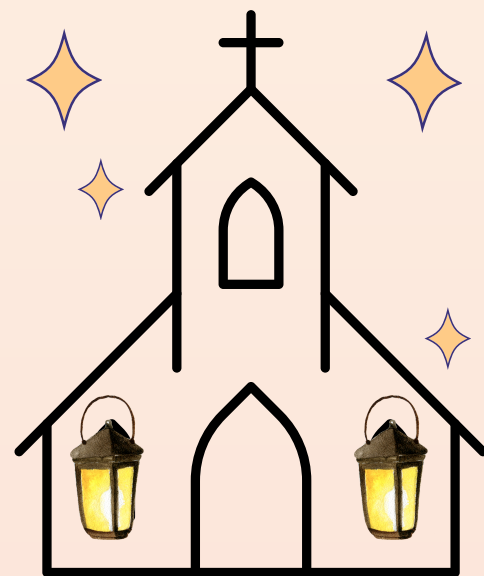


TWO LIGHTS FOR TOMORROW

TWO LIGHTS FOR TOMORROW IS A NATIONWIDE INITIATIVE TO COMMENCE THE CELEBRATION OF THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS INITIATIVE IS TO REMEMBER THE FAMOUS RIDE OF PAUL REVERE ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 18 THROUGH THE DAWN OF APRIL 19, 1776.



A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE HISTORIC RIDE, REVERE WAS PREPARING FOR HIS MISSION. REVERE PLANNED WITH FELLOW PATRIOTS TO SET UP A LIGHT SIGNAL IN CASE THE BRITISH TROOPS STARTED THEIR ADVANCE TO CONCORD (TO SEIZE PATRIOT WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION). A LIGHT WAS TO BE PLACED AT THE OLD NORTH CHURCH IN BOSTON. PLANS WERE ONE LANTERN BE PLACE IF THE BRITISH WERE COMING BY LAND AND TWO LANTERNS IF THE BRITISH ADVANCED BY WATER ROUTES.



ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 18TH TWO LANTERNS ILLUMINATED THE OLD NORTH CHURCH, MEANING THAT THE BRITISH FORCES HAD LEFT FROM BOSTON COMMON, AND ROWED OVER TO CAMBRIDGE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO LIGHTS FOR TOMORROW, PLEASE DISPLAY TWO LIGHTS IN YOUR HOME DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025.



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President Generals Message



Dear Daughters,

As we move toward the culmination of my administration, I am excited to share some of the remarkable progress we've made on the President General's Project to restore Memorial Continental Hall. This historic building, a cornerstone of our heritage, had not seen a full restoration since its completion in 1910. Thanks to your generous support, we are now bringing it back to its former glory.

We also invite you to join us for "Celebrate Massachusetts" on April 14 and 15. This event promises a rich historical experience, including a walking tour of the Paul Revere House, followed by a candlelight tour and service at the Old North Church. It's a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich history of our nation.

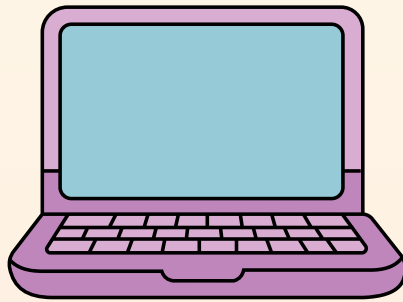
While you are in Washington, D.C., for Continental Congress this summer, make sure to visit the DAR Museum's latest exhibit, "Fighting for Freedom: Black Craftspeople and the Pursuit of Independence." This compelling exhibit, on view through December 2025, celebrates the contributions and struggles of Black artisans in the quest for freedom.

Additionally, our Genealogy Department, with the help of dedicated volunteers, has achieved a nearly 50 percent reduction in our Supplemental application backlog. We have also rolled out changes to streamline the Application and Supplemental processes, making it easier for members to connect with their ancestry.

We hope to see you at the 134th Continental Congress, taking place June 25-29, as we celebrate the final Stars and Stripes event of the Wright Administration.

Pamela Rouse Wright
President General

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Chapter Happenings



1

City Council Constitution Week Proclamation

with Mayor Whipple



2

Quilts of Valor Presentation

to James Brennan



3

American Women's History Award

In honor of Bertha Howe
Accepted by Geraldine Zarate



APRIL DATES OF NOTE

APRIL 4: THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IS ASSASSINATED IN MEMPHIS, WHERE HE WENT TO SUPPORT A GARBAGE WORKERS' STRIKE (1968).

APRIL 12: LEIGH'S BIRTHDAY (1971)

APRIL 14: PRESIDENT LINCOLN IS SHOT AT FORD'S THEATER IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BY ACTOR JOHN WILKES BOOTH, WHO CRIES OUT "SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS! THE SOUTH IS AVENGED." LINCOLN DIES THE NEXT DAY, AGE 56, THE FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT TO BE ASSASSINATED (1865).

APRIL 14: ON ITS MAIDEN VOYAGE, THE LUXURY LINER TITANIC STRIKES AN ICEBERG AND SINKS EARLY THE NEXT MORNING. SUPPOSEDLY UNSINKABLE, THE SHIP LACKS SUFFICIENT LIFEBOATS, AND MORE THAN 1,500 PEOPLE PERISH (1912).

APRIL 18: BRITISH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GENERAL GAGE ORDERS A UNIT OF REGULARS TO MARCH FROM BOSTON TO CONCORD TO SEIZE SUPPLIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION THERE. WORD LEAKS OUT, AND WILLIAM DAWES AND PAUL REVERE HEAD OUT SEPARATELY ON HORSEBACK TO WARN THAT THE BRITISH ARE COMING. BOTH ARE INTERCEPTED BY A BRITISH PATROL EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, WHILE SAMUEL PRESCOTT, A YOUNG DOCTOR OUT COURTING, CONTINUES THE RIDE TO WARN THE PATRIOTS (1775).

APRIL 20: KING JAMES GRANTS A GROUP OF MERCHANTS CALLED THE VIRGINIA COMPANY A CHARTER TO CREATE TWO COLONIES IN THE NEW WORLD—JAMESTOWNE AND PLYMOUTH—AND TO PROPAGATE THE GOSPEL "TO SUCH PEOPLE, AS YET LIVE IN DARKNESS" (1606).

APRIL 21: SAID TO BE THE LARGEST PUBLIC EVENT IN AMERICA, 20,000 PEOPLE ATTEND THE BURIAL SERVICE IN PHILADELPHIA OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, WHO DIED 17 APRIL (1790).

CONSTITUTION MINUTE – A NEW GOVERNMENT

IN THE CONSTITUTION IT IS OFTEN REMARKED THAT THE CONSTITUTION IS BRIEF, CLOCKING IN AT JUST 4,440 WORDS. AND, THAT IT IS THE OLDEST WRITTEN CONSTITUTION OF ANY MAJOR COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT IT IS IN ITS SIMPLICITY AND BREVITY WITH ITS CLEAR PROCESS FOR AMENDMENTS THAT HAS KEPT THE LAW OF THE LAND RELEVANT FOR TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE YEARS. AT THE TIME THE DELEGATES CONVENED IN PHILADELPHIA, OSTENSIBLY TO REVISE OR AMEND THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION AND PERPETUAL UNION, THEY HAD EXPERIENCE TO GUIDE THEM. THEY KNEW WHAT DID WORK AND WHAT DIDN'T WORK AND HOW CITIZENS ACCEPTED AND REJECTED GOVERNMENTAL STRICTURES. PLUS, WITH THEIR EXTENSIVE STUDY OF GOVERNMENTS OF THE PAST, THE WRITING OF THE STATE CONSTITUTIONS, AND VISION OF WHAT THEY WISHED TO ACCOMPLISH, THEY WERE CONTENT TO SET OUT THE BASIC FRAMEWORK OF A NEW GOVERNMENT—A GOVERNMENT WITH A MECHANISM FOR ADAPTATION SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. THEY KNEW THEY COULD NOT POSSIBLY ANTICIPATE WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE AND PROVIDE FOR IT AT THAT MOMENT. WERE THE DELEGATES SEEKING PERFECTION, THEY COULD HAVE WRITTEN A CONSTITUTION AS COMPLEX AS DID THE FRENCH AFTER THEIR REVOLUTION. BOTH SHARED MUCH OF THE SAME ENLIGHTENMENT PHILOSOPHY. INSTEAD, THEY SOUGHT TO FORM "A MORE PERFECT UNION," AND TRUSTED FUTURE GENERATIONS TO CORRECT ANY DEFICIENCIES. THE FRENCH FOLLOWED THEIRS WITH ELEVEN MORE, PLUS THREE CHARTERS DURING THE RESTORATION PERIOD.

2025 SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

APRIL 4-6 - STATE CONFERENCE - 100 YR. ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 16 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

**APRIL 19 @ 11AM - 5 YR. ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON
WOLF CREEK GOLF COURSE**

MAY 10 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

MAY 21 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

**JUNE 14 @ 10AM -FIELD TRIP TO ST. GEORGE LIBRARY
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION EXPERIENCE - TRAVELING EXHIBIT**

JUNE 18 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

JUNE 25 - 29 - CONTINENTAL CONGRESS WASHINGTON DC

JULY 12 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

JULY 16 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

**AUGUST 2 - NEVADA STATE SOCIETY DAR SUMMER FORUM
@ EUREKA BALLROOM**