNG.
- Please do not send submission materials via US mail or email to the State Chairs, the Division Vice Chairs, National Vice Chairs or the National Chair. All submissions must be made using the SurveyMonkey link.
- NOTE: The SurveyMonkey link will posted in October 2021.
- For more information, please visit: https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/service-america/service-america-committee-award





National Committee Highlights





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